

# *On The Water* **SAFE BOAT HANDLING PROGRAM**

*sponsored by the New Hampshire Boat Museum*

*Mission: To offer a non-certificate program of instruction in power boat safe boat handling to individuals, 16 years or older, who will utilize a currently registered vessel with the written permission of the boat owner.*

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## **Operational outline:**

Instructors qualified by Museum with current NH commercial boat license. Point of operations: Boat owners dock, Wolfeboro Town Docks, or other acceptable prearranged dock.

Hours of instruction: 8 AM to 5 PM, subject to acceptable weather.

Program not available without signed release form.

Fee schedule: \$60.00 per hour, one individual, 2 hour minimum

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Vessel Safety Check — provided by qualified USCGAUX Vessel Examiner, 30 minutes — time not included in instructional program.

Dockside — pre underway (30 minutes)

Lines — Knots \_ Fenders

Engine — Steering - Electronics Check

Fuel — Safety — 1/3 rule

Weather - Wind — Currents- Depth

Float Plan

Radio — Charts

Leaving the dock (20 minutes)

Plan maneuver — Wind off dock

Wind on dock

Wind over bow

Underway (40 minutes)

NH laws — rules of the road — give way / stand on

Navigation and ATONS

Lookout

Turning - Backing — Walking turn

Throttle control

Maneuvers — bad weather — fire — anchoring — rescue

Water skiing / tubing

Return to dock - Mooring (20 minutes)

Plan and discuss maneuver

Prepare vessel and passengers - Lines, fenders, boat hook, assign tasks.

Speed, wind, current, depth, traffic, space

Temporary / permanent mooring — lines, fenders and knots

Wrap up & Questions (10 minutes)