

Report to Niagara District Council DTO's Report, February 16th, 2011

A notice from the **Course Director, Seamanship**, indicates a small correction in the Homework Answer Sheet. The correction has been forwarded to the Squadron Training Officers for dissemination to their Instructors:

Seamanship Homework Answer Booklet – page 7 - Section 7 – que 5 – line 3 – change “port relative – heading” to “heading – port relative”

I have received a reminder that **CPS2 forms** needs to be included with exam packages that are mailed out of Squadron for marking. It facilitates the District Examination Examiners (DEE) in their jobs of getting the right mark assigned to the right student and returned to the right Squadron Training Officer. The DEE's do not have WBAS access to enter marks. It remains the Squadron Training Officer's job to enter the assigned mark into the WBAS. In addition, it is useful to confirm with the DEE by phone or e-mail that they are or will be available at the time of mailing the exams.

CPS2 forms are no longer printed in the multi-tissue version, but they may be used. There is also a Word version (need to enter the name, address, etc) or the CPS2E Form (obtained through WBAS with some info provided). The Word version has been sent with the Seamanship correction.

As an item of interest, the Ontario Coordinator for the **RVCC Program**, Dale Holland, indicates that some Ontario Squadrons are expressing interest in holding training session for new volunteers. He has requested that Squadrons check to see if there are any new members interested in joining the program. As was Niagara's practice last year, each squadron needs to determine the interest of volunteers for the upcoming season, so that information can be forwarded to headquarters.

There is an outstanding request for an **AP DEE within Niagara District**.

The **Spring Training Meeting** is scheduled for March 4, 5, & 6, 2011. My report is in preparation and is scheduled for submission Feb 26th. The Joint Training Meeting at 19:00, Fri March 4th is expected to update the PCOC Program, the on-line course development, and the Recognized Instructor program.

A notice of **motion** has been received regarding the **AP Course** in development. The request is that the AP Course be exempt from the motion passed on October 27th, 2007 stating that courses and bearings be plotted in True and labelled in True & Magnetic and that as courses were rewritten they were to conform to the 2007 motion. The motion is also sent to the STO's with the Seamanship correction and CPS2 forms.

Respectfully submitted,

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