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Commander's Corner

Cdr Kathleen Nowroozani, SN



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As Summer finally turns to Fall and the 90 degree weather is behind us, it is time to start thinking about winterizing our boats, but we can still remain active in our boating community. There are lots of opportunities to connect with America's Boating Club at the National, District and Squadron levels. You can find information about activities in this newsletter and on the ABC websites listed on the left side of this page.

With the National reorganization going on there is a need for volunteers to help at the national level to support education, membership, retention and more. Anyone who is interested can contact mylesgee15@gmail.com for information.

With the change of season comes a move to more indoor activities. There are many events planned throughout the end of the year and into next year. As you can see by the photos on the next several pages we do have a good time when we get together so please join us at an event on the calendar that looks like something you would enjoy. I hope to see everyone soon!

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www.americasboatingclub.org

August Meeting and Iron Pigs Game



Delhigh Power Squadron



Group photo with Ferrous! Cyrus, Janie, Carlos, Julia, Eddie, Sergio, Michele, Joe, Joey, Ferrous, Allie, Aria, Matthew, Michele, Marc, Cam, Kathy, Vince, Dana, Jeanette, James, Oliver, Chris, Addy, Cindy, Stephanie and Ellen.



Fred and Ed in front with Cyrus, Michele and Sergio seated in the bleachers to watch the game.



Paola, Nicolas, Gustavo and Esteban with Ferrous. The boys first time meeting Ferrous and they couldn't take their eyes off him.



Joe, Aria, Dana, Cam and Allie smiling for the camera, and Jim behind Joe.



Oliver, Vince and James posing for a picture.



Eddie, Julia, Janie and Carlos enjoying the game.



Marc, Matthew and Michele watching the game.



Addy, Stephanie and Chris are all smiles.



MUSIK FEST 2022



Kathy, Jess, Oliver and Vince braved the forecasted rain for some Festing Fun!



Welcome sign is hanging for all to see.



Clouds were on their way out when we arrived as scheduled at 6pm.



Kathy's picture of the blue skies was photo bombed by Jess.



Musikfest beer tents never change! Jess and Kathy filling up their mugs.



Found this anomaly at Plaza Tropical. Has anyone ever seen a Musikfest Volunteer pulling a wagon full of ice cold beer for sale? The guy in bright yellow was making the rounds selling cans of beer.



What's better than 1 beer? Kathy will tell you the answer to that is 2 beers! Sadly one of these was empty, purchased this year's mug but won't use it until next year.



Fall Trailerboat Rendezvous



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Nikki and Chris enjoying a ride.



Chris driving Last Call while Oliver chillaxes and Cyrus takes photos.



Nikki and Kathy enjoying the cooling wind and sunshine.



Oliver and Cyrus are having a great time relaxing while Chris drives.



Group boat photo! Chris, Oliver, Nikki, Kathy and Cyrus.



Nikki yelling "Woo Hoo" like she's on a roller coaster ride!



Kathy, Chris and Nikki back at the house enjoying the pool.



Kathy, Nikki and Cyrus getting ready for dinner after swimming in the pool.



Cyrus, Kathy, Mary Lee, Mark, Nikki, Chris and Vince after dinner.



September Meeting and Chili Cook-off



Mark, Chris, Ed, Eileen and Jeanette tasting their first bowls.



Mary Lee, Mark, Chris and Randy grabbing a bowl.



Jeanette, Randy and Mark taking a break from tasting to chat.



Ed, Eileen and Mary Lee with more chili.



Chris, Mary Lee and Mark getting ready for the meeting to start.



Ed, Jeanette and Randy as the meeting is about to begin.



Kathy, Oliver, Chris and Mark at the bar for after meeting libations.



Fall Cookout



Delhigh Power Squadron



Chris, Kathy, Ed and Jane catching up.



Fran, Cyrus, Brent and Diane gather around the table.



Kathy pouring Nikki a margarita.



Fran and Diane after a delicious meal.



Ed and Eileen are all smiles.



Fran, Diane, Jane, Chris and Brent after dinner.



