

Niagara District Council Meeting _ Sept 21, 2011
DTO Report
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I hope that everyone had a great Boating Summer.

Some of us, well - probably most - have not paid much attention to Squadron activities over the summer. I am especially guilty of that, and apologize to anyone who hoped they could get in contact with me over something of import. Technically, there really has not been much to update over the summer as most everything was in place in spring for the Apr 15 deadline.

This summer, Brant Squadron suffered a huge loss with the death of Don Elliott, a great help in our classrooms over a couple of decades, and our Knot Expert Extraordinaire.

BOATING

On August 11, all DTO's, Squadron Training Officers, D/C's, Squadron Commanders and Supply Officers received an e-blast concerning Boating.

August 10, 2011

To: All Squadron and District Training Officers

Cc: Supply Officers, Squadron and District Commanders

Subject: Boating

This memo will deal exclusively with *Boating*.

Attached to this is the memo sent on June 14, 2011 titled "*2011-2012 Budget and Impact on Training Material*". There is all the information you require regarding pricing and credits for current stock you may have on hand.

Due to inventory levels on hand at Headquarters, some new stock needed to be reprinted. After careful evaluation, the following will apply to *Boating* this coming Training year:

Boating English:

Until the stock of the current edition is used up, the following will be included when ordered:

- 2009 Edition
- Boating Basics Manual
- Sections D & E of the new Edition 10 to replace D & E of the 2009 Edition
- Plotter of Choice if you are purchasing Plotter included
- Training Chart 9996
- Updated Student CD
- Piloting Chart C (the new Section E has only three Cruises, one uses the Piloting Chart C which is a coloured chart)

- The new Section D contains a Digital Cruise, (select chart 999601 on Chart Navigator's listing of available charts).

If you have current stock on hand, please see the attached Memo, page 1 bottom section and follow the same procedure. The change is, that you will receive the following, rather than just the Boating Basics Manual:

- credit for the \$11.50 per each 2009 Boating student kit you have in inventory
- Boating Basics Manual
- Sections D & E of the new Edition 10 to replace D & E of the 2009 Edition
- Piloting Chart C (the new Section E has only three Cruises, one uses the Piloting Chart C which is a coloured chart)
- The new Section D contains a Digital Cruise, (select chart 999601 on Chart Navigator's listing of available charts).

Once stock of the 2009 Edition is depleted, the 2010 Edition will be supplied which has been updated to the same standard as the Boating Basics Manual. It has not yet been approved by Transport Canada so you will still receive a Boating Basics Manual as part of the student kit.

This is what you will find on the current Price list.

When successfully completed, the following courses will lead to obtaining a CCG Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

BOATING

(9th Edition 2004) (Rev/2009) In Colour

New Supplementary Sections on Boating Etiquette and the Environment.

This Transport Canada course is intended to provide elementary instruction in boat handling and introduction to coastal navigation for safe operation of a boat in sheltered waters during daylight hours. The Transport Canada accredited Boating Basics manual will now be included with the Boating Material kit.

With a passing grade of 76% in part one, students will receive their Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

Student's Kit \$110.00

Includes: Student's Notes; Plotting & Labelling Standard booklet; Homework Questions; Homework Answers; one Training Chart ICCA9996; Chart No. 1; Government Publications; MKII Plotter; Student CD, Boating Basics Handbook; part 2 exams; and graduation kits with passports.

Note: Kits Excludes PCOC Exam Part 1 \$20.00 Processing Fees

Student's Kit less CPS plotter \$104.00

Student's Kit Additional Family Members \$52.00

Includes homework and chart only, all other material is shared. Applicable to family members taking the course the same year only.

Family Member Kit Less Plotter \$46.00

(As material change from year to year, this discount can only be taken by family members taking the

Boating course in the same session)

Note: Includes a non-refundable *1st year National Membership* upon successful completion of the Boating Exam.

Plotting Kit (pencil, eraser, divider) \$15.00

Optional item (not included with Student Kit).

Supplementary Material to Rev 2008 \$5.00

Booklet that includes Revised section D-7 on GPS, Boating Etiquette & Environment

Boating INSTRUCTOR'S KIT \$68.00

Includes: Student's Kit (minus plotter). Instructor's Guide is available for download on Members' Mooring in PDF format.

***New* Also includes and instructor CD.**

INSTRUCTOR'S Guide only Boating (Phone order) \$10.00

Printed version of the PDF file available for download from Members' Mooring.

