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Commander's Corner Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP



Another year has gone by, this one with many changes as to how we have done our business with smaller groups and via zoom meetings. I have to say we fared pretty well and it was great to get together as often as we could. I applaud everyone who opened their homes to host and plan our events.

Our Educational Department did a fantastic job training virtually and in person to teach the ABC Course and advanced courses. Their dedication is the reason Delhigh has won all the educational awards this year. Thank you for all your time and effort to make it a successful year.

Delhigh's community service has also gone above and beyond, with Beltzville cleanup, Vessel Safety Checks and assisting food banks helping the needy. To all involved thank you for your kindness.

Our calendar is planned for the year and with the Good Lord's help we will be able to get together more this year and enjoy each others company.

It has been said before about how the members of Delhigh pull together to help each other and those in need. We are a great family .

I thank you all for everything that you do, no matter how small or trivial you think it is, it helps us become a stronger group and I feel that others look up to Delhigh and move forward to be more active in what they do.

I can't wait for us all to get together this year and have fun.





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Social Hour





It was great to catch up with everyone who attended! Russ and Amy Fontana, Kathy and Cyrus Nowroozani, Chris Brown, Keith Knoblach, Fran and Diane (not pictured) Montuori.

Founder's Day Meeting



Our Founder's Day meeting was held via Zoom. All business was attended to and a second ABC class in March was announced at Peter's Marine for March 13 and 20.

The voting in of the new bridge was held via email in the days before the meeting. P/C Cyrus Nowroozani, JN took over the meeting and voting results were announced. The incoming bridge is set for the March 7 Change-of -Watch.



Top and Bottom Photos: Ed and Eileen, Kathleen, Jeanette, Diane and Fran, Bob, Doug, Michael, Russ, Chris, Brent, Michael and Keith.



2021 Change-of-Watch



Kim and Incoming Commander Keith ready to Zoom.



Brent, our MC for the evening.



Diane and Fran, Bob and Kathleen, Brent, Michele and Sergio, the yard arm, Keith, Chris, Kathy, Doug, Mark and Mary Lee, Michael and Nikki, Randy and Jeanette, Ed and Eileen.



Nikki and Michael.



Cyrus, Kathleen and Bob.



Incoming Commander Keith Knoblach, AP.



Kathy, Mark and Mary Lee.



Sergio and Michele.













Incoming Bridge Left to Right: Executive Officer Robert Rendish, P, Educational Officer Kathleen Nowroozani, SN, Secretary Jeanette Meisner, AP, Treasurer Michael Lebeduik, III, JN, Asst, Educational Officer Sergio Lamboy, P and Flag Lieutenant Oliver Nowroozani, P.





2012 St Patrick's Day Parade



Keith and Brent walking the Delhigh banner with Vince, Nikki, Kathleen and Doug pulling Sea Vester.



Here comes the boat and truck with Cam handing out flyers and Joe working the crowd.



Nobody works a crowd like P/C Joe Stemrich, Sr., P!



Cyrus driving the truck with Oliver in the window.



Kaitlyn and Karlee in their PFDs. Safety first!



Every boat needs a mermaid on the tail! (Kim)



Doug and Kathleen pulling Sea Vester with Vince, Gary and Brent.



Vince and Joe showing the kids how much fun Sea Vester can be.



Joe, Cam, Brent, Gary, Sea Vester, Nikki, Vince, Kathleen, Doug and Keith with Kim, Kaitlyn and Karlee on the boat.







Join America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley

for our

April Meeting and Old Favorites



Wednesday, March 31
(The meeting is in March as to not interfere with the D/5 Spring Conference online April 5-8)

Potluck at 6:30pm
Meeting starts at 7:00pm
at
The Nowroozani Residence

RSVP to k.now@mac.com
Or (956) 240-5553
By Friday, March 26
We will also Zoom this meeting.



Saturday, April 17
5pm
Meisner Residence

It's time to get together and share some fun! Who's ready!?!

Meatball sandwiches will be served. Please bring an appetizer to share.

RSVP to Jeanette at Jeanette@meisnerservices.com







9th Annual Sock Burning



Saturday, May 1 4pm at the Dlugos Residence 801 S. Oaks Road Bath

Hot dogs and sauerkraut will be provided.

Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share.

Don't forget your socks!!!

Please RSVP to Kathy at k.now@mac.com Or (956)240-5553



May Meeting at



Thursday, May 6 1905 Brookside Road Macungie 6pm

We will meet upstairs in a private room and order off the menu.

RSVP to Kathleen at k.now@mac.com or (956) 240-5553

By Friday, April 30th







Beltzville Lake Clean-Up & Vessel Safety Checks

Saturday, May 22
9am-12pm
Pine Run Boat Launch
140 Deer Lane, Lehighton
Bring your boat to spend the morning cleaning the lake.

Free VSC for all boats.

RSVP to Bob Rendish at RobertRendish1@yahoo.com or (484) 619-4013

Post Clean-Up Lunch

Joey B's

638 Delaware Ave Palmerton 1pm



Come try one of their over
100 beers, 16 wines or 130
liquors!
Order off the menu for lunch

Please RSVP to Bob Rendish at RobertRendish1@yahoo.com or (484) 619-4013

Come join America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley for our

11th Annual

ice cream social



Come to the Nowroozani Residence Wednesday, June 2 At 6pm

Bring your favorite flavor of ice cream.

Bowls, spoons and toppings will be provided!

Hot dogs and mac 'n' cheese will be served first for anyone that's hungry.

Please RSVP to Kathleen at k.now@mac.com
or (956) 240-5553
So that we know how much chocolate and

caramel sauce we'll need!









Delhigh's 2021 Summer Rendezvous

Thursday, June 24 – Sunday, June 27 Rock Hall, Maryland

Haven Harbor Marina 20880 Rock Hall Avenue Rock Hall, MD 21661 (410) 778-6697

Boat Cost is \$3/foot/day

\$9/30 amp power cord/day \$17/50 amp power cord/day

\$30 3-day launch permit can be purchased at Ace Hardware (5811 Chesapeake Villa Rd.) Launch at Bayside Landing Park, near 20895 Bayside Ave.

Mariners Motel 5681 S Hawthorne Ave RESERVE Rock Hall, MD 2166 (410) 639-2291 \$90Thurs, \$104 Sat and Sun plus tax

Thursday Night ExCom Meeting 6pm- Pizza and Salads, BYOB Haven Harbor Marina

Friday Night Past Commanders BBQ 6pm—Haven Harbor Marina Burgers, dogs and potato salad Please bring a dish to share

Saturday Lunch via Boat 11:30am—Order off the Menu Waterman's Crab House 21055 E Sharp St.

Saturday Night Dinner 6pm- Order off the Menu Bay Wolf Restaurant 20270 Rock Hall Ave. Haven Point Inn 20748 Rock Hall Ave Rock Hall, MD 21661 (410) 639-4184 \$527 for 3 nights, tax included Breakfast included

See Page 9 for Reservation Form







2021 Summer Rendezvous Reservation Form June 24-27, 2021

Name:				
Address:				
Phone: Email:		l:		
<u>Thursday</u>				
6pm - Executive Commi	ittee Meeting with	pizza		
Haven Harbor Marina		\$8/perso	\$8/person	
<u>Friday</u>				
6pm – Commander's Bl Hamburgers, Hot Please bring a dis	Dogs and Potato			
•		\$10/pers	\$10/person	
<u>Saturday</u>				
11am – Boats depart for Lunch. Waterman's Crab House 21055 E. Sharp St., Rock Hall		Persons	Persons (Order off Menu	
6pm – Bay Wolf Restaurant 20270 Rock Hall Ave., Rock Hall		Persons	Persons (Order off Menu	
<u>Sunday</u> Travel Home Safely!				
Т	OTAL Amount En	closed \$	 	
We will bring to share:	Soda	Beer	Water	
Make Check Payable to Robert Rendish 527 Elm Street Emmaus, PA 180	J	quadron and Mail To: RobertRendish1 (610) 967-2210 RSVP By June	@yahoo.com	



Join Delhigh for our August Monthly Meeting at



Lehigh Valley vs. Scranton-Wilkes Barre





When: Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Where: PennTeleData Party Porch (3rd Base Side)

Cost: \$37.00 each

Coca Cola Park is open for Iron Pigs Games again at 10% capacity! The 3rd base Party Porch has been approved for 30 guests and no more! Buffet dinner will be included along with unlimited soft drinks and bottled water.

