

Memorandum

Date: December 1, 2006

To: All Superintendents of Inland Lakes and Reservoirs

From: Department of Parks and Recreation
Alex K. Peabody, Aquatic Safety Specialist

Subject: Inland Waters Vessel Operators Course
April 30 – May 4, 2007

In response to needs at our Department operated lakes and reservoirs, we are offering a 40-hour POST Certified Boating Safety and Enforcement Course, Monday, April 30 through Friday, May 4, 2007 at the San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area.

This course is offered through the Mott Training Center. Please submit your Training Request DPR 392 on-line through the ETMS website. Please note that the course on the ETMS schedule is listed as Boating Safety and Enforcement. **The class is limited to 24 students.** As with other training courses offered through the Training Center, the District is responsible for costs associated with travel to/from the training location. The remaining costs while at training are paid through the Training Center.

Course Description: This course provides State Park Peace Officers with the knowledge and procedures necessary for the enforcement of state laws specific to inland waterways, lakes, and reservoirs. The course will also include vessel theft, equipment violations, accident investigation, vessel towing, enforcement contacts, boating while intoxicated, and the care and safe operation of the patrol boat.

Instructors:

Andre Ramos – SPS I (lead)
Mike Martino – LGS I
Randy Trefry – RA
Alex Peabody – Aquatic Specialist
Course Coordinator



Lodging Availability: There are numerous motels available in the nearby town of Santa Nella. The number one recommendation for governmental rates is the Holiday Inn Express (28976 W PLAZA DRIVE, SANTA NELLA, CA 95322, Hotel Reservations: 1-888-890-0245, Hotel Front Desk: 1-209-826-8282.) **It is strongly recommended that you make reservations immediately.**

For questions contact Alex Peabody at (831) 649-7132. Cell phone (831) 402-7805.
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INLAND WATERS VESSEL OPERATORS COURSE (POST BOATING SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT)

Course Outline

Monday, April 30, 2007

0800 – 0900 Introduction and Course Registration
0900 – 1200 Introduction to Boating Laws
1200 – 1300 LUNCH
1300 – 1500 In-Water rotations
1500 – 1700 Vessel Theft and Equipment Violations

Tuesday, May 1

0800 – 1000 Rules-of-the-Road on the Water (Group 1)
0800 – 1000 Trailing and Maneuvering Skills (Group 2)
1000 – 1200 Rules-of-the-Road on Water (Group 2)
1100 – 1200 Trailing and Maneuvering Skills (Group 1)
1200 – 1300 LUNCH
1300 – 1700 Vessel Accident Investigations

Wednesday, May 2

0800 – 1200 Field Practical/Basic Patrol Boat Operations
1200 – 1300 LUNCH
1300 – 1430 Enforcement Stops/Officer Safety Issues
1430 – 1600 Towing Techniques
1600 – 1700 Beaching, Docking, and Anchoring

Thursday, May 3

0800 – 1000 Advanced Patrol Boat Handling
➤ Working with Aquatic Rescue Personnel
➤ Drop-offs and pick-ups of in-water personnel and victims
1000 – 1200 Special Rescue Operations/Search and Rescue
1200 – 1300 LUNCH
1300 – 1600 Practical Skills Examination/Boat Handling
1900 – 2100 Night Operations and SAR

Friday, May 4

0800 – 1200 Boating Under the Influence
1200 – 1300 LUNCH
1300 – 1430 Final Written Exam
1430 – 1500 Course Evaluations

EQUIPMENT CHECK-LIST FOR INLAND VESSEL OPERATORS COURSE

PATROL BOAT:

The Course Provider will have patrol vessels available for this training course. However, students have expressed MUCH greater satisfaction from the course when they have brought the patrol vessel that they will be operating when they return to the field. **CHECK WITH YOUR DISTRICT FOR PRIOR APPROVAL!**

NOTE: Please ensure that your vessel is operational. All emergency equipment, night lights, tow lines, anchors, and medical equipment are on-board and operational **prior** to arrival at the training.

UNIFORMS:

Field Uniforms, uniform jacket, deck shoes, peace officer protective equipment required for all field operations and skills practice.

SWIMMING ATTIRE:

Swim suit, goggles, towel, second change of clothes and boots that you can get wet. Students will simulate an unexpected fall into the water while fully clothed and then tread water. All students will participate in swimming exercises and backboard extrication drills from the water.

FLASHLIGHT and EMERGENCY GLOW STICK/STROBE LIGHT:

For night operations and SAR

PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE (PFD) Minimum of a Type III

SAFETY POLICY

During the presentation of the Inland Vessel Operators Course, the following safety guidelines will be implemented. Deliberate failure on the part of any student to comply with the below listed guidelines, will result in their immediate removal from the class.

1. At no time shall students engage in any horseplay.
2. At no time will a student engage the operator of any vessel in unnecessary conversation or distraction.
3. During the practical exercises, or at any time students are aboard a vessel, the proper wearing/use of **Coast Guard Approved** personal flotation devices (PFD) shall be followed.
4. Students should wear non-skid "Deck-type", water moccasins, or "Athletic" styled shoes.
5. In an emergency the instructor shall be the command point. It will be their responsibility to provide emergency medical aid, arrange EMS response, and insure transportation of any injured student, as well as insuring the safety of all other students.

DIRECTIONS:

Map of the San Luis Reservoir / Santa Nella, CA area



Park office and classroom
Four Rivers Sector Office: (209) 826-1197

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Course Coordinator – Alex Peabody, Aquatic Specialist, Public Safety Division
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Contact regarding course registration questions, or logistics.

Lead Instructor - Andre Ramos, Supt. I, Perris Lake SRA
Office: (951) 940-5616 Cell: (951) 232-4928
Contact regarding equipment or curriculum questions. Please confirm with Andre whether/or not you will be bringing your patrol vessel.