

# SPECIAL BOAT TRAINING COMMAND



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# WHO WE ARE

Special Boat Training Command (SBTC) is a Security Cooperation schoolhouse operating in support of Foreign Security Assistance and Geographic Combatant Commanders' Theater Security Cooperation priorities. Recently re-missioned from the Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School (NAVSCIATTS), SBTC ushers in a new era for the institution that has shaped America's maritime partnerships for more than six decades.

The re-designation strategically aligns the command within Naval Special Warfare Command and reinforces its role as the Navy's premier entity for training international maritime forces. While the name is new, the core purpose remains delivering world-class, hands-on instruction to help partner forces counter today's complex security challenges.

The SBTC purpose is to train and educate Partner Nation Security Force professionals across the tactical, operational, and strategic spectrums through in-residence and Mobile Training Team (MTT) Courses of Instruction (COI). COIs include operations, repairs, sustainment of craft (both riverine and littoral), communications, weapons, small unit tactics, Unmanned Systems, as well as Partner Nation instructor development.

In addition, SBTC has the ability to meet emergent requirements from operational commanders. SBTC's training engagements help develop, shape, and maintain long-term strategic relationships over decades and protect the investment of the United States and our key Partner Nations. To date, we have trained more than 14,400 students from 134 Partner Nations.

# BUILDING PARTNER CAPACITY “TRAIN THE TRAINER” MODEL

SBTC can meet GCC Commanders' and their components' emergent requirements. Start-up cost for emergent SC requirements is reduced due to the resident knowledge the command has built through training engagements, which develop, shape, and maintain long-term strategic relationships over decades.

## **In-Resident Training**

Selected individuals attend in-resident courses that develop operational proficiency and technical knowledge and skills. Students are highly encouraged to attend the follow-on Instructor Development Course (IDC) to become effective instructors, teach their own country students, and reinforce learned skills which supports Building Partner Capacity efforts.

## **Mobile Training Team (MTT) Training**

When able, SBTC deploys in support of Geographic Combatant Commands (GCCs), Theater Special Operations Commands (TSOCs), and Naval Special Warfare Units (NSWUs) Partner Nation in-country engagements.

SBTC specifically tailors courses of instruction within a host nation and utilizes MTTs to provide this training.

Use the following MTT MASL numbers for reference:

All Site Surveys (PDSS) – MASL P309171

All Riverine and Littoral Operations – MASL P309172

All Maintenance Operations – MASL P309173

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# Strategic Leaders International Course (SLIC)

MASL (PI45054)

**Length:** 5 weeks

**Classroom:** 200 hours



The purpose of the Strategic Leaders International Course (SLIC) is to build partner capacity by offering senior military leaders (O5-O7 level) and senior government officials of partner nations new perspectives, methodologies, and opportunities for thinking strategically and for designing strategies that successfully address complex challenges. Strategic Leaders are introduced to methods and processes for Design Thinking, Systems Thinking, and Public Interest Communications and receive instruction from professionals who currently use these methodologies and processes in the public and private sectors.

During the course, Strategic Leaders will apply these methods in hands-on exercises, in various case studies, and in a capstone exercise designed against a current strategic challenge relevant to student countries. This course is best suited for senior leaders interested in exploring leading-edge strategic thinking and in fostering enduring international relationships for a complex world.

# Partner Nation Instructor Program (PNI)

MASL (PI45149)

**Capacity:** Limited - Nominated by Partner Nation  
**Length:** 18 - 24 months



Partner Nation Instructors (PNI) are Junior Officers (O2-O3) or Senior Enlisted (E7-E9) nominated by their own countries to serve 18-24 months at NAVSCIATTS as a guest instructor. PNIs benefit from this opportunity through gaining instructor training qualifications, leadership skills development and working with a highly professional team that trains Foreign Security Force students from around the world.

The PNI is designed for small craft waterborne, small unit tactics, unmanned aerial vehicle, USV or maintenance instructors who will return to their home country with the experience of performing as part of a training staff. The expectation is that the gained experience will enhance their ability to implement changes to training organization processes and programs, understand resource and facility requirements needed to run an effective training facility, develop comprehensive training plans and professionalize curriculum delivery methods.

# Mission Command Course for Operational Leaders (MCCOL)

MASL (P121088 & P319559)

**Length:** 4 weeks & 2 weeks

**Classroom and Practical Application:** 160 hours & 80 hours



The Mission Command Course for Operational Leaders (MCCOL) is designed to foster the concept of Mission Command in qualified leadership personnel. Trainees will demonstrate the core tenets of the Operational Level of War, as they pertain to command responsibility in execution of Joint Maritime Operations. Practical application exercises introduce Command & Control methodologies that are combat proven, while providing a unique setting to nurture international partnerships.

