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To all members of First District, Northern Region:

After a great amount of consideration on my part and in concert with First District, Southern Region, COMO Bowen and I have agreed to cancel our District Training Conference, DTRAIN, scheduled for 9-11 March 2019.

The recent Government shutdown and subsequent 3 week restart has created great uncertainty as to whether or not funding would be available beyond, 15 February. Proceeding without committed funds would have the potential to cause our District a very large expenditure.

The Executive Committee was consulted and it was agreed that we were not willing to risk moving ahead with DTRAIN with the possibility of Coast Guard orders not being issued after all.

A decision had to be made this far out in order to facilitate a smooth cancellation process with the hotel facility and for members to redirect their personal time which they already had committed to, for the weekend where DTRAIN was scheduled.

Please understand, this was not an easy decision nor was it taken lightly. There were many factors to weigh.

While this is all very regrettable, I feel it's the best course of action given the circumstances.

My most heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who have spent an inordinate amount of hours in preparation for what would have been a great event. Unfortunately, DTRAINS all over the country are being cancelled for the same reason.

IF YOU'VE ALREADY MADE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION, YOU MUST CANCEL IT WITH THE HOTEL ASAP OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED.

Semper Paratus

Charlie Grossimon

District Commodore