

Maritime Safety Queensland

BoatSafe Information Bulletin - 007

Theory Training Requirements

Purpose

This BoatSafe Information Bulletin outlines the use of the BoatSafe Workbook as a theory training tool and not a substitute for the approved methods that must be delivered by all BTPs and undertaken by all students.

Requirements

Situation

Section 9.3 of the *BoatSafe Manual* states that a BTO must comply with the *BoatSafe RMDL Competency Standard* and *BoatSafe PWCL Competency Standard* when developing a BoatSafe course.

The *BoatSafe RMDL Competency Standard* and *BoatSafe PWCL Competency Standard* outline the skills, knowledge and assessment requirements a candidate must attain to obtain a RMDL or PWCL to operate certain powered recreational vessels in Queensland.

Competency Standard requirements

The RMDL and PWCL Competency Standards outline what must be included in the training of each unit, as well as resource requirements that are to be available at a minimum. All BTOs must ensure that their training programs include these requirements, that minimum resource requirements are met and that BTPs are carrying out theory training in accordance with these requirements.

Section 11 of the *BoatSafe Manual* allows for alternative training tools or methods such as on-line delivery for theory components of the standards. Such alternative tools or methods **must** be approved by the department prior to their use.

While the BoatSafe Workbook may be a useful tool in preparing students for the BoatSafe course, Section 11 of the *BoatSafe Manual* states that the use of only the BoatSafe Workbook, as an online training tool or as a substitute in full or as part of an approved BoatSafe training and assessment method is **not** acceptable. The BoatSafe Workbook **must not** be used as a substitute for approved in-class theory training or online training package.

Those BTOs with BTPs found to be not training students in theory components of the course appropriately in all areas before assessing them using the CATs will be issued with a show cause notice or have their authority suspended or cancelled.

Further Information

For further information contact the BoatSafe Team – boatsafe@msq.qld.gov.au