The Final Training Exercise (FTX) employs Rules of Engagement (ROE), Command Authority (Command, Operational and Tactical), and Strategic Intent in battlefield scenarios. Graduates must perform the duties of Operational Headquarters, commanding a tactical mission of combined national forces to achieve operational/strategic results in a Naval environment.

# Unmanned Surface Vessel Operations & Planning (USVOP)

MASL (P121093)

**Length:** 4 weeks

**Classroom and Practical Application:** 160 hours



Unmanned Surface Vessel Operations and Planning (USVOP) is a four-week course of instruction designed to provide Foreign Security Force personnel with the entry level training necessary to plan and conduct operations employing Unmanned Surface Vessel (USV) platforms.

USV operators use Management Software and Equipment, and their knowledge of Maritime and Littoral Operations, Navigation and Emergency Procedures to plan for the integration of USV platforms into maritime operations and execute actions such as maritime domain awareness/ISR, damage assessment, or logistics support.

**This course will begin as a pilot in FY27 with additional offerings in FY28.**

# UAS Operations and Planning (UASOP)

MASL (P119085)

**Length:** 4 weeks

**Classroom and Practical Application:** 160 hours



Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operations and Planning (UASOP) is a four-week course of instruction designed to provide Foreign Security Force personnel with the specialized training necessary to plan and conduct operations employing Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) platforms.

UAS operators use the FalconView flight planning software and their knowledge of flight operations, mission planning, airspace management, and emergency procedures to execute security actions such as target acquisition/development, battle damage assessment, convoy support, and force protection during tactical operations.

# Diesel Systems Overhaul and Maintenance (DSOM)

MASL (PI45907)

**Length:** 8 weeks

**Classroom and Practical Application:** 320  
hours



The Diesel Systems Overhaul and Maintenance (DSOM) course is an eight-week training program specifically designed to equip Foreign Security Force personnel with the essential knowledge and practical skills required to function as proficient diesel engine technicians. This comprehensive curriculum focuses on developing a solid foundation in diesel engine theory while emphasizing hands-on experience with the tools and techniques necessary for effective maintenance and repair.

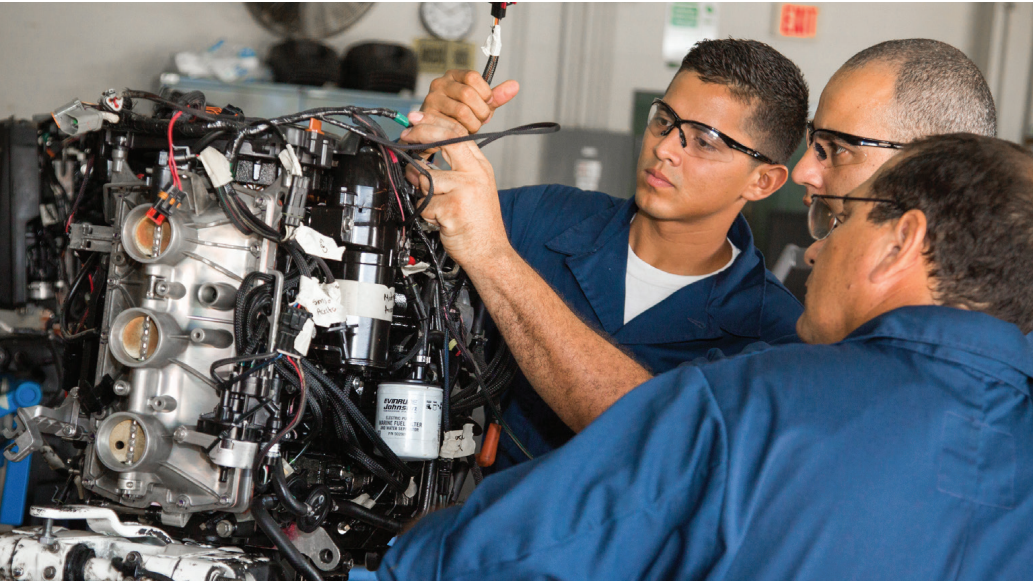
Students will apply their knowledge of diesel engine theory, and proper use of hand tools and precision measuring instruments to safely perform routine preventative maintenance and service repair procedures, such as troubleshooting, disassembly, inspection, repair, and reassembly of diesel engines.

# Outboard Motor Maintenance and Overhaul (OBM)

MASL P145906

**Length:** 8 weeks

**Classroom and Practical Application:** 320 hours



The Outboard Motor Maintenance and Overhaul (OBM) course is an eight-week training course designed to equip Foreign Security Force personnel with the essential knowledge and practical skills needed to perform as outboard motor technicians. This course focuses on the fundamental principles of outboard motor operation, maintenance, troubleshooting, and repair.

Students will gain hands-on experience in diagnosing mechanical issues, conducting routine maintenance, and performing complete overhauls to ensure the reliable operation of outboard motors in various operational environments. By the end of the course, trainees will be well-prepared to support their units by maintaining and repairing outboard motors, which are often critical for mission success in maritime and coastal operations.

