



## SB – Special Warfare Boat Operator

The Naval Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewman (SWCC) program evolved from the PT boats Sailors of WWII and the “Brown Water Navy” of Viet Nam. They are specially trained to conduct and support Special Operations missions in a maritime environment and work primarily with Naval Special Warfare Sea, Air, and Land Teams (SEAL).

Qualifying for SWCC (SB Rating) in Delayed Entry Program is preferred and accounts for the majority of SWCC applicants in the training pipeline. Candidates may also volunteer for SWCC during basic training at Recruit Training Center (RTC), or at any time during their enlistment prior to their 31st birthday.

NSW/NSO “Dive” Motivators, at RTC, give presentations on the Navy’s NSW/NSO programs, conduct the physical training screening tests, and assist interested Recruits with their applications at RTC.

A more stringent physical examination and medical screening is conducted at RTC. Recruit’s entrance medical examinations will be reviewed and further physical screening tests will be given at RTC and at the Naval Special Warfare Center (SWCC School).

SWCC training is physically and mentally demanding. SWCCs receive extra pay for special duty assignment. Some SWCCs are selected for parachute training in both Static Line and Military Free Fall.

**SWCC Challenge information is available  
In COMNAVCRUITCOMINST 1130.8G  
VOL 1 CHAPTER 4 SECTION 4.**

### What They Do

- Collect information about enemy military installations and shipping traffic in coastal or riverine areas.
- Insert/extract SEALs and other Special Operations personnel from a variety of NSW Boats.
- Operate independently in small units to accomplish operational tasks.
- Operate and maintain weapon systems, communications, electronics, small boats, and other equipment associated with SWCC missions.
- Conduct direct action raids against enemy shipping and waterborne traffic.

### Working Environment

SWCCs perform Special Operations missions from high speed small boats, fixed wing aircraft, helicopters, and Navy ships. They may be exposed to arctic, desert or jungle environments, including survival in enemy controlled areas. They may also perform administrative and foreign training missions in a wide variety of climates throughout the world.

### **Career Path After Recruit Training**

Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of Special Warfare Combatant-Craft operation through formal Navy schooling and on the job training. SWCC candidates attend three phases of training at Coronado, Ca.

School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
Special Warfare Combatant-craft Crewman (SWCC) Indoctrination	Coronado, Ca.	2 weeks	Physical and psychological preparation for Basic SWCC Training (BCT)	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
Basic Crewmember Training (BCT)	Coronado, Ca.	5 weeks	Train, develops and assesses physical conditioning, water competency, basic seamanship, boat handling, teamwork and metal tenacity	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction
Crewman Qualification Training (CQT)	Coronado, Ca.	15 weeks	Trains and qualifies BCT graduates in advanced SWCC core tactical knowledge and skills required for maritime operations	Group instruction, classroom and practical instruction

After completion of Basic SWCC training, graduates are assigned to Special Boat Teams at: Little Creek, VA; Stennis, MS; or Coronado, CA. SWCCs spend 75% of their time assigned to operational Special Boat Teams capable to deploy worldwide and 30% assigned to training/staff commands. Advanced training opportunities include advanced weapons, instructor training, foreign language, engine and boat repair, and parachuting



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## Qualifications and Interests

SWCC candidates should be motivated, self-assured and self-confident, willing to follow orders and able to work under stressful and hazardous conditions. They should be in excellent physical conditions and motivated to withstand the rigorous physiological demands imposed by the maritime environment. The ability to swim and withstand fatigue is a major factor in successful completion of the Basic SWCC training. Other necessary characteristics needed are good aptitude for mechanical skills, study habits, knowledge of arithmetic and basic algebra, and manual dexterity. SWCC candidates must be U.S. citizens eligible for security clearance.

## Earn Industry Recognized Credentials



Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (Navy COOL) Navy COOL catalogs and defines comprehensive information on occupational credentials - including certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships - correlating with every Navy rating and some collateral duties. It provides "how to" instructions for pursuing these credentials, links to credentialing organizations, and cross-references to programs that help Sailors pay for credentialing fees. Shortly following the initial rating technical training (Class "A" technical school), Sailors may be able to take advantage of earning civilian/industry certifications & licenses (credentials), funded through Navy COOL. Visit the Navy COOL website to view these opportunities. See the link below.

## Earn College Credit



The American Council on Education recommends that semester hour credits be awarded in the vocational certificate and lower-division bachelor's/associate's degree categories for courses taken in this rating on office machines and general clerical procedures. To see the college credits available via a **Joint Service Transcript** for this rating:

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[https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/sb\\_jst.pdf](https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/sb_jst.pdf)

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<https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/enlisted/sb.htm>

Download the Navy COOL App:

Navy COOL App (iOS):

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/navy-cool/id1053982994?ls=1&mt=8>

Navy COOL App (Android):

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tracen.navycool>

## Earn Department of Labor (DOL) Nationally Recognized Apprenticeships



USMAP

The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) is a formal military training program that provides active duty and Full Time Support (FTS) Service members the opportunity to improve their job skills and to complete their civilian apprenticeship requirements while they are on active duty. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) provides the nationally recognized "Certificate of Completion" upon program completion. Visit United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) for LS apprenticeships.

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<https://usmap.netc.navy.mil/usmapss/static/navyRates.htm>

## Manage a Navy Career with Navy LaDR (Learning and Development Roadmap)



To see the Navy LaDR (Learning and Development Roadmap) for this rating:

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[https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/sb\\_e1\\_e9.pdf](https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/sb_e1_e9.pdf)

## Earn Skill Sets Towards Civilian Related Occupations



The skill sets for this rating crosswalk to civilian related occupations listed by the U.S. Department of Labor. To see Related Civilian, Federal, and Military Sealift Command Occupations for this rating, see the link below.

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