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Summer is here and it is time to get out and do some boating and other activities. Our annual Beltsville clean-up and VSC was very wet due to rain at the lake, but we had a good time at Joey B's afterwards for lunch. Thank you to all those who participated and helped make the best of a rainy day.

We have set up a trip to Raystown Lake on June 8th to do VSCs and some recon for a possible rendezvous there next year. Two of our new members, Joy and Scott Barbara, have been gracious to help with finding motel and slip information from Seven Seasons Marina. We will keep everyone informed as to how the arrangements are going. I'm looking forward to our rendezvous at Haven Harbor this summer; boating and cooking out are always a great time. Thank you to all who have helped to make arrangements, and to those who are attending.

Let's all have a great fun-filled season of boating. Be safe and aware of all that is going on around you.

Congratulations to our member, Oliver Nowroozani, who is graduating high school and going off to college in California! I hope you have a great Fall marching with the USC Tribute to Troy marching band.





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Mark and Mary Lee enjoying some wine.





Nikki, Ed and Kathy posing for a selfie.



Charcuterie board was delicious.

Wine Tasting





Kathy and Cyrus smiling for the camera.



Nikki and Sherika with the band behind them.



Sherika, Brent, Jane, Ed, Mark, Mary Lee, Kathy, Cyrus and Nikki.



Brent and Jane with front row seats to the live music.



Not a large band but boy were they good! And friendly too.





Wine tasters were so good.





Delhigh Power Squadron



Tractor rides for the kids.



The ladies getting some grub by the fire pit.



Sergio with the traditional sock toss into the fire.



Mark with his weenie roasting invention—genius!



Brent, Jane, Chris, and Ed



Gathering around the fire pit for the annual tradition of sock burning.



Oliver reading the ceremonial poem.



Randy, Jeanette, Joe, Vince, Cyrus, and Brent enjoying the food and company.



Tractor rides for kids—and adults.



Cigars and drinks under the cover of the deck after the rain started.



Sun's out, guns out!



Mark's Bar. Selfie time!





Come join America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley for our

14th Annual



Ice Cream Social

Come to the Montuori Residence
Wednesday, June 5
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!

America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley

2024 Summer Rendezvous

Thursday June 20- Sunday June 23
Rock Hall. MD

Mariners Motel

5681 South Hawthorn Avenue 410.639.2224

Reserve Your Room Now

Room Rates:

Thursday \$ 72.50 Friday \$205.00 Saturday \$225.00

+ county and state taxes

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

Thursday Night ExCom Meeting

6pm- Harbor Shack Restaurant 20895 Bayside Ave.

Friday Night Past Commanders BBQ

6pm—Mariner's Motel Fire Pit Burgers, dogs and potato salad Please bring a dish to share

Saturday Lunch

Boat to lunch, order off the menu

Saturday Night Dinner

6pm—Waterman's Crab House 21055 West Sharp Street

Reservation Form on Page 5



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RESERVATION FORM

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Phone:	Email:
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20895 Bayside Ave.	Will attend
Friday Night Past Commanders BBQ 6pm—Mariner's Motel Fire Pit Burgers, dogs and potato salad provided Please bring a dish to share	\$10 per person \$
Saturday Lunch Boat to lunch, order off the menu	
Saturday Night Dinner Waterman's Crab House 21055 W Sharp St, Rock Hall 6pm—Drinks	Will attend
7pm—Dinner We will have 2 tables reserved and separate checks	will be accommodated
Total Amount Enclosed	d \$

Make Check Payable to Delhigh Power Squadron and Mail To:

Robert Rendish 527 Elm Street

Emmaus, PA 18049

RSVP By June 13

610.967.2210

RobertRendish1@yahoo.com



July Poolside Meeting



Wednesday, July 10 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 to share, and don't forget your bathing suit and towel.

