



# BASIC MARINE INVESTIGATIONS TRAINING SEMINAR

IAMI and NASBLA present a two-day Marine Investigations Training Seminar focused on practical, real-world investigative skills.

This program combines classroom instruction with hands-on experience to strengthen foundational marine investigation techniques, including a live burn exercise conducted on-site. Designed for marine investigators, boating safety professionals, law enforcement, insurance representatives, and other marine industry professionals.

## Day 1: Boating Incident Investigation

Learn the fundamentals of investigating vessel collisions and boating incidents, including evidence identification, damage and injury assessment, and cause determination.

## Day 2: Marine Fire Investigation

Introduction to marine fire origin and cause investigations, fire-related evidence recognition, and indicators of incendiary fires, including a live burn demonstration.



## Important Facts:

- Cost: \$350
- Dates: April 22–23, 2026
- Schedule: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day
- Lunch is provided
- Complete details available on the IAMI and NASBLA websites.



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# DAY 1: BASIC BOATING INCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

It is late and you are dispatched to a two-vessel collision. What steps do you take to conduct a thorough and defensible investigation?

This full-day program provides both new and experienced boating incident investigators with the foundational principles needed to properly investigate vessel collisions and determine contributing factors.

Participants will learn what evidence should be identified, documented, and analyzed, while gaining a clear understanding of the ten essential steps of a boating incident investigation. Instruction also covers damage assessment, injury assessment, and methods for determining the cause of the incident.

## Instructed by:

- **Shawn Elmore**  
Georgia DNR
- **Mike Neal**  
WI Marine Conservation Warden (RET)



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# DAY 2: BASIC MARINE ARSON INVESTIGATIONS

You arrive on scene at a vessel fire after suppression operations are complete. What indicators remain, and how do you begin determining the origin and cause?

This full-day marine fire investigation course focuses on recognizing characteristics associated with arson-related marine fires. Topics include awareness of basic origin and cause investigations, evidence identification and preservation, tips for identifying potential incendiary fires, and when to contact specialized resources to aid them in reaching a successful cause determination.

The course also includes a live burn demonstration involving an incendiary fire, offering practical insight into fire behavior and investigative considerations in a controlled marine setting.

## Instructed by :

- **Glen Lawson**  
**Southern Forensic Services LLC**
- **Bob Collins**  
**Marine Fire Investigations and Consulting**



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