

Test your boat skills

If you think you're the best at piloting a boat, Coastguard Boating Education has got a challenge for you.

The team will run its popular Powerboat Handling Challenge at this year's Auckland International Boat Show.

Challenge participants will test their boating skills by negotiating a tight floating course aboard a MAC 420 training boat under the watchful eye of an instructor.

The challenge is designed to show off the benefits of practical boating courses and with the instructor's help even a beginner boatie will make it through the challenge.

Coastguard Boating Education will also have qualified instructors demonstrating correct handling techniques and safe-righting and boarding procedures for personal water craft at 1pm every day during the show.

The Auckland International Boat Show is at the Viaduct Harbour, September 15-18.

■ Visit www.aucklandinternationalboatshow.com. See www.cbes.org.nz for more information on Coastguard Boating Education and the Powerboat Handling Challenge.