

5a. from Harlan Steinle--all please read INCLUDING Basic members--re: 'reply' procedural change

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We have now completed 48 hours since the change to the SSV forum was made in which ANYTIME YOU make a **REPLY** to a message THAT reply will go to ALL approximate 2,400 SSV forum members (both the 600+ premium and the 1,800 basic members). There have been NO major problems but a few forum members have not yet adjusted so the following might help:

1. Prior to the change, if you were a BASIC member, if you replied to a message it went ONLY to the original poster. Now, your **ATTEMPTED** reply will be deleted since you are NOT a premium member. Those of you who have attempted to do this have gotten a 'message rejection' email and some of you have emailed me that you 'didn't make a post'. You **DID** attempt to when you hit 'reply'.
2. Again, my suggestion to ALL premium forum members---if you are going to make a **REPLY to ANY message** on the forum. LOOK at the 'to' part of the message---where the reply message will GO---be sure if you want it to go to the individual that you delete the 'auto' selection of ssvforum@groups.io AND replace it with the email address of the original poster. If you DO want the message to go to everyone, be sure it complies by having BOTH your name and email address (on separate lines please) in the body of the message.
3. If you are REPLYING to the original poster with QUESTIONS about the ORIGINAL message, then usually ONLY the original poster can answer your question, so send that reply ONLY TO THE ORIGINAL POSTER---NOT to the entire forum since no one else can answer your question.
4. Most, 'thank you' reply messages should be sent ONLY to the ORIGINAL poster, NOT the entire forum. This is to cut down on unnecessary numbers of emails members receive.
5. I have 'caught' a number of replies that were obviously intended for ONLY the original poster and deleted them as their content would have been embarrassing to the person making the reply. I can NOT catch all such posts so again---LOOK AT the 'to' part of the message to see WHERE you reply is going.

Thanks for your cooperation on this change. The personal emails I've received regarding the issue show $\frac{3}{4}$ 'in favor' and a $\frac{1}{4}$ 'against' the change.

Up to this point, no one has been moderated by not following the change in rules, but with the sending of this email---the membership has had 4 separate notifications ABOUT the change so violations will now result in moderation of Premium members and removal from the forum for Basic members.

Thank you and enjoy this weather as you think of what the temperatures will be in just a days
