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Commander's Corner

Cdr Kathleen Nowroozani, SN



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Fall is finally here and the cooler weather is sure taking it's time easing into our area. We had the boat out a few weeks ago, and it was 75 degrees out at the end of October! Best part was that the lake was mostly empty in the morning, not so much when we were trying to get the boat back out and onto the trailer. The weather might have been nice but the novice boaters were out in force. The newest version of our proposed bylaws is in the hands of the national representative that handles our bylaws and we should have them approved or have proposed edits back soon.

This is my second to last article as your commander. The year will start off very busy with classes, events and time spent planning for the coming year under new leadership. Please support our incoming commander as well as you have supported me all these years. Keith will be back leading us in our efforts, and I am excited to be a part of all the things I know we can accomplish together.

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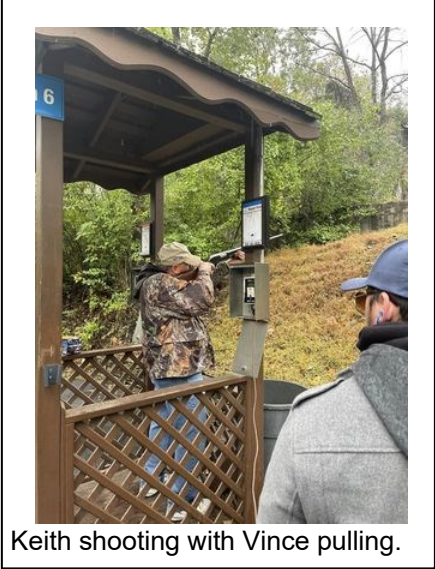
Oliver, Randy, Charles, Keith, Vince, James, Marc, Cyrus, Brian and Joe posing for a photo before heading out into the rain to shoot.



Keith, Vince, Brian, Randy, Charles and Joe setting up at the first station.



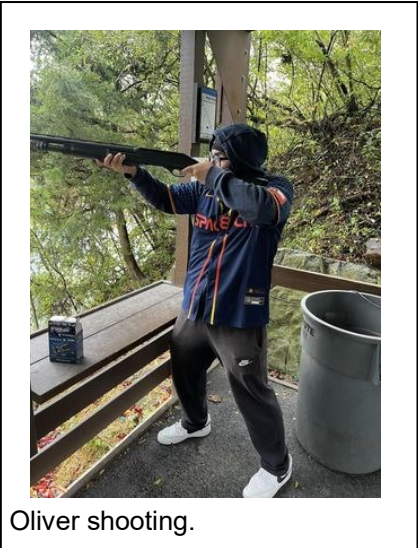
Randy shooting with Joe pulling.



Keith shooting with Vince pulling.



Vince and Oliver smiling for the camera.



Oliver shooting.



Oliver, Keith, Vince and Cyrus' group stopping to take a picture.



Oktoberfest



Ed, Keith, Chris, Joe and Ellen catching up.



Bob, Randy, Keith, Chris, Ellen and Jeanette enjoying some appetizers.



Cyrus, Bob and Jeanette eating dinner.



Randy, Cyrus and Bob eating dessert.



Brent, Fran, Diane and Ed enjoying dessert.



Keith and Jeanette enjoying dessert and conversation.



Joe, Cam, Ellen, Chris and Ed sharing stories after dessert.



Chris and Kathy because selfies are the only way you know the photographer was at the event.



Boos and Brews



Mary Lee, Mark, Ed, Kathy, Michele, Sergio, Keith, Cyrus and Vince smiling for the camera.



Mary Lee, Mark, Michele, Sergio, Vince and Cyrus enjoying the great weather.



Michele and Sergio with their friendly porch skeleton.



Cyrus, Keith, Ed and Sergio relaxing (and working) after a delicious meal.



Enjoying the new porch Sergio built on this gorgeous night.



Ed, Vince and Cyrus.



Sergio, Kathy and Mark.



Keith, Michele and Mary Lee.



