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Commander's Corner

Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP

Hello everyone. It has been a busy summer, with the Ice Cream Social, Summer Rendezvous, July Meeting, and ABC Course taught at Northampton Fire Company. Thank you all who have attended, hosted, and assisted with our events.

It is always a fun, enjoyable, and educational time spent together with our members and friends. The conversations and discussions of business and events that we share are always entertaining and inspiring to all of us. I learn more each time we get together.

There are many more events on our calendar this summer and I hope to see you there. Let's keep this summer safe and an enjoyable time. Keep the fun, laughter, and smiles going always as the Delhigh family has in the past.

Have a fantastic summer.

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Ice Cream Social



Chris grilling the hotdogs.



Everyone is ready to enjoy some food.



Fran, Joe, Cam, Randy, Jeanette and Diane enjoying dinner.



Cyrus, Vince and Luna enjoying the night.



Chris, Keith and Dave enjoying dessert.



Such a lovely way to enjoy an evening of friends and ice cream.



The star of the evening, so many delicious flavors of ice cream.



Joe with his birthday cake.



Summer Rendezvous



Delhigh Power Squadron



Michelle with the squall coming in fast behind her.



Post-storm double rainbow.



Annual egg toss.



Vince and Cyrus then Jeanette and Vince won the egg tosses.



Musik by the firepit every night!



Made a few friends at the fire pit!



Randy at the helm driving to lunch.



Vince, Luna, Michelle and Fernando chatting during the ride.



Dawn and Chris enjoying the view.

Life is better at the
 **BAY**



Summer Rendezvous



Kathy and Cyrus preparing their boat for the afternoon ride.



Keith, Nikki, and Sherika out on Keith's boat.



Keith at the helm.



Kathy, Dawn, Chris and Cyrus out on the water.



Nikki's cousin Kerry joined us for dinner again this year!



Randy, Jeanette, Bob, Lisa and Eric at dinner.



Chris, Dawn, Kathy and Cyrus.



Fernando and Michelle enjoying some down time with Gilda.



Kathy, Michelle and Nikki enjoying the evening.



The Christening of LIBERTY



Delhigh Power Squadron



New name is in place and ready to go.



Randy and Jeanette waving as friends arrive for the Christening.



Nikki, Chris, Dawn, Sherika, Vince and Cyrus waiting as Bob pours champagne.



Bob pouring champagne as Eric, Michelle, Fernando and Keith chat.



Champagne and olive branches for luck on this summer solstice christening.



Jeanette and Randy performing the ceremony.



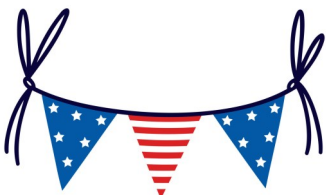
Randy pouring the champagne.



Cheers to many happy and healthy boating years!



Fernando, Michelle, Bob, Keith, Dawn, Chris, Kathy, Lisa and Eric on the bow.



Join Delhigh for our August Monthly Meeting at



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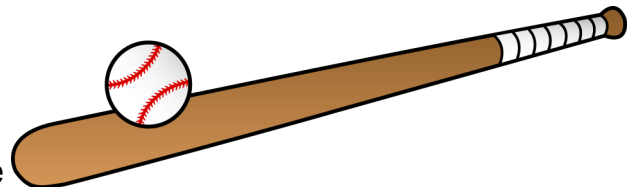
When: Wednesday, August 20, 2025

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 Kathy 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 20th**. (We can still call to see if more tickets are available if you would like to attend)

Friends and Family are Welcome!

Let's Play Ball!!!

www.americasboatingclub.org





Wednesday, August 6
Hotel Bethlehem
6pm

Join us for
tons of live music, deli-
cious food, fun with
friends, and memories
to be made!



Come join us to see Jim-
my and the Parrots at
8:30pm!

Please RSVP to Kathy at
k.now@mac.com or 956.240.5553 for
additional details

Join us for our annual



Bonfire

Saturday, August 23
Dlugos Fire Pit
3pm

Hot dogs will be roasted.
Please bring an appetizer, side dish, or
dessert to share.



