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Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP

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www.BoatingLehighValley.com

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Hello everyone. I hope you are enjoying the last days of summer and are still getting out enjoying yourselves.

Our bonfire and cookout were a great time with clay bird shooting, great food, and fire-cooked hotdogs. Thank you to Mark and Mary Lee for hosting the event. The August Iron Pigs game was a good time also, but unfortunately, they came up short on runs and lost the game.

We have more events coming up before the weather gets too cold and the boating season comes to a close. I am looking forward to see you at our events. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to making these times special and successful.

Let's all have a great time no matter what we do. Be safe, keep smiling, and be helpful in times of need. I am proud of Delhigh and the many things we do. Have a good time being yourself.



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Iron Pigs Game



Delhigh Power Squadron



Randy throwing out the first pitch for Delhigh.



Jeanette taking photos of Randy's first pitch.



Jim, James, Vince, Cyrus and Joe smiling for a picture.



Michele, Ellen and Kathy chatting while watching the game.



Randy, Jeanette and Ellen are all smiles.



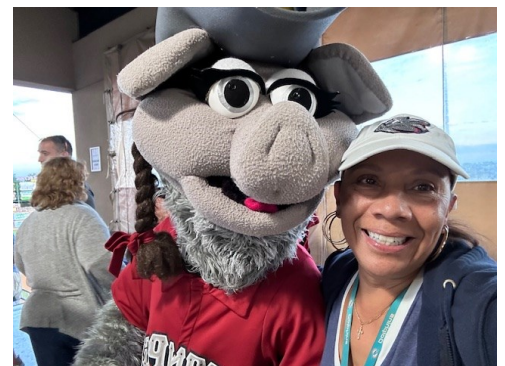
Jess, Maureen and Eve catching up during the game.



Jess, Nikki and Kathy taking a selfie.



Cyrus, Pam, Sue, Sherry, Kathy and Annalisa reminiscing.



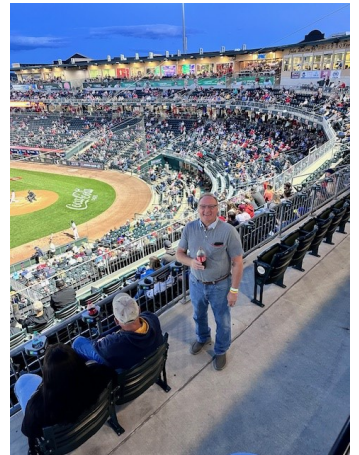
Nikki catching Fefe for a selfie.



Iron Pigs Game



This group had a great night at the game!



Keith watching the game.



Brian, Joey, Fefe, Joe, Aria, Cam and Dana.



Great night for a game.



Cyrus and Kathy.



Cyrus, Sergio, Kathy and Chris watching the game.



Cam and Jim watching the game.



Sergio and Michele.



Bonfire



Delhigh Power Squadron



Mark, Vince and Cyrus started the day with some skeet shooting.



Cyrus, Vince and Mark smiling for the camera after shooting.



Keith arriving and ready to join the fun.



Brent helping Nikki shoot.



Brent, Cyrus, Mark and Keith after a good day of shooting.



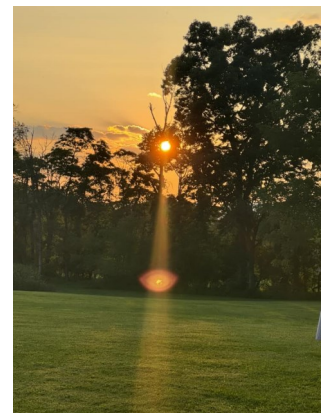
Mark and Mary Lee getting the hot dogs ready to roast over the fire.



Cookie, Mark, Chris, Mary Lee, Kathy, Jane and Brent.



Nikki, Vince, Cyrus, Mark, Mary Lee, Keith, Cookie, Kathy, Jane, Chris and Brent enjoying the gorgeous weather.



Beautiful sunset after a fun day.



Cookout



Keith, Kathy, Ed, Chris, Brent, Jane and Cyrus enjoying a lovely afternoon.



Cyrus grilling the pork chops and chicken



Jane and Brent relaxing after dinner.



Kathy smiling for the camera and listening to Ed tell a story.



