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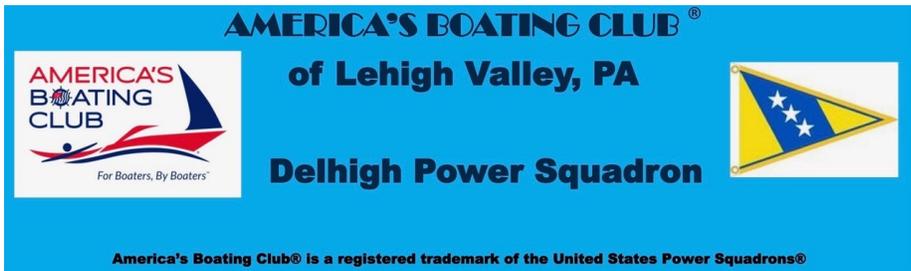
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Spring is coming to a close, and it has been wet and cool, making it a challenge to prepare our boats for the boating season. Finally summer is beginning to kick in, with hot days and sunshine to brighten our spirits. This is what we all have been waiting for. Time on the water relaxing, or water skiing, boarding, or tubing. Some of us enjoy going places by way of boat, a little journey that always has a story to tell at the end. Rafting up with friends and trading stories and enjoying the company with you is always a good time on the water. Some of us enjoy going fishing, trying to catch that trophy to hang on the wall, and you know there is always the tale of the big one that got away. Packing a lunch, finding a cove to anchor, turning on the tunes, and relaxing. I call these times dinner cruises. These are the times to catch up with what went on that week, and to share the love with one another. It doesn't matter what you enjoy, enjoy it to the fullest. Be aware of all that is going on around you, be courteous, help those in distress (as long as you can do it safely), and HAVE FUN. While you are out there, let your training kick in, use what you have learned. I am looking forward to boating with all of you this summer.

Have a safe boating summer.

Check out our updated website at our same web address:

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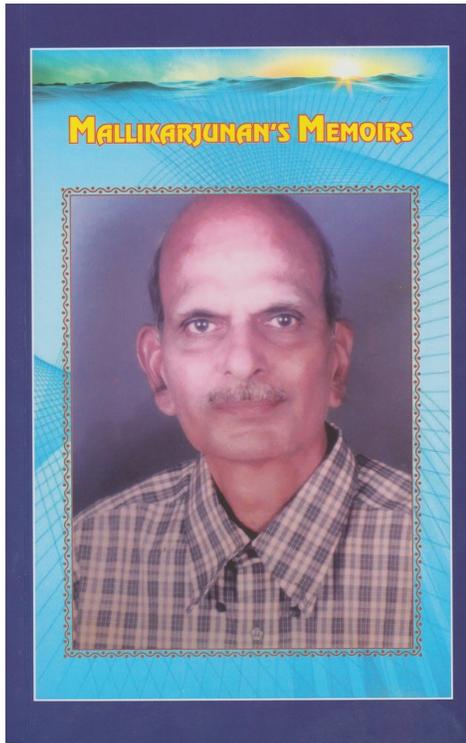
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# For the Love of Boating

By P/C Cyrus Nowroozani and Mallikarjunan



As boaters we enjoy our time on the water for a multitude of reasons. For some it is time with family and friends, for others it is the sense of community at the marina or on the water. There is also fishing, skiing and tubing, and sightseeing. Chances are it is a combination of the list above that drives our love for being out on the water.

My former neighbor Suresh, who now lives in Taiwan, was back in PA for business and stopped by for a visit in April. His in-laws would spend six months out of the year with them in PA and six months in India. Suresh stops by whenever he is in town, this time with a pleasant surprise.

His father in-law Mallikarjunan had written and published his personal memoirs and wanted to give me a copy. In his collection of insights, memories and life experiences, he wrote a poem about his experience on our boat Last Call. I was taken back with the fact that this man reflecting on over eight decades was impacted enough by a boat ride to not only include them in his collection, as write a poem about the experience.

In 2010 our family took Suresh's father in law Mallikarjunam and his wife Jayalakshmi to Delhigh's Beltsville cleanup. After collecting debris along the shore we opened Last Call's engine across the lake, which was like glass due to rain earlier in the day discouraging boaters from coming out.

