



The Pilot

May 2023

2023 Chesapeake Cruise starts next week!

It's not too late

Join us and cruise the
Chesapeake June 2 - 10
Annapolis
Herrington Harbor South
Saint Michaels
Rock Hall

Upcoming Events - Reserve the dates!

Chesapeake Cruise June 2-10
GPS seminar June 3, 10:00 at Clews Marine
June 10th Patriot Days Encampment
Dinner meeting on June 15, 6:30 at McKenzies in
Malvern

Docking seminar June 17, 10:00 at Clews Marine

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Commander's Message

ABC Valley Forge

We are off to a great start with the new boating season in front of us. There are 18 events for the membership to participate in this boating season. We have joined up with 17 squadrons in D5. Please see the events page in the newsletter for the list.

The ABC Valley Forge cruise on the Chesapeake is ready to go and have a great week of fun. We have the July 4th parade in Skippack n route 73 coming up where we had a great time. Our XO John Juzbasich trailers his boat the "Juz for Fun" fishing boat all decorated with flags, balloons along with red, white and blue patriotic decorations. We will have a our 2 new 10 foot banners on each side of the boat to advertise our great club.

In addition, on the banners will also be a 2 foot by 2 foot QR code that will when picked up by the parade attendees on their phones, play a video that highlights the different types of boaters and the various boating activities that we enjoy as club members. I will be dressed up as a shark to which I am connected to John Jr's salt water rod who is in the fighting chair. There is a sign connected to the fishing line that reads "hooked on boating fun". I am moving as the shark from side to side about 30 feet behind the boat giving out ABC Valley Forge brochures.

We are looking for several members to help give out the brochures, please volunteer — contact me.

I should mention that we will be able to hang or post the banners at the various club events to help us with our membership drive. We are still putting the plans together for more activities and will make the schedule available.

- Ed White

D-5 Summer Cruises

United States Power Squadrons(r) District 5 is sponsoring two summer events; a Cruise beginning in Baltimore Harbor on July 21st and the Summer Rendezvous beginning on July 28th at the Lankford Bay Marina. Documents describing the Cruise and Rendezvous events are posted for download from the web site. CLICK HERE for the PDF.

Captains who want to participate in the cruise should contact V/C Ralph Bernard (rb3513@comcast.net or 609.226.6773) to register.

Cruise details including marina contact information and daily schedules are posted at CLICK HERE. Captains are advised to contact the St Michaels Marina at (410) 226-6330 or (410) 745-2460 as soon as possible as slips are in short supply. Many daily activities including evening cocktail parties are planned.

Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron is host squadron for the District 5 Summer Rendezvous & Conference which begins on July 28th at the Lankford Bay Marina near Rock Hall MD. A Conference Description document including marina and hotel contact data is available at CLICK HERE for the PDF.

Members may also use forms available on CLICK REGISTER to register.

We look forward to seeing all members of District 5 Squadrons during the Cruise or Rendezvous

Fleet Captain's Report

NEW 6 knot speed limit in the area of the Bay Bridge during the construction period.

Navigational Problems In The Upper Chesapeake Current navigational aide problems in the Upper Chesapeake Bay are listed below.

Herring Bay Light 3 Daymark Missing
Magothy River Light 10 Daymark Missing
Bodkin Point Shoal Light 3 Stricture Damaged
Gunpowder River Lighted Buoy 10 Missing

Chester River Kent Island Narrows North Approach Shoaled to depth of 4 feet between Light 2KN and Light 8.

Chester River-Queenstown Creek
Shoaling to less than 4 feet between buoy 3 and 5.

Harts Island Channel Shoaling to 2 feet in the vicinity of Daybeacon 3.

Sassafras River Shoaling 7 feet between Daybeacon 8 and Light 10.

Northeast River Shoaling to 4 feet between Buoy 7 and 8.

Wye River Daybeacon 5 destroyed.

Davis Creek Enterance Daybeacon 2 Damaged.

Swan Point
Warning light C and Warning Daybeacon D missing.

Jim Friedrichs May 13, 2023



Upcoming Classes

ABCVF is offering a 2-hour GPS seminar on June 3, 10:00 and a Docking seminar on June 17, 10:00, both at Clews Marine; fee \$20. Please inform Wayne Barrett or Russ Jones if you would like to attend.

America's Boating Channel™

Promoting National Safe Boating Week, May 20-26, 2023

Recreational boating and water activities are enjoyed by millions of Americans each year. Boating safety advocates recommend all

boaters and passengers have a life jacket and always wear it while boating. Regardless of your age or experience level, the data shows that life jackets save lives.

But a life jacket can only save your life if it's used correctly. Always keep life jackets clean and neatly stowed when not in use. Proper care of life jackets ensures that they'll work when they're needed and extends their useful life. Plus, fresh clean life jackets are more attractive to wear and desirable for people to use while underway on your boat.



In-the-water buoyancy testing should be conducted at the beginning of every season. Foam deteriorates over time, so test to ensure that your life jacket keeps your mouth out of the water. A serviceable life jacket should keep you afloat for several hours, with all hardware and straps firmly attached and in working order.

Videos are available that offer an overview of the importance of wearing and caring for your life jacket. America's Boating Channel produced these videos to help viewers learn it only makes sense to treat your life jacket as though your life depends on it.

Watching videos like "Life Jacket Care" (https://youtu.be/iEofd6mUwN4) is an excellent way to understand how to properly care for your life jacket. America's

Boating Channel also produced a sequel entitled

"Life Jacket Wear" (https://youtu.be/FgFLNGIbFxo). It shows how recreational boaters can ensure serviceability and extend the useful life of life jackets. Viewers also learn about special considerations for inflatable and foam-filled jackets. Also featured are tips regarding life jacket replacement. You can follow the above links or visit

https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel to find these and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced highdefinition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku or

FireTV. <u>America's Boating Channel™</u> is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Summer Cruise Information

Our Main Line Sail & Power Squadron 2023 Summer Cruise itinerary is set. This year we sent a questionnaire to the members who participated in the 2022 and 2021 Summer Cruises asking which month and which marinas they prefer. The month and four marinas were overwhelmingly chosen by our cruisers. The top four vote getters are listed below and we plan to go to all of them. We are estimating that about 10 boats will join us this summer. If you would like to crew on a boat, please let me know.

There will be **many interesting activities** on the cruise, all of which are optional. Look for details about the cruise activities in a subsequent Pilot article. We always have fun activities, and hopefully that will influence your decision to join us this year. These will include a beach party, a cookout, dinner at great restaurants, and several guest speakers, more of our celebrated boat crawls, the infamous "forward throttle award" ceremony of course, and other interesting activities still in development. You can sign up for the activities at our May pre-cruise dinner meeting.

Don't miss this annual cruise! Something exciting always provides wonderful memories. **If you are new to boating, we can team you with another similar boat.**

The marinas have requested a list of the boats that will require slips. **Please complete this form** indicating the marinas for which you will require a slip.

Please email your response to <u>wrjones3@verizon.net</u> or send the completed form to P/C Russ Jones, 115 Oak Street, Downingtown, PA 19335. No deposit required.

Boat Name:	Captain:		Cell number:	
Boat Make:	Boat Model:	Length:	Beam:	_ Draft:
Type: [] Power; [] Sail	Electric: [] Single	e 30; [] Dua	l 30; [] Single 5	50; [] Dual 50
[] Saturday, June 3 – Th	e Yacht Basin, Ann	apolis		
[] Sunday, June 4 – The Yacht Basin, Annapolis				
[] Monday, June 5 – Herrington Harbour South, Herring Bay				
[] Tuesday, June 6 – Herrington Harbour South, Herring Bay				
[] Wednesday, June 7 –	CB Maritime Muse	um, St. Mich	aels	
[] Thursday, June 8 – CB Maritime Museum, St. Michaels				
[] Friday, June 9 – Haven Harbor Marina, Rock Hall				
[] Saturday, June 10 – Haven Harbor Marina, Rock Hall				

We will be in Annapolis on Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4, departing the following day, . We have toured the Lighthouse on a Main Line cruise previously and it was well worth the cost. We just received notification that the Thomas Point tickets are for sale now. To buy tickets go to: https://uslhs.org/about/thomas-point-shoal-lighthouse/tour-calendar