Chris and Cyrus waiting for dessert.



Kathy and Nikki taking a break from clean up duty.



Cyrus and Nikki taking pictures on my phone while I was inside.



Nikki and Chris are all smiles.



Evelyn, 'Rufus' and Kathy catching up.





America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley
Invites you to our annual

Sporting Clays Outing

2750 Limestone Street
Coplay, PA 18037

Saturday, October 12
9:30am

Come one come all to the 9th annual
Sporting Clays event! New shooters
and old hats are all welcome!
Approximate cost per person is \$45.00

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 12
At the Meisner Residence
5 pm

Bratwurst, Sauerkraut and German
potato salad 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



Join us for a hauntingly good
time at Delhigh's



Saturday, October 26
Lamboy Residence
5pm

Finger sandwiches will be served.
Please bring a dessert or appetizer to
share and a beer of your choice for
tasting.

RVSP to Michele Lamboy by October 19
mhays41@yahoo.com
(201) 519-3897



November Meeting



3079 Willow Street, Allentown
Wednesday, November 6
6pm

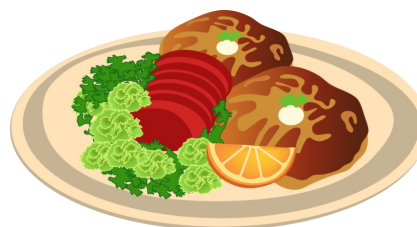
We will meet in the side room and
order off the menu.

Arrival 5:15pm

Meeting 6:30pm

Dinner 7:15pm

RSVP to P/C Robert Rendish, P
527 Elm Street
Emmaus, PA 18049
RobertRendish1@yahoo.com
(484) 619-4013





Wine and Cheese Pairing



**Saturday, November 16
3pm
Montuori Residence**

Please bring a wine and cheese to share.

Crackers, glasses, plates and napkins will be provided.



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

America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley

Invites you to join us for some
hockey



Vs.



**Saturday, January 18, 2025
PPL Center, Allentown
7:05pm**

Tickets are in section 112
Doors open at 6:00pm

\$27.00/person

(Checks made payable to Delhigh Power Squadron)
Or Zelle Delhigh at k.now@me.com)

Please RSVP to Kathy at
k.now@mac.com or (956) 240-5553
By December 18th





Holiday Party

at



468 Pottstown Ave
Pennsburg

Saturday, December 14
4pm

We will have our own room in the back of the dining room and order off the menu.

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



This year you can also click the picture above and make a donation without 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 \$25 if you would like to play.



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



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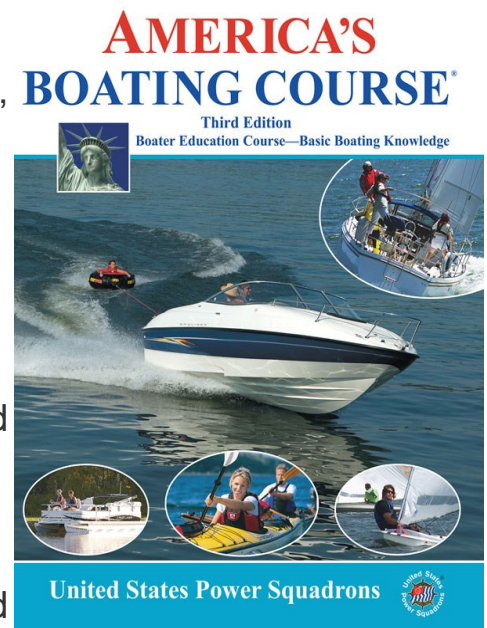


Taking a boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance and qualifies you to test for your state boating license.

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.

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- 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

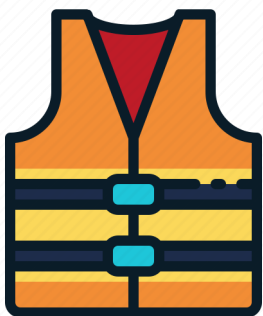
Peter's Marine

Saturday's January 11 and 18

9am-1pm both weeks

For more information or to register for the course contact

Kathleen at k.now@mac.com





VSC Corner

By: Crd Keith Knoblach, AP



Summer is coming to a close, but there is still time to get some more boating in. Days are cooler, but the sun is still shining bright and hot. Be smart not to let your guard down, keep using sunscreen and drink lots of fluids to stay hydrated.

