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***Squadron members connected via Zoom for our May monthly meeting. Page 10.***

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—Lance Parry, Asst. Ed.

**Commander**  
***Cdr Patty Pezely, AP***



### Stay in touch online and on the water

I hope everyone is staying safe, washing your hands, not touching your face and keeping your social distance. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed how we do most everything.

I am very sad to tell you that we lost a longtime member and friend, Betty Kennedy. Several of our members have fond memories of her and her late husband, Dick. We will keep memories of Betty in our hearts. See a photo and more information on Page 11.

Even with this pandemic, we are continuing to hold our monthly executive committee meetings. Both the April and May ExComs were virtual and the June one will be also. We are also conducting our monthly dinner meetings virtually. In April, SEO Jim Heckman presented animations he's developed for boating educational courses and for America's Boating Channel®. Then in May we got together and caught up on how everyone is doing. A image of some of us on Zoom is on Page 10.

We don't usually have a dinner meeting in June but let's have another virtual Zoom gathering to stay in touch. Join us at 6:30 on Thursday, June 18th. Look for an email notice.

Gary Armstrong is tentatively organizing a socially distanced anchor-up on June 13 on the Bohemia River. Contact him at [garmstro55@gmail.com](mailto:garmstro55@gmail.com) to RSVP and for details.

Jim Heckman has also been setting up virtual chat sessions. Each has a specific topic, and they last about 45 minutes. Details are in his column on Page 3, along with instructions how to con-

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## *Staying in touch* continued from Page 1

nect via a link to Free Conference Call.

Want to add better photos to your albums? Lance Parry is preparing an online chat in July on taking and making better pictures. Date and details to come.

You likely heard by now that the summer cruise is cancelled along with our Summer Kickoff. Vessel safety checks are on stand down for now. Patriot Days events in June have also been canceled for this year.

Check out the D/5 Mark 5 <https://bit.ly/3caYQed> for information at the District level. They cancelled their summer cruise and council but are still advertising for the fall conference in November.

Russ Jones and Sue Friedrichs have volunteered to contact members who have not renewed in the past year. Some people do not renew simply because they missed the email or mislaid the renewal. I'm happy to say that they have been successful in bringing back some of our members. Thank you, Russ and Sue!!

If you are reading this and haven't been to a meeting in a while, plan to reconnect at our next Zoom ExCom and/or monthly meeting. (If you're new to Zoom, contact me and I'll walk you through the process, which involves only a couple of easy steps.)

Ginny and Lance Parry continue to do a wonderful job on this newsletter. The Pilot has won a 2019 Distinctive Communicator Award for newsletters.

If you are looking for some entertaining and educational videos, please see <https://americasboatingchannel.com/>

I still plan to have an outside picnic sometime this summer or fall to get together in person. P/C Frank Visich still has some unfinished business from the Change of Watch. I am sure Rita Rossi wants to get all of those trophies out of her garage.

Please keep an eye out for emails from Barb Jones for announcements, updates and invites throughout the summer. She'll send the Zoom connection for each meeting.

In the meantime, I encourage all our members with boats to continue gathering safely throughout the summer. If you don't have a boat, pick up the phone and give your friends a call.



**Educational Officer**  
**Stf/C James Heckman, SN**

## Covid-19 means we'll be offering classes online

This is the time of the year when we prepare our boats for the boating season. It is also the time during which we prepare ourselves by taking boating courses and seminars.

At least for next several months, our squadron will not present classes in brick and mortar classrooms. Instead, we will present online in virtual classes, seminars and chat sessions.

This season's programs include a brand new topic – the Automatic Identification System (AIS) – as well as the standard issue Navigation (N) course, and an informal chat session.

Here are the sessions, newest listed first.

### **Online -- AIS** **Electronics for** **Boaters Seminar**

**Date:** Tuesday, July 7, 7:30 – 9:30 pm (EDT)

**Description:**  
Automatic Identification System (AIS) electronics can help you navigate waterways more easily and safely in conditions of high traffic and restricted visibility. Required

for most commercial vessels, AIS electronics are becoming increasingly popular for use by recreational boaters who want to see and be seen on the water.

