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To: Dynamic Positioning Training Centres

Referent to: Sea Time Reduction

Subject: Reduction of Course Time

SEA TIME REDUCTION COURSES

The DPTEG meeting of 7th June 2011, determined that the allowable Sea Time Reduction course should be reduced from 2 weeks (12 weeks sea time equivalent overall) to 1 week (6 weeks sea time equivalent overall).

In order to allow centres that run Sea Time Reduction courses to prepare themselves and their booking system, the Nautical Institute is instigating this requirement from **1st of January 2013**.

Intensive simulator training	DP time reduction
1 week	6 weeks sea time equivalent overall

The Sea Time Reduction training cannot be used to replace the DP familiarisation time, or the final 30 days of DP sea time nor to be used for upgrading a certificate.

The maximum allowable reduction in DP sea time that may be achieved in attending this course, when applying for a certificate is 6 weeks of the required DP sea time.

This course cannot replace the required 60 days DP service on a Class 2 or 3 vessel when applying for a DP certificate.

Prior to commencing the DP sea time reduction training, Phase 3 (Advanced / Simulator course) of the DPO training scheme should be completed, followed by a minimum period of 30 days DP sea service.

A period of at least 30 days DP sea service must be gained between the DP sea time reduction training courses.

For students who commenced their training before January 2013 and have more than one entry for Sea Time Reduction in their DP logbook before January 2013, the entries will still be acceptable by the Nautical Institute, based in the old criteria.

However, those students who have more than one entry for sea time reduction prior to 2013 and obtain further entries for the sea time reduction course in 2013 the 2013 entry or any subsequent ones will not be considered by the Nautical Institute if the total sea time reduction exceeds 6 weeks.



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For those who have started the Sea Time Reduction course after January 2013, the maximum allowance to reduce sea time will be 6 weeks.

Further information or clarification can be obtained from The Nautical Institute team at dp@nautinst.org.

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