



# America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley

## DELHIGHLIGHTS

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Commander's Corner

Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP

Summer is upon us and I for one am ready for great times boating the year. I had my boat out for a shake down and have a few issues to address, but should be ready to go soon.

Our Beltzville Lake Clean Up and VSCs was successful. The weather cleared up just after we arrived and got sunny and warm. Examiners completed eight VSCs. Thank you to all who attended and made it an enjoyable and productive day.

The list upcoming events is in this Delhighlights and I am looking forward to seeing all who attend, so let's go have fun and as always be safe.

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# Wine Tasting



Mary Lee, Mark and Keith enjoying the wine.



Vince, Sergio and Michele enjoying the warmth of the fire.



Cyrus, Kathy and Vince smiling for the camera.



Nikki and her friend Nancy posing for a picture.



Kathy and Nikki taking a selfie.



Cyrus and Kathy getting a picture of the great view.



Mark returning with a bottle of wine to share.



Cyrus, Kathy, Nancy, Nikki, Michele, Sergio, Mary Lee, Keith and Mark.







# Sock Burning



Delhigh Power Squadron



Jess, Mason, Chris and Mary Lee enjoying the weather.



Mark getting the fire started.



Keith and Chris helping Mark get the hotdogs on the roaster.



Keith, Mark, Brent, Cyrus and Sergio enjoying cigars and some target practice.



Sergio, Michele, Mark, Chris, Mary Lee and Keith listening to the Ode to Sock Burning.



Kathy reading the Ode to Sock Burning.



Michele's socks are in the fire.



Cyrus throwing his socks in the fire.



Sergio's socks going into the fire.





## Beltzville Cleanup and Joey B's



What was forecast to be a dreary and rainy day turned out to be a warm and sunny day for this year's Beltzville Lake clean up and Vessel Safety Checks. Unfortunately, the one boat that arrived at the lake had a bad battery and was unable to head out on the water. We did however, do 8 vessel safety checks and had a fun time out at the lake. A big thanks to Bob for the coffee and donuts. In fact, we had so much fun that not one of us thought to take any pictures.

We did, however, manage to get this picture of Jane, Brent, Chris, Jeanette, Randy, Bob, Keith, Kathy and Cyrus at Joey B's in Palmerton afterwards at lunch. As always, lunch was delicious and a good time was had by all!





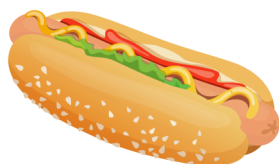
## 15th Annual



## Ice Cream Social

**Wednesday, June 5  
6pm  
Montuori Residence**

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](mailto:k.now@mac.com)  
or 956.240.5553

So that we know how much chocolate and caramel sauce we'll need!



## July Poolside Meeting



**Wednesday, July 16  
6:30 pm  
Nowroozani Residence**

**Bring your suits & towels  
to make a splash at this  
summer meeting!**



**Hot dogs, burgers, and salad will be served.**

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



Please RSVP to Kathy at  
[k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com) or 956.240.5553





## America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley

**2025 Summer Rendezvous**  
**Thursday June 19– Sunday June 22**  
**Rock Hall, MD**



Mariner's Motel, 5681 South Hawthorn Ave, 401.639.2224

### RESERVATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Thursday Night ExCom Meeting**

6pm– Harbor Shack Restaurant

20895 Bayside Avenue

\_\_\_\_\_ guests attending

#### **Friday Night Past Commanders BBQ**

6pm—Burgers, dogs and potato salad will be provided

Please bring a dish to share

\$10 each \_\_\_\_\_ guests attending

#### **Saturday Lunch**

Boat to lunch, order off the menu

\_\_\_\_\_ guests attending

#### **Saturday Night Dinner**

6pm- Waterman's Crab House

21055 W Sharp St

\_\_\_\_\_ guests attending

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please **RSVP** to: Robert Rendish  
527 Elm Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049

**RSVP by June 12**  
484.619.4013 or  
RobertRendish1@yahoo.com

Launch permits are available at Ace Hardware (5811 Chesapeake Villa Road)







# JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER



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

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Boarding: 6pm

Departure: 6:30pm

Rain or Shine

Traditional and electronic methods of navigation will be presented.