RSVP to Kathy at <u>k.now@mac.com</u> or 956.240.5553

Trailerboat Rendezvous



Saturday, July 20 Blue Marsh Lake 10am

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

and BBQ

Nowroozani Pool 4pm

Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be served.
Please bring an appetizer, side dish or
dessert to share.

RSVP to Kathy at 956.240.5553 or k.now@mac.com for both or either of these events.





Join Delhigh for our August Monthly Meeting at







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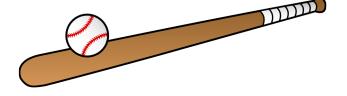
When: Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Where: PennTeleData Party Porch (3rd Base Side)

Buffet: 6:05pm - 8:05pm

Game: 7:05pm

Cost: \$38.00 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 956.240.5553 or k.now@mac.com if you would like to make a reservation to attend. Payment is required NO LATER THAN July 21, 2023.

Friends and Family are Welcome!

Let's Play Ball!!!





JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER



Enjoy a Narrated Cruise and Buffet Dinner Aboard the Benjamin Franklin Yacht

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Boarding: 6pm Departure: 6:30pm Rain or Shine

During this trip you will enjoy a delightful, full course dinner on the lower dining deck of the Ben Franklin. The informative and exciting narration will focus on aids to navigation, piloting, and chart work using a hand-held compass, GPS, and plotting our position on Delaware River Chart 12312. On the return trip you will see lighted aids, ranges and navigation lights on the big ships.

Bring your neighbors and friends!

Make reservation by sending a check in the amount of \$35.00 for each adult payable to:
ABC-DV to Lt/C Robert Tafel, PO Box 585, Hatboro, PA 19040 (215.441.4154).
List the name of each guest and e-mail address. (Sea Scouts & children under 12 at \$15.00).

<u>Directions:</u> The Ben Franklin departs from 101 S. Columbus Blvd. which is just south of the Ben Franklin Bridge. South on I-95: take the right hand lane at exit 22 for Callowhill St. At the bottom of the off ramp, turn left on Callowhill St. and then right on N. Columbus Blvd. Turn left onto Penns Landing and the yacht will be on the left. There is ample parking at the location.

Sponsored by Americas Boating Club -- Delaware Valley

Join Delhigh at the Bethlehem Steel Stacks for:



Wednesday, August 7

Meet at Hotel Bethlehem 6pm



A great time with food, fun, music, drinks, and friends!



Visit the site for more information: <u>Musikfest</u>—

Bethlehem, PA





Become a Better Boater, Take an Delhigh Power Squadron 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.

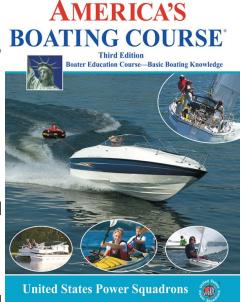
What You'll Learn:

- Information about Pennsylvania State Boating Laws, BOATING COURSE 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 with book

For more information or to register for the course contact Kathleen at k.now@mac.com









VSC Corner

By: Crd Keith Knoblach, AP



With the boating season getting into full swing, now is the time to get your Vessel Safety Check done. Our Beltzville Clean-up was not a very good success due to the rain. Only one VSC was done, and we saw maybe four boats at the lake. We have been invited by Joy and Scott Barbara, who recently joined our squadron, to help with VSCs at Raystown Lake on June 8th, which is a great opportunity for Delhigh.

Here are few things to check before heading out onto the water this season:

Check to be sure your navigation lights are working.

Check fuel lines for cracks and leaks.

Check your fire extinguisher for charge and that it isn't more than 12 years old and be sure it is US Coast Guard approved.

Check the condition of your PFD's looking for tears, worn straps and labels.

Let's all have a great season on the water and stay prepared for any mishaps. Always be safe and render help to those in need.





JUNE

P/C Joe Stemrich, Sr., P

JULY

Kay Black, SN Janet Barbara 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

We had our annual Lake Beltzville Clean Up and Vessel Safety Check event on Saturday May 18.

