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Commander

Cdr Patty Pezely, AP

The Year in Review

My first year as Commander has come to an end. This year started with a series of cancelling events. If I was not cancelling the events, I was moving them to virtual. I want to thank everyone who hung in there and managed the change. I especially want to thank everyone who made the change to virtual happen.

We had our virtual Change of Watch on March 21st and transitioned to the new bridge. James Heckman and I presented the following awards.

The RIDDELL AWARD was awarded to the person who has made the greatest contribution to the Squadron was presented to Stf/C James L. Heckman, SN. Last year's recipient, Ginny Parry, also received a commemorative Riddell Bowl as a permanent remembrance.

The EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD trophy, which is given to

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the member of the education department who exemplifies the qualities of an excellent teacher. This award was presented to P/C George Painter, JN.

The SPENCER AWARD is awarded to the member of the Education Department who has made the greatest contribution to the squadron. This award was presented to P/C Wayne R. Barrett, JN*.

THE FLORA A. PRICE AWARD is awarded to that member who has assisted in a significant manner in squadron activities. This award was presented to P/C Frank Visich, S.

The NEW MEMBER AWARD is presented to a new member, who has belonged to our squadron less than a year or so, has made the greatest contribution to the squadron. This award was presented to P/C Samuel S. Lyness, SN.

FOUNDERS' DAY HONOREES, honors members who have contributed significantly to the squadron well beyond a merit mark. This year's honorees are P/C Barbara A Jones, AP, P/C William R. Jones, SN.

The 110% AWARD is awarded to the person who has given 110% effort by contributing to not only the squadron but to District 5 and/or the National level of the USPS as well. This award was presented to Lt Virginia E. Parry, S.

The PAST COMMANDER'S AWARD is a plaque, presented to the member who has been active for less than five years and has not earned five merit marks has contributed a great deal to the squadron. This

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award was presented to Lt Megan Weber, S.

THE MEMBER INVOLVEMENT AWARD is presented to the person who has made the greatest contribution to the squadron promoting member involvement and activities. This award was presented to P/C Susan M. Friedrichs, SN.

The CRAIG W, MUCKLE AWARD a certificate. Is presented to a person who has served five years or longer in the Squadron Education Department. This award was presented to P/C Lance A. Parry, AP*.

During this year, our Squadron education department has also been awarded 3rd place for the 2020 KENNETH SMITH SEAMANSHIP AWARD – congratulations to Jim Heckman.

Finally, our Squadrons newsletter, The Pilot, won second place for the SNYDER AWARD. Congratulations Ginny and Lance Parry.

I look forward to my second year as Commander and transitioning back to a combination of in-person and virtual meetings.

Stay safe!

Commander Patty Pezely, AP

[Link](#) here to the video from the 2021 Change of Watch

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Operations Training

Congratulations to Ginny Parry who completed Operations Training on zoom this past winter. Training is offered each winter for all those interested.

Contact P/C Susan Woron for information about future training or general information about Operations Training (sworon54@gmail.com)





Executive Officer

Lt Cdr Ginny Parry, S

This year will be about new beginnings as we begin to emerge from the Covid-19 era.

The unusual advantage of being in an older demographic gives some of us earlier access to vaccines, and with them, the promise of being able to mingle more safely. If you're farther back in line for a jab, it appears the line is starting to move faster.

And that means we can look forward to doing things in person again – along with remembering to change out of sweatpants or pajamas into jeans, and looking both ways before we cross the street. There may be some minor house cleaning involved before another human crosses the threshold.

This is all good news for the executive department committees, which guide the “external” parts of the squadron. Here are the committees and the members who have volunteered to lead them.

- Boat Shows. P/C John Beardsley is responsible for squadron exhibits at boat shows and community events. When we're able to have a staffed booth at a boat show, he'll be looking for your help to volunteer.

- Vessel Safety Checks. Lt/C Maryanne Boettjer

is sharing the leadership of this important committee with P/C John Juzbasich and Chris Dome. They and the rest of the VSC team make the free safety checks of personal watercraft, sail and power boats. They've already scheduled checks at marinas in Rock Hall (when – see calendar). Their work helps keep everyone safer on the water. Contact Maryanne to schedule a check.