Wine Tasting



Mark, Cyrus, Oliver, Sergio and Keith posing for a picture.



Kathy, Mary Lee and Michele are all smiles.



Serio, Michele and Keith taking a minute for a picture.



Sallie, Diane, Mary Lee, Dave and Chris talking after wine tasting.



Dave, Mark and Sallie chatting over the wine and cheese.



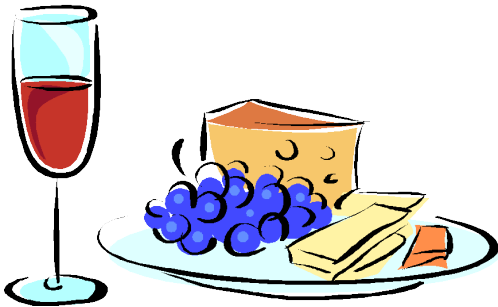
Oliver, Fran and Cyrus watching the UCLA game.



Chris, Sergio and Mark chatting with Keith (not pictured).



Kathy and Michele caught Chris resting and jumped in for a selfie.



As provided by our by-laws, the Nominating Committee presents for your consideration our (updated) slate of officers for the elected positions for 2023-2024 as follows:

Commander:

Keith Knoblach, AP

Executive Officer:

Robert Rendish, P

Educational Officer:

Sergio Lamboy, P

Administrative Officer:

Kathleen Nowroozani, SN

Secretary:

Jeanette Meisner, AP

Treasurer:

L. Chris Brown, SN

Respectfully Re-Submitted:

Delhigh Nominating Committee

Holiday Party

at



468 Pottstown Ave
Pennsburg

Sunday, December 10
4pm

We will have our own room in the back of the dining room and order off the menu. The menu is extensive, please take a look at it before arriving.

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
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Emmaus, PA 18049

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*Happy
Holidays*





January Meeting and
Wednesday, January 3
Nowroozani House
6:30pm

Chicken Parmesan and Pasta will be served.
Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share.

ABC-3 Boating Safety Course Dates are Open!



Classes will be held at
Peter's Marine
1402 Union Blvd, Allentown
on

Saturdays, January 13 & 20

Saturdays, April 6 & 13

9:00am—1:00 pm

20 seats available per class



"When will you admit the boating season is over?"



For more information, see **page 10** of this issue of the Delhighlights newsletter, or visit either of the links below:

[Education - Peters Marine Service, Inc.](#)

[Course Offerings \(usps.org\)](http://usps.org)



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



Vs.



Saturday, January 13, 2024
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

Join us for a
**Wine & Chocolate
Pairing**

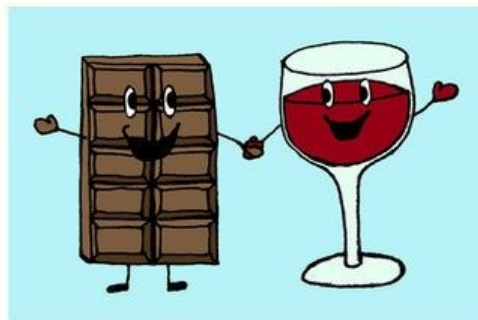


Saturday, February 3, 2024
Lebeduik Residence
3pm

Please bring wine and chocolates or
candy or cookies to pair with it.

Wine glasses, plates, napkins, etc. will be
provided.

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





FOUNDER'S DAY

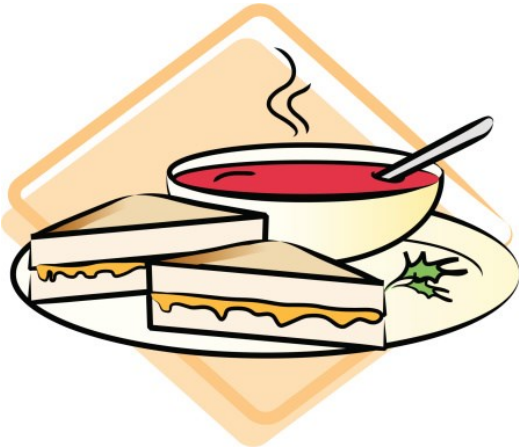
Meeting

and Voting in of New
Bridge Members

Wednesday, February 7
at
Morgan's Restaurant
3079 Willow St



Drinks: 5 pm
Meeting: 6 pm
Dinner: Immediately following meeting.