With AIS marine electronics onboard, you can identify dangers and quickly make decisions. Many systems share your boat's information with other boats so they also can make safer boating decisions.

*AIS Electronics for Boaters* can help you decide if AIS is right for you.

In this seminar, you will learn what AIS does, how it works, whether you need an AIS system (and, if so, with what capacity), how AIS differs from radar, how to use it to navigate more safely, and what to consider when integrating AIS with your existing electronics.

This will be an instructor-led seminar which will allow opportunities for questions to be answered.

For a preview click on the link:  
<https://bit.ly/3erLStZ>

**Prerequisites:** You must



### Online Access

This is the preferred way to access the meeting/course because you will be able to see the presenter's computer screen.

**Join the online meeting:** <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/jlheckman4929>

**Online meeting ID:** jlheckman4929

### Telephone Access

You will not be able to see the presenter's computer screen.

**Dial-in number (US):** (712) 451-0200

**Access code:** 902580#

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*Using a sextant can take some practice.*

## Courses now online *continued from Page 3*

preregister and pay for the seminar in advance to attend. Once payment is received, you will be able to download student materials and attend the scheduled online session.

**Cost:** \$20 / per person

**Location:** Online using <https://bit.ly/3caY5Sg>

**Contact:** Jim Heckman  
([JLHECKMAN4929@gmail.com](mailto:JLHECKMAN4929@gmail.com))

### **Online -- Education** **Department Online Chat**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 16, (Tentative), 7:30 – 8:15 pm (EDT)

**Description:**

An informal presentation on a marine vendor who will update you on the latest marine products. It will be followed by ample opportunity to have your questions answered. Details will be emailed to the squadron shortly.

**Prerequisites:** None

**Cost:** FREE

**Location:** Online using <https://bit.ly/3caY5Sg>

**Contact:** Jim Heckman  
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### **Online -- Navigation (N)**

**Start:** Tuesday, June 9, 7:30 - 9:30 pm (EDT)

**Description:**

The second USPS course in celestial

navigation. How to make observations of the moon, stars and planets using a sextant to determine your position.

While the first class will be held on June 9, no classes will be held for the balance of the summer to give the students time to take their required sights and complete the required sight folder. The N classes will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 8, for 10 sessions.

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of the Advanced Piloting Course and the Junior Navigation Course

**Cost:** \$130. In addition the students will be required to have access to the 2020 Nautical Almanac

**Location:** Online using <https://bit.ly/3caY5Sg>

**Contact:** Jim Heckman  
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In addition to the more formal sessions described above, below is a link to America's Boating Channel's YouTube videos which allow you to self-educate. These are the videos created by Marty Lafferty and his team. Well worth checking out!

<https://bit.ly/2yK7DWQ>

Happy Learning!

Jim and Joe



**Fleet Captain**  
P/C Jim Friedrichs, JN\*

## Waters reopen to boaters, with stipulations

As you are probably aware, states' boating regulations due to the Covid-19 pandemic have been changing. A summary of the rules in the local states is shown below.

As of April 7th the marinas in Pennsylvania were allowed to open.

As of April 18 the marinas in New Jersey were allowed to open.

Delaware currently has a 14-day quarantine period.

Maryland allows recreational boating activities for motorized and nonmotorized vessels and personal watercraft. Check for updates with the state's Department of Natural Resources. As of May 15, these conditions apply:

- No more than 10 people can be on a boat at one time, including captain and crew.
- Vessel and boat races are authorized so long as no more than 10 people are in a gathering at one time.
- Marinas can reopen to boaters, but must adhere to the rules in best management practices from the Departments of Commerce and Health <https://bit.ly/2XKXIsG>.
- Pump-out stations and boats may resume operations, but must adhere to these rules <https://bit.ly/2XKXIsG>.
- State boat ramps will be open and operational; all ramps must ensure social distancing guidelines.

