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2027 Marine Law Enforcement Training Program Calendar

The Division of Boating and Waterways has released the 2027 Marine Law Enforcement Training Program calendar, including course descriptions, with this letter.

Agencies must submit their requests through the online registration system. **Submitting a request does not guarantee enrollment**. Agencies and students with successful enrollments will be notified via email approximately eight weeks prior to the start of training. Please review the course descriptions and prerequisites to ensure appropriate registration. All Division training courses are certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

A $100.00 late cancellation fee will be assessed for cancellations received 21 calendar days or less prior to the first day of training. A $200.00 fee will be assessed for no-shows. If enrolled students fail to attend, their agency may be prohibited from participating in Division of Boating and Waterways training for one year.

For questions, please contact me at jesse.zamora@parks.ca.gov or (916) 902-8786.

Thank you,

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Marine Law Enforcement
2027 Training Calendar

Basic Maritime Officer's Course
January 25 – February 5 (MLETC)
February 22 – March 5 (MLETC)
May 3 - May 14 (MLETC)
September 20 – October 1 (MLETC)
October 18 – October 29 (MLETC)
November 29 – December 10 (MLETC)

Advanced Maritime Officer's Course
January 5 – January 7 (MLETC)
March 23 – March 25 (MLETC)
June 8 – June 10 (MLETC)
August 31 – September 2 (MLETC)
November 2 – November 4 (MLETC)

Inland Boat Operator
March 1 – March 5 (Lake Havasu)
March 29 – April 2 (Calaveras)
April 26 – April 30 (Redding)

Basic Coastal Operator
May 10 – May 14 (Ventura)
October 18 – October 22 (Pillar Point Harbor)

Rescue Boat Operations
March 8 – March 12 (Los Angeles)
October 18 – October 22 (Los Angeles)

Marine Firefighter Operations
March 22 – March 26 (Los Angeles)
November 8–November 12 (Los Angeles)

Boating Under the Influence
January 18 – January 21 (San Diego)
February 8 – February 11 (Napa)
February 22 – February 25 (Stanislaus)

Boating Accident Investigation
January 11 – January 15 (MLETC)
February 15 – February 19 (MLETC)
November 15 – November 19 (MLETC)

* MLETC: Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center (Port of Los Angeles)

"The only thing worse than training employees and losing them is not training them and keeping them!"

- Anonymous

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**** Prerequisite for all courses: Participants must be currently assigned to a marine patrol unit (or expected to be assigned in the near future). Participants must also have their CA Boater Card to attend – they must bring their CA Boater Card to the first day of class.*** *Note: if student has completed the Basic Maritime Officer's Course, the Inland Boat Operator course, or if they have a USCG captain's license, this prerequisite can be waived – please bring a copy of your BMOC/IBO course completion certificate or USCG captain's license with you to the first day of class.*

Basic Maritime Officer's Course:

A ten day, 80-hour POST certified course for newly assigned marine patrol officers having designated authority under Chapter 4.5 of the California Penal Code who are (or will be) actively enforcing California boating laws. This course was designed for the newly assigned officer/deputy and will cover boating terminology, boat handling skills, navigation, weather, boating law, trailering, launching, recovery, marlinespike, vessel stops, response to emergencies, and water survival. The POST course title is 'Maritime/Basic Officer's Course', presenter #1820, course #20263.

Advanced Maritime Officer's Course:

A three day, 24-hour POST certified course for experienced marine law enforcement officers having designated authority under Chapter 4.5 of the California Penal Code who are actively enforcing California boating laws. This course is designed to instruct the experienced marine law enforcement officer/deputy that operates on lakes, rivers, harbors, and ocean waterways (inland and international). The three-day Advanced Maritime Officers Course is a valuable opportunity for all graduates of the Basic Maritime Officers Course (BMOC) and Inland Boat Operator (IBO) to continue working on their maritime perishable skills. The course will provide advanced skills required to perform vessel pursuits, high-risk boarding and searches, and live fire shooting on an unstable platform. It instructs in the use of accepted terminology and tactics consistent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security standards and the U.S. Coast Guard's policy and procedures. The POST course title is 'Advanced Maritime Officer's Course', presenter #8260, course #20265.

