



### *On the World-Wide Web:*

## ***SURFING FOR MARINE SAFETY INFO***

**boatsafe.com** features a basic boating safety course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the state of Florida. It also has a Boatsafekids section and a coastal navigation course. On-line courses in license preparation, celestial navigation and basic sailing are under development for this site.

**heads-up.net** connects west coast fishing industry interests, includes a safety page.

EPIRB information is still available from the USCG at **navcen.uscg.mil/marcomms.gmdss/epirb.html** Find other information available from the USCG at **uscg.mil/d13/units/msopsrtland.index.htm**

The SARSAT home page has moved to **sarsat.noaa.gov**. You can find some great links to Search and Rescue sites from here as well.

**equipped.com** is a good source for survival gear and equipment information. They host a chat group and a good deal of information about survival kits and survival equipment in general.

The Alaska fishing vessel safety web site can be found at **uscg.mil/d17/fvswweb/d17fvs.htm**

The National Transportation Safety Board has publications, recommendations, news, and other information at **ntsb.gov**

### ALASKA WEATHER INFORMATION:

Alaska weather - **alaska.net/~aawu**

National Weather Service Marine Weather Forecasts for Alaska - **alaska.net/~nwsar/html/forecast/marine.html**

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## CANADA ADOPTS RECREATIONAL BOAT OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS

On January 11, 1999, Canada adopted a law requiring operators of power driven recreational boats to obtain an operator's license. Boat operators in Canada must obtain licenses, or "cards" as they are called, by the following schedule:

September 15, 1999 - All operators born after April 1, 1983.

September 15, 2002 - All operators of craft under four meters in length including personal watercraft.

September 15, 2009 - All other operators.

Originally, Canada's federal government wanted a license for all operators of recreational vessels, renewable every two or three years at a cost. This plan was dropped due to boater opposition. A boating education card was adopted instead. All operators must obtain a card only once in a lifetime, by the above table. Boaters must carry the card to prove that they have taken a boating safety course and/or passed the required test. Courses approved by the Canadian Coast Guard are conducted by a number of schools and boating organizations.

## ***AMSEA Seeks Individual for Schools Coordinator Position***

AMSEA will hire a Schools Coordinator, to begin work in Sitka between October 1 and 15, 1999. Applicants should have extensive background teaching in rural Alaska, knowledge of the AMSEA curriculum, substantial boating and outdoor experience, as well as writing, editing and curriculum development experience. Alaska teacher certification is preferred but not required. Position is 18 to 24 months in length with possible extension. Salary range \$33,000 to \$36,000 DOE.

To be considered for this position, a letter of interest, resume and two references must be received at AMSEA, P.O. Box 2592, Sitka, AK 99835 by September 15, 1999.

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