

2013 Marine Academy Requirements and Policies

On behalf of the Ottawa County Sheriff Office and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, I want to welcome you to the 2013 Marine Academy. The academy will be held from Monday, April 22-Friday, April 26, 2013 at the Ottawa County Sheriff Office Headquarters Building at 12220 Fillmore Road, West Olive, Michigan commencing in the Main Conference room. We will be going to Yacht Basin Marina, 1862 Ottawa Beach Rd., Holland, MI 49424 and the Holland Aquatic Center, 550 Maple Ave., Holland, MI 49423 for offsite training during the week.

The Marine Academy is only one week so in order to get the most out of our time we are requiring you to complete the following prior to attending:

1. Read and studied the Marine Safety Act contained in this web site:

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-451-1994-III-4-5>

Once you open the site, you can go to the "Print Friendly Version" on the top of the page to read the laws on line or print them for your reading.

2. Also review the "Administrative Rules" at:

http://www7.dleg.state.mi.us/orr/AdminCode.aspx?AdminCode=Number&Admin_Num=25900201&RngHigh=28103506

Subtitles:

Watercraft Rented to Public, Special Local Watercraft Controls, Regattas and Marine Parades, State Uniform Waterway Marking System, Numbering Of Vessels And Motorboats, Marine Collisions, Accidents, Or Other Casualties, Associated Equipment on Vessels, Watercraft Titling, Vessels Carrying Passengers For Hire

3. Also, study and *complete* the Michigan Boater Education Course. Your department should be able to provide you with the study material for this course.

Dress:

Dress will be "dress casual" which is dress pants and collared shirt for class room activities.

Take along "work-out clothes" for the Officer Safety Training as we will be working on mats.

On the day that we are doing practical boat handling on the water you will have to dress for the weather which can be from hot, cold, wet and/or rainy. Also you will need to bring your own Type II or III PFD.

For the pool training, you will have to have long pants (dress pants work the best as it is similar to your uniform pants) that will get wet as well as a swim suit.

Other Items needed for Training:

You are also required to bring a department sound meter if your department has them. Also you will need a PBT instrument for the PBT class if you are planning on attending that training.

Requirements for graduation:

You are required to attend each and every class unless you have received an excused absence prior to the class from the class facilitator. You are required to pass the exams. Also, remember "early is on time, on time is late".

Exams:

There will be an exam each day on the beginning of the day over the previous days material. There will be a final exam on the last day of class which you must pass for class completion. There will also be an exam at the completion of the Vessel Safety Check as well as possibly other exams throughout the week as required by the instructors.