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THE BAROMETER

June 2022

Commander's Message

We finally made it to warm weather. Last week we spent a day getting the boat ready for the season. It was an easy task, just had to put the battery in and wash it. I said easy - well it was kind of hard lifting the battery from the ground to the swim platform. After several failed attempts, I sort of walked it up the boarding ladder. So now we are all ready.

On Saturday we took our first ride of the season down to Penn's Landing. There was some debris in the river that we had to dodge, but it was good to get out on the water again. Traffic was light on the river and there was not much activity at Penn's Landing in spite of the good weather. I know it is early in the season and hopefully more people will take advantage of boating activities.

I have been disappointed in the lack of activity on the part of our Club. Attendance at our monthly virtual meetings has been sparse. Remember that this is your Club and we count on you for suggestions and comments to make it suit your needs and wants.

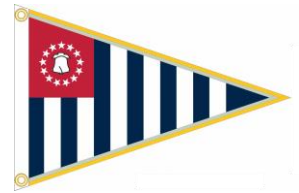
Our June meeting will be the last until September. Please join us to learn about our plans for fun activities and events. We look forward to hearing from you and your input. Wishing you a safe, healthy and fun filled summer.

Cdr Matt Refsin, S





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Administrative Officer's Message

Unfortunately, our most recent events both had extenuating circumstances that necessitated rescheduling.

Our picnic at Core Creek Park in Langhorne, PA has been rescheduled to September 18th – see the flyer in this issue for more details. This is a family friendly event right on the lake and we'll have lots of fun and games for everyone.

Our Educational Cruise has been rescheduled to August 17th. If you've attended this in the past you know it's always one of most popular events and features a dinner cruise down the Delaware River during daylight and back up after dusk. There is expert narration provide and you will see buoys, lighted ATONS, ranges and some of the large marine traffic on the river! Details are in the flyer in this issue.

Lt/C Bill Muehlberger, AP

Educational Officer's Message

This is a slow time for education as we know everyone wants to be out on the water on their boats! That being said, we are looking at some seminars for upcoming meetings so stay tuned for details.

Also, we have been confirmed to present our basic boating course at Keith Valley Middle School in Hatboro starting in late September. Please spread the word if you have any friends or family who would benefit from this.

Finally, I'm please to announce that Ralph Onesti has agreed to serve as our Assistance Educational Office. Ralph has many years of boating experience in both the Power Squadron and Coast Guard Auxiliary and we are fortunate to have him onboard!

Lt/C Erik Williams, S



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Secretary's Message

As you may remember, last summer we had a picnic at Harbour Cove Marina in Somers Point, NJ where our District Commander, Stephanie Ward keeps her boat. This was a great day and we're going to be scheduling again this year. We're hoping the weather allows for a cruise on Stephanie's boat around the bay! Please stay tuned for more details.

I've been sending out information regarding America's Boating Channel and if you haven't viewed these you're really missing some good information. These are short U Tube types of videos and don't require a lot of time. Recent topics include Commercial Traffic and Electronic Distress Signals. Please take a little time to watch them!

The Second Town Hall on Reorganization was held Wednesday evening, May 4, 2022. Check out the link <https://fccdl.in/mbPSDbNeav> to view it if you were unable to participate. Stay tuned for more information and other sessions!

Our National Bridge has advised that we're experiencing a number of hacked emails that appear to come from our members, and contain text that makes them appear legitimate. These emails originate from a hacker. Since they don't come from our servers or one of our members, we can't control them.

Please take great care in opening attachments and links from emails that may be suspicious, as these may contain dangerous files and viruses. Check the full address in the "From" line, and not just the name. If the message appears suspicious, delete the email message or contact the purported sender to verify that the email is legitimate before opening an attachment or clicking on a link.

Lt/C Rhoda Refsin, S

What did the ship's captain say when he got stuck trying to navigate through a narrow channel? We're in dire straits!

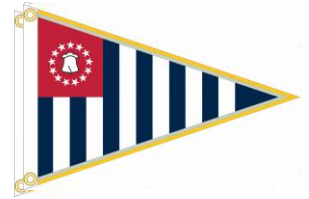
What did one boat say to the other boat? Are we up for a little row-mance?

Do you know which type of vegetable is banned on boat? Leeks.



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From the District Bridge

Our Summer Council is right around the corner and is being held at Rock Hall Landing Marina in Rock Hall, Maryland. While the marina hotel is sold out, there are a number of bed and breakfast locations as well as AirBNBs located nearby. There are also a number of restaurants and sightseeing opportunities nearby, so a great way to spend your summer vacation!

This meeting is definitely family friendly, so don't hesitate to include your kids or grandkids in the fun! We have lots of activities planned, including a navigation contest, fishing contest, lawn and pool games as well as multiple social gatherings.

Registration information is in the Mark 5 and can be viewed on the ABC-MidAtlantic website. <www.abc-midatlantic.org>.

Hope to see you there!

Also, hotel reservations are now open for booking for the Fall Governing Board being held in Raleigh September 11-18, 2022. This is the chance to learn and share information. We live and learn the more we communicate. This is your chance to help grow the organization we enjoy. There is a link on the National website to book reservations; meals and event registration is coming soon. There are a number of great sightseeing opportunities being planned so make sure to look at the national website for more information.

Did you know that there is a page on the National website that is there to provide a means to share information during a storm, natural disaster, or any emergency?

If such a situation exists, USPS members may post any information which they feel would be of value to others involved or affected by the event or to indicate the type of assistance which could be used. If you wish to post a message there is a link that you would just click on. This is a great resource for our members, especially as hurricane season starts!

D/5 Commander Stephanie Ward, AP



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Since boating season has arrived, here are some valuable boat related benefits that you may not be aware of!

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- Enhance your receiver's performance with WAAS, DGPS, and proper antenna placement
- Master advanced techniques

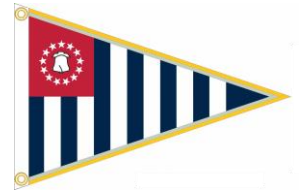
A must-buy for both experienced and novice boaters who want to get the most from their GPS navigation systems."--Kenneth J. Cirillo, vice president, C-Map/USA

"Great book! *GPS for Mariners* shows boaters how to use GPS with charts and even how to use digital charts for planning and navigating with your GPS."--Edward D. Markham, president, Maptech Inc.

"A must-read for anyone planning to navigate with GPS."--Robert P. David, past president, National Boating Federation, former national education officer, U.S. Power Squadron.



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America's Boating Club® Boat Insurance Program

One of the many benefits of membership in America's Boating Club is the exclusive America's Boating Club Boat Insurance Program (formerly USPS Boat Insurance Program). This program is available to most America's Boating Club members and is based on the premise that America's Boating Club members represent a class of "preferred risk" boaters by the virtue of their formal education in the care and operation of boats.

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Visit the America's Boating Club Boat Insurance Program Web Site for program highlights, quotes, and more information at ABCBoatInsurance.com or call toll free at 1 800-763-USPS (8777). [Click Here](#) for the America's Boating Club Boat Insurance Program Highlights.

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Sea Tow and the Sea Tow Foundation Form Partnership With United States Power Squadrons

Boaters to Benefit from Enhanced Safety Resources and Membership Discounts

Sea Tow, the non-profit Sea Tow Foundation and USPS signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the Annual Meeting 2014. [Click Here](#) for details and discount codes.

All three organizations, Sea Tow, Sea Tow Foundation and the USPS, will work closely together to provide boating safety resources and education to the public. USPS members and boaters who take a USPS Boating Safety Course will benefit from valuable offers and discounts on Sea Tow memberships, enhancing their peace of mind on the water.

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Sea Tow is offering the following:

Students: Any student taking a USPS course can receive a free 60 day Sea Tow Membership. (Cards to hand out at the courses are available from headquarters)

USPS Members: USPS members are eligible to receive \$10 off their Sea Tow membership. Expert Knowledge: The Sea Tow captains are willing and able to speak at a USPS course or meeting. Contact your local captain to set up a date and time.

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JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER



Aboard the Benjamin Franklin Yacht
Enjoy a Narrated Cruise and
Buffet Dinner

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Boarding: 1800

Departure: 1830

Rain or Shine

Traditional and electronic methods of navigation will be presented.

During this trip you will enjoy a delightful, full course dinner on the lower dining deck of the Ben Franklin. The informative and exciting narration will focus on aids to navigation, piloting, and chart work using a hand-held compass, GPS, and plotting our position on Delaware River Chart 12312. On the return trip you will see lighted aids, ranges and navigation lights on the big ships.

Bring your neighbors and friends

Make reservation by sending a check in the amount of \$35.00 for each adult payable to ABC-DV to Lt/C Robert Tafel, PO Box 585, Hatboro, PA 19040 (215-441-4154).

.List the name of each guest and e-mail address. (Sea Scouts & children under 12 at \$15.00).

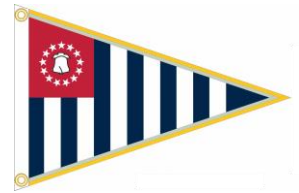
Directions: The Ben Franklin departs from 101 S. Columbus Blvd. which is just south of the Ben Franklin Bridge. South on I-95: take the right hand lane at exit 22 for Callowhill St. At the bottom of the off ramp, turn left on Callowhill St. and then right on N. Columbus Blvd. Turn left onto Penns Landing and the yacht will be on the left. There is ample parking at the location.

Uniform of the day = ABC Casual

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FALL PICNIC

September 18, 2022
11 AM- 3 PM

Come join us for a picnic at Core Creek Park, Pavilion 9, Langhorne, PA.

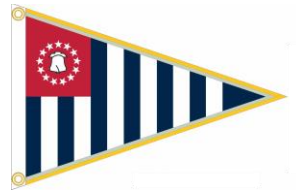
The Club will provide burgers, hot dogs, and beverages.
Bring an appetizer or dessert.
Let us know what you will be bringing.

Bill Muehlberger (215)694-8772
Email pennsy13@gmail.com

Directions to Picnic at Core Creek Park, 901 Bridgetown Pike, Langhorne, PA
From I-95- Take the Street Road Exit. Follow Street Road to Bustleton Pike, Route 532. Turn right on 532 and follow the directions below.

From Bustleton Pike (Rt 532) and Street Rd. Feasterville, PA Take Bustleton Pike N past The Buck Hotel. Bear Right to Bridgetown Pike. Continue past Playwiki Farm to the Roundabout. Bear left around the circle and continue on Bridgetown Pike past Langhorne Newtown Road. Continue to Main Entrance of Core Creek Park on the left.

To Pavilion 9- Map of the Park can be found on the Internet by typing “Core Creek Park, Langhorne, PA” Enter the park and continue on Park Road past the Main Office on the right. Follow Park Road to Duchess Lane. Turn right. Continue to parking lot. Pavilion 9 is to the left of the lot closest to the parking lot and the Rest Rooms.



BACON WRAPPED CHICKEN THIGHS



Ingredients

- 1 tube (8 ounces) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 small apple, peeled and cut into 24 thin slices
- 6 thin slices Gouda cheese, quartered
- 24 miniature smoked sausages
- Honey mustard salad dressing, optional

Directions

Preheat oven to 375°.

Unroll crescent dough and separate into 8 triangles; cut each lengthwise into 3 thin triangles.

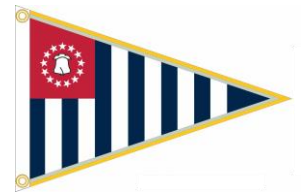
On the wide end of each triangle, place 1 slice apple, 1 folded piece cheese and 1 sausage; roll up tightly.

Place 1 in. apart on parchment-lined [baking sheets](#), point side down. Bake until golden brown, 10-12 minutes. If desired, serve with dressing.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| June 14 | ABC-DV Meeting (Virtual) |
| July 29, 30 | D/5 Summer Council, The Mariner at Rock Hall Landing Marina, Rock Hall, MD |
| August 17 | Delaware River Educational Cruise, Penns Landing, Philadelphia, PA |
| September 18 | ABC-DV Fall Picnic, Core Creek Park, Langhorne, PA |
| September 11-18 | Fall Governing Board, Raleigh, NC |