# Technical Welding and Applied Repairs (TWAR)

MASL (PI45903)

**Length:** 8 weeks

**Classroom and Practical Application:** 320 hours



Technical Welding and Applied Repairs (TWAR) is an eight-week course of instruction designed to provide Foreign Security Force personnel with the specialized training required to restore the structural integrity of steel, aluminum, and fiberglass hulls and components.

Students will conduct factory-level maintenance and repairs on the Zodiac Combat Rubber Raiding Craft, fiberglass repair on coastal/riverine craft and perform repairs using oxyacetylene cutting, fusion welding, Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) on carbon steel, and Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) on aluminum.

# Instructor Development Course (IDC)

## MASL (PI45905)

**Length:** 2 weeks

**Classroom and Practical Application:** 80 hours



Instructor Development Course (IDC) is a two-week course of instruction designed to provide Foreign Security Force personnel with the training to deliver structured formalized instruction in classroom and laboratory environments.

Students will utilize instructional techniques and theory, practical applications of instructional principles, and evaluation methods to effectively impart subject matter expertise and knowledge. This course is offered to support train-the-trainer models of security cooperation initiatives.

# Patrol Craft Officer Coastal

(PCO-C) MASL (PI4506Z)

**THIS IS A HIGH RISK COURSE.**

**Length: 8 weeks**

**Classroom and Practical Application: 320 hours**



Patrol Craft Officer – Coastal (PCO-C) is an eight-week maritime course of instruction designed to provide Foreign Security Force personnel with specialized training in the employment of small patrol craft for security operations in the coastal environment.

Students will perform mission planning, craft operational checks, coastal navigation using charts and on-board electronic navigation equipment.

Students will also employ crew-served weapons during security patrols, conduct small craft Search and Rescue, and execute vessel board and search operations.

# Patrol Craft Officer Riverine

(PCO-R) MASL (PI45909)  
**THIS IS A HIGH RISK COURSE.**

**Length:** 8 weeks

**Classroom and Practical Application:** 320 hours



Patrol Craft Officer – Riverine (PCO-R) is an eight-week course of instruction designed to provide Foreign Security Force personnel with the training necessary to effectively plan and safely execute patrol craft security actions supporting the interdiction of illicit contraband, counter-narcotic/counter-terrorism operations, and waterborne special operations in riverine environments.

Students will perform mission planning, craft operational checks, and riverine navigation using maps, charts, and on-board electronic navigation equipment. Students will also employ on-board crew-served weapons, conduct security patrols, vessel board and search, and transport ground forces.

# Patrol Craft Advanced Training

**(PCAT)** MASL (PI45152)  
**THIS IS A HIGH RISK COURSE**

**Length:** 5 weeks

**Classroom and Practical Application:** 200 hours

Course offered by request only.



This course is conducted at the unit level and is not intended for individual students or groups of personnel from differing commands within the country's special operations organization.

PCAT is a five-week group-based course of instruction that provides established international military and police maritime special operations units/teams with advanced training in the operation of patrol craft, while conducting riverine special operations missions. Course topics include patrol craft familiarization, patrol boat light (PBL) tactical operations, riverine navigation, launch and recovery site security, dynamic waterborne live-fire range evolutions, immediate actions in response to ambush and the insertion and extraction of ground forces. A scenario driven tactical field exercise conducted under simulated combat conditions will be used to assess the group's proficiency in the course objectives.

# International Tactical Communications Course (ITCC) MASL (PI45000)

**Length:** 5 weeks

**Classroom and Practical Application:** 200 hours



International Tactical Communications Course (ITCC) is a five-week course of instruction designed to provide Foreign Security Force personnel with the knowledge and skills to perform as a radio communicator. Students will utilize the Man-Pack (MP) and Hand Held (HH) radio platforms to successfully conduct High Frequency (HF), Very High Frequency (VHF), and Ultra High-Frequency (UHF) communications in the field.

Employment of portable field communication equipment includes single/multiple channel programming, Frequency Hopping, Automatic Link Establishment (ALE), Third Generation Link Establishment (3G), frequency prediction, antenna selection and construction, Citadel/AES encryption, Computer Programming Application (CPA), communications operations planning, operator level maintenance, and troubleshooting of the radio including ancillary equipment.

# International Small Arms Maintenance (ISAM)

MASL (PI45904)

**Length:** 4 weeks

**Classroom and Practical Application:** 160 hours



International Small Arms Maintenance (ISAM) is a four-week course of instruction designed to provide Foreign Security Force personnel with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform preventive maintenance and repairs to both U.S. and foreign small arms.

Small arms technicians will employ their knowledge of each weapon's specific operational characteristics and nomenclature, as well as inspection and troubleshooting principles to perform operational checks, maintenance, malfunction analysis, and operational repairs.

Additionally, students will be familiarized with the physical inspection and proper mounting technique of associated ancillary items.





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