Killian posing for the picture as Brent, Ed, Nelson, Nikki, Fran, Diane and Jane fill their plates and their bellies.



Selfies are the only way the photographer gets pictures of herself! Kathy, Cyrus and Nikki.



Chris and Cyrus take advantage of a stray phone being left on the table and leave a surprise picture for the owner.



Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays



America's Boating Club Lehigh
Valley

Invites you to our annual

Sporting Clays Outing

2750 Limestone Street
Coplay, PA 18037

Saturday, October 15
11:30am

Come one come all to the 9th annual
Sporting Clays event! New shooters
and old hats are all welcome!
Approximate cost per person is
\$40.00

Please RSVP to Cyrus at
c_nowroozani@yahoo.com
or (956) 240-5554
with the names of everyone in your
group and whether or not you are
new to shooting.

Join us for our annual



on
Saturday, October 15
At the Meisner Residence
5 pm



Beef Goulash with
noodles will be
served.
Please bring an
appetizer or des-
sert to share.

RSVP to Jeanette by October 8th at
Jeanette@meisnerservices.com
or (484) 221-0039





Come for the Boos and stay for the Brews at Delhigh's next



Beer Tasting Event!

The Lamboy Residence
Saturday, October 22 at 4 pm



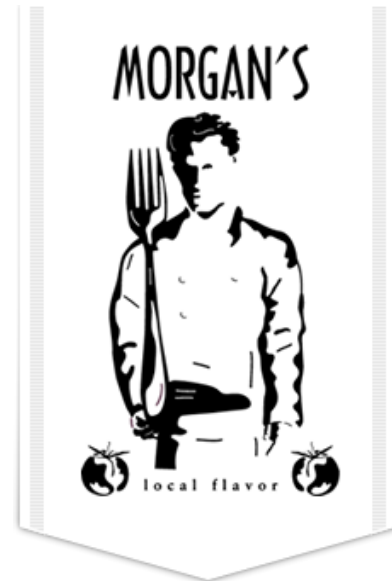
Finger sandwiches will be served.

Bring your favorite beer and an appetizer or dessert to share.

RSVP to Michele by October 16th at mhays41@yahoo.com or (201) 519-3897

November Meeting

will be held at

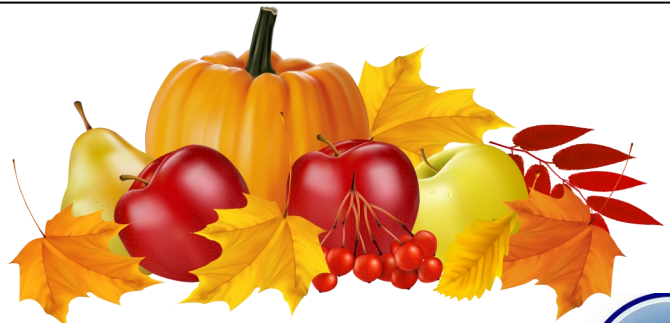


3079 Willow Street
Allentown

Wednesday, November 2nd
Meeting begins at 6 pm
Dinner at 7 pm

All attendees will be able to order off the menu.

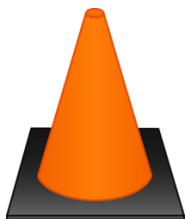
RSVP to Kathy at k.now@mac.com or (956) 240-5553



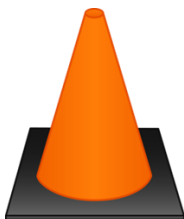
Road Rally Dinner at



7921 Main Street
Fogelsville
Saturday, November 12th



Meet at 6 pm
Dinner at 7 pm



All members joining us will be able to
order off the menu.



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

Join us for

Wine Tasting



The Montuori Residence
Saturday, November 26th
3pm-5pm

Please bring a wine and cheese
pairing to share.

Wine glasses, crackers and paper
goods will be provided.