Remember to check the weather before going out to ensure a good time and stress free day. Be sure you have enough fuel for the day and do your safety check before leaving the dock.

Plan your trip and be sure you have everything you need. Check the charts for obstacles and unsafe water, and plan the route to where you are going.

Let's have an enjoyable and safe time in everything we do and be aware of all that is going on around you. Hope the final days of good weather find you enjoying yourself.



Wear a Life Jacket
Inflatable Toys Won't Save You!



OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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



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





Executive Officer's Report

P/C Robert Rendish, P

Administrative Officer's Report

Hello Members and friends,
Coming up on September 22-29, 2024 The Fall Governing Board will be held at the Sheraton at Station Square, Pittsburgh, PA Find further details in this issue.

The DPS November meeting will be held at Morgan's Local Flavor Restaurant, Wednesday November 6, 2024.

Additional details in this issue.

Make the best of the remaining boating season. The days are getting shorter, and we may still have some good boating weather into the fall.

To the Breezes

It was a great, fun-filled summer for Delhigh. We have had several BBQ's and boat trips, ice cream and a baseball game. Fall has finally arrived and while the weather is still warm, there is definitely a chill in the air.

Many of our usual Fall and Winter activities are on the calendar. Sporting Clays and Oktoberfest are, once again, the same day. Please RSVP to Cyrus for Sporting Clays and Jeanette for Oktoberfest, details are on page 6.

Our Halloween Boos and Brews is at the Lamboy residence and is always a good time with food, friends and a nice warm outdoor fire.

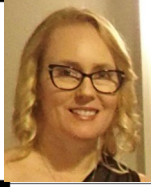
Our November meeting is at Morgan's Local Flavor and we will be ordering off the menu. Wine and Cheese Pairing at the Montuori house is always a fun afternoon with friends if you are available to attend.

We have scheduled our Christmas Party at Pizza Como and PC Pub (the same location as last year) on a Saturday again with an earlier start time. We hope to see everyone there with their Toys for Tots and Pollyanna gifts. The Pollyanna gift exchange is always a great time. Don't get too attached to your first gift, you may not go home with it, as Brent once said, "That's the way the cookie crumbles!"

We have scheduled the Phantoms game for Saturday, January 18 and RSVPs are due one month prior so email Kathy at k.now@mac.com to reserve your tickets today!

As always, we hope to see you at an event soon!





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

Fall has officially arrived and as we start to feel the early morning chill in the air, we are getting dates set to get back in the classroom. Our annual America's Boating Course 3 class will take place at Peter's Marine January 11th and 18th. This location has limited seating so if you know anyone that is interested have them contact me as soon as possible. We are also looking at possibly having a class at Highway Marine as they mentioned that they would like to offer the class to their customers.

I also have a gentleman interested in Marine Electronics, so if anyone might also be interested please let me know. It would be great to teach this course again if we can get enough students.

In the meantime, there are so many courses that you can take online to brush up on your boating knowledge. For example, there is a seminar on slow speed maneuvering at this link: [Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering – Seminar | America's Boating Club® \(enrolmart.com\)](#). You can also take a seminar about preparing for and handling common emergencies here: [Emergencies Onboard: Preparation for Handling Common Problems – Seminar | America's Boating Club® \(enrolmart.com\)](#). There are many courses and seminars online, check them out when you're lounging at home on a rainy day here: [America's Boating Club - All Powerboat Classes \(americasboatingclub.org\)](#).

*"I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship."
Louisa May Alcott*

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iMIS Migration Information

The migration to the iMIS system is continuing. You can now perform the following operations on the Member Portal:

- Pay your dues
- Update your member information, including street addresses and email addresses
- Change your password (PIN). (Your PIN will remain the same as it has been. for now, on the member website.)
- Generate dues notices

New cyber members can [register and join](#)

The following services remain unavailable on the USPS Member site:

- Updating class and seminar completions
- Adding new squadron members (coming soon)
- Transferring members between squadrons
- Assignment and updates to squadron and district officers and committee chairs
- Processing of OD-1/OD-2 entries and Change-of-Watch
- Assignment and updates to USPS National Committees (HQ 229)

For detailed information and instructions on how to perform the functions that have been enabled, visit the [iMIS Migration Update](#) page.

