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THE BAROMETER

February 2022

Commander's Message

Just think - in three months we will be getting our boats ready for another season on the water. It's hard to believe now that the temperature is 10 degrees when we wake up. We just have 2 ½ months of cold weather and then the sun will warm things up. In the meantime, I continue to follow Club news on Facebook and through emails.

As Covid continues to rear its ugly head, we will have our virtual meetings and some face-to-face fun activities. I am somewhat disappointed in the participation in our activities. We have about 70 members and only 10 to 12 show up at our meetings and activities. As I have stated before, this is your Club, and we urge you to see what we have to offer. We always welcome your suggestions for activities and stand ready to help you solve your boating problems.

At this time, I am about to start my 4th year as commander of this Club. I told you at the start of my first term as Commander that I had avoided this assignment vigorously. I was wrong to do that. It is rewarding to lead a group of seasoned boaters, and it is a lot of fun too.

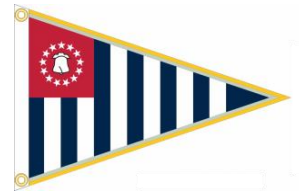
We have several jobs open and would like to know if you are interested in taking on these positions. The openings are Executive Officer, Assistant Admin Officer, Historian and Flag Lt. Don't be shy or afraid. We are here to assist you and I'm sure you will share the excitement of being an active member of our association.

I look forward to seeing you at our next virtual meeting.

Cdr Matt Refsin, S



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Administrative Officer's Message

We have a number of activities coming up to help get us through the cold winter months. Please make sure to join the fun! The more people we get the more fun it will be.

Right around the corner is our Founders Day Celebration, which will be held virtually on Sunday, February 13th. Dick Fuse will be doing his usual stellar job of calling Bingo and if you've attended a past Founders Day you know how much fun this is! There is a blank card on the next page that you can print out and fill in the numbers yourselves. We have Dunkin Donuts gift cards for our winners!

Here is the log on information – if you don't have Zoom please install prior to the event. This is a free app!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://foundationrp.zoom.us/j/97227066838?pwd=RndZWkNQV0prZE4wVkVmL3NXYjJhdz09>

Meeting ID: 972 2706 6838

Passcode: 655629

You can also dial into 1-646-876-9923 but will only have the audio so we recommend using your computer.

Next up is our Change-Of-Watch on March 13th at 1pm. While our current Bridge is remaining in place, we still will have our normal celebration and re-swearing in. Note – we're still looking for a few good men and women to take on some open positions. You won't regret it!

On May 7th we will have our annual Spring Picnic at Core Creek Park. This is a great way to start the season!

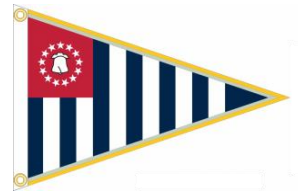
Watch your emails and future Barometer editions for more details on all these events.

Lt/C Bill Muehlberger, AP



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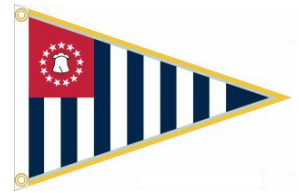
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Educational Officer's Message

We held our first "in-person" ABC class at Hatboro Horsham and were able to graduate 8 new boaters, hopefully safer than that would have been without our class! Thanks to Ralph Onesti for his help with this.

At this point we're still waiting for confirmation from the school on whether they will be open for Spring classes and will post information once we hear more.

We're also working on our Delaware River Educational Cruise, tentatively scheduled for May 25th to coincide with Safe Boating Week. Details on this event will be released as we confirm with the Benjamin Franklin Yacht.

Lt/C Erik Williams, S

Secretary's Message

Inventory Clearance!

We have six Ladies polo shirts with the new America's Boating Club-Delaware Valley logo. We are selling them at the reduced price of \$20.00. They are in limited sizes.

In Blue: 3 ladies Large, 1 3 XL. 1 2XL without a logo.

In White: 1 in size Ladies XL

If you are interested let me know at subrmr@aol.com

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Scenes From Sunny Florida!

Many years ago I took the USPS Weather course and enjoyed it more than any of the other elective courses that I had taken. I don't know whether that was sentimental (my father had gone to school to become a meteorologist before being called into active duty during WWII) or just because I wanted to make sure I didn't get caught out in a bad storm!

One thing I have found in spending the winters now in Florida is that the weather can be very unpredictable. Normally severe thunderstorms are more likely to occur during the summer months, but we experienced some very scary weather on January 16th, with 8 waterspouts or tornadoes hitting the southern west coast of Florida. While most of them were fairly weak, there was one EF-2, meaning winds from 111-165 that destroyed 65 houses slightly north of Ft. Myers.

I took these pictures off of my deck as a waterspout made landfall on the Isle of Capri, directly across the river from me. I was very surprised and concerned to see boats headed down the river at the same time the tornado was headed up!



D/Lt/C Stephanie Ward, AP



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Please mark your calendars for the 2022 Spring Conference when ABC-DV's Stephanie Ward, AP will be sworn in as our ABC-MidAtlantic District Commander.

All details are in the Winter edition of the Mark 5 but here are some details on how to register:

District 5 Spring Conference - Online Registration Instruction

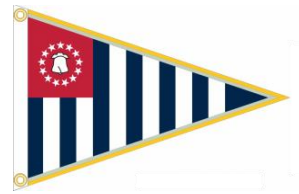
Instructions: Click on Member Registration on the home page of <abc-midatlantic.org>. You will have to give your membership number and password. This will then take you to the registration page.

Follow instructions below.

1. The Member section provides data from your membership record. See the Registration Instructions document linked below if there are issues.
2. Use the tools in the Spouse / Other Attendees section to add other members or guests.
 - a. Select name of an additional member from your squadron. Use the Add Additional Member button to add a select box.
 - b. Use the Add Guest Fields to add controls where you can type the names of other people who will attend.
3. Enter the number of entrees of each meal type you wish to purchase. Total cost will be automatically computed.
 - a. Click on the button **Automatically submit form to conference organizers** to save registration to conference database. Changes can be made to your registration as needed, up to the registration deadline of March 8, 2022. Of course, this may change the amount you owe.

After submittal, send a check to John Locke, 806 Harmony Way, Centreville, MD 21617.

Use the hotel link or phone number on the registration form to reserve a room. Be sure the USPS code is visible in the reservation page, Promotional Code field or is used by the hotel's reservation agent.



From the Galley! Shrimp Flatbread



Ingredients

- 1 Sheet Martin's Party Potato Rolls (12 rolls, still connected)
- 6 Ounces Small Pre-Cooked Shrimp (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1 Medium Tomato, diced
- 1/2 Cup Artichoke Hearts, well-drained, chopped
- 1/4 Cup Green Onion, sliced
- 1 Teaspoon Fresh Garlic, minced
- 1/2 Teaspoon Salt
- 1/2 Cup Feta Cheese, crumbled
- 5 Slices Provolone Cheese, quartered
- 1/2 Cup Fresh Basil, chopped

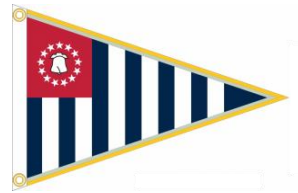
Serves: 4

Directions

Heat oven to 400°F.

Cut the entire sheet of Party Potato Rolls in half using a sharp knife. Set the two halves side by side and roll flat with a rolling pin. This will be the crust for your flatbread.

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Place flatbreads onto an ungreased baking sheet. Lightly brush with olive oil. In a medium bowl, toss together the cooked shrimp, tomato, artichoke, green onion, garlic, and salt until well mixed. Drain excess liquid, if necessary.

Spoon half of mixture onto each flatbread; top with feta and provolone cheese. Bake 7-10 minutes or until cheese is melted and bubbly. Check periodically to ensure rolls are not burning.

Remove flatbreads from oven. Sprinkle with fresh basil, if desired. Slice along the roll divisions; serve hot.

Congratulations to ABC-DV!

I was thrilled to learn that ABC-Delaware Valley was awarded the Distinctive Communicator Award from National for our website! If you haven't logged, please do so and as an ABC-DV member you are able to add items of interest and pictures. With so much currently being virtual, it's a good way to stay in touch with our members and friends.





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Don't Forget About Your Member Benefits!

Each issue we highlight specific benefits in detail but thought this month we would show all available benefits. Details on each can be found on the National website.

Advancing Education

- [Great Lakes Cruising Club School](#)
- [Mariner's Learning Guide - Captain's License Software](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 13	ABC-DV Founders Day (Virtual)
February 20-26	USPS® Annual Meeting Ponte Verde, FL
March 13	ABC-DV Change-Of-Watch (Virtual)
March 31-April 4	ABC-MidAtlantic Spring Conference
May 7	ABC-DV Spring Picnic, Core Creek Park
May 25	Delaware River Educational Cruise