Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) Who needs a Boating License or Pleasure Craft Operating Card (PCOC)? Where can I get my Canadian Boating License or Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC)?

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I have just received my Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) from CPS. Am I required to have it with me when I am operating my personal watercraft?

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Where do I get a Station License?

FAQ Answers

Pleasure Craft Operator Card

>> Who needs a PCOC card? If you were born after April 1983, you must have a PCOC card to operate any type of powered vessel

>> Where can I get my PCOC card? CPS is a non-profit organization and Boating Partner that offers the Pleasure Craft Operator
>> Is the CPS PCOC any different than the others? Yes. The CPS PCOC course and tests are the only ones approved by both
>> Is the PCOC the only certificate that I need to operate a powered pleasure craft in Canada? Officially, yes, but CPS also offers Boating Courses and tests for Canada
>> Do I need to carry my PCOC with me while operating my boat? Regulations require that you carry the PCO Card with you while

Vessel Licenses

>> Where do I get a vessel license and transfer ownership of my vessel? Transport Canada administers Service Canada the vessel licensing syst
>> What information do I need to license my vessel? If you are licensing a new vessel, if your vessel has already been licensed you will also n
>> Do I need to carry the vessel license on board my vessel? Yes. The vessel license must be on board your vessel. A copy of the vessel license on board yo

Radio Licenses

>> Do I need an Operators Certificate to use a VHF radio? Yes, a certificate is required to use a VHF radio. Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime) (ROC(M)). Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons (CPS) offers a ROC(M) course twice a

>> Do I need a station license for my VHF radio? Yes, if you are operating your VHF radio, including a handheld, on a Canadian ves
>> Where do I get a station license? Contact your regional Industry Canada/Spectrum Management office in Ca