DISTRICT 5 NEWS



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MARITIME INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
AND GRADUATE STUDIES

2024 America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic
District 5 Fall Conference
7-10 November 2024
Maritime Institute, Linthicum Heights, MD

[Registration form can be found here.](#)

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](#)





Wake Up- The Science Behind Creating a Wake and Why Size Matters



Do people throw tomatoes at you when you boat past their cottage? Perhaps your breath is bad, but more likely, it's your "wake." Here is what you need to know about your boat's wake, for you to stay popular.

Speed limits for boats are much more critical than those for highway vehicles. Most people driving cars will push the speed limit a little because they want to save time and they believe they can get away with it. And on land there is no dangerous trail of water moving out both sides of your car. But in boats, there is such a trail and it is 800 times more dense than air. It is called a "wake." The speed limits on water are not just about safe speeds, they are also about the damaging wake trail. Watching videos we have made of wakes hitting sensitive shorelines and you can see dirt being pulled away. It is therefore important for a good boater to fully understand their cause and effect.

The first step is to understand the difference between a displacement hull and a planing hull. A displacement hull moves through the water, while a planing hull moves on the top of the water. Generally, trawlers and sailboats are examples of displacement hulls, while runabouts and catamarans are examples of planing hulls. A displacement hull, such as a 25' sailboat will not go onto plane, but a planing hull, such as a 25' runabout will. Here is where it gets interesting: you can install a 400 horsepower outboard on that sailboat and you will only manage to achieve a limited top speed, called "hull speed." If you found that interesting, how about this? The approximate maximum hull speed in knots of any displacement hull can be calculated by using the formula, 1.34 times the square root of the water line length of the boat, in feet. Therefore, for the 25' displacement sailboat we have 1.34×5 , which is 6.7 knots, or a maximum speed of 7.71 miles per hour. This also answers the question why most 25' sailboats use a 9.9 hp outboard. Any higher hp would be a waste of money. Conversely, planing hulls do not have a specific 'hull speed' because while planning across the top of the water they encounter significantly less drag.

But every planing hull begins its journey as a displacement hull. It converts to a planing hull when horsepower is applied and the strakes and hull design lift it over its bow wave to skim across the water. We know this transition as "coming onto plane."

To leave the dock, you move the throttle lever forward into a notch, just ahead of neutral (in full inboards, there is no notch). At this throttle setting your boat will move forward and make a very small wake. Once you advance the throttle slightly, you begin the process of going onto plane and in that process the bow rises and the stern drops. As the stern digs deeper, it displaces water in the form of stern waves, or wake. It is the largest and most damaging wake that your boat can produce. And remember- adding throttle and lifting the bow, you also shorten your waterline length. Now applying the displacement hull speed formula, you can see that your speed may actually be slower with the throttle advanced than at idle. All you do is consume more fuel and produce an offensive wake.

To research some wake size numbers, we tested a popular 18' runabout and a 21' bowrider on flat water conditions. With a measuring stick planted with the water surface set at "zero", we drove these boats past the stick from an idle speed to full throttle in fractional increments. As the transformation from idle RPMs to higher RPMs began, the boats made a wake up to 600% larger than when running at idle. And the wake size at just at 15 kilometers per hour was even larger than the wake the boat produced at full speed.

Unfortunately, the laughable regulations in Canada don't help the wake problem. Boats in Canada are delivered with a speedometer that reads in 'miles per hour.' Mariners measure speed in 'knots.' Our speed limit signs, of course, read in 'kilometers per hour.' And few boat speedometers register any speed at all, until the boat is moving over 10 km/h.

Here's a simple test for the next time you are boating through a speed zone. Pull your throttle completely back to neutral for one second. If your bow drops, you are a wake maker. If your bow does not drop you are traveling at a considerate speed with minimal wake. Why let's clean up those tomatoes, be aware of wake science and be glad to know that you don't have bad breath.

