Interpretation of Boating Reports

In using the reports in these spreadsheets, be aware of the following:

o All data is based on the USPS educational year, which runs from **1 July to 30 June** the following calendar year. Thus columns are labeled with the last two digits of two succesive calendar years. The year assigned to a report is based on the date the class began Therefore, reprots in July or August from a class that began in June are credited to the previous education year. **Note that some reports for the previous year will come in in July, so an accurate year to year comparison cannot be made until the final report issued at the of July.**

o The only public boating course taught in recent years is ABC. However, the HQ databases are still reporting all three courses, so the detailed sheets (left hidden by most users) show three sets of columns.

o You can **reveal ("unhide") all the detailed sheets** by enabling macros and pressing **Ctrl u**.

o To **hide the detailed sheets**, enable macros and press **Ctrl h.**

o The figures for the previous year are year end data, not data as of the same month in the previous year. Therefore, unless the user is comparing with the report from the previous year for this month, the comparison with last year is of limited value until the year end data is available. Instead, use the Monthly Sumary sheet which compares data at the same point in the Educational year. Note that a large number of additional ABC completion reports come in after the end of the year, so the final values are larger than the end of June values.

o Students completing the ABC online course are **not** included in the data.

o As squadrons are formed or dissolved, sometimes the data from parts of the HQ databases has not been updated to reflect the changes. Corrections to eliminate those inconsistencies are applied to these reports. (See the ED273 report where the corrections are made and the ED272A report where a count of squadrons is made to derive the corrections.)

o D18 has been dissolved, so the database shows no data for D/18. The District 18 squadrons have been transferred as follows: Beverly, Marblehead and Broad Sound Sail and Power Squadrons have been transferred to District 12. Merrimac River Sail and Power Squadron has been transferred to District 19.

o D31 has been disolved, so the database shows no data for D/31. The District 31 squadrons have been transferred as follows: Beaver Lake and Grand Lake to D/30; Oaklahoma City to D/21**.**

o Because data trickles in after the educational year ends, July data is an overlap month, with data from the previous year still being reported (classes ending in June) along with classes completing in the early part of the educational year being reported for the new year. An extra End of Year (EOY) report shows this late data, which is necessary to have an accurate pictue of the year's results.