

# Boating Safety and Vessel Operations for Inland Water

24 hours, POST Certified

May 5 – 7, 2009

Training Syllabus



State Park patrol vessels on the water



# Memorandum

**Date:** December 2, 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:  
▪ May 5 - 7, 2009 @ Folsom Lake 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)  
Mike Martino – LGS I  
Alex Peabody – Aquatic Specialist  
Course Coordinator



## Lodging Availability:

### Folsom Lake SRA

Classroom: Meet at the Granite Bay Activity Center

From Highway 50, take the Folsom/Auburn Road exit and head north towards Auburn.

Turn right on Douglas Blvd. and continue to the end where the Granite Bay park entrance is located. Follow the signs to the Activity Center.

### Lake Natoma Inn

702 Gold Lake Drive

Folsom CA 95630

1-800-808-5253

Phone: (916) 351-1500

Fax: (916) 351-1511

<http://www.lakenatomainn.com/>

### Larkspur Landing Folsom Hotel

121 Iron Point Road

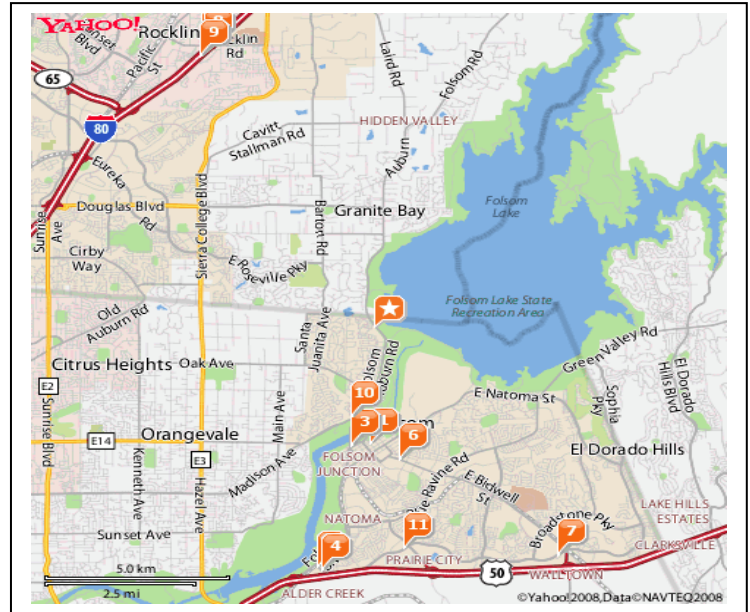
Folsom, CA 95630

Ph - 916.355.1616

Fax - 916.355.1766

Nightly rates from \$89.00 to \$99.00.

<http://www.trails.com/all-hotels/hotel-info.asp?hotelid=91159>



For questions contact Alex Peabody at (831) 649-7132. Cell phone (831) 402-7805.

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

**Course Outline**

**Day 1**

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

**Day 2**

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

**Day 3**

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

## **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.

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 "sterile" 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.

**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.