Founder's Day is the meeting where the incoming bridge is voted on, please make an effort to attend.

We meet in the back room and order off the menu. [Morgan's | Local Flavor – Allentown, Pa \(morgansrest.net\)](http://morgansrest.net)

RSVP to Robert
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2024 Summer Rendezvous

Thursday June 20– Sunday June 23
Rock Hall, MD

Reserve Your Room Soon

Mariners Motel
5681 South Hawthorn Avenue
Rock Hall, MD
410-639-2224

Room Rates:

Will be available at the end of the year. Watch the website or check the next Delhighlights for updates.

Cancellation policy is at least 48 hours prior to check in time.

More information as the date gets closer.





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

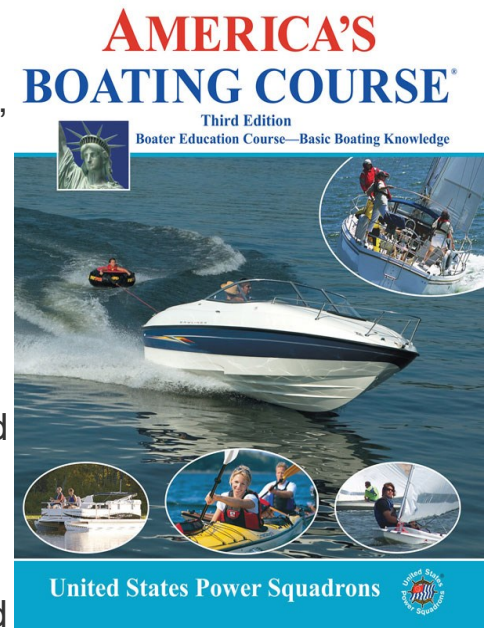


Taking a boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance and qualifies you to test for your state boating license.

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:

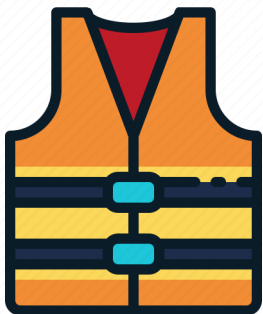
- Information about Pennsylvania State Boating Laws, regulations, boat registration, and licensing
- Required boating safety equipment
- Do's and Don'ts of boating safely
- Practical Knowledge of navigation and rules of the road
- How to handle medical emergencies onboard and mechanical problems on the 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 our certified expert instructors.

Cost of the Class is \$50 per person (includes book)

2024 Dates: January 13 & 20 April 6 & 13



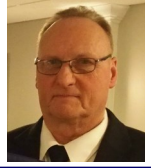
For more information or to register for the course contact Sergio at slambo3@gmail.com





VSC Corner

By: P/C Keith Knoblach, AP



With the cold weather upon us and everyone preparing their boats for winter storage, here are a few suggestions.

Remove the batteries and store them on a block of wood where it is warm and can't freeze. Older batteries can lose voltage over the winter.

Take life jackets, removable seats, electronics, and first aid kits and store them in a dry location. Open compartments to let air flow through to keep moisture from building up. I'm planning to put a Damp-Rid container in my boat to try to reduce any mold from developing.

When covering your boat, try to use a cover with vents to allow expansion and heat release to avoid moisture inside.

Be sure to drain water from the engine and fill it with winter coolant to keep the engine from freezing, thus saving you a costly repair. If the boat is stored on land, remove the drain plug from the hull and any live wells.

Drain water heaters and be sure to pump out any freshwater tanks or toilets. Drain or fill fuel tanks to avoid condensation.

