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Commander's Corner

Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP

Hello everyone,
Delhigh has had a productive year. The SEO and all of our teachers have taught five ABC Courses this year with every student getting their boating certificates. We answered the Northampton Fire Department's request in July to teach the ABC Courses to several firefighters who are learning water rescue. We have been invited back to use the facilities to hold more classes, and we thank them for their generosity. We are working on next year's class schedule. The Vessel Safety Examiners did well examining boats and helping others understand the reasons for having the proper equipment on board. Now that the weather has gotten colder and our boats have been put away, we can prepare for the upcoming holidays. Thank you all for a great year of learning, playing and great times. I wish everyone a very happy and enjoyable holidays and look forward to our Holiday Party.
Thank you.

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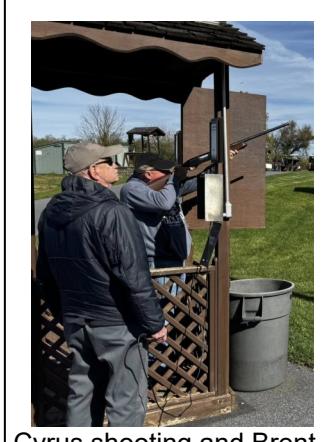
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Sporting Clays



Marc, Randy, Jessica, Brian, Brent, Keith and Cyrus.



Cyrus shooting and Brent watching.



Jessica shooting and Brent watching.



Jessica shooting with Brian and Randy watching.



Keith shooting.



Randy, Jessica, Brent and Brian getting ready to shoot.



Keith, Jessica, Brent, Cyrus and Marc watching Randy shoot.



Keith, Randy, Brent and Jessica in one cart with Marc and Cyrus getting in the other.



Boos and Brews



Delhigh Power Squadron



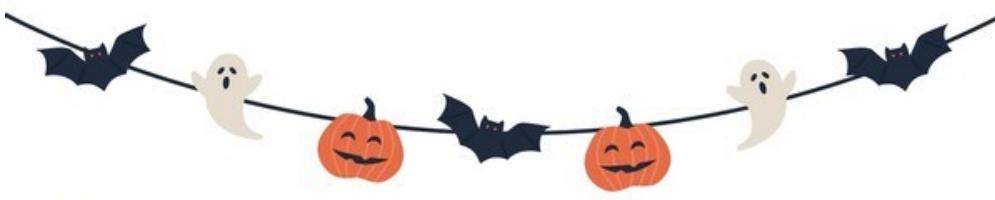
Kathy, Cyrus, Mary Lee, Mark, Michele, Sergio and Keith smiling for the camera.



Cheers to the beers!



Ended the evening with cigars by the fire. Sergio, Cyrus and Keith .



Quite the selection of beers to taste, hence the tiny cups.



Wine Tasting



Cyrus, Kathy, Keith, Mark, Mary Lee, and Chris hanging at the bar.



Some delicious wines for sharing.



Mary Lee poses with the disco ball and her wine stickers!



Mark showing off his great shirt.



Mary Lee, Chris, Cyrus and Keith catching up over snacks.



Chris with a big smile for the camera. Lookin' good!



Cyrus and Keith looking a little mischievous at the bar.



Cyrus and Kathy feeling delighted after some wine and snacks.





Delhigh Power Squadron



Holiday Party

at



468 Pottstown Ave

Pennsburg

Saturday, December 13

12pm

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 to make a donation.

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.

RSVP to P/C Robert Rendish, P
527 Elm Street
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RobertRendish1@yahoo.com



January Meeting and Potluck

Wednesday, January 7
6:30 pm
Nowroozani Residence

Chicken Parmesan and Spaghetti will
be served.



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

Please RSVP to Kathy at

k.now@mac.com or
(956) 240-5553



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



Vs.



**Saturday, January 24, 2026
PPL Center, Allentown
7:05pm**

Tickets are in section 111
Doors open at 6:00pm

\$28.00/person

(Checks made payable to Delhigh Power Squadron)

Or Zelle Delhigh at k.now@mac.com)

Please RSVP to Kathy at

k.now@mac.com or (956) 240-5553
By December 24th





Founder's Day Meeting



Wednesday, February 4

3079 Willow Street
Allentown

Arrive between 5:00 and 6:00 pm
Meeting to start 6:00-6:15 pm
Dinner 7:00-7:15 pm

We will meet in the room behind the bar
and order off the [menu](#).