After getting on plane we cruised at 30 knots for several laps around the lake, from the dam to the no-wake zone and back several times. The sky had cleared and the open bow was the perfect place for our guest to enjoy the ride. We would have kept going if we did not have lunch reservations for after the lake cleanup.

About a week later I remember Suresh telling me that his in-laws had a great time on the boat and that Mallikarjunam was going to write a poem about it. I thought to myself that is impressive that he was going to convert his boating experience to prose. That was 2010, I finally had the opportunity to read it in 2018. Personally, it was very impactful and reminded me about the opportunity we have as boaters to create memories and life experiences for and with others. Hopefully the poem on this page will inspire you to bring a new person onboard this season, or remind you of the first time on your or someone else's boat.

Thank you Suresh for hand delivering the book, and thank you Mallikarjunam for sharing your life experience and perspective. I have always had a love for boating, your reflection has made me appreciate boating that much more.

## Yes, Yes to Cyrus!

- Seated in the Sea Ray
- Scintillating Sun's rays
- Serene Beltsville Lake
- Surrounded by lush trees
- Stretch of beach
- Scenic Surroundings
- Smart little kids
- Sharing their play-kits
- Smooth sailing in the boat
- Say hurray in chorus to Cyrus
- As it is he who took us.

A poem by Mallikarjunan



## Sock Burning and 50th Merit Mark Award



1st/Lt Ed Muschlitz, SN with his wife Eileen, Daughter Janet and grandson Tim who drove in from Pittsburg to surprise Ed as he received his plaque and pin for his 50th Merit Mark accomplishment.



Delhigh, friends and family who attended this year's Sock Burning even though it tried to rain us out.



P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN throwing his socks in the fire after giving us all a history of where the burning of socks started, joined by Oliver Nowroozani and Lt/C Doug McKenzie, JN

1st/Lt Ed Mushlitz, SN receiving his award from P/C Cyrus Nowroozani, JN, P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN and P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN.



Matt McKenzie, son of Doug and Kathy, is making clam cakes to go with Kathy's delicious home-made chowder.



Kim Karaman	5 June
Cindy Kalmar	7 June
Fernando Botelho	7 July
Kay Black	12 July
Frank Arieta	17 July
Erin Fleckenstein	25 July
William Krause	31 July



# Beltzville Lake Clean Up

It was a cold and rainy day when Delhigh met at Beltzville Lake for our annual clean up but that didn't keep us home! I thought that our commander was crazy for not cancelling and that we would be the only ones there, but as it turns out, quite a few of our past commanders and their families are just as crazy! We didn't stay as long as we would have liked but this event is rain or shine every year, and this year was no exception.



Under the protection of shelter (to save the camera...)

From left to right:

- Fl/Lt Vincent Nowroozani
- P/C Cyrus Nowroozani, JN
- P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN
- P/C Jeanette Meisner, AP
- Lt Randy Meisner, AP
- Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP
- Lt Kim Karaman, S.

Front row left to right:

- P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN
- Oliver Nowroozani
- P/C Robert Rendish, P



The Crew, finally drying off for lunch at Joey B's.



The girls at Joey B's.



50 Year Award  
Presented to  
Richard Garnjost, SN



Question: Should we start to build an ark?

Over the past two months I have had the opportunity to go to a few marinas along the Chesapeake and Potomac River and saw many boats still shrink wrapped on stands waiting to be brought back to life for this boating season. Everyone should have started to enjoy the boating season, but because of variable weather conditions..... you know the rest. Hopefully the weather will soon get better, dryer, and warmer so the real boating season can begin.

While you were getting your boat ready for the first run of the season, we hope you paid attention to the items needed to pass a Vessel Safety Check.

Your Vessel Safety Examiners mission is to bring everyone into compliance with state and federal regulations by educating the public. By having your vessel inspected, passing, receiving and displaying the VSC Decal you are showing law enforcement that you are in compliance.

Please go to the [USPS.org](http://USPS.org) website, log in, go to the Vessel Safety Site and read about some of the updates and relook at the items needed to pass a VSC or if you have a VSC form from last years inspection look it over to see if you need to correct anything.

If you or someone you know has a boat and feels ready to have a VSC, please contact one of our Vessel Safety Examiners, there is contact information at [Delhigh.org](http://Delhigh.org).

We have also added a VSC date on June 9 to our schedule of events at Beltzville Park for anyone who still needs a check and is looking for a day out on their boat. See the calendar for details.

Have a Safe Boating Season.

On a Tuesday afternoon in May Richard Garnjost, SN was presented with his 50 year plaque and pin by P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN who was accompanied by P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN. Richard was very happy to receive his award with his wife Bettie by his side. We had a nice visit and were able to catch up with Dick who has been spending a lot of time at home with his wife who has not been able to get out as easily as she used to. Since this visit Betty has had surgery and is now recuperating in rehab and is expected to be heading to the comfort of home soon. It was great to spend time and acknowledge a member who has contributed so much over the past 50 years and to spend some time with his wife reminiscing the role that women have played in the squadron over the years. Congratulations to Dick on his 50 years of fun, friendship and service and a big Thank You to Bettie for her years of support!

By: P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN



Come join Delhigh for our

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual



### Ice Cream Social

At the Montuori residence  
1235 Treeline Drive  
Allentown, PA

Wednesday, 13 June 2018  
1800

Bring your favorite flavor of ice cream  
We'll supply the bowls, spoons and  
toppings!

Please RSVP to Gary at  
gcorcoran14@gmail.com  
So that we know how much chocolate  
and caramel we'll need!



## Delhigh Power Squadron July Meeting

Wednesday, 11 July  
Nowroozani Pool  
1800

You are invited to join Delhigh  
Power Squadron for our most  
FUN, FREE meeting all year long!

Delhigh will provide the Burgers,  
Dogs and all the trimmings!

Please bring a side dish or dessert  
and don't forget your bathing suit  
and towel!

**RSVP by 6 July**  
k.now@mac.com or 956-240-5553





## Delhigh's Summer Rendezvous

21-24 June 2018

### Mears Great Oak Landing

22170 Great Oak Landing Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
410-778-5007

Standard Room     \$109 per night/plus tax  
Water View Room   \$129 per night/plus tax

#### Slip Fees

Thursday Night	\$1.75/foot	\$6 electric fee
Friday and Saturday Night	\$2.00/foot	\$6 electric fee

**Rooms and Slips must be reserved by 6 June 2018**

### Schedule of Events:

#### Thursday:

Travel in all day, settle in and grab a drink!  
Executive Committee meeting, dinner at the pool.

#### Friday:

Raft up at Belly Button Beach. Bring your own lunch.  
Past Commanders Cookout at the gazebo, followed by some past commander shenanigans!

#### Saturday:

Cruise to Harbor House for lunch.     410-778-0669  
Worton Creek Marina  
23141 Buck Neck Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620

Dinner is at Great Oak Restaurant.

#### Sunday:

Pitch In Brunch at the gazebo.  
Travel safely home.

### Boat Ramps

Mears Great Oak Landing has it's own boat ramp and parking for your trailer.



# 2017 Summer Rendezvous Reservation Form

21-24 June 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Thursday

1800 - Executive Committee Meeting, and pizza/salad pool party!

\_\_\_\_\_ \$7/person \_\_\_\_\_

## Friday

1200 – Raft Up at Belly Button Beach.

BYO sandwich and snack \_\_\_\_\_ Persons to attend

1800 – BBQ – Delhigh is providing hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, and pork n beans.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$ 10 Each \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Kids @ \$ 5 Each \_\_\_\_\_

## Saturday

1200 – Harbor House \_\_\_\_\_ Persons (Order off Menu)

1800 – Great Oaks Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ Persons (Order off Menu)

## Sunday

0900 – Breakfast Buffet We will bring \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Home Safely!

TOTAL Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We will bring to share: \_\_\_\_\_ Soda \_\_\_\_\_ Beer \_\_\_\_\_ Water

Make Check Payable to Delhigh Power Squadron and Mail To:

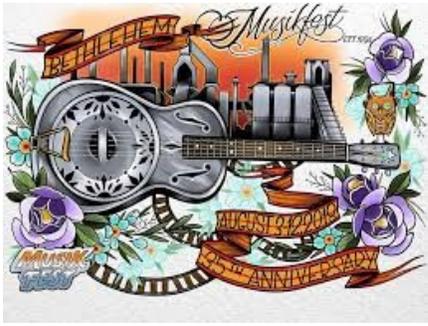
Keith Knoblach

Keithk56@aol.com

1026 Lehigh St

Allentown, PA 18103

**RSVP By 11 June**



## **Musikfest Mania**

returns for  
Delhigh Power Squadron!