During this trip you will enjoy a delightful 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**

DRSPS has made the decision to heavily subsidize this important event so that everyone can attend. Make reservations by sending a check in the amount of \$10.00 for each attendee payable to ABC-DV to Lt/C Robert Tafel, 238 Street Rd., Apt A123, Southampton, PA 18966 215.441.4154. List the name of each guest and e-mail address.

Directions: The Ben Franklin departs from 101 S. Columbus Blvd. which is just south of the Ben Franklin Bridge. South on I-95: take exit 20 for S. Columbus Blvd and follow to Walnut Street. The yacht is docked slightly North of the Independence Seaport Museum.

**.Sponsored by Americas Boating Club --Delaware Valley**





# Join Delhigh for our August Monthly Meeting at



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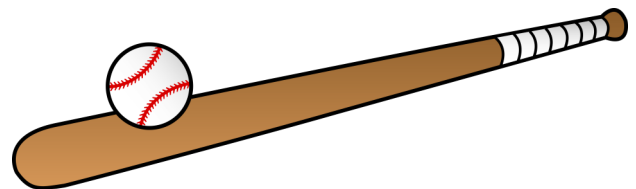
When: Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Where: PennTeleData Party Porch (3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:k.now@mac.com) if you would like to make a reservation to attend.

Payment is required NO LATER THAN **July 20th.**

**Friends and Family are Welcome!**

**Let's Play Ball!!!**







**August 5 or 6**  
**Hotel Bethlehem**  
**6pm**

Join us for  
Tons of live music, delicious food, fun with friends, and memories to be made!



\*Actual date will depend  
on when Jimmy and the  
Parrots play

Please RSVP to Kathy at  
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additional details

**Join us for our annual**



**Bonfire**  
**Saturday, August 23**  
**Dlugos Fire Pit**  
**TBA**

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



Please RSVP to Kathy at  
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# Become a Better Boater, Take an In-Person Boating Course with

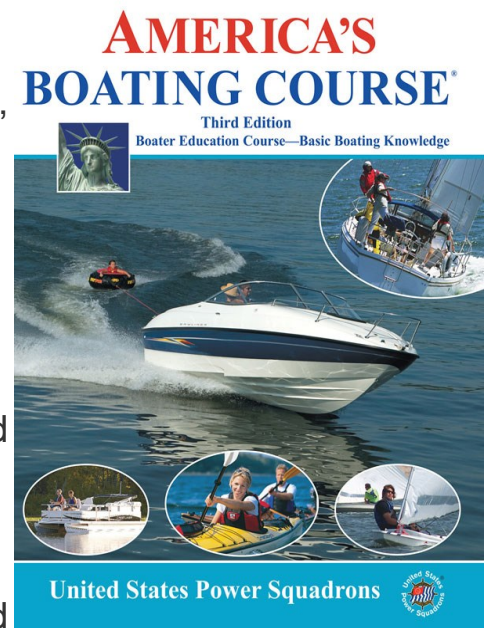


Taking a boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance and qualifies you to test for your state boating license.

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.

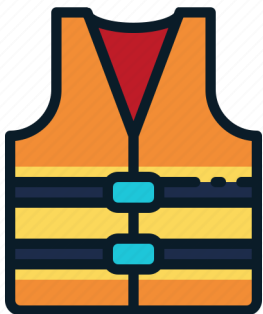
## What You'll Learn:

- 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**



For more information or to register for the course contact Kathleen at [k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com) or 956-240-5553







## VSC Corner

By: Crd Keith Knoblach, AP



As the weather gets warmer and the water temperatures begin to rise, the urge to get out and enjoy time on the water begins. Fishing, water skiing and cruising to name a few.

Before starting, check your boat for all the necessary equipment for a safe time on the water. PFDs should be free of tears and the labels readable. Whistles are recommended to be attached to them. Check that your distress flares are within their expirations dates and that your first aid kits are stocked with fresh components. Check that navigation lights are working, your batteries are in good shape and fully charged, and that all electronic equipment is operating properly.

Get your Vessel Safety Check done to be sure all is in order. If you need a VSC contact your examiner to set up an appointment.

The park rangers were pleased to have us up at Beltzville for our clean up and VSC's and we are welcome to return again for more VSCs. They asked to call them to let them know when we are coming back. Thank you to the Park Rangers for their support to our community service.

Let's have a safe and enjoyable boating season.



## June

P/C Joseph Stemrich, Sr, P

## July

Frank Arieta

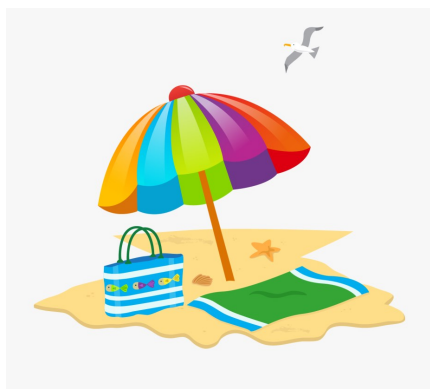
Kay Black, SN

Janet Barbara

Scott Barbara



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

For our 2025 Beltzville Clean Up and Vessel Safety Check event, we had a very questionable weather forecast, and very cloudy and overcast skies that Saturday morning. We try to have this event every year to coincide with Safe Boating Week.

Fortunately, the clouds went away for the most part, the winds subsided, and it was fairly calm waters out on the lake.

It wasn't very busy at the boat launch preparation area, mostly fisherman out on the water who had launched earlier that morning. However, as the morning became brighter and warmer, we started to see boaters entering the launch area pulling their various craft, from bowriders, pontoon boats, jet boats and personal watercraft. It was nice to see boaters actually asking our Vessel Safety Check examiners, for a Safety exam, and additional information about being a safe boater.

We did better than last year with our Vessel Safety Checks, with a total of eight were completed by our two examiners, even though it was a quiet morning.

Unfortunately, because of a technical problem with one of our boats, we were unable to patrol the shores collecting trash and debris.

Overall, it was a successful event. I want to thank our VSC examiners, and everyone who helped out and participated in our annual event.

To the Breezes.



## Administrative Officer's Report

Summer is almost here and with it, many of our outdoor events are coming up. June starts off with our Ice Cream Social; don't forget to RSVP for this delicious event.

Summer Rendezvous is always a great long weekend. Remember that we are doing a Pollyanna gift exchange at Saturday Night's dinner instead of raffle bags. Hopefully, we will have good weather, but even if we don't I'm sure we will have a lot of fun!

Our summer pool meeting is not until the third Wednesday in July as we do not want to interfere with 4th of July plans and vacations. We are hoping to see you all there.

Musikfest will be Tuesday or Wednesday depending on when Jimmy and the Parrots play. The schedule is not out, but if you plan to attend please let Kathy know so that we can communicate and meet up on Main Street.

Our August meeting at Coca-Cola Park is always a good time, but please remember to RSVP ASAP so that we can get enough tickets for everyone that would like to attend. As always, friends and family are welcome.

Feel free to contact a bridge member with any questions you might have about any upcoming event.

Also, please note the updated date for the Cookout in September is in the calendar on page 18.







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

As the days become warmer we leave the classroom behind and start spending more time on our boats. We will begin planning and setting up courses to teach in a few months so if there is anything that you would like to learn, let us know and we will see if we can get that in the books.

For now you can find several seminars for power boaters at [Powerboat Seminars to Attend | America's Boating Club](#) if you are looking for something to do on a rainy day.

*"May the wind always be at your back and the sun upon your face and may the winds of destiny carry you aloft to dance with the stars." Johnny Depp*

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# DISTRICT 5 NEWS

## Summer Rendezvous

Smith Mountain Lake  
July 14-20, 2025

Monday—Thursday  
Houseboat Cruising

Thursday Night—Sunday  
Mariner's Landing Resort



Saturday  
Council Meeting and Tour D-Day Memorial, Bedford

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

[Mark 5](#)

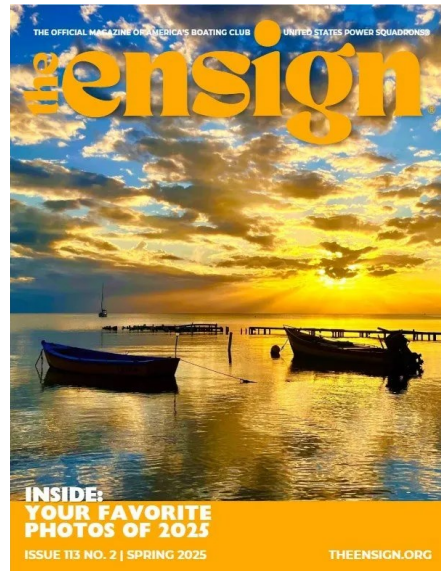
# USPS NATIONAL NEWS

## *Dues Renewal*

You can now pay dues by logging into the [member portal](#) and going to "My account" under your username in the top bar. You will either see a button or hyperlink to renew dues.