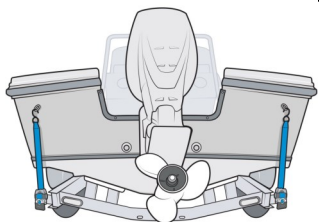
By: Bill Jennings June 18, 2020 [Boat Blurb](#)





Top 5 boat hacks, tricks and tips! Watch this YouTube Video for tips about battery charging, deck rot fixes, toilet smell and more.

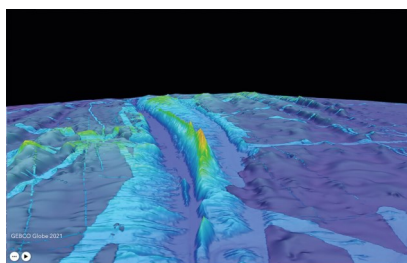
[Top 5 Boat Hacks - Boat Maintenance Tips and Tricks](#)



Retractable transom straps? Yes Please! Buy them on Amazon and learn how to install them here with step by step instructions.

[.Installing Retractable Transom Straps | Boating Mag](#)

Was a Superyacht sunk by a waterspout? Is that even possible? [Bayesian' Superyacht Reportedly Sunk by Waterspout \(boatblurb.com\)](#)



Mapping of the World's ocean seabeds is a project set to give us a 3D map of the seabed. Find out who is working on it and how it is going here. [Mapping The World's Oceans | Yachting \(yachtingmagazine.com\)](#)

Are your plastic windows getting difficult to see out of? What is the best way to clean them? Find out here as 27 products are put to the test. [Whats the Best Way to Restore Clear Plastic Windows? - Practical Sailor](#)



Boat fails for 10 minutes! Not sure all of these count as true boat fails, but they are still funny! [The Best Boat Compilation of 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#)



A BIT OF FUN



Did You Know?

Most people think of summer as the best time to take the boat out on the water and soak up the rays, but you'd be surprised at some of the benefits to continuing your boating season through the fall. Here are a few reasons to keep the boating season going, even into the fall months:

#1-It's Quieter—the summer rush to the boat ramps and marinas has slowed down, giving you the luxury to launch at your leisure & enjoy a quieter time out on the lake

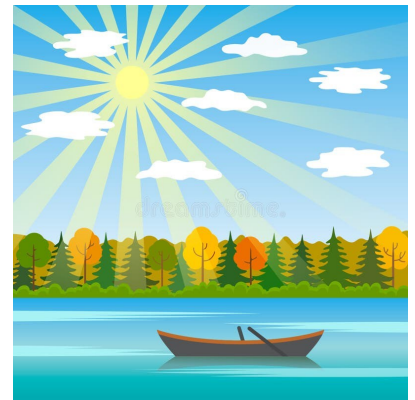
#2-Fall Foliage—the reflection of the gorgeous colors of fall on the water's surface is a sight like no other.

#3-Birds, Birds, Birds—migratory birds can be noticed all around during the fall season. What better way to spend a day birdwatching with the fam while cruising your local waterways?

#4-Cool, Crisp Air—after all that summer sun exposure, take advantage of the cooler air, just be sure to dress in layers to stay warmer as the temperature cools.

#5-Clear, Starry Skies—be sure to look up to the skies during dusky hours on the lake to see some of the most incredible constellations and stars. Maybe you can even chart a course by them, like sailors before you!

For more reading on this, visit: [Fall Boating: 6 Reasons to Keep Boating into Autumn | Discover Boating](#) and [Fall Foliage Cruising: 10 Best Locations | Discover Boating](#) (Lake Nockamixon, Pennsylvania makes the cut!)





Sporting Clays/Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 12
Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays
Meisner Residence
9:30am and 5pm

Boos and Brews

Saturday, October 26
Lamboy Residence
5pm

November Meeting

Wednesday, November 6
Morgan's Local Flavor
6pm

Wine and Cheese Pairing

Saturday, November 16
Montuori Residence
3pm

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 14
Pizza Como and PC Pub
Pennsburg, PA
4pm

January Meeting and Potluck

Wednesday, January 8
Nowroozani Residence
6:30pm

America's Boating Course

Saturday's January 11 and 18
Peter's Marine
9am-1pm

Phantoms Game

Saturday, January 18
PPL Center
7:05pm

Bowling

TBA

Founders Day

Wednesday, February 5
TBA
6pm

Game Night

Wednesday, February 15
Meisner Residence
TBA

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.

