

Motorboat Operator Training Course 2026 Schedule

| MOTC | OWM* | MOITC* |
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| March 23-26, 2026 | April 14-16, 2026 | March 16-20, 2026 |
| June 16-19, 2026 | October 7-9, 2026 | |
| August 25-28, 2026 | | |

*MOTC prerequisite

● Hatfield Marine Science Center
Newport, Oregon

● OSU Rowing Team Facility
Corvallis, Oregon



The Scientific Boating Safety Association (SBSA) Motorboat Operator Training Course (MOTC) is required for all Oregon State University personnel who operate motorized vessels in support of university research, fieldwork, or academic programs. The Open Water Module (OWM) is required for all OSU vessel operators working offshore or in open-water environments.

These courses provide comprehensive instruction through a combination of classroom learning and practical, on-the-water experience. Participants develop the competencies necessary for safe and effective vessel operation across a wide range of aquatic environments. For those seeking advanced qualifications, the Motorboat Operator Instructor Training Course (MOITC) is also available.

Small Boat Program

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* OSU Faculty, staff, and students may be eligible to receive a subsidy to offset a portion of the course costs.

MOTC 2026

- Structured, hands-on training delivered by certified instructors
- Eligibility to earn the Oregon Boater Education Card
- Certifications recognized by USDOL, NOAA, and other SBSA member institutions
- Practical experience applicable to marine research, freshwater field science, and broader maritime career pathways
- Skill development for vessel operation in inland, nearshore and open-water environments



This program is offered by the OSU Small Boat Program and supported by the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Sciences, the Port of Newport, the Hatfield Marine Science Center and by the OSU Athletics Women's Rowing Team.

Scholarship Opportunities

SBSA Student Training Award

Check with your specific department or college for other professional development award opportunities.

