

Boating Safety and Vessel Operations for Inland Water

24 hours, POST Certified

March 10 – 12, 2009

Training Syllabus



State Park patrol vessels on the water



Memorandum

Date: December 18, 2008

To: Class Participants

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

Subject: Boating Safety and Vessel Operations for Inland Waterways, 24-Hour POST Course:
▪ March 10 – 12, 2009 @ San Luis Reservoir SRA

In response to operational needs at our Department operated lakes and reservoirs, we are offering a 24-hour POST Certified Boating Safety and Enforcement course through the Department Training Program. This course is open to both peace officers and non-peace officers.

Employees interested in attending this training must submit their Training Request on-line through the ETMS website. Please note that the course on the ETMS schedule is listed as Boating Safety and Vessel Operations for Inland Waterways-24 Hours (DPR Instructed). **The class is limited to 16 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: The objective of this course is to familiarize students in vessel anatomy, engine types, applicable vessel laws and current Department policy for vessel operation. Students will gain hands-on experience in launching and trailering of vessels. Students will demonstrate proficiency in vessel operations that include: slow and medium speed maneuvers, reverse maneuvers, beaching, docking, safe approaches and contacts with other vessels while on the water.

Instructors:

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

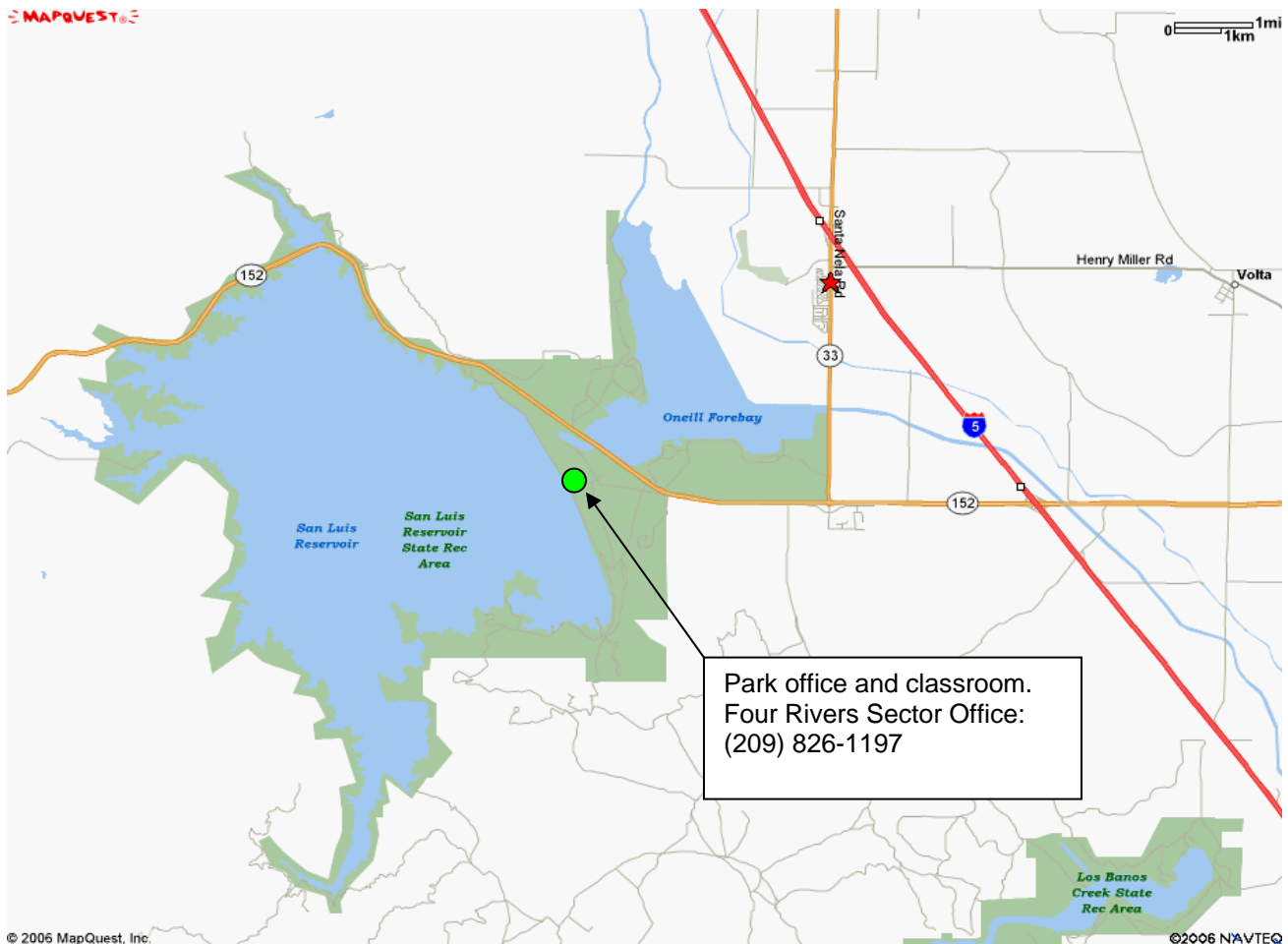


Lodging Availability:

There are numerous motels available in the nearby town of Santa Nella as well as Los Banos. Our 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 as soon as possible.

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



CONTACT INFORMATION:

Course Coordinator – Alex Peabody, Aquatic Specialist, Public Safety Division
Office: (831) 649-7132 Cell: (831) 402-7805
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.

**BOATING SAFETY AND OPERATION FOR
INLAND WATERWAYS
24 Hours – POST Certified**

Course Outline

Day 1

0800 – 0830	Welcome & Introductions, Course Registration
0830 – 0900	Boating Nomenclature:
0900 – 1100	Department Policy and Introduction to Boating Law:
1100 – 1200	Navigational Rules and Operational Laws:
1200 – 1300	Lunch Break
1300 – 1400	Reporting Requirements for Boating Accidents
1400 – 1530	Patrol and Vessel Operations Procedures
1530 – 1700	Swim Test and In-water Skills
1700	Debrief and Adjourn

Day 2

0800 – 0830	Quiz: Vessels/ Boating Policy and Law
0830 – 0930	Classroom Review of Trailering Basics
1000 – 1200	Skills (Group 1): Trailering & Maneuvering
1000 – 1200	Skills (Group 2): Launching, Slow Speed Vessel Operations, Docking
