ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS

PHASE TWO

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

SECTION 5

EO M223.05 – PIPE THE STILL

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. Ensure boatswain's calls and cleaning solution are available prior to the start of this lesson.

Photocopy the handout located at Annex A for each cadet.

PRE-LESSON ASSIGNMENT

N/A.

APPROACH

An interactive lecture was chosen for TP1 to introduce the Still and provide an overview of its purpose.

Demonstration and performance was chosen for TP2 as it allows the instructor to explain and demonstrate piping the Still while providing an opportunity for the cadets to practice the call under supervision.

INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

N/A.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this lesson the cadet shall be expected to pipe the Still.

IMPORTANCE

The boatswain's call is used as a naval form of communication. It is important for cadets to know how to respond to the various pipes and to execute notes using the boatswain's call in order to perform the various pipes. These pipes will be used by the duty quartermaster, which will be a duty for Phase Three cadets.

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Teaching point 1 **Identify the Purpose of the Still**

Time: 5 min Method: Interactive Lecture

The Still is used to call all hands to attention as a mark of respect, or to order silence on any occasion. It is also used to announce the arrival onboard of a senior officer. The Still does not require any further orders or verbal announcements as the pipe itself is an order.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 1

QUESTIONS

Q1. What is the Still used for?

Q2. For whom may the Still be used to announce the arrival?

Q3. Does the Still require any further verbal announcements? Why?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. To call all hands to attention as a mark of respect, or to order silence on any occasion.

A2. A senior officer onboard a ship.

A3. No, because the pipe itself is an order.

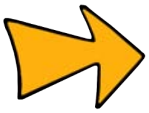
Teaching point 2 **Demonstrate, Explain, and Have the Cadets Practice Piping the Still**

Time: 20 min Method: Demonstration and Performance



Audio samples of the Still can be found at http://www.navy.forces.gc.ca/cms_youth/youth_articles_e.asp?id=500

The Still is produced by holding the high note for eight seconds with a sharp finish.



Placing the teeth on the ridges at the mouth of the boatswain's call will assist in controlling the pipes as the tongue can be used to stop the air flow, keeping the notes sharp.



Distribute handout located at Annex A.

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Figure 1 The Still



Demonstrate and have each cadet practice piping the Still.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 2

QUESTIONS

Q1. What note is used to produce the still?

Q2. How long is the Still?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. The high note.

A2. Eight seconds.

END OF LESSON CONFIRMATION

The cadets' participation in TP2 will serve as the confirmation of this lesson.

CONCLUSION

HOMEWORK/READING/PRACTICE

N/A.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

N/A.

CLOSING STATEMENT

Sounding pipes on the boatswain's call is a tradition that has been maintained for hundreds of years. Using pipes to deliver orders is a large part of what makes naval institutions unique. Using pipes to get the attention of the ship's company or to get everyone to come to attention is a common and practical use of the boatswain's call.

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INSTRUCTOR NOTES/REMARKS

Instructors can find audio samples of the Still at reference A1-022 that may be played for the cadets during this lesson.

Ensure the boatswain's calls are cleaned with a cleaning solution between uses.

REFERENCES

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THE STILL

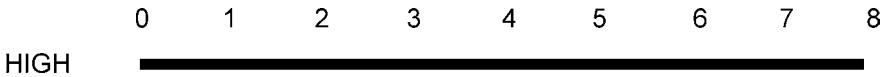

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Figure A-1 The Still

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