Email [hilly@hq.usps.org](mailto:hilly@hq.usps.org) if you don't have a log in or if you don't see a link to renew. You can also call headquarters at 888-367-8777 ext. 219 or 229 and our membership staff will renew your dues over the phone. Invoices will go out soon, but renewing online or by phone is the easiest way to pay dues.

There is now a credit card fee to pay with your card. When my bill arrives I will be mailing in a check. A stamp is a lot cheaper than the credit card fee.



Here is a link  
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National  
Newsletter:  
[Spring Edition](#)

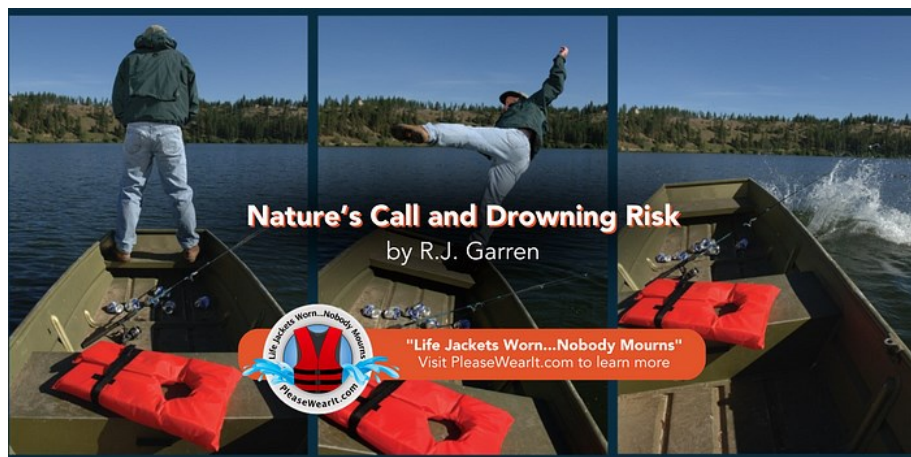




# Nature's Call and Drowning Risk



Delhigh Power Squadron



You may be surprised to hear that sometimes people drown while boating or swimming in open water (i.e. lakes, rivers, ponds, etc.) because they're taking a nature's call break and relieving themselves. Nobody expects that relieving yourself could cause you to drown, but those who have worked to recover bodies of those who have drowned, reported that men were often found with their zippers down. This may sound comical at first, but if you've

lost a loved one to any type of water-related fatality, there's obviously nothing funny about it. This blog includes some of the more common activities that lead to drowning, along with what you can do to prevent being remembered by your family and friends as the one who could have survived if you had worn a life jacket. It's easy to lose your balance and fall overboard while boating, especially if you're in a small vessel. **Falls from vessels, docks, or shoreline were the second leading cause of drowning (21%),** according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) last year. Also, **men were 95% of those who drowned and 91% were not wearing a life jacket,** according to USACE, the nation's leading provider of water-based recreation.

Drowning risk isn't limited to those who fall overboard; there are many other ways that those who have entered the water intentionally have drowned. Sometimes a boat operator or passengers jump overboard (for whatever reasons) and they don't leave anybody on the boat that knows how to start or drive it. Then the boat drifts farther away than expected and people in the water drown attempting to get back to it. **Retrieving something (vessel, hat, etc.) or someone is one of the most common ways that people drown** because it's easy to exceed your swimming ability in open water. Last year, nearly half (49%) of those who drown on USACE waters were swimming in undesignated areas (not a designated swim beach area).

There are also people who enter open water intentionally to swim, float, or possibly relieve themselves; they jump in, go underwater, and never come back up. This is common whenever several boats are tied together or docked with engines or generators running. Nowadays it's more common for these types of fatalities to be looked into as possible carbon monoxide deaths. However, some people never find out why this type of drowning death happened, especially if the deceased's family didn't request an autopsy. **Carbon monoxide can accumulate near the water's surface, especially on calm days with engines running nearby; it's a colorless, odorless gas that can kill you.** One breath of it is enough to render someone unconscious, and if you're in the water, you can drown. To help prevent this from happening, you should always be wearing a properly-fitted life jacket when you're in, on, or near open water. Also, it's a good idea to purchase and use a portable hand-held carbon monoxide detector, if you plan on being in the water where vessel engines or generators have been running.