Please RSVP to P/C Robert Rendish, P
RobertRendish1@yahoo.com
Or
to Kathy at k.now@mac.com or
(956) 240-5553

Game Night



Saturday, February 21





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.

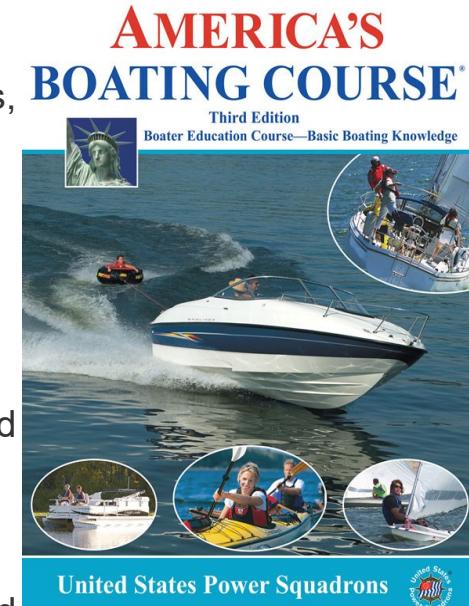
For the best, most comprehensive boating education available, take America's Boating Course with our certified expert instructors.

Cost of the Class is \$50 per person with book



**Next course is Saturday, February 21 and 28, 9am-1pm
Peter's Marine, Allentown**

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





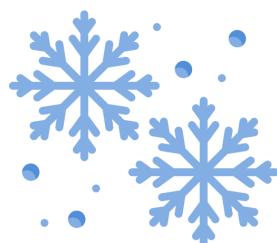
VSC Corner

By: Crd Keith Knoblach,



The hardest part of boating is having to put your boat up for the winter, but it's something that has to be done. Make yourself a list of what has to be done when preparing your boat for the winter. Delhigh's Vessel Safety Examiners did excellent getting the number of checks completed this year. Thank you to all the examiners. I hope everyone had a great season this year and are planning for next year.

Happy Holidays.



December

Joseph Arieta, S

Patricia Arieta, S

Lt Michele Lamboy, P

Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP

Nilsa Lebeduik

Marilyn Ludwig

January

P/C David Barbara, AP

Marylee Sebring, P

Lt Donald Ludwig, S

P/C Robert Rendish, P



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

The 2026 United States Power Squadron's annual meeting will be held February 8 - 15, 2026 at Embassy Suites Kingston in Myrtle Beach, SC.

If anyone is interested in attending our own D/5 member Ralph Bernard will be going out as Chief Commander.

Now that we are entering the winter months, and the end of the boating season for much of us, it's time to think about what we can do concerning our boats and advancing our boating knowledge.

Consider taking an advanced class from your Squadron if they are offering them. I have taken several of them over the years, and learned many things, and have become a more educated and safer boater. I have also made some new and longtime friends as well.

Consider online possibilities such as the USPS Education website, selecting a class of interest, or an instructional video of a new subject or a Repair / How To procedure.

Websites offering boating information such as chart plotting, cruising and maintenance, to name a few subjects would be informative and maybe enlightening.

Also, after winterizing your vessel, check to see if it may be necessary to replace your on-board equipment, from electronics to fenders. Update your on-hull registration and carry cards, insurance information, and your USPS certified State Boating ID card.

There are so many things you can do to be a better and safer boater and captain of your vessel.

To the Breezes.

Administrative Officer's Report

The Fall weather has finally started to turn cold and our activities are moving indoors. Our Holiday Party is coming up and we will have a Pollyanna gift exchange and collect toys for Toys for Tots. The change this year is the time; we will meet at Pizza Como at noon and order food around 1pm. Please remember to RSVP to Bob.

Our January Meeting will be a Pot Luck at the Nowroozani house and chicken parm with spaghetti will be served. We hope to see you there.