- Safety Officer. Lt Megan Weber has stepped into this role, promoting classes and writing a safety column for each Pilot issue. Look for hers in these pages.

- Operations and Leadership Training. P/C Susan Woron instructs new bridge members -- and anyone else interested -- in how our national organization, district and squadron work. She can help you find the information you're looking for in the vast operations manual.

- Veterans' Events. P/Cs Frank Visich and Ed White maintain contact with a facility in Spring City for veterans and their families. During Covid restrictions they arranged to deliver pies at Thanksgiving and Christmas. They hope to resume an in-person picnic with vets, families and squadron members later this year.

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- District 5 Liaison. D/Lt/C Nick Montalto keeps us up to date on district activities and policies.

- Coast Guard Liaison. D/Lt/C Nick Montalto, who is also a Coast Guard member, has taken on this role too. The job involves maintaining a camaraderie between our Valley Forge squadron and the local USCG auxiliary group, issuing invitations to ABC-VF functions from time to time.

- Social Media. P/C Joe Pezely and Lt Megan Weber are researching and recommending ways of promoting courses and membership on

- Public Relations/Advertising. P/C Frank Visich works with the Education Department to provide materials to advertise the courses that the department offers.

If you have ideas for ways any of the committees can expand their reach, please be in touch with me or the head of the specific committee. In the meantime, take a few minutes to inspect the first aid kits for your boat and car. And get out of those sweatpants.

LtC Ginny Parry, S

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⚓ [Upcoming Boat Shows](#)

⚓ [Philadelphia—Cancelled](#)

⚓ [Bay Bridge—April 15-18](#)

⚓ [Annapolis Power – October 7-10](#)

⚓ [Annapolis Sail—October 14-18](#)

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Educational Officer
Stf/C James Heckman, SN



Asst. Educational
Officer
Lt Wayne Barrett, JN

"Knowledgeable boaters have more fun than those without basic boating knowledge."

Course Updates

We are all looking forward to warmer weather and the return of the boating season. In preparation for the boating season, we planned three courses. The first, The Virtual **America's Boating Course** ended in February. All three of the students passed the exam and will now be able to get their Pennsylvania certificate of education. Thanks again to Nick Montalto, the course chair, and the other six instructors of the course. All three of the students have expressed interest in learning more about boating. By-the-way, following the course presented during June and July of 2020, we gained three new members. We expect some of this new class to join ABC VF.

The **Virtual Advanced Piloting Course** is now underway. We have four students, including one who is a member of the nearby Wilmington squadron. This course, chaired by Russ Jones, is being presented totally online. We have added instruction on how to use electronic chart plotting to the course. The students will use free, powerful software called OpenCPN to complete some of their homework. This state-of-the-art software can be used onboard boats for actual navigation. However, if the boater decides to use commercial chart plotting tools on their own boats, knowledge of OpenCPN will significantly facilitate the use of chart plotters and multifunction displays.

ABC VF will present the **USPS Weather Course** starting at 7PM on Wednesday, May 5th . The course chair, Nick Montalto, will be assisted by several ABC VF instructors. It will be presented each Wednesday over a period of nine weeks. Each two-hour class will be presented online. This will be the new 2021 Weather Course and will contain a major update of the practice of weather forecasting designed to meet the needs of boaters and allow them to use recently available forecasting tools provided by the National Weather Service.

The new chapter on weather forecasting will be taught by Ronald Kessel, the author of the

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Update on Paddle Safety

Megan Weber, Safety Officer

On February 18 our meeting moved (virtually) to Port of New York and New Jersey waters. First we watched a news clip about a collision that happened between a group of kayakers and a ferry boat.

After, we viewed an educational segment on paddling in New York Harbor. If you

missed the meeting you can find the video at [TheSafeHarbor.US](https://www.thesafeharbor.us) website. This is a free online resource for safe boating in the Port of New York and New Jersey. It goes over a few different types of vessels and the navigation rules they need to follow. The paddle segment made some members squeamish. These are heavy traffic water-



ways, after all.

And a big point to the video is be and be seen! One method that was to hold the paddle over your head or wave or try to use a VHF radio. (This may be difficult with your hands on the paddle though!) If you

are the paddler, you need to know where the power boats are going and stop for them. As Paddle boats are more maneuverable than

power or sail boats.

