OSU/SBSA Motorboat Operator Training Course
2024 Schedule

WHAT: The Scientific Boating Safety Association (SBSA) Motorboat Operator Training Course (MOTC) is a required training for all OSU vessel operators. The MOTC – Open Water Module (OWM) is a required training for all OSU vessel operators working offshore or in open water conditions. The MOTC, OWM and corresponding Instructor Courses are accepted by USDOI, NOAA, and other SBSA institutions. These courses are sponsored by the OSU Small Boat Program (Division of Research and Innovation), the OSU Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Sciences, the Port of Newport, and the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

2024 Courses

March 26th – 29th ---------------------MOTC
June 11th – 14th ---------------------- MOTC
September 17th – 20th --------------MOTC
October 8th – 11th -------------------MOITC (MOTC is prerequisite)
October 14th – 15th ------------------OWM (bar crossing; rescue; navigation -MOTC is prerequisite)

LOCATION: Training will take place at the Hatfield Marine Science Center campus in Newport, OR. Swim session will be at the Newport Aquatic Center. The on-water sessions will be in Yaquina Bay and staged from the South Beach Marina.

COST: Invoices will be issued two weeks prior to course start date. Scholarship Opportunities: SBSA Student Training Award and check with your specific department or college for professional development award opportunities.


MOITC: Internal OSU: Teach 3 classes with us. External to OSU: $1,800/participant.

QUESTIONS or to REGISTER: Priority registration is given to OSU researchers and students who have a current need for this training. Additional space can be filled by participants external to OSU with priority given to research collaborators and other SBSA members. If you have any questions or to register, please contact the OSU Small Boat Program at: boating.safety@oregonstate.edu, https://research.oregonstate.edu/boating

If you need training and cannot attend one of the scheduled courses above, please contact us.

Boating project approval from the OSU Small Boat Program is required before any on-water work begins.

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