



The Pilot

August 2024

2024 Chesapeake Cruise was a Great Success!

A warm welcome to new members Georgiana and Michael Maszczenski, Carol Rechner, Peggy Slattery, Terry Slattery, and Kimberly Madden

Upcoming Outings

August

Crabbing the Chesapeake

September

Fall Governing Board in Pittsburgh, PA Kayaking in St. Michaels

October

Sail the Kalmay Nyckel

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Commander's Message

We are having an exciting year! The Summer Cruise was very successful, read the article by Russ Jones below for the details. The Educational Cruise on the Delaware on July 17th was well attended and Bill McManiman and Jim Heckman were guest speakers. Over 30 Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts were in attendance.

Crabbing on the Chesapeake was exciting and enjoyable, the weather was great-sunny but not too hot. Three boats participated in the event with 15 people to man the nets. Our plan was to catch a bushel of crabs and have a feast afterwards. However, the crabs had a different idea and decided not show up that day. Oh well, better luck next time.

It is with great sadness I must report the passing of P/C Lance Parry, AP on July 16, 2024. Lance was a dear friend and valued member of Main Line Power Squadron/ABC—Valley Forge who enjoyed boating, fishing, and many things nautical. Lance was a very active, long-time member and he will be sorely missed.

On August 7th we had the Commander's Picnic at the Juzbasich residence, and about 25 members came out on a rainy day to enjoy the indoor picnic. That evening a new member, Kim Madden, joined ABC—Valley Forge. WELCOME KIM!

I would like to clarify a point that may seem a bit confusing. Our legal name as per our original filing with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is the *Main Line Sail and Power Squadron, Inc.* A few years ago we filed for a fictitious name: *America's Boating Club-Valley Forge*, and it was approved by the commonwealth. Therefore we can use either name as we see fit.

As you can see from the following articles and the log ahead, we have events scheduled over the next few months. We all need to enjoy our club and participate in at least one event per month.

Please feel free to attend an Executive Committee meeting, in person or online — all are welcome.

- John Juzbasich, AP

Let's Go Crabbing

The Chesapeake is famous for its blue crabs — they are really tasty! Yes, they are a bit of work to pick, but worth it. We will begin our outing in Pasadena, MD at Ventnor Marina about a 2 1/2 hour drive from Valley Forge. If you are thinking about it, email John Juzbasich juzbasich@abcvalleyforge.org to reserve a spot.

Reserve the date! August 17, 2024





Passing of Past Commander Lance Parry

Lance Parry, a dear friend, passed away on Tuesday, July 16. Lance was a long-time valued member of Main Line Sail & Power Squadron / America's Boating Club Valley Forge. At various times, Lance led our club as Past Commander and Squadron Educational Officer. He was a valued member of many committees and participated in many activities.

One evening a few years ago, Lance and Ginny called to say that they were interested in becoming more active in our organization; around the time that the Nominating Committee was discussing potential candidates for the various offices. Lance and Ginny had been members for a number of years so they were not new to us. The following evening three of our members were sitting in their living room discussing 'openings.' Opportunity knocks.

Lance's artistic talents and skills were apparent as he enthusiastically worked on our club's educational entries for the District Five Spring Conferences. And his exceptional organizational skills were put to the test as he captained our club's leadership for the District Conference in Valley Forge.

Lance enjoyed boating, fishing, and many things nautical. He was always up for an adventure on the water. At one point Lance and Ginny owned a second home, and a boat, on the Chesapeake Bay. They spent weekends, and weekdays, boating the bay's estuaries and visiting many marinas and restaurants, enjoying the boating lifestyle.

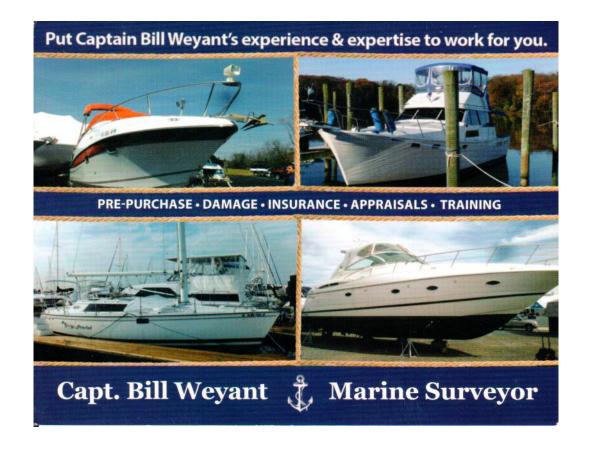
When offered to crew on a large catamaran, on the bay, on the annual cruise, they jumped aboard. We crewed together for many years on the cruise, and Lance ultimately captained his own large charter boat on several cruises.

