ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS

PHASE TWO

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

SECTION 8

EO C223.01 – DEFINE NAVAL TERMINOLOGY

Total Time: 30 min

PREPARATION

PRE-LESSON INSTRUCTIONS

Resources needed for the delivery of this lesson are listed in the lesson specification located in A-CR-CCP-602/PG-001, Chapter 4. Specific uses for said resources are identified throughout the Instructional Guide within the TP for which they are required.

Review the lesson content and become familiar with the material prior to delivering the lesson. Photocopy Annex A, and cut them out as outlined on the pages.

PRE-LESSON ASSIGNMENT

N/A.

APPROACH

An interactive lecture was chosen for TP1 to TP3 to introduce and provide an overview of naval positions/appointments, terminology and orders.

An in-class activity was chosen for TP4, as it is an interactive was to provoke thought and stimulate interest among the cadets, while confirming the cadets' comprehension of naval terminology.

INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

N/A.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this lesson the cadet shall be expected to define naval terminology.

IMPORTANCE

It is important for cadets to define naval terminology as these terms are frequently used in a naval environment.

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Teaching point 1 **Define Naval Positions/Appointments**

Time: 5 min Method: Interactive Lecture

Boatswain. Comes from the old English “batswegen”, meaning the boat’s swain, or husband. Boatswains are the seamanship specialists.

Buffer. The chief boatswain’s mate.

Helmsman. The person steering the ship.

Jimmy. The Executive Officer (XO).

Killick. Leading seaman; derived from the Gaelic word meaning anchor.

Sin Boatswain. Chaplain or padre.

Tiffy. The medical person onboard a ship.

Yeoman. The senior signalman onboard a ship.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 1

QUESTIONS

Q1. What are boatswains specialists in?

Q2. What is the term for the person who is steering the ship?

Q3. What is the medical person onboard a ship called?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. Seamanship.

A2. The helmsman.

A3. The tiffy.

Teaching point 2 **Define Naval Terminology**

Time: 5 min Method: Interactive Lecture

Binnacle. The stand or housing for the ship’s compass.

Bravo Zulu. Signifies ‘good job’ or ‘well done’.

Dhobey. Laundry.

Foul. To entangle or obstruct.

Irish Pennants. Rope yarns or stray rope ends. This term is currently used to refer to stray threads on a person’s uniform.

Make and Mend. Traditionally this was time set aside to repair and replace kit, but is currently used as recreational time.

Pusser. Anything that is service issued.

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Silent Hours. Hours between pipe down and calling the hands. Only emergency pipes are made during this time.

Tiddley. Neat/smart/clean.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 2

QUESTIONS

Q1. What is the naval term for ‘good job’ or ‘well done’?

Q2. What does the term dhobey mean?

Q3. What is the term for anything that is service issued?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. Bravo zulu.

A2. Laundry.

A3. Pusser.

Teaching point 3 **Define Naval Orders**

Time: 5 min Method: Interactive Lecture

Ahoy. A way of attracting attention.

Avast. Stop what you are doing.

Batten Down. To secure closed/shut.

Cast Off. To let go.

Check Away. To ease out a line or wire.

Haul Taut. To pull tight.

Walk Back. To pay out by walking, keeping the line in hand.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 3

QUESTIONS

Q1. What would you say to attract attention?

Q2. What does it mean to cast off?

Q3. What is the action for hauling taut?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. Ahoy.

A2. To let go.

A3. Pulling tight.

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Teaching point 4 **Conduct an Activity Allowing the Cadets to Define Naval Positions/Appointments, Terminology, and Orders**

Time: 10 min Method: In-Class Activity



Choose one of the following activities.

ACTIVITY 1

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this activity is to define naval terminology.

RESOURCES

N/A.

ACTIVITY LAYOUT

N/A.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Divide cadets into groups of two or three.

2. Have each group create a song/rhyme that includes a minimum of five terms and their definitions, introduced in this lesson.

3. Have each group present their song/rhyme to the class.

SAFETY

N/A.

ACTIVITY 2

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this activity is to define naval terminology.

RESOURCES

Photocopies of Annex A.

ACTIVITY LAYOUT

N/A.

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ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Divide cadets into groups of two or three.
2. Give each group a set of cards (Annex A).
3. Have cadets match the terms to the definitions on the cards.
4. The goal of this activity is to define all of the terms correctly.

SAFETY

N/A.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 4

The cadets' participation in the activity will serve as the confirmation of this TP.

END OF LESSON CONFIRMATION

The cadets' participation in the activity in TP4 will serve as the confirmation of this lesson.

CONCLUSION

HOMEWORK/READING/PRACTICE

N/A.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

N/A.

CLOSING STATEMENT

Naval terminology is a fun and exciting aspect of Sea Cadet training. This set of terms is unique to the Navy and a part of naval history/tradition. It is important to know these terms because this language is used throughout Sea Cadet training.

INSTRUCTOR NOTES/REMARKS

N/A.

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NAVAL TERMINOLOGY

BOATSWAIN	COMES FROM THE OLD ENGLISH "BATSWEGEN" MEANING THE BOAT'S SWAIN, OR HUSBAND. BOATSWAINS ARE THE SEAMANSHIP SPECIALISTS.
BUFFER	THE CHIEF BOATSWAIN'S MATE.
HELMSMAN	THE PERSON STEERING THE SHIP.

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JIMMY	THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER.
KILLICK	LEADING SEAMAN; DERIVED FROM THE GAELIC WORD MEANING ANCHOR.
SIN BOATSWAIN	CHAPLAIN OR PADRE

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TIFFY	THE MEDICAL PERSON ONBOARD A SHIP.
YEOMAN	THE SENIOR SIGNALMAN ONBOARD A SHIP.
BINNACLE	THE STAND OR HOUSING FOR THE SHIP'S COMPASS.

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BRAVO ZULU	SIGNIFIES ‘GOOD JOB’ OR ‘WELL DONE’.
DHOBEY	LAUNDRY.
FOUL	TO ENTANGLE OR OBSTRUCT.

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IRISH PENNANTS	ROPE YARNS OR STRAY ROPE ENDS. THIS TERM IS CURRENTLY USED TO REFER TO STRAY THREADS ON A PERSON'S UNIFORM.
MAKE AND MEND	TRADITIONALLY THIS WAS TIME SET ASIDE TO REPAIR AND REPLACE KIT, BUT IS CURRENTLY USED AS RECREATIONAL TIME.
PUSSER	ANYTHING THAT IS SERVICE ISSUED.

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SILENT HOURS	HOURS BETWEEN PIPE DOWN AND CALLING THE HANDS. ONLY EMERGENCY PIPES ARE MADE DURING THIS TIME.
TIDDLEY	NEAT/SMART/CLEAN.
AHOY	A WAY OF ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

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AVAST	STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING.
BATTEN DOWN	TO SECURE CLOSED/SHUT.
CAST OFF	TO LET GO.

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CHECK AWAY	TO EASE OUT A LINE OR WIRE.
HAUL TAUT	TO PULL TIGHT.
WALK BACK	TO PAY OUT BY WALKING, KEEPING THE LINE IN HAND.

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