




Education Challenge

Best Classroom Suggestions

Get Best Practices into Every Classroom

Make Our Classes So Good
EVERYONE Will Want to Take Them

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Keep the Class Interesting




- Tell Lots of Sea Stories
- Keep the Class on the Edge of Their Seats
 - Talk Softly & Mumble
 - Just Read the PowerPoints
- Read the Colregs for the Rules of the Road
 - Read The Instructor Notes To The Class
- OK - THESE ARE NOT “BEST PRACTICES” ...

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Keep the Class Interesting For Real

- Use the Teaching Kit
- Use Teaching / Class Aids
- Rotate Instructors
- Borrow Instructors from other Flotillas (Remember to Say Thank You!!)
- Division Sponsored / Multi-Flotilla / Non-Instructor POC ...



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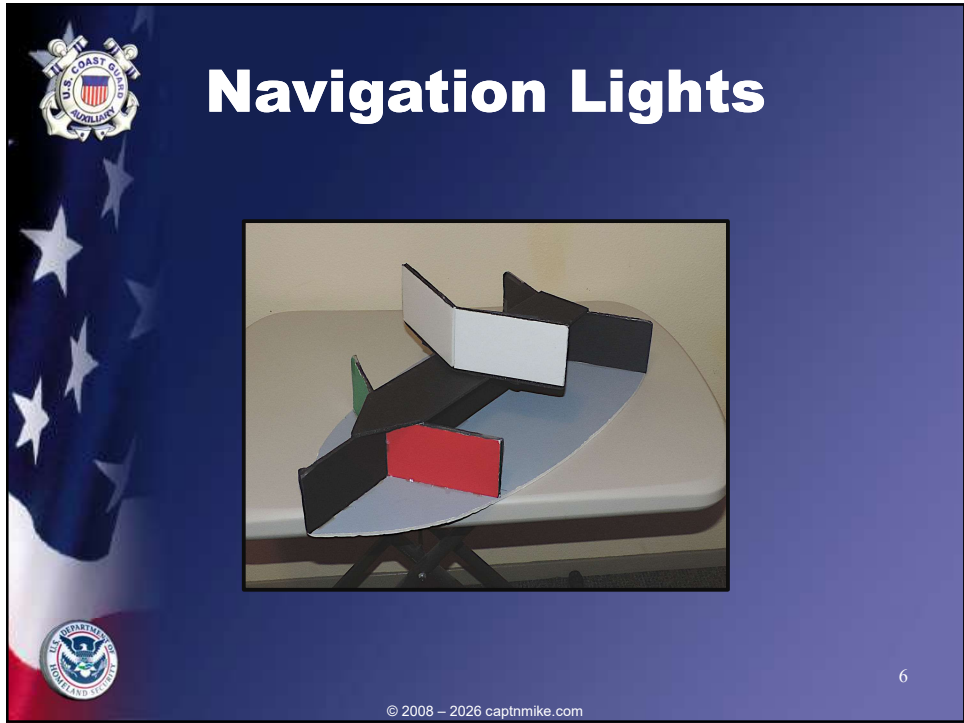
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 **Bull Rail – 36” Wide**








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 **Lifeline – Clamp to Table**







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**Delta / Lewmar Bottle Opening Anchor
25 Inches Of Chain From Hardware
Store, Link Chain to Anchor, Six Feet Of
3/16-inch line, Backsplice To Chain,
Backsplice Bitter End ...**

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More Keep the Class Interesting