- All normal boating rules and regulations are in effect and must be followed.

With the opening of the waters in the area, on-the-water news becomes important.

Marine construction on the Chesapeake Bay side of Poplar Island is scheduled to be completed by July 31, 2020. Construction of the area known as Cell Number 11 continues with no published completion date.

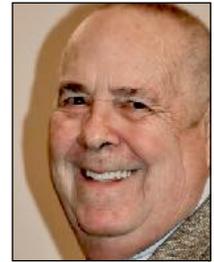
Construction of the overhead power transmission line next to the Francis Scott Key Bridge on the Patapsco River is scheduled to continue until October 7, 2022.

Dredging continues until July 31, 2020 in Brewerton Eastern Extension, Tolchester Channel, Brewerton Angle, Brewerton Channel and Northwest Branch Harbor Channel.

Good news for Schuylkill River rowers! Dredging of the river above the Fairmount Dam in Philadelphia has begun and is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. The river had silted in so much that at certain times and places you could not float a racing scull. It even impacted the holding and the location of the Dad Vail Regatta, which in Philadelphia is equivalent to a mortal sin. I would love to read and hear some of the discussions that occurred over that situation. The Stotesbury Cup, the premier high school regatta, was also impacted by the silting. Both events were cancelled for this year.

A list of damaged and missing aids to navigation on the Bay and ICW appears on Page 7.

## Safety Officers Deborah and Bill Northey



### *Some no-cost safety tips, tongue in cheek*

Here are some tips that may or may not keep you safe while on your boat. They are things you only have to watch out for and the only cost is a little bit of booze.

1. No bananas on board. This is fairly true. Bananas attract bugs, which in turn attract spiders, which can multiply rapidly. Today many cruisers hang their bananas overboard, allowing them to drop into the water when disturbed. In fact, be careful in the tropics with anything you bring on board which could harbor unwanted guests.

Bananas also give off large amounts of ethylene, which speeds up the ripening of many other fruits and vegetables. Nobody wants everything to spoil one week into a three-week voyage.

2. No whistling on board (except on certain occasions). This may come from the old phrase "Whistling up a wind". So if becalmed you may want to try this, but be careful what you whistle for -- you may get more than you want.

3. Never rename your vessel (unless you do it right.) Sailors believed that when a boat is new and christened, the Greek god Neptune records that name in his log. When you change it you can lose his protection because he no longer knows

your boat.

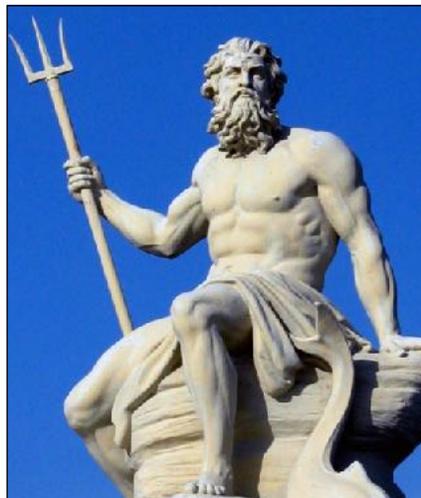
So if you want to change the name it is best to re-christen your boat and share a little of your favorite beverage with him. I met a sailor who told me that he had renamed his dinghy and laughed about paying tribute to Neptune. After it broke three painters, drifted away and was stolen once, he finally gave in and paid tribute. He still really didn't believe, but was happy that he hasn't had to go looking for his dinghy since. It was always where he left it. So it's your choice -- it only takes an ounce of booze.

4. No green on board. Green signifies grass. Grass grows on land. So if you have green on board the rudder will pull toward land and a possible grounding.

5. Never turn a hatch cover upside down. This has validity. An upside down hatch cover could be mistaken as a closed hatch at first glance and could lead to trouble.

6. Always pay tribute to Neptune. Whenever starting a passage, always share a drink with him to protect you and again on completion of your journey to thank him for a safe journey.

