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Commander's Corner

Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP



With the temperatures dropping most of us have put our boats away for the season and are getting ready for winter weather. For those who are still enjoying time on the water, wear your life jackets and be safe.

As we prepare for the upcoming holidays with decorations and gift shopping and time with friends and family, don't rush. Take it at a pace that makes it fun and rewarding for you. Stress and haste usually make waste of time and energy. Try to plan trips that best fit your schedule.

I am hoping to see you all at the Holiday Party with the Pollyanna gift exchange, which is always a lot of fun. We will be dropping off donations to Toys For Tots again this year, and I want to thank you all for your generosity.

Thank you to the delegates who represented Delhigh at the Fall Conference this year and congratulations to all the members of Delhigh as we have earned more awards for the time and effort we put into teaching and learning.

This year has had it's ups and downs, let's finish with happiness and carry it into the New Year.

Have a happy, joyful and safe holiday season and always have fun in what you do.

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Sporting Clays



Randy, Oliver, Cyrus, Vince and Jim ready to shoot.



Lisa, Jane, Brent, Ken and Joe getting ready to go.



Randy shooting, with Jim and Vince watching and Oliver pulling the clays.



Oliver shooting, Vince pulling the clays with Randy and Jim watching.



Jessica shooting.



Jim shooting with Oliver pulling clays.



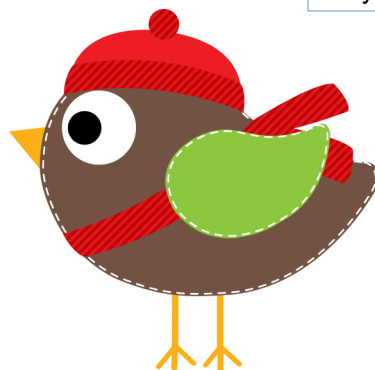
Cyrus Nowroozani with his two boys, Oliver and Vince.



Brent shooting.



Ken shooting and Jessica pulling clays for him.





Cyrus, Jim, Ed, Randy, Jeanette, Brent, Eileen, Jane and Jessica eating brats and spatzle.



Jeanette, Brent, Eileen, Jane, Jessica, Randy (delivering waters) and Chris eating.



Jessica, Chris, Kathy, Jane, Eileen and Ed enjoying dessert.



Chris and Brent catching up with Michael while he enjoys dinner.



Michael, Randy, Jeanette, Chris and Brent chatting after dinner.



Michael, Randy, Chris and Brent.



Brent, Kathy and Chris smiling for the camera.



Eileen, Jane, Jessica, Ed and Bob finishing dessert while the baseball game is on in the background.



Ed and Eileen, Jeanette, Jessica and Jane.



Beer Tasting



Mike, Jess, Cyrus, Nikki, Brent, Jane, Kathy and Keith toasting a good day.



Mike, Jess, Cyrus, Nikki and Michael tasting beer.



Brent, Jane, Kathy and Keith smiling for the camera.



Cyrus, Nikki and Michael trying to get the backlight just right.



When you leave your phone on the table and disappear for 2 minutes you come back to gems like this one of Jess, Cyrus and Nikki.



Brent and Jane happily toasting their favorite beers.



Mike and Jess are clearly not quite ready for this photo!



Kathy and Keith. Who told the joke?



Michael and Nikki conversing with Brent and Jane.



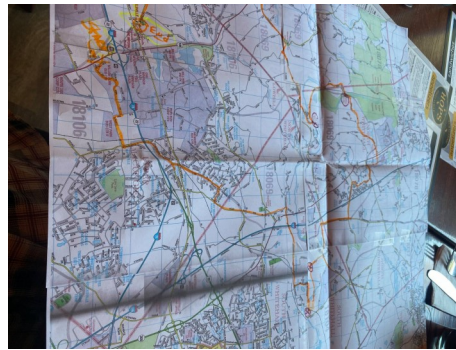
Road Rally



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Road rally starts and ends at the car with the cone on top.



Route of the day, a great ride.



Kathy, Cyrus, Michele and Sergio running the Road Rally.



Victory beers for all!



Cyrus, Kathy, Michael, Chris, Michele and Sergio after a good meal.



Michael handing out raffle tickets for the prizes.



Kathy and Cyrus with their Nauti and Nice raffle prize.



Michele and Sergio with their pelican raffle prize.



Cyrus, Kathy and Michael smiling before lunch.