This is an event where we gather at the lake, launch our boats, and patrol the shorelines for trash and debris to help keep the lake clean, while we give something back to the community in which we live and boat.

We also use this event to introduce boaters to America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley, Delhigh Power Squadron, to make boaters aware of our safe boating organization, and the various social events that we hold on a regular basis.

Also, and more importantly, we provide Vessel Safety Checks to any boater who is interested in learning to be a safer boater and helping to make their vessel a safer boat on the water.

Unfortunately, the weather this year was not very cooperative. We set up our canopy with free information about our Squadron, membership, and Vessel Safety Check information. Because of the rain we did not launch our boats. Instead, we stayed under our canopy, hoping to introduce ourselves to any boater coming out that day, and offer our VSCs.

Unfortunately, it was not an active day. Only one Vessel Safety check was performed, but what I was impressed with was our members who came to the event in the rainy weather, promoting the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, Delhigh Power Squadron.

We, like many other volunteer organizations, have a diminishing membership, where bringing in new members is an incredible challenge. We do our best to represent ourselves at as many boat shows in our local area as possible, and also provide the Safe Boating Class at least twice a year, and possibly more in hopes of gaining new members.

I am honored to be a part of a volunteer organization who has members willing to give up their precious time and energy to provide these types of events, who teach the Safe Boating Classes, who become Bridge officers and organizers, and continue to keep this important Safe Boating organization alive.

A sincere and grateful thank you to all of you. To the breezes.

Administrative Officer's Report

Our latest wine tasting at Black River Farms and Vineyard was a fun time. The live band was very good and there is also a distillery for those that prefer scotch and bourbon.

The weather for Sock Burning was fantastic. Lots of skeet shooting, tractor rides and hot dog eating was enjoyed. Oliver read the Ode to Sock Burning and all the socks went up in flames.

Summer is almost here and with it many of our favorite Delhigh events. Our Ice Cream Social is Wednesday, June 5th at the Montuori Residence. As usual, hotdogs and macaroni and cheese will be served as well as many flavors of delicious ice cream.

Our July meeting is at the Nowroozani Pool. We will BBQ hot dogs and hamburgers for after the meeting.

Saturday, June 20th is an opportunity to get your boat out or ride on a boat at our Trailer-boat Rendezvous. We will BBQ at the Now-roozani's again after enjoying a morning and afternoon on the lake.

Don't forget to RSVP soon for our August Meeting at Coca Cola Park for a game between the Iron Pigs and the Rochester Red Wings. We will have our own patio and buffet with seats to watch the game.









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

Our April America's Boating Course was well attended and we had 10 students pass the course. Congratulations to Scott Snyder, Steph Snyder, Joseph Feher, Tyler Herrera, Alicia Cichowski, Allyson Christopher, Alan Magocs, Logan Christopher, Raquel Clark and Walter Felton! We hope to see you at an event soon. A big Thank You to Peter's Marine for hosting our class. Also a big Thank You to all of the instructors and members that showed up to support us.

A Fall ABC-3 class is in the works to be taught at Highway Marine, at their request, and information for that will be available soon.

As our boats are being prepared to get in the water, keep in mind the courses that we can teach and let me know if there is anything that you would like us to offer in the Fall or Winter.

In the meantime, if you come across some free time on a rainy day take a look here: Online courses | America's Boating Club® (enrolmart.com), where you will find webinars that can be completed in a few hours, as well as longer courses to keep you busy.

May the seas lie smooth before you. May a gentle breeze forever fill your sails. May sunshine warm your face, and kindness warm your soul.



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USPS NATIONAL NEWS



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

The Ensign magazine

Fall Governing Board

September 24 - 29, 2024 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

DISTRICT 5 NEWS

Summer Rendezvous & Council

America's Boating Club — Mid Atlantic

Spring Cove Marina 455 Lore Rd Solomons, MD

July 25—July 28







What to Do if Your Boat's Engine Dies

Losing power while boating can be a daunting experience if you're not prepared. Here are four tips to improve your safety.