THE APPROVED BOATING BASICS HANDBOOK

Old BoatPro

(1st Edition 2011) (ISBN 978-1-55368-800-6)

Approved 2011 Pleasure Craft Operator Card Course

Approved by Transport Canada, this is an ideal manual for "about-to-be" boat owners, new boat owners, hunters, anglers and cottagers who use their boat for transportation and pleasure.

A great introductory course for boaters who want to have fun and be safe on the water. Home study, or can be instructed by Squadrons in 4 to 8 hours. Successful completion of the separate exam qualifies students for a Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

STUDENT'S Manual \$14.00*

** Suggested Retail Price for students is \$17.95 plus shipping.*

Suggested wholesale price to Registered Providers, \$16.00 plus Shipping

PCOC Exam Kit

NATIONAL CARD PROCESING & EXAM Fee

\$20.00

Fee applicable for Boating Part 1 and Boating Basics

Boating Basics student CD **\$5.00**

PCOC FOR YOUTH - (Youth Course 8-12)

Student's kit includes: Boating Basics Handbook and youth workbook

\$17.00

PCOC Youth Instructor's Guide & CD

\$10.00

ADVANCE COURSES

SEAMANSHIP

(1st Edition 2008)(Rev 2009)

In colour

Prerequisite: Boating Course

This new course, presented in colour, replaced the *Piloting course in 2008*. It builds on the seamanship knowledge acquired in the Boating Course. It discusses the aspects of regulations, navigational and intermediate plotting skills; seamanship skills, emergencies and boat's capabilities and performance.

STUDENT'S KIT \$74.00

Includes: Student's Notes; combined Homework Questions and Answers; Training Chart ICCA9996 and exam.

Combined HOMEWORK Questions and Answers \$14.00

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES only

Available online

ADVANCED PILOTING

(4th Edition 2000)(Rev 2006)

Prerequisite: Piloting Course

The aim of this course is to convert the competent boater into a coastal navigator. Determine a course and fix a position by using landmarks and aids to navigation, allowing for current, leeway and the prediction of tides and tidal currents.

STUDENT'S KIT \$68.50

Includes: Student's Notes; Homework Questions; Homework Answers; one Training Chart A; Chart No. 1; D.O.T. Tides in Canadian Waters; and exam.

HOMEWORK Questions and Answers \$14.00

INSTRUCTOR'S KIT \$68.50

Includes Student's Kit; combined Instructor's Notes, Homework Questions, and Homework Answers.

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES only \$20.00

Combined Instructor's Notes, Homework Questions, and Homework Answers.

JUNIOR NAVIGATOR New in 2009

Introduction to Celestial Navigation and Offshore Navigation

STUDENT'S KIT \$45.00

INSTRUCTOR'S KIT \$45.00

NAVIGATOR

Advanced Offshore Navigation and Celestial Navigation.

Includes CAPN Software CD.

STUDENT'S KIT \$115.00

INSTRUCTOR'S KIT \$115.00

PLOTTING AND LABELLING STANDARDS

New in 2008

BOOKLET \$7.00

For a limited time this booklet will be included in the Boating Kit (Net No-Discount) Suggested Member retail price \$8.00. Non-Member Retail Price \$10.00

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These were the Key points from Bruce Holden's AGM Report in April.

1. The equivalency table for the first round of Registered Instructors is widening and the re-certification process for 2016 in development is friendly,
2. For the Fall of 2011, the new Boating, Edition 10, ought to have clearly printed, coloured chartlets for the cruises,
3. Removal of redundant questions from the combined Accredited Boating and Boating exams, begun in 2008, has reduced the number of questions from 150 to 100 and is more attractive to potential students,
4. Increasing the Boat Pro content and renaming the course/seminar to Boating Basics nudges the door more open to a two-part Boating grade certification,
5. Minimizing the loose pages required for the Seamanship exam, as priorities permit, appears to streamline the administration at HQ, and reduces the handling and potential for errors between the DTO, STOs and DEEs,
6. The new GBR on Youth Education provides a clear statement of the conditions under which sessions shall be undertaken and provides assurances to Squadron that risks have been diligently considered,
7. In Sherbrooke I requested additional training in the use of WBAS for STOs and from Nanaimo I brought back a CD with a tutorial leading STOs through the student registration, exam mark entry, and many more system steps explained, and
8. The statement of process steps to enter Boating marks into WBAS under alternative examination outcomes has been accepted nationally.

