

## PE course descriptions

### Boating Skills & Seamanship

The USCG Auxiliary is using the 14th edition book for this course. It is a natural follow-up to the ABS Class and provides students with more in-depth material. This book's presentation, even just the core chapters (1-6 & 8), will qualify as a NASBLA certified course and Boater Education Certification. The only caveat is that the 14 hours must be maintained and must include the local state requirements. We plan to have enhanced e-book availability for chapters 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 (not 9) within the next few months.

### Sailing Skills and Seamanship

Make use of this course especially if your area has a fair number of sailboats. It is a NASBLA certified course and qualifies for Boater Education certification. Partnering with a sailing school/organization may enable some "hands on" aspect to the class.

### Weekend Navigator

This program has been updated from its original format which was designed to replace Advanced Coastal Navigation (CAN) or Basic Coastal Navigation (BCN). The presentation moves from electronic to paper navigation. It is possible to present the first parts of the course. *Weekend Navigator* is online, but the order of topics is different than the written text. This class will be replaced around April 1 by *Modern Marine Navigation* in an e-book format.

### Instructor Course

The Instructor Qualification material is found online at the District Website in the e-library. Currently the process of becoming instructor qualified involves reading the material supplied at that website, taking and passing an online course and working with a mentor to prepare a lesson plan and present the material, and lastly to present at public education training event. Once this teaching event is documented in AUXDATA, the flotilla commander can then submit a ticket at the help desk site to request certification for the member.

The Auxiliary is in the process of providing a method to give feedback to instructors to enable them to improve their instructor skills. You will be hearing more about this *Educational Excellence Program*. This program will allow the instructor to self-critique his/her skills and then receive feedback from an educational examiner. Instructor quality is a major determinant of student satisfaction. We have a talented cadre of instructors, but everyone can improve. We are always in need of quality instructors. We must strive to keep our instructors current in using the technology available to us so we are competitive in the current market. Look for enhanced

e book courses that can be presented in a classroom setting with the students following from downloaded material on their electronic readers.