



Announcing the Aid Verifier 2013 Training Program for First Northern

Starting on Tuesday evening, December 4, 2012

Place: The comfort of your home.

2013 Aid Verifier Training

We are in need of trained and qualified Aid Verifiers throughout First Northern, especially in the following areas, [Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11 and 12](#). If you are in need of a challenge and are tired of boring patrols, this is the program for you. We are also anxious to re-qualify any existing AVs who have been inactive in the past five years. Note that 2013 training will be limited to 25 Auxiliarists so get your reservations in right away.

Here is a list of the planned training sessions for 2013:

- **Dec. 4 - AV Training Session 1 - INTRODUCTION TO AID VERIFIER TRAINING**
The District Specific Tasks and the full Aid Verifier PQS will be explained in a [WebEX](#) training session from 8:00 to 10:00 pm. You will be made aware of the Boat Crew tasks, the TCT training and the ICS training that is also required for qualification. Location of the prescribed readings and study will be explained. Time permitting, some of the District Specific tasks will be explained for check off.
- **Dec. 18 – AV Training Session 2 - NAUTICAL CHARTS AND ALMANACS**
The NOAA Nautical Chart along with all of the other Nautical Catalogs that you will need as an AV will be explained in a [WebEX](#) training session from 8:00 to 10:00 pm. AVC will be introduced to all of the on-line charts and documents access and how to access them on the NS Web Site at www.uscgaaan.com. AVCs will be shown how to download and update their on-line Open/CPN nautical charts. Other currently updated catalogs will be demonstrated.
- **Jan 5 – January Conference - KIOSK** at January District Training Conference, Newport RI.
Get your PC updated with on-line Open /CPN NOAA charts all day Saturday – 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Experienced AVs will be available to answer your questions about the Aid Verifier Program and perform check offs. Bring your PC and hand-held GPS with you.
- **Jan 6 – January Conference - NAVIGATION SYSTEM STAFF PANEL DISCUSSION** at January District Training Conference, Newport RI on Sunday morning from 8:30 am to Noon. Discussions will include a review of the 2012 performance, the Goals for 2013, new features for 2013, review of the NS Web Site, and successful program organization techniques.

- **Jan 15 – AV Training Session 3 – IALA-B Aid to Navigation System.**

The IALA-B Aids to Navigation System will be explained in a [WebEX](#) training session from 08:00 to 10:00 pm. Also, how to take fixes and depths accurately, reporting activity on AUXDATA, using the PATON System and aquaculture facilities will be covered.

- **Feb 5 – AV Training Session 4 – The Bridge Program**

Understanding CFR 117 – Bridges (Q&A), Typical Bridge discrepancies, how to conduct a bridge survey, how to report a Bridge Specification Update and how to report a discrepancy on a bridge in a [WebEX](#) training session from 08:00 to 10:00 pm.

- **Feb 19 – AV Training Session 5 - THE PATON SYSTEM**

The full use of the PATON System will be explained and demonstrated in a [WebEX](#) training session from 08:00 to 10:00 pm. You will learn how to logon, how to register, how to submit a PATON application and how to determine what PATONs are scheduled for your PATROL Area, How to prepare and submit a 7054 AV Verification Report, how to submit discrepancy photos and how to report your NS activity to AUXDATA.

- **Mar 5 - Updating the Charts on your PC.** You will be able to establish waypoints and routes on your PC and track them when you are underway using your PC in a [WebEX](#) training session from 08:00 to 10:00. On line charts are faster to use for plotting courses, creating waypoints and routes for your GPS and are more accurate than the traditional paper charts because that can be updated and corrected each month. Getting the GPS dongle to function with your PC. This feature converts your PC to an on-line chart plotter that will track you position when you are underway. This is an optional training session for the AVC.

- **APR 13 – April Awards Conference - PATON AND BRIDGE PROGRAM TUNE UP WORKSHOP** at the District Awards/Training Conference in Newport, RI. Times to follow. If you haven't attended a NS Workshop, this is a must for all AVCs. If you miss it, there will be an on-line WebEX session in MAY.

