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ABC 2nd Edition Is Now Shipping...What's Changed?

The second edition of the America's Boating Course text has recently started shipping from AUXCEN. This revision to the original ABC book addresses those issues that we've told you about over the past 18 months that NASBLA has added as required material in approved boating safety courses. America's Boating Course is now approved until 2008 and at that time we may have to go through some other revisions to gain continuing approval.

Throughout this edition there are minor editorial changes and bug fixes. Unless we missed some, every place where the first edition said "Boat or PWC" the text now reads vessel...reinforcing the fact that PWC's are, in fact vessels.

Here's a summary of other significant changes...or lack of changes:

Chapter 1 – Minimal editorial changes

Chapter 2 – Minimal editorial changes but the theft and knots information deleted

Chapter 3 – Introduction to NAV Rules expanded; Crossing and passing rules reorganized and made clearer; Restricted visibility operations emphasized; "Finding Your Way on the Water" totally rewritten with piloting added and GPS information expanded.

NOTE: Since range markers are not included in the ABC book, if these are a significant Navigation Aid in your area, it would probably be a good idea to discuss these.

Chapter 4 – Minimal editorial changes

Chapter 5 – Homeland Security Restrictions added; Sound producing device rules corrected.

Chapter 6 – PFD maintenance information expanded to better address inflatable PFD's; Carbon monoxide poisoning information significantly expanded; Where hypothermia was previously discussed, both cold water immersion and hypothermia are addressed based upon latest scientific information.

Your Education Department will have the ABC PowerPoints revised consistent with the new book within the next 30-45 days.