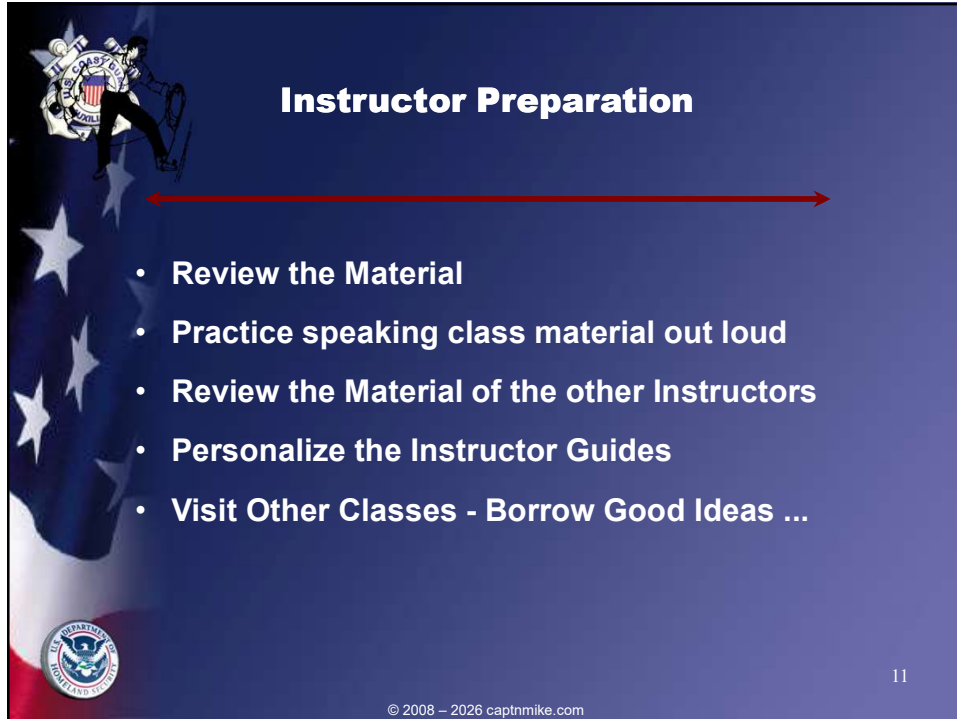


- **Use Your Best Instructors**
- **Use Every Instructor That Wants to Help**
- **If an Instructor Volunteers – USE THEM**
- **Use the Strengths of Your Instructors**
- **Use the Whole Flotilla...**

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Instructor Preparation

- Review the Material
- Practice speaking class material out loud
- Review the Material of the other Instructors
- Personalize the Instructor Guides
- Visit Other Classes - Borrow Good Ideas ...

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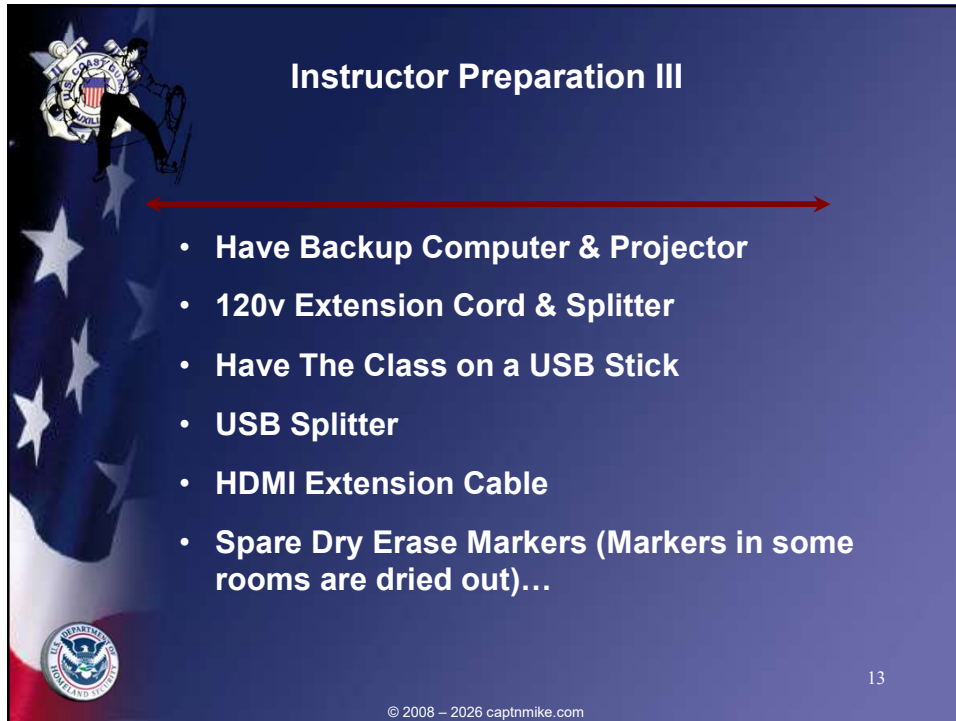
Instructor Preparation

- Gold Star Slides you want to emphasize
- Add / Revise Slides for Problem Concepts
- Check List of What to Bring to Class
- Set Items out the Night Before
- Chapter 3 Rules & ATONS
Combined National & Local Slides
Added a few Slides
Doubled Instructor Notes ...

