

**Boating Enforcement
Marine Law Enforcement Training Program
Division of Boating and Waterways
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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) 2019 for boating safety and boating law enforcement training statewide. The Division trained (413) students in (31) classes, covering (8) separate disciplines. The program was facilitated by (1) Associate Governmental Program Analyst who served as the Training Coordinator.

FFY 2019 Accomplishments:

COURSE TITLE	STUDENTS	NORTHERN REGION	SOUTHERN REGION	CLASSES
Basic Maritime Officer's Course	92	33	59	8
Advanced Maritime Officer's Course	41	9	32	4
Inland Boat Operator	61	41	20	4
Rescue Boat Operations	64	9	55	4
Marine Firefighter Operations	32	3	29	2
Boating Under the Influence	46	30	16	3
Boating Accident Investigation	75	28	47	4
Instructor Development Training	2	1	1	2
TOTALS	413	154	259	31

FFY 2019 Accomplishments (cont'd):

- 1) The Division was able to train the same amount of officers as FFY 2018.
- 2) The Division updated the Marine Fire Operations course in POST to reflect current training standards. All Division courses are now current.
- 3) The Division added (3) instructors to the training cadre.

Goals and Objectives for FFY 2020:

- 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 develop a first responder course to meet the needs of non-sworn officers 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.