This VHF radio exchange between a boat skipper and the marine-towing-service dispatcher still sticks in my mind.

"Hurry!" the boater pleaded. "My motor died, and we're drifting toward the rocks!"

"Do you have an anchor?" the dispatcher calmly asked.

"Yes," the breathless boater -replied.

"Please put your anchor down to keep from drifting any farther, and one of our boats will be there as soon as possible," the dispatcher responded.

"Oh, OK!" the boater said with a hint of relief in his voice. "I didn't even think of that. Thanks."

CREW SAFETY

In -emergency boating situations, obvious -solutions can sometimes become obfuscated amid panic and chaos. That's why it's important to think through potential emergencies such as loss of power well ahead of time and plan a course of action in the event this occurs. You might even run practice drills. Preparedness and forethought promote a rational, calm and quick response to emergencies.

In the lack of preparedness, the first instinct is often an attempt to fix the issue or immediately call for help. But prudent seamanship dictates that first and foremost, you should focus on making sure your crew remains safe. And that usually depends on keeping the boat out of harm's way.

How you secure the boat might well depend on the situation, sea conditions, and other factors such as anchoring options and the availability of alternate onboard propulsion systems. Here are five ways keep your crew safe while you explore a fix or call for a tow when the main propulsion system fails.

ANCHOR DOWN

Given the appropriate depth, drop the anchor as soon as you lose power, even if there's plenty of distance between your position and potential hazards. Current and wind can push the boat along at a surprising clip, closing the distance with alarming speed, especially if you have your head down trying to resuscitate the motor and not paying attention to approaching threats.

This, of course, hinges on -having ground tackle that's in good condition, sized properly, and ready to deploy at a moment's notice. Regularly inspect your anchor and rode. Also avoid -stowing ground tackle deep inside a -locker where it's difficult to extract quickly in an emergency situation.

Pole-style shallow-water anchors represent yet another way to keep a boat in position. Found on many bay boats, flats skiffs and bass boats, these devices rely on articulating arms and fiberglass spikes stabbed into the lake or sea bed. As the name implies, a shallow-water anchor works only in depths to about 7 to 10 feet, and it loses effectiveness when big waves prevail.

SEA ANCHOR

If you lose power out at sea, the water might prove too deep for ground tackle, negating the possibility of anchoring up. At the same time, drifting in heavy seas can threaten safety. For example, if the boat tends to drift with the stern to the waves, seas might broach the transom and swamp the boat.

In this situation, it is a good idea to deploy a sea anchor from a bow cleat. Working like an underwater parachute, a sea anchor deployed in this manner tends to keep the bow riding into the waves, resulting in a drift that's less likely to swamp the boat. If the boat tends to drift beam to the seas, a sea anchor deployed from the bow can eliminate the uncomfortable, violent and -potentially dangerous roll.

Make sure your sea anchor and its line are sufficiently sized for your boat. Also ensure that there's plenty of line to keep the sea -anchor submerged as the bow pitches in heavy seas.

Read Next: How To Install an Auxiliary Outboard Engine

AUXILIARY POWER

Another option to keep in mind is auxiliary power in the event that main power conks out. This often comes in the form of a smaller "kicker" motor, such as a 9.9 to 25 hp outboard on a transom bracket. A kicker can push you away from danger and back home, albeit at a slow pace.

Yet, lowering the kicker, priming the engine, and getting it started can still take time. Also there's no guarantee that a seldom-used auxiliary outboard will immediately start, especially if the issue affecting the big motor(s) is lack of fuel. So it's still a good idea to first deploy an anchor before you begin fussing about with a kicker.