Lance will be sorely missed by everyone in our boating club. Our hearts and prayers go out to Ginny. For more information see https://www.inquirer.com/obituaries/lance-parry-obituary-inquirer-editor-philadelphia-morning-call-allentown-20240722.html



Past Commanders Lance and Ginny Parry





Knowledgeable boaters have more fun!

Educational Officer's Report Lt/C Wayne Barrett, JN



Congratulations to the members of ABC VF who attended the Marine Electrical Systems, Americas Boating Course and the seminars that were held at Chester County Night School this spring. Also, many thanks to Nick Montalto, Russ Jones, Meridith Barrett and Rich McLaughlin who helped teach the ABC course, MES course and Seminars at CCLL. We had a good turnout for the courses and seminars with a total of 17 students completing the various courses and seminars.

We are always looking for help with the various courses. Even if you aren't a certified instructor, there are many ways to help with the courses and learn how to instruct alongside a certified instructor. If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor let me know, (wrfbarrett@comcast.net) and we can arrange an Instructor Development Course. Those who successfully complete the course will become certified instructors, which is required for all of those who teach during any of the public Americas Boating Courses. Not only will the Instructor Development Course help you in teaching, but it will also help you in giving any type of presentation. If you have previously held a instructor certificate; but it has lapsed; there is a short, one session refresher course which can be held for recertification. Becoming a certified instructor and helping teach, any of our boating courses and seminars, is a tangible way to contribute to the health and growth of the USPS organization.

Boating club offering classes this fall 2024.

Whether you're new to boating or jet-skiing, or you're a sunburned, long-time sailor, America's Boating Club Valley Forge (ABC-VF) is offering a course or seminar of interest to you.

Courses this coming fall range from the basic boating course, including the state-required America's Boating Course, the Marine navigation course, and the Marine Weather Course.

We also have various 1-night seminars that we will be offering at CCLL and DARC, such as AIS, Marine Knots, Paddle Smart and Suddenly at the helm. We are going to offer more seminars going forward. They are a good way to get acquainted with important boating subjects without all of the details learned in the full courses.

We are still finalizing the schedule with Chester County Lifelong Learning (CCLL) and Downingtown Area Recreational Consortium (DARC). This is the tentative schedule of the courses that we will be offering in conjunction with Chester County Lifelong Learning (CCLL) and Downingtown Area Recreational Consortium (DARC) during the Fall. We will be offering the courses at CCLL, or at DARC, based upon enrollment. If there are more enrolled at one or the other, the course will move to the one with the greater enrollment. You can register for the courses listed below at www.cclifelearn.org (CCLL) or at https://downingtownpa.myrec.com (DARC).

1) Marine Navigation Course - Downingtown MS; Downingtown School District - Tuesdays, September 17 to November 14; \$110.

- 2) ABC Boating Certification Course Stetson MS, West Chester School District Thursdays starting September 26 to November 7; \$40
- 3) Marine Weather Peirce MS, West Chester School District Wednesdays, September 25 to November 13; \$90
- 4) AIS Seminar- Downingtown MS; Downingtown School District Tuesday, October 8; \$25
- 5) Knots Seminar Downingtown MS; Downingtown School District Tuesday, September 24; \$25
- 6) Suddenly at the helm Seminar Downingtown MS; Downingtown School District Tuesday, October 22; \$25
- 7) Paddle Smart Seminar Downingtown MS; Downingtown School District Tuesday, November 12; \$25 All classes and seminars begin at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm.

For further information, contact Wayne R. F. Barrett at wrfbarrett@comcast.net, or 484-678-5137. Please help us advertise them to your family and friends! For more information go to our website (https://abcvalleyforge.org/).



Fleet Captain's Report

The collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge was a great surprise and has created navigation difficulties on the Potapsco river. My report is that regarding the current private boat situation due to the Fort McHenry bridge collapse three channels have been opened. The Sollers Point channel allows access by private vessels 24/7. The Sollers Point channel is on the starboard side when traveling to Baltimore. Private vessels are not allowed to use the other channels.

P/C Jim Friedrichs, SN

2024 Cruise Wrap-up

The ABC Valley Forge (Main Line) Annual Summer Cruise continues to grow! The cruise officially started on Saturday, June 22 and ended Sunday, June 30. For Sanguine Odyssey and Meriway it began a day earlier since John and Wayne were anxious to warm up in Annapolis for an extra day. Needless to say, it was a HOT June!!! The heat was ON, but it didn't stop the fun and camaraderie! Temperatures soared into the 90's, and it wasn't even July. Everyone managed to survive however and enjoyed themselves. There is nothing better than connecting with other boaters and sharing sea stories, especially about past cruises.

We had 10 boats sign up this year, including two from the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron (although one had to cancel due to illness). There were 4 power boats, 4 sailboats and 2 catamarans. Not sure if a catamaran is sailboat or a power boat (after all it does have two engines), or perhaps something in between. Possibly a mule. Not sure, ask Joe.

The cruise stayed two nights each at Chesapeake Yacht Club in Shady Side, The Yacht Basin in Annapolis, Baltimore Yacht Club on Sue Island, and Haven Harbour Marina in Rock Hall. We had three boat crawls and the Commanders Cocktail Party at all four yacht clubs and marinas, and the crews had dinner at six different restaurants. On the last day at Haven Harbour, our commander, John Juzbasich, hosted a cookout complete with salmon, chicken, steak, corn on the cob, five different salads and various desserts. Now you need to know that John is an accomplished chef who does, and did, a tremendous job and BBQ'ed all of the meats himself. Thank you Commander for the





A special thanks goes out to the crew of the Lux for their superb Boat Crawl at Haven Harbour. As always they outdid themselves. They did such a fantastic job that no one wanted to leave the boat in the end! They have been doing a boat crawl on the cruise for several years even though they are not members. Wait a minute! Stop the presses! Already members of Annapolis Sail and Power, I heard that the Lux crew want to join the Main Line Squadron as Associate Members. That would be Mike and Georgianna Maszyzenski, Terry and Peggy Slattery and Carol Rechner. THAT is fantastic! We welcome all of you with open arms! Welcome to our club!

Also, not to be remiss, we want to thank Wayne and Meridith, and Larry and Steve, for the boat crawls that they sponsored. And, a special thank you to John for a delightful Commander's Cocktail Party. Also, a thank you to everyone who brought side dishes and desserts for the various events as well.



At the 'closing' dinner, a cookout, we awarded the coveted Forward Throttle Award as usual. Larry Hartman's Penina I Moana (Pearl of the Sea) won the Forward Throttle Award even though there was/ is an issue with the boat. The shaft/propeller had a noticeable shimmy which the captain (Larry) claimed was not his doing. Clearly the boat would need to be disqualified if it was the fault of the captain (having nicked the propeller blade on the cruise for example).

However, the award committee decided to award the Forward Throttle to Larry and his crew, Steve Bizzarro, with the caveat that if the issue turned out to be Larry's fault, then they are required to return the award.

- Russ Iones

P.S. The recipe for Meridith's Gingerbread Latte Cookies is published below.







Fall Governing Board September 24 - 29, 2024 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Fellowship & fun await in Pittsburgh

Join your friends—new and old—in Pittsburgh for the 2024 Governing Board Meeting of United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, Sept. 22–30. When you register, you can choose to customize your experience with meal choices, events on your time and more.

For more information on the Fall Governing Board go to https://www.usps.org/

CBYCA Membership

This past April Main Line Sail and Power Squadron, a.k.a. ABC-Valley Forge, was accepted as a member of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association. It was a considerable effort on our part, involving three members over a two-and-a-half-year effort.

The CBYCA represents over 100 yacht clubs in Maryland, Virginia, Pennnsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey and the District of Columbia. Their purpose is to support recreational boating through safe boating education, legislation watch on the local, state and federal levels, Chesapeake Bay environmental conservation, and communications throughout the Chesapeake boating community.

This is a very valuable benefit to all boaters in our squadron because we can visit many of the yacht clubs on the Chesapeake and stay overnight at their docks. Provided they have an open slip, we can stay there at a significantly reduced slip fee compared to a marina. Many of the clubs have pools and restaurants with experienced chefs.

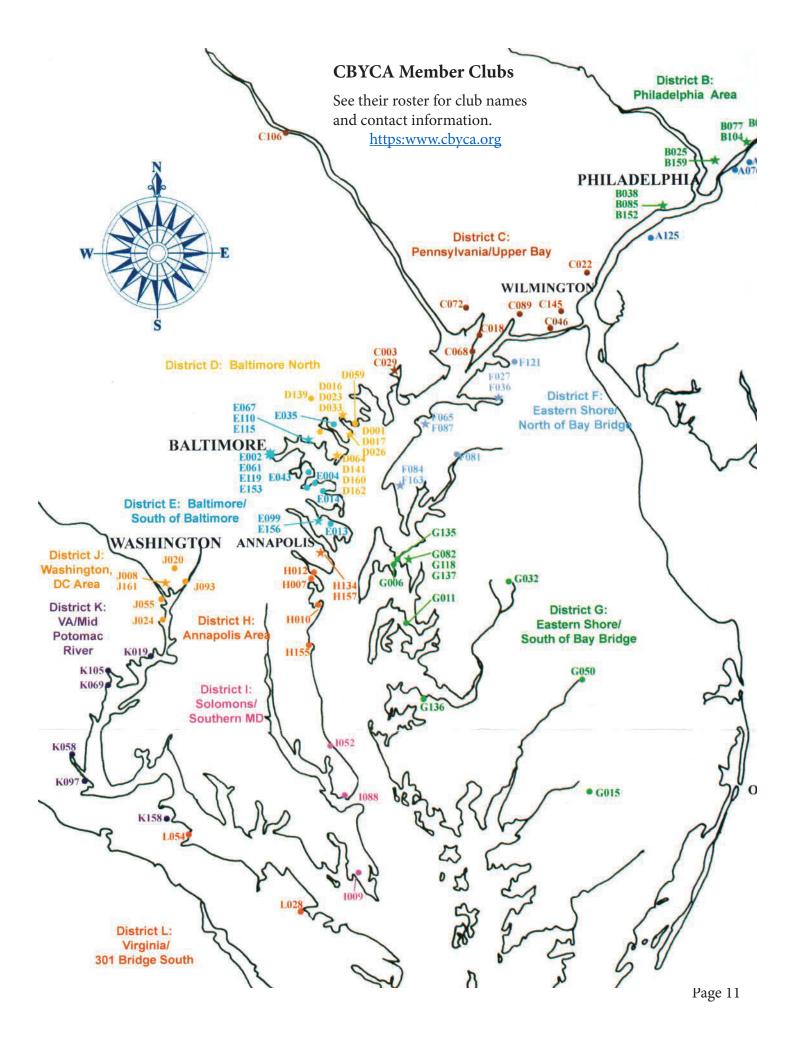
ber ee This past summer cruise we took advantage of our membership and stayed at the Chesapeake Yacht Club and the Baltimore Yacht Club. To make a reservation call them, mention that you are a member of MLS&PS, and that we are a reciprocal club. Take a look at their locations on the chart on the next page and plan a trip.

See https://www.cbyca.org and browse their roster for additional information.

- John Juzbasich

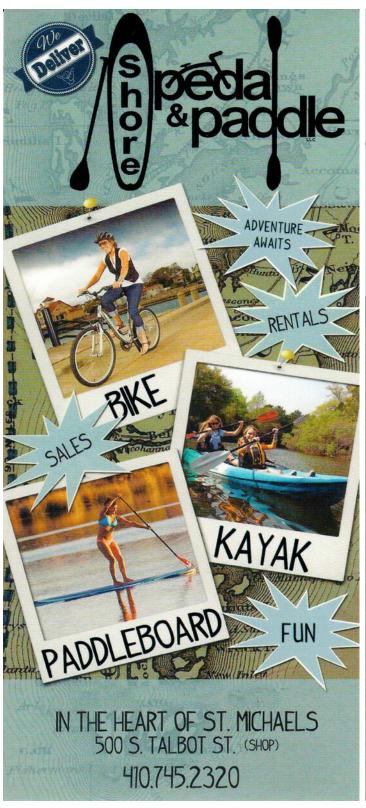


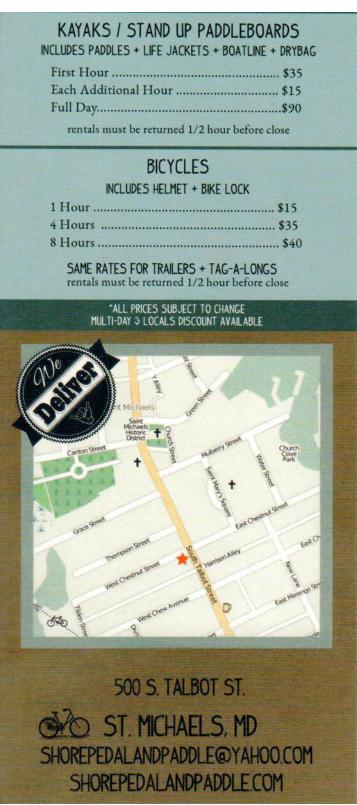




Let's go Kayaking!

