

SMALL VESSEL OPERATOR PROFICIENCY

Program Overview:

The SVOP (Small Vessel Operator Proficiency) Training is a Transport Canada-approved course required for many operators of small commercial vessels in Canada. It allows you to operate certain non-pleasure vessels in near coastal and sheltered waters. Typically required for: Water taxis, Charter boats, Sport fishing boats, Crew boats, Whale watching vessels, Small commercial work boats (up to 5 gross tons), Fishing vessels up to 15 gross tons or 12 metres in length in certain waters.

Training Content:

- Legal Aspects
- Masters Responsibilities
- Terminology
- Vessel Hull Types & Configurations
- Stability
- Propulsion Systems
- Seamanship
- Basic Boat Handling
- Propulsion & Steering
- Manoeuvring Vessel to and from dock
- Marine Weather
- Anchors & Anchoring
- Collision Regulations
- Taking on Fuel
- Navigation Equipment (Radar & GPS)
- Navigation
- Canadian Buoyage Systems
- Emergency Situations
- Search & Rescue Resources
- Pollution Regulations
- International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- Pre Departure Checks
- Checklists
- Trailing a Vessel (optional)
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Course Delivery Method:

One day course. 26 hours (typically 4 days)

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Legal Disclaimer

It is the employer's responsibility to ensure that each of their employees is properly trained. This program provides training of a general nature and may not include the hazards that are unique to your workplace. The intent of this training program is to outline expected industry standards. Employers must always ensure that their workers are properly trained according to the hazards and regulations specific to their workplace and job tasks. LEVAC HEALTH & SAFETY has made every attempt to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the training material that has been provided in this training program.