

To: D11N board, SO-PEs, Robin Freeman

From: Roger Haynes

This is a slow season for PE classes, but a few Divisions are offering Advanced Navigation (Weekend Navigator) classes.

A review of the AUXDATA information indicates almost all flotillas are recording the number of graduates for their classes, as is needed for the new NASBLA reporting requirement. I am following up with the others.

National is soliciting suggestions for topics to be covered in the 2009 non-mandatory instructor workshop. Please send them to me and I'll forward.

The Coast Guard determination Oct. 3 that a Stand-Up Paddleboard (SUP) is a "vessel" may need to be explained in our classes. While the determination calls these craft "paddleboards" it clearly refers only to those that are powered by a paddle, from a standing position. There have been racing paddleboards around for decades that are paddled by hand from a kneeling or prone position. These are NOT vessels, nor do they require PFD carriage. Harbor masters are distressed about these craft causing congestion in their facilities and how to regulate them.

The District Board has not yet acted on my proposed restructuring of the PE award criteria.

End of report

CC: SO-PEs

Div 1 Richard Celia Flotilla 1-7 report received Div 3 Ed Sweeney DCP covered PE Div 4 Jerry McAlwee Div 5 Mike Ungersma Report received Div 6 Milton R. Entwistle Div 7 Roger Meyer Div 8 Helen Oconner Div 10 Roderick Rollins Div 11 Jay Schmidt Div 12 Clarence Johnson