

**Boating Enforcement  
Marine Law Enforcement Training Program  
Division of Boating and Waterways  
May 2019**

**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, Marine Firefighter Operations, and Rescue Water Craft.

**Statistics:**

The Division allocated \$437,000 from the United States Coast Guard Federal Trust Fund grant during Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 for boating safety and boating law enforcement training statewide. The Division trained (378) students in (30) classes, covering (9) separate disciplines. The program was facilitated by (1) Associate Governmental Program Analyst who served as the Training Coordinator.

**FFY 2018 Accomplishments:**

<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>STUDENTS</b>	<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>	<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>	<b>CLASSES</b>
Basic Maritime Officer's Course	80	26	54	7
Advanced Maritime Officer's Course	44	9	35	4
Inland Boat Operator	48	37	11	3
Rescue Boat Operations	47	13	34	3
Marine Firefighter Operations	32	1	31	2
Rescue Water Craft	11	11	0	1
Boating Under the Influence	59	30	29	4
Boating Accident Investigation	54	19	35	3
Side Scan Sonar	39	35	4	1
Instructor Development Training	2	1	1	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>30</b>

**FFY 2018 Accomplishments (cont'd):**

- 1) The Division was able to train (26) additional officers from FFY 2017.
- 2) The Division added (2) instructors to the training cadre.

**Goals and Objectives for FFY 2019:**

- 1) To expand the Boating Under the Influence course from (3) days to (4) days in order to allow additional practice in administering the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and to add a report writing component to the curriculum.
- 2) To update the Marine Fire Operations course in POST to reflect current training standards.
- 3) To assess the need for a basic coastal operator course to meet the needs of non-sworn officers working in a coastal environment.
- 4) 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.