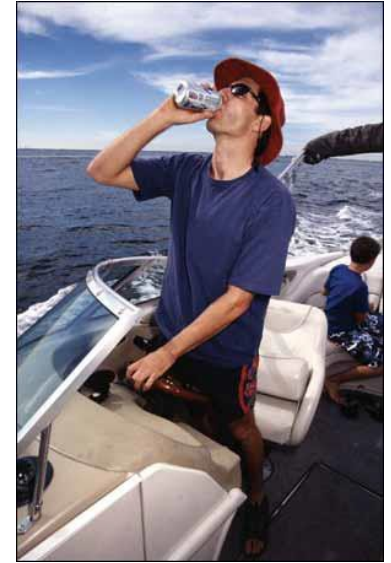




Boating Under the Influence Seated Battery Transition Training Course

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.



Officers, who have been previously trained in the use of the “Afloat Standardized Field Sobriety Tests” (SFSTs) through NASBLA, now have the opportunity to transition that training and knowledge to the “Seated Battery of SFSTs.”

This new testing protocol allows the marine officer the advantage of conducting sobriety tests while still out on the water with a validated degree of certainty. No longer is it necessary to detain suspected intoxicated boat operators and take them ashore to conduct conventional “standing SFSTs.”

NASBLA's Boating Under the Influence 1-Day Seated Battery Transition (BUI-01) course is an 8-hour course and will focus on the following areas:

Section	Subject Area
A	Review of horizontal gaze nystagmus
B	Validation of the SFSTs, including the seated battery
C	Administrative procedures for administering and evaluating the seated battery of SFSTs
D	Demonstrations and student practice of the seated battery of SFSTs
E	Evaluation of test subjects; alcohol workshop video
F	Student proficiency exam and check-off

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. 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.



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Criteria Performance Standard

Upon completion of this course the student will have a thorough understanding and transition to the seated SFSTs. A compilation of performance measures will be used, including scenario review, class discussion, 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 have received previous NASBLA BUI instruction and now wish to gain knowledge and application skills in the utilization of the “seated battery of SFSTs” in BUI detection and enforcement.



Course Structure

The course consists of instructor lecture, aided by PowerPoint presentations, class interaction, and examination of wet lab video establishing evaluation criteria. 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 10, maximum of 30. NASBLA will provide one instructor for class sizes up to 10 students. Additional instructors will be provided to maintain a 1/10 instructor ratio. For classes larger than 20 the host agency will be asked to provide logistical assistants to support student evaluations. (typically logistical assistants are officers who have been previously trained to teach the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests.)

Course Requirements

Students are advised that dress is business casual, unless otherwise directed by their agency.

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 and access to restrooms.



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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 to the seated SFSTs.

Course Cost

The cost for the one day, 10 person course is \$5,500. The cost for the one day, 30 person course is \$8,000. Student tuition covers all instructor costs (travel, per diem, fees, etc.) administrative costs (certificates, database entry, etc.) and materials (student handbooks.) Minimum class size is 10 students.



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