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**To: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Participants**

**From: James J. Fitzgerald, U.C. Davis, Office of Boating Safety, (707) 875-1933**

**Subject: Motorboat Operator Training Course, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Greetings Boaters,

You are currently enrolled to participate in the upcoming Motorboat Operator Training Course (MOTC) at U.C. Davis, Bodega Marine Laboratory.

**The MOTC is scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and take place through Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Bodega Marine Laboratory Boating Safety Classroom.** Signs will be posted to help you find us.

Please be on time as we have a very busy four days ahead of us, you should expect each day to be a full day of training and we will finish around 5:00 p.m. each day.

*If you discover you will be unable to attend the course, please provide your supervisor and CDFW Training Specialist Jeremy Kauffman with your cancellation as soon as possible so that your spot can be given to an alternate. (916) 928-8336 or [Jeremy.Kauffman@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Kauffman@wildlife.ca.gov)*

You can reach me, James Fitzgerald, at (707) 875-1933; you can also email me at, [jfitzgerald@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jfitzgerald@ucdavis.edu) or [boating@ucdavis.edu](mailto:boating@ucdavis.edu).

**MOTC (Basic):** The MOTC is an entry-level watercraft safety course recognized by the U.S. Department of Interior, and the Scientific Boating Safety Association as a professional standard for boat operator certification on agency small boats. The course includes classroom lectures on boat orientation, required and recommended equipment, aids to navigation, rules of the road, knot tying, risk management and radio protocols. Participants will practice using safety equipment as well as survival and rescue techniques in the pool. The pool temperature will be approximately 60 F, please bring the necessary swimwear and a towel, **wetsuits are strongly encouraged.**

Subsequent days include field lectures, hands on training in boat maneuvering, trailer backing, vessel launch and recovery, fire suppression, visual distress signals, and basic seamanship. The course also covers introductions to anchoring, beaching, and towing.

**MOTC Prerequisites:** Participants must bring and be able to properly wear a personal floatation device (PFD), and be licensed to legally operate a motor vehicle.

Participants will be responsible for their own meals and lodging.

**Meals: We will be eating lunch in the field.** You will need to bring a “Bag Lunch” for each day of class.

**Local Bodega Bay Dining and Lodging:** Lodging reservations in Bodega Bay can be made utilizing the following link. <http://bodegabay.com/> The Bodega Coast Inn does honor the government travel rate, and AAA discounts. There are a number of local dining options in the area; however, breakfast options are limited to a few establishments.

**When and Where:** We will begin class at 8:30 a.m. at the Bodega Marine Laboratory.

***PARKING:*** Please park in the main parking lot; if you are bringing a boat you can park it on the grass along the main drive way or dirt lot across from the main parking lot.

**Clothing & Equipment:** Wear casual work clothing and bring boating attire that is designed to get wet. Cotton clothing is NOT recommended. It is suggested that you bring several layer options to ensure adequate protection from wind, fog, and temperature changes. Participants must bring swimwear/wetsuit and a towel for the pool session, *wetsuits are strongly recommended!* Bring a Type III or V, Coast Guard approved, Personal Flotation Device, (non-inflatable). Sunglasses, sun block, hat and gloves are also recommended. **Please do not plan on wearing any open toed shoes for safety purposes, waterproof boots, or shoes that can get wet are highly recommended.**

The U.C. Davis, **Bodega Marine Lab, (BML)** is located in the town of Bodega Bay, down in the lower harbor proceeding towards Bodega Head at 2099 Westshore Rd. <http://www.bml.ucdavis.edu/maps/areamap.html>



## **Driving Directions:**

**BML from South on Highway 101:** Exit at East Washington Street, downtown Petaluma. Continue on E. Washington through Petaluma, it turns into Bodega Rd. and joins with Highway 1 north, taking you to the coast approximately 25 miles west from Hwy 101. See *in Bodega Bay* below

**BML from North on Highway 101:** Take Highway 12 through Sebastopol; Highway 12 becomes Bodega Ave. in Sebastopol. Proceed west on Bodega Ave. and continue through the town of Bodega, (this is not Bodega Bay). Bodega Ave ends, at Highway 1 past Bodega, turn right onto Highway 1 and follow to Bodega Bay.

**In Bodega Bay:** Continue north on Highway 1 through the town of Bodega Bay. Turn left onto East Shore Rd. just past mile marker 11.00 (at Second Wind Kite store). At the bottom of the hill, turn right at the stop sign onto Bay Flat Road. Continue past Spud Pt. Marina & Westside Park toward Bodega Head.

**The BML entrance** is on the right side after you pass Westside Boat Ramp and Camp Ground. One quarter mile past the BML housing entrance is the main entrance to BML. Please drive slowly and cautiously, on the reserve (25mph), as there are wandering researchers & wildlife on the road.

<http://maps.google.com/maps?oi=map&q=Bodega+Bay,+CA>

Attached you will find a downloadable copy of the MOCC student manual, it is strongly suggested that you review the MOCC/MOTC student manual prior to attending the course. Copies of the student manual will be provided for classroom use.

If you experience any problems or delays while traveling and need to contact me, please use the numbers listed below. We look forward to seeing you all in Bodega Bay.

Sincerely,

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