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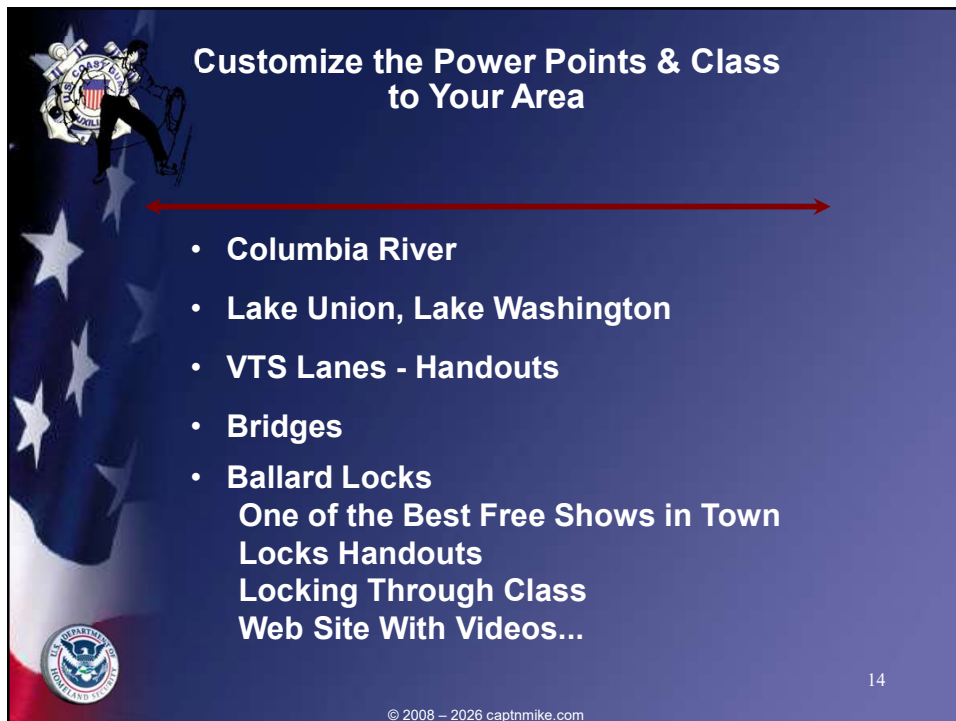
Instructor Preparation III

- Have Backup Computer & Projector
- 120v Extension Cord & Splitter
- Have The Class on a USB Stick
- USB Splitter
- HDMI Extension Cable
- Spare Dry Erase Markers (Markers in some rooms are dried out)...

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Customize the Power Points & Class to Your Area

- Columbia River
- Lake Union, Lake Washington
- VTS Lanes - Handouts
- Bridges
- Ballard Locks
One of the Best Free Shows in Town
Locks Handouts
Locking Through Class
Web Site With Videos...

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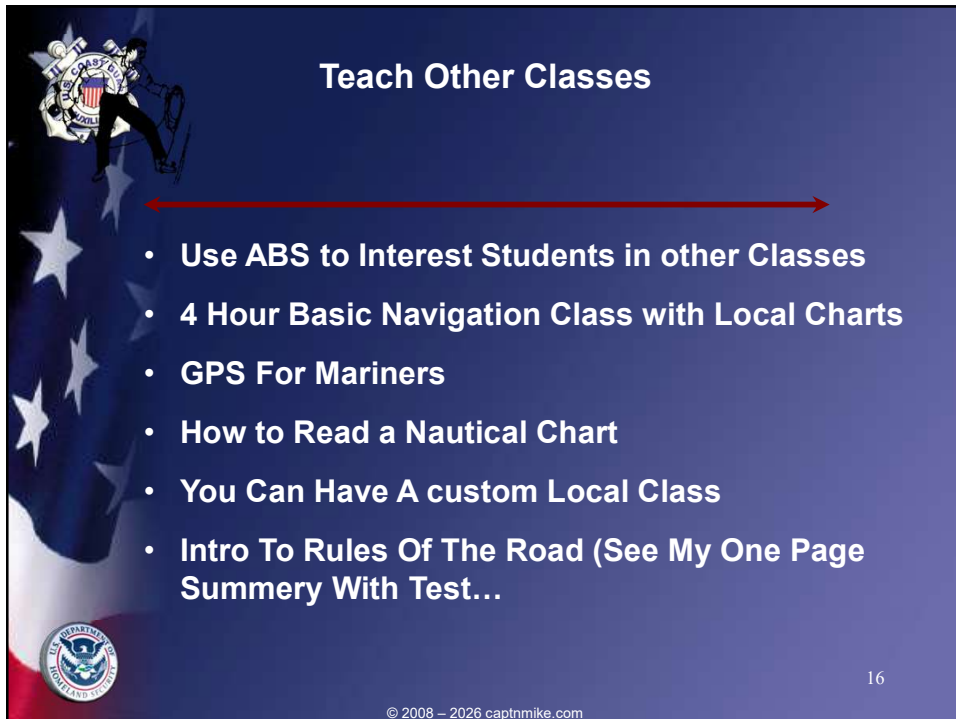
Give Handouts With Local Knowledge

- Important Seattle Area Boating Information
- Lake Washington, Lake Union and Speed Zones
- Bridges in Seattle
- Visit://www.captnmike.com
- Make Your OWN Local Information ...

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Teach Other Classes

- Use ABS to Interest Students in other Classes
- 4 Hour Basic Navigation Class with Local Charts
- GPS For Mariners
- How to Read a Nautical Chart
- You Can Have A custom Local Class
- Intro To Rules Of The Road (See My One Page Summery With Test...)

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In the Classroom


- **Ration the Handouts**
One Set per Person or Family Whichever is Less
- **Extra Copies For: Friends, Relatives, Coworker**
- **Make Every Handout an Advertisement for Our Classes**
Sticker Identifying U.S. Coast Guard Aux
- **Give out Handouts and Supplies BEFORE the Class Starts...**



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In the Classroom II

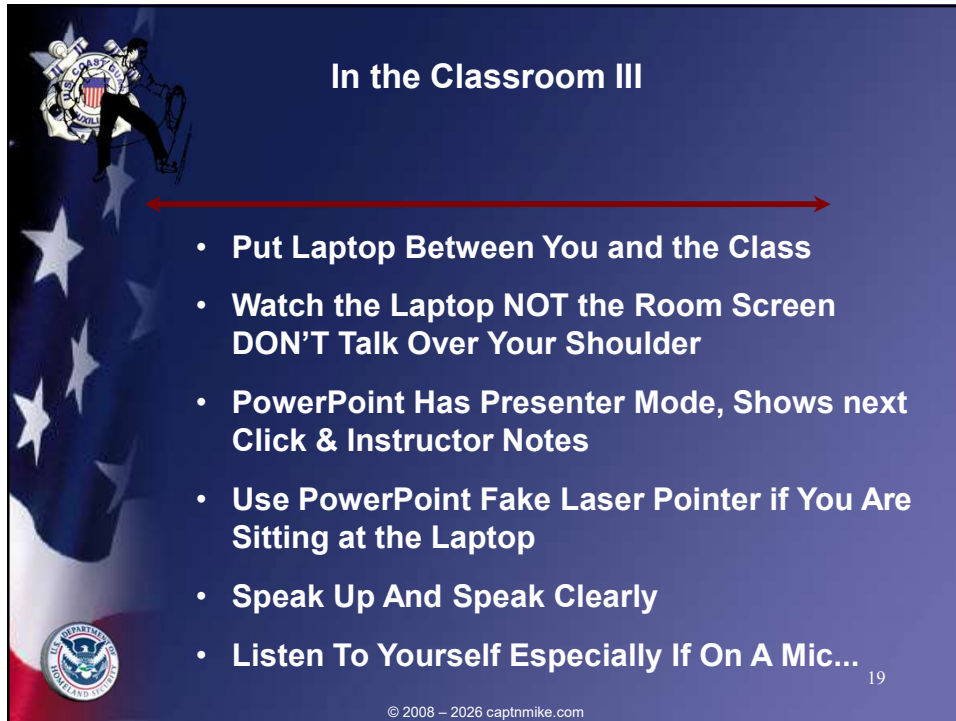
- **Learn & Know the Students Names & Boats**
What do they Want from the Class??
- **Flow Smoothly –**
Don't Stomp on Other Instructors
- **Don't be a "Speed it Up Cowboy"**
- **Use a Wireless "Presenter"**
Untether Yourself from the Keyboard...



