

MEMORANDUM

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To: FAU Boating and Diving Researchers

From: Dr. Dale Gawlik
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Re: Training requirement for operation of motorized vessels

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 who is not currently an FAU-approved boater must (1) successfully complete the U.S. Department of the Interior Motorboat Operator Certification Course (MOCC) and (2) demonstrate operation proficiency in specific boats as determined by the Diving and Boating Safety Officer (DBSO) or designee. Principal Investigators or others seeking to be considered a designee for determining proficiency should contact the DBSO. 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.