Cruise Activities Signup

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB - VALLEY FORGE 2023 SUMMER CRUISE JUNE 3 TO JUNE 11

CAPTAIN:				Rev 5/24/23
BOAT NAME:				
CELL PHONE:	EMAIL:	# PEOPLE PARTICIPATING	COST PER PERSO	TOTAL N COST
Saturday, June 3 - The Yao	cht Basin, Annapolis			
1200	Thomas Point Lighthouse Tour (Sold Out)		1	
1700	Boat Crawl #1	#		
4000	I would like to volunteer. Boat Name: Meriway			
1800	Dinner on your own			
Sunday, June 4 - The Yach	•			
1800	Dinner on your own			
•	on Harbour South, Herring Bay		1	
1700	Boat Crawl #2	#		
1800	I would like to volunteer. Boat Name: Wayfinder Dinner on your own			
	-			
Tuesday, June 6 - Herringt	con Harbour South, Herring Bay Catered Cookout (please bring water and dessert to share)	#	\$30.00	S
		#	\$30.00	D
•	laritime Museum, St. Michaels		1	
1700	Boat Crawl #3	#		
4000	I would like to volunteer. Boat Name: La Bella Vita			
1800	Dinner on your own			
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1400	CBMM Boatyard Construction Tour (103-year old buyboat reconstruction		\$15.00	\$
1700	Commander's Cocktail Party on "At Play on the Bay" deck	#		
1830	Dinner on your own			
Friday, June 9 - Haven Hai	•	F.:	1	
1700	Boat Crawl #4	#		
	I would like to volunteer. Boat Name: Sanquine Odyssey			
1800	Dinner on your own			
Saturday, June 10 - Haven	Harbour Marina, Rock Hall			
1800	Cruise Wrap Up Cookout (byob, water and side dish)	#	\$20.00	\$
	Will bring side dish (for 15-20 people)			
4000	Would like steak chicken salmon			
1930	Forward Throttle Award Presentation			
Sunday, June 11 - Depart	for home port			
Total Activity Fee Due to N	ILSPS (you will be invoiced)			\$

Sound Waves

This article stems from a news report about the Frankford Boat Launch being closed for the season due to noise pollution. Fox 29 Philadelphia reported that both Pennsylvania and New Jersey residents are disturbed by the excessive noise levels caused not only by power boats, but also motorcycles, ATVs, and boom parties. Keep in mind that water helps noise travel.

During my research on the marine noise laws I was surprised that most seas are unregulated when it comes to ocean noise. Comparing four states frequently used for water activitiBy es by our members, Pennsylvania has one of the highest boating noise regulations. Pennsylvania has a maximum noise level for motorboats and muffler laws between 88 dB(a) and 90 dB(a) depending on what year your boat/motor was manufactured. Where Delaware had the least. Delaware has no maximum noise level for motorboats and that's where it ends. (Source: https://www.uscgboating.org/regulations/state-boating-laws-details. php?id=19&title)

The United States Coast Guard does have recommended guidelines to the U.S. maritime industry for addressing conditions of high noise. You can find them here but keep in mind they are guidelines. https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/5p/5ps/NVIC/1982/n12-82.pdf

These recommendations are put in place to protect people from hearing loss, to help them safely function on the vessels, and to not be blocked from hearing audible alarms and warnings. What you can do now is keep a well maintained engine, use personal audio devices at tolerable level, and drive slower, especially where your boat can cause a lot of noise disturbance. In the future, electric power boats may be a welcome alternative solution to controlling sound levels. But in the meantime, I'll leave you with this: quieter seas are healthier seas.

- Megan Weber



2023-2024 Bridge

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Getting ready for the boating season with America's Boating Channel (ABC)

The United States Power Squadrons has been commissioned by the United States Coast Guard to develop, produce and post Boating Safety videos to assist boaters with short videos on the Americas Boating Channel. Each of us has our own level of boating skills. We should always be looking to build and / or refresh our boating skills. This is an easy to use and easy to learn platform to keep us ready for the unexpected or be better prepared use for our journeys through the boating season. We can also be good stewards of boating safety by promoting Americas Boating Channel to family, friends and boating enthusiast alike. There may be cases where our boating friends view a video and soon realize that taking a boating course might be the next step in the process after watching the video. Talk up ABC Valley Forge and Talk up the Americas Boating Channel this year.