These are only a few things you might want to try to keep you safe. Here are more



*If things don't go Neptune's way, he's got a very persuasive trident.*

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## Winter took a toll on aids to navigation in area waters

Over the winter the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway navigational aids suffered. The discrepancies are listed below.

Light 20	Daymark Missing
Daybeacon 31	Structure Damaged
Buoy 112	Sinking
Light 189	Structure Damaged
Daybeacon 195	Daymark Missing
Daybeacon 197	Structure Destroyed
Buoy 265	Missing
Daybeacon 448	Structure Destroyed
Daybeacon 450	Missing

The Chesapeake Bay navigational aids have suffered too. The discrepancies in our normal boating areas are shown below.

Miles River Daybeacon 8	Daymark Missing
West River Light 4	Daymark Missing
Magothy River Light 9	Structure Damaged
Harris Creek Light 15	Light Missing
Craighill Channel Entrance Range Rear Light	Light Missing
West River Daybeacon 3	Daymark Missing
Magothy River Light 9	Structure Damaged
Little Magothy River Buoy 6	Missing

## *Which of these boating rules do you follow?* continued from Page 6

things you might want to watch out for:

- Don't bring a suitcase or a black bag on board.
- Don't ever wear yellow.
- Don't leave port on a Friday.
- Hang coffee mugs with the opening facing inboard.
- Don't comment on good luck, or the possibility of bad luck.
- Dolphins are a good omen. Sharks are a bad omen.
- Don't kill an albatross or a gull.
- Don't change the name of a vessel.
- Leaving on Sunday is good luck.



**What's wrong with these braids of garlic? How many things can you name?**

- If you meet a minister before sailing, turn around and go home.
- Hang garlic over the galley port hole.
- Don't wear a hat in the galley.
- Don't step onto a boat with your left foot.
- Don't coil a rope or stir a pot counter-clockwise.
- Don't bring an umbrella on board.
- Don't make pea soup.
- Toss the first fish back. (Or kiss it.)
- Don't use the number 13.
- Turn starboard first after backing away from the dock.

*P/C Frank Visich, S*



## Wash, wax, paint, sail — in the time of Covid-19

When I heard the good news that the governor of Maryland was lifting the ban on boating the next morning, I packed the car and was off to Swan Creek Marina at the crack of dawn. My goal was to finish waxing and painting the bottom of my boat so it could be launched.

When I got there the boatyard was already filled with people working on their boats.

Most of them were wearing masks, which really is not that strange this time of year with all the sanding and painting going on. A boater

friend yelled out a big hello, asking how my winter was. Normally we would have reached out to each other with a big handshake, but as we approached each other we both stopped, realizing we had to maintain “social distancing.” He joked that, “six feet apart is better than six feet under”. It was strange and unnatural trying to have a conversation while standing apart.

The reality really hit home when I went to West Marine where a sign on the door indicated masks had to be worn to enter. At a local hotel, the owner greeted me wearing a mask. She told

me all the restaurants were closed but gave me a list of eateries offering takeout. Luckily Patti had packed me plenty of food, so I went to my room and retired early.

The next day I got back to the boatyard early and worked steadily, finishing by dusk. I stopped at the Swan Creek Marina office to let them know I was ready for them to put me back in the water. In the office a big poster held instructions how to “Social Distance While Boating” this season. The office was roped off with yellow caution tape, and there were instructions that masks were to be



Photo by Frank Visich

*Flyin V is ready for a new season on the water.*

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## Making ABC Valley Forge more visible online

By Megan Weber  
Social Media Committee

As part of our efforts to provide boating knowledge and safety instruction to our area, America's Boating Club® Valley Forge will be expanding its online visibility in the coming weeks!

Joe Pezely and I, who form the Social Media Committee, are working to make that happen.

This starts as we update our logo and brand on our Facebook page, currently (<https://www.facebook.com/MainLineSailAndPowerSquadron/>) so audiences can more easily identify us and our affiliation with America's Boating Club® and its national website. (Thanks to Frank Visich and Susan Woron for taking the lead on

the new graphics!)

