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*The Lifeguarding Experts*

## BOAT OPERATOR ACCREDITED TRAINING Instructor Clinic Application Form

### PREAMBLE

In response to the alarming number of drowning deaths due to boating accidents, the Canadian Coast Guard has mandated that all pleasure boat operators born after April 1st, 1983 need to hold a Pleasure Craft Operator card. After September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009, everyone who wants to operate a boat with a motor will be required to carry this competency card.

The Lifesaving Society is pleased to present B.O.A.T. (Boat Operator Accredited Training). This new course will offer boaters of all ages the chance to learn basic boating skills, knowledge and attitudes, as well as the rules and regulations in Canada. Candidates will write the Operator Competency Exam and, after obtaining a pass mark (75%), they will be issued the Pleasure Craft Operator card (PCO card).

If you, or anyone that you know, might want to become a B.O.A.T. Instructor; take a moment to fill out the application below. Once we receive your application and registration fee, approval for your attendance at the course will be given, if applicable, and course materials sent to you. Be sure that the candidate for the Instructor clinic meets all of these four pre-requisites. Candidate must have extensive boating experience, must hold a teaching certificate from any organization, must possess a PCO card and must attend the Instructor clinic after completing the pre-course assignment.

### B.O.A.T. FAQ's

**1. I'm not an experienced boater, can I be a B.O.A.T. Instructor?**

NO. Due to the technical nature of the material to be presented in the course, B.O.A.T. Instructors are required to have a minimal technical background in boats and boating safety knowledge.

**2. I want to be a B.O.A.T. Instructor but I don't have a PCO card, where can I get one?**

There are two ways to earn your Pleasure Craft Operator Card. You can take a course and write the associated Coast Guard approved exam (\$60 to \$160). Or, if you feel that you have sufficient boating experience, you may challenge the exam at any approved testing center through any accredited invigilator (generally \$20 in Canada). Please note that you MUST have the PCO card or equivalency to be a B.O.A.T. Instructor.

**3. When are courses and challenge tests being offered in my area?**

For those taking the Instructor Clinic, the challenge exam fee is included in the registration. There will be opportunities to challenge the test at other times throughout the year. Call the Lifesaving Society at 576-1953, e-mail us at [lifeguard@seascape.com](mailto:lifeguard@seascape.com) or visit us at <http://lifesaving.nfld.net> for more information and B.O.A.T. course dates.

**4. I've heard that in other provinces, Instructors are running businesses to teach these courses. Will the same revenue generating opportunity exist in Newfoundland and Labrador?**

**YES!** You will learn how to do this at the B.O.A.T. Instructor clinic.

**5. When can I become a B.O.A.T. Instructor Trainer?**

Once you are an accredited B.O.A.T. Instructor, you will be informed of upcoming clinics and boating news through the BOAT Notes newsletter.

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## Instructor Clinic Application Form

TO APPLY TO BECOME A B.O.A.T. INSTRUCTOR, DETACH THIS PAGE AND RETURN TO:

THE LIFESAVING SOCIETY  
BOX 8065, Station "A"  
St. John's, NF  
A1B 3M9  
Fax: 709-738-1475

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference for teaching ability: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference for boating ability: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe and include copies of the following:

1. Coaching or Instructor certification card (from any society/institution) or proof of instructional competency.

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2. Previous practical boating experience (describe below).

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3. Pleasure Craft Operator card, as described in preamble. \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

4. Complete the pre-course assignment and attend the eight hour B.O.A.T. Instructor Clinic. You will receive your assignment and course text upon your acceptance to the clinic. The assignment involves teaching a section of the B.O.A.T. course at the Instructor Course.