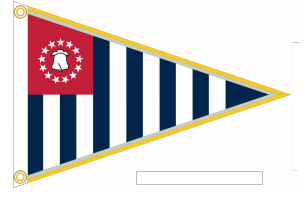




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Commander's Message

It's that time of year again, with the end of our boating season, that we will start winterizing our boat. With the pandemic, it was our main source of entertainment this summer. Since it is an open boat and the weather is getting cooler, we will put it away until next spring.

With prior boats the winterization was a chore. I had to climb into the tight engine compartment to remove the drain plugs from the engine block. Then I pumped the oil out and again climbed back in and removed the oil filter that was located on the back end of the engine, spilling oil in the bilge that I had to clean up. I replaced the drain plugs in the block. Then I replaced the filter with a new one and filled the engine with new oil. Last, we would wash the boat, cover it and it was put inside on the rack for the winter.

When we purchased the new boat, I asked the dealer if he could remote the oil filter to the front of the engine. He replied that it is a cartridge type on the front of the engine. To drain the block, you merely remove a pin and push a button down and it drains itself. What was a couple of hour job has been reduced to a half hour.

With the pandemic we have been using the computer for many of our household chores. We do most of our banking online and order take out dinners for pick up for weekend meals. Our monthly Club meetings have been virtual and this seems to be working. Of course, it doesn't compare to in person meetings, but is the safest alternative until this virus is eliminated or at least a vaccine or treatment is discovered. I urge you to participate in the virtual meetings as your input is valued. We hold these meetings the second Tuesday of the month.

Remember stay healthy, be safe, wear a mask in public and wash your hands frequently.

Cdr Matt Refsin, S



Administrative Officer's Message

As published in last month's Barometer, we had hoped to hold a fall picnic at Core Creek but based on current restrictions have made the decision to postpone this event. Hopefully we will be able to have our spring picnic in May. It will certainly be nice to see everyone again, hopefully soon. To get you ready, here are a few pictures from last year's picnic – everyone had a great time!! Stay healthy.



Lt/C Bill Muehlberger, AP

Educational Officer's Message

In case you're not already aware, in lieu of the live Fall Conference that was to be held November 6-8 in Gettysburg, the decision was made to make this a virtual conference. DEO Joe Gibson and his department are working diligently on the schedule, with many seminars that everyone can attend without having to choose which one they want to attend. Some of the seminars scheduled so far include America's Boating Channel, CPR & First Aid Update, New USPS Merit Mark System, Becoming a US Coast Guard Captain, Marketing Americas Boating Club, Piloting & Adv. Piloting Update and NOAA National Weather Service SKYWARN® Program.

While its always sad not to be able to get together in person, more people will be able to attend from their own homes, remaining safe and saving money and travel time. Please watch your emails and the district website for more information.

Lt/C Erik Williams, S



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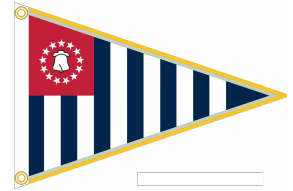
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A READERSHIP SURVEY

This is a brief Readership Survey for The Barometer and The Ensign. Please answer the questions below and mail it to D/Lt/C Stephanie Ward, AP at: 120 East Wilmont Ave., Somers Point, NJ 08244.

The Barometer

1. How do you receive your copy of The Barometer?
 - a. Electronically by eMail _____
 - b. By Hard Copy sent via U.S. Mail _____
2. How much of The Barometer do you read?
 - a. Cover to cover _____
 - b. Skim through and read articles of interest _____
3. Do you find The Barometer useful in keeping you informed about our ABC—DV Club?
 - a. Yes _____
 - b. Mostly _____
 - c. Rarely _____
5. Do other members of your household read The Barometer?
 - a. Please list _____
4. What information would you like to be included in our ABC-DV newsletter to make it more interesting?

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READERSHIP SURVEY CONTINUED

The Ensign

The Ensign staff at National has reported that the National magazine will no longer be published in hard copy and mailed to members but now only available electronically via eMail.

1. Will you be able to read The Ensign on line?
 - a. Yes _____
 - b. No _____
2. How much of The Ensign do you read ?
 - a. Cover to cover _____
 - b. Skim through and read articles of interest _____
3. Do you find The Ensign useful in keeping you informed about our Club from a national perspective?
 - a. Yes _____
 - b. Mostly _____
 - c. Rarely _____
4. Do other members of your household read The Ensign?
 - a. Please list _____
5. How important is The Ensign as a benefit to your continued membership?
 - a. Very important _____
 - b. Moderately important _____
 - c. Not at all important _____



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NAUTICAL HISTORY

Bet you didn't know this!

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem.... how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.'

Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts greater and much faster than iron when it's chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would roll right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.'

Submitted by: P/Stf/C John R. Gill, AP

HELPFUL HINTS

Don't throw out all that leftover wine. Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces.

Cure for headaches: take a lime, cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.

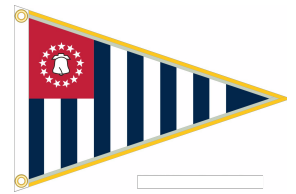
Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks.

If you accidentally over-salt a dish while it's still cooking, drop in a peeled potato and it will absorb the excess salt for an instant 'fix-me-up.'

Stuff a miniature marshmallow in the bottom of an ice cream cone to prevent ice cream drips.



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PADDLE CRAFT SAFETY

Canoes, Kayaks, and Rowboats are the fastest growing segment in American boating. As an entry level to boating, safety education is needed to reduce the number of paddle sport fatalities.

The Americas Boating Club offers an excellent USPS seminar titled “PADDLE SMART”. The seminar kit includes an attendee workbook for note-taking and reference and *“The Complete Sea Kayaker’s Handbook”* by Shelly Johnson (msrp \$18.95). Included as a bonus is *“Introduction to Paddling – canoeing basics for lakes and rivers”* by the American Canoe Association.

Topics discussed in the seminar include:

- terminology
- equipment—minimum and optional
- using paddle craft—both kayaks and canoes
- safety practices—including video clip examples
- day-tripping and touring considerations
- and, a few statistics

For more information log onto the following website:

[https://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/paddlesmart sem.htm](https://www.usps.org/e_stuff/seminars/paddlesmart_sem.htm)

The USCG Auxiliary announces new AUXPAD Program. Canoeists and kayakers may soon see a red safety sign posted at launch ramps and other water access areas across the country. The new safety sign is part of an ongoing effort to reduce the number of paddle sport fatalities by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary called AUXP

<http://help.cgaux.org/index.php?/Knowledgebase/Article/View/343/5/what-is-the-auxiliary-paddlecraft-auxpad-program>

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Paddle Craft Vessel Safety Checks. Both the Americas Boating Club and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary also perform VSC's on Canoes, Kayaks and Rowboats.

P/Stf/C John R. Gill, AP{-IN
ABC-DV VSC Chairman

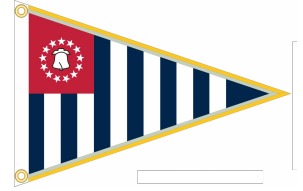


If you can't laugh at yourself

**You'll miss the fun others are
having at your expense**



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MEMBER BENEFITS!!

I was excited to represent ABC Mid-Atlantic at this year's Fall Governing Board in Raleigh, NC and was looking forward to attending the seminars and making new friends. Unfortunately, as has been the case with most everything this year, the in-person meetings were cancelled and replaced with virtual meetings.

I participated in all the Administrative Department meetings and wanted to report back on some of the amazing benefits that are available to you just for being an ABC member! Some of these I was not aware of myself!

Office Depot and Office Max

Office Depot and OfficeMax are now one company! Members save up to 80% off over 93,000 products. Shop online or in stores. <<http://www.officediscounts.org>>

Sea Tow

Sea Tow is now offering a 60 day free Sea Tow membership for any students who take any America's Boating Club® course. Members are eligible for a \$20 discount on their Sea Tow membership. Sea Tow also offers a free Automated Radio Check, a free mobile app and expert knowledge and advice from their captains. <<https://www.seatow.com>>.

America's Boating Club Boat Insurance Program

Our Boat Insurance Program – created to meet the unique needs of America's Boating Club® members with discounts up to 38%. It is administered by McGriff, Seibels, & Williams, Inc. and underwritten by the Travelers Companies, Inc. <<https://www.abcboatinsurance.com>>

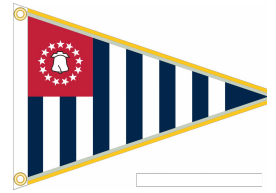
Vistaprint

Vistaprint offers an assortment of discounted business card templates for general members and Vessel Examiners – easily edited and promotes America's Boating Club® <<https://americasboatingclub.go.customprintcenter.com/>>

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BoatUS

America's Boating Club® members enjoy premium discounts on BoatUS marine insurance policies, are eligible for a 50% discount on your BoatUS membership and a 10% discount on all water towing service levels. <<https://www.boatus.com>>

Wyndham Hotel Group

Whether you are looking for an upscale hotel, an all-inclusive resort or something more cost-effective, America's Boating Club® members can save on rooms at over 7,500 participating hotels worldwide. Save 20% on Wyndham and Wyndham Group hotels. Ramada, Super 8, Days Inn, and more! <<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com>>

Boat Fix

As a member of America's Boating Club®, you will enjoy a \$20 discount off the one-time Boat Fix membership fee of \$149, which includes the Boat Fix monitoring device. <<https://www.boatfix.com>>

Autotether

As a member of America's Boating Club®, you will receive a 10% discount off your purchase. <<https://www.autotether.com>>

DAN Boater

As part of America's Boating Club® membership, your membership includes the full protection of DAN Boater travel health and safety benefits at no additional cost* to you. When it's time to renew your annual membership, you may keep these valuable traveler safety benefits as part of your Individual or Family membership for only \$25.00*. <<http://www.danboater.org/abc/>>

AVIS

You can save up to 25% off your next car rental while experiencing the comfort and reliability that come with renting from Avis. <<https://www.avis.com>>

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Budget

Make your budget go further by getting a great deal on a great car from Budget. As a America's Boating Club® member, you'll get an amazing deal every time you rent – up to 20 percent off Budget's great rates. <<https://www.budget.com>>

Maritech Industries

Maritech Industries manufactures a variety of essential boating safety gear and is offering a 25% discount to America's Boating Club® members on their products. <<https://www.powerboatsafety.com>>

Hamilton Marine

A popular source for traditional marine hardware and supplies. Receive up to a 10% discount which is available on most items (excluding electronics) through their online store. <<https://hamiltonmarine.com>>

Please make sure to take advantage of these member benefits!

D/Lt/Cdr Stephanie Ward, AP

People: Are you ok?

Me: Yea...





Favorites from the Galley!

Loaded Baked Potato Rounds - A Taste of Home recipe



Ingredients

4 medium potatoes (about 7 ounces each), cut into 1/4-inch slices
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper

TOPPING:

3/4 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
3/4 cup sour cream
2 green onions, sliced
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 425°. Toss together first 6 ingredients. Place potato rounds on greased 15x10x1-in. pans. Roast until tender, 12-15 minutes.
Mix the first 5 topping ingredients; spoon onto potato slices. Top with crumbled bacon. Transfer to serving platters. Serve immediately.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13	ABC-DV Monthly Meeting (Virtual) 7pm
November 5-8	ABC-Mid Atlantic Fall Conference (Virtual)
November 9	ABC-DV Monthly Meeting (Virtual) 7pm