Please RSVP to Kathy at
k.now@mac.com or 956.240.5553 for
additional details



September Meeting and Chili Pot-Luck



Wednesday, September 3rd
6pm
Nowroozani Residence



Sunday, September 28
3pm
Lebeduik Residence

Chicken, Pork Chops and Rice will be served.

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

RSVP to Kathy at k.now@mac.com or 956.240.5553



Trailerboat Rendezvous

Saturday, September 13
10am



Ridley Township Municipal Marina
401 Swarthmore Ave

We will explore the Schuylkill River and downtown Philadelphia by boat.
Pack your lunch to eat on the boat.

*There is a \$15 launch fee.



After the ride we will eat at
Stinger's Waterfront Restaurant.

RSVP to Kathy at k.now@mac.com or 956.240.5553



Obituary for Joseph 'Joey' D. Fedorak



Delhigh Power Squadron



Joseph D. Fedorak, 59, of Whitehall, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 7, 2025, at St. Luke's Hospital-Allentown Campus. Born April 15, 1966, in Allentown, he was a son of the late Stephen and Madeline (Mack) Fedorak. He was an avid bowler and participated in two bowling leagues, Special Olympics and Good Shepherd. Joseph enjoyed swimming and loved dancing. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Fullerton. Joseph is survived by his beloved siblings, Lucetta Mickley and husband, Harold, Stephen and wife, Monica, Ellen Fedorak, and Jeanette Meisner and husband, Randy; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Services: A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, July 25th at 10:00 a.m. in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall. Family

and friends may gather on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the church. Interment will be private. Arrangements are under the care of Reichel Funeral Home, Northampton. Online condolences may be offered at www.reichelfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Joey's name to VIA, 336 Spruce Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018, where he worked for many years.





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

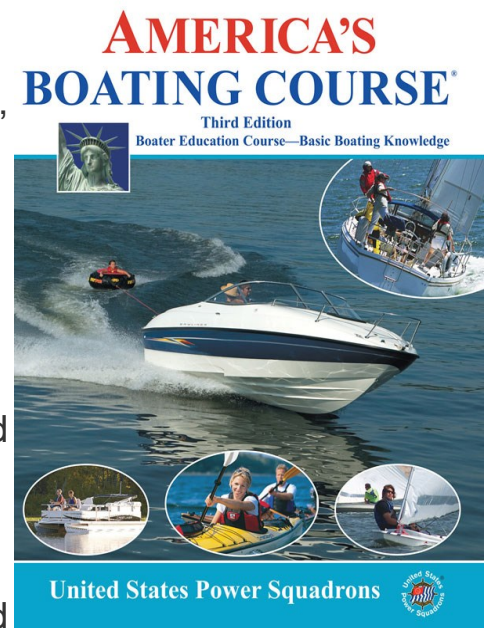


Taking a boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance and qualifies you to test for your state boating license.

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.

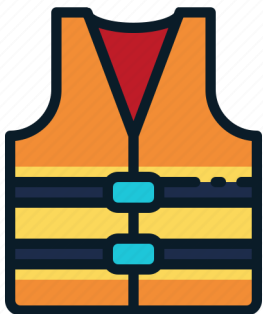
What You'll Learn:

- 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 with book



**Next course is Saturday, November 15 and 22, 9am-1pm
Northampton Fire Department, 4 Lerchenmiller Drive**

For more information or to register for the course contact
Kathleen at k.now@mac.com or 956.240.5553





VSC Corner

By: Crd Keith Knoblach, AP



Boating season is in full swing and we are spending as much time as possible on the water enjoying ourselves and making trips to places we know as well as visiting new locations.

Even though you checked all your equipment before the start of the season, now is a good time to recheck it to be sure it is still useable in case it is needed. Check the battery connections for corrosion and loose connections, which can affect the performance of electronics and other electrical components on board. Also check fuel lines and connections that could loosen or deteriorate as the boat is being used.

Check your emergency equipment, like life jackets, flares, and distress devices to be sure that batteries are good and water has not ruined anything. If the motor needs service, get it done so you are not dead in the water in the middle of a voyage. Always check the fluids in your motor before starting to assure proper levels and lubrications.

Let's all have a safe and enjoyable time this summer and remember to have fun.



