ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS

PHASE ONE

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

SECTION 2

EO M107.02 – IDENTIFY SEA CADET AND NAVAL OFFICER RANKS

Total Time: 30 min

PREPARATION

PRE-LESSON INSTRUCTIONS

This IG supports EO M107.02 (Identify Sea Cadet and Naval Officer Ranks) located in A-CR-CCP-601/PG-001, *Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Phase One Qualification Standard and Plan*, Chapter 4.

Obtain a set of cadet ranks / slip-ons from the corps supply.

Photocopy Annex A and cut out each rank.

Prepare index cards with pictures of cadet and officer ranks, located in Annex A and B, up to Lt(N), preparing one card per cadet.

PRE-LESSON ASSIGNMENT

Nil.

APPROACH

An interactive lecture was chosen for this lesson to orient the cadets to the rank structure of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets (RCSC) and the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN).

INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

Nil.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this lesson the cadet shall have identified the sea cadet and naval officer ranks.

IMPORTANCE

It is important that the cadets be able to identify ranks of both cadets and officers in order to pay proper marks of respect and follow the chain of command. It is also a matter of courtesy to address people by their correct rank.

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Teaching point 1 **Explain the structure and rank insignia of the RCSC.**

Time: 10 min Method: Interactive Lecture



Criteria for Sea Cadet Promotions are found in CATO 13-02, *Cadet Rank Promotions*.



Refer to CATO 35-01, *Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Dress Instructions* for placement of rank badges on the jacket.

CADET RANKS

Every cadet in the corps has a rank. Ranks are an indication of the experience and responsibility of each cadet.

ORDINARY SEAMAN (OS)

Cadets will start at the rank of ordinary seaman upon enrolment in sea cadets.

There is no badge for the rank of ordinary seaman.

ABLE SEAMAN (AB)

The able seaman rank badge has one chevron.



Figure 1 Able Seaman Rank Badge

LEADING SEAMAN (LS)

The leading seaman rank badge has two chevrons.



Figure 2 Leading Seaman Rank Badge

MASTER SEAMAN (MS)

The master seaman rank badge has two chevrons with an anchor on top.

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Figure 3 Master Seaman Rank Badge

PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS (PO2)

The petty officer second class badge has three chevrons with two crossed anchors on top.



Figure 4 Petty Officer Second Class Rank Badge

PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS (PO1)

The petty officer first class badge is a crown.



Figure 5 Petty Officer First Class Rank Badge

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS (CPO2)

The chief petty officer second class badge is a crown encircled by a wreath.



Figure 6 Chief Petty Officer Second Class Rank Badge

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS (CPO1)

CPO1 is the highest rank a cadet may achieve and the badge is the Canadian Coat of Arms.

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Figure 7 Chief Petty Officer First Class Rank Badge

Ranks are also worn on the gunshirt, all-season jacket, and blue postman shirt. Refer to CATO 35-01, *Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Dress Instructions* for placement of rank badges on these items.



Show cadets the tunic, gunshirt and slip-on badges for each rank.

Time: 5 min

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this activity is for the cadets to become familiar with the sea cadet ranks.

RESOURCES

- Paper copies of each rank, and
- Tape.

ACTIVITY LAYOUT

Nil.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Tape ranks to the back of each cadet (the cadet does not get to see the rank on their back).

2. Have the cadets walk around and ask other cadets yes / no questions to determine what rank they are wearing. For example, “Do I have two chevrons?” The cadet has to determine from the answers what rank they are.

3. The cadets can only ask one question to each of the other cadets to determine what rank they are.

4. After three minutes, split the cadets into groups and have them present what rank they think they are based on the information they have received. For example, if a group has determined they have only two chevrons on their back, they would present themselves as the leading seaman group / individual.

5. Check that they have grouped themselves correctly.

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SAFETY

Nil.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 1

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

Teaching point 2 **Explain the naval officer rank structure.**

Time: 15 min Method: Interactive Lecture

JUNIOR OFFICERS

When an individual joins the RCN as an officer, they hold the rank of Naval Cadet (NCdt). Once an officer is promoted to the rank of acting sub-lieutenant (A/SLt) they become a commissioned member of the Canadian Armed Forces. Receiving a commission means that a person has been recognized by the monarchy (King or Queen) to serve as an officer.

Junior officers are officers who hold the rank of NCdt to Lieutenant (Navy). Senior officers are those from the rank of Lieutenant-Commander to Captain (Navy) and flag officers hold the rank of Commodore and above. Junior, senior and flag officers have different braid on their headdress.



Figure 8 Female and Male Junior Officer Headdress

Naval Cadet (NCdt)



Figure 9 Naval Cadet Rank

Acting Sub-Lieutenant (A/SLt)



Figure 10 Acting Sub-Lieutenant Rank

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Sub-Lieutenant (SLt)



Figure 11 Sub-Lieutenant Rank

Lieutenant (Navy) (Lt(N))



Figure 12 Lieutenant (Navy) Rank

SENIOR OFFICERS



Figure 13 Female and Male Senior Officer Headdress

Lieutenant-Commander (LCdr)



Figure 14 Lieutenant-Commander Rank

Commander (Cdr)



Figure 15 Commander Rank

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Captain (Navy) (Capt(N))



Figure 16 Captain (Navy) Rank

FLAG OFFICERS



Figure 17 Female and Male Flag Officer Headdress

Commodore (Cmdre)



Figure 18 Commodore Rank

Rear-Admiral (RAdm)



Figure 19 Rear-Admiral Rank

Vice-Admiral (VAdm)



Figure 20 Vice-Admiral Rank

Admiral (Adm)



Figure 21 Admiral Rank

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If available, show the cadets actual ranks. If not available, show the cadets pictures of the ranks.

Time: 5 min

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this activity is for cadets to become familiar with the naval officer ranks.

RESOURCES

- Set of Sea Cadet rank cards, one card for each cadet.
- Set of naval officer rank cards, one card for each cadet.

ACTIVITY LAYOUT

Nil.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Distribute one index card to each cadet.

2. Have the cadets introduce their rank to another cadet. When both cadets have introduced their ranks, they will trade cards. They are to repeat the process with three different cadets.

3. Have the cadets form groups based on the rank they are holding.

4. Have the cadets form a line in order of rank from NCdt to Lt(N).

SAFETY

Nil.

END OF LESSON CONFIRMATION

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

CONCLUSION

HOMEWORK/READING/PRACTICE

Nil.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

Nil.

CLOSING STATEMENT

Cadets will be required to recognize the Sea Cadet and naval officer ranks on an ongoing basis throughout their time as a cadet.

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INSTRUCTOR NOTES/REMARKS

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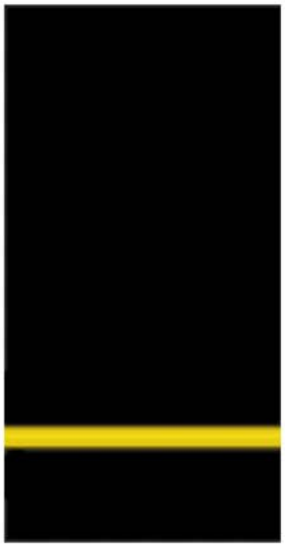
JUNIOR OFFICER RANKS









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