

U.S. Department of the Interior



*Motorboat Operators  
Certification Course*



# Introduction

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# Course Content

- Agency watercraft policy
- Required safety equipment
- Boats and boat maintenance
- Trailers and trailer maintenance
- Rules of the road and aids to navigation
- Towing
- Fire suppression
- Motorboat orientation
- Marlinespike
- At speed and low speed maneuvering
- Alongside maneuvering
- Trailering
- Emergency operations

# Objectives of the MOCC course

- Each trainee will be able to safely operator an agency owned motor boat.
- Each trainee will know how to launch, trailer and tow a vessel.
- Each trainee will know the rules of the road, laws, required equipment and basic boat maintenance .
- Each trainee will know water safety, rescue and emergency techniques.

# AGENCY WATERCRAFT POLICY



# DM-485 22

- **Departmental Manual 485 - Chapter 22 -Watercraft Safety**
- **Establishes minimum requirements for the safe operation of DOI watercraft and other non-motorized vessels**
- **Establishes training standards and certifications for DOI watercraft operators**

# DM-485 22 Emphasizes

- **ALL DOI employees will wear approved USCG pfd's at ALL times while on boat a class A or class 1 vessel. (Exceptions are special law enforcement operations).**
- **ALL pfd's will be international orange in color and will be equipped with retro reflective tape.**
- **ALL DOI employees are required to complete an MOCC course.**
- **MOCC certification is valid for five years after course completion.**
- **An 8 hour refresher course will be required to maintain certification before expiration.**
- **FLETC marine LE course and U.S. Army corps of engineers boating course may be substituted.**