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





Holiday Party



200 Main Street, Stockertown

6pm

Drinks and Vegetable Crudite

Buffet Includes:

Yankee Pot Roast, Chicken Marsala, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, House Salad.
Chocolate Cake and Coffee.

Cost is \$42 per person

(Checks made payable to Delhigh Power Squadron)

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



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

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

RSVP to P/C Robert Rendish, P

527 Elm Street

Emmaus, PA 18049

RobertRendish1@yahoo.com

(484) 619-4013





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



Vs.



Saturday, January 14, 2023
PPL Center, Allentown
7:05pm

Tickets are in section 112
Doors open at 6:05pm

\$25.00/person

(Checks made payable to Delhigh Power Squadron)

Please RSVP to Kathy at k.now@mac.com or
(956) 240-5553
By December 14th



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



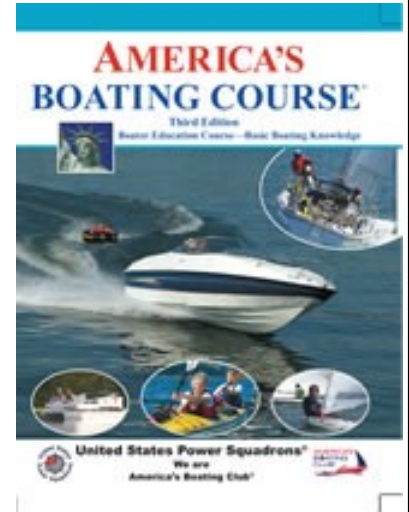
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VSC Corner

By: P/C Keith Knoblach, AP



There is still time to get out on our boats and enjoy the change of colors in the leaves, while sitting back easing along the water, taking in the sights.

As the season winds down and we start to prep our boats for the winter, here are a couple of tips: Fill your fuel tanks or empty them to avoid water from condensing, causing fuel problems next year. Empty all food to avoid unwanted "guests" for the winter. Empty all water tanks and blow out water lines to avoid freezing and splitting.

For the die hard boaters who run until the last minute, have fun and remember to always wear your life jackets. The days are getting shorter and water temperatures are dropping. Enjoy your time on the water and always be aware of what is going on around you.



Birthday!

OCTOBER

P/C Cyrus Nowroozani, JN
FI/Lt Oliver Nowroozani, P
P/C George Kelchner, SN
Mark Dlugos, P
P/Lt/C John Kudera, AP

NOVEMBER

P/Lt/C Fran Montuori, SN
Patrick Flannery, AP
Lt Randy Meisner, AP



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





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

Administrative Officer's Report

The District 5 Fall Educational Conference is November 3 - 6. It will be held at the Conference Center at the Maritime Institute, 692 Maritime Blvd. in Linthicum Heights, MD. Please be sure to check the D/5 website for further information. Also, there are additional details concerning lodging, seminars, and meals in this Delhighlights.

One of the "On The Water" boat shows that I had the pleasure of attending a couple of years ago, was the United States Powerboat Show, at Annapolis, Maryland. A well organized and impressive show, with many different powerboats, manufacturers, and various accessory and after-market companies.

Located at City Dock in downtown Annapolis, it will be held on October 6 -9. This year they are celebrating their 50th anniversary. If you get the opportunity to go, you will enjoy all that it has to offer. Be careful though, at high tide, and with that many boats and floating docks in Ego Alley, the water tends to flow over the wall and onto the walkways and streets surrounding City Dock.

This year, we will be having our Holiday Party on Saturday, December 10 at the Widows Tavern & Grill, in Stockertown. We had our party there last year, it was well attended, and the food and service was good. In trying to keep our costs reasonable for all members, this year will be a buffet.

Further details can be found on page 10.

I look forward to continued boating into the fall, which if it isn't too cool, can be a beautiful time of the year with the leaves changing color, and the crowds at the launch ramp, and boats on the water, considerably less.

To the Breezes.

Our Iron Pigs game was well attended and, as always, a great time. Musikfest was a lot of fun but the threat of rain kept many at home. The Fall Trailerboat Rendezvous also had it's issues with calendar conflicts for many, but it was a great day on the lake and at the pool. Chili cook-off was delicious, any of the chili's could have won but Chris took home first place with Jeanette a close second! Nikki was not to be outdone with her delicious pork chops at the Fall Cookout.

Our upcoming events in October are our annual Sporting Clays and Oktoberfest. These will be on the same Saturday again as it has worked so well the last few years. The following Saturday we have beer tasting with a Lamboy Halloween twist for our first Brew Tasting! If beer is not your thing feel free to bring a bottle of something delicious to taste.

We are back to Morgan's for the November meeting and Hops Fogelsville Hotel for our Road Rally Dinner. Fran and Diane will be hosting Wine Tasting the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend again which is always a good time.

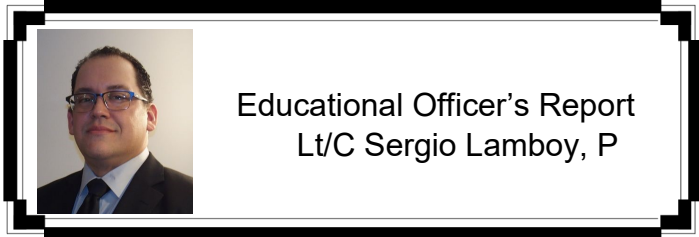
As Bob mentioned our Holiday Party is at Widows Tavern, please make sure to bring all of your Pollyanna gift exchange shenanigans and Toys 4 Tots donations.

Our Phantoms game is scheduled for January 14, 2023. This is always a fun night watching hockey with friends, please remember to RSVP by December 14th to guarantee your seats.

Details for all of our events are in this newsletter and online at

www.BoatingLehighValley.com.





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

For those of you that don't know, I've been away for a while and now I'm back. The job has seen it fit to have me go away during the best part of the summer to be on the water. I missed out on the August Trailerboat Rendezvous, Labor Day weekend insanity at the Beltzville boat launch, and of course the ease of boating on the lake during my two days off in the middle of the week.

The month of August has been a whirlwind to say the least. In all honesty I could say the same for the spring and summer. That being said, it is now time to look forward to the things that come with the turning of the seasons. Fall does seem to be upon us and its arrival is earlier than I can remember in a long time. Leaves have been changing colors since before I left. I must admit that the preview this early on is appreciated. I do hope Michele and I get some time on the water in the coming days to see the grandeur of fall from the boat while cruising on the lake. Soon enough, it will be time to prepare and winterize the boat for next spring's new beginning. The fall season is a great time to be out on the water, it's a time to take in the crispness of the air, the ability to find fewer jet skis jumping our wakes, and the silence of passing the occasional fisherman in a cove.

As always when cruising any time of the year, safety and awareness is key to an enjoyable time on the water. Not surprisingly, we all become a little too comfortable spending the warm days and breezy evenings without a care enjoying this lifestyle that our hard work and passions have provided for us, our friends, and family. If you have a few moments during these fall days to come, I would recommend a few good reads. This month's Boatingcompass.org has a few informative and educational articles dealing with the upcoming season and others about safety drills that we should all consider.

I also wanted to inform everyone that we've secured Peter's Marine as our site to offer our ABC3 safety courses for 2023. The class, thus far, is scheduled for two Saturdays, the 14th and 21st of January. Classes will be held from 9am to 1pm. If you know anybody interested in a safety course, please refer them to me or our website. More information is included on page 11.

As a side note...A woman I admired very much, Michele's grandmother and a woman who was known to many by only one name, "Granny" had a saying she would repeat every time she looked at the autumn colors. "Fall must be a lady because she never knows what colors to wear. "- Ollie Cinnella (aka. Granny)

