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TO: Marine Law Enforcement Officers

FROM: Hoyle Hodges, Marine Law Enforcement Coordinator  
Boating Program *HH*

THROUGH: Sherri Sweeney, Boating Program *Shew*

SUBJECT: *Detection of Vessel Operators Under the Influence* (Formerly CJTC 6650)  
May 19, 20, 21, 2015 - Ellensburg, WA

Washington State Parks will conduct a 3 day *Detection of Vessel Operators Under the Influence Training* on May 19, 20, and 21 in Ellensburg, WA in cooperation with the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office. The training will be held at the Kittitas Valley Event Center, \*901 East 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1 (\*New Address), Ellensburg WA 98926, (509) 962-7639. This training prepares officers to detect and evaluate vessel operators suspected of being under the influence of alcohol.

The curriculum for the training course is recognized by the Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission (formerly CJTC 6650). The prerequisite for attendance is the completion of *Basic Marine Law Enforcement* or equivalent. The course is 24 hours of instruction consisting of classroom lecture from 8am to 5pm on Tuesday, 8am to 9:30pm on Wednesday, and Thursday, from 8am to 12 noon. Wednesday's evening session is a 'wet lab' to practice SFSTs on volunteers. To receive a Certificate of Completion, participants must attend all blocks of instruction. There is no fee to attend and there are no activities on the water.

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) announced in the fall of 2011 that new Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) for the seated position were validated by the Southern California Research Institute (SCRI). SCRI started the three-year study in 2007 to establish and validate a battery of seated SFSTs suitable for the marine environment. This is the same scientific research firm that was involved in the original development of roadside field sobriety tests from 1975-1981.

The course teaches new seated SFSTs that are now included in all NASBLA three-day boating under the influence courses offered since the fall of 2011. The instructors for the Washington course have been trained by NASBLA in the application of the new seated SFSTs.

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A primary goal of the State's Boating Program and the U.S Coast Guard's *National Recreational Boating Safety Strategic Plan* is to reduce the number of alcohol related fatal accidents and operators on the water under the influence. In 2013, about 18% of the boating accidents resulting in a fatality had indicators that alcohol was a contributing factor.

Please use the attached application form to register and send directly to Washington State Parks. No on-line registration is available for the training at this time. **Do not send applications to CJTC.** Fax to (360) 586-6603 or mail to:

Washington State Parks  
ATTN: Boating Program  
P.O. Box 42650  
Olympia, WA 98504

For questions, including those regarding registration, contact either Sherri Sweeney at (360) 902-8845 or [sherri.sweeney@parks.wa.gov](mailto:sherri.sweeney@parks.wa.gov) or Cheri Peel at (360) 902-8846 or [cheri.peel@parks.wa.gov](mailto:cheri.peel@parks.wa.gov). Please distribute this memo to personnel in your agency marine services unit.

There are several lodging locations in the Ellensburg area to choose from. Suggested hotels are:

Quality Inn and Conference Center  
1700 Canyon Road  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
(509) 925-9800

Holiday Inn Express  
1620 South Canyon Road  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
(509) 962-9400

Best Western Lincoln and Suites  
211 West Umptanum Road  
Ellensburg, WA 98926  
(509) 925-4244

# Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission General Course Application

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY-**Only complete applications will be processed.**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION - Applicant			
Name: Last	First	Middle	
Boater Education Card <b>(Mandatory)</b> Card #	Title/Rank:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Agency:	Agency Phone: / /	Agency Fax: / /	
Agency Address: Street or PO Box, City, State Zip			
Billing address if different than above:			
<span style="color: red;">→ THIS SECTION IS MANDATORY</span> ; Briefly Describe Your Duties and Responsibilities:			
2. COURSE INFORMATION			
Course Title:	Course Number:	Has Applicant Previously Applied for this Course? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Location of Course:	Course Dates:	If Yes, When?	
3. PREREQUISITES			
Does the Above Course have Prerequisites for attendance?		<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <span style="color: red;">(Complete Below)</span>	
<b>PREREQUISITE(S):</b> Completion of (Course Title) <b>Basic Marine Law Enforcement or Equivalent</b>	Date(s):	<b>APPLICANT'S COMPLETION OF PREREQUISITE(S):</b> Location:	
4. Applicant Email Address: (MANDATORY)			
E-MAIL:			
5. APPLICANT PRIORITY (MANDATORY)			
If submitting more than one application for this course, check the priority of <i>THIS</i> applicant (1 being first priority): <span style="color: red;">→</span> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/>			
6. AUTHORIZATION (MANDATORY)		For Commission Use Only	
Training Manager Name/Signature:	Accepted <input type="checkbox"/>	Received <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments:
Email and Phone Number:	Alternate <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved to	
	Denied <input type="checkbox"/>	Cancel Date	
Authorizing Signature/Date:  _____ / _____		<b>RETURN TO: Washington State Parks</b> <b>FAX: (360) 586-6603</b> <b>IMPORTANT: Certificates will be printed as the name is listed on this application.</b> <b>QUESTIONS? Contact : <a href="mailto:Cheri.Peel@parks.wa.gov">Cheri Peel@parks.wa.gov</a> or (360) 902-8846</b>	