- **APR 13 – April Awards Conference - KIOSK** Available all day Saturday. AVC check offs conducted. Downloads of Open CPN software to PCs. Updates of software to PCs. Senior NS staff available to answer questions about the Navigation Systems Programs. AVC check offs will be conducted.

Take this opportunity to join a unique group of skilled Auxiliarists who verify the Private Aids and survey the Bridges of First Northern.

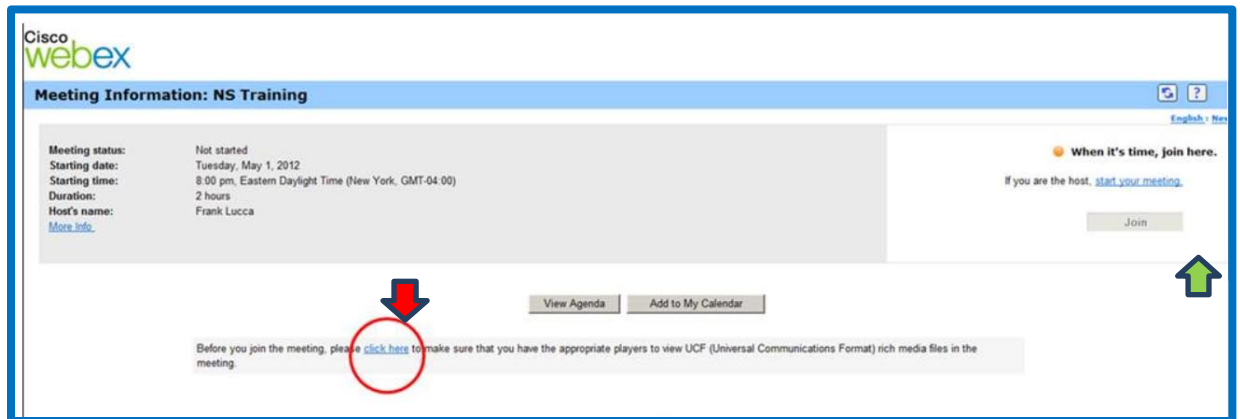
Class size is limited to 25 students. Reservations are required

How the WebEX Training System works:

WebEX training sessions are limited to 25 people. Follow these simple steps:

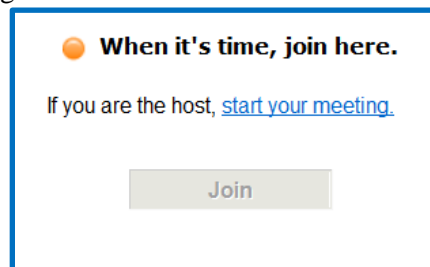
Step 1 - Click the **WebEX** page on the Navigation Systems Web Site at: www.uscgaaan.com.

Step 2 - Access this training session by clicking on the **Red** or **Green** link, “**1st Tuesday of the Month**” or the “**3rd Tuesday of the Month.**” The screen shown below will appear.



Step 3 - Before you join a session, click on “[click here](#)” that is circled in **red** (*See red arrow above*) to make sure that you have the appropriate players to view UCF (Universal Communications Format) rich media files in the meeting. This WebEX training site will be open your for access at **7:50 pm.** (EST)

Step 4 – Click on the “[Join](#)” box at the top right-hand corner of the screen (*See green arrow above*) to enter the training session.



Training starts at 8:00 and ends at 10:00 PM. (EST)

A brief tutorial to explain your participation as a student will be given at 7:50 pm.

Pre-registration is required. E-mail FrankJLarkin@verizon.net. You will be e-mailed a reminder on the scheduled training date.

Don't be afraid to join a WebEX training session. Just follow the instructions above. Live assistance will be available once you access the WebEX training site at 7:50 pm. Logging in using the www.uscgaaan.com / WebEX page as explained above is recommended. There will be a brief tutorial presentation at 7:50 pm to make you feel comfortable about what will happen during the presentation.