

Report to Niagara District Council
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The Seamanship exam modification is insignificant for the instructor and student. The credit possible for three questions on Part I, have been reduced. The three questions were answered by copying lists from the Student Notes. Four questions have had their value increased. These four questions relate to NOTMAR updating and plotting questions.

The procedure for ordering tests and exams has been emailed to Squadron & District Training Officers and Assistant Training Officers. The process is consistent with the one used in Niagara District and confirmed at the November breakout meeting on training. There are three clarifications that deserve repeating:

- Tests & exams sent automatically with study material need to be counted by the STO upon receipt to determine whether additional copies are required for the examinees.
- Whether the STO uses or does not use WBAS to register students, provide the number of registrants to the DTO with sufficient lead-time to obtain and deliver the exams.
- The Niagara STO's & DTO have agreed that the STO's will place the order for CN, JN & N exams since individual students must meet requirements before proceeding.

Exams for Cambridge, Guelph and Port Colborne have been prepared for this February meeting. Any other Squadrons should get their requests in as early as possible as there will be a lag time for most courses.

Preparation for the Spring Training Meeting is underway. Numbers and reasons for the total registration by course will be useful. In view of the lower enrollment, there will likely be a discussion. Registration information received from the STO's by Feb 24th will be used in the District Report.

Two quick reminders:

- The Boating Course Survey is an excellent means to convey experience with True & Magnetic course, tracks & bearings.
- There Instructor Development Survey is probably related to the instructor standards that will eventually come.

Respectfully submitted,

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