Tickets are available at this time to members only. We will open to family and friends soon so get your reservations in!

RSVP to Kathleen at k.now@mac.com or (956) 240-5553

See you at the Ballpark!!!





New Engine Cut-Off Switch Law



There is a new Federal Law in the books as of April 1, 2021 that all vessels less than 26 feet long with 3 or more horsepower engines must use their electronic cut-off switch unless they are in an enclosed cabin. This is a new law for many states and the penalty for a first offense can be as much as a \$100 fine.

This law comes on the heels of a law that went into effect December 4, 2019 requiring manufacturers, distributors and dealers that install related machinery to also equip those vessels with compliant engine cut-off switches.

These laws are meant to improve the safety of recreational boaters from propeller and other injuries caused by runaway boats whose operator has been thrown overboard having not been using their engine cut-off switch.

You can find the February 2021 report about this from the USCG here: New VSC Code of Federal Regulations Engine Cut-off Switch Requirement and remember to always wear your engine cut off switch lanyard when operating your boat.



April

Richard Garnjost, SN P/C Brent Rhoads, SN 1st/Lt Vincent Nowroozani, S Kathy McKenzie, P P/Lt/C Russ Fontana, P

May

Brendan Morrow, AP P/Lt/C David Sell, SN



Click to go to <u>America's Boating Channel™</u> to see videos about safe boating and boating education!







After the past year of uncertainty, we may be getting back to some sense of normalcy. Yes, it is finally here.

Once again it is that time of year when spring arrives and it is time to take off the shrink-wrap, bottom paint, check your lines, zincs, props and more. By doing all of the preseason checks and taking the time to correct any issues you are helping ensure you have a good boating season. It also pays to have a Vessel Safety Check by one of your Vessel Safety Examiners.

It would also be a good idea to refer to the <u>USPS Safety Committee webpage</u> to stay informed about the latest safety issues. This information is published to keep you informed and in compliance with State and Federal Regulations.

Here is a check list to go over before having a Vessel Safety Check:

- 1. Registration number properly displayed.
- 2. Registration / Documentation
- 3. Personal Flotation
- 4. Visual Distress Signal Devices
- 5. Fire Extinguishers
- 6. Ventilation
- 7. Backfire Flame Control
- 8. Sound Producing Devices /Bell
- 9. Navigation Lights
- 10. Pollution Placard
- 11. MARPOL Trash Placard
- 12. Marine Sanitation Devices
- 13. Navigation Rules
- 14. State and Local Regulations
- 15. Overall Vessel Condition

Upon passing the Vessel Safety Check you will be awarded the 2021 VSC Decal to show that you are in compliance with the regulations.

We look forward to doing a VSC on your boat.

All your VE's wish you a Safe and enjoyable boating season.





Executive Officer's Report P/C Robert Rendish, P

Hello members and friends of the Squadron,

Despite our current insidious lock downs and restrictions our 2021 Change of Watch was held virtually. As a result, we had a respectable turnout online, good participation, a new Bridge with a huge collective amount of experience and a "new" Commander who's been "around the block". As in the past we had an expert Master of Ceremony who conducted the program, kept it moving and injected fine humor where possible. Thank you P/C Brent Rhoads, SN for a great job as always.

This year we are having our 2021 Chesapeake Bay Rendezvous at Haven Harbor Marina & Resort, in Rock Hall, MD. A very familiar, beautiful, well managed and maintained marina. Last year we unfortunately had to cancel our Rendezvous and hopefully, if all goes well, this year we can all gather, do some boating, socialize and have fun with our fellow members and friends. Arrangements are being made and you will be able to find further details in this issue of the Delhighlights.

Finally, an event I created with the help and encouragement of P/C Jim Ziegenfuss, JN back in 2008, a voluntary effort to help clean up a local lake, the Beltzville Clean-up and Vessel Safety Checks has also become a traditional Saturday morning in May to get your boat out for it's "shakedown run". Normally scheduled during National Safe Boating Week this day has become a great way for us to introduce to the various boaters, the Delhigh Power Squadron, America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley, while conducting many vessel safety checks something good and helpful for the local environment; picking up trash and debris along the shoreline and pathways around the lake. Scheduled for Saturday May 22, at 0900. Join us for lunch at Joey B's restaurant in Palmerton at 1300. Check the calendar of events for details, or call me at (610)967-2210.

The boating season is about to start! Get ready.

To the Breezes.



Educational Officer's Report P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN

Delhiah taught another successful ABC3 class at Peter's Marine in May with 14 students passing the test for their license, a full class by Covid regulations. Thank you to all of our instructors that came out to make the class fun and successful. We are offering an additional virtual course in April for the students that we could not fit into the May class. Peter's Marine is heading into their busy season and does not have the room to host us again until Fall. We will be teaching ABC3 April 12, 15, 19 and 22 from 6-8pm via Zoom and will have the in-person proctored exam for this course Monday, April 26. We do have room for students, if anyone knows someone that might be interested please have them contact me.

At least one ABC student from January is interested in Boat Handling, we will offer boat handling during the week this spring if we can get enough students. We are holding off on Advance Piloting until fall if our Piloting students are ready to move on at that time. Anyone that is interested in a course or seminar please let me know.

"It is not the ship so much as the skillful sailing that assures the prosperous voyage." George William Curtis





Administrative Officer's Report Administrative Committee

I'm excited to say that a number of our members have had the vaccine and are ready to start getting together again! We have had many meetings, social hours and even our Change-of-Watch on Zoom the last many months and we have gotten by and kept in touch. We will continue to provide a Zoom option for meetings for anyone that is interested in joining us virtually.

April 17 we have a <u>social hour</u> at the Meiner's house to make up for the Game Night that was missed in February due to the mess left behind by the February 1st snow storm. We have our annual <u>sock burning</u> planned at the Dlugos Fire Pit on May 1 and hopefully the weather will be on our side, but either way I'm sure we'll manage to have a good time together.

Our <u>May meeting</u> is scheduled on a Thursday instead or a Wednesday because we are meeting at Casa Catrina in their upstairs private room and the service will be much better May 6th than it would be on Cinco de Mayo. We also have details in this newsletter for the upcoming <u>Beltzville lake clean-up and VSCs</u> along with the <u>post clean-up lunch</u>, the <u>ice cream social</u>, this year's <u>summer rendezvous</u> and the August Iron Pigs Game!

While we anticipate that these events will all be in person it is only fair to mention that there are still unknowns that could change plans but the administrative committee will keep you updated on any changes as they occur.

Please remember to RSVP to events in a timely manner so that we can have things running as smoothly as possible for all of us and enjoy being able to get together again. We hope to see everyone soon! AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB LEHIGH VALLEY BRIDGE 2021-2022

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USPS NATIONAL NEWS



The 2021 Annual Virtual Meeting is over. The good news is that if you missed it you can still go back and watch recordings of any or all of the meetings! Meetings were recorded and the recordings are available online. A few of the sessions recorded cover topics such as the America's Boating Club App, America's Boating Channel Update, Virtual Meetings Bootcamp, ABC Membership and Retention, Public Affairs, Vessel Safety Examiner Workshop, Getting Started Co-Op Charting and so much more! You can now watch any time that suits your schedule.



DISTRICT 5 NEWS



The District 5 Spring Conference and Change of Watch will be virtual this year. The committee meetings and officer training will take place online April 5-9 and Change-of-Watch will be the evening of Thursday April 8. Awards will not be presented but printed in the Mark 5. Keep an eye on the District 5 website for the schedule of meetings. Don't forget to read the District 5 newsletter and keep in touch with what is happening at the district level. Mark 5





Help! My boat is taking on water

A sinking boat is every boater's nightmare. Although prevention and preparedness are key to keeping your boat afloat after taking on water, you should have an abandon ship kit, or <u>ditch bag</u>, at the ready. At minimum, the kit should contain a handheld VHF radio, GPS, signaling devices, drinking water and rations.

Water gets into boats from holes below the waterline and swamping. You can prevent swamping, where water comes in over the side or stern, by not overloading the boat and by keeping the bow pointed into the waves.



What to do when your boat is taking on water

- 1. Make sure everyone is wearing a life jacket.
- 2. Request assistance from the Coast Guard or other authorities.
- 3. Ensure that your bilge pumps are working.

Then, take action to remove the accumulating water.

Bilge pumps

Too often, skippers and crew get so busy trying to fix the situation that they forget to check the <u>bilge</u> <u>pumps</u> and call for help until the boat begins to sink.

Most bilge pumps can operate at 400 to 2,000 gallons per hour. Using an engine water pump rigged as an emergency bilge pump, you can move 2,000 to 4,000 gph. The Coast Guard can deliver high-capacity pumps by boat or airdrop in an emergency.

Scuppers

<u>Scuppers</u> drain water from a boat's cockpit or deck. Always make sure scuppers are clear of debris. On small boats, rain, spray, wave action, and failed bait wells and holding tanks can cause water to collect on deck. If this water doesn't drain down into the hull where the bilge pumps are located, you must bail the boat using hand pumps, buckets or anything else that holds water. If enough water collects on deck, the scuppers can become submerged and will need to be plugged to prevent more water from entering.

When to abandon ship

Abandoning ship should be a last resort. If your boat is rapidly sinking, it might be time to abandon your vessel.

- Make sure you and your crew are wearing your life jackets.
- Place a distress call on your VHF radio, and use any <u>visual distress signals</u> you have. (Save at least one flare for when you actually see a potential rescuer.)
- Launch your life raft and board it from your boat with your ditch bag and any other supplies. If you don't have a life raft or any other means of support, then you may have to tread water or simply float until help arrives. In cold water, you should float, huddled together if possible, rather than tread water to reduce the possibility of hypothermia.

Originally Printed in Compass, Jan 2021 Edition.

You can also read about Making your ditch bag list

A well-equipped ditch bag could mean the difference in a life-or-death situation.





A BIT OF FUN

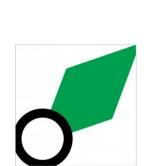


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2021-2022 Calendar of Events

April Meeting and Old Favorites Potluck

Wednesday, March 31 Nowroozani House 6:30pm

Social Hour Saturday, April 17 Meisner Residence 5pm

Sock Burning Saturday, May 1 Dlugos Residence 4pm

May Meeting Thursday, May 6 Casa Catrina 6pm

Beltzville Lake Clean Up

Saturday, May 22 Beltzville Lake 9am-12pm

Post Clean Up Lunch Saturday, May 22 Joey B's, Palmerton 1pm

Ice Cream Social Wednesday, June 2 Nowroozani Residence 6pm

Summer Rendezvous

June 24-27 Haven Harbor Rock Hall, MD

July Pool Meeting Wednesday, July 14 Nowroozani Residence 6pm

Trailerboat Rendezvous and BBQ

Saturday, July 24 Blue Marsh/Nowroozani Pool 10:00/5:00 Muskifest Mania Wednesday, August 4

Wednesday, August 4 Hotel Bethlehem 6pm

August Iron Pigs Meeting
Coca Cola Park

Wednesday, August 25

Trailerboat Rendezvous

Saturday, August 28 Ridley Park Marina TBD

September Meeting and Chili Cook-off

Wednesday, September 1 Star of Bethlehem Church 6:30pm

Tacos and Social Hour Saturday, September 18 Nowroozani Residence 5pm

Sporting Clays
Saturday, October 9
Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays
10am

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 16 Meisner Residence 5pm

Beer Tasting Saturday, October 23 TBD

November Meeting Wednesday, November 3 TBD 6pm

Road Rally Saturday, November 13 TBD 9am Wine Tasting Saturday, November 27 Montuori Residence

TBD Holiday Party Saturday, December 11 TBD 6pm

January Meeting with Soup and Salad Potluck

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 Star of Bethlehem Church 6:30pm

Phantoms Game TBD

Founder's Day Wednesday, February 2 TBD 6pm

Bowling

Saturday, February 5, 2022 Hampton Lanes 11am

Game Night

Saturday, February 19, 2022 Meisner Residence 5pm

Change-of-Watch Saturday, March 5, 2022 TBD 6pm

All Calendar events are subject to change as the bridge sees fit.

Please contact Kathleen at k.now@mac.com or (610) 351-5192 for more information on any scheduled event.



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Word search answers from page 16



