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Sea Safety Course for Drill Instructor Certification Offered in Bellingham on May 21

Course will train participants in safety procedures required for operating commercial fishing and charter boats.

Washington Sea Grant, the Port of Bellingham, and Whatcom County Extension are sponsoring a Sea Safety and Survival Drill Instructor Course for commercial fishermen and charter boat operators.

This Coast Guard-approved workshop meets the training requirements of the Commercial Fishing Safety Act and earns participants a drill instructor certification upon completion. Course work includes lectures, hands-on activities, and instruction in the use of safety and survival equipment required for commercial fishing vessels. Participants will learn about emergency procedures and be trained to develop appropriate emergency drills for their own vessels.

When: Thursday, May 21, 2015
8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: Whatcom County Extension
1000 North Forest St., Bellingham, WA

Fee: Admission is free for commercial fishermen (\$100 for other boaters). Because of limited space, pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, contact Sarah Fisken, WSG marine education coordinator at 206.543.1225 or sfisken@u.washington.edu.

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