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### **ANTIQUÉ BOAT MUSEUM OFFERS FREE BOATER SAFETY CLASS**

CLAYTON, New York (March 7, 2017) – The Antique Boat Museum (ABM) announced today that it is hosting a New York Safe Boating Class on March 18 and 19, from noon to 4:00 PM each day. The class will be offered free of charge and is limited to 24 participants.

The law in New York requires that operators of a motor boat born on or after May 1, 1996 must complete a NYS boater safety course or if the operator is under 18 years of age, they may be accompanied by someone over 18 years of age who can legally operate a motorboat. The law also requires that PWC operators must be at least 14 years of age and either hold a boating safety certificate or be accompanied by someone over 18 years of age who is the holder of a boating safety certificate.

This New York Safe Boating Class will teach the basic boating skills necessary for safe and enjoyable boating, impart a sense of responsibility when operating a boat, instill common sense and courtesies toward others on the water, and help operators understand the consequences of careless boating.

This class is taught by New York State certified instructors and meets New York State safe boating requirements. Both adults and children (must be age 10 by the first day of class) are encouraged to attend. The certification exam will be given during the final class. Get a head start on summer fun and earn your Boater Safety Certificate now!

For more information and to register, contact the Educator at ABM at (315) 686-4104, ext. 235. or [drantanen@abm.org](mailto:drantanen@abm.org).

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#### **About ABM**

Located on the St. Lawrence River in upstate NY, the ABM features a collection of over 300 antique and classic boats, among thousands of recreational boating artifacts, including the world's largest runabout, *Pardon Me*, and a 113-year old gilded-age two-story houseboat, *La Duchesse*. Every summer the waterfront campus comes alive with numerous educational programs and special events, including the longest running antique boat show in North America. The Museum will open for the 2017 season on Friday, May 5 and in season is open seven days a week 9 to 5. For more information, please visit the Museum's website at [abm.org](http://abm.org).

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