

**IMPORTANT – A NEW ADDENDUM IS ENCLOSED FOR
*The Squadron Boating Course***

**Instructor Information
for the
2004 Edition of *The Squadron Boating Course***

The following instructions are for USPS personnel who are involved with any aspect of *The Squadron Boating Course*. The enclosed eighteen-page *Notes & Updates* handout is required to be used in 2007 and beyond to maintain the NASBLA certification of the student manual.

Addendum for 2004 Student Manual:

Each order for public boating course manuals filled with *The Squadron Boating Course – 2004 Edition* manuals will include a matching quantity of *Notes & Updates* handouts. **This eighteen-page supplement is to be provided to all students using the 2004 edition of the student manual.** The student is expected to study and know this material along with the contents of *The Squadron Boating Course* student manual and local and state boating regulations. Answers to certain examination questions will be found in this addendum. Local support personnel, for whom the student may call upon while studying and preparing for this closed book exam, should be familiar with the addendum.

Examination:

NASBLA requires the use of an approved examination for all courses certified by NASBLA after 1/01/2005. This is a departure from prior USPS examination practices. Previously, USPS' public-course examination questions were taken from the homework, or were modifications of homework questions. The first part of *The Squadron Boating Course* examination has been provided by NASBLA. It has not been created from the student manual homework. Destroy all prior versions of *The Squadron Boating Course* examinations.

The new examination for 2007 and beyond consists of multiple parts:

- The Course examination is closed book and is available in one, two or three Parts depending on whether the 8-hour course or the 12-hour course is presented and if state-specific exam questions are required.

8-Hour Course:

1. 50-question NASBLA approved examination booklet; **order 02-73-139 Public Boating Course Exam;**
2. plus, state-specific exam questions (if any).

12-Hour Course:

1. 50-question NASBLA approved examination booklet; **order 02-73-139 Public Boating Course Exam;**
 2. plus, 25-question Piloting examination booklet; **order 02-73-138 Boating Course Piloting Exam;**
 3. plus, state-specific questions (if any).
- Refer to the *2007 Instructor's Manual* for all exam answers.

Instructions for Exam Administrators: The answer key used with the prior *The Squadron Boating Course* exam is no longer valid. A new answer key overlay template must be created by the squadron. The 2004 and 2006 *Boat Smart* answer keys will properly score the 50-question NASBLA approved exam; that is, the a, b, c, d, options have been structured such that the '04 and '06 answer keys properly score the NASBLA Form-A exam. The 25-question Piloting answer key is unique. Additional instructions, the examination answers, and the answer keys are provided in the *2007 Instructor's Manual* which is contained in ***The Squadron Boating Course Instructor Kit, USPS Materials Catalog item 03-73-109.***

Reminder: Destroy all prior versions of The Squadron Boating Course exam.