



# INLAND BOAT OPERATIONS & MARINE PATROL FUNDAMENTALS (IBO-MPF) TRAIN the TRAINER COURSE OUTLINE

## Course Overview

In accordance with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Program, the following outline provides a framework for **consistent training** of **inland** marine patrol officers nationwide. The operational emphasis of the training encompasses **solo officers in small boats**. This NASBLA course is developed to Train the Trainer in core competencies and best practices. The trainer then supplements core course material to include state-specific content and agency requirements. Additional modules can be added by the trainer as needed to address additional state and local issues, needs, and situations.

The course is designed to prepare the agency sponsored instructor with the knowledge and skills to replicate the NASBLA delivery of training and use of the curriculum, provided that only the most recent version of the course will be utilized. In addition, this Train the Trainer offering will prepare the professional agency sponsored trainer the skills and knowledge to deliver the NASBLA curriculum within their agency and to their marine law enforcement partners.

The five-day/36-hour course will focus on the basic elements of the Inland Boat Operation and Marine Fundamentals Course. Trainers completing the IBO-MPF Train the Trainer course are provided a basic framework of the knowledge, skills, and evaluation techniques to train others in core competencies and best practices for single officer patrol and response. The course addresses issues associated with solo vessel operation, personal protective gear, communications, preventive maintenance, trailering, launching and retrieving, boat operation, officer safety, vessel stops, and law enforcement techniques.



Trainer Candidates for the IBO-MPF Train the Trainer course are selected by their agency with a prerequisite of either 1) prior completion of a Methods of Instruction course (or equivalent), or 2) agency recognition as an authorized trainer prior to course attendance. This Train the Trainer course is NOT designed for new hires, but rather for Field Training Officers or Agency Instructors wishing to present nationally standardized information on fundamental skills. Course materials include a lesson plan, trainee manual with accompanying slide presentation, practical exercises, videos, and practical assessment based on fifteen checklists covering fundamental skills.

The IBO-MPF Train the Trainer Lesson Plan is presented in eight parts. The introduction module covers administrative considerations for the trainer. The following six modules should be viewed as the “IBO-MPF Course,” to be presented by the successful Trainer-Candidate to state, local, and tribal agency personnel. At the beginning of each module, performance objectives are presented identifying the information, skills, or competencies a successful trainee will be required to demonstrate as a result of this course.

Module	Subject Areas
Intro	<b>Administrative Considerations for the Trainer</b>
1	<b>Personal Protective Equipment and Communications</b>
2	<b>Boat Preparation, Towing, and Retrieval</b>
3	<b>Routine Care and Maintenance</b>
4	<b>Solo Patrol Preparation, Boat Operations, and Use</b>
5	<b>Emergency Response</b>
6	<b>Enforcement Stops and Inspections</b>
Conclude	<b>Additional Considerations</b>

## Train The Trainer Prerequisites

Trainer-candidates should be versed in adult learning principles and possess knowledge, skills, and abilities that will allow them to impart course knowledge and skills to students with a varying degree of marine patrol and law enforcement ability. Backgrounds should include such things as:

- Basic Methods of Instructions Course
- Agency sponsored trainer/instructor training and certification
- Police Officer Standard and Training (POST) and/or Criminal Justice Standards and Training (CJSTC) approved Instructor Techniques Training
- Other agency approved training or experience that prepares the trainer to impart knowledge to students.

Trainer-candidates must also have a basic understanding and skill set related to boat operations, boating safety including a state boating education certificate, and law enforcement and its applicability to the marine patrol function.

## Elements Not Covered in this Course

The following elements will not be covered, but are necessary to fully participate as an instructor in this course: Third party *certification in First Aid, Adult, Child and Infant CPR.*

## Course Goal

The Trainer-Candidate will demonstrate proficiency and understanding to fully implement an Inland Boat Operation and Marine Patrol Fundamentals course including BOAT Program administrative information, use of the IBO-MPF Lesson Plan and its components including the trainee manual, course PowerPoint, skill checklists, written examination, course evaluation, and ability to demonstrate, evaluate, coach, and document the fundamental student skills and knowledge needed for inland boat



operation and marine patrol. The course is designed to provide federal, state, county, local and tribal marine law enforcement Trainers a nationally-endorsed framework for effective delivery and presentation of information and skills to operate marine patrol vessels in a solo capacity.



