

Who May Operate a Boat

- ◆ **Those less than 12 years of age:**
 - May operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 horsepower (hp) legally without restrictions.
 - May operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp but no more than 35 hp legally *only if* they:
 - Have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat *and ...*
 - Are directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age.
 - May not operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp legally under any conditions.
- ◆ **Those 12 to 15 years of age:**
 - May operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 hp legally without restrictions.
 - May operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp legally *only if* they:
 - Have passed a boating safety course approved by the Department of Natural Resources and have on board their boating safety certificate *or ...*
 - Are accompanied on board by a person at least 16 years of age.
- ◆ **Those 16 years of age and born on or after July 1, 1996,** may operate a boat legally only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board the boat.
- ◆ **Those born before July 1, 1996,** may operate a boat legally without restrictions.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE
Issued under authority of Part 807 and Part 802, P. A. 451 of 1994.
This certificate must be presented upon demand of any peace officer. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Act is a violation of State law.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	LICENSE NUMBER
STUDENT'S SIGNATURE		
INSTRUCTOR'S NAME		
DATE COMPLETED	INSTRUCTOR'S NUMBER	
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NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY INSTRUCTOR
Approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources
and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators