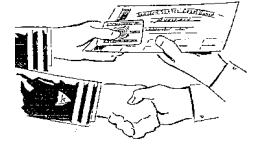

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Lesson Times

In the past, instructors were obliged to keep the length of each lesson the same. Thus, a 6-lesson course would require a minimum of 12 hours and each lesson was required to be at least 2 hours. This created difficulty in some of our courses. For example, it is difficult to teach piloting (even at the BS&S level) in one two-hour session. Yet other lessons might be able to be taught efficiently in less than two hours. Many students felt “rushed” in certain sessions and bored in others. To provide more flexibility to our instructors, the National EXCOM has approved a policy change. It is no longer a requirement to spend equal time for each chapter or lesson when teaching Boating Safely, Boating Skills and Seamanship or Advanced/Basic Coastal Navigation. However, there are some important conditions attached:

- All subjects covered in each lesson need to be taught. Instructors must not omit topics contained in the lesson. This is critical. Lesson topics and subject matter content have been carefully selected for educational value and to ensure that we are in compliance with State and National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) requirements. Omission of required topics could mean that the course no longer satisfies applicable requirements.
- The TOTAL time of instruction must still equal the time requirements for each course. For example, a six lesson course requires a minimum of 12 hours of in-class instruction. NASBLA requires a minimum of 6 hours for an approved course and any course that is shorter is not approved.

This change is intended to increase the quality of our courses. The added flexibility is clearly beneficial to both students and instructors. Please apply this policy intelligently. Do not short change our students.