

OIL POLLUTION RESPONSE - BEACH SUPERVISOR COURSE



The MCA will provide 6 Beach Supervisor courses in the financial year commencing April 2018. These courses are held at the request of individual or neighbouring authorities at local authority venues. The course aims to provide local authority staff, and other government agency staff, with an overview of the technical approaches to shoreline clean up, as well as the management framework for responding to an oil pollution incident.

Who should attend?

The course is designed for local authority staff and their contractors who have a role to play in supervising and undertaking shoreline clean-up operations.



Course Content

A typical programme for this training will consist of one day in the classroom followed by a one-day practical session.

The topics covered are:

- The Role of Beachmaster
- Local Authority Response
- Problems of Oil Spill Response
- Methods of Response - Booming
- Methods of Response - Inshore Recovery
- Methods of Response - Shoreline Clean-up
- Scenarios
- Health and Safety
- The Management of Oily Waste
- Booming Validation
- Equipment Demonstration
- Beachmaster Exercise.



Course Objectives

On completion of the course delegates should have gained:

- An understanding of response arrangements under local contingency plans and the National Contingency Plan.
- An understanding of the various clean up techniques relevant to the various shorelines.
- Knowledge on the principles of booming and the validation of a booming plan.
- The skills to manage a site and identify the health and safety hazards arising from a clean-up response.
- An awareness of the ecological factors to be considered when carrying out clean up.
- An appreciation of the importance of record keeping and the financial implications.

The course is accredited on behalf of the MCA by the Nautical Institute. Upon completion of the course delegates will receive a course certificate of attendance.



How to request a Beach Supervisor course

Requests for a Beach Supervisor course are welcomed from local authorities individually or collaboratively (preference will be given to joint requests from neighbouring local authorities).

These courses are provided free of charge; however, the local authority must provide the classroom venue and make the domestic arrangements. Total numbers of participants on each course would be expected to be between 30 and 60.

If you need any further information, or wish to request a Beach Supervisor course to be held for your authority please contact:

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