



Boating Under the Influence Detection and Enforcement Essentials Course

Course Overview

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) has been conducting Boating Under the Influence (BUI) courses since 2004. Statistics from the U.S. Coast Guard show that the percentage of boating accidents, injuries and fatalities caused by alcohol - those in which alcohol was reported as a contributing factor -- has remained constant over the past several years. Along with promoting greater awareness of the dangers of drinking and boating, NASBLA believes that the best way to reduce BUI is to strengthen law enforcement capabilities on the water. With that in mind, NASBLA has worked with its state and federal members/partners in the development of the BUI training courses.



NASBLA's Boating Under the Influence Detection and Enforcement Essentials course is a 14-hour course designed for law enforcement officers who are new to enforcing BUI Laws and have already received training in DUI enforcement and the standing SFSTs. This course properly equips new maritime law enforcement officers with the knowledge and tools needed to be effective at BUI enforcement. The course will focus on the following areas:

Section	Subject Area
A	Course Intro
B	Detection Phases
C	Review of concepts and principles of HGN
D	Research and validation of seated battery of standardized field sobriety tests (SFSTs) and Legal
E	The seated battery of SFSTs
F	Demonstrations and student practice of the seated battery of SFSTs
G	Evaluation of test subjects; alcohol workshop video
H	Logistical issues in BUI enforcement
I	Evaluation of test subjects; live alcohol workshop
J	Processing the arrested subject and preparation for trial

Method of Delivery

NASBLA has developed an exportable training team that will deliver this course of study anywhere in the continental United States. Delivery of this course outside of the continental U.S. will require a modified tuition cost to cover the added cost of travel for NASBLA Instructors.



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The Boating Under the Influence Detection and Enforcement course is delivered in a classroom environment and upon request for this training classroom specification will be provided by NASBLA. Providing the classroom facility will be the responsibility of the host agency requesting training. The course is delivered using team teaching so that students get multiple views and experiences to support and enhance the learning environment.

Criteria Performance Standard

Upon completion of this course the student will have a thorough understanding of BUI case law and the legal environment, SFST development and validation, HGN principles and practical application of the seated and standing battery of SFSTs. A compilation of performance measures will be used, including scenario review, class discussion, practical activities and objective testing.

Target Audience

The class is designed for marine law enforcement officers and officials from federal, state, county, local and tribal agencies who wish to gain baseline knowledge in BUI Detection and Enforcement and have already received training in DUI enforcement and standing SFSTs.

Course Structure

The course consists of instructor lecture; aided by PowerPoint presentations, class interaction, practical exercises (wet lab) and written examinations. The instructors will emphasize the importance of class interaction to ensure that all students understand the real-world implications of the body of knowledge.

Class Size / Student to Instructor Ratio

Class size is variable, with a minimum class size of 15, maximum of 30. NASBLA will provide two instructors for the 15 person course and 3 instructors for the 30 person course to assure a proper student to instructor ratio.

Course Requirements

Students are advised that dress is business casual, unless otherwise directed by their agency. Students are advised that firearms and other weapons are strongly discouraged during the live alcohol workshop portion of the course.





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Facility Requirements

In order to deliver this course, a classroom area will be provided by the host agency that will seat the anticipated number of students at tables set up classroom style. Additionally, the class requires a projector screen, a whiteboard or easel board with paper and appropriate markers, access to restrooms, a secure area for live alcohol workshop subject drinkers, and an area large enough to accommodate four (4) to eight (8) testing and evaluation areas to help minimize disruption to the teams evaluating the drinking subjects. Finally, the host agency is expected to solicit an appropriate number of drinking subjects depending upon class size (usually one drinker per three to five students).

Materials Provided

Each student will take home a student manual/handbook. Within 30 days of course completion, students will be provided a certificate of NASBLA's National Headquarters in Lexington, KY and will be entered into a national database of trained BUI enforcement officers.

Course Cost

The cost for the two day, 15 person course is \$9,000. The cost for the two day, 30 person course is \$13,000. Student tuition covers all instructor costs (travel, per diem, fees, etc.) administrative costs (certificates, database entry, etc.) and materials (student handbooks, practical exercise materials – “wet lab”, etc.) This course has a minimum requirement of 15 students.

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