

## NEW REQUIREMENT FOR YOUNGER RC PARTICIPANTS

People born after July 1, 1972 (36 years of age or younger) are required to have a Maryland Boating Safety Certificate. More information is available at <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/boating/safety/> . The consequence for being stopped by the DNR Police and not having the certificate is "Officers may or may not ask to see the certificate during a vessel check and, if not provided, you can be charged with a minimum of \$25 for the first offense and up to \$500 for each offense thereafter." In order to operate WRSC power boats the operating member *must have* the Boating Safety Certificate. That's the bad news...the good news is that the DNR now offers an online version of the course and test at <http://www.boat-ed.com/md/index.htm>. More traditional classes are also available.

Principle Race Officers will now be required to verify that RC members operating boats have the certificate or meet the age requirement.

Safe Boating,  
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