After watching, we held a discussion where a lot of points were made. The consensus was that reflectors and white or yellow paddles are easier to spot than black or dark-colored ones. It is worth repeating:

See and be Seen!

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In Memoriam

Robert H. Heyser, age 91, husband of 60 years to the late Edith Y. Heyser of Phoenixville, PA, passed away Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Born January 23, 1930 in Phoenixville, PA.

Bob graduated from Phoenixville High School, Class of 1947 and Ursinus College, Collegeville, PA in 1951 with a BA majoring in Economics and Political Science. Robert enlisted in the Army as a private in 1951 and was commissioned OCS in 1952 with his first detail came H/H Co. Commander of the 314 was honorably discharged December 1953, then reverted to inactive status with USAR CONT and was assigned to 312th Support Group, Norristown, PA. He was promoted to LtC in 1970. He graduated from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS in 1972. In 1975 he assumed command of the 328th Service Detachment, USAR Center, Norristown, PA. He was retired from the Reserves in 1980 and was awarded for 45 years of service. Robert was awarded the Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation and American Defense Service Medal.



He was awarded the Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation and American Defense Service Medal. Bob spent most his career as a State Farm Agent on Gay Street in Phoenixville.

He also served as Commander of the America's Boating Club, Valley Forge, and earned the grade of Senior Navigator (SN), the highest obtainable grade, and was an accomplished celestial navigator. Bob also taught numerous courses including the Piloting Course.

Bob traveled through Asia and Southern Europe and even transited the Panama Canal. In Bob's spare time he enjoyed sailing his boat "Remedy", playing tennis, swimming and hiking.

Excerpted from Bob's obituary— Ed.

Phoenixville native, late husband to Edee, father, grandfather, a man of many talents and interests, and above all Commander of Main Line Sail and Power Squadron, Bob Heyser has crossed the bar. The Heyzers took up sailing and Bob and Edee joined the Main Line Power Squadron to learn more about boating.

As with everything else he did, he enthusiastically rose to the top. They both took every class they could and eventually earned the top grade of Senior Navigator. Bob frequently commented that he and Edee hadn't seen the top of their dining room table in years due to all the charts, manuals and navigation tools.

Bob passed his knowledge to others by teaching many USPS courses. He rose to commander of the squadron in 1995, and was a good leader.

He was known for his terrific smile and positive attitude. He was a good friend to all that he met. Thank you, Bob, for all that you accomplished.

P/C Susan Friedrichs, SN



Fleet Captain's Report

P/C Lt. Jim Friedrichs, JN

The Choptank River light located at the confluence of the Choptank River and the Tred Avon River is extinguished.

The South River light 10 is missing the daymark.

In Crab Alley - Little Creek Daybeacon 2 has been changed to Lighted Buoy 2 with a flashing 2.5 second red light and will be maintained from April 1 to December 1. Daybeacon 6 has been changed to Buoy 6 and will be maintained from April 1 to December 1. Daybeacon 8 has been discontinued.

In the Patapsco River Hawkins Point Buoy WR1 has been discontinued.

In Crab Alley-Little Creek Daybeacon 2 has been Lighted Buoy 2 with a flashing 2.5 second red light will be maintained from April 1 to December 1. Daybeacon 6 has been converted to Buoy 6 and will be maintained from April 1 to December 1. Daybeacon 8 has been eliminated.

The Coast Guard is evaluating the following changes to the buoyage in the Bush River:

Discontinue: Approach River Junction Buoy (LL 27305). Change Approach Buoy 2 to Lighted Buoy 2B in approximate position 39 20 03.616 N-76 13 46.160W with a 2.5s red light and day boards. Change Approach lighted Buoy 3 to Light 3 in approximate position 39 21 02.740N-76 15 06.570W.

Change Buoy 4 to Daybeacon 4 in approximate position 39 21 23.813N-76 15.564 with TR dayboards. Comments may be sent to CGD5Waterways@uscg.mil . Refer to project number 05-21-0009(D). To be considered in the analysis the comments are requested to be received by April 5, 2021.

In the Choptank River the Coast Guard is proposing to make the following changes:

Change Buoy 27 to Light 27 with a flashing 2.5 second green light with SG dayboards.

Change Buoy 33 to Daybeacon 33 with SG dayboards.

