

**32-1140. Same; approval, development and coordination by secretary; fee.** (a) The secretary shall prescribe an approved boater safety education course of instruction of not less than a total of eight hours concerning the safe operation of motorboats and sailboats. Such course of instruction must be recognized by the United States coast guard in order to gain approval of the secretary.

(b) The secretary shall institute and coordinate an approved boater safety education course of instruction through the use of department personnel, as well as through cooperation with local subdivisions of government, federal governmental entities, reputable individuals or reputable organizations having boater safety education as an objective, as the secretary deems necessary and appropriate.

(c) At the secretary's discretion, the requirement that a person complete an approved boater safety education course of instruction may be fulfilled through completion of correspondence course materials, including satisfactory completion of a written examination, recognized by the United States coast guard and approved by the secretary. Each person requesting a certificate based on completion of such correspondence course shall attest, to the satisfaction of the secretary, that the substance of the answers on the written examination were provided by that person without assistance. Persons requiring assistance to read examination questions or to mark examination answers may receive such assistance if they receive no assistance in the determination of the substance of the answers.

(d) The secretary may require, pursuant to K.S.A. 32-988, and amendments thereto, a fee to cover costs of services, material and supplies from any person enrolling in an approved boater safety education course of instruction.

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