

Fall 2011 District 32 Conference

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District Education Officer Report

The National Education Statistics for the education year 2010/2011 indicate that there is a general trend downward nationally in the number of Public Boating courses taught. This is also the trend within District 32 for the reporting Squadrons. This is not unusual, given the Oregon and Washington mandatory boating education requirements and providing access to low cost online testing.

All Public Boating courses

D32 achieved a growth in the numbers of public boating courses taught this education year. The growth is a combination of squadrons teaching a greater number of classes and more squadrons using the online HQ-800 and ED-27 reporting process.

2005-2006 390 students passed a public boating course

2009-2010 48 students passed a public boating course

2010-2011 44 students were listed as passing

District Rankings Cumulative

The following numbers are based on the course completions for the cumulative district and squadron membership of 430 members.

Advanced Grades:

Advanced Piloting 10th (116 members) 36.74%

Total Advanced Grades 9th (770 Advanced Grades) 179%

Elective Grades:

Cruise Planning 2nd (tied w/D15) (116 members) 26.98%

Marine Electronics 7th (104 members) 24.19%

Total Elective Credits 10th (632 grades) 146.98%

Education Proficiency Awds 10th (91 out of 430 members) 21.16%

District 32 Annual Numbers:

District 32 achieved the following education results this year, with the number's representing the members completing the listed courses relative to the district membership for this education year. D32 ranked in the top 10 for each of the Advanced Grades.

Advanced Grades

Piloting 8th Nationally (10 new grades) 2.33%

Elective Grades

Cruise Planning 1st Nationally (13 new grades) 3.02%

Engine Maintenance 4th Nationally (11 new grades) 2.56%

Marine Electronics 2nd Nationally (5 new grades) 1.16%

Beaverton 7th Nationally (5 new grades) 6.58%

Education Proficiency Awds 5th Nationally (5 new grades) 1.16%

HQ 800 Process Update

Revisions were made to the HQ800 and ED27 process this year. A presentation of the new procedures has been uploaded to the Education Folder in the District 32 portion of SailAngle. To find the presentation for download, perform the following steps:

Login to SailAngle, Open the USPS group>D32 Oregon/Washington/District 32>File Cabinet>Education Material Folder. Select and download the New HQ800_ED27 Power Point presentation.

District 32 Education Information Transfer

The District 32 website has a section that has been created for District Officer pages, under the Education Officer's section are USPS Education links useful to all SEO's. One item that is not present is a listing of all course offerings by Squadron. I would like to ask if anyone has the desire to help develop this type of listing, it would require that all Squadron SEO's provide their upcoming course information for listing on this site.

Ask your Squadron newsletter editor to make sure your Squadron newsletter is sent to all Commanders and SEO's in the District. This will also help with the transfer of Squadron course information.

USPS Seminars

Currently USPS offers 22 Seminars for Squadrons to teach to their members or the general public. The newest Seminars are:

Tides & Currents
Emergencies Onboard
Fuel and Boaters

With the Boat Operators Certification program proceeding, make sure to review the Course and Seminar requirements and plan on offering these to your members interested in progressing with the BOC process.

Marine Electronics

I received a question concerning the new Marine Electronics courses and how the new courses mesh with the old, here was my response:

Here is the link to the National Education Website that talks about the Marine Electronics courses:

<http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/me/main.htm#questions>

The situation, as stated in the link above is that the Marine Electronics courses have been upgraded and the replacements for ME 101 and ME102 are now called "Marine Electrical Systems" and "Marine Communications Systems". The replacement for ME103 (Marine Navigation Systems) is in process and not complete as of this date. As stated in the link, ME101 and ME102 will remain active until ME103 is replaced, so to receive full credit for completing the Marine Electronics Elective, the student will need to complete all three modules. The student can take ME101 or Marine Electrical systems, ME102 or Marine Communications Systems and ME103 to complete the Marine Electronics elective. When Marine Navigation Systems is released, ME101,102 102 and 103 will go away.

National Safe Boating Week 2011

Events were held all over the states of Oregon and Washington, members of the Portland Squadron attended the "Ready Set Inflate" event sponsored by the Oregon Stated Marine Board in Portland and Ft. Vancouver attended the event in Washington.

2012 Portland Boat Show

The contract for USPS District 32 participation in the 2012 Portland Boat Show has been completed and returned to the O'loughlin Group. The show will run from January 11-15 at the Portland Expo Center.

District 32 is in need of a few people to head up a Boat Show committee. I have the Boat Show booth material, but will not be dealing with member signup etc. this year. Help with creating a plan for this year's show. Contact Jim Beachell for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

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