Here are the names and links to some of the boating videos available.

#	ABC Video	Link to the video (click on link or copy to address bar)	
1	ABC Smart TV Launch	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c rFyt1fGqvdiSauAij	
		Ag	
2	Life Jackets	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HIZ2QMq0SI	
3	Navigation Rules	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jjx9ELuSxyM	
4	Planning Ahead	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= kzxc2NgdFM	
5	Vessel Exams	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9BoiiWcM1M	
6	Basic Marine	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxkxVOOoVOY	
	Communications		
7	Preparing for departure	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9tJ5vmdFFM	
8	Distress Signals	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VR1An8LAVow	
9	Defensive Boating	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMZKW0VUI9I	
10	Boating Education	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWcwXxvip2w	

ABC Valley Forge prepares for the boating season with Americas Boating Channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c rFyt1fGqvdiSauAijAg

REFLECTIONS: Our Experience Purchasing Penina I Moana

By: Beth and Larry Hartman

Buying a Boat. Wow! Quite the experience. Buying a boat may not be up to par with life's greatest moments, but it was exciting and is hopefully helpful or entertaining enough to share. So much emotion, work and effort. As we reflect on the experience, the first step of our evolving process was to understand what kind of boat we wanted. Finding the right boat then seemed to have been somewhat a matter of chance. Others have shared similar experiences.

The internet readily facilitated our search for available boats. In addition, the internet offers handy guidance for first time buyers. Although clearly helpful, our research did not prepare us for every aspect of the experience. Maybe that is the way it should be. This is our fourth sailboat, and while we are not new at this, the boat we bought is much more in every sense, than its predecessors. Our first boat was a 17' Oday, day sailer. We then found more space and features in a Beneteau First 235. After our family outgrew the Beneteau, we went back to day sailing, in a Flying Scot. Our sailing as a family had been done on PA State Park lakes, so, the transition to a 37 Passport on the Chesapeake Bay is going to require some adjustment. Since my high school days, sitting in the library perusing pictures in SAIL magazine, I've dreamt about someday being a yacht owner, today we are. She is Penina I Moana. Her name is Samoan, translating to pearl of the sea. Her original owner was employed by the US Department of Education, in American Samoa.

My wife, Beth and I had been looking at boats for years, at my insistence, of course. We sold the Flying Scot about 2012 leaving us without a sailboat for many years. Although I have been sailing, with a college friend and others, those experiences were not satisfying my interest of being a captain again. This past winter I became more interested, for some reason. I may be realizing time is not endless and that if we were going to take this step, it would need to be soon.

Many factors guided our decision making, process. Within recent years my experience sailing with

others on the Chesapeake Bay profoundly shaped my understanding of boats, the Chesapeake, and our preferences. I was convinced, for a period, that a trawler may be a better alternative to a sailboat. Our conclusion, a sailboat is best suited to our interests. We did however want the quality of a boat that was up to the challenge of the Bay and possibly beyond. The Passport design, a blue water cruiser, provides a layout and sailing characteristics best suited for the quality of sailing or cruising that we envision for ourselves, family and friends.

Financing was a rather significant factor for us, as is for most. Our budget wouldn't have afforded us a newer boat and that was okay. Both my wife and I are a bit traditional and appreciate the craftsmanship, wood, and detail of vintage boats. We were considering Tartan, Island Packet, Cape Dory, Pacific Seacraft, etc., many very good boats out there. Since the cruise, with the Main Line Chapter of ABC, last year, we added Passport boats to the list. While we were unaware of a model 37 Passport, we were very much impressed by the quality of construction of a Passport 40 we boarded at the Baltimore Yacht Club marina last year. When I happened upon the brokers listing for the Passport 37, I knew I had to see the boat. From the moment I saw Penina I Moana, she seemed to be the boat for us. When my wife was able to see her the next weekend, she agreed. How we were going to make this happen was another issue because the asking price was outside our price range. To our good fortune the broker was willing to work with us and the owners were motivated to sell.

