



LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

"Save the Lake" is a non-profit fund investing in the environmental quality and recreational enjoyment of Lake Minnetonka.

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FREE LMCD BOATER SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD), through its "**Save the Lake Fund,**" and in partnership with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol, will once again offer free Boater Safety Education training sessions for adults and youths (12 to 17 years old). This educational session will be held on Monday, June 13th at the Mound Westonka High School Little Theatre located at 5905 Sunnyfield Road E. in Minnetrista. The class will begin at 7:45 am and continue through 6 pm.

Participants will work directly with energetic presenters in obtaining their Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) Watercraft Operator's Permit. Al & Alma's General Manager and Boat Captain Jay Soule will lead the class by interactively educating the participants on what is needed to pass the MN DNR Operator's Permit test (taken at the end of the session). Participants are exposed to safety issues including fuel and fire dangers, environmental impacts, and knot tying.

Soule, who has grown up on Lake Minnetonka and has been a boat captain since 1993, stated, "This class is really about providing an opportunity to learn about boating while making Lake Minnetonka safer for everyone. Save the Lake's mission is simple - keep Lake Minnetonka safe and healthy. We couldn't do it without the generous contributions Save the Lake receives from the public time and time again."

No charge is offered to attend the session and complimentary lunch and snacks will be provided for all present. There is a \$22.50 testing fee to obtain the permit. Upon request, that testing fee will be reimbursed by the Save the Lake Fund to all youths 12 to 17 years of age. Class size is limited so early registration will ensure your spot!

A registration form can be found on the front page of the LMCD's website at www.lmcd.org, under "Hot Topics." Registration questions can be directed to Administrative Assistant Emily Herman at eherman@lmcd.org or 952-745-0789.