



Safety Lines

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TRIDENT EDUCATION PROGRAM ANNOUNCED AT N-TRAIN 2001

The Trident Education Program was announced at N-TRAIN as a baseline training program for Auxiliary members involved in the Marine Safety and Environmental Protection programs. This program includes existing materials from the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Institute, the Center for Marine Conservation (CMC) and excerpts from the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Manual Volume I. Elements include "Incident Command System Orientation," "Initial Indoctrination -- Marine Inspector" Course, "Initial Indoctrination -- Port Operations" Course, and the "Good Mate Manual" from CMC.

The excerpts from the Marine Safety Manual Volume 1 provides an overview of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety program. It covers the philosophy of the program, the organization of the Marine Safety Manual, the Marine Inspection program, Port and Environmental Safety program, Marine Environmental Protection program, and Coast Guard In-House Compliance with Environmental Law. Also covered are Marine Pollution Financial Responsibility and Compensation Activity, Waterways Management program, Navigation Safety program, and the Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safety Program. The entire Marine Safety Manual is available on the web at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nmc/pubs/msm/vol1.htm>. The excerpt will be available on the Auxiliary National website.

The Incident Command System Orientation course (ICS Level 100) is designed to help the student understand the principles of the Incident Command System and how to use

it. It acquaints the student with basic ICS structure, terminology and usage in emergency response situations. It is available by download from the Institute at: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/ss/locc/part1.htm#ICSORI> or may be ordered from the Institute following your District's procedures for ordering courses from the Coast Guard Institute.

The Initial Indoctrination -- Marine Inspector course is also available from the Coast Guard Institute. It provides introductory knowledge for those entering the marine safety field for those who are assigned to marine inspection duties. The pamphlets introduce the marine safety organization; the use of references, authorities and standards; merchant vessel certificates; documents and boardings; and use of the related Marine Safety Information System (MSIS). It is also available either by download at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi/ss/locc/part1.htm#IIMI> or by ordering from the Institute.

The Initial Indoctrination -- Port Operations course provides introductory knowledge for those entering the marine safety field who are assigned port safety, security, and/or response duties. It introduces the marine safety organization; use of references, authorities, and standards; environmental response and investigation; merchant vessel boardings; waterfront inspections; Captain of the Port (COTP) authorities; and the related Marine Safety Information System (MSIS). It is not available for download, but may be ordered from the Coast Guard Institute.

The Good Mate Manual is scheduled to be released this summer by the Center for Marine Conservation. The Manual provides information on various ecosystems that make up the marine environment, describes sources of marine pollution and statutes for

environmental quality, describes impacts of recreational boating on the marine environment, and offers best management practices for improvements.

Response to the new program has been very exciting – we understand that the Coast Guard Reserve will be using this training program as well as the Auxiliary. We are very pleased to be able to offer Auxiliary members the very same training resources as our customers – the U.S. Coast Guard.

Best Practices: A Fast Paced School Program for Marine Safety

Bill Smolinski, SO-MS for Division 31, 8WR (Kansas) has developed a fast-paced marine safety program that he presents at local schools. The program is flexible enough to be adapted to the age level of the students and is designed to:

- 1) fit within the context of the science curriculum and
- 2) take up no more than one class period – including getting to the area, having the “lecture,” and back to the classroom.

He’s even managed to include some boating safety items! Here’s how he does it:

1 minute – explanation of who we are and what is about to happen

18 minutes – Inky the Whale film

5 minutes – talking about Inky and how we pollute our marine environment and what we can do to fix it

2 minutes – discussion from the group on what they would do

1 minute - explaining the waters belong to them and that they have a responsibility to keep it clean

1 minute – to bring the environmental issues back to local lakes and rivers

5 minutes – explaining boating safety and how it applies to them

10 minutes – demonstration of what to do during a boat sinking, man overboard, etc.

2 minutes – talking about the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and Coast Guard Academy.

Bill tries to limit the presentation to about 45 minutes, but has a 5-minute buffer built in to handle more questions than anticipated and always has at least one helper. At the end of the program he hands out packets containing various Coast Guard materials.

During the demonstration Bill has students (and teachers) put on various PFDs (many times putting child sizes on adults and XL adult sizes on the smallest child), and shows how to check PFDs. If the group has already completed the Inky segment, he uses other available films and does a review of boating safety. They perform a skit using the helper as the driver of the boat and a child as a victim gone overboard with another child as spotter. The victim moves around the room and the spotter must make sure that the operator knows where the victim is at all times. A real crowd pleaser!

Last school year, Bill presented his program to over 1000 students. Already this school year, he’s reached over 2000 students; he anticipates reaching 5000 students before the year is over. For more information, contact Bill at billsmolinski@worldnet.att.net.

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