



## Boater Safety Training Workshop

Presented By: IL AFS, TWS, & IDNR

September 12-13, 2023, 8:00am-4:00pm

Springfield, Illinois

**Overview:** This two-day workshop is aimed at educating students and young professionals in fishery and wildlife fields on boater's safety and boating skills. Day one of the workshop, September 12, 2023, participants will receive their Illinois boating license (a requirement for those born on or after January 1, 1998) by completing the in-class Illinois boating education course and exam. This course covers boater's safety, equipment and requirements for boating, navigation, motorboats, registration and titling, emergencies, and Illinois boating laws. Day two, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, participants will participate in five instructor-led, hands-on training modules including boat driving, boat towing, trailer knowledge, boat/trailer maintenance and repair, and rules and regulations explained by IL Conservation Police Officers. Groups of participants will rotate through these modules spending about 1.5 hours at each station with two-three instructors.

### **Locations and Times:**

- **Tuesday, September 12, 2023 (9:00am - 4:00pm):** [Illinois Department of Natural Resources 1 Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702](#)
- **Wednesday, September 13, 2023 (8:00am - 4:00pm)** [Lindsay Boat Launch near Lindsay Boat Registration Office 100 Long Bay Dr. Springfield, IL 62712](#)

**Instructors:** Representatives from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Natural History Survey, and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign will be assisting.

**Registration & Fee:** Please Register [here](#). The fee for participating is \$10 for AFS and TWS members or \$85 for non-members. Lunch will be provided each day. Registration closes September 1.

**Maximum number of participants:** 50

**Travel/Lodging:** On your own as needed. Many options available in Springfield. State employee direct bill options will be provided soon. Assistance with coordinating travel is available.

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