These are only a few items to keep in mind, but with a larger boat, more must be done. By taking the time to care properly for your boat now, you will hopefully have fewer problems when opening your boat next season. Happy Holidays to all. Have fun in all you do.



December

Joseph Arieta, S
Patricia Arieta, S
Lt Michele Lamboy, P
P/C Keith Knoblach, AP
P/Lt/C Nilsa Lebeduik
Marilyn Ludwig

January

Mary Lee Sebring, P
Lt Donald Ludwig, Jr, S
P/C Robert Rendish, P



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

cheers
TO THE
new year





Executive Officer's Report

P/C Robert Rendish, P

Administrative Officer's Report

As the boating season is ending, I'm reminded of the basic courtesies that we both teach and learn in our safe boating classes, and practice on the water. It was a beautiful October Saturday, and the last day I had the boat out before winterization.

We went to Beltzville Lake, one of our close favorite bodies of water, where upon arrival at the preparation area, it started to get busy with boaters pulling in to prep their boats for a last day of good weather boating. As we were launching the Stingray, the rig next to us on the ramp started to have some problems. The captain didn't feel his boat was deep enough in the water to launch, and he couldn't start the engine. As the trailer backed further down the ramp, the captain was finally satisfied with the depth of water, released his winch strap, and was now loose, but starting to drift towards my boat. Fortunately, Mark and I were watching this captain who was obviously ill-prepared and took measures to prevent him from drifting into my boat. He then jumped into the water and "walked" his boat over to the courtesy dock. Later, we saw him out on the water fishing with his friend.

While waiting for my brother, Mark, to pick me up at the courtesy dock after I parked the rig, a brand-new twin-engine jet boat bow rider was attempting to dock at the courtesy dock. The two young men in the boat were not prepared; no fenders deployed, no lines attached to cleats to tie off or throw to their waiting passengers, and unskilled at bringing the vessel alongside the dock.

Once they were close enough, the one passed a line to a waiting passenger who grabbed the line, only to bring the line in, which was let go by the person in the boat. The boat continued moving forward towards another boat, and the jet boat had to back away abruptly to avoid any collisions. Other boaters, either trying to pick up or drop off passengers, were forced to use the smaller courtesy dock in more shallow water.

In conclusion, pay attention at whatever Safe boating class you take from either the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, or the more detailed, informative, United States Power Squadron, America's Boating Club Safe boating classes taught by more seasoned, well experienced, courteous boaters.

Unfortunately, this was not a good way to end the boating season with several examples of rude, inconsiderate, non-courteous boaters. I hope they will learn better boating in the off season.

Some dates of upcoming events:

New Jersey Boat Sale & Expo
NJ Convention & Expo Center, Edison, NJ
February 16-19, 2024

District Spring Conference and Change of Watch
March 20-24, 2024
Holiday Inn Ocean City, MD
Enjoy the off season. To the Breezes.

Fall has officially arrived as the leaves are turning all kinds of pretty colors! It was a great summer of sun and boating with lots of activities. As Fall turns to Winter we do have a few events to keep us gathering together.

The Holiday Party is on Sunday, December 10th at Pizza Como and PC Pub in Pennsburg. Details and the address are on [page 6](#). Don't forget to bring your Toys for Tots donations and wrapped gifts for our Pollyanna Gift Exchange.

The January meeting will be Wednesday, January 3rd at the Nowroozani Residence. We will have a potluck dinner and then the meeting.

We have our Phantoms Hockey game scheduled for Saturday, January 13th in the evening. This is always a good time and the restaurants in the area are open before the game if you want to get there early for a bite and a good parking spot.

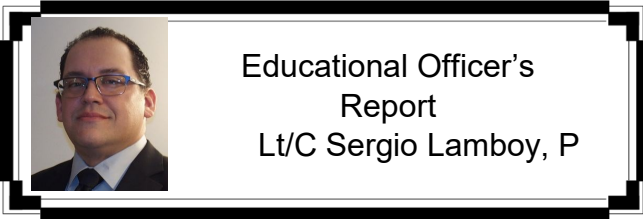
Wine and Chocolate Pairing is again at the Lebeduik residence. This is a nice relaxing time tasting wine and sweets with great conversation. I hope you will join us.

