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Commander's Corner

Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP

Hello everyone, hope you all had a good holiday season. Our holiday party was a great time with members and friends and good food. Thank you to everyone who contributed to Toys for Tots. The Poly-anna gift exchange was, as usual, a great time and lots of good gifts were opened.

Our yearly schedule of events has been set up for the 2026-2027 season. I hope to see you at an event soon. I'm also looking forward to our upcoming Founder's Day Meeting when we will vote in the new bridge members.

Delhigh has had a busy year with ABC classes and all of our events to which you deserve a round of applause. Let's keep it going next year. We have lost some family and squadron members who shall be kept in our prayers.

This new year is looking to be as good as the past years and I am hoping to see you at our events. Let's have a safe and great time in all we do.

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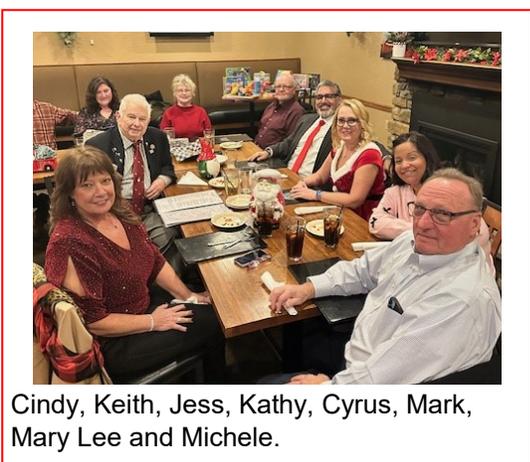


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Holiday Party



Sherika, Nikki, Bob, Ellen, Jeanette, Randy, Sergio and Michele.



Cindy, Keith, Jess, Kathy, Cyrus, Mark, Mary Lee and Michele.



Keith, Nikki and Kathy donating the Toys for Tots.



Thank you to al for your generous Toys for Tots donations!



Sergio with his vodka.



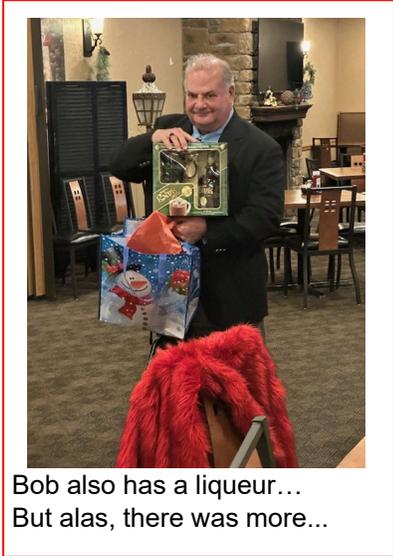
Jeanette also has vodka.



Randy has a bottle of wine.



Michele opened a Rum Chata liqueur.



Bob also has a liqueur... But alas, there was more...



Holiday Party



The journey of the cardinal pillow starts with the original opener, Cyrus.



With it's rare beauty it was not to last long and was quickly stollen by Ellen.



Ellen is now the proud owner of this gorgeous pillow, but alas, it is not meant to be.



For there was another that loved this pillow even more, and as her 3rd owner, she is going home with Chris.



Down a pillow, Cyrus opens another gift, some bourbon.



This too was short lived as Nikki happily steals the bourbon.



Nikki, not so happy in this picture, having her bourbon traded at the end of the game. All's fair in love and Pollyanna!



Sherika with her gingerbread house cookie jar!



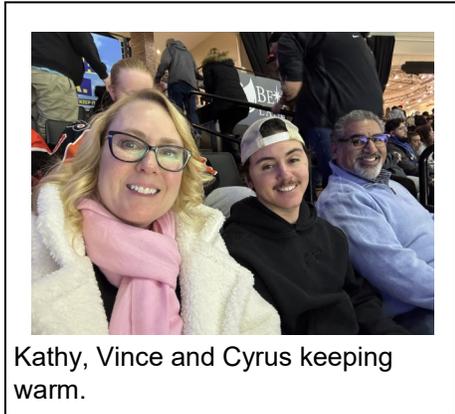
Mary Lee and Mark taking home a gnome cookie jar.



Phantom's Hockey Game



Listed us in the groups category, almost got it right...



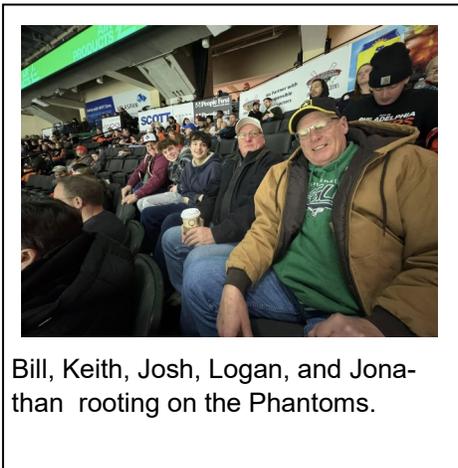
Kathy, Vince and Cyrus keeping warm.



