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DISTRICT 23 GALAXY NEWSLETTER



D23 Educational Officer

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As most Bridge Officers start their first article, it is truly an honor to serve as your District Educational Officer. National is putting a great emphasis on “Americas Boating Club”. Most of us that spend any time on the water know the need for EDUCATION. My wife and I are live-a-boards so we see the uneducated boaters every day. If you were born after January 1988 you need a safe boating course in Florida. So one day everyone will have to take a course, the issue is that day will not come soon enough.

Our last DEO conference call with the NEO and ANEO's one of the main topics, USPS Seminars. A number of Squadrons (nationwide) are producing their own seminars using power point slides from USPS. This is a violation of the copy right laws. If you have someone that is capable of producing PPP the National Education Dept. would love to put them to work. We have some talented members please share your talents with all at USPS. You can create your own Presentations just don't use any USPS material. One other issue with Seminars is they need to be registered in the HQ-800 system along with the students. National has provided a waiver system for 2017 through the DEO. There a number of provisions involved. Feel free to contact me so we can work through the process.

There are a number of changes coming to some of our advanced grade courses. There is talk of changing Piloting to a number of Seminars. Of course you would have to complete all the seminars to obtain the grade of P. We are in the electronic world so a number of courses will be on E-books. The ABC3 course is now available is Spanish. The Digital Media Library is in the update process late 2017. There a number of very nice

video available for you use. The National Education Web Page has been update, lots of good info. Remember the Educational Dept. is a work in progress. If you have any suggestions please forward the info to me or one of the ANEOs.

If there is anything I can help with feel free to contact me. Let's work to educate all our fellow boaters in D23.

Live your dreams

Tom