



ABC- Just One More! "How can we participate?"

Question: My flotilla loves the idea of ABC: Just One More! But we're small and only have a few instructors. How can WE participate, especially during the boating season?

Answer: That's a problem for many flotillas. With summer and boating season upon us, we too want to be out on the water, not in the classroom. But, what better time to be talking about boating safety, than during boating season?

Division 4 in 1SR had a novel way to solve this problem:

The division PE officer with a member of the Public Affairs team approached a local community college that had parking lots available as well as student services such as food and drink. Because it was the summer season, the college was happy to offer a large room, and even advertised the class in their spring brochure.

The SO-PE asked all the flotilla commanders to please provide instructors that were willing to work the session. Prior to that he distributed a listing of the chapters to be offered and a good estimated time schedule so that the members all did not have to be present at the same time for the whole day (approximately eight hours). The flotillas responded with the names of the proctors and the names of the instructors and which courses they will instruct. All six flotillas in the division participated.

The results? 40 people attended the class, many want more classes and several joined the Auxiliary. The college asked if the Auxiliary would provide both a spring and fall course in addition to the summer course. A new relationship was formed and the Division has a new place to teach classes. More flotilla members wanted to become instructors, and in the words of the DSO-PE, "The summer courses are some of the best attended courses as compared to the spring and fall turnout!"

This Division is planning this summer's course. Your flotilla can likewise offer ABC- Just One More! Team up with your fellow Division members and give this a try!