

# **Drill Conductor Training courses for Great Lakes commercial fishing vessel captains**

## **When and where?**

Michigan Sea Grant, Wisconsin Sea Grant, the Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA) and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission are coordinating two Drill Conductor Training courses.

- July 11, 2017- Bay Mills Resort and Casinos, 11386 W. Lakeshore Drive, Brimley, Mich.
- July 13, 2017- Legendary Waters Resort and Casino, 37600 Onigaming Drive, Red Cliff, Wis.

All Drill Conductor classes run from **8 a.m. to 7 p.m.** and you must register at the Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (<http://www.amsea.org/>) web site to attend one of the Drill Conductor classes. For additional information you can contact Ron Kinnunen (Michigan Sea Grant) at (906) 226-3687 or [kinnune1@msu.edu](mailto:kinnune1@msu.edu) (<mailto:kinnune1@msu.edu>).

## **Who should take the course?**

The commercial fishing vessel operator or captain should be the one to attend a Drill Conductor class. If space is limited, we encourage the operator or captain to be the only participant from the crew. However, if there is room in class, we encourage crew members to participate, too. Most of our classes include both operators and crew.

## **What will those attending learn?**

Commercial fishing vessel operators will learn to conduct drills with their employees including: 1) abandoning vessel, 2) fighting fire in different locations on vessel, 3) recovering an individual from the water, 4) minimizing effects of unintentional flooding, 5) launching survival craft and recovering life boats and rescue boats, 6) donning immersion suits and other wearable floatation devices, 7) making a voice radio distress call and using visual distress signals, 8) activating the general alarm, and 9) reporting inoperative alarm systems and fire detection system.

## **Coarse Certification**

Alaska Marine Safety Education Association certifies that vessel operators completing the course have been trained to meet U.S. Coast Guard (<http://www.uscg.mil/>) regulations related to instruction, drills and safety orientations, and onboard emergency instruction.

## **Training rated 'excellent'**

Last year six classes were conducted in the Great Lakes region. The Drill Conductor Training courses were evaluated by the 77 attendees who rated the training as excellent and indicated the emergency drills on actual vessels helped increase their proficiency should an emergency arise. These courses had representation from commercial fishers from Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, and Erie and also included four U.S. Coast Guard personnel needing the training for their jobs.