

D/EO Report (October 2016)

EVEN THOUGH NATIONAL CLAIMS ABC CLASSES ARE INCREASING, WE IN DISTRICT 14 STILL SEEM TO BE DROPPING. LAST YEAR WE RAN 7 CLASSES AND PASSED 73 STUDENTS. A FEW YEARS AGO WE WERE IN THE 120 STUDENTS LEVEL. I DO NOT THINK WE HAVE ACCEPTED THE NEW WAY THINGS ARE BEING DONE. CLASSES ARE BEING GIVEN ON LINE. MOST STATES ACCEPT ON LINE TESTING. BUT I AM SORRY TO SAY BOTH RI AND MASS DO NOT. SO I AM SORRY TO SAY IN OUR DISTRICT THE LOCAL SQUADRONS STILL HAVE TO GIVE THE FINAL EXAM. USPS-AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE IS AVAILABLE ON LINE NOW FOR \$29.95. IF THE BOOK IS BEING USED IN A CLASSROOM, THE SEO HAS TO ORDER IT. I STILL HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY SQUADRON ORDERING THE ABC BOOK TO BE PRINTED ONLINE. TWENTY SEVEN STATES ACCEPT OUR ON-LINE CLASS AND EXAM. SIX STATES REQUIRE A CLASSROOM COURSE AND EXAM: CT, LA, NJ, OR, PA AND TX.

HOW MANY HAVE HEARD OF DML- A NEW RESOURCE FOR USPS? A DIGITAL MEDIA LIBRARY CREATED ON A WEBSITE. A SERIES OF TWENTY NEW SAFE BOATING VIDEOS-

PLUS ADDITIONAL BOATER EDUCATION CAN BE FOUND. MEMBERS CAN GET A PREVIEW OF THIS PROGRAM ON USPSDMI.ORG. I FOUND ONLY 6 TOPICS UP AND WORKING BUT BY THE END OF DECEMBER THERE WILL BE 20. IT IS HOPED THIS WILL STIMULATE THOSE IN THE BOATING WORLD TO TAKE SOME OF OUR COURSES.

NEW SEMINARS- LOOK FOR 2 NEW SEMINARS COMING THIS FALL, AIS (AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM) A VERY USEFUL TOOL SUPPLEMENTING RADAR TO IDENTIFY LARGE SHIPS. THE SECOND IS PROPANE SYSTEMS AND SAFETY. WE ARE ABOUT TO RELEASE A RADAR SEMINAR AND A TOTAL REVISION OF THE CLASSROOM GPS SEMINAR.

E-BOOK UPDATE- THE FIRST E-BOOK FOR AN ADVANCED COURSE WILL BE THE STUDENT MANUAL FOR SEAMANSHIP 2016. THE SEO MUST ORDER THE REQUEST AND WHERE TO SEND IT. AFTER A SUCCESSFUL DOWNLOAD THE STUDENT OWNES THE MATERIAL. THE COST OF THE CLASS WILL REMAIN THE SAME AND THE AUTHORIZED SQUADRON OFFICER WILL CONTINUE TO ORDER EXAMS FROM USPSHQ.