

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
9:20 AM - Safety and 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
12:45 PM - Chalk talk - pivot turn & pivot points; review minimum control speed
1:15 PM - Pivot turns in close quarters; slalom drill
2:30 PM - Chalk talk - radio usage and channel markers; swamping and how to prevent
3:00 PM - single file out to Fort McHenry
3:30 PM - high speed start, turning, and slowing
4:00 PM - return to docks
4:40 PM - put boats away
4:50 PM - wrap-up
5:00 PM - Instructor puts materials away and checks boats
5:30 PM - head home for the day

9:00 AM - Day 2 Introduction
9:15 AM - 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
3:45 PM - Test review
4 PM - test
4:30 Group grading
5 PM - Congratulations & 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%)

Total time for lunch - 1 hr 50 min.