Kickers aren't the only form of backup power. Many boats today have bow-mounted trolling motors powered by a separate battery bank from the main engine(s). Depending on current, wind and sea conditions, these can hold a boat in position in spot-lock mode or, just as importantly, -propel you away from danger.

By Jim Hendricks Boating Magazine March 28, 2024



Boating Links



Fire extinguishers that are smaller, longer lasting and more effective? Is this going to be a new standard or are there drawbacks? Take a look here. New Marine Fire Suppression Tools - Practical Sailor (practical-sailor.com)

Read about what this man learned from the day he rescued boaters sitting atop their capsized boat and more importantly, what he will do differently next time. <u>I Learned About Boating From This: Capsize, Rescue and Lessons Learned | Boating Mag</u>





The Baltimore Francis Key Bridge Collapse and Contaminated Fuel. Take a look at this video from Practical Sailor to find out what we can learn. <u>MiniPix US V53</u> 16x9 VO1 (youtube.com)

Hydrofoils pros and cons. Will the next boat you buy have hydrofoils? Hydrofoils are Back! Let's Weigh the Pros and Cons (boatblurb.com)





We teach that it is ok to break the boating rules to avoid a collision in our safe boating class. When else is it ok to break the rules? <u>Is It Ever Okay to Break Boating Rules?</u> I Boating Mag

Do you always use the same brand of bottom paint? Practical Sailor tested six different paints, find out which was the winner and why in this video. BZ US 1 (youtube.com)





And of course Boat Fails on YouTube, because who doesn't need to watch all of the things that can go wrong and be glad that it isn't happening to you! <u>Epic Boat Fails 2020: Funniest Water Videos</u> FailArmy (youtube.com)





A BIT OF FUN



PENN'S CAVE Park

Did You Know?

You can take a guided boat tour on a flat -bottom motor boat

through cavern passageways in historic Penn's Cave, which is the only cave in PA on the National Register of Historic Places. There are tons of stalactite and stalagmite formations, including "The Statue of Liberty" and "The Garden of the Gods." This cave is a natural wonder of our region located in Centre Hall, PA. It is an allwater cave at a constant temperature of 52 degrees year round, and is considered an active and living cave, so water drips are part of the experience.

Find out more here: Explore Penn's Cave with a Guided Cave Tour | Penn's Cave & Wildlife Park (pennscave.com)

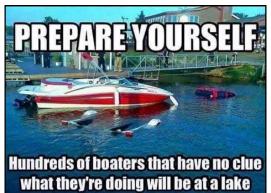












near you this weekend









Delhigh 2024—2025 Calendar



Ice Cream Social Wednesday, June 5 Montuori Residence 6pm

Summer Rendezvous

June 20-23 Rock Hall, MD

July Meeting

Wednesday, July 10 Nowroozani Pool 6pm

Trailerboat Rendezvous and BBQ

Saturday, July 20 Blue Marsh Lake 10am Nowroozani Pool 4pm

Musikfest Mania

Wednesday, August 7 Hotel Bethlehem 6pm

August Iron Pigs Meeting

Wednesday, August 21 Coca Cola Park 7:05pm Bonfire

Saturday, August 24 Dlugos Fire Pit

September Meeting/Chili Cook-off

Wednesday, September 4 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm

Cookout

Saturday, September 21 Lebeduik Residence

Instructor Recertification

Sporting Clays/Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 12 Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays Meisner Residence

Boos and Brews

Saturday, October 26 Lamboy Residence

November Meeting

Wednesday, November 6 TBA

Wine and Cheese Pairing

Saturday, November 16 Montuori Residence **Holiday Party**

Sunday, December 15 TBA

4pm

January Meeting and Potluck

Wednesday, January 8 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm

Phantoms Game

TBA

Bowling

TBA

Founders Day

Wednesday, February 5 TBA

6pm

Game Night

Wednesday, February 15
Meisner Residence

COW

Saturday, March 1 TBA



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.





