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Crow Wing County Water Patrol Offers Free Youth Watercraft Operator Classes

The Crow Wing County Water Patrol will once again offer free watercraft operator permit classes to youth ages 11-17. The classes start at 8:30 AM and will run to approximately 2:00 PM. There is a classroom portion followed by the test and an on the water experience. All class locations include lunch provided by local lake associations.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Water Patrol along with local lake associations sponsor classes to prepare young boaters for the operator's exam. Minnesota law requires youth ages 12-17 to have a Minnesota watercraft operators permit or similar certification from their home state. Children ages 11-17 are encouraged to attend the classes. Adults who are interested can attend as well. The mission of the Water Patrol is to provide a safe environment on our area lakes by respecting those they serve.

The following locations will be hosting youth operator classes:

6/13-7/11 WAPOA is hosting one at Zorbas in Crosslake contact is C & C Boat Works 218-692-3570

6/14-7/17 GCOLA is hosting one at the Yacht Club contact is Mary Kay Larson at the Army Corps 651-290-5770

6/20 North Long Lake Association is hosting one at Northern Cowboy contact is [Anita Garrity 763-245-4741](#)

6/21 Bay Lake Association is hosting a class at Rutgers Bay Lake Lodge contact is Rutgers 1-800-450-4545

6/27 Pelican Lake Association and Pelican Lake Conservation Club are hosting a class at Breezy Point Police Department contact Sgt. DJ Downie at the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office 218-829-4749

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Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.