

The NOAA Small Boat Standards and Procedures Manual,  
4<sup>th</sup> Edition

# Small Boat Community Training

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# Topics

- Operator Qualification, Evaluation and Designation
- Marine Operator Certification Course (MOCC)
- NOAA Component Course
- PQS Renewal for VOC
- Crewmember Training
- Emergency Readiness



# Section 6: Operator Qualification, Evaluation and Designation

- Operator Credentials and Training Requirements
  - Class A,I, II
    - Boating Skills and Seamanship or equivalent.
    - NOAA Component Course
    - PQS
    - First Aid, CPR, AED
    - Program specific training.
  - Class III, SRV
    - Current USCG license or Uniformed Service OOD.
    - NOAA Component Course
    - PQS
    - First Aid, CPR, AED
    - Program specific training.
- VOC ensures qualification, proficiency, and currency.



# Marine Operator Certification Course

## MOCC

- Approved alternative to USCG Boating Skills and Seamanship
- Five day course
  - Combination of classroom, in water and on water exercises.
  - Practical labs and practical evaluations.
- NOAA registration waitlist maintained by the SBP.
- Scheduled classes throughout the year in various regions.



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# NOAA Component Course

- Managed by the SBP
  - Curriculum review to update and incorporate NOAA SBSPM 4<sup>th</sup> Edition
  
- Course covers
  - NOAA small boat policy, procedures and standards
  - Operational Risk Assessment
  - Team Coordination
  
- One-time extension
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# Personal Qualification Standards

- To be designated as a SBO, individuals must demonstrate.
  - Knowledge of small boat characteristics, limitations, and equipment.
  - Proficiency of small boat handling skills, based on mission.
  - Proficiency in associated risk management.
  - For each type of mission and for each type of small boat.
  
- Template PQS checklist are available on the SBP website.
  - PQS should be specific to the boat, operating area, and mission.
  
- Continuing education and career development training may be required by VOC
  
- Document on Small Boat Operator Authorization
  - Reissue annually by VOC



# Crewmember Training

- Crewmembers must
  - Receive OJT that is small boat specific
  - Demonstrate knowledge of the procedures and equipment carried aboard boat which deployed
- Template PQS checklist are available on the SBP website.
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# Emergency Readiness

- VOC is responsible for establishing
  - Establishing boat/mission specific emergency procedures
  - Recurring training to maintain operational readiness
  - Maintaining records.
  - ID necessary resources and training to support emergency response
  
- OIC is responsible for conducting
  - Pre-mission briefs for all embarked personnel.
  - Drills and training.
  - De-briefs (critiques and corrective actions).
  - Recording drills, corrective actions, and other pertinent information.
  - Inspecting and testing onboard safety equipment and systems prior to departure.

