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SUBJECT: USPS Educational Department Recognition of External Training and Achievements by USPS Members

At the September 2013 Governing Board meeting, Bylaw changes were approved to permanently allow USPS membership to be offered without the requirement of passing an approved basic boating examination. Although some individual Squadrons will continue this requirement, many will be able to extend membership to all boaters. Those holding current US Coast Guard licenses, or USCG Auxiliary training, or other achievements will be granted opportunities for USPS Grades as outlined below.

USCG Licenses

Coast Guard Launch Operator will receive credit for the USPS ABC3 (8-hr) course.

Coast Guard OUPV (Six-pack) and Coast Guard Master's License (25 tons or greater) will receive credit for the (8 hour) USPS America's Boating Course plus USPS Seamanship, Piloting , and Advanced Piloting courses.

USCG Auxiliary Member Training

CGAUX Boating Skills and Seamanship or Sailing Skills and Seamanship will receive credit for the USPS Seamanship course.

CGAux Basic Coastal Navigation will receive credit for the USPS Piloting course.

CGAUX Advanced Coastal Navigation will receive credit for the USPS Advanced Piloting course.

CGAUX Instructor will receive credit for USPS Instructor Development

Other

Assignment of credit will be based on the level of experience provided in documentation to the NEO for review and approval.

The request for credit shall be submitted addressed to the NEO with documentation via the Headquarters Educational Department.

This change in Policy will allow us to encourage boaters with these credentials for training and education to become USPS members with acknowledgement of those capabilities they bring with them.

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