AUGUST

P/C Jeanette Meisner, AP

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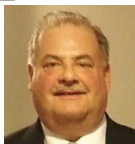
P/D/C L. Chris Brown, SN

Amy Fontana



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





Executive Officer's Report

P/C Robert Rendish, P



It was our 2025 America's Boating Club Delhigh Power Squadron Chesapeake Bay Rendezvous in Rock Hall Maryland, this past June.

We had great weather the whole weekend other than Thursday afternoon when my friends and I arrived at Rock Hall Landing marina. Shortly after we secured the boat, a very nasty thunderstorm came through with heavy rain and high winds. We experienced thunder and some lightning, and the waves were really kicking up in the harbor area. Even the power was knocked out in Rock Hall for several hours.

However, after that bad storm had passed, we witnessed the most brilliant, colorful double rainbow we have ever seen. The colors of the primary rainbow were so solid and distinct, and the second rainbow looked like a typical rainbow you would normally see after a storm.

I believe this was good karma.

Our squadron, for the first time I'm aware, participated in a Christening of a recently acquired vessel by our long-time members, Jeanette and Randy Meisner. This is a 54-foot Jefferson Rivanna, a beautiful motor yacht, named Liberty.

The Christening ceremony was well attended by our members and friends. Before we started, their first mate and "Boat Boy", made sure everyone had a glass of champagne or beverage to make our toast to the newly named vessel, "Liberty."

We gathered on the foredeck of the boat for the reading of the traditional, special, and solemn words written by sea goers hundreds of years ago, spoken by captains of the vessel, Jeanette and Randy.

A ceremony asking God and the spirits of the oceans and the waters to look after this vessel, "Liberty," to keep her safe, to keep her Captains, crew and guests safe, and to always find their way.

It was an emotional event for many of us since most of us have been boating together for many years.

Congratulations to our members Randy and Jeanette, to my very dear friends, and their vessel "Liberty."

May your travels be safe, the wind at your back, and your destinations achieved.

To the Breezes.

Administrative Officer's Report

We are in the midst of summer and have many fun activities planned. We are starting off strong in August with our Musikfest event on August 6 meeting in front of Hotel Bethlehem on Main Street. Please let Kathy know if you plan to attend so that we make sure to meet up with everyone before heading down for some food and music.

Our August Meeting is on the 20th at Coca Cola Park for an Iron Pigs game. The food is rain or shine and the porch is a great location for watching the game or socializing! We hope to see you there.

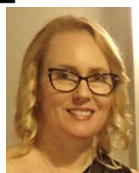
A few days later is our Bonfire at Mark and Mary Lee's with hot dogs roasted over the fire and don't forget to bring your guns for some shooting. We will be bringing our new clay thrower that is a lot of fun!

For our September meeting we will be doing a chili pot-luck so bring a chili or something to go with it and don't forget to come hungry.

We are going back to Ridley Park for our Trailerboat Rendezvous September 13 so please RSVP so that we know how many boats and how many guests we have. Please note there is a \$15 launch fee if you will be bringing your boat. We will take a ride on the Schuylkill River and then stop for dinner. This is a great day if you can make it!

The Cookout has been moved to Sunday, September 28. Join us for a relaxing BBQ and evening with friends. Hope to see you all at an event soon.





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

A month ago, we were asked by the Fire Chief of Northampton County, Keith Knoblach, Jr, to teach our ABC3 course to volunteer fire fighters for their water rescue program. We do not normally teach over the summer months as we are spending time out on our boats, but as volunteers ourselves it seemed like this was the time to make an exception. I am happy to report that we had 8 volunteer fire fighters pass the ABC3 course last week. Thank you to all of our instructors that came out to help teach this last-minute class!

Our next class is set up for November 15 and 22 at Northampton Fire Department, let your friend and family that need the course know that they can sign up at any time. More information on [page 10](#).

Though we are out on our boats, there is still time to learn, and America's Boating Club has so many online resources to choose from. For example, you can take a course about marine batteries to learn how to maintain your battery for longer life and get the best performance. Click [here](#) if you are interested or go to [America's Boating Club](#) to choose a different course.

