Diesel Engine, Marine Weather Workshops on Tap in Port Townsend

Washington Sea Grant (WSG), the Jefferson Education Center, the Northwest Maritime Center and Washington State University Jefferson County Extension are cosponsoring two workshops in Port Townsend this April for commercial fishermen and recreational boaters.

The first workshop covers diesel engine troubleshooting and maintenance. Participants will learn to troubleshoot problems in the fuel, lubrication, electrical, cooling, exhaust and drive systems of diesel engines. They will also receive instruction in proper maintenance techniques to prevent the most common problems. A three-cylinder Volvo Penta engine will be used as a demonstration model.

That workshop is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Northwest Maritime Center, 431 Water St., Port Townsend. The fee is $150. Space is limited, so pre-registration is advised.

The marine weather workshop will cover storm structure and avoidance, wave development and growth, other Northwest marine hazards, and where to get weather data and additional weather training.

It’s scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 9-11:30 a.m., at the Northwest Maritime Center. The fee is $25, and pre-registration is advised.

To register or for more information on either workshop, contact WSG Continuing Education Coordinator Sarah Fisken, (206) 543-1225 or sfisken@uw.edu, or Matt Lyons, Jefferson Education Center, (360) 379-4034.

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