

The Downtown Sailing Center

Accelerated Safe Powerboat Handling Two-day Course Student Agenda

9 AM - Students arrive and start

9:00 AM - Hard Start - Intros, Agenda overview, Safety & Expectations

9:30 AM - Dockside chat - engine overview and boarding -

9:40 AM - Starting the engine & demonstrating kill switch.

9:50 AM - practice

10:10 AM - diagnosing potential starting problems

10:20 AM - Q&A

10:30 AM - Bathrooms, Water, Sunscreen (BWS)

10:40 AM - Chalk talk - departing & docking; minimum control speed

11 AM - Practice departing and docking

12 Noon - lunch

12:30 PM - Chalk talk - pivot turn & pivot points; review minimum control speed

1 PM - Pivot turns in close quarters; slalom drill

2 PM - Chalk talk - radio usage and channel markers; swamping and how to prevent

2:30 PM - single file out to Fort McHenry

3:10 PM - high speed start, turning, and slowing

4:00 PM - begin return to docks from Fort McHenry

4:40 PM - put boats away and wrap up

9:15 AM - After Day 2 Intros: Slow boat challenge!

10 AM - Chalk talk - high speed turns & emergency stops; POB Racetrack Rescue

10:30 AM - Expectations (review):

10:35 AM - BWS

10:45 AM - Head out to Fort McHenry

11:20 AM - OTW High Speed turns & stops, POB Rescue

12:30 PM - Return to docks

1:10 PM - lunch

1:45 PM - Chalk talk - thunderstorms, fronts, & emergencies; overview of Williamson Turn, Search Patterns, & Anchoring

2:15 PM - Dockside chat of hip towing and stern towing

2:30 PM - Practice hip towing & stern towing

3:30 PM - back to the docks, put boats away and test review

4 PM - test

4:30 Group grading then Certificates!

Total Classroom time: 1hr, 40 min day 1; 2 hr, 15 min day 2 (total = 3 hrs, 55 min *or* 28%)

Total Dockside Time: 1hr day 1; 45 min day 2 (total = 1 hr, 45 min *or* 13%)

Total OTW Practice/Demonstration Time: 4hr, 20 min day 1; 4 hr day 2 (total = 8 hr, 20 min *or* 59%)