Wednesday, 8 August, 2018  
Main Street, Bethlehem  
1800

**We will meet in front of  
Hotel Bethlehem**

**Come join Delhigh at Musikfest watch  
Jimmy and The Parrots play**

**Eat some food, enjoy some music,  
hang out with friends!**

Please RSVP to Gary at  
[gcorcoran14@gmail.com](mailto:gcorcoran14@gmail.com)

Or 610-657-3283



## **Weeknight Social Hour**

Wednesday 25 July 2018

1800

Delhigh is hosting a social hour (or  
hours) at

The Fleckenstein Residence  
3935 Spruce Court  
Bethlehem

Please bring an appetizer and a  
bottle!

RSVP to Erin at  
610-984-7369 or

[erinfleckenstein2@gmail.com](mailto:erinfleckenstein2@gmail.com)





Executive Officer's Report  
Lt/C Chris Ellis, S

Educational Officer's Report  
Lt/C Doug McKenzie, JN

Ahoy boaters, friends, and family!! Are you getting excited? Are you getting prepared?? Well if the answer is YES, then here's what you have been waiting for.....DELHIGH SUMMER RENDEVOUS!! I don't know about you all but hey, if there was ever a good time to be had by all for a long weekend in June, this is it. Basking in the sun, boating on the water and filling up those stomachs with all the great food and trimmins', then this is the place to be! That in itself just makes me feel excited and ready to have the best fun there is with fellow boaters. I think by now I have your undivided attention, so with no further ado, let's get on with the itinerary.

21-24 June 2018 at Mears Great Oak Landing. Address is 22170 Great Oak Landing Road Chestertown, MD 21620. Phone number is 410-778-5007. There are 2 kinds of rooms available. Make sure when booking to mention you are with Delhigh Americas Boating Club. The rooms are as follow....

Standard Room \$109 per night/plus tax and the Water View Room \$129 per night/plus tax. So we've covered the fun....and the hotel.

Now we have...arrived.....oh yes where the heck do we put our boats and trailers? Well hold on to your anchors, here is that info..... Right at Mears Great Oaks, they have an area for your trailer and also their own boat ramp.

Slip Fees are as follows: Thursday Night \$1.75/foot \$6 electric fee. Then on Friday and Saturday Night \$2.00/foot \$6 electric fee.

Now we've got the basics covered, the most important date to remember is that rooms and slips must be reserved by 6 June 2018!!! And now you have arrived, settled in and you're thinking, WOW what a great setup. Where do we sign up and pay for Delhigh festivities, right?? Well you're in luck because I just happen to have that info right here. Make Check Payable to Delhigh Power Squadron and mail to Keith Knoblach, 1026 Lehigh St Allentown, PA 18103. RSVP please by 11 June 2018!!

Events that we have planned are the Executive Committee meeting with a pizza/salad dinner by the pool. Mixing business with pleasure, oh yes that is how we roll here in Delhigh! We will also be doing a raft up at Belly Button Beach. Now here you will need to bring your own lunch so yes we invite you all to fill your car with some goodies, water, soda, liquor, snacks, and sandwiches. Can never have too much of anything. With all those goodies you will be bringing we will be having a BBQ cookout with all kinds of shenanigans. Could be the whole weekend, so watch out all!! We also have planned a cruise to Harbor House for a wonderful lunch at Worton Creek Marina. A planned dinner will be at Great Oaks own restaurant. A pitch in brunch at the pavilion on site is scheduled for Sunday morning before everyone heads for home.

So as you can see there is a lot going on in Chestertown, MD. For more information as well as times and days for events planned, please see this Delhighlights or the website for a Summer Rendezvous form to be filled out. Yes, sometimes we have to be serious. So when the 21<sup>st</sup> of June rolls around you can say, I worked, or I mowed the grass, or even took a nap... or you can say, I hooked up with Delhigh and had the best 4 days of my life!! The choice is yours, the time is now!! See you all there.

