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The Squadron Boating Course, 2004 Edition

This year we're celebrating a major upgrade in *The Squadron Boating Course (Boating)* and squadrons are about to reap the benefits from the added material introducing *Using Digital Charts*. We previously reported the PowerPoint enhancements and the digital charting material from Maptech (see the June 2005 Charlotte Governing Board reports for details). By now, DEOs should have burned duplicate CDs of the new PowerPoint presentations provided in Charlotte and distributed to their squadrons in preparation for the fall and winter education seasons.

If your squadron does not already offer a **Boating** course to the public, BPECom is launching an awareness campaign in order to capitalize on the newly available digital charts. We recommend that you offer at least one **Boating** session, yearly, along with your **Boat Smart** and **ABC** programs.

Maptech is providing [free downloads](#) to USPS members on the entire library of NOAA raster digital charts. These are the absolute latest NOAA charts available. You can work with these charts using the Maptech Digital Chart CD provided with our Boating, Piloting, and Advanced Piloting courses - planning and then uploading routes, waypoints and marks to your GPS - or printing your own charts complete with plotted courses. These charts will also work with virtually every navigation program on the market. This is an invaluable benefit of membership in USPS.

Promote the modern content and digital chart training and they will come.

The Squadron Boating Course with the digital charting material and Maptech CD is the best public boating course afloat! It has no competition. Advertise it as such.

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