Wine Tasting



Cindy, Kathy and Diane tasting white wines.



Chris and Cyrus tasting in the red wines room.



Cyrus, Cindy, Keith, Jane, Michael, Chris and Kathy discussing their favorite wines.



Cyrus and Kathy posing for a picture.



Fran visiting with friends.



Diane smiling for the camera.



Brent talking with Fran.



Sally, Kathy and Chris with the white wines.



Keith, Michael and Fran.





Delhigh's Annual



At



Saturday, December 11

6pm

200 Main Street, Stockertown

Dinner Choices:

10 Oz. Flat Iron Steak

Chicken Parmesan

Grilled Salmon

As always we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys to drop off at



This year you can also click the link above and make a donation without ever leaving the house.

We will also be doing a Pollyanna Gift Exchange. Please bring a gift valued at no more than \$20 if you would like to play.

Reservation Form is on Page 8.

January Meeting with Soup and Salad Potluck

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Nowroozani Residence

6:30pm



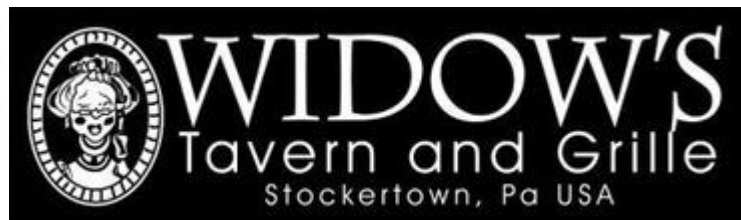
Please bring a soup or salad, bread or dessert to share.

Meeting will start at 7pm





at



Reservation Form

Name(s): _____

Dinner Choices:

10 Oz. Flat Iron Sirloin Steak

(smothered with fresh sautéed mushroom and onions, mashed potatoes)

_____ @\$39

Chicken Parmesan

(breaded breast of chicken covered with fresh mozzarella and marina over linguini)

_____ @\$39

Salmon

(grilled, served with pineapple salsa, mashed potatoes)

_____ @\$39

All dinners will include salad, rolls, dessert, soda and coffee.

TOTAL \$ _____

Mail reservation forms to: Kathy Nowroozani

6951 Sunflower Lane

Macungie, PA 18062

(Checks made payable to Delhigh Power Squadron)





America's Boating
Club Lehigh Valley
Invites you to join us for
some hockey



Vs.

Toronto



Sunday, January 16, 2022
PPL Center, Allentown
3:05pm

Tickets are in section 113.
Doors open at 2:05pm

\$23.00/person

(Checks made payable to Delhigh Power Squadron)

Please RSVP to Kathy at
k.now@mac.com or
(956) 240-5553
By December 16th.



and Social Hour

Saturday, January 29th, 2022
5pm

Nowroozani Residence

Tacos, chips and salsa and guacamole
will be served.

Please bring a bottle or a six pack to
taste and share or an appetizer, side
dish or dessert.

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



Founder's Day Meeting



3079 Willow Street, Allentown
Wednesday, February 2
6pm

We are back at Morgan's Local Flavor in Allentown in the private room.

Ordering off the limited banquet menu (available online).

Voting for the incoming bridge will be done at the end of the meeting.

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

Remember When

In the spirit of the holidays and brotherly love, does anyone remember where and what year this picture was taken?



([Answer on page 25](#))



Become a Better Boater, Take an In-Person Boating Course



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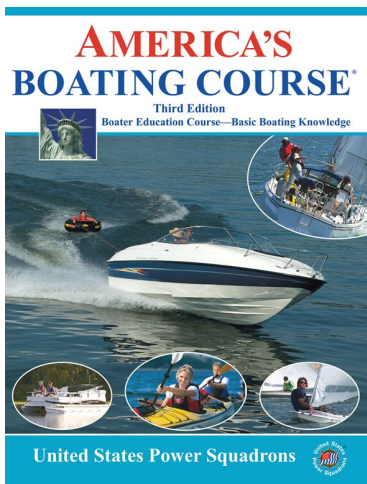
Taking a boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance, and qualifies you to test for a Pennsylvania boat license. America's Boating Course is the most comprehensive, single source, in-person boating course available to give you the skills you need to enjoy your time on the water and boat with confidence. Our boater safety class meets the certification requirements for a Pennsylvania boat license.

What You'll Learn:

- Information about Pennsylvania State Boating Laws, regulations, boat registration, and licensing
- Required boating safety equipment
- Do's and Don'ts of boating safely
- Practical Knowledge of navigation and rules of the road
- How to handle medical emergencies onboard and mechanical problems on the water
- The basics of towing and trailering
- Special important information for hunters, anglers, and sports enthusiasts.

For the best, most comprehensive boating education available, take America's Boating Course with an expert instructor.

Saturday's February 5 and 12
9am-1pm both weeks
Northampton Fire Department
4 Lerchenmiller Drive
Northampton, PA 18067



Saturday's March 12 and 19
9am-1pm both weeks
Dinbokowitz Marine
2946 MacArthur Road
Whitehall, PA 18052

RSVP with names and emails of all students and the location of the classes you are taking to Kathy at

k.now@mac.com or (956)240-5553





VSC Corner

By: P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN



This year turned out to be a successful year for Del-high's VE's. It started very slow. As the months went by more individuals launched their boats for a good boating season. Even though your VE's were on the job individuals were reluctant to have anyone outside their circle get close to them, let alone conduct a Vessel Safety Check.

We were very fortunate, being persistent, to have accomplished the number of VSC's completed. Most of the boaters just wanted to get out on the water for the day. Federal and State Regulations were not a high priority on their list. Most of the boaters we inspected were repeat boaters and agreed to a VSC because if they passed the Vessel Safety Check they would be awarded the decal and knew they were in compliance.

Your VE's completed 65 Vessel Safety Checks this year. They are:

Richard Garnjost

John K. Kudera

George E. Kelchner

Michael Lebeduik, III

Keith J. Knoblach

Kathleen Nowroozani

Once again, I would like to thank P/C George Kelchner, SN for the 20 years and a total of 371 VSC's completed. He contributed his time to a program he believed in to keep the public informed and safe.

All the VE's deserve "A Job Well Done".

As you put your vessels in shrink wrap for the winter please check all the items on the VSC list and other important items, then in spring it will be a pleasure to get your boat ready for your VSC.

This winter may be a good time to take a new or refresher course from your educational department.

Your VE's wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

See you in spring.



December

Joseph Arieta, S

Patricia Arieta, S

Michele Lamboy, S

Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP

Nikki Lebeduik

Marilyn Ludwig

January

Bettie Garnjost, S

Mary Lee Sebring, S

Donald Ludwig, Jr, S

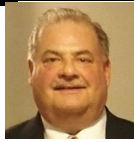
P/Lt/C Doug McKenzie, JN

P/C Robert Rendish, P



Click to go to [America's Boating Channel™](https://www.americasboatingclub.org)
to see videos about safe boating and





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



Delhigh Power Squadron

As a reminder, The District 5 Spring Conference is being held at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland March 31 - April 3, 2022. Check out the most recent edition of the [Mark 5](#) for more District events and dates. Also you will find additional information on the [D/5 website](#).

The boating season for those of us in the North East has, for the most part, come to an end. For me it was a slightly better boating season than last summer, despite all that has occurred in the past 2 years. Unfortunately, we didn't make our annual long boating weekend at Raystown Lake in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania this season. Schedules didn't work out for some of us and I replaced my aging 2004 F-150 finally, which unfortunately has broken down on us on the trip out a couple of times over the years. I replaced it with a much newer truck with more power, capability and options that I'm still learning about, every time out is a new adventure.

I just picked up my boat after my winterization was done. This is the second year I had the boat shrink wrapped. I'm glad I had it done. Better for our sometimes severe winter weather. I had the work done at Peters Marine Service here in Allentown. I've taken my boat there for repairs and service since I bought the boat new in 2001. Several of our Squadron members and friends have done business with Peters Marine over a long time. I was there when my good friends Randy and Jeanette took delivery of their first pocket cruiser, a Chaparral Signature 24. A boat that could sleep 5, had a galley, stand up head and shore power. That was the start of a new level of boating, exploring, fun and excitement that continues to this day. I'm very blessed and fortunate to have been a part of this adventure. I want to give my heartfelt thank you to Peters Marine, Bobby Michener, Joe Kish, Jim in service, and Jim (Technician), Dennis and all those at Peters Marine. They have hosted and sponsored our safe boating ABC classes and other advanced instructional classes that America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley, Delhigh Power Squadron has had the pleasure of teaching and sharing to hundreds of students over the years. Sadly, we have learned recently that Peters Marine may be closing by the end of the year. Closing up shop after so many years in the marine business.

From myself and as Executive Officer of Delhigh Power Squadron and from all the members of Delhigh Power Squadron, all the best in the future to all of you as you prepare to write a new chapter in this life.

To the Breezes.

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Administrative Officer's Report



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

As the weather cools and another winter arrives, we are still getting together on dry land. The [holiday party](#) is almost upon us, if you have not sent in your RSVP please do so ASAP. [Phantoms tickets](#) need to be ordered by December 16, so please let us know how many tickets you would like soon. The [January meeting](#) has been moved to the Nowroozani house because we are not allowed to eat at the church due to Covid restrictions.

Unfortunately, Hampton Lanes is still closed and we have cancelled the bowling event that we had on the schedule. We will be teaching ABC that day so we have rescheduled [Taco Night](#) for Saturday, January 29.

[Founder's Day](#) is back at Morgan's Local Flavor in Allentown. We will be in the private room ordering off the limited banquet menu. Michael and Kathy have both offered to be commander next year, so please show up and vote for your choice! The decision will be made by the vote at this meeting.

As always, next years schedule of events will be put together at the January ExCom meeting in order that you will have details in the next issue of Delhighlights. Please keep an eye out for an email with the date and time of this meeting if you are on the ExCom.

Wishing you a happy holiday season with friends and family and a healthy 2022.

We have two [America's Boating Courses](#) scheduled for this winter. The first will be Saturday's, February 5 and 12, 2022 at Northampton Fire Department in Northampton. The second will be Saturday's, March 12 and 19, 2022 at Dinbokowitz Marine in Whitehall. Let all your friends and family that need their boating license know about our classes. Certified Instructors please let me know which courses you are available to lend a hand with.

As discussed at the November meeting Bob is closing/selling Peter's Marine in Allentown, where many of us have frequented over the years. I just found out today that long time employee Dennis Galligani and his friend Scott Beman have purchased Peter's Marine and are committed to continued service for all the customers of Peter's Marine.

We are planning to teach Advanced Piloting in January. I will be reaching out to all of our Pilots to see how many might be interested in continuing their educational journey with us.

"The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving." *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*



Delhigh's 23rd Annual Road Rally

By P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN



Delhigh Power Squadron

It was a beautiful, clear fall day with the warm sun beating down, the trees changing colors, a light warm breeze and less than normal traffic making this the perfect 23rd Delhigh Land Navigation Day.

The car showed up at the starting time and after final instructions they were on their way. The one car had two couples who had never participated in the Road Rally before and wanted to find out what it was like following a set of directions different than one might normally follow. They decided before hand who would be the Driver and who would be the Navigator with the other two crew members helping to answer the questions, locate the pictures and follow the directions. This being their maiden voyage it can be somewhat overwhelming until you figure out a system to make this all work. I was very confident that they would adapt within the first mile or two.

This was a Mini Rally, designed to be a short course, not the usual 5 hour, 50+ mile run, with a half way point before you got to the end for dinner. This was designed to revive the event after not having one for a while because of unfortunate circumstances and then Covid-19 not working with us to hold the event.

I waited in the parking lot of the Starlite Diner for 20 more minutes to see if any other cars would show up late (as they normally do). No other late comers, so I drove to the end point at the Historic Hops – Fogelsville Hotel and waited for our adventurous land-lubbers to finally make their way to the end where we would order off the menu, possibly have an adult beverage and talk about their day while I graded the paperwork. The results fascinated me because of how close they all were to the Perfect Score of 420 points. It was time to award the prizes, with the mileage being within 3 tenths of a mile from the actual 21.9 mile course (we allow 5 tenths mile +/- the actual miles), taking only 1 hour and 37 minutes, answering correctly 38 out of 40 questions and locating correctly 9 out of 9 pictures for a Total Point Score of: 416, it was perfectly clear we had a landslide winner.

This was both couples first time participating in a Road Rally, Sergio and Michele Lamboy, Cyrus and Kathleen Nowroozani had won 1st Place in all categories. There were no other contestants that even came close to them. Prizes were awarded and a raffle was held. Chris Brown did not run the rally but did show up at the hotel to support the event, and to partake of the beverages and food with us. We had good food, lots of laughs, good conversation and most of all spent time with good friends.

Congratulations to the Lamboy and Nowroozani Team for a safe and successful run.

If you missed it, you missed a Great Day!

Thanks to the participants for making this another successful event.

Pictures can be found on [page 5](#) of this newsletter.





The author of this article is unknown. The writings were found in the billfold of Alabama Coach Paul Bear Bryant, after his death in 1982.

Imagine that you had won the following PRIZE in a contest:

Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use.

However, this prize has rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, Game Over! It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but also, for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, This GAME is REAL! Each of us is already a winner of this PRIZE. We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is TIME! Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life. And when we go to sleep at night any remaining time is not credited to us. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost. Yesterday is forever gone.

Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING! So, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.

Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself; be happy, love deeply and enjoy Life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start spending.

DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD – Many don't get the opportunity!



Delhigh's Homeless Outreach

Delhigh has reached out to the homeless in our area. It is unfortunate that these individuals, some of whom are veterans, have fallen on hard times and are working through agencies, organizations, churches and individuals to regain their self confidence and self worth.

We have helped year round, during the spring, summer and the beginning of fall with mostly hygiene and laundry products. During this time of the fall and when winter is setting in we are distributing coats, hats, gloves, socks, blankets, quilts and protective items like tarps, umbrellas, fowl weather gear, lighters, matches and a select amount of canned goods. (Anyone have a tent in good condition to donate? We'll take it.)

Over the years I have gotten to know where some of the homeless live and have been fortunate enough to help them in many different ways.

To be able to go into the wooded areas where they live and to feel comfortable, they must gain your trust, as you also have to gain their trust. Once they trust you, anyone new that comes into their area will get to know who you are like they did. In this way, over time they will accept your help coming into their living space which is very guarded by them.

I want to thank Sergio and Michele for their donations. They really helped individuals.

Anyone that would like to help deliver or would like to donate items in new or good condition, please contact: Michael Lebeduik, III at (610) 730-2798.



Next to a stream in Allentown.



In the area of the casino in Bethlehem.



Under a bridge no longer in use.



Delhigh Helping Community

Delhigh continues to help our community. This year we have given 9 families hope in getting their lives back on track and become productive in society again. As of this writing we have one new family we are helping.

The families are grateful for our help and express their gratitude and thanks that helped them through their difficult time in need.

We have contributed 1024 loaves of bread, 52 dozen eggs, 9/10lb. boxes of hot dogs, 9/10lb. boxes of hamburgers, 34 half gallons of orange and apple juice, 240 various cans of vegetables, 74 boxes of cereal and numerous paper products, also hygiene and laundry products to individuals and organizations.

Delhigh would like to thank those who have contributed items, clothing, money and their time to make this all possible.



As provided by our by-laws, the Nominating Committee presents for your consideration our slate of officers for the elected positions for 2022-2023 as follows:

Commander:

Michael Lebeduik, III, JN or
Kathleen Nowroozani, SN

Executive Officer:

Robert Rendish, P

Educational Officer:

Sergio Lamboy, P

Administrative Officer:

Kathleen Nowroozani, SN

Secretary:

Jeanette Meisner, AP

Treasurer:

Michael Lebeduik, III, JN

Voting by the membership at the Founder's Day Meeting will decide next years bridge. Each member can only officially hold one position.

Respectfully Submitted:

Delhigh Nominating Committee



Coast Guard to Approve Level 100 Inherently Buoyant Lifejackets

The Coast Guard has issued a policy letter on obtaining Coast Guard approval on Level 100 lifejackets. This policy builds upon previous efforts the Coast Guard in cooperation with Transport Canada (TC) and members of the Personal Floatation Device (PFD) community to harmonize North American PFD standards.

Policy Letter 02-21, Adoption of ANSI/CAN/UL 12402-4 states the U.S. Coast Guard has determined that a Level 100 jacket which meets the requirements of UL 12402-4 using inherently buoyant material provides equivalent performance to a non-standard lifejacket meeting the requirements of 46 CFR 160.055.

Level 100 lifejackets are intended for commercial vessels. However, they are acceptable for use on recreational vessels. They do provide face-up flotation with a level of support sufficient for open water use and turn most users face-up, even when the user is unconscious.

Policy Letter 02-21 can be found here: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/ENG/Policy/>

Will this cause a change to Enforcement, Vessel Exam or Safety Checks?

No - Just like with all lifejackets, authorities will check for the Coast Guard Approval number, that the device is in serviceable condition, and is being used in accordance with any requirements on the approval label. Please note the Coast Guard has evaluated only the performance of inherently buoyant Level 100 lifejackets. Lifejackets that rely partly or entirely on inflation for buoyancy are not covered by this policy.

U.S. Coast Guard Lifejacket requirements:

A wearable lifejacket for each person must be onboard the vessel. These lifejackets must be U.S. Coast Guard approved, the proper size for the intended wearer, in good and serviceable condition, and properly stowed (readily accessible). When a vessel is underway with children under 13 years old, they must be wearing a lifejacket unless they are below deck or in an enclosed cabin. NOTE: On some state waters, this age requirement may vary. The Coast Guard recommends that you always wear your lifejacket.

Where can I find more information about lifejackets?

Life Jacket Wear / Wearing your Life Jacket (www.uscgboating.org)

Level 100 PFD Type 1 Foam Life Jacket



Weight: 70kg+
Max. Chest: 150cm



Five Delhigh members attended the 2021 Fall Educational Conference in Lancaster this November. This is our first time back at a conference since Covid and there were a few less attendees as in the past. As usual, Apryl Bernard and the Meetings and Rendezvous Committee did an amazing job and fun was had by all. Each of us sat through classes and came back with more knowledge than we showed up with. Sergio won a power cord in the raffle and Cyrus won the 50/50, though if you know Cyrus you will not be surprised when I tell you that he donated the money back to District 5. Delhigh won 2nd place for the Caravelle Award which is for teaching advanced grades. This is the 1st place award we won last year. This year we also won 1st place for the Commander's Award, also for teaching Piloting this past winter. We are all looking forward to the [Spring Conference](#) in Ocean City March 31-April 3. Click the link above for more details.



Kathy, Cyrus and Michael found an amazing Irish Pub in Lancaster. If you are ever in town stop by Annie Bailey's Irish Public House and order the Fish 'n Chips!



Our esteemed representatives presenting the Caravelle Awards. Delhigh won 2nd place this year, turning the ship over to Patapsco River who earned 1st place.



Kathy, Michael and Michele enjoying a bit of downtime on the couch.



Michael, Sergio, Michele, Carol Hanson, Dennis Wallace, Kathy and Cyrus at the banquet.



Chuck Wells, Joe Gibson and Randy Stow all tried to fix an IT issue during the Chief Commander's message. How many IT guys does it take?!? Notice the bridge giggling in the background.



Megan Humphrey announcing Cyrus as the winner of the 50/50 raffle.



Ralph Bernard and Michael Payne awarding Delhigh the Commander's Award with Kathy accepting.



How to handle your boat in wind



Delhigh Power Squadron

Of all the challenges boaters face, learning how to handle your boat in wind may be the most difficult.

In areas with predictable winds, local sailors learn how to control their vessels in these conditions. On the other hand, these same winds can be frustrating and dangerous for inexperienced or visiting boaters.

Predicting wind

Unlike storms, currents, tides and [fog](#), wind can be difficult to predict accurately. Of course, wind doesn't show up unannounced. Meteorologists can track the high and low-pressure systems that drive winds, using widely available maps showing isobars and compression bands, but the accuracy of general wind direction and speed predictions vary from location to location.

How wind affects piloting offshore

You don't have to be a scientist to understand the effects of wind on a ship. Offshore areas have more predictable winds than coastal areas, making their impact on operation less significant. Indeed, most offshore wind concerns have to do with wave action. Offshore buoys and weather stations do a good job of transmitting sea conditions in real time, and pilots can anticipate sea state changes by keeping a close eye on the instruments. A good pilot considers wind direction and how a change in direction impacts fetch, or the distance a prevailing wind travels over open water before reaching shore or a vessel. For example, when an offshore wind is blowing, the distance from the shore to the vessel is equal to the fetch of the wind. This is important because energy is transferred from the wind to the water's surface by friction. The longer this friction occurs, the larger the waves become. As larger waves form, friction increases and builds even bigger waves.

Strong winds also dictate what course should be steered. Even large ships must steer into the oncoming wind to avoid the side-to-side motion called wallowing. A wallowing ship is uncomfortable to be aboard, so always keep wallowing to a minimum to minimize [seasickness](#) and keep passengers comfortable. Heavy rolling can also cause cargo to shift or break free.

How wind affects piloting near shore

Winds near shore are a serious safety issue. Shallow waters can drive offshore swells into steep waves. Rocky shorelines or concrete face walls reflect this wave action, causing multi-directional chop that can exceed the height of the original waves.

Wind also makes it difficult to maneuver in channels and harbors. Geography and structures may block some winds but funnel others to much higher speeds.

Large ships have the help of tugboats when operating in these areas and may choose not to enter a harbor until conditions have improved.

Smaller vessels don't have as many options in windy conditions. It's miserable to wait outside a harbor for hours while the vessel pitches and rolls.

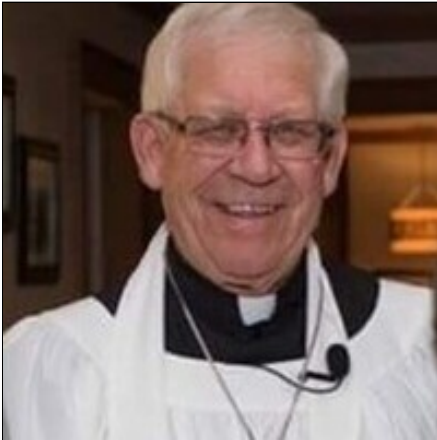
The most precarious situation is trying to [dock](#) in winds blowing perpendicular to the face wall or dock. An offshore wind causes quite a bit of frustration as you are blown back off the wall several times, causing you to attempt landing again and again. An onshore wind is worse; even a gentle and well-planned landing arc might not keep the vessel from being slammed against the wall.

A powerful thruster package is no match for a strong wind. An incredible force develops when just a few dozen tons of vessel are pushed into a face wall at 1 or 2 miles per hour. Multiply those numbers by 10, and you will see what a challenge it is to overcome this situation. Learn how to handle your boat in wind, and your frustration level should greatly improve. —Al Ponzio

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P/C Joseph Marakovits, SN



Joseph Frank Marakovits, 83, of Northampton, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 18, 2021 in Lehigh Valley Hospice, Inpatient Unit, Allentown. Born on December 19, 1937, in Northampton, he was a son of the late Joseph and Helen (Jurinko) Marakovits. Joseph and his wife, Dorothy A. (Wilton), celebrated 62 years of marriage together. He was employed as an accountant for Air Products until his retirement. In addition, he worked at Paolo's Restaurant in Northampton for 9 years. He honorably served our country in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam. Joseph was a very faithful man. He achieved a lifelong dream of becoming a priest. He served as a priest for St. Therese Anglican Catholic Church in Northampton, where along with his wife and members, celebrated worship on Sundays in his home. Joseph served as Commander of Delhigh in 1984 and was then Squadron Educational Officer for many years, having earned 32 merit marks. He was an avid lifelong Notre Dame Football fan, which was handed down by his father.

Survivors: In addition to his wife, Joseph is survived by his daughters, Sandra, and husband, Barry Bowen, Christine and husband, Jason Sheckler; grandchildren, Nicole and husband, Augustin, Bradley and wife, Kaitlyn, and Laura Bowen; great-grandchildren, Ar yana, Sabella, Lily, and Logan; sister, Patty Ann and husband, Roland Hunsicker; and several nieces and nephews. Brothers, Thomas and David, preceded Joseph in death.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Anglican Catholic Church of St. Therese in loving memory of Joseph.



Ed serving as the Honor Guard as requested by Joseph's wife Dottie.



Chris served next.



Kathy served as well.

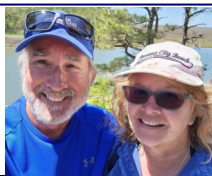


Brent relieving Michael to serve as the last honor guard before the ceremony started.



ABC Lehigh Valley's 'Loopers'

By P/Lt/C Doug McKenzie, JN



Delhigh Power Squadron

Greetings to you all. We last checked in with you in Chicago, since then we've traveled over 1400 miles down the river system. For the most part, it's been fantastic! You really see how America works on the rivers. So many barges traveling up and down the rivers and so many factories and processing plants. This is the heartland of the country.

From Chicago we traveled down the Illinois River, to the Mississippi River, to the Ohio River, to the Tennessee River, to the Tenn-Tom Waterway, into Mobile Bay. It's been an absolutely wonderful trip. So much breathtaking scenery along the way. We had

one bad experience in Joliet, Illinois when a deranged woman untied our boat from the wall in the middle of the night, but our angels, Mark and Mary, heard something going on and Mark went outside at 1am and chased her away. He then woke up everyone and had them check their lines. If not for them our night could have ended very badly, but as it was, we all ended up safe!

In Grafton, Illinois there is a winery on top of a hill which we went to on a ski lift. The views were amazing looking down on the Mississippi River. We also went in the St Louis Arch, which was awesome. We spent 15 days in Iuka Mississippi, partially because I had some engine work done and partially because I got sick and couldn't go anywhere. While we were there we went to Shiloh National Park. It's very much like Gettysburg in Pennsylvania. A Civil War battle ground that was really well preserved. It was a very moving experience being there. I was very happy that we got to tour the area.



Monument to the men from Pennsylvania who fought at Shiloh.

Our first lock on the Tenn-Tom Waterway lowered us 90 feet! The locks on the rivers are much bigger than any we encountered on the Erie Canal. Getting through the locks is challenging, but we've met so many nice people in them.

Getting to Mobile was exciting, we hadn't seen a big city since we left Chicago and Mobile is a busy port! As I write this we are in Destin Florida. Next stop is Panama City and soon we will take on "The Crossing", going from Apalachicola to Tarpon Springs. 170 miles across the open gulf waters. I'll let you know how that went in our next update.



Looking down on the convergence of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers from the ski lift.





A BIT OF FUN



Winterization still fresh on your mind? Want to double check everything that should have been done, got done? Read about what all owners should know here.

[Boat Winterization- What All Owners Should Know \(boatblurb.com\)](http://boatblurb.com)

Anybody else signed up for Practical Sailor yet? So many great articles! Here is one about mildew and stain removers.

[Mildew Treatments and Stain Removers - Practical Sailor \(practical-sailor.com\)](http://practical-sailor.com)



Boat Crash fails on youtube because who doesn't like watching other people acting like morons!

[BIG BOAT crash fail compilation 2021 - Bing video](#)

Feeling a little blue? In need of a good laugh? Just looking for something to do? Take a look at these nautical jokes to tickle your funny bone and give you a good laugh. Or maybe a groan, some of these are not as good as the others!

[Some of our favorite nautical jokes - All things boat](#)



Have you taken a look at your USPS Member Benefits lately? Some of the new benefits include DAN Boater, Farmers Insurance, MyMedic, America's Boating Channel and the America's Boating Club Mobile App. There are also many other long standing benefits, take a look at all of them here.

[Member Benefits \(usps.org\)](http://usps.org)

The Coast Guard Foundation website will allow you to download a Boating Safety Guide and Equipment and Departure Checklists to make your boating outing safe as well as enjoyable, find it here [Boating Safety Rules | Coast Guard Foundation](#)



With shorter fall nights, it's more common to find yourself out on the water after dark in your Sea Ray. Learn what gear you should have on board, the lights you need to be able to identify, what to secure when spending the night offshore, and more. [Sea Ray - Safe Boating at Night](#)

Is your marine battery ready for winter storage so that it will start again in the spring? Find out all you need to know here. [Winterizing Marine Batteries | ODYSSEY® Battery \(odysseybattery.com\)](http://odysseybattery.com)





<p>Holiday Party Saturday, December 11 Widows Tavern 6pm</p>	<p>Taco Night Saturday, January 29 Nowroozani House 5pm</p>	<p>Game Night Saturday, February 19 Meisner Residence 5pm</p>
<p>January Meeting with Soup and Salad Potluck Wednesday, January 5, 2022 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm</p>	<p>Founder's Day Wednesday, February 2 Morgan's Local Flavor 6pm</p>	<p>Change-of-Watch Saturday, March 5, 2022 Adagio 6pm</p>
<p>Phantoms Game Sunday, January 16 PPL Center 3:05pm</p>	<p>America's Boating Course Saturday's February 5 and 12 Northampton Fire Department 9am-1pm</p>	<p>America's Boating Course Saturday's March 12 and 19 Dinbokowitz Marine 9am-1pm</p>

Remember When

This picture was taken at Delhigh's Christmas Party, December 2003, in the Cetronia Volunteer Fire Company Social Hall.

Michael was in his second term as Commander of Delhigh and Bob was his Executive Officer. It was a buffet style dinner and a good time was had by all. We even had live entertainment for our dancing pleasure.

Michael still loves you as a brother Bob.

All Calendar events are subject to change as the bridge sees fit. Please contact Kathy at k.now@mac.com or (956) 240-5553 for more information on any scheduled event.