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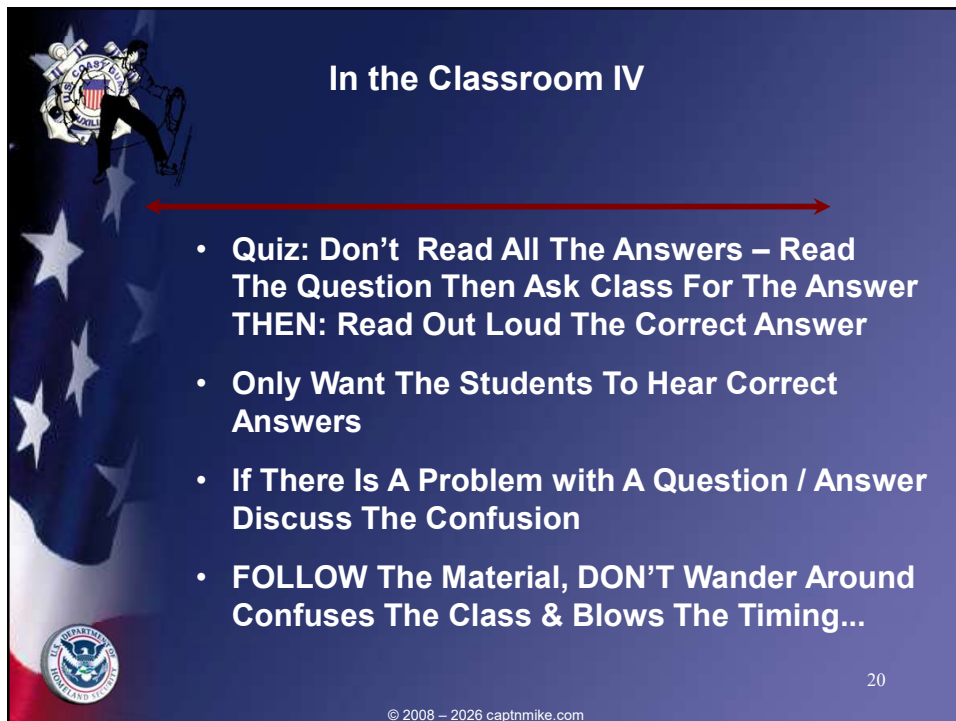


In the Classroom III

- Put Laptop Between You and the Class
- Watch the Laptop NOT the Room Screen
DON'T Talk Over Your Shoulder
- PowerPoint Has Presenter Mode, Shows next Click & Instructor Notes
- Use PowerPoint Fake Laser Pointer if You Are Sitting at the Laptop
- Speak Up And Speak Clearly
- Listen To Yourself Especially If On A Mic...

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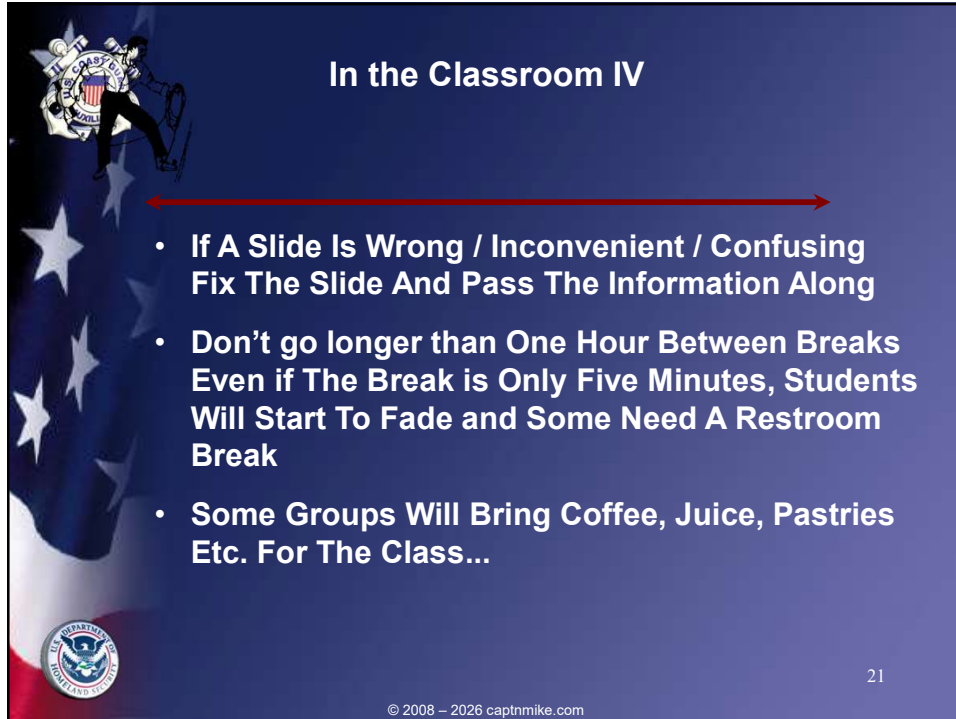


