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Division 80—Missouri State Water Patrol
Chapter 9—Mandatory Boater Safety Education Program

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11 CSR 80-9.010 Mandatory Boater Safety
Education Program

PURPOSE: This rule defines the responsibil-
ities and procedures regarding mandatory
boater safety education pursuant to section
306.127, RSMo for vessel operators on the
waters of the state of Missouri to ensure
and promote public safety and welfare.

(1) The minimum standards for certified
boater education shall be the standards estab-
lished by the National Association of State
Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

(2) Beginning January 1, 2005, any person
convicted of an offense pursuant to section
306.110, 306.111, 306.112, 306.127,
306.132 or 306.141, RSMo must complete
and pass a certified boater education course
even if such person completed a certified
boater safety education course prior to Jan-
uary 1, 2005.

(3) Any person convicted of an offense pur-
suant to section 306.110, 306.111, 306.112,
306.127, 306.132 or 306.141, RSMo shall
not operate a vessel until he or she possesses
a certification card issued by the Missouri
State Water Patrol.

(4) It shall be the responsibility of the person
to whom a boater education certification card
is issued to notify the Missouri State Water
Patrol of name and address changes. Upon
notification, the Missouri State Water Patrol
shall issue a replacement certification card
for a fee that does not substantially exceed the
administrative and production costs of the
certification cards.

(5) Every boat operator required to carry a
boating safety education certification card
pursuant to section 306.127 or 306.128,
RSMo shall also have in his or her possession
some form of valid state or school issued
identification with a photograph of the certifi-
cation card holder.

(6) As used in section 306.127, RSMo, sub-
section 4, paragraph 8, the term “previously”
means prior to January 1, 2005, but does not
exempt the boat operator from the require-
ment to carry the certification card.

(7) Every non-resident boat operator pursuant
to section 306.127 or 306.128, RSMo shall
possess a boating safety certification card
from their home state, United States Coast
Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron, or
the Missouri State Water Patrol.

(8) Every resident boat operator pursuant to
section 306.127 or 306.128, RSMo shall pos-
sess a certification card issued by the Mis-
souri State Water Patrol.

11 CSR 80-9.020 Temporary Nonresident
Rental Vessel Operator Permits

PURPOSE: This rule defines the responsibil-
ities and procedures regarding temporary
boater certification examinations and tempo-
rary boater certification permits pursuant to
section 306.127(7), RSMo for nonresident
persons operating a rental vessel on the lakes
of the state of Missouri to ensure and promote
public safety and welfare.

(1) The Missouri State Water Patrol shall
develop a temporary boater certification examina-
tion for nonresident boat operators born after January 1, 1984 desiring to oper-
ate a rental vessel on the lakes of the state and
do not possess proof of successful completion of a N.A.S.B.L.A. approved boating safety
course issued by Missouri or another state. This examination will consist of a total of twenty-five (25) true-false and/or
multiple choice questions and will test a boat
operator’s basic knowledge of boating safety
laws and practices.

(2) A nonresident boat operator born after
January 1, 1984 must present a photographic
identification to an employee of the business
entity prior to taking a temporary boater cer-
tification examination. The person’s name,
date of birth and address shall be verified by the business entity employee administering
the examination and shall be recorded on both the temporary boater certification exami-
nation and the temporary boater education permit.

(3) Business entities responsible for adminis-
tering the temporary boater certification examination shall make available to the cus-
tomer a copy of the “Handbook of Missouri
Boating Laws and Responsibilities” or other
boating handbook approved and supplied by the Missouri State Water Patrol prior to
administering the temporary boater certifica-
tion examination.

(4) Employees of the business entity admin-
istering the temporary boater certification examination shall not at any time provide the
answers to the examination questions to the
test taker prior to the test taker successfully
completing the examination.

(5) Persons taking the examination for a tem-
porary boater education permit must achieve
a minimum score of seventy-two percent
(72%) (eighteen (18) of twenty-five (25)
questions correct). Those that score below
seventy-two percent (72%) will be required to
review the “Handbook of Missouri Boating
Laws and Responsibilities” prior to retaking
the examination. No one will be allowed to
take the temporary boater certification exami-
nation more than two (2) times in one (1)
day.

(6) All examinations and temporary boater
education permits shall be numbered by the
Missouri State Water Patrol. All examina-
tions administered by any business entity
shall be forwarded to the Missouri State Water Patrol no later than the fifteenth day of
the month following the month that they were
administered. The examination shall bear the
test taker’s name, address and date of birth
and all incorrect answers will be clearly
marked by an employee of the business enti-
ity administering the examination. The busi-
ness entity submitting the examinations shall
clearly indicate “pass” or “fail” on each
examination submitted.

(7) Business entities shall issue a temporary
boater education permit provided by the Mis-
souri State Water Patrol to test takers that
pass the temporary boater certification exami-
nation and test takers that receive the tempo-
rary boater education permit shall carry the
permit with them while operating the rental
vessel. The fee for the temporary boater edu-
cation permit shall be ten dollars ($10).

(8) All fees collected by business entities
pursuant to 306.127(7), RSMo, shall be for-
warded to the Missouri State Water Patrol no
later than the fifteenth day of the month fol-
lowing the month that they were collected.
Fees shall be submitted to the Water Patrol in
a single payment in the form of a business
check, money order or cashier’s check for the
receipts from the preceding month from the
business entity administering the temporary
boater certification examinations.
(9) The Missouri State Water Patrol may conduct annual audits of the temporary boater certification program. All records relative to the administration of 306.127(7), RSMo, shall be maintained by the business entity for a minimum of two (2) years. All business entities that are authorized to provide the temporary boater certification examination and issue temporary boater education permits will be responsible for temporary boater certification examinations that they have received and the fees collected for issuing the temporary boater education permits. Business entities that do not keep accurate records of the temporary boater certification examinations, temporary boater education permits, or the fees collected will not be allowed to continue to administer the temporary boater certification examinations or issue the temporary boater education permits.

(10) This rule shall terminate on December 31, 2010.
