Miramar College
and
The San Diego Regional Lifeguard Training Program
Presents

COURSE TITLE: **Personal Watercraft Operations** *for the Open Water Lifeguard*
Starts March 12, 2009
UNITS: 1.0 **CRN #07162**

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a 40-hour introductory level course involving lecture and manipulative training for Open Water Lifeguards aspiring to learn about the Personal Watercraft (PWC). Subject matter ranges from classroom material, such as the history of the PWC and basic terminology, to hands on skills required to crew and operate the PWC. Students will be required to participate in drills involving surf rescue applications of the PWC. To be eligible for this class, students must be employed as an ocean lifeguard, or have a need to operate a PWC in the surf. (FT) Associate Degree Credit

Course Dates and Location: **(Specific locations and maps will be distributed on day 1)**

Thursday, March 12, 2009	–	Encinitas City Hall, Poinsettia Room, 505 S. Vulcan Avenue, Encinitas, 92024
Friday, March 13, 2009*	–	Moon Light Beach, 400 'C' Street, 8 a.m. – 6:50 p.m.
Saturday, March 14, 2009*	–	Moon Light Beach, 400 'C' Street, 8 a.m. – 6:50 p.m.
Sunday, March 15, 2009*	–	Moon Light Beach, 400 'C' Street, 8 a.m. – 6:50 p.m.

***Location subject to change due to weather conditions. Please contact your your supervisor for any changes.**

LECTURE HOURS: 16
LAB HOURS: 24
TOTAL COURSE HOURS: **40**

COURSE COSTS: **(This fee is subject to legislative and gubernatorial action and may change without notice)**

Tuition	$20.00	($20.00/unit)
Accident Insurance	16.00	Tuition costs for non-California residents is $179.00/unit, in addition to normal $20.00/unit Tuition and
Total Course Cost	**$36.00**	$15.00 Accident Insurance TOTAL Non-Resident Cost **$215.00**

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Upon completion of this course with an overall accuracy of 80% or better, the student will be able to complete the following:

1. Define, list, and recall the basic PWC terminology, laws pertaining to the operation of vessels, registration and equipment requirements, the history of the PWC in open water lifeguarding, the responsibilities of the PWC operator, the responsibilities of the crewperson, in surf rescue applications, inboard jet motor terminology, special equipment, and public relation issues concerning the PWC.
2. Show their proficiency in performing the following procedures as a crewperson and as the operator: perform a pre-operational check, launch the PWC, beach the PWC, routine in surf operations and maneuvers, and perform PWC in surf rescue scenarios.
3. Show their proficiency in performing basic troubleshooting exercises for minor problems.
4. Maintain a log book of time spent as a crewperson and as the operator for the PWC.

REQUIRED TEXT AND SUPPLIES: (text to be provided by instructor)

Personal Watercraft Field Training Guide, current edition, San Diego Regional Lifeguard Training Program.
California Boating Law, current edition, Department of Boating and Waterways.
ABC's of California Boating, Department of Boating and Waterways.
Owner's guide of PWC model used. Swim fins, wetsuit, booties, gloves, eye protection, personal flotation device, uniform shirt and swimsuit, and safety helmet.

Note: Course will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Class size is limited to 25. Based on the high demand, participating agencies are limited in the number of personnel that may attend. All interested lifeguards must first gain approval from their San Diego Regional Lifeguard Training program agency representative before being accepted.

To reserve class space, contact Lois LaChusa at (619) 221-8844. Course enrollment will be handled on the first day of class. **You must have the exact amount of cash or a check, made payable to Miramar College, in order to be enrolled in this class on the first day. There will be no exceptions.**