

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 28, 2019

To: FAU Boating and Diving Researchers

From: Dr. Brian Benscoter
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Re: Updated Training Requirements for FAU Qualified Boat Operators



The Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Diving and Boating Safety Committee (DBSC) is authorized by, and delegated authority by, the FAU Vice President for Research. The principal purpose of the DBSC is to promulgate and administer university policies and procedures with regard to the safety of all scientific diving and boating activities at FAU.

The DBSC wishes to share guidance regarding the training requirements for operation of motorized vessels.

Anyone seeking approval to operate a motorized vessel under the auspices of FAU must (1) successfully complete the Florida Safe Boater Course (or Florida-approved equivalent), (2) successfully complete the U.S. Department of the Interior Motorboat Operator Certification Course (MOCC) and (3) demonstrate operational proficiency in specific boats, based on the research to be conducted. The Florida Safe Boater Course is available free of charge from the following website: <http://boatus.org/florida/>. The MOCC is provided regularly by FAU's Environmental Health and Safety Department free of charge to FAU personnel. Additional training requirements for airboat operators are specified in the FAU Diving and Boating Safety Manual.