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Summer is finally upon us and with the Covid restrictions easing we can start to get out more and enjoy ourselves. Boating season is getting into full swing and as we prepare for a fun filled summer be sure to properly equip your boats. Check your safety equipment and have a Vessel Safety Check done to be sure you have everything you need. Remember the fuel management rule, 1/3 to get there, 1/3 to get back and 1/3 for reserve.

This summer let's all be aware of our surroundings and watch for other boaters. We all want to get out on the water and have a good time, but don't rush and not prep your boats and yourselves. These are the times when things go bad and simple mistakes are made. Remember to wear sunscreen, stay hydrated and be cautious of weather changes. Boat sales have increased and that means more boats on our waterways.

I am excited about our summer rendezvous at Haven Harbor this year and am looking forward to boating with you all at our many on the water events.

We had a good turnout at our annual Beltzville Cleanup and Vessel Safety Checks and it was a success. Well done to all who participated. The sock burning hosted by Mark and Mary Lee was a great event. It was good to see us get together and have some fun.

Hope to see our members, family and friends at our upcoming events. Remember to stay safe and have a great time in all you do. Let's go have some fun this year.

Life Is Good!





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# **April Meeting and Old Favorites Potluck**



Kathy (with the Zoom participants), Diane, Fran, Eileen, Ed, Keith and Chris after the meeting.



Fran and Diane.



Kathy with the members attending via Zoom.





Our Zoom participants Mark and Mary Lee, Keith, Russ, Jeanette and Brent.



Eileen, Ed, Keith and Chris smiling for the camera.



Ed, Chris and Michael with his camera.





## **Social Hour**



Fran, Diane, Cindy, Jane, Cyrus and Eileen waiting for dessert.



Cyrus, Sergio, Michele and Eileen finishing their food.



Brent, Ed and Bob catching up.



Ed, Mark, Brent, Jane, Cindy, Cyrus and Eileen enjoying the food.



Michele, Mark, Kathy, Eileen and Ed talking and eating.



Brent, Jane, Cindy, Kathy, Cyrus and Eileen chatting.



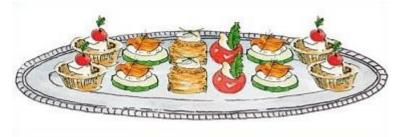
What's left of the finger sandwiches, food and dessert.



Fran, Sergio, Mark and Diane talking over appetizers.



Fran, Sergio and Diane getting ready to eat.





# **Sock Burning**



hotdogs.



Michele, Mary Lee, Jane, Cyrus, Keith and Brent enjoying the appetizers.



Jane and Mark with Sammie the donkey.



Mary Lee and Mark enjoying the fire.



Keith reading the origin of sock burning while Bob, Brent, Jane, Kathy, Michele, Mary Lee, Mark and Sergio are all ears.



Keith's socks going into the fire.



Jane getting ready to throw her socks into the fire.





Mark and Cyrus keeping the fire going after sunset.





# **May Meeting**



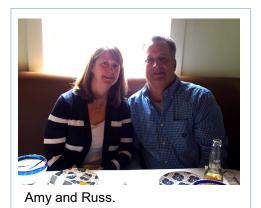
Bob, Jane, Brent, Michele, Sergio, Fran, Eileen, Ed and Oliver ready for the meeting to start.



Diane, Eileen, Ed and Oliver.



Michael, Cam, Joe, Jeanette, Randy, Amy and Russ.

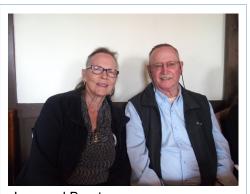


Jane, Brent, Michele, Sergio and Fran.





Jeanette and Randy getting their drinks.



Jane and Brent.







# **Beltzville Lake Clean-Up**





Michele, Keith, Michael, Bob, Oliver, Jane, Brent, Chris, Cyrus and Sergio after a morning of Vessel Safety Checks and collecting trash.



Michael, Keith and Kathy offered VSC's alongside the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Floatilla 1151 members FSL-DV Leon Regis, FSL-VE Mike Morsch, F/ Cdr David Takleszyn and IP-FC Bill Duron.



Oliver out in the water retrieving trash.



Michele still sporting her PFD after a morning on the lake collecting trash.



Bob and Chris found sunglasses to put in the trash but little did they know that they were nailed to the log and would take more than meets the eye to remove.



This turtle has the right idea relaxing in the sun.



Sergio and Michele's boat passed it's Vessel Exam.