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The Inland Boat Operations and Marine Fundamentals Course and the Train the Trainer component, as part of the entire Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Program, establishes a national standard of training, qualification, credentialing and typing of marine law enforcement officers and emergency first responders, enhancing the maritime safety and response capabilities throughout the country.

## Method of Delivery

The course is exportable and delivered to the location of the host agency, provided the host can assure adequate classroom facilities, appropriate vessels, and a suitable underway operations and mooring area close to the classroom. The course is delivered using “team teaching” as the model, where all instructors are engaged in every module within the course, providing the students multiple views and experiences to support and enhance learning.

## Criteria Performance Standard

The trainer candidate will demonstrate proficiency of each of the subject areas outlined in the course modules through a compilation of measures, including verification of course pre-requisites, pre-assigned and impromptu Trainer-Candidate presentations, objective testing, scenario review, class discussion, practical activities, and skill assessments.

## Course Structure

This course consists of instructor lecture, aided by slide presentations, class interaction, practical exercises, and skills assessments. The instructor will emphasize student interaction and discussion throughout the course to ensure that the information taught is being understood and can be applied in a real-world environment. Trainer-candidates provide “teach-backs” during the course as practical exercises.



## Class Size/Student to Instructor Ratio

The minimum class size is 12 students, the maximum number is 18, with a maximum of 3 students per instructor for each class (3 to 1 Trainer-Candidate to Instructor Ratio) and one vessel for every 2-3 students (depending on vessel size).

## Course Requirements

Students will be required to bring appropriate foul weather gear for the area and time of training, appropriate personal flotation device for the environment at the time of training with consideration of the air and water temperature, and appropriate clothing to conduct exercises during the week. Additionally, agencies and departments will be required to provide a vessel for the students that will be attending (ideal ratio of one vessel for every 2-3 Trainer-Candidates) in order for them to learn how to apply the skills on the vessels they will be operating in their area of responsibility.



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## Facility Requirements

In order to deliver the course, a classroom area is required with tables seating up to 30 people. Additionally, the classroom will require a projector, a screen, a whiteboard and/or easel boards with paper, writing instruments, power cords, sound speakers, bathroom facilities. A ramp with available driving/parking area and dock space for vessels is needed within proximity to the classroom.

## Materials Provided

Each Trainer-Candidate will be provided a “IBO-MPF Trainee Manual and Checklists,” access to PowerPoint slides. “IBO-MPF Lesson Plan and Worksheets,” and additional reference material to use for Trainer-Candidate presentations and future application. In addition, the Trainer-Candidate will be provided with electronic versions all materials, including future updates, to support ongoing delivery of the course to their agency.

Within 30 days of course completion, Trainee-Candidates will be provided an electronic course completion certificate from NASBLA’s Headquarters in Lexington, KY and will be entered into a national database of trained IBO-MPF Train the Trainer officers. Each student will be required to annually complete a Use of Course Material Contract with NASBLA in order to deliver the IBO-MPF course, and report annually to NASBLA the number of officers trained IAW NASBLA’s Use of Curriculum Policy (NASBLA Policy 4).



## Course Cost

The fee for the five-day/36-hour course is \$36,000 for up to 18 students, and covers all instructor costs (travel, per diem, fees, etc.) administrative costs (certificates, database entry, etc.) and materials (trainee handbooks, lesson plans, checklists, practical exercise materials, etc.). Courses under 18 students will be quoted on a case-by-case basis with a minimum of 12 students. Note that payment or an appropriate purchase order is required 45 days prior to the convening date of the class in order to conduct the necessary planning and logistics coordination needed to deliver the course on the desired date.

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