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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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