Cyrus, Oliver, Kathy, Bob, Keith, Kim, Sergio, Michele, Michael, Chris, Jane and Brent enjoy a hearty meal and a beverage after the clean-up at Joey B's in Palmerton.





Come join America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley for our

# 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Kathy at

k.now@mac.com

or (956) 240-5553

So that we know how much chocolate and caramel sauce we'll need!



#### **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

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

Haven Point Inn \$90 Thurs

20748 Rock Hall Ave \$104 Fri/Sat plus tax Rock Hall, MD 21661 \$527 for 3 nights (410) 639-4184 Breakfast included

Thursday Night ExCom Meeting Harbor Shack

Friday Night Past Commanders BBQ Haven Harbor Marina

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Saturday Night Dinner Bay Wolf Restaurant





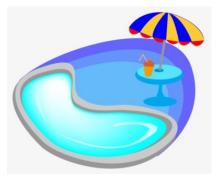


# 2021 Summer Rendezvous Reservation Form June 24-27, 2021

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#### **July Poolside Meeting**



Wednesday, July 14 Nowroozani Pool 6pm

Join us for this FUN, Free Meeting!

We will conduct our meeting around the pool before dinner is served.

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert, and don't forget your bathing suit and towel.



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

#### **Trailerboat Rendezvous**



Saturday, July 24
Blue Marsh Lake
Dry Brooks Boat Launch
10am

Please bring your own lunch, we will anchor out, tie up and eat on the lake.

#### **And Barbeque**



Nowroozani Pool 5pm

Chicken and sausage will be served. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share and don't forget your swimsuit!



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







### **Musikfest Mania**

Wednesday, August 11 6pm

We will meet on Main Street in front of Hotel Bethlehem.

Come join Delhigh at Musikfest!

Eat some food, enjoy some music, hang out with friends!



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

#### Join Delhigh for our August

#### **Monthly Meeting at**



Lehigh Valley vs. Scranton- Wilkes Barre





Wednesday, August 25, 2021 7:05pm PennTeleData Party Porch (3<sup>rd</sup> Base) \$37.00 each

Coca-Cola Park is open for Iron Pigs Games again! Buffet dinner will be included along with unlimited soft drinks and bottled water. Friends and family are welcome. Buffet includes hamburgers, hotdogs, pasta, chips, fruit, salad, cookies and more.

RSVP by Saturday, July 24 to Kathy at k.now@mac.com or (956) 240-5553

See you at the Ballpark!!!







Have you had a Vessel Safety Check? Now is the perfect time to contact one of your Vessel Safety Examiners to conduct a VSC. Our Vessel Examiners are:

Keith Knoblach John Kudera

Dick Garnjost Michael Lebeduik, III George Kelchner Kathleen Nowroozani

The boating season is here, make sure you are in compliance with state and federal regulations. There have been a few new requirements put in place by the USCG. To review these please go to the <u>Vessel Safety</u> section on the USPS website.

Displaying a 2021 VSC Decal on your vessel lets everyone know you have passed and took the time to find out if you were overlooking something and corrected it before starting your boating season.

There were suggestions made and items to check, listed in previous issues of the Delhighlights. We want everyone to have a great boating season this year.

Your Delhigh VE's do their part to inform and educate the public.

To keep everyone properly informed and to remain qualified, all VE's will need to complete a refresher workshop prior to July 13. The Workshop has been provided by the USCG and the review is mandatory for all VE's.

Have a Safe Boating Season.



#### <u>June</u>

Kim Karaman, S P/C Joe Stemrich, P

#### <u>July</u>

Kay Black, SN Frank Arieta



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





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

This is the 15th anniversary of the USPS America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley Lake Beltzville Clean-Up and Vessel Safety Checks event held during Safe Boating Week. Members launch their vessels and patrol the shoreline looking for and picking up trash and debris. Members who are Vessel Safety Examiners conduct Vessel Safety Checks to boaters who are interested in an extensive safety check of their boat/vessel.

The examiners explain that this is a voluntary, pass/fail check of their safety equipment, including PFD's, credentials and more. We didn't perform as many Vessel Safety Checks as we would have liked, but we were there introducing the squadron to as many boaters as possible. We did however, collect plenty of trash and debris to help keep this body of water clean for boaters and people who enjoy the park. I'm particularly proud of this event, which was started in the spring of 2006. Jim Ziegenfuss and I created this event to help our environment by helping to clean up a local lake of which many of us enjoy. There were 11 members who participated: 3 VSC examiners and 3 boats with members who collected trash and debris.

I would like to thank the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Park Manager Benjamin Monk for their cooperation allowing us to offer Vessel Safety Checks as well as providing information about America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley to local boaters. Afterwards, we traveled to the town of Palm-

erton where we enjoyed lunch at Joey B's tavern. Fortunately the weather was good and we had another successful event.





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

It's summertime and that means boating season! It's time to start using all of the skills we learned in our fall and winter boating courses now that we will be out on the water again.

Delhigh held an online ABC course with seven students in April. Three were just brushing up on their knowledge and the other four passed the test for their PA boating license.

In the fall we will offer Boat Handling and Advanced Marine Navigation, assuming we have enough interested students.

In the meantime, if you are interested in boating education there are many offerings at the national and district levels. There are webinars offered about Weath-Forecasting and Thunderstorms/ Severe Weather Forecasting that you can sign up for and others that were recorded and are free for you to watch. Check the national website here for more information. Also, Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron has compiled a list of safety and educational resources on their webpage. Feel free to take a look and find something new to learn!





Administrative Officer's Report

We are so thankful for the Covid vaccines allowing us all to get back together again at last! Our April Meeting was a hybrid of in person and Zoom which worked pretty well. Since then we have been in person at the social hour, sock burning and the May meeting was our first public event (at Casa Carina) since November. It is really nice to get to see everyone again.

June starts with the Ice Cream Social back at the Nowroozani house. The Summer Rendezvous is at Haven Harbor Marina in Rock Hall, Maryland. Our July meeting is a week later than usual due to the 4th of July holiday. We will meet at the Nowroozani Pool Wednesday, July 14 for our meeting, BBQ and swimming. Our first trailerboat rendezvous is 10 days later at Blue Marsh Lake. Remember to bring a bag lunch as we will tie up and eat on the boats. August holds our Musikfest Mania which is a week later than originally planned. We are still waiting to find out details about this as the date gets closer. We are taking reservations for the Iron Pigs August Meeting at Coca-Cola Park for Wednesday, August 25. The park has allowed us more tickets than originally discussed due to lessening Covid restrictions so invite your friends and family to join us on our party porch for a buffet of burgers, dogs and more! As always if you have any places you'd like to see our group look into booking an event feel free to get details or let a member of the bridge know. We are always looking for new and favorite places to get together.

Don't forget to RSVP to events so that we can make sure that we have enough seats and food for all our gatherings. AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB LEHIGH VALLEY BRIDGE 2021-2022

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# **USPS NATIONAL NEWS**

#### 2021 Fall Governing Board

Raleigh, North Carolina August 29—September 5

#### Hilton Raleigh North Hills

This is the main meeting hotel

3415 Wake Forest Road Raleigh, NC 27609 Telephone: (919) 872-2323 Rate: \$159.00

Call the hotel directly to make room reservations.

#### **MEAL RESERVATIONS OPEN**

To begin your online reservation - click here

There are lots of events planned for you to join: Motor Coach Tour of Historic Downtown Raleigh Raleigh Beer Trail

Ecotour on Jordan Lake

Kayaking on Jordan Lake

Tour USPS Headquarters

North Carolina History and Science Museums

Mystery Dinner Theater

Tea at the Sugar Magnolia Café and Shopping in Wake Forest

Back to the 50's Sock Hop

Along with keynote speakers, lunches, dinners and more. Find all of the details: <u>Meeting Information</u> (usps.org)

# **DISTRICT 5 NEWS**



#### Save the Dates

#### **Fall Educational Conference**

Hilton Doubletree, Lancaster, Pennsylvania November 11-12, 2021

#### **Spring Conference**

Princess Royale Hotel
Ocean City, Maryland
March 31-April 3, 2022



More information will be available on the  $\underline{D/5}$  website as the dates get closer.

Take a look at more district events in the spring edition of the Mark 5.









### **ABC Lehigh Valley's 'Loopers'**

By P/Lt/C Doug McKenzie, JN



Greetings to all reading this! Kathy and I are 6 weeks into our Great Loop trip and so far, it has been wonderful! We started in Beaufort, South Carolina and as of this writing



Carolina.

we are in Crisfield, Maryland. We are slowly working our way north and it is still cold this time of year. We've seen many wonderful places and our trip is just Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. beginning. The ICW was beauti-



ful and we had so many dolphins swam around the boat. The scenery and sunsets have been amazing! We took Anchored out near Belhaven, North horse and buggy rides through Beaufort, Charleston, Wilmington and a few other towns along the way. The historic

districts are fascinating and so beautiful.

Meeting other 'Loopers' as we travel is always fun, a real highlight of the trip. So far we've made a lot of friends



Monument where General Cornwallis surrendered to General ary war. Yorktown, Virginia.

from the mid-west. 'Docktails' is our favorite time of day.

We went through our first lock outside of Norfolk, Virginia and it went pretty smoothly, but it only raised us about two feet. Some locks in the Erie Canal Battleship Wisconsin in Norfolk, Virginia. are 40 feet! Oh well, we'll cross that bridge when we get there.



We have spent most of our nights at marinas but we have anchored out five nights and it's fun, very quiet and peaceful. Once we are better at using the dinghy we will anchor out more.

Washington ending the revolution- Don't worry looking at the photos, the trip isn't all about battles won or lost, but there is a lot of history along the way if you are interested in it.



## **Boating in restricted visibility**



Rain, fog, smog, hail or snow may restrict visibility on the water. As a boater, you can avoid collision by making every effort to detect other boats and make your presence known to them. See and be seen; hear and be heard.

#### **Prevention**

Next to running out of fuel, bad weather spoils more boating days than anything else. So be on the lookout for any weather conditions that might affect visibility.



Before setting out, check the weather forecast for rain in advance of fronts, thunderstorms, or squalls. A dew point close to the temperature could mean <u>fog</u>.

Plan for daylight hours of operation if you aren't comfortable with boating at night.

#### **Monitoring**

Periodically check NOAA weather radio (VHF) or public weather broadcasts. Seek shelter if you observe lowering and thickening clouds or squall lines. And monitor humidity and temperature changes. Falling temperatures may lead to fog.

#### **Procedures**

Use the following procedures when boating in restricted visibility:

Reduce speed; the <u>Navigation Rules</u> require it. You should be able to stop your boat within one-half the visible distance. If another vessel looms up ahead and is following the same precaution, collision will be unlikely.

- Everyone should be wearing life jackets. A person in the water in a life jacket is more easily seen, especially in poor visibility.
- Post two lookouts, one on the bow and one on the stern. The helmsman must concentrate on the boat's operation.
- Turn on your navigation lights.
- Sound the proper sound signals for your vessel. Powerboats sound one prolonged (four to six seconds) blast every two minutes. Sailing vessels (no power) sound one prolonged blast followed by two short blasts every two minutes.
- If necessary, briefly shut down your engine to listen for sounds of nearby boats and aids to navigation. If you hear a signal, reply with your own signal. Then proceed cautiously until you determine the other boat's position. It's difficult to determine the direction of sound in fog.
- Determine your position as accurately as possible, and plot the safest course to your destination. Try to navigate from one lighted navigation aid to another. Avoid a course that brings you close to hazards. Never take undue risks to get home.

If lost, anchor and wait for conditions to improve. You will save fuel and avoid becoming further disoriented.

Reprinted from the May 2021 Compass.





# A BIT OF FUN



Check out the 15 best live streaming New York City webcams including many of the harbor and one from the crown of the Statue of Liberty. Amazing views of the city and water await!

The 15 Best Live Streaming New York City Webcams

The experts at Practical Sailor tested LED flashlights for brightness, beam quality and utility. See which ones performed the best here:

Practical Sailor Sheds Some Light on LED Flashlights | Practical Sailor (practical-sailor.com)





More boat fails on YouTube? Yes please!!! Sit back and enjoy! Boat fails 2021 [ Epic ultimate boating fails ] - Bing video

Pirate jokes and puns to tickle your funny bone:

25 Really Funny Pirate Jokes And Puns | Laugh Away | Humoropedia and more:

Pirate Jokes and Puns | Arr (short-funny.com)





Want to stay safe out there this year? Here are some tips on how to do just that from the President of Boat U.S. Foundation, Chris Edmonston:

5 tips on how to stay safe while boating - Bing video



#### 2021-2022 Calendar of Events



Ice Cream Social Wednesday, June 2 Nowroozani Residence 6pm

Summer Rendezvous June 24-27 Balimore, MD

July Pool Meeting Wednesday, July 14 Nowroozani Residence 6pm

#### Trailerboat Rendezvous and BBQ

Saturday, July 24 Blue Marsh/Nowroozani Pool 10am/5pm

Muskifest Mania Wednesday, August 11 Hotel Bethlehem 6pm

#### **August Meeting**

Wednesday, August 25 Coca-Cola Park 7:05pm

#### 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.







