

Knoxville Power Squadron

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PUBLIC BOATING COURSE OFFERED

The Knoxville Power Squadron is offering the ABC3, Public Boating Course on Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 14th through March 23rd. Classes will run from 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. each night. They will be held in the Kirkwood Subdivision Clubhouse conveniently located at 1012 Webster Groves Lane, Knoxville, TN 37909 just off of Middlebrook Pike.

Informed boating is more relaxed and enjoyable boating and training can also reduce the cost of your boat insurance. The Knoxville Power Squadron, a division of the United States Power Squadron is here to help with that training. The ABC3 course goes beyond the minimum licensing requirements and it will cover:

Legally required safety equipment	Navigation rules
Navigation aids	Lights and sound signals
State and local regulations	Finding your way
Anchoring	Adverse conditions and emergencies
Communications afloat	Water sports safety
Tailoring	PWC operation
Knots and lines	

The cost of the 270-page, color, illustrated book and testing for the full ABC3 course is \$37 per person or \$47 if a couple shares one book. The course will be taught by experienced, area recreational boaters who are also certified instructors. The course will be supervised by the Knoxville Power Squadron Educational Officer, a licensed Coast Guard passenger vessel master.

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Knoxville Power Squadron also offers more advanced courses including Seamanship, Tuesdays April 4th through May 30th and Piloting Tuesdays June 13th through September 5th at the same location. Other courses available include Advanced Piloting, Celestial Navigation, Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance, Weather, Cruise Planning and Sail. Courses may be taken in a class on the Internet or on your own and experienced trainers are always available for assistance.

They also offer one day seminars on; How to use a chart, Using GPS, Using VHF and DSC, OnBoard Weather Forecasting, Sail Trim, Tailoring Your Boat, Marine Radar, Anchoring, PaddleSmart®, Basic Coastal Navigation, Knots, Bends and Hitches, Boat Handling under Power, Advanced Powerboat Handling, On-the-water Boat Handling, Partner in Command, The Latest in Navigation, Mariner's compass and more.

They hold monthly meetings at local restaurants with informative speakers and on water activities like the annual lock through May 6th 2017 at Fort Loudon Lock and Dam. Visit the Squadron at the Downtown Boat Show March 9th – 12th for more information or to sign up for the ABC3 boating course.

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About: Knoxville Power Squadron is a division of the United States Power Squadrons that has been offering boating education since 1914. KPS is one of about 350 squadrons in the United States. They hold classes, monthly meetings and river outings in the East Tennessee area.

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