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### **GPS for Mariners Introduced**

Your Education Department is pleased to announce the availability of entirely new GPS course for use in your public education activities. *GPS for Mariners* is the title of a new book from McGraw-Hill authored by Bob Sweet. The Department became aware of this book in January of this year and has worked extensively with the author to develop an exciting new course that includes the book and some terrific PowerPoint support materials. The recommended presentation of the course involves inviting participants who already own hand-held GPS units to bring them to the class...this increases the interactivity of the educational experience and gets your students more involved. However, this class is so effective that even those not possessing handheld units will learn how to use a GPS for practical recreational boating. In addition, the interactivity of the course should encourage our Recreational Boating Safety Partners to want to sponsor GPS for Mariners classes since it should increase their sales of handheld GPS units.

Two material packages are available through your DSO-MA.

GPS-1: Student materials contains –

- 10 GPS for Mariners textbooks
- 10 final examinations and answer sheets
- 11 course completion certificates
- 1 final examination answer template

GPS-2: The instructor resources kit contains –

- 1 GPS for Mariners textbook
- 1 set of printed GPS for Mariners instructor notes based on the PowerPoint
- 1 PowerPoint on CD...the presentation is too large for most Auxiliarists to download from the E Department media library
- 1 final examination answer template
- 1 certificate of completion

Recognizing that the course materials are more expensive than the prior GPS course, we encourage you to charge a minimum of \$35.00 per student for the course and we are confident that students who pay as much as \$50-60.00 for the course will recognize that they've received a terrific GPS education.

We encourage you to begin to roll out this new and very exciting course immediately...it will bring rave reviews from those who participate.

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