



# 2014

Presenting

## Ocean Rescue Swimmer Class Belize



- *Rescue priorities and safety*
- *Elements of a rescue*
- *Distressed swimmer recognition*
- *Getting help to the victims*
- *Rescue swimmer operations*
- *equipment*
- *Boat operator and crewman responsibilities*
- *Pre-underway checks*
- *Boat operations*
- *Launching and Basic Operation*
- *Beach landing*
- *Ocean/Surf Dynamics*
- *Rescue swimmers equip.*
- *Rescue swimmer operations*
- *Entering the water*
- *Contacting victim*
- *Bringing victim in*



# *Fire Management Consultant International and Robert's Grove Beach Resort*

## **Presenting**

## **Ocean Rescue Swimmer Class**

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*This course will cover basic water rescue skills needed for Surface Water Rescue and Surf Rescue requirements. Motorized Rescue Boat Training will also be conducted to improve boat handling skills in the surf and open water.*

*Class will include information on the aquatic environment, a thorough explanation of the drowning process, how to perform a rescue in the open water environment, use of basic and advanced rescue equipment, medical care of injuries specific to the aquatic environment, search and rescue procedures.*

**May 20, 21, 22 Class starts at 08:00**

### **Location: Where is Robert's Grove and how do I get there?**

**The Inn at Robert's Grove is situated on the Placencia Peninsula, an 18-mile stretch of paradise that is just out from the mainland in southern Belize, where the best beaches in Belize are located.**

**We are 100 miles south of Belize City and the International Airport; five miles from Placencia Village, and a half-mile from the village of Seine Bight. We are two miles from the Placencia airstrip.**





For registration contact Roberts Grove at:  
Tel: 501-523-3565, Toll Free: 800-565-9757  
A 50% room discount will be offered for those attending this conference  
For Master Card and Visa go to: [www.firemanagementconsultant.com](http://www.firemanagementconsultant.com)

## Event Title: Rescue Swimmer

**Cost: \$100 US \$200 Belize**

Contact Phillip Queen at 209-612-8832 or [phill@firemanagementconsultant.com](mailto:phill@firemanagementconsultant.com)  
Registration Deadline: Payment must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
A cancelation fee of \$50 will be charged if canceled after deadline.  
No refunds two weeks prior to conference.

REGISTER ONLINE: [WWW.FIREMANAGEMENTCONSULTANT.COM](http://WWW.FIREMANAGEMENTCONSULTANT.COM)

Prerequisite: Student Must Have Good Swimming Skills  
Registration deadline May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
Late charge of \$50 will be applied for registrations received after deadline date  
Payment must be received in order to secure your registration!  
Cancelations must be received 14 days prior to class start date or fee will be retained



## *The Instructors*

### **Steve Bitto, FMC - Division Chief - Ocean Surf Rescue**



Steve started his Fire Service career as a Vol. Firefighter with San Luis Obispo County Fire Dept. in 1983, where he served for 7 years before being hired full time with Cambria Fire Dept. in 1990. During his 20 year career with Cambria Fire he has served as Training Officer, Fire Prevention Officer, and Fire Investigator. He received his California Fire Officer Certification and was promoted to Captain in 1995. Steve developed and implemented an Ocean Rescue Program for Cambria Fire Department, called North Coast Ocean Rescue (NCOR), in 1994 and the team is still going strong after 16 years. He also assisted with the development of the first ever SLO County Coastal Response Plan, and the SLO County Fire Investigation Strike Team.

Steve is currently a shift Captain with Cambria Fire Dept, a member of SLO County Coastal Response Team, and also the Team Coordinator for NCOR. He is an avid fisherman, surfer, and waterman, and donates his time assisting local surf rescue classes and Jr. Lifeguard Programs.

### **David Glaser, Rescue Operations Training – Instructor**



David Glaser has been employed with the City of Carpinteria for 14 yrs. and currently serves as a Beach Lifeguard Supervisor in charge of the Rookie Lifeguard Training Program. His commitment to Safety is exemplified by his 30 yrs. of service as a Professional Lifeguard on numerous Southern California Beaches along with providing ocean kayak instruction and tour guides.

David's extensive background includes serving as a Harbor Patrol Officer in Ventura, CA for 21 yrs. where he trained fellow Officers by developing and teaching Boat Maneuvering and Rescue Procedures, Marine Fire Fighting, and Personal Watercraft Operations. During such time, David conducted boating accident investigations and became a Qualified Expert Witness facilitating case resolution. David was a certified instructor for DBAW (Department of Boating & Waterways), and for POST where he taught Standards of Training to Officers throughout California. David previously served in the U.S. Coast Guard as a Rescue Boat Operator where he also engaged in high risk contraband detection patrols. David's purpose is to enhance water rescue skills and techniques that will be used to save lives.

# Rescue Swimmer

This course prepares the hospitality industry that provides services in and near the water to be responsible for the safety of its guest and employees.

It introduces key concepts and practices utilized and include discussions about decision making, drowning prevention, rescue, and recovery for those who work and play near the water.

Course Objectives: To provide ocean and open water rescue training for those who may be responsible for rescue services and assistance to those in the hospitality industry.

## Agenda

- Be flexible (dealing with weather and possible mechanical issues)
- Student Safety
- Safety Equipment
- Learn new skills, increase knowledge and confidence, have fun

## Lecture

- Hand signals
- Rescue priorities and safety (risk vs. Gain)
- Distressed swimmer recognition
- Getting help to the victims
- Rescue swimmer operations
- Equipment
- Boat operator and crewman responsibilities
- Pre-underway checks
- Inflatable boat operations
- Launching and Basic Operation
- Beaching & fast landing
- Ocean/Surf Dynamics

## Hands On Training on the beach

- Safety/Hand Signals Review
- Ocean Swim



## Rescue Swimmer Operations

- Rescue swimmer operations
- Rescue tubes
- Entering the water
- Contacting victim
- Bring victim in
- Review: rescue tubes/hand signals
- Rescue paddle boards
- Throw bags
- Pre underway checks
- Obstacle Course - boat handling skills
- Basic towing small objects (kayaks paddleboards etc.)
- Review Rescue paddle boards/hand signals
- Multi victim rescues
- Tethered swimmer
- Working Around Piers/fixed objects
- Injured victims/extractions from water
- Submerged victim retrieval



## Boat Operations

- Operator & crewman responsibilities
- Boat equipment
- Pre underway checks
- Launching
- Basic operations
- Boat Control Drills/ Working around fixed objects
- Victim Pick-ups
- Deploying Rescue Swimmers
- Re-righting Capsized Boats
- Review victim pickups/Throw bags from boat



*If you would like to host this class contacts us at  
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**Perquisites: Students must have good swimming skills**