# Rules of

## Department of Public Safety

### Division 80—Missouri State Water Patrol

### Chapter 9—Mandatory Boater Safety Education Program

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PURPOSE: This rule defines the responsibilities and procedures regarding mandatory boater safety education pursuant to section 306.127, RSMo for vessel operators on the waterways 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 established 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 January 1, 2005.

(3) Any person convicted of an offense pursuant 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 certification card holder.

(6) As used in section 306.127, RSMo, subsection 4, paragraph 8, the term “previously” means prior to January 1, 2005, but does not exempt the boat operator from the requirement 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 possess a certification card issued by the Missouri State Water Patrol.
