WASHINGTON STATE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
2017 *BASIC MARINE LAW ENFORCEMENT* TRAINING COURSE
Foss Waterway Seaport Tacoma, WA

Review this information before attending this training course.

REGISTRATION:
Officers will need to register with both WSPRC and NASBLA. To register with NASBLA, go to the following link. www.nasbla.org/washingtonparks.

WHEN & WHERE:
The curriculum for the Basic Marine Law Enforcement (BMLE) training course covers five days and is about 44 hours in length. It includes three evening classes. Attendance is required at all blocks of instruction to receive a Certificate of Completion. Plan to arrive on Sunday, May 14, by 3:00 PM. The course is scheduled to end at 3 PM Friday. Class begins at 8:00 AM on Monday in the Foss Waterway Seaport Classroom, Tacoma. Activities will be at Commencement Bay.

Preferred lodging is the Best Western Plus Tacoma Dome Hotel, 2611 East E Street, Tacoma, (253) 272-7737. **Please note that hotel reservations will only be accepted until April 29th at the special group rate.** When reserving your room, please be sure to ask for the **"BASIC MARINE LAW ENFORCEMENT #2 BLOCK"** to ensure you receive the special group rate. Rooms are priced at the state government per diem rate of $120.00 per night plus tax/tourism fees. The lodging and meals are your responsibility.

WHAT TO BRING:

1. PROOF OF COMPLETION OF AN ACCREDITED BOATING EDUCATION COURSE. All attendees must complete a 'NASBLA' recognized boating education course ***in advance***. If you have already completed a course or have a mandatory Boater Education Card, bring it to show proof of completion. If not, then you must complete a course either on-line (www.boatus.org) or using our *ADVENTURES IN BOATING (AIB)* home study course. Contact us at 360-902-8846 to request course materials.

   You will not receive a Boater Education Card after completion of this course. You are exempt from the card requirements when operating a patrol boat on official business, but you may be required to carry it when operating other recreational boats.

PATROL VESSEL – The vessel operation skills taught are essential for students to successfully demonstrate proficiency and meet course objectives. **You are required to bring a vessel in order to participate in the exercises and scenarios and must confirm with State Parks that you are bringing a patrol vessel to the course by contacting Cheri Peel at 360-902-8846 prior to the start date or complete the attached Student Vessel List and return to Ms. Peel.**

It is recommended that boats be driven to and from the secured training location, Foss Waterway Seaport "A" Dock, 705 Dock Street, Tacoma, 98402. Trailers are to be parked at the Foss Waterway Seaport Offices, 459A East 15th Street, Tacoma, 98421. Parking spaces are minimal and will be unsecured. Launchings will be from Point Defiance Marina, 5912 North Waterfront Drive, Tacoma 98407. Information is attached.

Vessel Pre-Check – **BEFORE** arriving at the course you must take time to make sure your patrol vessel is ready for operation. It should be tuned-up and taken on a "shakedown" cruise. Vessels must be equipped with all required equipment under state regulations: lifejackets, fire extinguishers, sounding device, ventilation blower, working navigation lights, and for inboard engines, a secure, clean flame arrestor. Each vessel must have 5-7 mooring lines (15' minimum length), fenders, and a tow line (min. 100' long). Patrol vessels are required to be identified with flashing blue lights under state & federal regulations. Light bars from land units with red & white lights do not comply with the regulations and are not legal. **Do not bring a vessel without flashing blue lights.**
Inspection of Patrol Vessels - Instructors will conduct a written inspection of each agency patrol vessel before

use at the course covering safety equipment, mechanical systems, and fittings. Vessel deficiencies will be reported to the officer and State Parks will contact the program supervisor to correct deficiencies. Vessels that are a safety hazard or put participants at risk will be unacceptable for use until corrected. The costs of correcting deficiencies will be the responsibility of the agency providing the vessel.

3. PERSONAL GEAR - You must bring the following personal equipment:
- A wearable lifejacket also called a 'personal flotation device' or PFD -- Bring the agency issued life jacket you will use when working on your patrol boat. *IT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING INSTRUCTORS, TO WEAR A LIFE JACKET DURING ALL COURSE EXERCISES WHEN ON THE WATER IN A VESSEL AND WHEN ON DOCKS.* Manual and auto inflatable Type III lifejackets are acceptable under Labor & Industry standards when the label reads "Commercial Use".
- Pens/pencils and notepad. A student manual in a 3-ring binder for course handouts is supplied.
- Raingear, hat, sunglasses w/strap, sunblock, and lip balm. Deck or tennis shoes w/non-skid soles are recommended when on the boats. Outside exercises will be conducted in all but severe weather conditions.
- Bathing suit, towel, and agency-issue Personal Flotation Device, for the 2-hour pool session. Also bring a long sleeve button-up cotton shirt, long cotton pants, tennis shoes (no flip flops), duty belt and body armor (*ALL MUST BE CLEAN*). All will get wet. Change into your suit before leaving the hotel and carry gear into the pool area.
- Optional equipment: binoculars and a gear bag will compliment your work on the water.

FUEL/SERVICE – Tacoma Fuel Dock, Inc. The fuel dock takes all major credit cards. Limited mechanical repairs can be done in the Tacoma area. When fuel tanks are topped off during cool weather in western WA, gas will expand and leak in warmer weather. To prevent fuel spills, **DO NOT FILL FUEL TANK MORE THAN ¾ FULL** prior to coming to the course. Officers will be responsible for cleanup and costs for spilled fuel.

CLOTHING – Wear your appropriate marine patrol uniform to class on Monday morning and during all on-water exercises. Dress for the balance of the classroom instruction is casual. Bring a second uniform in case of warm/wet weather. Outside exercises (shore and on-water) will be conducted in all weather conditions except severe weather.

NOTICE: Although instructors will at all times maintain a high degree of care for the safety of all persons attending the course, it must be understood that neither the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission, nor any of the cooperating agencies can or will assume financial responsibility for injuries, illness, or damages suffered as a result of any training received, nor can or will be responsible for any loss to students and their agencies as a result of damage to their equipment and property through fire, theft, neglect, or other causes. Each attendee must understand that participation in this training is at the attendee's own risk.