Founder's Day is back to the first Wednesday of February where we will vote out the current commander and vote in the new bridge. We will be back at Morgan's Local Flavor in the back room. Please make an effort to attend this very important event.

We will be having an executive committee meeting Saturday, January 20th at the Nowroozani residence. If you have any ideas for future events please bring them to the meeting, we are always looking for new events. Details will be emailed out closer to the date of the event.

Hope to see you at an event soon, the calendar of events is on [page 18](#).





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

The chilled dark mornings before I get to work, as well as the setting sun on my commute home are daily reminders that winter will soon be upon us. Hopefully, all our maritime chores with preparing our boats for their winter's sleep have been completed, so that we may take time away from the water and enjoy the many holiday celebrations creeping up so quickly. There never seems to be enough minutes in an hour, enough hours in a day, or enough days in a month to get all the obligations we have to the point of completion. Considering that we need to divide our time between our jobs, our families, our hobbies, and our friends this time of year can be trying for many of us. The good news is that spring will be here sooner than you think, and it all starts over again. That thought alone allows me to close my eyes and remember what the sun feels like on my face when sitting at the helm of my boat with my best girl by my side. The joy of sunny days are right around the corner. I promise.

Two thousand twenty-four allows for a new batch of students to be educated in the practices of responsible boating. Our friends at Peter's Marine shop in Allentown have again offered us the opportunity to teach the ABC3 course for two sessions prior to their busy season. The dates that we have established are Saturdays 13 & 20 of January and Saturdays 6 & 13 of April 2024. Class sizes are limited to 20 people for the space provided, so if you know someone who needs a class, please contact me so that I can place them on our register. The cost is \$50 for the course and materials. If a second person is attending with someone registered and they share the study manual, the cost is only \$30 for the second person. This, I think, is a deal.

If you haven't already, I would urge you to take a glance at the latest edition of America's Boating Compass. The article titled, "[Navigating in Fog](#)" in the November issue was very informative and gave me food for thought.

Also, in the October issue there was a great write up on the use of smartphones titled, "[Modern Marine Navigation](#)." You'll be surprised what that gadget in your pocket can do on the open waters.

Michele and I look forward to the coming holiday season. We wish all of you the best winter possible and a happy new year.

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USPS NATIONAL NEWS



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
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ABCclub Annual Meeting
February 6-11, 2024
Orlando, Florida

Have you read the Fall issue of The Ensign? There are many interesting articles and information in this National Newsletter. You can find it here:

[The Ensign magazine](#)

DISTRICT 5 NEWS



District Spring Conference and Change of Watch

March 20-24, 2024

[Holiday Inn Ocean City](#)

6600 Coastal Highway

More details in the next Delhighlights

(Check out the fire pit in the courtyard, perfect for smoking cigars)



Pick the right towing vehicle for your boat



When it comes to trailering, picking the right towing vehicle for your boat matters. A common misconception is that any vehicle with a tow ball or a trailer will work. Nothing could be further from the truth. Every type of vehicle has specific limits on what it can safely tow.

Front-wheel drive

Front-wheel drive dramatically improves a vehicle's handling and traction, improving safety when road and driving conditions deteriorate. Although designed to be light and efficient, a front-wheel drive may not be powerful enough to pull a trailer.



Front-wheel drive vehicles prove far less effective in controlling trailer sway than rear-wheel drives. The heavier the rear of a vehicle is relative to its front, the more stable the trailer will be. Front-wheel drives have more than 50 percent of their weight over the front axle, making them less stable.

Front-wheel drives don't perform well on a boat ramp because the trailer's weight on the vehicle's rear transfers weight off the front wheels, causing them to lose traction.

