

District Education Officer's Yearend Report
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This year Boating 2 and Boating 3 were renamed Basic Navigation and Boat Handling and being offered as a combined course.

Schedules of the courses offered by Windsor, Goderich and London were sent to all of the squadrons in WOD District in order to work together, co listing courses using instructors from another squadron. It was a great way for a squadron without instructors for some courses to appear active and also an effective way to use active instructors.

Nation's main revenue comes from enrollment in courses and it has been promoted to squadrons to list courses on the website offered by another squadron in order to be active and letting members know that you still exist and are there to provide any education they may need or want. Goderich, London and Windsor have sent their students to another squadron's instructor's class. It has worked very well since it frees that squadron's problem of an instructor. I hope that Tillsonburg, Sarnia and Wallaceburg will consider co listing courses next year. The advantages has been stressed to the squadrons. The squadron may teach in classroom, or virtual classroom, or hybrid course, or self study online.

When ordering course manuals, it is now on demand with no inventory at National. It will take at least 4 weeks to receive your material after ordering.

We were told that there would only be 2 ways (classroom or online) of entering courses in the National IT system but I believe it has been reddecided at the Spring conference that the 3 categories (classroom, virtual classroom, and online) will remain which is excellent and great news.

It was mentioned that there are many great seminars available and that we should make use of them.

Thank you all for working together to make education successful.

At USPS Spring conference attending their education meeting, we decided that next year that D9 would work with WOD D9 in education which is a very interesting venture.

Thanks to my fellow officers for their valuable support and a special thanks to D/C Scott for his support.

Respectfully submitted,
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