Closing the sale was not without its, complications. We had a contract, one of the owners was developing Alzheimer's and the family lived in New Jersey, while the boat was sitting in Oxford, MD. We closed our portion of the contract on my birthday, in Oxford. The sellers were not present. We had developed confidence with the broker, although the broker is by-in-large working for the Sellers. We were not overly concerned, but occasionally a thought about the possibility of being victim of a scam went through my mind. That was on me because we hadn't done any due diligence on the broker. Then we heard that the sellers signed the following week. It was still another week until we received copies of the completed Bill of Sale and

several weeks later until we received a Title.

Now that we are yacht owners, we are also repairers and maintainers. Penina I Moana is an '86 model year requiring numerous maintenance and repairs. In addition to her age, the boat had been sold two years ago, until survey findings gave the buyers reason to exit their contract. Although rebuilding the mast step and re-engineering the rudder bearing had been done by a very reputable shop, the boat sat on the hard for two years. During that period little or no maintenance had been done. When we understood the cost of repairs, we needed to pause a bit to grasp what we were tackling. The only way we could afford this boat would be to make most of the repairs ourselves. We are not new to such projects, our home was built in 1908 and we have tackled similar tasks, on a different scale of course. We will tackle this project like most do, by breaking it down into smaller manageable pieces.

As we began researching guidance about marine maintenance and repairs our first impression was that there are lots of people out there willing to offer the DIY boat owner advice about how to maintain and repair their boats. From products to techniques, the internet has no shortage of opinion. We collect the available information and begin formulating in our own minds what makes sense and what doesn't. Factors we considered are our ability, time, and cost. Generally, we want to do the job right, not necessarily the easiest or least costly. We believe this boat is solid and if maintained and cared for properly has a future far beyond our years. With the right foundation, restoration and repairs are so much easier and worth the effort. As our project progresses, we hope to continue sharing the experience. It's just the beginning and there is so much to do. We are ambitious and feel confident in our decision.



D-5 Cruise Schedule

2023 cruise schedule

CRUISE SCHEDULE 2023

Cruise name Shakedown Cruise	Dates May 19-21	Destination Baltimore Inner Harbor	Cruise masters Walter Neece 410-728-7275 walt@walterworkshardware.com
Blue Angels Raftup	May 23	Severn River	Peggy Slattery 443-994-1158
Choptank River Raftup	June 3	Cambridge, MD	John O'Reilly john@yellowsunfish.net
ABC Wilmington Cruise	June 9 – 17	Multiple ports See their newsletter for chart	Bart and Beverly Wilson Cruise@abc-wilmington.com
IRONMAN 70.3 Eagleman Swim safety monitor	June 11	Cambridge, MD	John O'Reilly john@yellowsunfish.net
Southbound Sailing Cruise	June 19-30	Sail from St. Michaels to points south	Susan Rudy, David Blades 410-971-9199 (Susan) sfrudy@juno.com
Delhigh Summer Rendezvou	sJune 22 – 25	Rock Hall MD	Kathleen Nowroozani k.now@mac.com
Tolchester Beach Cruise	June 23-25	Tolchester Marina	Ron Basener 443-243-0600 anneron1969@gmail.com
Top Gun Cruise	July 5-16	Baltimore to Cape May to NYC to Mystic CT to Newport, RI	Doug Riley 410-236-7144 Dougriley@verizon.net
Aquapalooza	July 8	Yankee Point Marina	Frederic Edmonds fdedmonds@netscape.com
D5 Summer Rendezvous	July 29-31	Lankford Bay Marina Rock Hall MD	District 5
Wilmont's Water World	August 11-13	Deep Creek	Betty and John Wilmot
West River Cruise	August 25-27	Chesapeake Yacht Club Shady Side, MD	Eileen Riley, Doug Riley 410-825-9632
Wurst Cookout Ever Cruise	September 8-	1Baltimore Yacht Club	John Hall, Mary Hall 410-823-5698



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