

Regarding insurance for skippers taking boats on Student Cruises. An opinion, (by an insurance agent) was expressed stating that because students pay for the boating course, any conveyance by boat owners as part of the course (student cruise) could be construed as paid travel; consequently, though the CPS policy covers personal liability, there might be a problem with boat damage, whether there is any specific remuneration for the skipper or not. Check with your carrier and get it in writing.

Some sqdn's are asking students to volunteer donations to cover skippers expenses. Others indicated they cover costs by raising their student fees, but keep specifics sub rosa.

All Sqdns have run cruises; some no longer do so because of liability concerns.

WBAS .....AGAIN. The frustration level rises every meeting. Compared to some, we are apparently getting off easy.

Interesting note. We are apparently charged \$2.00 for each PCOC writer, because they become associate members of our Sqdn. However, we can not necessarily contact them because the website with their names and addresses in Fed. Gov. and they won't release it to us.

National AGM, Nanaimo, 2010. If you want to volunteer, contact Ray Orr or Sue Loveless at the Nanaimo Sqdn. We are going to be asked to donate a door prize. Any Ideas? Also, lots of logoed shirts, vests, Etc. If you want one, contact Nanaimo Sqdn.

There was a fair amount of discussion regarding the environmental module for the boating course. Doesn't seem to be any agreement or content or scope or placement.

PCOC numbers are all over the map. Some Sqdns report a rush; others, (like us) see no discernable interest. An interesting comment from a Sqdn Commander: "The Feds want this card universal; let them promote it."

There was of course discussion regarding the removal of pre requisite passing of the boating course for taking of advanced courses. It appears to be fait accompli, but participation by any Sqdn is optional.

One of VIND officers calls National Office "The Empire"

Some Numbers:

USPS 2006-65000; 2008-35000.