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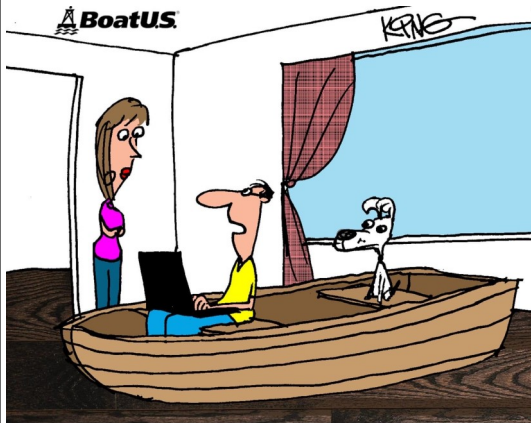
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DISTRICT 5 NEWS

District 5 Fall Educational Conference

November 3-6 2022

Maritime Institute

692 Maritime Blvd.

Linthicum Heights, MD



Room Single occupancy \$159+tx/night
Room dbl occupancy \$204+tx/night
(this includes breakfast and dinner buffet)

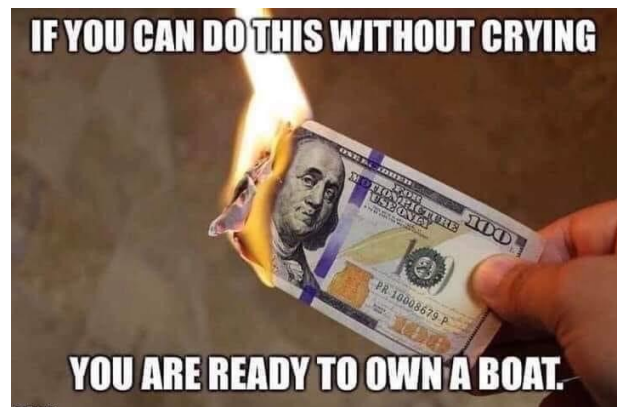
Fri/Sat Seminars \$80/day

All attending members must pay
(this includes refreshments at morning and afternoon breaks and lunch buffet)

Sat banquet without hotel stay \$40

More information (including buffet selections) is available at USPSD5.org and a schedule of classes is not out yet but will be available when the event is closer.

You can read the Fall Issue of the [Mark 5 here.](#)





**2022 America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic
District 5 Fall Conference
November 4-6, 2022
Maritime Institute, Lithicum Heights, MD**



MEMBER

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Squadron _____

OTHER ATTENDEES

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Friday & Saturday Lunch & Breaks

Friday Lunch & Breaks

_____ @ \$80.00 \$ _____

Saturday Lunch & Breaks

_____ @ \$80.00 \$ _____

Includes: Lunch Buffet, Morning & Afternoon Breaks, AV Equipment

_____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

Chef's Buffet

Dinner cost is only for those not staying at the Maritime Institute

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Meal Reservations must be submitted by October 15, 2022.

Make Checks payable to: United States Power Squadron-District 5

Please Send Reservations To:

**Apryl Bernard, 1127 Riverside Drive, Mays Landing, NJ 08330
(609) 432-7449 aprylber@msn.com**

Hotel Reservations: By October 3, 2022

Maritime Institute, 692 Maritime Blvd, Lithicum Heights, MD 21090

Reservations may be made by calling: (866) 900-3517, ask for USPS District 5 rate

Hotel Rates: \$159 Single Occupancy, \$204 Double Occupancy

Room rates include breakfast and dinner.



Boating Links



Delhigh Power Squadron



How to survive a boat show! This is definitely written by a man because I was thinking that it would tell me how to keep from dying of boredom, but instead is an informative article about when to go, who to look for when you need information, remembering that new isn't always what you need and so much more. I found this article interesting and informative and I hope that you do too. [The Boat Show Survival Guide - Practical Sailor \(practical-sailor.com\)](http://practical-sailor.com)

What are you using to wash your hull? Practical Sailor tested 22 hull cleaners and here is the procedure used and the results found. [Practical Sailor tests 22 hull cleaners on scummy, brown waterline stains to find the best remedy to the ICW](http://practical-sailor.com)



Looking for new electronics for your boat? Here is Boating Magazines list of the best new electronics for your boating needs. [Bonnie Best Electronics Awards](http://boatingmag.com)