We will be attending a Phantoms hockey game on Saturday, January 24th. This is always a fun event! Please RSVP to Kathy by December 24 and remember to invite your friends and family!

There will be an executive committee meeting in January, likely the weekend of the 17th. Details will be emailed to the ExCom members.

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season filled with fun, family and friends!





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

Our most recent ABC-3 class has been successfully completed by 4 students who have all passed. There are a few more students interested in taking the course and we will be having our next course February 21 and 28 back at Peter's Marine in Allentown.

As winter approaches and you find yourself with more time inside, don't forget that there are courses that can be taken at home on your own schedule. The number of seminars grows each year so that there is something for everyone.

With National ending Navigation and Junior Navigation at the end of next year, there are now alternate ways to get your SN grade. Alternately, there is an online offering of Navigation for anyone that is interested. It is being taught by Buzzards Bay; the contacts for that are Richard Moore and Dave Atwood. All JN's will be contacted via email. The other way to achieve your SN is to take 7 or more of the electives, including weather, which can be taken at the link that follows:

Weather Course

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all of the instructors that give their time and experience at our classes. It is impressive to see the number of instructors willing to come out and help teach and I am very lucky to have each and every one of you!

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2025-2026

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DISTRICT 5 NEWS



Had fun with friends at the Fall Educational Conference, along with catching up with all that is going on at the district and national levels.

SAVE THE DATE

For our
District 5 Spring Conference
March 26-29, 2026
Ocean City, Maryland

Looking for the Fall Mark5?
You can find it here:
[Mark 5](#)

USPS NATIONAL NEWS

2026 United States Power Squadrons Annual Meeting

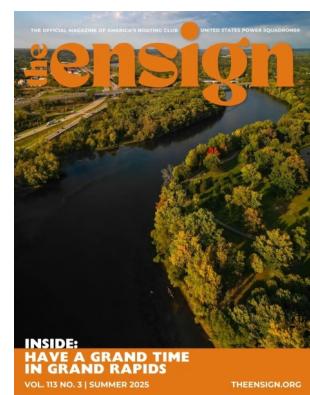
February 8, 2026 - February 15, 2026 | Embassy Suites Kingston, Myrtle Beach SC

[Book Hotel Here](#)



Did we mention it is beach front, every room is a suite, every room has a view of the ocean, and complimentary breakfast is included?

Meals, Events and Agenda are coming soon!



Here is a link
to the current
National Newsletter:
[Fall Edition](#)





Almost everyone knows how deadly hypothermia can be, but it's only one of the four stages of cold water immersion that can put your survival at risk. Let's look at each stage and learn the most important factor in cold water survival.



1. Cold shock

After falling into cold water, an involuntary gasp reflex causes the victim to take a deep breath. If the victim's face is in the water during cold shock, the chances of survival diminish. Within minutes, the victim would progress to the second stage.

2. Cold incapacitation or short-term swim failure

In this stage, a victim's manual dexterity, grip strength and movement speed drop by 60 to 80 percent. The arms and legs begin to feel like clubs.

3. Hypothermia

Hypothermia usually sets in after 30 to 60 minutes of immersion. When the body's core temperature drops below 86 degrees, the victim loses consciousness.

4. Post-rescue collapse

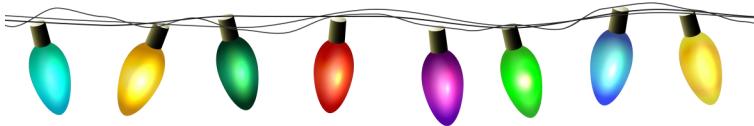
When rescuers arrive, the victim may experience mental relaxation and decreased stress hormone output, which could cause a drop in blood pressure and lead to fainting and drowning.

Preventing drowning by cold shock and swim failure is the main challenge after immersion in water colder than 60 degrees. These two stages affect everyone, including strong swimmers and the physically fit.

