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Department of Insurance

FORMS AND RATES BULLETIN 16

APPROVED BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION COURSES

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The Delaware General Assembly has mandated in the Insurance Code, Title 18 Delaware Code, Section 2503(a)(8), that insurers file an actuarially justified reduction in rates for a three year period for all operators of a vessel who voluntarily attend and successfully complete a boating safety education course which has been approved by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for the purposes of Section 2221 of Title 23. The reduction shall be for any individually owned vessel used exclusively for non-commercial purposes. Voluntary attendance shall not include any attendance ordered as permitted by a Court or required by the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control pursuant to any violations of Title 23.

This law takes effect July 3, 1996. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control has informed the Insurance Department that the following courses have been approved for a boating education course discount:

Delaware Safety Council U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary U.S. Power Squadrons, including the State of Delaware's basic boating course.

No minimum discount has been stated in the enabling legislation. The approved courses can be attended in Delaware or another state. At the termination of the three year discount period, boaters may take a subsequent approved course and renew the discount.