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CMAST Policy on Boat Use & Safety

1. All new boaters are required to take an on-line boat safety course developed for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (<http://www.boat-ed.com/nc/index.htm>).

This is a web-based course that is self-paced and -directed. This course also complies with the NC Boater education law. The course cost is \$20. Course students must pay for the course, obtain a receipt, and then get reimbursed from CMAST. CMAST can pay for up to 21 new boaters per year.

2. Individual faculty principal investigators (or their designated staff or graduate students) are responsible for providing hands-on training in boat handling and trailering to new boaters.

3. Individual faculty principal investigators are responsible for ensuring that their boat(s) meet U.S. Coast Guard required safety inspections, has an up-to-date first aid kit, and a working VHF radio.

4. Individual faculty principal investigators (or their designated staff or graduate students) are responsible for completing a float plan to identify a specific boat, personnel, location, and assigned "search person". The Float Plan marker board is located on the first floor of CMAST near the loading dock and on the northern wall near the water fountain.

4. A VHF base station has been established in the second floor laboratory of Dr. Jeff Buckel (room 220). The assigned "search person" from the Float Plan is responsible for monitoring the VHF radio as necessary. The VHF channel that CMAST will monitor will be displayed on the Float Plan marker board.

5. Individual faculty principal investigators are strongly encouraged to maintain some type of boat towing insurance (e.g., SeaTow; Boat U.S.) on each of their research vessels.