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Boating Safety: USACE, Coast Guard offers final course for 2011

MOBILE, Ala. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 81, is scheduled to conduct its final personal watercraft / boating safety course for 2011 on Aug. 16 and 18 at the USACE West Point Lake Project Management Office from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (EST).

Pre-registration is required and can be done by calling the West Point Lake Project Management Office at 706-645-2937. The office is located at 500 Resource Management Drive in West Point, Ga.

“Educating the public on water safety is our priority, and this course provides information on legal requirements, navigation rules, how to prevent personal watercraft and boating accidents, and new boating laws,” Steven Rector, a park ranger at West Point Lake, said.

Participants will receive a certificate from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources upon completion of this course. For Alabama residents, this certificate will exempt them from taking the written exam when obtaining an Alabama boating license. This course meets Georgia’s law that requires completion of a safety boating course for people ages 12 - 15 who wish to operate a personal watercraft or boat without adult supervision.

There is a \$15 fee to attend this class, which will be collected during the first night. A minimum of 10 students is needed for the class to be held and a maximum of 40 participants can be accommodated which will be on a first come, first served basis.

Surrounded by deep forests and rolling fields, West Point Lake extends 35 miles along the Chattahoochee River on the Alabama-Georgia state line. The lake's 525 miles of shoreline provides excellent opportunities for fishing, camping, boating and other recreational activities.

To learn more about the West Point Lake Project, visit www.westpt.sam.usace.army.mil.

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