

In California, the fine for not having a California Boater Card increases with each conviction:

- First conviction: Up to \$100
- Second conviction: Up to \$250
- Third or subsequent conviction: Up to \$500

The fine can be waived if the operator can provide proof that they had a valid card at the time of the citation.

The California Boater Card is required for anyone operating a motorized vessel on California waterways, unless they meet certain exemptions. To get a card, you can:

1. Visit CaliforniaBoaterCard.com
2. Complete an approved course
3. Submit proof of education and payment
4. You will receive a 90-day temporary boater card by email
5. You should receive your official boater card by mail within 30 days

The card costs \$10 and is valid for life. If you lose your card, you can get a replacement for \$5.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2025, the law will apply to everyone regardless of age.

SJDPS can assist with the necessary approved course documentation.

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