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Important Internet Links

Erie Power Squadron Website	<u>https://www.usps.org/localusps/erie/</u>
District 7 Power Squadron	<u>https://d7usps.org/</u>
United States Power Squadron Website	<u>https://www.usps.org/</u>
America's Boating Club Website	<u>https://americasboatingclub.org/</u>
Erie Power Squadron – Facebook	<u>https://www.facebook.com/EriePowerSquadron</u>
America's Boating Club – Facebook	<u>https://www.facebook.com/uspowersquadrons/</u>
America's Boating Channel – Youtube	<u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c_rFyt1fGqvdiSauAijAg</u>

Our vessel safety examiners are working very hard. At this time, the national website has listed that 87 exams have been performed with 78 boats passing. We will have to wait and see if there are more coming.

Our dinner meetings are still moving along and hopefully people are attending and enjoying the meals.

We are heading in to fall and boats are being put away. We will hopefully be enjoying everyone's company at meetings and look to planning a Christmas party in the future.

America's Boating Channel™ Fire Extinguisher Regulations

In 2022, the Coast Guard amended portable fire extinguisher rules for recreational vessels in the U.S., making it easier and less costly for millions of boat owners to maintain the onboard fire protection equipment that they need.



The rules do not change the number or types of extinguishers required on board but do simplify inspection and record-keeping requirements. The simplified rules also are now published with other recreational boating rules, making it easier to identify them.



America's Boating Channel video "[Fire Extinguisher Regulations](#)" offers an overview of the rules that separates commercial and recreational vessel fire protection requirements. It will help you learn how to ensure that all required portable fire extinguishers comply. Also featured are tips for preventing onboard fires in the first place.

If you need a refresher on classifications and carriage requirements for marine fire extinguishers, the channel offers a second video titled "[Fire Extinguisher Standards.](#)" It offers tips for placing and servicing fire extinguishers, and explains the acronym PASS. Above all, ensure that the proper number of functional fire extinguishers are on board, readily accessible and that all responsible adults on board know to pull, aim, squeeze, and sweep.



U.S. Coast Guard approved marine-type fire extinguishers fully charged and in good and serviceable condition are required on recreational boats where the engines or fuel system could pose a fire hazard. Good and serviceable means that a fire extinguisher aboard a recreational vessel is properly charged and reads charged if it has a pressure gauge reading or charge indicator, that the extinguisher has a pin lock that is firmly in place, that it does not show visible signs of significant corrosion or damage and has a discharge nozzle that is clean and free from obstructions. Disposable dry chemical extinguishers expire 12 years after their date of manufacture, and rechargeable extinguishers expire annually unless maintained by a certified technician.

Follow the video links above or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

America's Boating Club TV App

The app is officially up and running. There will be a public announcement in April. Currently, it is definitely on Roku TV. There are various individual channels inside the app. Following is a list of what is there.

America's Boating Channel (Seasons 1 – 4)

Boat Fails

Water Sports Foundation

Boating News

American Canoe Association

Boat Races

National Safe Boating Council

US Sailing Team

The Corps Foundation

Boating TV Programs (Flipper and SeaQuest, etc.)

American White Water

Movies for Boaters (Mutiny on the Bounty, etc.)

NASBLA

Cooking on Board

Sea Tow Foundation

Boating Cartoons

Water Solutions Group

Military Films

Safe Kids Worldwide