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MEMORANDUM
No. 385-1-6

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Safety
ELECTRIC BOAT WATER SAFETY TRAINING

1. Purpose. This memorandum establishes policy and procedures for the use of electric water safety boats.
2. Applicability. The policy applies to all activities under the jurisdiction of the Omaha District.
3. Reference. ER 385-1-91
4. Procedures.
 - a. The boats are to be used solely for the purpose of training the general public in basic water safety awareness. This training may be coordinated with organizations promoting water safety, including the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the American Red Cross.
 - b. The Operation/Lake Managers will have a memorandum in their file designating Corps-Authorized Water Safety Instructors. These personnel will possess current Motorboat Operator Licenses (OF 346).
 - c. The boat carrying capacity shall not exceed 230 pounds. Weight limitations may prevent an instructor from accompanying the trainee in the boat. The Corps instructor or the representative who is assisting the Corps, will be within communicating distance with the trainee in the boat if it is not feasible for either to be in the boat.
 - d. At least one Corps-Authorized Water Safety Instructor will be present during training when the boats are in use to assure safe operation. In the case of inclement weather, the boat training will cease unless the course is moved to an appropriate alternative site.

This memorandum supersedes DM 385-1-6, dated 15 May 1991.

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e. The Corps shall provide an additional motorized craft with Coast Guard Approved safety equipment at the shoreline close to the instruction site for emergencies. Responsible individuals working with the trainees will assure the Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) are securely fastened and worn properly prior to entering the boat.

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