



Free VSC Vessel Safety Checks

The Kalamazoo *KSPS* and South Bend *SBSPS* Sail & Power Squadrons, will host our annual **VSC Boats and Brats** event at the Black River Yacht Club, 280 Oak St in South Haven on **Saturday June 28** from **10 am to 3 pm**.

The VSC Boat inspection is FREE.

Boats to be inspected can be at any South Haven marina or on a trailer. Sign-up at the Black River Yacht Club or by phone and leave message:
(269) 967-3821 (S. Haven or B.Crk)
(269) 731-5601 (Kal./ Gull Lake) in SWMI
www.ksps-usps.org or
or NW Indiana
www.sbsps.org

Find a Vessel Examiner any where in the US
At www.usps.org

There will also be a nautical flea market.

Everyone is welcome ! For a \$7 donation you get a brat with all the fixin's, plus pickle, chips, cookies, and pop or water.



Check our website frequently for other possible locations.
www.ksps-usps.org

June 7 Saturday
Prairieville Twp Ramp*
north end of Gull Lake

June 28 Saturday
Black River Park Boat Ramp*
City of South Haven
Turn on Dunkley just before
the drawbridge
* Fee to enter park

June 28 Saturday
Black River Yacht Club
bottom of Oak St.
10 am to 3 pm

We are hoping to schedule a
Vessel Safety Check day at
Austin Lake

Not in South Haven on June 28?
schedule a VSC *almost* anywhere
by zipcode

www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=i-want-a-vsc
www.ksps-usps.org

Battle Creek: (269) 964-6690 or 962-7754
Kalamazoo or Gull Lake: (269) 731-5601
Portage/Austin Lakes (269) 762-8348
Mattawan or So. Haven: (269) 760-5862
So. Haven (269) 370-2795, 964-6690

Free Vessel Safety Check for your Boat

A Vessel Safety Check or VSC is a voluntary inspection of your boat.



Avoid a costly fine if you get stopped by the sheriff, DNR or Coast Guard.

Let us check your safety equipment without risk of a fine. We give you a checklist of what you need to be legal. If your boat meets all the U.S. and Michigan rules and regulations, you get a VSC decal to display on your boat.

A new law passed in 2012 prevents your boat from being boarded by a peace officer if it has a current year Vessel Safety Decal, unless a violation is visible.

We check for equipment required by the **U.S. Coast Guard and State of Michigan** based on the length and type of boat.

It's also an opportunity to talk with an experienced boater about equipment and get other valuable tips.

Items checked include:

- PFDs Personal Flotation Devices
- Proper placement of Hull ID numbers
- Required safety equipment for boat length
- Fuel tanks
- Proper ventilation for engine spaces and other enclosed fuel systems
- Electrical systems
- Lights for operating a boat at night or fog
- Sound producing devices for boat length
- Requirements for marine sanitation devices