Baylor University

Motorized Boat Safety Guidelines

University Boater Safety Guidance:

Baylor Policy "Driving on Behalf of Baylor University" states as follows.

Motorized Watercraft

A. Only Eligible Drivers will be allowed to operate University owned/leased motorized watercraft. Additionally, only Eligible Drivers may transport University owned/leased watercraft using University-owned vehicles.

B. All operators of motorized watercrafts will need to complete boater safety training accessible through the Environmental Health and Safety Department (EHS) prior to utilization. Individuals seeking to use Baylor's watercrafts should contact the Campus Safety Manager.

C. Boat maintenance should be documented and up to date prior to each trip.

D. Equipment necessary for Motorized Watercrafts: State of Texas link for requirements:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/boating/required-safety-equipment

What is an eligible motorized watercraft driver for the university?

1. Designated by supervisor to complete the approved driver protocol.
2. Fill out and turn in the Approved Driver Form to the Risk Services Department.
3. Once your driver history has come back and been approved, the Risk Services Department will assign the required computer-based training.
4. The EHS department will assign the required State of Texas boater safety course.
5. Authorized trainer for the department operating the watercraft should conduct and document hands-on driver training.

Safety Protocol motorized watercraft utilized for field operations:

1. Have a redundant reliable means of communication.
2. Let department designee know where you are going:
   - Body of water.
   - Type and serial number of motorized watercraft.
   - Marina you are departing from.
   - Who is taking part in the trip?
   - Departure time and estimated date/time of return.
3. Have a first aid kit, flashlight, water, food and/or snacks and all other required items.

All questions pertaining to Boater Safety should be directed to your supervisor or the EHS Campus Safety Manager.