Change Buoy 35 to Daybeacon 35 with SG dayboards.

Change Buoy 36 to Daybeacon 36 with TR dayboards.

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In Eastern Bay-Prospect Bay the Coast Guard is proposing to change Prospect Bay Lighted Buoy 1P to Light 1P with a flashing 4s green light and SG dayboards. Change Prospect Bay Buoy 2 to Daybeacon 2 with TR dayboards on pile.

The Coast Guard is proposing to make the following changes in the Upper Chesapeake Channel and Bush River.

Discontinue Shad Battery Shoal Buoy 1A.

Discontinue Taylor Island Shoal Buoy 1.

Bush River changes.

Discontinue Approach River Junction Buoy.

Change Approach Buoy 2 to Lighted 2B with flashing 2.5s red light.

Change Approach lighted Buoy 3 to Light 3 and SG dayboards.

Change Buoy 4 to Daybeacon 4 with TR dayboards.

Respectfully, P/C Jim Friedrichs, JN

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chapter . The course will be advertised to all 31 squadrons in our District 5. Both members and non-members of USPS are invited to attend. If you have not previously taken the USPS Weather Course or need to get up-to-date, please consider enrolling in the course. To get more information, to enroll and to pay for the course go to www.ABCValleyForge.org.

NOTE: For anybody that missed the 2020 D/5 Fall Education Conference, Good News! Many of the meetings and seminars were recorded and can be view at your leisure [here](#).

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Nice Job!!

Congratulations to Ginny
and Lance Parry for their
Second Place finish for the
Harald S. Snyder award for
editing The Pilot.

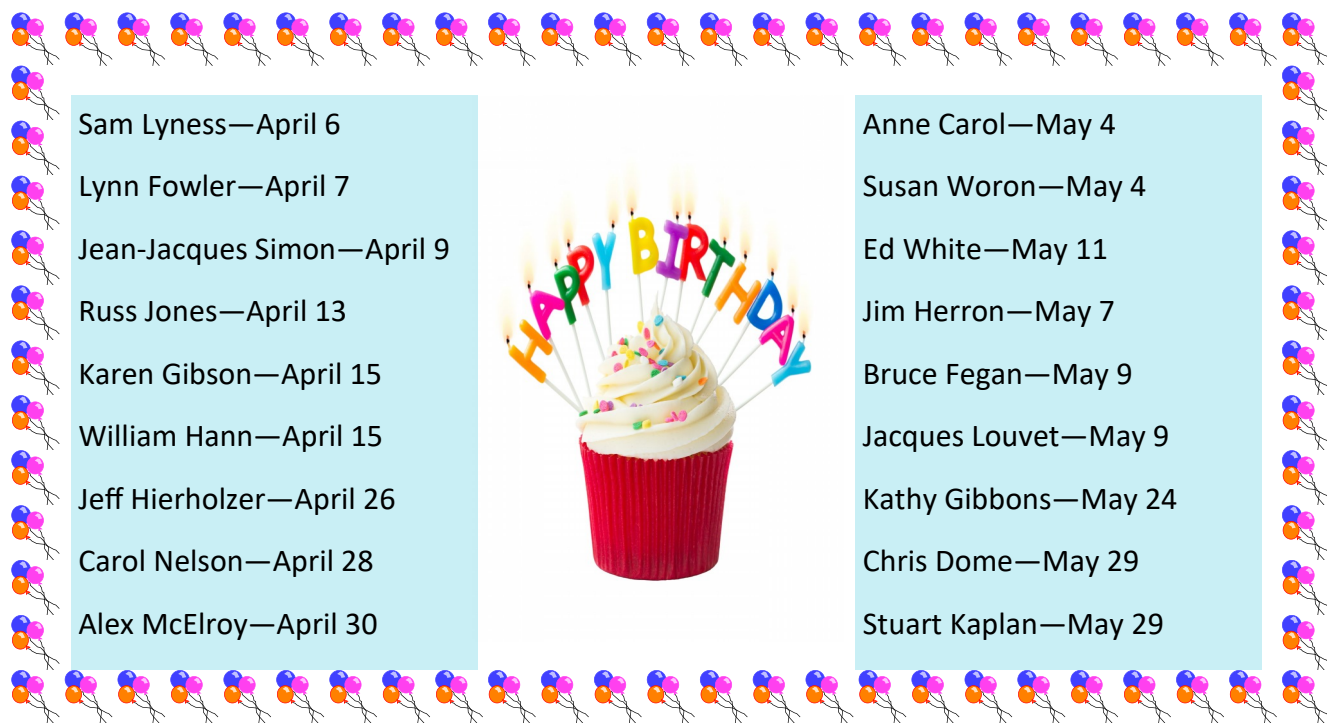


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From the United State Coast Guard

