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DISTRICT 23

GALAXY NEWSLETTER



D23 Educational Officer

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Greetings,

I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your DEO in 2018. It has been a very interesting year, lots of changes. I am looking forward to serving again in 2019. Our Education Department is being asked to be a big part in USPS in 2019. We have a huge role in membership with some new programs for the General Public to bring in NEW MEMBERS.

One of the new programs is the "Jump Start Program". This allows us a personal one-on-one training with the general public on their boat. It is also open to our members. All the info on the program can be found on the National Educational page under on-the-water-training.

Some General Information:

The ABC3 Course has been approved through 31 December, 2021. There is a new version, when you order books you will receive the new edition. Don't discard the old books they are still good. There are some changes in the online ABC3 course. Florida no longer requires a proctored exam. National is now sending out contact info for anyone that has registered for the course. The contact information is sent out by zip code to the districts. We have to district coordinators myself and Sandy Schoonmaker. Sandy will be sending the info to the Squadron Education Officer and also to the student that has requested the course. She has a great letter that she is sending out. Please follow up; a great chance for new members. "Thanks Sandy"

The BOC Program is still alive with a number of changes. All Certifiers will need to take the new Seminar to keep their status current.

There are a number of new seminars in the works for 2019.

The new Boat Handling Course has moved out of the pilot program. We held a class in Jacksonville, the committee did a great job on this course. There were no issues with the e-book version.

The Americas Boating Channel is an excellent tool to use in any class. Or share with your fellow boaters.

If there is anything I can assist with please feel free to contact me. In closing please remember to honor your instructors with a Chapman Award Submission. It would be great to have a submission from each Squadron. There will be much more to follow on the Chapman Award!!!!

Live your Dreams
Tom