Appendix IV

Recommendations for Trailering Training

Boat and Trailer Combinations Talking Points

1. Discussion of tow vehicle and trailer combinations
   a. Tow vehicle capacity and ratings
   b. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR): Maximum amount of weight of tow vehicle or trailer can handle should not exceed 85% of rating including truck, trailer, boat, gear and passengers
   c. Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR): Maximum weight axle is designed to carry
   d. Hitch/coupler/ ball selection
      i. Make sure all components of tow vehicle are adequate for the trailer being towed. Every item has a capacity and only as strong as weakest component.
   e. Safety Chains: should be criss-crossed under the tongue
   f. Tongue weight
   g. Electrical and wiring
   h. Braking system

2. Recommended practical Skills for Trailer Training.
   a. Safety check and inspections of tow vehicle and trailer
      i. Check tires, wheel bearings, safety chains and straps, look for any damages to trailer
   b. Proper loading of trailer and gear
      i. Ensure load is distributed and secured
   c. Turning and slow speed maneuvering
i. Set up course in parking lot or field, practice turning

d. Controlled braking and stopping
   i. Towing a trailer will increase the stopping distance of a vehicle

e. Backing and parking of trailer
   i. Set up course in parking lot or field, practice backing and parking of trailer

f. On road trailering

g. Launching and retrieval of vessel

h. Post trip inspection