Following these changes, our website, <http://www.mainlinesps.org> will also undergo a facelift. Joe is looking into moving the website to a new hosting company and is working on the redesign. We'll keep you abreast of the changes as they are finalized.

We'll also be boosting our Facebook presence with more frequent postings of general boating information and member contributions. Please remember to like our page, share it with your friends, and stop by with your photos and comments. We'd love to hear from you.

Keep an eye out for these updates and more; we'll see you online!

Reminder: we have an  
AIS seminar July 7!



### *Intrepid sailor, 77, finishes 3rd circumnavigation*

This isn't new news, but it is interesting reading.

Jeanne Socrates of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, last fall completed her third circumnavigation — nonstop and unassisted. At 77, she was (and is) the oldest person to complete the journey solo.

Previously she had completed a solo, non-stop and unassisted circumnavigation in July 2013 at the age of 70, earning her a place in the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest woman to make the journey.

“I am down to just plotter and autopilot display but I am lucky, I have an independent GPS from AIS,” she told *Yachting Monthly* while still sailing. She also had to deal with instruments going down, no radar, generator and related battery charging problems and, several times, a badly torn mainsail on her Najad 380 *Nereida*.

Many more details on her adventure are in *Yachting Monthly* <https://bit.ly/2X9axoK>, and other publications, and as well as on Wikipedia. Currently she's touring Australia in a camper.



Squadron members connected via Zoom to our May monthly meeting. Even though everyone was at home, some members were able to place themselves in front of backdrops. That placed Cdr Patty Pezely at a boat crawl (top row, second from left); Nick Montalto on the waterfront (top right), and Joe Pezely somewhere on his kayak (second row). Some members didn't enable their cameras.

*Flyin V and others ready to launch, Continued from Page 8*

worn in all public places at the marina until further notice.

As I drove home that evening, I was thinking how different this boating season will be from last year. Never in a million years would I have thought that how much everything has changed in the last couple of months!

On an up note, I took solace knowing I would soon be back on the bay with my sails full



Frank Visich wasn't alone in getting ready for boating. Gary Armstrong also checked out Seventh Sojourn on March 29, making sure she'd be ready when Maryland's waters opened.

and the wind in my face with no mask and enjoying those sunsets!

When I got home, Patti could sense I was much happier than I had been two days earlier. She asked how everything went and I just beamed a big smile and said, "All done!" The "Flyin V" is ready for another summer and we will back on the water soon!

## Longtime squadron member Betty Kennedy has died

Betty Kennedy, 93, of Penn Valley passed away in early May.

Among her many interests was sailing, and she and her late husband, Dick, toured the Bay in their 36-foot Islander *Sea Swan II* with family and friends.

When Dick joined the Main Line Power Squadron in 1969, Betty became a member of the Mainstays — the women's auxiliary before the United States Power Squadrons® admitted women as members. In 1975-76 Betty was president of the Mainstays. She also assisted at many squadron education classes through the 1990s, and was a proctor for course exams. In later years, she often attended holiday parties and other gatherings.

Among her survivors is a son, Rich Jr., who has been a member of our squadron since 1978.

More information, along with many photos and friends' memories, are in her obituary. <https://bit.ly/2ZYdt2b>.



Elizabeth "Betty" Kennedy

### Last call to update your roster info

Have you changed your email address, ditched your land line, gotten a new cell phone number? Bought or sold a boat? Registered a MMSI?

If any of these things are true, contact Patty Pezely at [pattypezely@gmail.com](mailto:pattypezely@gmail.com). She's finishing changes to the roster now.



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## News from D/5 and USPS

We're all doing some fancy footwork to keep up with changes that the pandemic has caused. Hustle over to these sites to follow the developments in District 5 (also called Midatlantic) and at the national level.