Victims who wear personal flotation devices remain upright, and their heads are positioned to prevent them from inhaling water during cold shock. If they experience swim failure, their life jackets will keep them upright until they can be rescued. Life jackets' ability to prevent drowning by shock and swim failure make them key to surviving a cold water immersion. So don't forget to put yours on before you shove off. –Gary Walkington



A BIT OF FUN



The Fable of Santa's Christmas Boat

On Christmas Eve, Santa had a new plan—he'd trade in his sleigh for a *high-tech* boat! After all, reindeer get a little tired after all those years, and the North Pole's icy waters were *perfect* for a new adventure.

With his red coat flapping in the chilly breeze, Santa stood proudly at the helm of his shiny new vessel, the *Jolly Kraken*—an oddly shaped ship with sails covered in twinkling lights. It was powered by a turbo-charged snowmobile engine and a magic compass that always pointed toward the best cookies.

"Ho ho ho!" Santa chuckled. "No more rooftop landings! I'm going *nautical* this year!"

As he sailed through the skies, he spotted his first stop—a house on a hill. A family of good little boys and girls slept soundly, dreaming of gifts. Santa navigated carefully toward the chimney—but alas! The house was surrounded by trees!

"Ah, this is why I should've taken a sleigh!" he muttered, steering the boat left and right, narrowly avoiding branches.

But Santa wasn't discouraged. He pressed a button, and the boat's hull expanded like a blow-up raft. With a deep "whoosh," the boat squeezed itself down the chimney, leaving a trail of glitter behind.

Next stop: The Johnson family! As Santa attempted to deliver a scooter, the boat hit a rogue snow-drift, sending him flying through the front door.

"Oops," he said, dusting off his coat. "Should've thought this through better..."

Eventually, Santa delivered presents to every good boy and girl, even *if* it meant some very questionable boat maneuvers. By morning, he'd made his way to the last house, where he parked the boat with an impressive splash in their pond.

As he took a bite of the cookies left out for him (they were coconut, but hey, he was *on a boat*—he had to go with it), he smiled.

"Maybe next year, I'll just stick with the sleigh," he thought, chuckling.

"Or... at least upgrade to a yacht!"

And so, Santa learned a valuable lesson that night: *Even the best-laid plans can turn into a full-on boat disaster. But hey, as long as the cookies are good, it's all worth it!*

-as told by ChatGPT



Boating Links



Delhigh Power Squadron



Looking for a paddleboard? This one from BMW sports a motor that not only helps inflate the board but also cruises at about 4 knots. This can come in handy in case of an emergency, but seems otherwise unnecessary to me. [BMW Ventures Into Watersports with High-Tech Electric Stand-Up Paddleboard](#)

If a BMW paddleboard is not your thing, maybe this Seabob made by Lamborghini will catch your eye. It is no surprise that this is the fastest Seabob eve made going up to 22 mph. [Lamborghini Dives Underwater with the Fastest Seabob Ever Made](#)



Have you heard? The US and Canada have new life jacket regulations. Well, really they are very similar, just labeled and named/numbered differently. Find out all you need to know here. [USA & Canada Have New Life Jacket Regulations - Are You Compliant?](#)

A family in Massachusetts is rescued after a very scary few days ashore after surviving their boat catching fire. So glad everyone made it to shore and that they had a float plan. [Massachusetts Family Survives Boat Fire and Two-Day Ordeal on Island Near Cape Cod](#)



Boat fails for your lazy morning entertainment!!! [CRAZIEST BOAT FAILS EVER AT HAULOVER INLET!! | BOAT ZONE](#)

These are from the TV show America's Funniest Home Videos and they are definatly worth the watch! [FUNNIEST Videos | Insane Boat Fails Caught on Camera](#)



Delhigh 2025-2026 Calendar

Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13
Pizza Como & PC Pub
12pm

January Meeting and Potluck

Wednesday, January 7, 2026
Nowroozani Residence
6:30pm

Phantoms Game

Saturday, January 24
PPL Center, Allentown
7:05pm

Founder's Day Meeting

Wednesday, February 4
Morgans Local Flavor
6pm

Game Night

Saturday, February 21
Meisner Residence
TBA

COW

Saturday, March 7
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.



Walking in a
WINTER
Wonderland