Tips on how to take on head seas more smoothly depending on the type of hull your boat has. [Take On Head Seas More Smoothly | Boating Safety \(boatingsafetymag.com\)](http://boatingsafetymag.com)



This story is called Be Careful With Your Docklines but I have to tell you that I was not expecting this to end the way it did! Also, this story takes place at the California Delta where I grew up boating with my family and brings back so many happy memories for me. [Be Careful With Your Docklines | Boating Mag](http://boatingmag.com)

Ready for a little DIY gelcoat repair? Read this article for links comparing pre thickened epoxies and two part epoxies along with reviews for Magic Fix and the Badger spray gun. Also includes a link to an article on fiberglass polishing. [Quick and Easy Gelcoat Repair - Practical Sailor \(practical-sailor.com\)](http://practical-sailor.com)



CANNON BALLS!! DID YOU KNOW THIS?

It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on old war ships. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem. The storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem, how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others.

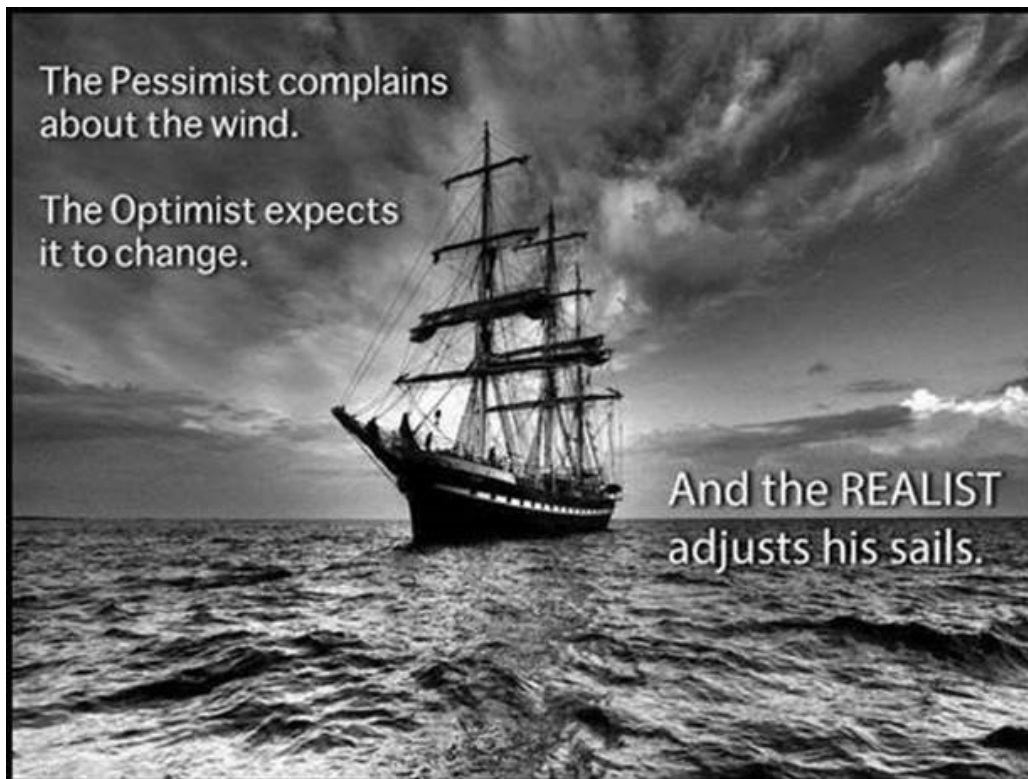


The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called, for reasons unknown, a Monkey. But if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make them of brass, hence, Brass Monkeys. Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey.

Thus, it was quite literally, cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey. And all this time, folks thought that was just a vulgar expression? You must send this fabulous bit of historical knowledge to at least a few intellectual friends.

But we do not have to worry about freezing the balls off brass monkeys until winter.

Originally published in the April 2022 Cape Henry Flashes written by P/D/C Dick Nitschke, SN



ABC Lehigh Valley's 'Loopers'

By P/Lt/C Doug McKenzie, JN



Delhigh Power Squadron

Ahoy Mates! Greetings from the crew of Sea Stories. As of this writing, we are in Urbanna Virginia on the Rappahannock River. Our next stop will be Norfolk and the start of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. Spending the summer back in Rhode Island was a real treat for us. We visited so many of our favorite places and spent time with family and friends we hadn't seen in a long time. We walked the full length of Napatree Point and back in Watch Hill, and we even completed the Cliff Walk in Newport, something we haven't done since we were much younger.



One of the "Cottages" along the cliff walk

We started our trip south in mid-August, with stops in Clinton, Conneticut, Morehaven, New York, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey, Barneget Bay Marina, Waretown, then finally to Atlantic City where we anchored out for the 1st of 4 straight nights, giving my credit card a much-needed break. The 1st night was just outside of Atlantic City, the next two nights were with Dave and Nancy Bernard on the Great Egg Harbor River. The town of Mays Landing held their annual boat parade while we were there, and it was so much fun! After dark, 15 boats paraded by us all lit up and decorated, and then there were fireworks after the parade. From there we anchored out one more night in Cape May, New Jersey before we got a slip at the South Jersey Marina for 8 days.

We left Cape May after Labor Day and headed to Chesapeake City. Then on to Haven Harbor South, Solomons Island Yacht Club, and Urbanna Boat Yard. There we met up with some friends we met last year at Belhaven, North Carolina. I love it when that happens! The folks at Solomons Island Yacht Club couldn't have been any nicer, and it was a great stop for us. The last two times we came up the ICW, we didn't have good weather for detouring to the Outer Banks, but right now it's looking like we will have a good weather window and should be heading out there in a few days! I'll let you know more about that in the next Delhighlights.



The view from the end of Napatree Point looking back to Watch Hill



Wounded Warriors Day on the Bay

By P/Lt/C Russ Fontana, P



For the past few years, Amy and I have discussed participating in this event. This spring while visiting a yacht club on the Chesapeake, we picked up a flyer for the Wounded Warrior Day on the Bay. We noticed the date of the event was the same as her birthday, August 20, and that the event was in its tenth year.

Growing up, Amy's birthday would begin with a call from her Uncle Bob. His boisterous voice would yell, "Happy Birthday Amykins!!!" It has been 10 years since she has received that call and I know she misses it each year. Uncle Bob, Captain Robert Rounsaville, served in the Vietnam War where he earned a Bronze Star and two Purple Heart medals. He loved everything red, white and blue. He also would have loved being a part of this event.

So, this year for Amy's birthday we decided to

volunteer and take a Wounded Warrior and their family for a boat ride on the bay.

The day began with a wonderful ceremony to welcome the warriors and their families. Several Gold Star Mothers were also present. These are women who lost a son or daughter in the service of the Armed Forces of the United States. Our guest would be USMC Corporal Aron Stover, his wife Natalie and their nine children. Mission BBQ provided lunch before we left for a scenic cruise to Fort McHenry. Two Baltimore Fire boats were spraying water by the Key Bridge. We took them to the location where the Star-Spangled Banner was written.

Then there were steamed crabs,

games for the children, a bounce house, and an ice truck waiting for our return. There were over 60 boats that participated this year and countless volunteers. It was a full day of inspiring camaraderie and perfect weather. We look forward to attending this event in the years to come.





I am a graduate of National Search and Rescue School and was involved in about 1,300 cases over my maritime career. Most cases are repeats of prior cases-Ecclesiastes says there is nothing new under the sun. Some rules have developed over the years, from harsh experience. Repeating other's mistakes is not a good way to go through life.

There was a search and rescue (SAR) case in the Gloucester area in early July that could have been followed by three funerals. Fortunately, three people got away with a very wrong series of actions that could easily have been fatal.

Three friends decided to go for a sail on a Hobie Cat in the late afternoon. Weather looked good and they told some family members that they were going out and to expect them back by sunset. That was a good move because the concerned family made a timely call for help that got the search underway. Time turned out to be critical in this case. If people are in the water, the hypothermia clock is running and the danger to them increases quickly.