Sea Tow Automated Radio Check System no longer available:

For several years, Sea Tow operated an Automated Radio Check System, which was available on VHF Channels 24 to 28 for the benefit of mariners in over 130 locations. However, on October 2nd, 2020 that service was discontinued.

How to test a VHF Radio using Rescue 21:

The U.S. Coast Guard continues to offer an automated Digital Selective Calling (DSC) Test Call capability from each of its Rescue 21 coastal stations. All fixed mount marine radios certified by the Federal Communications Commission since 1999 are required to have a DSC capability. All such radios sold since 2011 must also have a DSC test call capability. Marine radios transmitting and successfully receiving a response from a DSC test call can be expected to operate acceptably in the voice mode as well.

To perform a DSC Test Call, enter the U.S. Coast Guard's coast station group identity "003669999" into the radio's DSC memory. Once entered and stored, a DSC test call can be made by executing the following three steps:

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Educating Boaters about Immersion in Cold Water

Stf/C James Heckman, SN



The Boating Handling Course contains many topics related to boating safely. Among them is the danger of immersion in cold water. We wish to emphasize there is still significant risk in entering the water during the spring. Though the air temperature may be in the sixties or seventies the water temperature may be in the fifties or lower. Follow this link (<https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/map/index.shtml>) if you would like to see what the current water temperatures are in the areas in which you boat. The water temperatures will surprise you. If you would like access to up-to-date weather information, go to the National Weather Service (<https://www.weather.gov/lwx/>).



Here is a mostly true story about one of our [ABC VF](#) members which will bring home the danger of entering cold water. While just off the coast of New Jersey in early March some years ago, our Main Line Member, we will call him MLM, was fishing with friends. They turned off the engine of a 32 ft. fishing boat after anchoring close to shore. After fishing for an hour or so they realized that the

boat had turned 180 degrees, probably because of a change in the tidal current. Being experienced boaters, they determined that because of the turn, their anchor rode had wrapped around the propeller. The others told MLM that the best course of action was to just cut the anchor rode. However, MLM, decided that to save the anchor and rode, it would be best to enter the water and unwrap the rode!. He put on a harness with a line attached. He decided not to wear a life jacket because it would prevent him from reaching the prop. He told the crew to pull him in if he ran into trouble (good idea!). As soon as MLM entered the water things went south. Though MLM does not remember his head going under water, he did gasp and discovered within seconds that he could not move. Still fully aware, he did hear one crew member say, "I think MLM wants to be pulled back to the boat". The other crew member said, "No way! I didn't hear him say anything!". Meanwhile, MLM was headed even further south because he couldn't speak and could barely move. Fortunately, less than a minute later, he was able to get his arms above the water and was able to wave them, though still unable to speak. His alert friends pulled him back to the boat with the line attached to his harness and were able to help him over the transom. They later recovered the anchor from the boat by using a boat hook (we know you were anxious about this because no self-respecting USPS member wants to lose a perfectly good anchor).

Now is the time for the moral of the story. However, since we are educators, we will simply encourage you to **learn** more about cold water immersion by following this link (<https://www.weather.gov/safety/coldwater>).

Boating News—Bay Bridge Decision Reached

Maryland transportation officials recommend building a new Chesapeake Bay bridge at the site of the existing two spans that cross between Anne Arundel County and Kent Island according to a \$5 million study. The project will cost from \$5.4–\$8.9 billion, depending on which construction methods are chosen.

The Transportation Authority study began with 14 potential corridors, spread across more than 100 miles, from the top of the Bay to the Virginia border.

Those were narrowed down to three options. From north to south, the possible routes would cross the Bay from Pasadena to Centreville; at the existing bridge site from east of Annapolis, near Sandy Point State Park, to Kent Island; or from the Mayo Peninsula in Anne Arundel County to near St. Michaels in Talbot County.

