



# NEWS ARTICLE

## Training, Training and Success

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March madness was an understatement this year, Basketball has nothing on our training events. We started off with Risk Management at the YMCA in Clarksville, Virginia, and followed it with GAR 2.0 at Soapstone UMC in Raleigh.



We were pleased that OTO Jack Williams was able to take time out of his heavy schedule to do this training with us and it was even better that we had a great turnout on short notice, especially from our Flotilla members.

*OTO Jack Williams came to instruct the GAR 2.0 for Division 9 members*

The main event was 9-Train, where members received lots of training to carry back to the Flotillas. This was a great event, starting with the Mentor workshop, then the Division Board meeting, and the Division Change of Watch Awards presentation. That was followed by a good lunch provided at no cost to the membership. It was a great boxed lunch and the sandwiches were so fresh and nicely prepared.



*Photo is a one of many workshops from 9-Train. Division 9 members and Sea Scouts in attendance.*

## Public Boating Classes

Once again, we endeavored to have Boating Safely classes. Our greatest feat was at Park View High School in South Hill Virginia. This class became quite a challenge for a couple of reasons, our lead instructor was absent due to illness and we had three blocks to teach. We become jugglers, since the blocks were back to back, in different rooms and different buildings. It was a challenge, getting there, setting up and being prepared to start when the students arrived.



*A shot of Roger Smith teaching Block one. This was a smaller class but the students scored better than 92% with a few 100%. Gene Midyette taking notes*

We banded together and completed our task with much success. **Thirty-three students took the test** and thirty passed, most getting grades higher than 92% and a few 100%.

It still seems incredible that we had one student who played soccer that 1<sup>st</sup> night, he got home after midnight and he could hardly stay awake the next two days, still got a grade in the 90's. Absolutely amazing to see that happen.



*This is Block 3 students were paying attention and learning*

We closed the month with two students attending the **About Boating Safely** class at the Magnuson Hotel. Both students received a 100% and participated greatly in the chapter material. That participation always makes it more interesting and enjoyable for the instructors.

## More Member Training



On 23 March 2019, we had our annual Personal Protective Equipment water test. The pool management forgot we were scheduled and they were draining the pool for maintenance when we arrived. But we did some sign-offs on equipment, got invited to do a PA event in May and had great fellowship with lunch to follow. Overall it was a great and productive day.



## Experimentation with a New Clarksville Meeting Location



Michele's Café, Clarksville, VA (near the airport)

We tried a new location for our meeting on 26 March 2019, we had gone there for breakfast, when we teach classes in the mornings. The café closes after lunch so when they offered to open it up at night just for us, prepare a meal, and have our meeting, it was a great opportunity, which we took advantage.

The May meeting will be there as well. We have a few quirks to work on to make the new arrangement work for us.



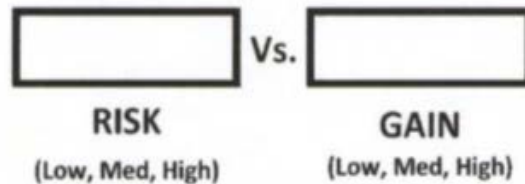
Homemade Chocolate Chess Pie



## More Member Training

The morning after our meeting we went to Michele’s Café again, for breakfast this time, before going to the YMCA to do another session of Risk Management training. This training turned out to be as successful as the last one. (However I may not live down the fact Joe was the only one to be able to sign into the system.)

Thankfully Joe Lombardino, David Lamont and Tony Biondo of the Lake Gaston Flotilla attended the **Risk Management Training**, completed it, and got credit, Kitty Pettit added great input to the training.



**Step 3c.** Use the Risk vs. Gain values from above and follow the column and row until they cross. The intersecting point is the recommended action.  
*Example, if Risk is 'low' and Gain is 'medium', the recommendation is: "Accept the Mission. Continue to monitor Risk Factors, if conditions or mission changes".*

Risk vs. Gain	High Gain	Medium Gain	Low Gain
<b>Low Risk</b>	Accept the Mission. Monitor Risk Factors and re-evaluate if conditions or mission/activities change.	Accept the Mission. Monitor Risk Factors and re-evaluate if conditions or mission/activities change.	Accept the Mission. Monitor Risk Factors and re-evaluate if conditions or mission/activities change.
<b>Medium Risk</b>	Accept the Mission. Monitor Risk Factors and employ Controls when available. Re-evaluate if conditions or mission change.	Accept the Mission. Monitor Risk Factors and employ Controls when available. Re-evaluate if conditions or mission change.	<b>Accept the Mission Only with Command Endorsement</b> Communicate Risk vs. Gain to Chain of Command. Implement Controls and continuously evaluate conditions and mission for change.
<b>High Risk</b>	Accept the Mission Only with Command Endorsement. Communicate Risk vs. Gain to Chain of Command. Implement Controls and monitor Risk Factors. Continuously evaluate conditions and mission change.	Accept the Mission Only with Command Endorsement. Communicate Risk vs. Gain to Chain of Command. Implement Controls and monitor Risk Factors. Continuously evaluate conditions and mission change.	<b>DO NOT Accept the Mission.</b> Communicate to Chain of Command. Wait until Risk Factors change or Controls are available to warrant Risk exposure.

**Ultimately it was a great, successfully busy month for all our members.**

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