What is Long Island CW Club's Boot Camp?

Boot Camp is a month-long innovative quick start to achieving Morse Code Fluency.

Traditional Morse code learning focuses almost solely on **recognition success**. When characters or words aren't recognized, students often feel they've failed. This leads to important but often overlooked issues:

- Missing disrupts momentum, increases frustration, and it's exhausting
- Focusing on the unknown letter results in missing additional letters and words
- Flow practice is postponed until recognition improves because missing = failure
- **C**haracter **F**low **P**roficiency (CFP) and **I**nstant **F**low **R**ecovery (IFR) skills aren't practiced even though they're as important as character recognition
- **Result:** Focusing solely on recognition success hinders progress

Boot Camp Strategy: A change in priorities can change how you process Morse code

- Hear every character's sound during flow instead of trying to 'get' every one
- De-emphasize recognition, prioritize maintaining forward momentum
- Adjust your listening pace to the flow pace (keep up!)
- Improve Instant Flow Recovery skills by never looking back
- Adopt an 'Alert Indifference' attitude (try but don't care)
- **Result:** Relax, listen, ignore misses, enjoy comprehension when it happens

Subliminal Recognition:

- **Familiarity is the key:** over-learning character sounds improves Flow Proficiency
- Familiarity offloads character recognition from the conscious to the subconscious
- This enables a very important transition to the '***Word Discovery'*** mindset**:**
  - You focus on "*What word **is** being spelled*" instead of
  - "*What letter **was** that dit/dah sequence*"
  - Enables word prediction during conversational character flows
- **Result:** A relaxed focus on words and meaning during flow instead of intense and unsustainable letter-by-letter efforts

I look forward to seeing you at Boot Camp and helping you re-wire how your brain processes Morse code.

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