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73-18-15.2 Minimum age of operators -- Boating safety course for youth to operate personal watercraft.

- (1)
 - (a) A person under 16 years of age may not operate a motorboat on the waters of this state unless the person is under the on-board and direct supervision of a person who is at least 18 years of age.
 - (b) A person under 16 years of age may operate a sailboat, if the person is under the direct supervision of a person who is at least 18 years of age.
- (2) A person who is at least 12 years of age or older but under 16 years of age may operate a personal watercraft provided he:
 - (a) is under the direct supervision of a person who is at least 18 years of age;
 - (b) completes a boating safety course approved by the division; and
 - (c) has in his possession a boating safety certificate issued by the boating safety course provider.
- (3) A person who is at least 16 years of age but under 18 years of age may operate a personal watercraft, if the person:
 - (a) completes a boating safety course approved by the division; and
 - (b) has in his possession a boating safety certificate issued by the boating safety course provider.
- (4) A person required to attend a boating safety course under Subsection (3)(a) need not be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian while completing a boating safety course.
- (5) A person may not give permission to another person to operate a vessel in violation of this section.
- (6) As used in this section, "direct supervision" means oversight at a distance within which visual contact is maintained.
- (7)
 - (a) The division may collect fees set by the board in accordance with Section 63J-1-504 from each person who takes the division's boating safety course to help defray the cost of the boating safety course.
 - (b) Money collected from the fees collected under Subsection (7)(a) shall be deposited in the Boating Account.
- (8) A violation of this section is an infraction.

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