As of this writing, we are well into May but the spring weather has been abysmal. My boat is in the water, but she hasn't gotten any exercise yet. I'm so ready to start the season, hopefully by Memorial Day weekend things will improve.

Most people reading this have already taken our ABC course, plus a few others. As you know, different areas have different rules for boating. My best example of this is in New Jersey, where the no wake zone ends 200 feet past the last no wake marker. Before you head out on the water, make sure to study the rules where you go boating. Always have the state boating manual with you when you are out on the water.

Now that boating season is here, it's time to start preparing for the summer. For assistance in prepping your boat for summer, check out The United States Power Squadron website for ideas, and for educational opportunities. There is always something new to learn about boating and don't forget that we are starting a Piloting course this Fall for all members and friends who are interested in furthering their education and learning to plot courses both on the chart and GPS chart plotter.



Administrative Officer's Report  
Lt/C Gary Corcoran, JN

Summer is just about upon us, and I for one am looking forward to a great boating summer, as I'm sure we all are. As you know, here at Delhigh, we try to keep occupied thru the off-season.

The Pub Crawl in Bethlehem was a good time attended by 19 members, family and friends. We visited the Hotel Bethlehem, Red Stag Pub, Colony Meadery and Sun Inn, then to Bethlehem Brew Works for dinner. Our 6th Annual Sock Burning Party which was hosted at the McKenzie residence was attended by 19. The menu consisted of clam chowder and clam fritters, made by Kathy and Matt McKenzie, hot dogs, hamburgers, and several side dishes brought for all to share. Ist/Lt Ed Muschlitz, SN was awarded his 50th merit mark award and pin by P/C Cyrus Nowroozani, JN. The fire was started and the socks were burned as the rain fell upon us. The party moved inside to finish out the day. Thank you to Doug, Kathy and Matt for having us all over and making us feel at home.

The Ice Cream Social will be held Wednesday 13 July, hosted at the Montuori residence. Please bring you favorite ice cream to share, the Montuoris are providing bowls spoons, and toppings. Wednesday 11 July is our Poolside Meeting and BBQ hosted at the Nowroozani residence. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Wednesday 25 July we are having a Social Hour, hosted at the Fleckenstein residence, same idea at a different location, details are in this Delhighlights and on the website. Thursday 8 August is our annual Musikfest Mania. We will meet in front of the Hotel Bethlehem and work our way towards food and music. Wednesday 15 August is our August meeting and Iron Pigs Game, at Coca Cola Park. This is always a fun event but requires an early RSVP so don't wait until the last minute!

Thank you all for attending our events, we hope to see you at future events.

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## DISTRICT 5 NEWS

### 2018 District 5 SUMMER CRUISE BRADLEY'S BOATERS

## USPS NATIONAL NEWS

### THE POWER OF ONE

If everyone recruited just ONE person each year we would double in size in about a year.

Sounds so simple but, it is difficult because many of us don't like to ASK someone to join us (it is selling). The worst they can do is say no. ASK a friend. ASK the person whose VSC you did. ASK the person who wonders about the insignia on your shirt or cap. ASK the person who took a class or seminar. Just ASK someone!

Robert Howd

Membership



On 14 July District 5 will commence its Northern Summer Cruise (Bradley's Boaters) to Cape May for the Summer Council & Rendezvous at the Canyon Club Marina. The southern part of the cruise is being coordinated by District 5's Treasurer, Rick Marinelli. He is going to start from the Solomons.

We will meet at the Anchorage Marina in Baltimore. We will stay there on 14 & 15 July, which is Saturday and Sunday. This marina is close to a tremendous number of restaurants and the plan is to obtain tickets to an Orioles game either on Saturday night or Sunday afternoon. If you have any plans to joins us, please let me know which day would be best.

From Baltimore we travel to Great Oak Marina and stay two nights, 16 & 17 July. Great Oak is a great marina although the entrance is a little tricky but exciting.

Leaving Great Oak, we will travel to Summit North, which is on the C&D Canal and stay one night there.

For those who have not traveled the Delaware Bay, my experience is to get there early in the morning and run the bay before the wind kicks up. Of course, we would love to have the sailboaters join us and they would love to have the wind. It is approximately 48 NM from the mouth of the C&D Canal to the mouth of the Cape May Canal and that would be the longest part of the cruise. There are not a lot of options to stay once you are in the Delaware Bay.

