

Test the Waters – Test the Club

An Introduction to Boating

Boat Safety Training, On-the-Water Training w/Instructor, Insurances,
Boater's Driver's License, and Boat Club Membership.



No charge for using the boats!

Think of the fun, the days on the water, tubing on Belmont Bay or cruising to Colonial Beach. What fun you can have with the whole family! Don't miss out on another year.

Isn't it better to spend time with the kids and their friends now, before they get to the age when they will prefer you not be along? Enjoy life with them now while you can.

Carefree Boat Club wants you to experience the boating, the club environment, the great Chesapeake Bay estuary, and learn how to be a better boater.

Come join the club for National Boat Safety Week and the whole family can have a whole year to "test the waters" for less than the cost of 2 Starbucks Chocolate Mocha Grande's a day. This is a family event and a better deal!

Call me today – 703-217-6699

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See Below, all the details are here!

Here is an explanation of the Test the Waters Membership Plan?

The Test the Waters Plan:

A One-Year membership plan that is the shortest term for you to enjoy the Carefree way of boating. Members who join **The Test the Waters Plan** may use all the boats from 18' to 22'.

This plan is for the family who thinks they would like to boat but are unsure. It is a training and experiential membership plan that will provide access to a variety of boats (fishing, deck boats, ski, and pontoon boats) and several training sessions.

This membership plan is available to all, *but designed for those who are not sure they want to boat a lot or are very inexperienced* and will use this year to learn boating and how the club works.

This program includes a very organized managed and directed plan that teaches boating, the responsibilities of boating and the rules of the road in boating.

- A new member starts with a full day of class in the federally developed and state certificated Boat Safety Training class. The instructor is a certified captain and a certificated instructor. This 8 hour course concentrates on the “rules of the road” for boaters and is required by all three local municipalities for your Boater’s Driver’s license.
- At the successful completion of this course, Carefree Boat Club will issue the new member an official Boater’s Driver’s license.
- The new member will also receive a State Certificate, suitable for framing, to attest to the training.
- New members will make a reservation with the instructor for the “On-the-Water” training. This practical training program with an instructor and a boat, will concentrate on maneuvers that will prepare the boater for many situations that will be encountered when out-and-about boating. This course will help the new member become competent, confident and comfortable.
- After successful completion of the On-the-Water training, the member may choose a club and may reserve any of the boats up to 22’.
- The Dock Master at the assigned club will become the new member’s mentor and will be available to assist in practice sessions, docking tips, on the water experience, support, and to assist with questions and answers about boating in the waters in the area of the club.
- The new member will not have to acquire additional insurance. During the first year of membership the new member will be covered by ResNet. This service provides the following:
 - **Boat Insurance:** The new members may experience more learning situations than an experienced boater and we prepare for that by adding insurance. The insurance protects the new member from catastrophic expenses but there is a deductible of “up to \$2500.00.” The club will do everything it can to teach the new member how to avoid costly incidences but we want to be sure to protect the member, the member’s guests and the boats with this insurance.

- **Liability Insurance:** The plan will provide liability insurance up to \$1,000,000 on the member and the member's guests while on the boat. This insurance also has a deductible of "up to \$2,500.00."
- **On the Water Service and On-the-Water Towing** coverage is provided to insure that if any unforeseen circumstances arise, the new member is well cared for and will get assistance. The club provides this service for the whole season.
- **On-Line Reservations** will be made available through the ResNet System when you upgrade. This service is provided to allow the member to see the boats and the boat availability and to schedule time on the boats. Until then, you will make your reservations directly with the Reservationist.
- **Seminars on Boating and Safety,** places to go and things to do on the River and the Bay is presented for the new boater to enhance his Carefree Boat Club experiences. Instructors and Membership Directors will conduct these classes at different venues to assist in getting the new members out and onto the boats.
- This one-year plan also includes limited use of the boats up to 22' for the new member's pleasure as well as learning to "be a better boater."
- There is a limit to the number of times a member may reserve the boats and the **Test the Waters Membership** plan is restricted to week-days. As the member's experience grows, the member will enjoy traveling to all the great places on the River and the Bay and may want to upgrade to unlimited and unrestricted Charter Membership plan. (**Ask about this Upgrade.**)
- All the training, the exclusive time with an instructor and a boat, and the support from the dock staff are part of the effort that goes into the New Member's '**Test the Waters**' plan.

The value that we place on the training, the instructor, the Dock Master and the boat, the insurance, seminars and materials is about \$2,000.00. The limited use of the boats 18' to 22" included in the plan is valued at \$1500.

To kick off the 2010 Boating Season this \$3,500.00 value is available at the lowest cost of all plans in 2010 at \$199.00* a month plus a one-time fee of \$299.00 for the ResNet on-line reservations system and insurance package.

If the member chooses to upgrade, the entire cost of the "**Test the Waters**" **Membership Plan** is credited toward the upgrade.

Note: Membership plans for 2010 are limited and when we have reached that number the offer is ended without further notice.