"You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water."-Rabindranath Tagore

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DISTRICT 5 NEWS

Fall Educational



Conference

November 7-9

Hilton Double Tree, Lancaster
PA

Saturday - Educational Seminars
and Classes

Saturday night - Educational
Awards Banquet

Sunday - USPS Leadership, Dis-
trict Council & Conference

This conference is close to
home so if you have the time
and have been thinking about
joining a District 5 event this is
your chance!

More details in the next

Looking for the Summer Mark5?
You can find it here:

[Mark 5](#)

USPS NATIONAL NEWS

**SIGN UP FOR THE 2025 FALL GOVERNING BOARD
SEPT 4 – 7 2025 IN GRAND RAPIDS, MI**

"MADE IN MICHIGAN!"

Summer getting too hot for you? Join us in Michigan for a beautiful fall meeting. Activity options include Frank Lloyd Wright's house, Baseball, beautiful gardens museums, enjoy a casual evening dinner seeing old friends, department and fun lunches, some informative seminars, buffet breakfasts, entertaining lunches and ending with a performance by the Sweet Adelines!



**THE GOAL IS THE SAME, BUT THE TOYS HAVE
CHANGED!**

WE HAVE A NEW RESERVATION SYSTEM!

CLICK HERE TO SIGN IN AND SIGN UP!



Here is a link
to the current
National Newsletter:

[Summer Edition](#)





New Online Boating Accident Avoidance Course from BoatUS Foundation: 'S.C.A.N. – Improving Situational Awareness'

Takes on the biggest cause of accidents: distracted boating



A quick look at the [annual U.S. Coast Guard recreational boating accident statistics](#) shows “operator inattention” and “improper lookout” to be perennial placeholders in the top five primary contributing factors in boating accidents. A new online micro course, “[S.C.A.N. – Improving Boater Situational Awareness](#),” aims to address the issue head-on by helping boaters avoid distracted boating and enhance situational awareness and boating safety skills. The free accident-avoidance course is designed to make boating safety instruction accessible and fits into busy schedules, typically taking less than 30 minutes to complete.

Course takers will learn the importance of maintaining a proper lookout, understanding and applying the nautical rules of the road, and

mastering the S.C.A.N. method (Search, Concentrate, Analyze, Navigate) to help stay focused and avoid collisions. The course also covers common distractions and practical strategies to mitigate them, ensuring a safer and more enjoyable boating experience.

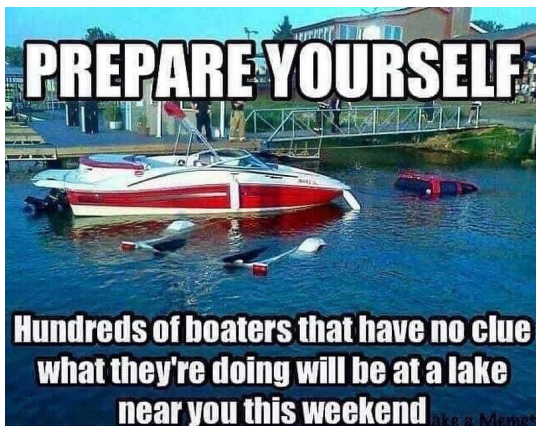
Through engaging video scenarios and interactive quizzes, learners will also practice key techniques and reinforce their knowledge. By the end of the course, students will be equipped with essential tools to navigate waterways confidently and responsibly.

“The growing list of distractions aboard a boat only made us more determined to offer a new and innovative accident avoidance course that will sharpen anyone’s skills,” said BoatUS Foundation Director of Boating Safety Ted Sensenbrenner.

The new course was created in partnership with a grant from the [U.S. Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety](#) and funding from the [Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund](#).

While the S.C.A.N. course does not meet any state education requirements, the Foundation separately offers the only [free online boating safety course](#) that provides required NASBLA boating safety certification in 37 states, as well as a range of other paid courses.

For more, go to [BoatUS.org/Courses](#).



A BIT OF FUN



Did You Know?