Experiencing a Summer Cruise with District 5 has always been outstanding. Boating is a great experience, but boating with friends makes it even that much more rewarding. As in the past, we plan to have a get-together every night for an hour or so where some provide some snacks. We take turns and everyone brings their own liquid refreshment.

Please contact Ralph Bernard ([rb3513@comcast.net](mailto:rb3513@comcast.net)) and/or Rick Marinelli ([rick.marinelli.usps@gmail.com](mailto:rick.marinelli.usps@gmail.com)) if you have any interest in joining the cruise at any juncture.

From Summer Issue Mark5



# 2018 District 5 Council and Summer Rendezvous

## 19-22 July 2018 \* Cape May, NJ

**MEMBER**

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Squad-  
 ron \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES**

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name if travelling by boat: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITY FEE** (Required per person except children 12 and under-free) Covers all fees, navigation contest, games, special activity materials, contestant awards, event rentals, etc.

# \_\_\_\_ @ \$ 5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY NIGHT AWARD DINNER CRUISE** Herb Encrusted Hand Carved Prime Rib, Chicken Portabella, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Steamed Vegetables, Mixed Greens Salad, Foccacia Bread, and Cheesecake

Per Adult # \_\_\_\_ @ \$ 55.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Per Child # \_\_\_\_ @ \$ 25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Navigation Contest on Saturday**

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Reservations must be submitted by 9 July 2018.

Make checks payable to: Absecon Island Power Squadron SEND RESERVATIONS WITH CHECKS TO:

1ST Lt Nance Bernard 1127 Riverside Drive Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Phone: 609-625-0031 E-mail: rb3513@comcast.net

**MARINA:** Check out special website for land accommodation suggestions. Canyon Club Resort Cape May, NJ

\$2.95 per foot Reservation form for boats on Special Summer Council website:

<https://abseconislandsps194.wixsite.com/summer2018>

[www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)



# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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## 2018 Youth Poster Contest

### Sponsored by the National Membership Committee

#### (New Contest Period: Contest ends August 17, 2018)

The USPS Youth Poster Contest Awards promote youth appreciation and respect for recreational boating, and the message that safe boating is always fun boating.

The Contest is open to children ages 6–14, which is divided into three age groups:

- 1) Ages 6 – 8    2) Ages 9 – 11    3) Ages 12 – 14

Squadrons should conduct local contests and submit winning posters to their respective District for judging. Posters submitted to the National Membership Committee for judging must be endorsed by each District Poster/Membership Chair as the point of contact.

The 2018 Poster Theme:

### ***"America's Boating Club Saves Lives"***

Artwork should illustrate how safe boating through education, on the water skills, and proper use of equipment save lives.

## Rules

- Each district may submit one poster in each age category.
- Each entry must be submitted on poster board or heavy construction paper; size 15"x20" or 14"x22"
- Entries must be judged at the district level to select winning entries for submission at the National contest level.
- Squadron and District judging deadlines are a local decision.
- Only District First-Place winners in each age category will be accepted for judging at the National level.
- Posters may be sketched lightly with pencil, but the result must be in color suitable for photography.
- Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted or trademark material, purchased or computer generated are not allowed and will disqualify the entry.
- Posters must not to be folded.
- Posters will be judged on the Theme, message and artistic representation.
- Only one entry per person is allowed. All entries become the property of the United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display and reproduce.
- Contest entry forms must be complete, legible, and attached to the back of their poster.
- Annual Contest entries must now be delivered to the Fall Governing Board Meeting. This year's meeting will be held in Minneapolis, MN. Posters must be received by Friday, 17 August 2018, for judging.
- First, Second and Third Place Winners will be announced for each age category during the Minneapolis Meeting. Awards are underwritten by a grant from the OMC Foundation.



## Boating Safety

# A life jacket primer

### Choosing the perfect life jacket



Federal and state regulations require that recreational boats carry a minimum of one readily accessible wearable life jacket of the proper type and size in serviceable condition for each person on board. Boats over 16 feet long must also carry an immediately accessible throwable flotation aid.