1200 – 1300	Lunch
1300 – 1500	Skills (Group 2): Trailering & Maneuvering
1300 – 1500	Skills (Group 1): Launching, Slow Speed Vessel Operations, Docking
1600 – 1700	Skills (All): Higher speed maneuvering, beaching, and trailering
1700	Debrief and Adjourn

Day 3

0800 – 0900	Lecture: Vessel Towing and Search and Rescue Procedures
0900 – 0930	Practical Skills: Slow Speed Vessel Operations Review
0930 - 1200	Practical Skills: Towing, Search and Rescue
1200 – 1300	Lunch
1300 – 1600	Practical Skills Testing: Vessel Operations
1600 – 1700	Vessel Operators Written Test
1700	Debrief and Adjourn

EQUIPMENT CHECK-LIST FOR INLAND VESSEL OPERATORS COURSE

PATROL BOATS:

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.

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 are to wear non-skid, "Deck-type", 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.
6. Training areas shall provide adequate docking facilities and designated classrooms. Access to boat ramps, fueling facilities, and engine/hull repair facilities shall be considered to minimize delays in training.
7. An appropriate number of safety vessels must be deployed in the training area to ensure they are free of floating debris, other vessels, and swimmers prior to training and to maintain a safe training environment.
8. Adequate first aid kits and other appropriate medical equipment shall be immediately accessible or present during training operations. Medical facilities will be identified and available to students.
9. The presenter may require additional safety items such as strobes and dye markers.
10. Instructors shall inspect all vessels prior to training to ensure the appropriate safety equipment is present and the vessel is generally seaworthy.
11. General boating safety shall be reemphasized to students immediately prior to commencing water operations.
12. Specific procedures, such as boarding techniques and high-speed intercepts, shall be reviewed immediately prior to performing the task.
13. Instructors will familiarize students with vessel safety equipment and its location
14. During scenarios involving increased risk, the presenter shall consider lowering the instructional staff-to-student ratio.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the safety guidelines and procedures for this training course. I understand that this training is physical demanding and that there are inherent risks from injury and I will be mindful of my personal safety at all times. I will follow to the best of my ability the safety guidelines and will contact the Safety Officer, or an instructor, immediately if I have any questions.

Print your name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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