With no improvements, the existing spans are projected to carry 135,300 vehicles on a typical summer weekend day in 2040. By running a new crossing at the same location, that total falls to 79,700, a 40 percent decline. This was by far the largest decline among the 14 possible corridors, the study found.



Since 1980, the annual number of vehicles crossing the bridges has soared from 10 million to 27 million, according to the report. With no changes to the bridges, typical weekday traffic is expected to increase by 23% by 2040, while summer weekend day traffic will grow by 14% in those two decades. Bridge opponents have pushed the state to consider other modes of travel to get people across the Bay. The authority did outline four potential alternatives to a bridge: electronic no-stop tolling, a ferry service, bus rapid transit and a new rail line. The agency eliminated all of those as stand-alone options and permanently nixed any consideration of a rail line, which it deemed prohibitively expensive. The remaining alternatives, however, will continue to be analyzed.

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1. Select "Test Call" from the radio's DSC menu,
2. Select the USCG number entered into memory, and
3. Transmit the call.

The radio display should indicate when that test call is acknowledged and display the acknowledging station's nine-digit identity. That identity may be different than the group identity previously entered into memory.

Please use VHF Channel 09 and do not use VHF Channel 16: VHF Channel 16 is not for the purpose of radio checks. Please use VHF Channel 09, which has been designated by the FCC as a boater's calling channel.

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB VALLEY FORGE

Presents

The Battle of the Virginia Capes 1781

Our April Monthly meeting will be virtual

Date: April 15, 2021

Member Chat Time: 6:30 pm

Program Presentation: 7:00 pm



The Battle of the Chesapeake, also known as the Battle of the Virginia Capes, or simply the Battle of the Capes, was a crucial naval battle in the American Revolutionary War that took place near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay on 5 September 1781

Guest Speaker: Dr. William G. Cogar

Dr. Cogar has a doctorate from Oxford University, he was a Professor of the Naval History at the U.S. Naval Academy from 1983 to 1998, the last four years directing the Naval Academy Museum.

Zoom information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84672311790?pwd=VGhXVHhyZUVBdmhmMnAxbHR4OVVxUT09>

Meeting ID: 846 7231 1790

Passcode: **Dinner**



Thursday, May 20, 2021

Pre-Cruise Virtual Dinner Meeting

America's Boating Club, Valley Forge annual summer cruise is always a highlight of the year. Everyone who has been on the cruise will tell you what a great time they had. You can join us for all or part of the cruise that covers two weekends and the week in between. The summer cruise this year will be from **Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 18.**

Please join us for a **virtual presentation** on Zoom to review the itinerary and activities for the America's Boating Club, Valley Forge summer cruise on the Chesapeake.

ALL members are invited to our monthly dinner meeting. You don't need to be going on the cruise to listen in and have fun. Come and learn about the cruise. You may find ports or activities of interest and decide to drive to various sites.

And, you don't need to feel anxious about joining the cruise. If you are a **new boater**, we will have other similar boats accompany you on the trip.

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021

1830 Chitchat; 1900 - 2021 Cruise Presentation

Zoom Login Information:

Topic: Pre Cruise meeting

Time: May 20, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85268426364?pwd=N3FzK0R1eUtMbGVZ0dGMUowLzJtUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 6842 6364

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All are invited... Skippers, Mates, Crew, Guests...

Who can't wait to cruise, to see water from a boat?

By Russ Jones ☞ Past Commander

Let's get back on the water! Our America's Boating Club Valley Forge 2021 summer cruise itinerary is set for July 9-18. As you probably know, we call this the Commander's Cruise since the commander decides which ports of call we will visit. Cdr Patty Pezely has chosen four ports. We estimate that between 10 and 15 boats will participate.

If you would like to crew on a boat, let me know. If you're new to boating, we can team you with another boat.

You can choose from many interesting optional activities on the cruise. Look for details about them in a subsequent article. Hopefully reading about them will influence your decision to join us. They will include a performance by the renowned Eastport Oyster Boys, a beach party, dinner at great restaurants, our celebrated boat crawls, the infamous "forward throttle award" ceremony of course, and others still in development. You can sign up for them at our pre-cruise dinner on May 20.