Nine out of 10 drownings occur in inland waters, most within a few feet of safety. Most of the victims owned life jackets but died without them. A life jacket can save your life if you wear it.

### Get the right size lifejacket

Most adults only need an extra 7 to 12 pounds of buoyancy to keep their heads above water. A life jacket gives you that extra lift, and it's made to keep you floating until help comes. It's important to get the right size personal flotation device.

Your weight isn't the only factor in finding out how much extra lift you need in water. Body fat, lung size, clothing and whether the water is rough or calm, all play a part. Read the label on your life jacket to make sure it's made for someone your weight and size.

### Try on and test out your life jacket

Try on your life jacket to see if it fits comfortably snug. Then test it in shallow water to see how it handles.

To check the buoyancy in the water, relax your body and let your head fall back. Make sure your life jacket keeps your chin above water and you can breathe easily.

Be aware: Your life jacket may not act the same in swift or rough water as in calm water. The clothes you wear and the items in your pockets may also change the way it works. If your mouth is not well above the water, get a new lifejacket with more buoyancy.

Before you shove off, make sure everyone on board is wearing a life jacket with all straps, zippers and ties fastened. Tuck in any loose strap ends to avoid getting hung-up.

### Caring for your life jacket

1. Don't alter your life jacket. If yours doesn't fit, get one that does.
  2. Don't put heavy objects on your life jacket or use it as a kneeling pad or boat fender. They lose buoyancy when crushed.
  3. Let your life jacket drip dry thoroughly before stowing it in a well-ventilated place.
  4. Don't leave it on board for long periods when the boat isn't in use.
  5. Never dry your life jacket on a radiator, heater or other direct heat source.
  6. Put your name on it if you're the only wearer.
  7. Practice throwing your Type IV personal flotation device. Cushions throw best underhanded.
- To learn more, take one of our in-depth boating [courses](#).

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## 2018 Calendar of Events

**Vessel Safety Checks**  
Saturday 9 June 2018  
Beltzville State Park  
0900-1200

**Ice Cream Social**  
Wednesday 13 June 2018  
Montuori Residence  
Allentown  
1800

**Summer Rendezvous**  
21 - 24 June 2018  
Chestertown, Maryland

**July Poolside Meeting  
and BBQ**  
Wednesday 11 July 2018  
Nowroozani Residence  
1800

**Social Hour**  
Wednesday 25 July 2018  
Norris Residence  
1800

**Musikfest Mania**  
8 August 2018  
Main Street, Bethlehem  
1800

**August Iron Pigs Meeting**  
Wednesday 15 August 2018  
Coca Cola Park, Allentown  
Food 1805  
Game 1905

**Trailerboat Rendezvous**  
Saturday 25 August 2018  
Ridley Park, PA

**Chili Cook-off  
and September Meeting**  
Wednesday 5 September 2018  
Holy Trinity Church,  
Bethlehem  
1830

**Game Night**  
Saturday 15 September 2018  
Stemrich Residence  
1700

**Oktoberfest Meeting**  
Saturday 13 October 2018  
Meisner Residence  
1700

**Beer Tasting then Dinner**  
Sunday 21 October 2018  
TBA

**Road Rally**  
Saturday 3 November 2018  
TBA

**November Meeting**  
Wednesday 7 November 2018  
Dinner, TBA  
1800

**Sporting Clays**  
Saturday 10 November 2018  
Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays  
1000

**Wine Tasting**  
Sunday 18 November 2018  
TBA

**Holiday Party**  
Saturday 8 December 2018  
TBA

**January Meeting with  
Soup or Salad Pot Luck**  
Wednesday 9 January 2019  
Holy Trinity Church,  
Bethlehem  
1830

**Executive Committee  
Meeting**  
Saturday 12 January 2019  
Corcoran Residence  
TBA

**Game Night**  
Saturday 19 January 2019  
Meisner Residence  
1700

**Founder's Day Meeting**  
Wednesday 6 February 2019  
TBA  
1800

**Phantoms Game**  
TBA

**Bowling**  
Saturday 16 February 2019  
TBA

**Change of Watch**  
Saturday 9 March 2019  
TBA

All Calendar events are subject to change as the bridge sees fit.  
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610-657-3283 for more information on any scheduled event.

