

**Training Officer – Lem Tamm**  
**Report of DTO - Niagara District Council Meeting, Nov 16, 2011**

I attended the National AGM in Halifax last month and the National Fall Training Meetings and can highly recommend attendance at the AGM & Conference as a way to meet Squadron members from across the country. I was able to drop in last week to see Boating students in Brant.

At the Training meetings each District was presented with a copy of the new **Canadian Safe Boating Council DVD – Beyond Cold Water Boot Camp**. This video on Hypothermia is an excellent resource for educators and first responders.

Available on the web at [www.beyondcoldwaterbootcamp.com](http://www.beyondcoldwaterbootcamp.com)

Boating Course registration this year, is down 15 % nationwide and Advanced Course Registration by 7 % versus last year.

### **Shipping Charges and Rebate**

Taken from: E-Blast from Tony Cook Nov 11, 2011

After numerous complaints, shipping charges were reconsidered and found to be unfavourable to small Squadrons

**The percentage charged is dropping from 10% to 5%.**

**The minimum charge per order will be \$10.00 instead of \$5.00.**

**The maximum charged remains at \$100.00.**

**For those coming to our CPS office in Scarborough, the minimum and maximum charges are the same, but the percent (%) fee will be set to 2.5%.**

#### **Rebate Offer**

**On orders placed between July 1st and October 20th, National is willing to credit your account by the difference overcharged. This opportunity is a limited time offer. To be refunded, squadrons must make a written claim to CPS HQ's accounting by mail or email specifying each amount charged as Shipping and Handling and on which invoices they were charged.**

**This limited time offer is available until December 1st 2011(no extension) and will be applied on your November or December invoice statement.**

## **Boating/PCOC**

You received an E-Blast from John Gullick on October 04, 2011.

PCOC Transport Canada Exams that were valid until Oct 31, 2011 became obsolete and must be destroyed. You received an E-blast from HQ requesting confirmation from each Squadron that any exams in your possession have been destroyed.

**New exams will not be shipped to any Squadron until confirmation has been received at HQ.**

**Note: this is mandatory for each Squadron even if you DID NOT have any of these in your possession!**

The new exams are available now – valid until April 30, 2012

### **PCOC Transport Canada Exam and Answer Sheet Kit Valid until April 30, 2012**

If you are ordering course material and requesting Transport Canada exams, place two separate orders; place one for the exams and one for course material.

**Shipping and Handling Not Included in Price**  
Exams have to be shipped by Express Post with Signature. This adds \$17.00 to the first kit to be shipped; then \$4.00 for each additional kit.

#### **The Kit contains:**

5 Exams Number 47  
5 Exams Number 48  
5 Exams Number 49  
1 Answer Grid for Exam Number 47  
1 Answer Grid for Exam Number 48  
1 Answer Grid for Exam Number 49  
30 Student Answer Sheets  
30 PCOC Application Forms

*Valid until April 30, 2012*

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Once received, tests must be strictly controlled and may not be duplicated in any form. Also, they must not be copied, transmitted, distributed, shared or posted electronically. To do so is grounds for immediate suspension of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons as a Course Provider (not just the individual person)

## **Membership - PCOC Exam**

As of July 2011, when students fill out the Answer Sheet, they are asked to tick a box to receive the complimentary membership. **If the box is not ticked, and is left blank, the student will not receive a membership.** This is a legal requirement mandated by Transport Canada – the student must ask to receive a membership.

It was recommended by National Membership Officer David Peebles, that at this point, persistent efforts should be made to obtain an **e-mail address** for the student. HQ and Squadrons still have a substantial number of people who do not list e-mail addresses and this lack of electronic contact is a major problem.

## **WBAS – Boating Two Part Exam entry will become effective after Nov 21, 2011**

*With the Boating course the students will write a two part 100 question Boating exam. Part one remains as the existing 50 question Accredited exam and part two is an additional 50 questions. In order to pass the Boating course, the student must pass each section with a minimum mark of 38/50 a minimum combined mark of 76%. Failure of one section or both sections is a failure of the Boating Course.*

Students writing the Boating exam, who already have their PCOC card from an exam written prior to April 15, 2011 are required to complete a new PCOC Transport Canada Exam when they write the Boating exam to become eligible for Regular Membership. Students who have a PCOC card

issued by CPS will not be subject to the \$20.00 processing fee since a new card will be identical to the old one - having NASBLA qualification.

PCOC cards issued by other groups do not have NASBLA certification.

## **PCOC-ONLINE**

The new PCOC-Online course should become available before month-end November.

It is NOT intended to take away your **BOATING BASICS** students but to provide this service to those who would not otherwise take a course with CPS. Students are required to spend a minimum of three hours online before becoming eligible for the exam, and must successfully complete an online test from each chapter, before being allowed to proceed on to the next chapter. Failure in a unit prevents proceeding on to the next unit.

An interesting figure for those who think we don't need an online version – our competitors have done some 300,000 PCOC courses online since April.

## **Seamanship**

Addenda to present course available for current use

## **Advanced Piloting**

New AP course on track for classroom – Fall 2012

Will use USPS Training Chart 1210 (Martha's Vineyard)

Tides and Currents will require knowledge of CHS system

Boat and Engine Maintenance

Course ready for use – Guelph has 12 students ready for exams

## **PCOC for Youth**

New course is available to present

Tracie Berekoff from Western District is anxious that some Niagara District Squadrons try it out and would be glad to give you some ideas on how to make it work

Contact: [tberekoff@cogeco.ca](mailto:tberekoff@cogeco.ca)

## **Registered Instructor Certification**

CPS began the implementation of the Recognized Instructor (RI) requirement on Sept.1, 2011. At present this standard will be required for instructors of PCOC or its Boating equivalent and ROC(M) only.

1. All individuals holding IT or ID will be given RI status until Dec. 31, 2015. You will receive notification of this by September 2011.
2. All current RPs and those granted until Dec.31, 2012 will be given RI status until Dec. 31, 2015. You will be notified at the time of your contract renewal.
3. All current REs and those granted up to Dec.31, 2012 will be given RI status until Dec. 31, 2015.
4. All individuals applying for RP and RE status after Dec.31, 2012 must hold RI status

Recognized Instructor Application Proof of Equivalent Competency application resides on the Officer Resource page. All members who wish to obtain RI status by equivalent competency or squadron recommendation should submit a completed application form to the Course Director of Instructor Development, 26 Golden Gate Court, Toronto, Ontario M1P 3A5 or email at [instructordevelopment@cps-ecp.org](mailto:instructordevelopment@cps-ecp.org) (Fax: 1-416-293-2445)

## **Extended Cruising**

New course has been printed.

## **JN and N**

CN is in its last year. John Hinksman requests that any JN and N exams to be marked must be accompanied by a completed CPS2 Form to identify it properly. We currently are using Vessel Passage Planner software, looking at future changes using Rosepoint as used by USPS

## **ePROMOTO**

**Now available on the web -**

*ePROMOTO* is an on-line resource centre designed to assist CPS Officers with ideas for PR/Marketing, Membership retention, Training, Social affairs and events, Technical information and a Registry of Speakers

### **Officer Training**

Hope to see everyone at the Officer Training program on November 19.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lem Tamm, DTO