Whale watching is one of the most interesting things you can add to your “Cool Things to Do on a Boat” list. And, you can plan a trip in close-by Belmar, New Jersey when you book tickets with

[Bill McKim’s Jersey Shore Whale Watch Tour.](#)



My family and I booked a 3-hour tour aboard the 120 foot Jersey Girl in Belmar, NJ this summer. We had a hot, sunny day and visibility was great, although the water was a bit choppy due to intermittent storms the previous day. We had researched many reviews and loved the videos of some whales caught on camera during previous outings and were very excited to hopefully catch some humpbacks or finback whales in action.



With sunscreen applied, drinks at the ready, and sunglasses in place, we kept our eyes peeled for any movement in the water. The on-board marine biologist intern & naturalist narrated previ-

ous sightings, what to watch for, facts about dolphins and whales, and kept us informed of our place on the water as the captain piloted us around. As we glided through the waters, we spotted many ospreys and double-crested cormorants as well as seagulls coasting over the water. We traveled to the upper deck to check out the view, and even snacked on a huge, shareable pretzel sold at the snack bar inside the boat. But even 2 hours into the ride, no whales. No dolphins. No sea turtles. Nada.

On the return ride, the captain took us a little closer to shore and extended our time on the boat by circling back to spots where well-known whale activity had taken place just a few days prior. Nothing. Now almost 3.5 hours in, the inlet just around the corner, and still no whale sightings.

It was a bit disappointing, but a true reminder that you cannot control nature and that any time on the water is an adventure, especially when traveling with family. Although we returned to the dock without having witnessed the slightest whale activity, we are looking forward to another day cruise based on the

Whale Sighting Guarantee that comes with the purchase of your ticket that says *“We’re confident you’ll have an unforgettable experience—but if you don’t see a whale, we’ll invite you back for a complimentary return trip within the same calendar year.”* And that’s exactly what we plan to do!



Me, Sergio, and our nephews Ben, and Michael getting ready to board Jersey Girl.



Boating Links



Delhigh Power Squadron



New Coast Guard report shows fewest boating fatalities in over 50 years. See the details here [Coast Guard reports fewest boating fatalities in more than 50 years > United States Coast Guard News > Press Releases](#)

Do you remember the movie Jaws? This guy does, and he had the boat 'Orca' from the movie rebuilt. [Florida Man Builds the 'Orca' Boat from JAWS](#)



Whether you are new to boating at night or have been doing it for years, here are a few tips, or reminders, about being safe on the water after dark. [#QuickTips Boating at Night](#)

What happens to your boat when it is stranded on the beach for an extended period of time? Take a look at this one, and click on the photo on the page to see the inside of the boat, YIKES! [Abandoned Boat in Milwaukee Becomes Unofficial Landmark as Winter Locks it on Popular Beach for 165 Days](#)



A documentary is coming about the NFL players that went fishing and were searched for for days. I didn't realize the mistake that was made when trying to bring up a stuck anchor that cap-sized the boat. Read here and see if you know if when you read it. ['Four Down' Documentary Depicting Boating Tragedy of Former NFL Players Produced by Mark Wahlberg & Snoop Dogg](#)

This is a long video and hard to watch, interesting though. Makes me wonder how many times trucks go in the water with the boat... [IDIOTS AT THE BOAT RAMP!](#)



Delhigh 2025-2026 Calendar

Musikfest Mania Wednesday, August 6 Hotel Bethlehem 6pm	Sporting Clays Oktoberfest Saturday, October 18 TBA	Phantoms Game TBA
August Meeting Wednesday, August 20 Coca-Cola Park 7:05pm	Boos and Brews Saturday, October 25 Lamboy Residence TBA	Founder's Day Meeting Wednesday, February 4 TBA
Bonfire Saturday, August 23 Dlugos Fire Pit 3pm	November Meeting Wednesday, November 5 Morgan's Local Flavor TBA	Game Night Saturday, February 21 Meisner Residence TBA
Sept Meet/Chili PotLuck Wednesday, September 3 Nowroozani Residence 6pm	Wine and Beer Tasting Saturday, November 22 TBA	COW Saturday, March 7 TBA
Trailerboat Rendezvous Saturday, September 13 Ridley Park Marina 10am	Holiday Party Saturday, December 13 Pizza Como & PC Pub 12pm	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.
Cookout Sunday, September 28 Lebeduik Residence 3pm	January Meeting and Potluck Wednesday, January 7, 2026 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm	

