

**Approved abbreviated course for Watercraft rental purposes:**  
**[Rentalboatsafety.com](http://Rentalboatsafety.com)**

The operators of boat rental services shall offer abbreviated Department and NASBLA approved operating and safety instruction specific to the type of watercraft being rented to the renter and all potential operators of the rented vessel, unless the renter/operators can demonstrate compliance with the Illinois Boating Safety Certificate requirements. Operators of boat rental services shall:

- 1) maintain records of persons renting a watercraft for a period of at least one year. Such records shall contain proof of boat safety education card, or if taking the abbreviated safety instruction a minimum of the renter's name, date of birth, driver's license number, and signature (violations of this section is class B misdemeanor)
  - 2) provide a receipt to renter indicating abbreviated safety course had been completed (for inspection purposes)
  - 3) allow inspection of required records to an authorized employee of the Department or by an authorized State or federal law enforcement officer during reasonable business hours.
- ❖ It shall be unlawful for any boat rental service to provide false or fictitious information on records related to this section.
  - ❖ It shall be unlawful for any person renting a watercraft from a licensed boat rental service to provide false or fictitious information to rental service required by this section. Operators of rented watercraft shall have in their possession proof of abbreviated safety instruction or an Illinois Boating Safety Certificate.