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*United States Power Squadron Education Department is heading for the future!*

The USPS Ed Dep is converting from printed manuals to electronic books. The transition will begin with Seamanship. All courses will eventually be converted. Initially, printed or electronic versions will be optional slimming down to “Print on Demand” for paper copies. The purchase price will remain the same, but the handling, postage and restocking charges will evaporate for the electronic version, and the delivery time will be greatly enhanced.

This evolution is going to change the class room requirements. We will need to provide re-charging stations for phones, tablets and computers for the students as well as instructors. Wi-Fi access may also be necessary for downloading the materials to student devices.

*Practical On The Water seminar*

POTW seminar is evolving and becoming free for dues paying members (this excludes free six month members). Instructional material are not required by dues paying members, so, the seminar is free. Non-members are required to purchase the POTW seminar kit.

The price of the seminar for members (boat rental, boat fuel, dock rental and launching fees along with transportation and lodging for an instructor) will be reimbursed by the On The Water committee. Estimates must be approved prior to the event. **No meals will be reimbursed.** Any mixed class (members and non-members) will not be reimbursed.

The POTW is upgrading to the same book as Boat Operator Certification Inland Navigator. BOC is available to members only.

The activity in POTW and BOC are similar, the difference is POTW is teaching the skills, the student doesn't have to master the skills: in BOC IN the student is expected to demonstrate mastery of the skills.