

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

2012 Winter Boat Crew Training Academy

Training Progress Report

January 7th : Introduction's, description of what will be required, question and answer period, presentation of materials to trainees, start shore side training.

Tasks covered:

BCM-01-01-AUX thru BCM-01-04-AUX

BCM-02-09-AUX thru BCM-02-13-AUX

BCM-03-01-AUX thru BCM-03-03-AUX

BCM-04-03-AUX thru BCM-04-05-AUX

January 21st: Question/Answer period and review of tasks covered in Jan. 7th class, reviewed the sign off booklets of all trainee's present to see if they completed homework assignment, presentation of new materials through powerpoint and hands on training, continued shore side training.

New Tasks covered:

BCM-02-14-AUX

BCM-07-01-AUX thru BCM-07-03-AUX (procedure's explained)

February 4th: Question/Answer period and review of tasks previously covered in the first two training sessions. Instructors presented new training materials through powerpoint and hands on training. Continued shore side training and started testing trainees on what they have learned to date. Sign-offs were started for trainee's that showed proficiency in Tasks that have been previously demonstrated and practiced. Trainees and an Instructor from Flotilla 04-03 have joined our class.

New Tasks covered:

BCM-05-01-AUX thru BCM-05-02-AUX

February 18th: Question/Answer period and review of tasks previously covered in the first three training sessions. After all questions were answered, Navigation training was started. Instructors introduced the trainees to various charts of the Division 4 AOR (incl: 1210TR), various nautical tools used in plotting, and had trainees plot at least 2 three-leg courses. Trainees were also introduced and instructed on the use of the Time-Speed-Distance formula. After Navigation training, instructors worked with trainees on line work to reinforce what they have learned previously and aid in their retention of the tasks. Sign-offs were started for trainee's that showed proficiency in Tasks that have been previously demonstrated and practiced.

New Tasks covered:

BCM-06-01-AUX thru BCM-06-03-AUX

BCM-06-05-AUX thru BCM-06-07-AUX

March 3rd:

Quizzed trainees on the Phonetic Alphabet by reciting their first & last names. Then held question/answer period and review of tasks previously covered. All questions were answered and the second part of the Navigation training was started. Instructors worked with all trainees on what was covered during the last Navigation class, and additional Navigation training was conducted in how to locate points on a chart by using GPS coordinates and vice versa. In addition basic underway topics and concepts were discussed and reviewed. After navigation training was completed. Instructors worked with trainees and ran them through a “VIRTUAL” Boat Crew Patrol from arrival at the launching area to the end of patrol. This included, Coxswain/Crew/Trainee facility assignments, pre-underway checklist, GAR form, setting up the facility for getting underway, getting underway, watch standing assignments and their duties, radio communications, things encountered during patrols and what to look out for, difference between a heading and a bearing, calling out objects/vessels on the water, anchoring drills, man overboard drills, and securing from patrols for the evening. Tows were not covered during this class due to time restrictions. Some sign-offs were conducted.

New Tasks covered:

BCM-02-01-AUX

BCM-03-04-AUX (discussed/procedure explained)

BCM-04-01-AUX thru BCM-04-02-AUX (procedure explained)

BCM-04-06-AUX thru BCM-04-09-AUX (discussed/procedure explained)

BCM-06-04-AUX

BCM-06-08-AUX (discussed/procedure explained)

BCM-07-06-AUX (discussed/procedure explained)

BCM-07-09-AUX thru BCM-07-12-AUX

March 17th :

Trainees responded to the Somerset Valley YMCA and took part in the boat crew swim test. Trainees were introduced to Coast Guard Auxiliary life jackets (inflatable/inherently buoyant), float coats, and exposure suits. They were put through a varied of tasks and water survival procedures. The Trainees then met at the Hills Clubhouse in Bedminster for continued classroom training. Shore side sign offs continued, as trainees demonstrated proficiency in each task. In addition, towing evolutions were discussed and demonstrated on the white board.

New Tasks Covered:

BCM-02-08-AUX (demonstrated)

BCM-07-04-AUX thru BCM-07-05-AUX (discussed/procedure explained)

BCM-07-07-AUX thru BCM-07-08-AUX (discussed/procedure explained)

March 31st :

Question/Answer period and review of tasks previously covered in earlier training sessions. Instructors worked hands on with trainees to reinforce all tasks previously covered. Continued shore side training and sign-offs. No new tasks covered during this class session. This session used as a catch up day for trainees that missed previous class sessions.

No New Tasks Covered.

April 14th :

Trainees participated and completed training by the American Heart Association in Basic First Aid / CPR / Defibrillator / Epinephrine Pen. All trainees are now certified for a two year period, and will receive personalized certification cards documenting their training. In addition, all first aid tasks in the trainees sign-off books were covered.

New Tasks Covered:

BCM-02-02-AUX thru BCM-02-07-AUX

April 28th: