



# America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley

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Commander's Corner  
Cdr Kathleen Nowroozani, SN



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Here we are again, only this time we are America's Boating Club. It is much nicer dealing with the public as ABC since we no longer have to explain what kind of organization we are.

Our ABC-3 classes are filling up quickly, but we are not going to get new members without putting in a bit of effort. It would be great if members who are not instructors can come out and visit with the class one of the three Tuesday nights that we will be teaching. The more of us that have contact with the students the more likely one of us is going to find commonalities that will bridge into long phone calls and the students attending events.

It has been a long 2 years of Covid changing our plans and how we get together but we have gotten through. I know many of us are not all that sure about the proposed changes coming from National, but we will find our new normal with that as well. Keep in mind that we are out teaching in the community again and doing vessel safety checks for the public. We are getting together and having fun and that is what is most important. We are back to doing the things that we do while enjoying ourselves and we will figure the rest out together.

I hope to see you all at an event soon.



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# Game Night



Delhigh Power Squadron



Jeanette playing for her team against Ed, Randy and Keith.



The red team, Ed, Randy and Keith, with Eileen.



Bob ready to play for his team, with Jeanette.



The green team, Brent, Bob and Jeanette.



Team blue, Eileen, Jane and Chris.



Randy and Keith thinking.





# Change of Watch



Dave, Don, Brent, Jane and Kathy at the bar ordering drinks.



Chris Brown with our district representative Chuck Wells.



Kathy, Cyrus and Nikki in front of the yardarm.



Sergio and Michele enjoying Sergio's bridge gift.



Eileen and Ed ready for dinner.



Chuck, Jeanette, Randy and Dave.



Diane and Fran are all smiles.



James Debus, Oliver and Vince waiting for the ceremony to start.



Guests Melissa and Jim Debus.



# Change of Watch



Delhigh Power Squadron



Ed, Chris, Keith, Kathy, Bob and Don in the Honor Guard and Chuck Wells in line ready for the ceremony to start.



Our Master of Ceremonies, Brent, ready to start.



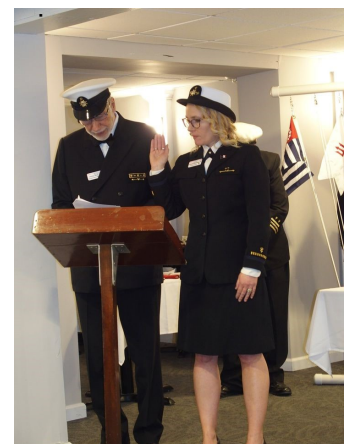
Kathy, Bob, Sergio, Jeanette, Chris and Oliver, our incoming bridge members.



Chuck Wells retiring P/C Knoblach.



Chris, Jeanette, Sergio and Bob being pledged by Chuck.



Kathy being pledged as the incoming commander.



Nikki receiving Michael's shadow box from Keith and Chris.



Oliver as Flag Lieutenant.



A Cyrus selfie and Ed returns Kathy to her seat after the ceremony.





# St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Kathy, Chris, Ed, Sergio and Michele after picking out hats.



Chris, Randy, Ed, Eileen, Jeanette and Kathy enjoying the food.



Eileen, Jeanette and Kathy smiling for the camera.



Kathy and Cyrus taking a quick picture.



Oliver and Cyrus striking a pose.



Kathy, Chris and Michele goofing around.



Michele and Sergio are ready to party!

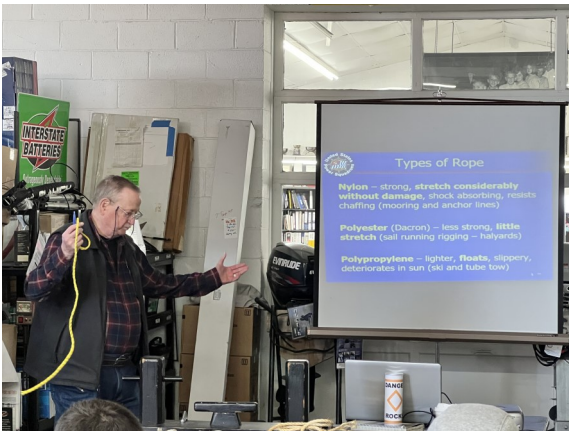


Ed, Jeanette and Randy feeling lucky.

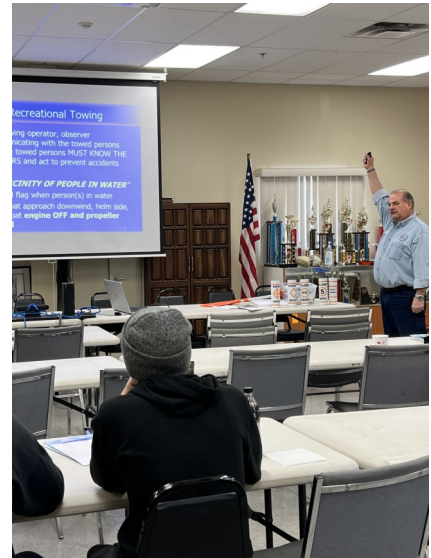


Randy, Chris, Jeanette, Ed, Cyrus and Oliver watching UCLA make it to the Sweet 16!





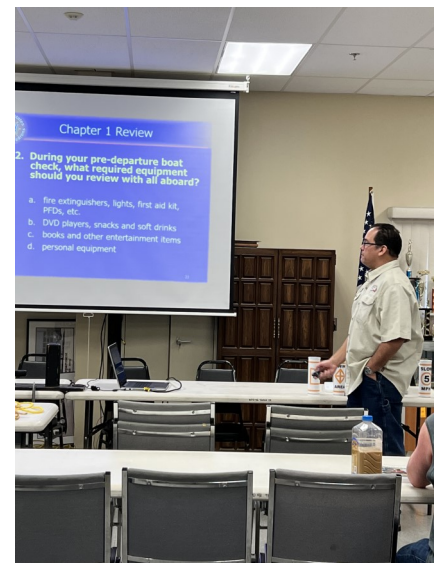
Brent always wows the students with his knowledge of lines and his knots skills.



Bob teaching about hand signals used by skiers, tubers and anyone being towed behind a boat.



Keith is making sure the students are listening and understanding while teaching how to retrieve your boat onto the trailer.



Sergio reading the review questions  
at the end of Chapter 1.



Kathy waiting to see if anyone knows the answer to the review question that she just read.





Join America's Boating Club  
Lehigh Valley  
for our  
**April  
Meeting**  
and Old Favorites  
Wednesday, April 6



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



Dinner after Pub Crawl



569 Main Street Bethlehem  
Saturday, April 23  
5pm

Not up for a Pub Crawl? Join us for  
dinner in downtown Bethlehem!

Order off the menu.  
Must RSVP



We will meet at  
3pm  
At Hotel Bethlehem for anyone that  
would like to join in on the pub crawl.

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





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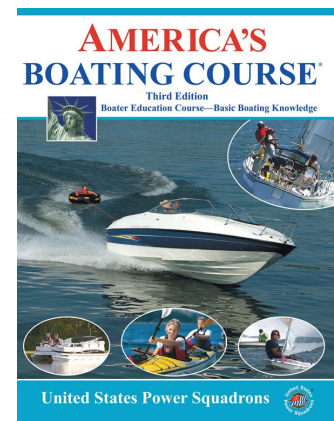
## What You'll Learn:

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**Tuesdays April 19, 26 and May 3**  
**6pm-9pm all three weeks**  
**Peter's Marine**  
**1402 Union Blvd.**  
**Allentown, PA 18109**



**RSVP with names, emails and phone numbers of all students to Kathy at**  
**[k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com) or (956) 240-5553**





## May Meeting at



Thursday, May 4  
1176 Trexlertown Road  
Trexlertown  
6pm

We will meet near the back in the arcade room. This is a private room.  
We will order off the menu.

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



## 10th Annual Sock Burning



Saturday, May 14  
3pm  
at the Lebeduik Residence  
5927 Dogwood Road  
Bethlehem

Chicken, hot dogs and  
hamburgers will be grilled.

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

**Don't forget your socks!!!**

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





## Beltzville Lake Clean-Up & Vessel Safety Checks

Saturday, May 21

9am-12pm

Pine Run Boat Launch

140 Deer Lane, Leighton

Bring your boat to spend the morning cleaning the lake.



Free VSC for all boats.

RSVP to Bob Rendish at

[RobertRendish1@yahoo.com](mailto:RobertRendish1@yahoo.com)

or (484) 619-4013

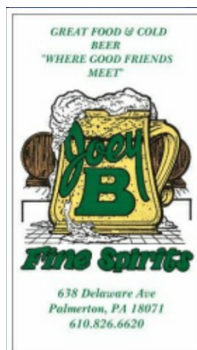
## Post Clean-Up Lunch

**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](mailto:RobertRendish1@yahoo.com)

or (484) 619-4013

Come join America's Boating Club  
Lehigh Valley for our

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual



Come to the Nowroozani Residence  
Wednesday, June 1

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](mailto:k.now@mac.com)

or (956) 240-5553

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







## Delhigh's 2022 Summer Rendezvous

Thursday, June 23 – Sunday, June 26  
Rock Hall, Maryland

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

Boat Cost is       \$2.50/foot/ day  
                          \$10/30 amp power cord/day  
                          \$18/2-30 amp or 1-50 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.

Trailer parking available at Haven Harbor Marina

Red Roof Inn  
160 Scheeler Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
Contact Kathy at (956)240-5553  
\$119 Thurs and \$159 Sat/Sun + tax



Slips and Rooms are held until May 22  
48 hour cancellation policy

Thursday Night ExCom Meeting  
6pm– Harbor Shack  
20895 Bayside Road

[See Page 12 for  
Reservation Form](#)

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

Saturday Celebration of Life via Boat  
11am– BYO Lunch

Saturday Night Dinner  
6pm– Bay Wolf Restaurant  
20270 Rock Hall Ave.





## 2022 Summer Rendezvous Reservation Form

June 23-26, 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Thursday

6pm - Executive Committee Meeting at Harbor Shack

20895 Bayside Drive

Order off the Menu

### Friday

6pm – Commander’s BBQ, Haven Haror

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Potato Salad provided

Please bring a dish to share

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10/person \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday

11am – Boats depart for Celebration of Life

Bring Your own Lunch

5pm – Bay Wolf Restaurant

22170 Great Oak Landing, Chestertown

Order off the Menu

### Sunday

Travel Home Safely!

TOTAL Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We will bring to share: \_\_\_\_\_ Soda \_\_\_\_\_ Beer \_\_\_\_\_ Water

Make Check Payable to Delhigh Power Squadron and Mail To:

Robert Rendish

527 Elm Street

Emmaus, PA 18049

[RobertRendish1@yahoo.com](mailto:RobertRendish1@yahoo.com)

(610) 967-2210

**RSVP By June 16**





## Join Delhigh for our August Monthly Meeting at



VS.



When: Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Where: PennTeleData Party Porch (3<sup>rd</sup> Base Side)

Buffet: 6:05pm - 8:05pm

Game: 7:05pm

Cost: \$37.00 each

**NOTE:** The private, upgraded buffet will be served rain or shine and includes the usual burgers, dogs and sides and more, plus water and soft drinks. If the game is cancelled the buffet WILL STILL BE SERVED. We will meet regardless of the weather! **We have our own buffet and a roof over our heads so we will stay dry rain or shine!**

Please contact P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN at (610) 351-5192 or [k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com) if you would like to make a reservation to attend. Payment is required NO LATER THAN June 30, 2022.

**Friends and Family are Welcome!**

**See you at the Ballpark!!!**



## VSC Corner

By: P/C Keith Knoblach, AP



Winter is almost over and as the weather is warming up boaters are getting excited to get on the water for another boating season. This is the best time to prepare our boats and check to be sure we have all the necessities needed.

As you prepare your boat, check your flares and fire extinguishers for expiration dates. Check that your life jackets are in good condition with no tears and that your label is readable. Check your fire extinguishers to make sure the charge is in the green and shake to be sure retardant is not packed.

Our Vessel Safety Examiners are ready to examine your boats to be sure you have all you need on board that is required for safe boating.

We will be doing VSC's at our annual Beltzville Clean Up on May 21, 2022. If you would like a VSC, but can't make the date, call for an examiner to meet to perform one at a convenient time.

List of VSE, Kathleen Nowroozani, Richard Garnjost, John Kudera, and Keith Knoblach.

Let's all have a safe and enjoyable year in all we do.



### APRIL

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

### MAY

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



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







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

Administrative Officer's Report

As previously published, the District 5 Spring Conference is being held at the Princess Royale Hotel and Conference Center in Ocean City, Maryland, March 31 - April 3, 2022. Please refer to the most recent edition of The [Mark 5](#) for more details and arrangements for this and other District 5 events and dates. In addition, you will find further information on the D/5 website [here](#).

As one of several Safe Boating Class instructors, I feel confident and blessed with the Educational Departments team of instructors this season with already 2 separate classes completed.

We welcome Lt/C Sergio Lamboy, P to the team. I look forward to working with him as our new SEO. Read his article on the next page to see how our classes have been going this year. Dinbokowitz Marine was excited when we approached them to sponsor us, and let us use their facility to teach. They have been very helpful and accommodating in hosting us.

Finally, I want to welcome the new bridge officers, those who are veterans to the bridge, and the new officers who have made the commitment to help navigate the squadron to success. We are off to a good start. Thank you.

I also want to share a special thank you to our new Commander, P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN. She once again has stepped up to lead this Squadron forward, and I look forward to working with her and the entire bridge this year.

Thank you.

To the breezes.

As you can see from the pictures in this Delhighlights, we are back to having fun and in-person teaching! Game night was a blast and COW was back to in person after being on Zoom last year. It was nice to see everyone all dressed up and so many of our uniforms being passed down. Congratulations to the new bridge.

Our April meeting will remain at the Nowroozani house as a potluck. No need to RSVP for this one, just show up! The Pub Crawl is now dinner at Brew Works in Bethlehem. The food and atmosphere there are great, hope to see you there!

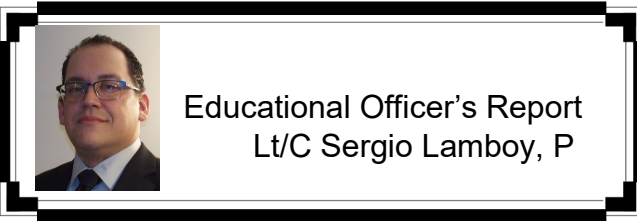
The May Meeting is back at 1760 Pub and Grille in the room right before the back room that is not in use at this time.

Sock burning is returning to the Lebeduik residence and the address is listed on the invitation on page 9. Come join us celebrate one of Michael's favorite rituals as we burn our socks marking the coming of warmer weather and the boating season.

Come out and join us for the Beltzville Lake clean-up and go out on a boat to keep our lake clean or bring your boat and get your free vessel safety check. You can also sleep in and join us at Joey B's for lunch. Joey B's has a warm enclosed patio, a large beer selection and great food so RSVP today and come out and see for yourself!

Our Ice Cream Social has been moved back to the Nowroozani Residence. Don't forget to bring your favorite flavor of ice cream or a flavor you'd like to try. I know it's early but the August meeting at Coca-Cola Park requires us to RSVP one month prior to the meeting so check your calendar and get your reservations in soon.





Educational Officer's Report  
Lt/C Sergio Lamboy, P



Delhigh Power Squadron

So, it seems that we have unleashed a slew of new boaters onto the world. We held our first of hopefully many future ABC-3 courses at the Northampton Fire Department. Thanks to Keith Knobloch, Jr. for being the go between and helping us secure this new venue for future courses. This relationship helps us continue to educate new boaters and it also helps Northampton FD to prepare some of their members for their water rescue program.

Our second class for the 2022 season was held at Dinbokowitz Marine in Whitehall. The owners and staff went out of their way to accommodate us and the needs of our students. They opened early and gave us the time and space to teach this second class. We are extremely appreciative. I am hoping these continue to be fruitful relationships for years to come with both Northampton Fire and Rescue and Dinbokowitz Marine.

Our first and second ABC-3 course for the 2022 season was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of February and 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of March. The courses were enjoyed by all that attended. The instructors also enjoyed the opportunity to educate new boaters and share their experiences on the water. The students were truly attentive and devoured the information that was being passed on to them. Every one of them were eager to learn and during chapter reviews, proved that the information was being absorbed by participating at each given opportunity. I'm happy to say that all our students passed their test. Congratulations to the following students for completing and successfully passing the ABC-3 boater safety course:

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Class: Robert Niedermeyer, Joseph A. Mordvek, Jennifer L. Hittle, Jason Hittle, Coly J. Gerstenberg, Andrew D. Laub, Scott R. Schiffert

March 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Class: Adam A. Spinozzi, Nicholas F. Spinozzi, Michele L. Jandrew, Jeffrey D. Jandrew, Brian Jandrew, Greg Smith, Jonathan D. Summerfield, Joshua D. Warne, Besnik Sinanovski, Sal Sinanovski, Colby A. Rosen

If you know anyone who still needs the ABC-3 course you can find information about our April course on [page 8](#).

I would like to remind everyone that with the new boating season approaching, to take this time beforehand as an opportunity to learn something new or become better prepared for this life on the water that we all enjoy. National has quite a few courses available, such as [Hurricane Preparation](#) and [Weather for Boaters](#). These two courses alone can benefit you and your season on the water.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all the instructors that gave up their Saturday mornings and continue to do so for future classes: P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN, P/C Keith Knobloch, AP, P/C Robert Rendish, P, P/C Brent Rhoads, SN, and Lt Randy Meisner, AP (for helping with the clean up on the 19<sup>th</sup>). Without the knowledge, experience, and dedication that all of you have, none of this would be possible.

*"The good seaman weathers the storm he cannot avoid and avoids the storm he cannot weather."*

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# DISTRICT 5 NEWS

District 5 Spring Conference and Change of Watch is in person again this year and it's not too late to come! We will be at the Princess Royale in Ocean City, Maryland again with training, hospitality suites, awards, and all the fun that goes along with a long weekend with our district friends. Book your room now and join us next week for all the fun and comradery that this event always brings!



## 2022 District 5 Spring Conference

March 31—April 3

Princess Royale Hotel  
Ocean City, Maryland

[www.uspsd5.org](https://www.uspsd5.org)



# ABC Lehigh Valley's 'Loopers'

By P/Lt/C Doug McKenzie, JN



Delhigh Power Squadron

Greetings everyone! Hope all is well with you. We have spent the winter in Fort Meyers Florida, and it is a beautiful place. The weather has been nothing short of spectacular - sunny, 80's and not humid at all. We have our car here, so we've taken some road trips. My favorite was to Everglades City where we took an air boat ride into the Everglades to see alligators and other wildlife. No shortage of gators here! We've seen manatees here too, they like the warm waters here in the winter months.



*A six foot alligator keeping an eye on us*

The beaches on the Gulf are so nice; no matter how strong the sun is, the white sand doesn't get hot. You can walk barefoot without burning your feet. The water was warm enough to swim in, even in January the temp is about the same as the New Jersey shore in August.

Downtown Fort Meyers is about ½ mile walk from the boat, and there are too many restaurants to have visited them all in just the 3 months we've been here. They had a Jazz Fest, Blues Fest, Antique Car Show, Art Show, and a Mardi Gras, all right on the downtown waterfront.

In the early 1900's, Edison, Ford, and Firestone all built winter homes in Fort Meyers. Now their properties are open to the public and it is interesting to tour them and learn



*Fort Meyers Beach in February*

about these men and their families. For anyone interested in history, this whole "Great Loop" adventure has been awesome. Traveling the waterways that were the bloodstream of our country is an experience I'll always treasure.

I'm still waiting for my mechanic to fix my port engine. The job should be done by the end of March. Then we'll get underway again, cross Florida, and start up the east coast. We've loved wintering here, but we are getting anxious to get underway again! Hope to see you in the Chesapeake this summer!





## When Water Makes Sense Against Fire

*A fine mist of water is can be more effective than you imagine when fighting onboard fires.*

We've never been entirely satisfied with dry chemical fire extinguishers for marine use. We've used them on petroleum and electrical fires in refinery settings, and while they put fires out fast, the smoke cloud is choking, even in open spaces, complicating efforts to determine if the fire is truly out. If there is hot metal or embers, the fire can reignite. Electrical equipment is generally ruined and substantial clean-up is required.

In "[New Marine Fire Prevention Tools](#)," *Practical Sailor* April 2020, we investigated pyrotechnic extinguishers, found a lot to like, but also important shortcomings. Now we investigate water—not buckets from the ocean, but deionized water in the form of a very fine mist.

Dumping water on a fire seems pretty low tech, but water mist extinguishers deliver a few interesting twists. Because deionized water is non-conductive, in addition to the common A rating (fires involving wood, paper, cloth, trash, plastics, etc.), water-mist extinguishers can carry a C rating (electrical). The fumes are not a breathing hazard in the cabin.

Deionized water is non-corrosive to most equipment, and because the water is dispensed efficiently, there is little water damage. They were first developed for hospital environments to be safe around patients and expensive equipment, but common applications now include valuable books, documents, telecommunication facilities, and specialized "clean room" manufacturing facilities.

The fine mist is effective at cooling wood and fiberglass fires, while the steam excludes oxygen. The smoke clears almost instantly and does not contribute to breathing problems, as dry chemical, clean agents (Halon replacements), and CO2 will. A mist extinguisher is 2-3 times heavier than a dry chemical extinguisher with the same Class A rating.

They are not as effective on Class B (liquid fuel) fires and are not rated for them. Although the mist does not spread the fire to the same extent that a deluge of water can, if the fuel is hot, the water mist can increase evaporation of the fuel through a process known as steam stripping, increasing the amount of evaporated fuel vapor and spreading the fire vertically. They can still put the fire out, but not as quickly as traditional Class B dry chemical agents. We can't recommend them for this purpose.

Amerex portable extinguishers are filled with deionized water and are pressurized to 100 psi with nitrogen. The 2.5 gallon model will discharge for 70-80 seconds, which is about 4-6 times longer than a dry chemical fire extinguisher of similar Class A rating.

The longer active period comes in handy if you need to chase the fire around a bit. Unlike building fires where the plan is to blast and run or fetch another extinguisher, the off-shore sailor needs to be sure the fire is out. See also "[On-Board Fire Fighting](#)," *Practical Sailor*, June 2017.



Stored pressure water fire extinguisher.

By Darrell Nicholson *Practical Sailor* January 2021. (More on Page 19)







## WHEN CHOOSING YOUR EXTINGUISHER CONSIDER COMMON FIRE TYPES

Spraying water on a fire seems pretty crude, but having a water-mist extinguishers (Class A:C) presents a few interesting advantages. Before jumping on the water-beats-fire bandwagon, it's important to understand the types of fires likely to occur on a cruising sailboat.



### Class A: Wood, paper, cloth, trash, plastics

- The numerical rating for a Class A Fire extinguisher refers to the amount of chemicals/agent in the extinguisher. The number represents the chemical/agent's equivalent to gallons of water the extinguisher holds. For a water mist extinguisher, multiply the number in front of A by 1.25 to figure out the equivalent in gallons of water.

**Example: A mist fire extinguisher with a rating of 2A would contain the equivalent to 2.5 gallons of water ( $2 \times 1.25$ ) and weighs about 24 pounds (1 gal. = 8 lbs.). For comparison, a dry chemical fire extinguisher with a 2A:10B:C rating will contain about 5 pounds of monoammonium phosphate and weigh about 8 pounds.**

### Class B: Flammable Liquids-Gasoline, oil, grease, acetone (includes flammable gases)

- The numerical rating for a class B fire extinguisher refers to the number of square feet that the fire extinguisher will be able to extinguish.
  - Example: A fire extinguisher with a rating of 1A:10B:C would contain agents equal to 1.25 gallons of water ( $1 \times 1.25$ ) and would be able to extinguish 10 square feet of a class B fire.
- (The extinguisher would also be rated non-conductive due to the C rating).

### Class C: Electrical Fires, Energized electrical equipment fires (anything that is plugged in)

- The C classification does not carry numerical rating. When "C" is present in the classification/UL rating, it indicates that the agents in the fire extinguisher are non-conductive, meaning that you can use them on an electrical fire (meaning anything that is plugged in).

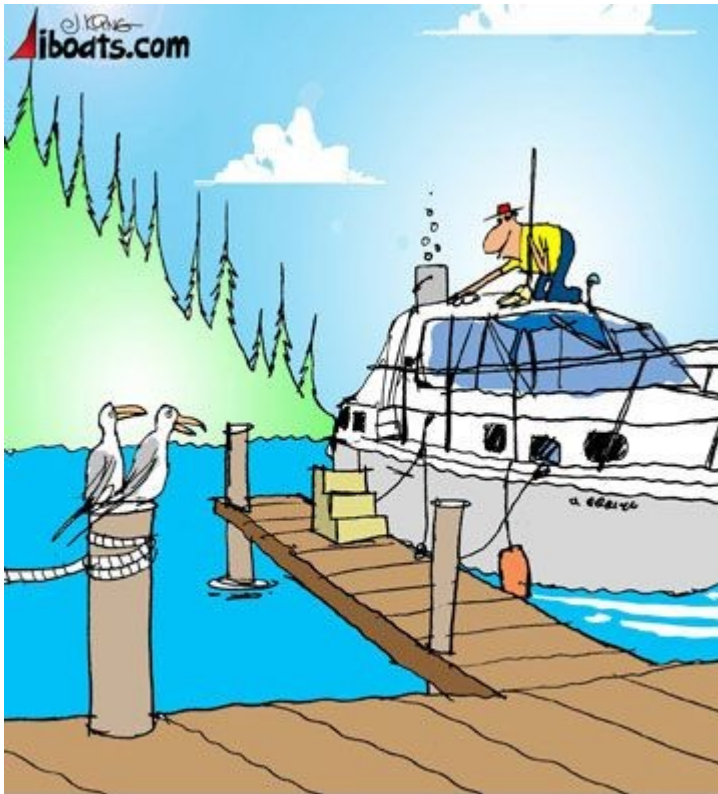
**Example: A fire extinguisher with a rating of 5B:C would be able to extinguish 5 square feet of a class B fire and could also be used on a Class C fire (electrical) due to its non-conductive properties.**

### Class D: Metal fires involving magnesium, sodium, potassium and sodium-potassium alloys

- Class D fire extinguishers are generally not given a numerical rating. They are simply classified as a "Class D" extinguisher.



# A BIT OF FUN



*"Let's go eat and come back when he's finished."*

**What do you do with a sick boat?**



**Take it to the doc!**

**What lies at the bottom of the sea and twitches?**



**A nervous wreck!**

**How much did the pirate pay for his piercings?**

**A buck an ear!**



*"Honestly, I didn't come into work because I'm here at home in bed sick. That sound? That's the TV. It's a show about boating."*





## April Meeting and Old Favorites Potluck

Wednesday, April 6  
Nowroozani Residence  
6:30pm

## Pub Crawl

Saturday, April 23  
Brew Works, Bethlehem  
5pm

## May Meeting

Wednesday, May 4  
1760 Pub and Grill  
6pm

## Sock Burning

Saturday, May 14  
Lebeduik Residence  
3pm

## Beltzville Lake Clean-Up

Saturday, May 21  
Beltzville Lake  
9am-12pm

## Post Clean-up Lunch

Saturday, May 21  
Joey B's  
1pm

## Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, June 1  
Nowroozani Residence  
6pm

## Summer Rendezvous

June 23-26  
Haven Harbor, Rock Hall, MD

## July Poolside Meeting

Wednesday, July 13  
Nowroozani Pool  
6pm

## Trailer boat Rendezvous and BBQ

Saturday, July 25  
Blue Marsh/Nowroozani Pool  
10am/5pm

## August Iron Pigs Meeting

Wednesday, August 3  
Coca-Cola Park  
7:05pm

## Musikfest Mania

Wednesday, August 10  
Hotel Bethlehem  
6pm

## Fall Trailer boat Rendezvous

Saturday, August 27  
Ridley Park Marina  
11am

## September Meeting and Chili Cook-off

Wednesday, September 7  
Nowroozani Residence  
6:30pm

## Cookout

Saturday, September 17  
Lamboy Residence  
TBD

## Sporting Clays

Saturday, October 15  
Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays  
10am

## Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 15  
Meisner Residence  
5pm

## Beer Tasting

Saturday, October 22  
TBD

## November Meeting

Wednesday, November 2  
TBD

## Road Rally

Saturday, November 12  
TBD

## Wine Tasting

Saturday, November 26  
Montuori Residence  
TBD

## Holiday Party

Saturday, December 10  
TBD

## January Meeting and Potluck

Wednesday, January 4, 2023  
Nowroozani Residence  
6:30pm

## Phantoms Game

TBD

## Founder's Day Meeting

Wednesday, February 1  
TBD

## Wine and Chocolate Pairing

Saturday, February 4  
Lebeduik Residence  
TBD

## Game Night

Saturday, February 18  
Meisner Residence  
5pm

## Change of Watch

Saturday, March 4  
TBD

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