Mounting a successful search effort requires putting the search vessels and/or aircraft into a search pattern in the right area. The more information the searchers have, the better they can define the search area and concentrate their efforts in the right place. The less time that has elapsed, the better. Also, having a good description of the vessel helps a lot.

The problem occurred when the Hobie Cat capsized. It worsened when the crew was unable to right the boat. The object of the search changed from a colorful sail to two pontoons about a foot high, which makes probability of detection by the search vessel much lower.

Then the people committed their potentially fatal error. They tried to swim to shore. A really strong swimmer may be able to sustain one knot, most people can't do that for more than a pool length. A person in the water, with no height above the surface is incapable of judging progress, or current, and is very likely to swim in a circle. The high probability outcome of trying to swim is death by drowning and hypothermia.

Should the person manage to stay afloat, the probability of finding a person in the water is less than 5% in the sweep width of the search. The sweep width is determined by the object you are looking for. Person in the water sweep width is 50 yards at best.

The sweep width for the capsized Hobie Cat would be up to half a mile, depending on weather conditions. Probability of detection would be over 50%. Which odds would you bet your life on?

The boat is a much larger object that has a much better chance of being found by searchers. That is why the hard rule is STAY WITH THE BOAT. Your chances of being found are several orders of magnitude higher if you stay with the boat. If you can get out of the water and sit on the overturned hull, hypothermia is greatly reduced.

The lucky Hobie Cat crew lived through this. Two of them wound up clinging to a daymark piling and were recovered by search boats.

The third crew member was saved by good technique by a search boat. It was dark, and the search crew would shut down their engine at intervals and listen. They heard the person yell at them and recovered the last victim.

Those plastic whistles on your lifejackets can be heard further than you can yell, and they take a lot less energy to make more noise. Check them before you go out again.

The point here is: make yourself easier to find, not harder. Have a float plan, so the search can concentrate where you are most likely to be. And if things go really bad, STAY WITH THE BOAT.

Be safe out there.



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A BIT OF FUN

Did You Know?

The World's Most Expensive Yacht Is Made Out of Gold!

It's named "History Supreme", and is said to be the world's most expensive yacht. It's nearly 99 feet long and valued at a total of \$4.8 billion.

"History Supreme" was built in 2011 by a luxury designer and jeweler, named Stuart Hughes. The boat is covered from bow to stern in solid platinum and gold and even includes rare diamonds and stones.

"History Supreme" weighs over 220,000 pounds with a base wrapped in gold. If that wasn't enough, even the anchor, dining room, deck, rails, and kitchen utensils are made out of gold!

The master bedroom and kitchen feature tons of platinum. There is even a wall made out of meteor stones as well as a statue carved out of T-Rex dinosaur bones, worth about \$89,000.

From: 5 Interesting Boat Facts You Should Know (interestingfacts.org)

Check out the video here: <https://youtu.be/XUUPyXLI6tq>





Sporting Clays
Saturday, October 15
Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays
11:30am

Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 15
Meisner Residence
5pm

Beer Tasting
Saturday, October 22
Lamboy Residence
4pm

November Meeting
Wednesday, November 2
Morgan's Local Flavor
6pm

Road Rally
Saturday, November 12
Fogelsville Hops Hotel
6pm

Wine Tasting
Saturday, November 26
Montuori Residence
3-5pm

Holiday Party
Saturday, December 10
Widow's Tavern
6pm

January Meeting and Potluck
Wednesday, January 4, 2023
Nowroozani Residence
6:30pm

ABC-3 Safe Boating Course
Saturday's January 14 and 21, 2023
Peter's Marine
9am-1pm

Phantoms Game
Saturday January 14, 2023
PPL Center
7:05pm

Founder's Day Meeting
Wednesday, February 8
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 or (956) 240-5553 for more information on any scheduled event.



If any body is looking to make a few extra bucks here is a solid summer business idea!

