

## **BOATING SAFETY OFFICER**

### **DEFINITION**

Under supervision, performs law enforcement, crime prevention, boating safety, and education on the waterways of Shasta County, and related work as required.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

This is a seasonal sworn position assigned to Shasta County waterways, normally from April through September each year. Incumbents rotate through various assignments and are expected to learn and perform the full range of duties required.

### **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

For Boating Safety Officer Assignment:

Enforcement of all County, State and Federal laws as they pertain to the marine environment, educate the public on the need to boat safely, conduct investigations of boating and public accidents occurring on or near the water; administer first aid to injured victims; operation of patrol boats; general maintenance of departmental equipment; writing departmental reports.

Patrols assigned areas and answers calls for protection of life and property; conducts preliminary investigations, interviews witnesses, gathers evidence and takes statements in connection with suspected criminal activities; substantiates finding of fact in court; serves warrants; pursues and apprehends suspects and makes arrests; supervises trustees in performance of routine custodial work; transports prisoners; directs boating traffic and enforces boating laws; assists and cooperates with other law enforcement agencies in investigations and arrests; maintains departmental files and records; keeps firearms and other equipment in good working condition; and prepares detailed reports of all activities.

For Boating Safety Officer Mechanic Assignment:

To inspect County boating vessels and equipment to determine corrective action needed; service vehicles by lubricating, changing oil, filling master brake cylinders; inspect, diagnose, and locate mechanical difficulties on vessels and trailer equipment; determine extent of necessary repairs; overhauls, repairs, and adjusts engines and brakes; tunes up engines, replacing ignition parts and cleaning and adjusting carburetors; replace or repair faulty parts, including wheel bearings, clutches, oil seals, exhaust systems, steering mechanisms, and related parts an equipment; repair and replace such components as generators, distributors, relays, lights and switches; install and maintain special equipment on certain vehicles; fabricate and modify parts as necessary; write repair orders, and maintain work, time, and materials records; and periodically perform general Boating Safety Officer duties.

### **EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS**

Any combination of education and experience sufficient to directly demonstrate possession and application of the following:

**Knowledge of:**

For Boating Safety Officer Assignment:

Basic principles and practices of law enforcement; basic laws applicable to the apprehension and treatment of juveniles; care and operation of small firearms and other law enforcement equipment; Shasta Lake, Sacramento River, and related waterways; and care and operation of small power boats; and basic laws of arrest and rules and evidence.

For Boating Safety Officer Mechanic Assignment:

Must have knowledge of tools, equipment, and procedures used in the overhaul, repair, and adjustment of automotive and related power-driven equipment; operating principles of gasoline engines and of mechanical repair of vehicles and marine equipment; record keeping and reporting procedures; and safe work practices.

**Ability to:**

For Boating Safety Officer Assignment:

Learn basic rules and regulations of the Sheriff's Office; make independent decisions while working in the field; analyze situations accurately and adopt effective courses of action; write clear and comprehensive reports and issue warnings and citations for violations of the law; understand and carry out oral and written directions and regulations and departmental policies; establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with fellow employees and the general public; learn to operate communications equipment; ride in a boat for long periods of time, perform moderate physical effort on an intermittent basis and strenuous physical effort on an occasional basis; use small boats in the performance of duties; operate a Sheriff's vehicle and maneuver a boat and trailer; and teach boating safety education in public forums.

For Boating Safety Officer Mechanic Assignment:

If assigned as Mechanic, must also maintain a variety of shop repair records; must have the ability to inspect automotive equipment to locate difficulties and estimate cost and time of repairs; perform a variety of repairs on automotive equipment; and use a variety of tools and equipment with skill.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT**

Possession of a valid California driver license.

Successful completion of the POST Level II course at time of appointment (within one year of appointment if principal duties are as a Boating Safety Officer Mechanic).

Must have current First Aid and C.P.R. Certification.

Must graduate from a 40 hour Marine Enforcement course within one year of appointment.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The physical demands and work environment described here are representative of those that

must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls. The employee frequently is required to sit. The employee is occasionally required to stand; walk; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; and talk or hear.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and is occasionally exposed to risk of electrical shock.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

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