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“Swiftwater Rescue Boat Operator”

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Potomac Valley Fire Co.
Sharpsburg, MD



This course is designed to introduce students to boat operation on swiftwater. During the course students gain experience reading moving water and operating boats in current. Using both a motor and paddles, students will practice such skills as use and avoidance of hydraulics, ferrying across current, and obstacle navigation will be practiced in Class I and II whitewater. Students then progress to operating both up and down stream in Class III and above whitewater. Other exercises include operation scenarios and multiple boat operations.

Contact hours: 24 hours (0800-1700hrs. each day) location-Potomac River/Harper’s Ferry

Tuition: \$500.00

Prerequisites: Minimum age: 18 years of age- Swiftwater Technician

Personal Equipment: Full wetsuit or drysuit, lightweight water or kayak helmet, US Coast Guard Approved Type III or V lifejacket/PFD, thick-soled water booties or tennis shoes, gloves.

Team Equipment: Inflatable boat (12ft. minimum w/25 hp outboard motor minimum) fuel and paddles. Maximum of 4 students per boat.



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