The summer issue of the district's Mark 5, at <https://bit.ly/3caYQed>, has a roundup of how several squadrons, including ours — are responding to current conditions. Plans are still under way for the fall educational conference in Gettysburg Nov. 6-8.

There's also a recap of the America's Boating Channel® offerings, including videos and seminars, and a call for volunteers.

At the national level — [usps.org](https://www.usps.org) — plan-

ning continues for the Fall National Meeting in Raleigh, NC, Sept. 6-13. (This is a destination you can drive to.) More details to come.



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## Highlights from minutes of April and May ExComs

### APRIL

Fund Committee Chairperson, P/C Russ Jones, noted the \$1853 dividend from a Vanguard fund is on the way to the Commander for the upcoming budget.

Veterans' Event Chairperson P/C Frank Visich noted that the Veterans' Picnic is again scheduled for the veterans at Whitehall Apartments in Spring City, Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020.

The ExCom voted to approve the proposed 2020-21 budget presented by Treasurer Wayne Barrett. The total income and expenses are both calculated to be \$17,610. Of that, \$9,000 is for dinner meetings — which is offset by member payments for the dinners. The other main expense is for education, at \$3,055, matched by an estimated education income of \$3,200. Contact Wayne for further information or a copy of the budget.

### MAY

Cdr Patty Pezely expressed condolences to P/C Chas Rossi and Lt Rita Rossi on the passing of Chas' father. Chas thanked the squadron for their kind cards and gestures.

Event cancellations include the summer cruise, Patriot Days event and summer kickoff. Vessel safety checks will resume when feasible.

P/C Gary Armstrong, Coast Guard liaison, suggested that the squadron and the local Coast Guard Auxiliary do more events together.

P/C Sue Friedrichs and P/C Russ Jones volunteered to help contact members with lapsed memberships.

P/R/C Bill McManimen, merit mark chairperson, said members could earn credits toward merit marks by such things as helping on committees, performing vessel safety checks, arranging a dinner meeting, writing articles for the newsletter, and assisting with chat sessions.

### MAY

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Susan P. Woron	05/04
James P. Herron	05/07
Bruce D. Fegan	05/09
Jacques S. Louvet	05/09
Edward E. White	05/11
Kathryn E. Gibbons	05/24
Christopher B. Dome	05/29
Stuart L. Kaplan	05/29



### JUNE

Patty M. Pezely	06/08
Meridith S. Barrett	06/20
Herbert A. Blake	06/20
William H. Neely	06/27

Next year  
you'll get a real hug!

## Pa., N.Y. to be targeted in Chesapeake Bay cleanup lawsuit

Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia have filed a notice of intent to sue the Environmental Protection Agency for failing to require Pennsylvania and New York to implement plans to cut pollution in the Chesapeake Bay, according to the Associated Press.

EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler said the agency believes the claim "has no merit."

Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh and Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring filed the notice of intent to sue with District of Columbia Attorney General Karl Racine. They say the EPA has failed to require Pennsylvania and New York to develop and implement plans to achieve 2025 Chesapeake Bay restoration goals as required by an agreement by states in the watershed of the nation's largest estuary.

"The Chesapeake Bay is one of our country's most valuable natural resources," Frosh, a Democrat, said. "Restoring the health of the Bay will take a coordinated, multistate effort with every state sharing the burden. EPA has abandoned its responsibility to regulate and manage the efforts of the Bay states. Together, we fully intend to hold EPA accountable and require it to perform its regulatory duty."

The officials contend EPA has a duty to ensure states that are part of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement meet what's known as a "pollution diet" that sets limits for nitrogen and phosphorous pollution and reduces sediment. They say a recent EPA evaluation found that Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia will meet their reductions by 2025, but plans from Pennsylvania and New York fall short of reduction goals and lack sufficient funding. They criticize President Donald Trump's administration for letting the

two states avoid the agreement.

"As the administrator of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement, EPA must treat each of the partners equally and make sure every state is pulling its weight and upholding its portion of the agreement, but instead, the Trump EPA simply rubberstamped plans that are plainly inadequate," Herring, a Democrat, said.