** Prerequisites: Students must be current maritime law enforcement officers with at least one year experience as a maritime law enforcement vessel operator and must be capable of maintaining control of a vessel while conducting high-speed maneuvers in close proximity to other vessels and/or obstructions. The student must be in good physical condition and must be capable of enduring long periods of strenuous underway boat operations. The following organizations/courses may qualify as prerequisites for the Advanced Maritime Officer's Course: (1) Maritime Law Enforcement Training Center (MLETC) Basic Maritime Officer's Course (BMOC), (2) California State Parks, Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) Inland Boat Operator (IBO) training, (3) a USCG Merchant Mariner Certificate, or (4) completion of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Maritime Law Enforcement Training Program.*

Inland Boat Operator:

A five day, 40-hour POST certified introductory course for boating enforcement officers. This course is designed to provide vessel operators with the skills necessary to safely operate a public safety vessel on inland rivers and lakes. Participants will gain practical knowledge regarding nomenclature, vessel inspections, navigation rules, aids to navigation, charts, weather, boating law, patrol techniques, boating under the influence (BUI), and boating accident investigation (BAI). Participants will gain practical experience in vessel operation, conducting enforcement stops, trailering, launching, and recovery. The course will also include a swim assessment where officers will learn and demonstrate skills necessary for water survival. The POST course title is 'Boating Safety & Ops for Inland Waters', presenter #9400, course 20201.

Basic Coastal Operator:

A five-day, 40-hour introductory course for boating enforcement officers. This course is designed to provide vessel operators with the skills necessary to safely operate a public safety vessel in nearshore coastal environments. Participants will gain practical knowledge and experience regarding nomenclature, vessel inspections, navigation rules, aids to navigation, charts, weather, boating laws, patrol techniques, vessel handling, and interagency operability. The course will also include a swim assessment where officers will learn and demonstrate skills necessary for water survival. The POST course title is 'Boating: BASIC COASTAL OPERATOR', presenter #9400, course #20202.

Rescue Boat Operations:

A five day, 40-hour POST certified course for marine patrol officers who operate emergency response boats under varying conditions. This course will cover emergency response operations, towing, offshore operations, and search & recovery. The POST course title is 'Boating: Rescue Boat Operation', presenter #9400, course #20250.

** Prerequisite: Students must have completed basic boat operator training (e.g. Basic Maritime Officer's course, Basic Coastal Operator, Inland Boat Operations, and have twelve months of marine patrol experience).*

Marine Firefighter Operations:

A five day, 40-hour POST certified course designed to give marine patrol officers first-hand knowledge of the hazards of marine firefighting. Marine patrol officers will receive the basic information from a lecture series and the experience of fighting live fires under controlled conditions. The POST course title is 'Boating: Marine Fires', presenter #9400, course #20190.

** Participants are required to bring fire turnout gear (including SCBA), a physician's medical clearance (clearing you to breathe compressed gases), an OSHA medical evaluation questionnaire, and face mask fit test clearance. Documents providing further information will be sent with registration confirmation.*

Boating Under the Influence:

A three day, 24-hour POST certified course designed to educate marine patrol officers on the current law regarding intoxicated vessel operation with emphasis on arrest procedures, chemical testing, report writing, and courtroom preparation. The course includes training in the use of Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN), Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs), and introduces the use of Preliminary Alcohol Screening Devices (PASD) with the intent of providing marine patrol officers additional enforcement techniques useful in detecting the high tolerance drinker. The POST course title is 'Boating Intoxication Enforcement', presenter #9400, course #20220.

** Prerequisite: Students must have completed basic boat operator training (e.g. Basic Maritime Officer's course, Basic Coastal Operator, Inland Boat Operator, and have twelve months of marine patrol experience).*

Boating Accident Investigation:

A five day, 40-hour POST certified course designed to educate marine patrol officers on technical accident investigation and accident scene management. Students will perform multiple investigations/reconstructions and become familiar with diagramming as well as navigation rules and operational laws as they apply to boating accidents. Students are required to complete an in-depth boating accident investigation report for the final exam. The POST course title is 'Boating Acc Inv/Reconstruct,' presenter #9400, course #20240.

** Prerequisite: Students must have completed basic boat operator training (e.g. Basic Maritime Officer's course, Basic Coastal Operator, Inland Boat Operator, and have twelve months of marine patrol experience).*