



Galaxy 23

Information from the United States Power Squadrons



District 23 Bridge

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With the Annual Meeting and the District Conference completed, D23 squadrons can get to the tasks of conducting classes: Public Boating, member courses, and seminars. Many squadrons have already started, and completed these courses. Keep up the good work! Education of the public, and our own members makes for a better and safer boating experience.

As for news from the National Education Department, there is an effort being planned to start adopting course material to on-line teaching. This effort is in the planning stages, and there should be more information to relay to the membership after the Fall Governing Board in September. One area where this is definitely needed is for the JN and N courses. With a "webinar" course, many more members in our district could take these courses since a live setting could be used with the need to travel a great distance to have a class. This method will also be advantageous to other member courses as well, considering the busy lifestyles many lead, to the travel schedules some of have, such as I have.

ED-800 has been significantly changed and should be used for all classes, students, and data entry. The ED-800 system can do the same work as the BCA and should be used instead of BCA. Each page of the ED-800 has a tutorial for help in getting through the learning phase. ALL Squadrons MUST schedule an ABC class at least once each year in order to meet the requirements of remaining a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. That scheduled class must be on the ED-800 system.

We all like to see free classes. Instructor Development, which was previously free, is no longer available in printed form. The free classes were paid by a grant which is depleted. All Instructor development manuals and presentations must now be downloaded from the Instructor Development web page: [Instructor Development Material](http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/id/idcourse.htm).

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Other course ordering information is available here: [USPS Course Order Forms](http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/files/forms.htm).

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