Wheeler, who announced \$6 million for bay states to improve water quality by reducing nitrogen from agricultural operations, told reporters in a conference call that all states in the bay's watershed have work to do to reach the 2025 goals.

Pennsylvania is set to receive about \$3.7 million of the money, with Virginia receiving about \$1.1 million and Maryland getting \$696,000, the EPA announced. Delaware is slated to receive about \$365,000, New York \$79,500 and West Virginia \$54,700.

"We are trying to work with everyone in trying to solve the problems for the Bay while other people are out there trying to create headlines and discontent with their state partners," Wheeler said.

But William Baker, president of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, said the EPA has failed to uphold its responsibilities under the Clean Water Act.

"This has been ongoing for years, well before the Covid-19 pandemic, and the damage done will last far beyond the pandemic," Baker said. "It is essential the courts hold EPA accountable. There is no doubt that if Pennsylvania and New York fail to do their fair share the Bay will never be saved."

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### 2020-2021 Calendar

Events may be changed or cancelled as conditions warrant. Check your email regularly and stay in touch virtually if you can't join in person. Links for Zoom and Free Conference Call meetings will be emailed before each meeting.

#### June

- 3 ExCom Meeting via Zoom, 7:30 pm
- 9 Navigation course begins, 7:30 pm; online; details from Jim Heckman: [jheckman4929@gmail.com](mailto:jheckman4929@gmail.com)
- 13 Anchor-up on Bohemia River (tentative); RSVP Gary Armstrong: [garmstro55@gmail.com](mailto:garmstro55@gmail.com)
- 13 Patriot Days Encampment cancelled for 2020
- 13 Summer Kickoff cancelled
- 16 Education Department Online Chat (tentative); 7:30-8:15 pm; contact Jim Heckman for details
- 18 Monthly meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm

#### July

- 1 **No** ExCom meeting
- 7 AIS Electronics for Boaters seminar, online, 7:30-9:30 pm; details from Jim Heckman
- TBD Online Chat on taking and making better photos: details from Lance Parry ([lapnews@gmail.com](mailto:lapnews@gmail.com))
- 10-19 Commander's Summer Cruise; cancelled for 2020
- 23 *Pilot* articles deadline
- 23-26 D/5 Summer Council and Rendezvous, Smith Mountain Lake, VA. cancelled for 2020

#### August

- TBD Commander's Picnic and ExCom meeting, details to come

#### September

- 2 ExCom Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
- TBD Dinner or picnic — RSVP Chas Rossi to help organize: [charlesrossi@comcast.net](mailto:charlesrossi@comcast.net)
- 6-13 Fall National Meeting of ABC, Raleigh, NC. Developing. Info at [usps.org](http://usps.org)
- 20 Veterans' Picnic, Whitehall Apts., Spring City; contact Frank Visich: [frank.visich@verizon.net](mailto:frank.visich@verizon.net)
- 21 *Pilot* articles deadline

#### October

- 1-4 U.S. Powerboat Show, Annapolis, MD. Tickets and info at [www.AnnapolisBoatShows.com](http://www.AnnapolisBoatShows.com)

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## 2020-2021 Calendar, continued

- 7 ExCom Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
- TBD Deadline to submit Merit Mark recommendations to Bill McManimen: [wjmcmanimen@gmail.com](mailto:wjmcmanimen@gmail.com)
- 8-12 U.S. Sailboat Show, Annapolis, MD. Tickets and info at [www.AnnapolisBoatShows.com](http://www.AnnapolisBoatShows.com)
- 15 Monthly Dinner Meeting, details to come (being planned by John Beardsley)

### November

- 4 ExCom Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
- 5-8 D/5 Fall Educational Conference, Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel. Info at <https://bit.ly/2M59JDG>.
- 19 **No** dinner meeting
- 20 *Pilot* articles deadline

### December

- 2 ExCom Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
- 11 Holiday Party, Downingtown Country Club (being planned by Barb and Russ Jones)

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