



Minutes of the NOAA Small Boat Safety Board Meeting August 10, 2008 Via Teleconference



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Date: Monday, August 10, 2008

Time: 10:00 (PT)

Board members present:

- Mark Miller, Small Boat Program Manager
- Dennis Thaute, OLE
- Wayne Hoggard, NMFS
- Dennis Donahue, OAR
- John Humphrey, OMAO
- Craig Gillis SECO

Board members absent:

- Chad Yoshinaga, NMFS (PI Region)
- Jack Burkes
- Dana Wilkes

Technical advisor present:

- Doug Smith, OMAO Safety

Contractors present:

- Rich Softye, BMT Designers and Planners, Inc.

Agenda Items discussed:

- a. LCDR Miller headed up a discussion regarding the equivalent courses to the currently accepted Basic Skills and Seamanship course taught by the USCG Auxiliary.
 - i. All of the following listed courses were accepted by the SBSB as equivalent courses:
 1. NOAA Commissioned Corps – Basic Officer Training Class (4 Months)
 2. Any USCG Deck License course
 3. Federal Law Enforcement Small Boat Training – IBOT, MLETP or BOAT <http://www.flete.gov/training/programs/driver-and-marine-division/marine-branch/>
 4. STCW Fast Rescue Boat (FRB) AND
 - a. US Merchant Marine Able-Bodied Seaman rating OR
 - b. A 2 days minimum, in person, NASBLA approved course
 5. Department Of Interior (3-5 days) Motorboat Operator certification Course (DOI-MOCC)
 6. Chapman – Basic Power Boating (5 days) <http://www.chapman.org/training-programs/cpc1000.html>
 7. Clatsop Community College/MERTS (4 days) -



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- ii. The following courses need follow-up:
 - 1. Alaska Marine Safety Education (AMSEA) – (3 day) LCDR Miller will check to see if they adequately cover navigation and rules of the road in their curriculum
 - 2. Boatwise – Wayne Hoggard will inquire about a curriculum and will study further and present to the next SBSB meeting for approval.
 - 3. America's Boating Course – Need someone to take the course and evaluate it.
 - 4. Power Squadron - Do they have a 2.5 - 3 day BS&S equiv course?

- b. LCDR Miller proposed that LT Daniel Price be recognized by this board as an SBEX Inspector. All voted positive. The process is as followed (from previous minutes)
 - 1. American Boating and Yachting Council Certificate. This training consists of completion of a 2 week qualification course.
 - 2. Presentation of a resume to the SBSB.
 - 3. Requirement to have at least 5 years of professional technical experience with small boats.
 - 4. The above information will need to be submitted to the SBSB.
 - 5. After review, the SBSB will send a letter of qualification to the applicant. It is estimated that approximately 10 to 20 individuals will be authorized in this manner.

- c. LCDR Miller made some personnel announcements:
 - i. LT Chad Cary will be acting as first XO of the Small Boat Program from September until Early 2009
 - ii. LT Mike Levine will start as permanent XO of the Small Boat Program starting September 2009 for a 3 year tour of duty.
 - iii. An FTE is not available to civilianize the Small Boat Program Manager position, however a O-5 position will be made available to fill it.
 - iv. LCDR Bill Mowitt will be conducting an SRV study in September. The SRV study is being conducted to determine if SRVs can efficiently supplement the NOAA ships by doing some of their near-shore work.
 - v. LCDR Miller is is scheduled to depart in the spring of 2009.
 - vi. Ken Langert will be replaced with a Small Boat Inspection Coordinator to possibly be assigned to the Small Boat Program Seattle office to conduct small boat inspections as well as ship inspections for Fleet Inspection Office. This will save travel funding for both FIO and the SBP

- d. LCDR Miller is still working on freeing up a space for the Small Boat Program Small Boat Center. An inquiry was made of another space with USGS in Seattle. It was deemed unsuitable and unavailable.

- e. A future meeting for the entire board to meet face to face is preferably scheduled in conjunction with a work boat show. Several shows were mentioned. LCDR Miller will research the best boat show(s) based on location and economics.

- f. The next SBSB conference call meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 18, 2008.

- g. This meeting was adjourned at 1100 PST.