Boating 10th Edition

Note: this will not be shipped until 2012 season

1. The 10TH Edition of Boating covers all 257 Transport Canada knowledge requirements. The new Exam format is described in the introduction pages.
2. GPS is referenced throughout the Course manual & covered in more detail in Section D-2
3. The Deck Log is no longer part of the Boating Course material. It will be covered in Seamanship
4. How to use the course plotter has been removed from the main course notes. Instructions for all three plotters (MARK I, MARKII, AND WEEMS & PLATH 255) are included in the supplementary material. The Course Director is also providing a Powerpoint Presentations on each of the three plotters.
5. The number of cruises has been reduced to three and a digital cruise has been added to Section D-7 using Training Chart 9996 on the Chart Navigator CD.
6. The Training Aid CDs are being updated.

Seamanship

Sheila Boucher provided the following update on 2011-09-14

Seamanship update

To all District Training Officers, copied to Joe Gatfield, Carolyn Reid, Morton Biback, Barb Hoffstrom and Alain Briere

Please note the following information with respect to the Seamanship Course (English). Please pass on this information to any Squadron Training Officers who may be running a Seamanship Course this year. (There are no changes to the Piloting course still being offered in French.)

There is a short addendum to the course, which will be corrected in the next printing, and should be sent out with any course notes which are ordered this fall.. However, there may be some course notes already with squadrons which need adjusting. I attach the addendum file. It is also available on WBAS. (Go into WBAS, click on Instruction Services, and then on Course Material Addenda).

When ordering Seamanship Student kits, or Instructor kits, these should come with the appropriate CD. Please note that additional CDs for both Students and Instructors are available at a cost of \$3:00.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get back to me.

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I will send out the addendum separately to all concerned but I recommend using WBAS to make sure you always have the latest version.- Lem

Recognized Instructor Program

The following is from the web and all Squadrons received materials over the summer.

Recognized Instructor

How does RI (recognized Instructor) Affect you?

CPS will begin 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

For further explanation of this implementation contact your Squadron Commander, Squadron Training Officer, or the Course Director of Instructor Development.

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 (Fax: 1-416-293-2445)

Forms and Application

[Recognized Instructor Application](#) Proof of Equivalent Competency

[Recognized Instructor Application](#) Squadron Recommendation

[Instructor Observation and Evaluation Form](#)

All Squadrons should have started their efforts to prepare for Recognized Instructor qualification over the summer.

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Today's Sept 21, 2011 RI report for Niagara shows that 116 members have been recognized across the District. Please **try to complete submissions for all your potential instructors.**

ADVANCED PILOTING

Colleen Simmons is the new DEE for the Advanced Piloting exam. Congratulations Colleen.

WBAS COURSE MANAGEMENT

Please use the WBAS Course Management system to update Courses, Students, and Exams. This will make life a lot easier for everyone.

Today's Training Report (since August 01) shows:

| <u>Course</u> | <u>District</u> | <u>Squadron</u> | <u>Provider</u> | <u>CourseStatus</u> | <u>CourseMark</u> | <u>Count</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Boating & PCOC | NIAGARA | Port Dalhousie | | In Progress | | 8 |
| Marine Maintenance | NIAGARA | Port Dover | | In Progress | | 6 |
| Pleasure Craft Operator Card | NIAGARA | Brant | | Pass | | 18 |
| Pleasure Craft Operator Card | NIAGARA | Fort Erie | | Pass | | 1 |
| Pleasure Craft Operator Card | NIAGARA | Kitchener-Waterloo | | Pass | | 4 |
| Pleasure Craft Operator Card | NIAGARA | Port Dover | | Pass | | 4 |
| Seamanship | NIAGARA | Port Dalhousie | | In Progress | | 2 |

I'm hoping that tonight's Squadron Commander's Reports will show a lot more activity than this across the District.

CPS_ECP Website

I have noticed that very few Squadrons across the country are placing their courses on the Events and Courses Calendar, and that when they do - there is a huge diversity of presentation. It remains very frustrating to me that when I search here - the info appearing is not always the same - even if I believe my search parameters were. I hope that all Niagara Squadrons will begin to use this feature. I think the time has come when most people searching for info will start on the web.

National Training Meetings - October AGM

As DTO I will be attending and need your input. Niagara will not be having an October Council meeting so please let me know prior to the meeting. This is my opportunity to voice your concerns, Since Bruce did such a fine job last year I haven't been involved enough as of yet to really get up to date and understand what lurks in the inventory he gave me. I find every trip to the website for info to be an exercise in frustration but I'm learning.

Respectfully Submitted
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