In the Classroom IV

- Quiz: Don't Read All The Answers – Read The Question Then Ask Class For The Answer
THEN: Read Out Loud The Correct Answer
- Only Want The Students To Hear Correct Answers
- If There Is A Problem with A Question / Answer Discuss The Confusion
- FOLLOW The Material, DON'T Wander Around Confuses The Class & Blows The Timing...

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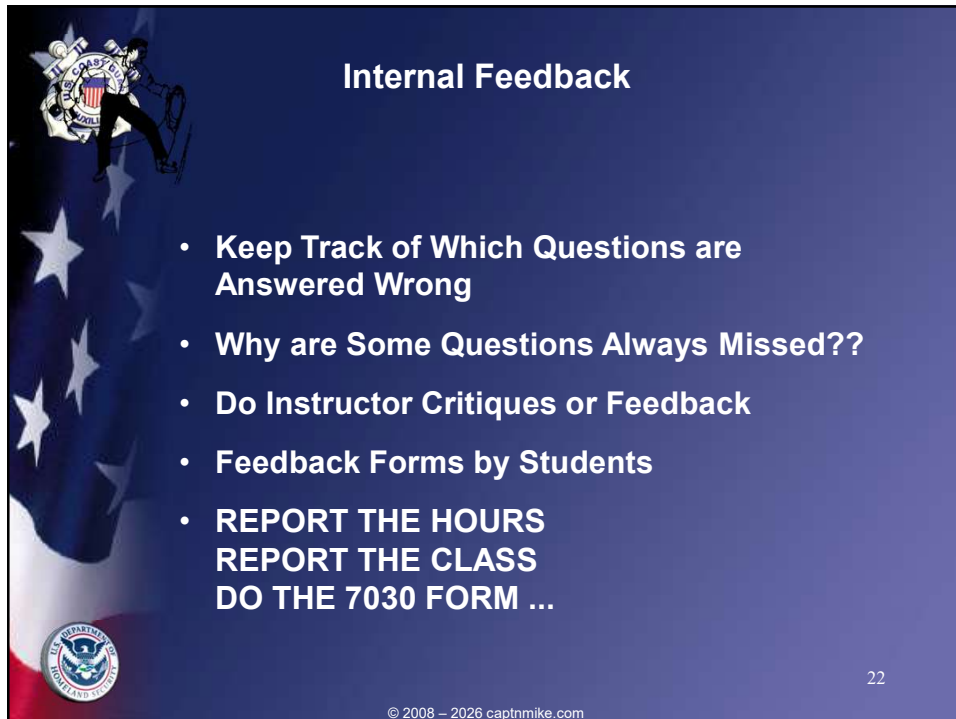
In the Classroom IV

- If A Slide Is Wrong / Inconvenient / Confusing Fix The Slide And Pass The Information Along
- Don't go longer than One Hour Between Breaks Even if The Break is Only Five Minutes, Students Will Start To Fade and Some Need A Restroom Break
- Some Groups Will Bring Coffee, Juice, Pastries Etc. For The Class...

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Internal Feedback

- Keep Track of Which Questions are Answered Wrong
- Why are Some Questions Always Missed??
- Do Instructor Critiques or Feedback
- Feedback Forms by Students
- REPORT THE HOURS
REPORT THE CLASS
DO THE 7030 FORM ...

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Someone in Your Flotilla Have a helpful Tip?**



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