In all these types of incidents described, if people would have been wearing a life jacket, it could have considerably increased their chances of survival. So when you're in, on, or near open water, please make sure you're wearing a properly-fitted life jacket. Make your number one (pun intended) priority to be known for always wearing a life jacket in open water and for encouraging your friends and loved ones to wear one too; that could help save countless lives on our nation's waters.

by R.J. Garren



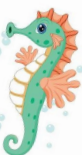
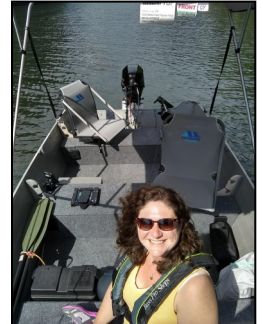
# A BIT OF FUN



## Did You Know?

I'm very fortunate to have a handy and talented husband. If I can break it (which the natural laws of the Universe guarantee I will), he can (and will) fix it. It makes me a lucky woman, but it also makes him patient, determined, and innovative, which is how he built out our 16 foot Sylvan v-bottom into a lake-cruising pleasure ride in just a few weeks. He made some simple, but impressive upgrades—from installing swivel seats to adding a shady Bimini top, and building a solid, carpeted fishing deck with storage for all our belongings and important papers. A great place to take a sunny nap in a quiet cove!

For some additional ideas about easy, inexpensive upgrades that can be made to make your boat more comfortable and water-ready, check out: [5 Small-Boat Mods Under \\$100 | BoatUS](#)







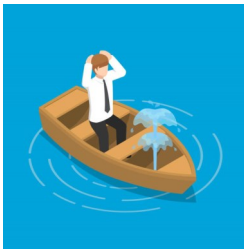
Getting ready to launch our boat this spring? Make sure you're safe out on the water by refreshing your thinking about all the things that need to be done to prepare for getting your boat out on the water [5 Things for Captains to Revisit Before Spring Launch](#)

PWC's as we know them may not be the same. Take a look at the new ideas and how they might change the industry. [How Bombardier's Sea-Drone 88 Concept Could Transform the PWC Industry](#)



Do you ever wonder where nautical names and sayings come from? Find out here! [The Real Origins of Boating's Most Common Terms \(Part 3\)](#)

Are these weird, tri-hull boats about to go mainstream? Find out why they might here. [#WeirdBoats The Trimaran Hydrofoil Keeps Popping Up - Will It Finally Go Mainstream?](#)



Boat fails and wins. You just don't know what is going to happen... or do you? [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwg0UCf7Z\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwg0UCf7Z_U)

How NOT to dock your boat. Watch these docking fails here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZd290wRLaI>



## Delhigh 2025-2026 Calendar

### Ice Cream Social

Saturday, June 4  
Montuori Residence  
6pm

### Summer Rendezvous

Thurs June 19-Sun June 22  
Rock Hall, MD

### July Meeting

Wednesday, July 16  
Nowroozani Pool  
6:30pm

### Musikfest Mania

August 5 or 6  
Hotel Bethlehem  
6pm

### August Meeting

Wednesday, August 20  
Coca-Cola Park  
7:05pm

### Bonfire

Saturday, August 23  
Dlugos Fire Pit  
TBA

### Sept Meet/Chili Cook off

Wednesday, September 3  
Nowroozani Residence  
6pm

### Trailerboat Rendezvous

Saturday, September 13  
Ridley Park Marina  
TBA

### Cookout

Saturday, September 20  
Lebeduik Residence  
TBA

### Sporting Clays

Oktoberfest  
Saturday, October 18  
TBA

### Boos and Brews

Saturday, October 25  
Lamboy Residence  
TBA

### November Meeting

Wednesday, November 5  
TBA

### Wine or Beer Tasting

Saturday, November 22  
TBA

### Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13  
TBA

### January Meeting and Potluck

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

### Phantoms Game

TBA

### Founder's Day Meeting

Wednesday, February 4  
TBA

### 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](mailto:k.now@mac.com) or (956) 240-5553 for more information on any scheduled event.