On September 28th we are kayaking out of St. Michaels. The trip is only two miles and we can do it in less than three hours, from 11:00 to 2:00. The drive from Valley Forge is 2 and 1/2 hours so you can make this a day trip. Or, you can stay over and enjoy the town. Since the season ends on Labor Day hotel rates will be lower in September. Check out St. Michaels Harbour Inn at www.harbourinn.com, 410-745-9001. Email juzbasich@abcvalleyforge.org to reserve a kayak.







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- For more info or to sign up, contact Ginny Parry at ginnyparry@gmail.com or text at 610-220-6827
- On a map: Kalmar Nyckel Shipyard, Wilmington, DE, (about an hour from Paoli)

Take a 1.5-hour cruise on the Kalmar Nyckel — a full-

scale replica of the ship that brought colonists in 1638

Saturday, 1:30-3 pm

Meridith's Gingerbread Latte Cookies

Yield: About 18 cookies

Ingredients for the Cookies

- 34 cup/168 grams unsalted butter
- ¼ cup/22 grams espresso powder
- 1 tablespoon/17 grams finely grated fresh ginger
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon ground clove
- ½ cup/100 grams granulated sugar
- ½ cup/107 grams dark brown sugar, packed
- ¼ cup/80 grams unsulphured molasses
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups/252 grams all-purpose flour

Ingredients for the Coating

- ¼ cup/50 grams granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons espresso powder
- ½ teaspoons ground ginger

Directions

- 1. Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over medium. When it begins to bubble and get foamy, remove from the heat and whisk in the espresso powder, fresh ginger, ground ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and clove. Scrape the butter mixture into a medium mixing bowl and set aside to cool for about 5 minutes.
- 2. Add the sugars, molasses and salt to the bowl and whisk vigorously to combine. Add the egg, vanilla and baking soda and continue whisking until the mixture appears smooth and it's the consistency of thin pancake batter, about 2 minutes. Add the flour and mix until evenly incorporated. Cover and chill the dough for at least 2 hours and up to 2 days before baking.
- 3. Heat oven to 375 degrees, with racks on the lower and upper thirds. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Prepare the coating by combining the granulated sugar, espresso powder and ground ginger in a small bowl.
- 4. Using a 2-tablespoon (1 ounce) scoop, scoop the dough and, using your hands, roll into walnut-size balls. (Alternatively, for each cookie, use a tablespoon measure to scoop 2 tablespoons dough and roll them into a ball.) Toss in the sugar mixture to coat.
- 5. Place the portioned dough 2 inches apart on the prepared baking sheets and bake, rotating the sheets on the racks halfway through, until the cookies have spread slightly and appear craggy on the surface, about 10 minutes. Allow to cool on the baking sheets for 3 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. (The cookies will flatten once cooled.) These cookies keep in an airtight container at room temperature for 4 to 5 days (if they last that long).



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2024-2025 Bridge

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Maryland DNR visited Sanguine Odyssey

During the summer cruise, as we approached Chesapeake Yacht Club, we saw a flashing blue light approach our sailboat. The DNR came right next to us, saw our VSC decal on our mast, waved, and headed back out to the bay.





Log Ahead

August	
17	Crabbing outing Pasadena, MD
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17	Marine Navigation Course - Downingtown MS; Downingtown School District
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26	Kalmar Nyckel, Tall Ship sailing cruise, near Wilmington, DE, 1:30-3 pm
November	
6	Hybrid ExCom Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church*, and via Zoom, 7 pm
12	Paddle Smart Seminar - Downingtown MS; Downingtown School District
21	Monthly Membership Meeting, TBD
December	
4	Hybrid ExCom Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church*, and via Zoom, 7 pm
11	Holiday Party, TBD

Zoom meeting information

The Zoom link can be found in the Monthly ExCom Agenda.

The Zoom session begins at 6:30 (because it always takes some time to actually set up that connection). Social time begins at 6:45, and the meeting at 7.

Please keep phones and mics on mute when not presenting

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MD Department of Natural Resources https://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx has a wide variety of articles that may be of interest





MD State Police heading out on patrol



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