



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

NROTCTUINST 1500.1H
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NROTC UNIT TULANE UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTION 1500.1H

Subj: REGULATIONS FOR THE NROTC UNIT SMALL CRAFT TRAINING PROGRAM

Ref: (a) CNSTCINST 1520.10E, Professional Seamanship Training and the Navy Sail-Training Program.
(b) CNSTCINST 1533.2A, Regulations for Officer Development (ROD) for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps
(c) NROTCUTU Notice 1500, Designation of Sailing Instructor

Encl: (1) NROTC Tulane Boating Regulations

1. Purpose. To promulgate the regulations concerning the use of, and qualification procedures for, the small craft (i.e. Lasers) maintained for sail-training and competition at the Naval ROTC Unit, Tulane University.

2. Cancellation. NROTCUTUINST 1500.1G

3. Background. An objective of the NROTC Program is to train future line officers in shiphandling and small boat seamanship. Use of this unit's Laser sailboats provides invaluable small craft handling experience, which may be readily transferred to larger ships in the Navy. Sail-training provides working knowledge and appreciation of the forces of wind and sea, relative motion, navigation and pilotage, marlinespike seamanship, leadership and teamwork, and maintenance procedures (both preventive and corrective). References (a) and (b) promulgate policies, standards, and guidance for the conduct of sail training by Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) units. Reference (c) designates those officers and midshipmen in the NROTC Unit qualified to perform instructor duties.

4. Applicability. This instruction is applicable to all personnel (staff and midshipmen) attached to the NROTC Unit who utilize the small boats maintained by the Unit. These boats may not be utilized by other personnel without the approval of the Commanding Officer.

5. Action. All personnel participating in the sail training program at NROTC Unit, Tulane University shall comply with the boating regulations and procedures as outlined in enclosure (1), and references (a) and (b).

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Enclosure (1): NROTC Tulane Boating Regulations

1. Levels of Qualifications:

a. Inshore mate (A): Qualified to serve as mate on small sailboat on inland waters.

b. Inshore Skipper (B): Qualified to handle small sailboat on inland waters.

c. Inshore Centerboard Skipper (B): Qualified to handle small centerboard sailboat on inland waters.

d. Higher level of qualification not available in this program.

2. Qualifications of Instructors:

a. All personnel assigned, as instructors should possess a minimum of class "B" rating and have some experience in teaching sailing.

b. Instructors will be nominated by the Unit Sailing Training Officer and approved by the Unit Commanding Officer.

c. Instructors will teach sailing procedures and administer qualification tests. The instructors will forward a list of personnel who have satisfactorily completed the qualification procedure to the Commanding Officer via the Sail Training Officer for approval and formal documentation of those qualifications in OPMIS.

3. Qualification Requirements:

a. Qualified as a third class swimmer or better.

b. Mate "A" candidates must pass a written test consisting of Rules-of-the-Road, command regulations, and emergency procedures for the applicable type boat.

c. Skipper "B" candidates hold a Mate "A" qualification, and must demonstrate their ability to rig, launch, recover a capsized, tack, and jibe a Laser.

d. Passengers must be able to swim at least 100 yards. No small (under age 10) children are allowed aboard any of the Navy boats.

4. Disqualification:

a. The Unit Sailing Officer shall maintain a list of qualified skippers and those who have had their qualifications revoked.

b. Qualifications shall be revoked when, in the judgment of the Unit Sail Training Officer, Executive Officer, or Commanding Officer, and individual has displayed negligence, placed his boat or another boat in a hazardous position, or violated these regulations.

5. General Rules:

a. For each person embarked there must be at least one U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) of Type I, II, III, or IV. These should be checked out at the same time the boat is checked out. The Life Protection Devices must be worn at all times while embarked.

b. Sailing is authorized only between sunrise and sunset.

c. Personnel who utilize the boats shall assist with minor maintenance and cleaning of the boats.

d. Skippers will be liable for any damage caused by their own or their crew's negligence. Any damage or accident shall be reported in writing to the Battalion Commanding Officer at the time the boat is checked-in. A report of circumstances of the damage or accident shall be filed within 24 hours with the Unit Sail Training Officer who shall forward it promptly to the Commanding Officer via the Executive Officer.

6. Safety:

a. Safety is the overriding consideration in the sail training program.

In addition to meeting swim requirements and wearing flotation devices, the following also apply:

(1) A safety boat must be underway on station during training sessions to effect rescue of personnel. This boat must be a small motorboat skippered by a sailing instructor.

(2) To prevent hypothermia, sailing in Lasers will not be permitted in cold water conditions (sum of water and air temperature is less than 120 degrees F) unless participants are wearing wetsuits.

(3) Closed-toed shoes are required at all times to prevent broken toes and cuts.

(4) Violent thunderstorms can develop within minutes in Lake Pontchartrain and produce wind gusts of 50 knots. All boats will be ashore or fully secured before the storm strikes.

(5) A safety brief must be conducted prior to every evolution.

(6) Unit ORM sheet must be completed prior to every sail training evolution and approved by the Commanding Officer.