



## Want to Do It Yourself?

If you're an experienced boater, you may study on your own and take the test when you're ready. The **B.O.A.T. Study Guide** will bring you up to speed.

The **B.O.A.T. Study Guide** contains all the knowledge the Coast Guard requires in order to pass the test for your Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

The Guide is easy to read. It contains full colour charts, diagrams and photos for easy reference.

To purchase the **B.O.A.T. Study Guide**, visit your local pool:

**Angus Glen Pool:** 3990 Major MacKenzie Dr.

**Milliken Mills Pool:** 7600 Kennedy Rd.

## When You've Got to Get Carded!

### BOAT OPERATOR ACCREDITED TRAINING

A Lifesaving Society program  
accredited by the Canadian Coast Guard.



## Registration

You can register for all B.O.A.T. programs via: **EZ Reg** ([www.markham.ca](http://www.markham.ca)), **FastTrack** (905-475-4867), or **Drop Box**.

**Registration begins Sep. 3, 2008 and throughout 2009.**

If you have questions about availability in a course or would like help registering for a course, please call the **Contact Centre** at 905-475-4731.

Residents who live outside of the Town of Markham must pay a surcharge of \$10.00 per course with each registration.

Please refer to the **Recreation Guide** or **Aquatic Leadership Guide** for detailed registration information, or visit [www.markham.ca](http://www.markham.ca) or call us at:

**Angus Glen C.C.**  
905-944-3777, x 7111

**Centennial C.C.**  
905-294-6111, x 233

**Milliken Mills C.C.**  
905-477-6410, x 3330

**Thornhill C.C.**  
905-944-3800, x 6194



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# B.O.A.T.

BOAT OPERATOR ACCREDITED TRAINING

For Sessions in Fall 2008 and Winter, Spring & Summer 2009



By 2009, all Canadian recreational boaters will require a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCO card) to drive a boat powered by a motor



# Courses Offered at The Town of Markham

The Town of Markham offers all the courses you will require to pass the B.O.A.T. test - look in the Recreation Guide for more details on registration, or register online through EZReg at [www.markham.ca](http://www.markham.ca).

## B.O.A.T.

The Lifesaving Society's **Boat Operator Accredited Training™** program is accredited by Canadian Coast Guard. The B.O.A.T. course teaches all the safe boating knowledge - the 'must knows' - required to earn the Pleasure Craft Operator card. The B.O.A.T. course is highly recommended for youth and for adults with little or no boating experience or training. **For ages 5 years and over. Fee \$65.50**

Date	Star	Classes	Code	Time	Location
Sat., Sun.	Nov. 8/08	2	146020	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.
Sat., Sun.	Feb. 14/09	2	146044	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.
Sat., Sun.	Apr. 4/09	2	146090	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.
Sat., Sun.	May 2/09	2	146091	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.

## B.O.A.T. - Short Course

A quick overview of the B.O.A.T. course for those experienced boaters who would like a review prior to writing the exam. **For ages 5 years and over. Fee \$44.50**

Date	Start	Classes	Code	Time	Location
Sun.	Sep. 7/08	1	146021	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.
Sun.	Oct. 19/08	1	146022	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.
Fri.	Feb. 6/09	1	146046	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.
Fri.	May 15/09	1	146092	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.
Sun.	Jul. 19/09	1	146120	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.

## B.O.A.T. – Exam Only

For those who would like to challenge the Pleasure Craft Operators Exam without taking the course. **For ages 5 years and over. Fee \$23.00**

Date	Start	Classes	Code	Time	Location
Sun.	Sep. 7/08	1	146024	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.
Sun.	Oct. 19/08	1	146025	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.
Fri.	Feb. 6/09	1	146047	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.
Fri.	May 15/09	1	146093	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.
Sun.	Jul. 19/09	1	146121	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Angus Glen C.C.

# Good News for Safe Boating

For years, concerned Canadians have pushed for mandatory boater education to reduce the 200 lives lost and estimated 6,000 boating incidents on Canadian waterways annually.

Previously anybody of any age could operate any type of boat with no training or education of any kind. And children of any age could operate a powerboat regardless of size or horsepower. Things changed for recreational boaters on April 1, 1999.

## Mandatory boater education

By 2009, all Canadian recreational boaters will require a **Pleasure Craft Operator Card** (PCO card) to drive a boat powered by a motor:

Age	Craft	Need the Card
Born after Apr. 1, 1983	Any powered boat	Now
Any age	Any powered boat under 4 m (including PWC - Personal Water Craft)	Now
Any age	Any powered boat	Sep. 15, 2009

## How to get carded

The Canadian Coast Guard PCO card is earned by scoring 75% on a test of basic boating safety knowledge. This lifetime certification must be carried onboard by operators of all pleasure craft powered by a motor.

Take the B.O.A.T. course, or take the B.O.A.T. Study Guide home and take the test when you are ready.

# New Safety Equipment Requirements

All boats are affected by new safety equipment requirements. For example, lifesaving cushions are no longer approved personal floatation devices. Buoyant heaving lines are a new requirement as of 1999 for most boats.

Age and Horsepower Restrictions (as of April 1, 1999):

- under 12 years of age may not operate a power boat over 12 HP unless accompanied and supervised by a person 16 years of age or older
- over 12 years of age but under 16 years of age may not operate a power boat over 40 HP unless accompanied and supervised by a person 16 years of age or older
- under 16 years of age may not operate a personal watercraft (PWC)

## Boat Operator Accredited Training™

The B.O.A.T. course is highly recommended for youth and for adults with little or no boating experience or training. This course:

- is conducted in a classroom
- includes the Pleasure Craft Operator Card for those who pass the test
- B.O.A.T. Study Guides may be purchased in advance

The Town of Markham is a Boat Operator Accredited Training affiliate member of the Lifesaving Society.