

**Boating Enforcement
Marine Law Enforcement Training Program
Division of Boating and Waterways
May 2022**

Program Summary:

The Division of Boating and Waterways Marine Law Enforcement Training Program provides training courses statewide to law enforcement officers, harbor patrol officers, lifeguards, and others that work in a marine patrol environment. Statewide training ensures uniform enforcement of boating laws on all California's waterways. With more than 100 local government agencies providing boating law enforcement in California, the purpose of the training program is to provide comprehensive, current, and effective training courses with reliable consistency.

Division of Boating and Waterways training courses are designed to accommodate all levels of boating skills. Fundamental courses for new boat patrol officers include: Basic Maritime Officer's Course, Inland Boat Operator, Boating Under the Influence, and Boating Accident Investigation. More advanced courses for experienced boat patrol officers include: Advanced Maritime Officer's Course, Rescue Boat Operations, and Marine Firefighter Operations.

Statistics:

The Division allocated \$438,000 from the United States Coast Guard Federal Trust Fund grant during Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 for boating safety and boating law enforcement training statewide. The Division trained (339) students in (28) classes, covering (9) separate disciplines. The program was facilitated by (1) Associate Governmental Program Analyst who served as the Training Coordinator.

FFY 2021 Accomplishments:

COURSE TITLE	STUDENTS	NORTHERN REGION	SOUTHERN REGION	CLASSES
Basic Maritime Officer's Course	77	21	56	8
Advanced Maritime Officer's Course	57	9	48	5
Inland Boat Operator	55	32	23	3
Rescue Boat Operations	14	3	11	1
Marine Firefighter Operations	16	2	14	1
Boating Under the Influence	43	21	22	3
Boating Accident Investigation	55	21	34	4
Instructor Development Training	2	2	0	2
Fundamentals Of Facilitation	20	7	13	1
TOTALS	339	118	221	28

*Training totals were down approximately 18% due to cancellations related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FFY 2021 Accomplishments (cont'd):

- 1) The Division maintained state COVID-19 guidelines and secured necessary PPE in order to continue provision of maritime training.
- 2) The Division was able to train approximately 82% of the average number of officers typically trained in a fiscal year.
- 3) The Division expanded the Boating Under the Influence course from (3) days to (4) days to allow additional practice in administering the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and add a report writing component to the curriculum.
- 4) The Division added (5) instructors to the training cadre.

Goals and Objectives for FFY 2022:

- 1) Develop a Rescue Water Craft course in order to meet the needs of personnel utilizing Personal Water Craft (PWC) platforms.
- 2) To develop a first responder course to meet the needs of non-sworn personnel working in a maritime environment.
- 3) To assess training efficacy and future needs by attending the California Boating Safety Officer's Association (CBSOA) and the California State Sheriff's Association (CSSA) Boating Subcommittee training symposiums.