

Personal Watercraft Operations
for Open Water Lifeguard

Course #: **FIPT 366A**

Spring **2018**/CRN: **31085**

Units: **.5**

Catalog Course Description: This is a 40-hour introductory level course involving lecture and manipulative training for Open Water Lifeguards aspiring to learn about the Personal Watercraft (PWC). Subject matter ranges from classroom material, such as the history of the PWC and basic terminology, to hands on skills required to crew and operate the PWC. Students will be required to participate in drills involving surf rescue applications of the PWC. To be eligible for this class, students must be employed as an ocean lifeguard, or have a need to operate a PWC in the surf. (FT) Associates Degree Credit.



DATES: Mon. (3/19), Tues. (3/20), Wed. (3/21) & Thurs. (3/22)

TIMES: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Class meets 10 hrs/day with an 1-hour lunch)

LOCATION: 400 C Street/Moonlight Beach* (Specific locations and maps will be distributed on day 1)

*Location subject to change due to weather conditions. Please contact your lead instructor for any changes.

HOURS: Lecture: 16 hours & Lab: 24 hours = Total Course Hours: 40 hours

COURSE COSTS

Tuition/Enrollment Fee (This fee is subject to legislative and gubernatorial action and may change without notice)

CA Resident

\$23.00
(@ \$46/unit)

Non-Resident

\$133.50
(@ \$221/unit+\$46/unit)

Health & Accident Fee

\$19.00

\$19.00

Student Rep Fee

\$1.00

\$1.00

Total CA Res. Cost

\$43.00

\$153.50

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of this course with an overall accuracy of 80% or better, the student will be able to complete the following:

1. Define, list, and recall the basic PWC terminology, laws pertaining to the operation of vessels, registration and equipment requirements, the history of the PWC in open water lifeguarding, the responsibilities of the PWC operator, the responsibilities of the crewperson, in surf rescue applications, inboard jet motor terminology, special equipment, and public relation issues concerning the PWC.
2. Show their proficiency in performing the following procedures as a crewperson and as the operator: perform a pre-operational check, launch the PWC, beach the PWC, routine in surf operations and maneuvers, and perform PWC in surf rescue scenarios.
3. Show their proficiency in performing basic troubleshooting exercises for minor problems.
4. Maintain a log book of time spent as a crewperson and as the operator for the PWC.

REQUIRED TEXT AND SUPPLIES: (text to be provided by instructor)

- Personal Watercraft Field Training Guide, current edition, San Diego Regional Lifeguard Training Program course in safe boating, Department of Boating and Waterways
- ABC 's of California Boating, Department of Boating and Waterways
- Owner's guide of PWC model used: Swim fins, wetsuit, booties, gloves, eye protection, personal flotation device, uniform shirt and swimsuit, and safety helmet

Note: Course will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Class size is limited to 20. Based on the high demand, participating agencies are limited in the number of personnel that may attend. All interested lifeguards must first gain approval from their San Diego Regional Lifeguard Training program agency representative before being accepted.

- To confirm availability and reserve class space, contact Ben Lewis at lewisb@sandiego.gov. If space is available, you will receive an add code which is required for enrollment.
- If you have attended any lifeguard class within the past year, your application should be on file. You can then go to the following website: <https://studentweb.sdccd.edu/reg-e> to register for the class under **Fire Protection Technology>FIPT 366A>CRN # _____**.
- If you have not attended a lifeguard class within the past year, you will need to apply online before you can enroll in the course (<https://applyonline.communitycollege.net/studentappview.cfm>). After you submit the application, you can then go to REG- E to register for the class.