Unibody construction

Another innovation resulting in reduced towing ability is the unibody platform on which nearly every car is now made. A rigid sheet-metal shell, the unibody doesn't have a separate, underlying steel frame, which is still common on conventional full-size pickups and SUVs.

Vehicles with a strong frame bolted to a separate body have greater lateral stability, making them less subject to sway. The additional braking and steering loads imposed by towing have less effect, and the separate frame provides a strong mounting point for a trailer hitch.

Engine

Designed to maximize fuel economy, today's small-displacement, high-revving, multivalve engines pack a lot of horsepower but lack the low-end torque needed to get a load moving.

Cooling components

Towing creates a lot of heat that needs to be removed from the engine and engine compartment. Big, efficient radiators, transmission coolers, and engine oil coolers are essential when towing. Lacking these heavy-duty cooling components, most today's cars have reduced tow ratings.

Brakes

As cars became smaller and lighter, car brakes became smaller as well, making them insufficient to stop an extra ton or more of boat and trailer.

Bottom line

With a few exceptions, today's state-of-the-art cars are not up to the task of towing a boat and trailer combo weighing more than 1,000 pounds. If you want to tow a boat these days, you are probably going to be happiest with a full-size pickup, sport utility vehicle or crossover utility vehicle.

When it comes to buying a vehicle to tow your new boat, look closely at the tow ratings specified in the owner's manual. The manufacturer's ratings are derived from rigorous testing, and you expose yourself to potential danger and legal liability if you tow a boat that exceeds your vehicle's rating capacity.

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Boating Links

Looking for quick and easy ways to save on gas? Aren't we all? Here are a few ideas to start thinking about when you de-winterize your boat and implement next spring. [5 Small Things You Can Do to Improve Fuel Economy \(boatblurb.com\)](#)



Have you ever wondered where the most expensive whiskey comes from? Well, most people probably haven't had any from here! [170-Year-Old American Whiskey Salvaged from Great Lakes Shipwreck Could Be Worth Millions \(boatblurb.com\)](#)

If you have not seen the 2022 summary of recreational boating statistics put out by the USCG here it is. Let's be safe out there. [Coast Guard releases summary of 2022 recreational boating statistics > United States Coast Guard News > Press Releases \(uscg.mil\)](#)



As always, take some time to laugh and cringe at these boat fails. Yikes! Looks like boat operators really do need to pay more attention at the wheel. <https://youtu.be/ILOY8TljSBI>

What does a boat company do when there is a Safety Alert? If this was a food item at the grocery store it would be recalled, but what happens when it is a boat? Find out here. [Malibu Issues Safety Alert - Trade Only Today](#)



Have you been thinking about purchasing an inflatable lifejacket? If so this article is for you! Find out the different kinds of inflatables on the market and how they work. [Inflatable Life Jackets: Styles and How They Work | Boating Safety](#)



A BIT OF FUN



Did You Know?

There's a whole culture of people that boat with their feline companions. Hundreds of years ago, cats on ships became great mousers and were also revered as good luck charms. Today, as in olden days, these adventure cats also serve their human shipmates in companionship.

According to Naval History Magazine, superstitious sailors believed that a ship cat's stellar eyesight would guide them if they were to shipwreck at nighttime because of their ability to see lights in the distance. It was also common for Naval crews to adopt cats from their travels to serve as mascots during their time at sea.



To read more about these meowitime passengers, check out these links:

[A guide to boating with cats – Adventure Cats](#)

[Boating with Cats: Cruising and Living on a Boat with a Cat - Pontooners](#)

[Cats in the Sea Services | Naval History Magazine - February 2021 Volume 35, Number 1 \(usni.org\)](#)



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Wine and Chocolate Tasting
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 Lebeduik Residence
 3pm

Founder's Day
 Wednesday, February 7
 Morgan's Restaurant
 6pm

Game Night
 Saturday, February 17
 Meisner Residence
 TBA

Change of Watch
 Saturday, March 2
 TBA

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