Don't miss this annual cruise! Something exciting always provides wonderful memories.

July 9 & 10	The Yacht Basin, Annapolis
July 11 & 12	Herrington Harbour South, Herring Bay
July 13 & 14	Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Marina, St. Michaels
July 15—17	Haven Harbor Marina, Rock Hall (revised)

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. 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 30; ☐ Dual 30; ☐ Single 50; ☐ Dual 50

- ☐ Friday, July 9 – The Yacht Basin, Annapolis
- ☐ Saturday, July 10 – The Yacht Basin, Annapolis
- ☐ Sunday, July 11 – Herrington Harbour South, Herring Bay
- ☐ Monday, July 12 – Herrington Harbour South, Herring Bay
- ☐ Tuesday, July 13 – Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Marina, St. Michaels
- ☐ Wednesday, July 14 – Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Marina, St. Michaels
- ☐ Thursday, July 15 – Haven Harbor Marina, Rock Hall
- ☐ Friday, July 16 – Haven Harbor Marina, Rock Hall
- ☐ Saturday, July 17 – Haven Harbor Marina, Rock Hall

2021 D/5

The 2021 District 5 Spring Conference and Change of Watch will be conducted virtually, 5-8 April 2021.

Tentative Schedule is as follows:

Monday 5 April	Publications Committee	1800
	Commanders' Meeting	1930

Wednesday 7 April	Instruction Recert.	1500
	M&R Committee	1800

Thursday 8 April	D/5 Web Overview	1600
	Conference Meeting	1800
	Change of Watch	1900*

Friday 9 April	SEO Training/Meeting	1600
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*Or immediately following the Conference Meeting

There are other meetings and seminars that have not yet been scheduled. Check the website or look or emails for additional information.

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1. Number of VSE stickers needed
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Did You Know?

According to the National Marine Manufacturers Association:

-Nearly 320,000 boats were sold in 2020, up 13%

-Fishing, cruising and jet boats reached a double-digit high in 2020

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April	
5-8	D/5 Virtual Spring Conference
7	Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm
15	Virtual Dinner Meeting, details to come
May	
5	Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm
12	Pilot articles deadline
20	Pre-Cruise Dinner Meeting, get cruise details; sign up for activities; details to come
June	
2	Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm, (7:30 pm if we're meeting in person)
17	Virtual Dinner Meeting, details to come
July	
	No ExCom meeting
12	Pilot articles deadline
9-17	Commander's Annual Summer Cruise
August	
TBD	Commander's Picnic and ExCom meeting, details to come
29-9/5	2021 USPS Fall Governing Board Meeting – Raleigh, NC
September	
1	ExCom Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
9-12	Atlantic City In-Water Boat Show, Frank S. Farley State Marina at the Golden Nugget
12	Pilot articles deadline
16	Dinner or picnic
tbd	Veteran Picnic, RSVP Frank Visich
October	
7-10	Annapolis Powerboat Show
6	Ex Com Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
tbd	Submit all Merit Marks to Bill McManimen
14-18	Annapolis Sailboat Show
21	Monthly Dinner Meeting

HECKLIST OF REQUIRED SUBMITTALS TO USPS/D5

November	
3	Ex Com Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
11-14	<i>D/5 Fall Educational Conference, Hilton Doubletree, Lancaster PA</i>
	No dinner meeting
12	<i>Pilot</i> articles deadline
December	
1	Ex Com Meeting, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
<i>tbd</i>	Holiday Party,
January 2022	
5	Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm, (7:30 pm if we're meeting in person)
<i>tbd</i>	D/5 Spring Conference Hospitality Planning Meeting
<i>tbd</i>	2020 Budget meeting
<i>tbd</i>	New Members party at the Fegans' house
<i>tbd</i>	Change of Watch planning meeting at the Pezelys' house
20	Dinner Meeting – Founder's Day
12	<i>Pilot</i> articles deadline
February	
2	Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm, (7:30 pm if we're meeting in person)
19-27	America's Boating Club® (USPS) Annual Meeting, Ponte Vedra, FL
17	Dinner Meeting – Officer elections
March	
2	Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm, (7:30 pm if we're meeting in person)
12-14	Greater Philadelphia Boat Show, Oaks, Pa.
?20?	Change of Watch
12	<i>Pilot</i> articles deadline





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