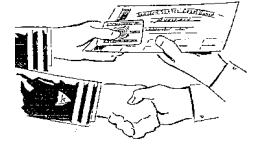

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TWO NEW YOUTH BOOKS AVAILABLE

The Department of Education is pleased to announce the availability of two new youth safe boating texts.

The first text, which will be available from ANSC (order #3010) after April 14, 2000, is a 16 page coloring book titled *BOATING FUN – ADVENTURE ON THE WATER*. It is designed for students in grades K-3. It contains a guide for use as well as a list of activities and demonstrations.

The second text, which will be available from ANSC (order #3011) after June 1, 2000 is also 16 pages and in FULL color. It is titled *WAYPOINTS – A GUIDE TO BOATING SAFELY*. This course is designed for students in grades 4-6 and includes the main safety points found in our basic adult course, *BOATING SAFELY*. A Facilitator Guide will be packaged with each 50 books.

Both of these books were developed in a joint project with the Army Corps Of Engineers and have been fully field tested in Auxiliary, public school, and Army Corps of Engineers instructor led, classes. These books are designed to be used for several traditional, instructor led, classroom situations as well as stand-alone study by a single user.

We are printing 450,000+ *BOATING FUN*, and 200,000+ *WAYPOINTS books*. While this may seem to be a large number, they will not last long if they are given out, in large quantities, at boat shows and other public events. **A WORD OF CAUTION!** At present there are NO additional funds to reprint. Thus members are asked to use their good judgment and distribute these free books in an environment that will foster good learning and fully utilize their educational power. Usually this will mean an Auxiliary, public school or other instructor led course. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THEM AWAY AS A BOAT SHOW HANDOUT.

Additional pertinent (and important) information, such as instructor guidance, graduation certificates, packaging/ordering information and overhead support is contained in a downloadable eight page publication, *INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION – YOUTH COURSES*. This may be found on the Auxiliary Web site by looking in the Public Education section.

A new Certificate of Participation, usable for both courses, is available from ANSC, order #6040.

We trust these modern and attractive courses will stimulate renewed vigor in our long-standing and successful youth boating safety efforts. As always the Department of Education solicits your feedback on what you like, what works in the classroom, how you would change what doesn't seem to work so well and what further support you need to successfully teach in this important market. Please return your comments and suggestions through your DSO-PE's. They are in continual contact with the Department of Education.

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