

POLICY

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POL- AA2150.02 OPERATING RESEARCH VESSELS

This policy establishes a safe boating program ensuring the safety of operators and scientific personnel aboard academic research vessels at Shannon Point Marine Center (SPMC) and applies to motorized watercraft used for SPMC business (including rental, leased, or personally owned vessels) when employed under the auspices of SPMC.

1. **SPMC Director Administers Boating Safety and Operations Program.**
 - a. SPMC recognizes the benefits of a policy that supports safe boating practices. Boating activities under its auspices shall be conducted in a manner to promote safety and minimize accidental injury or illness and loss or damage to property.
2. **SPMC Director Appoints Boating Safety Officer (BSO).**
3. **BSO Develops and Maintains Boating Safety and Operations Manual.**
 - a. The manual outlines provisions regulating the activities of vessel operators and scientific personnel aboard SPMC research vessel fleet.
 - b. This manual is available in the BSO office at SPMC.
4. **BSO Is Responsible for Day-to-Day Application of Boating Safety and Operations Program.**