Josh, Keith, Vince and Cyrus with Randy, Jeanette, Ellen, Craig, Michele and Sergio.



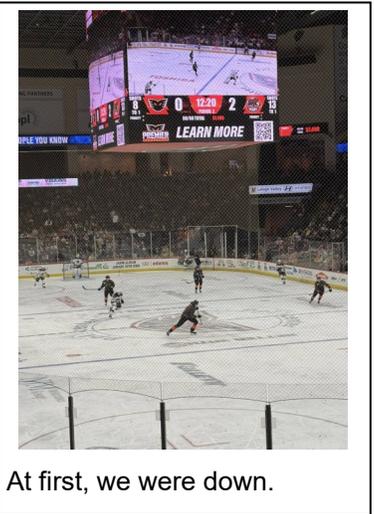
Michele, Sergio, Cyrus, Vince, and Kathy squeezing into a selfie.



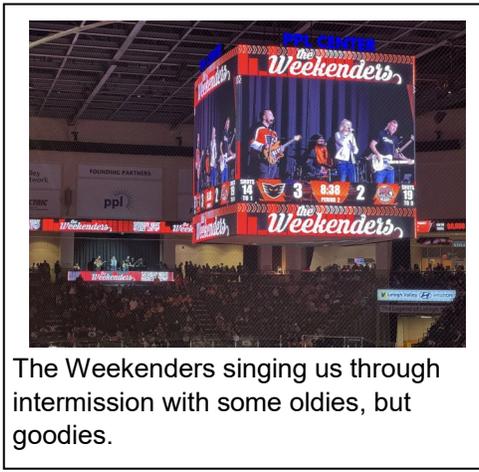
Bill, Keith, Josh, Logan, and Jonathan rooting on the Phantoms.



Then, we tied it up for a round of "Sudden Death," and the Phantoms scored for the win!



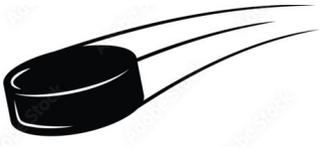
At first, we were down.



The Weekenders singing us through intermission with some oldies, but goodies.

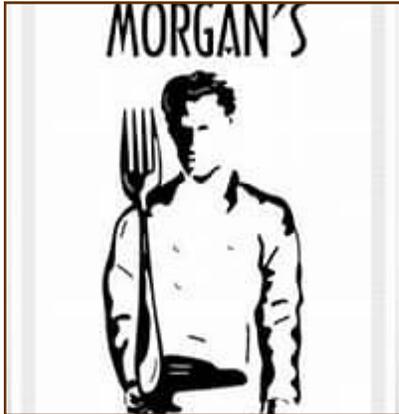


An action-packed game with tons of great plays and a Phantom WIN!





Founder's Day Meeting



Wednesday, February 4
Morgans Local Flavor
3079 Willow St
6pm

We will meet in the back room and order off the [menu](#)

Dinner will follow the meeting.



RSVP to Kathleen at k.now@mac.com
or P/C Robert Rendish
at robertrendish1@yahoo.com

Come try your luck at our annual



Saturday, February 21
Meisner Residence
5pm

Soup and sandwiches will be served.
Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.



RSVP to Jeanette at
jeanette@meisnerservices.com



Change of Watch



Saturday, March 7
1760 Pub N Grille
1176 Trexlertown Rd

Cocktail hour and cash bar 1pm

Ceremony starts at 2pm
Order off the menu

Dress code is Uniform A and like attire

Anyone able and willing to help set up
please contact us for date and time.



RSVP to Kathleen at k.now@mac.com
or P/C Robert Rendish
at robertrendish1@yahoo.com

Join us for our annual



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARTY**

Saturday, March 14
Lamboy Residence
4pm

Sandwiches and potato salad will be
served. Please bring an appetizer or
dessert to share.



RSVP to Michele at 201-519-3897 or
mhays41@yahoo.com





April Meeting and



Wednesday, April 1
Nowroozani Residence
6:30pm

Summer Rendezvous



Thursday, June 25 through
Sunday, June 28

The Mariner's Motel
5681 South Hawthorne Avenue
[\(410\) 639-2224](tel:4106392224)



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Launch permits required

Join us for some fun in the sun in
picturesque Rock Hall, Maryland.

Hotel rooms have been reserved,
so call to make your reservations
now!

As provided by our by-laws, the Nominating Committee presents for your consideration our (updated) slate of officers for the elected positions for 2025-2026 as follows:

Commander:

Kathleen Nowroozani, SN

Executive Officer:

Robert Rendish, P

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Keith Knoblach, AP

Administrative Officer:

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Delhigh Nominating Committee





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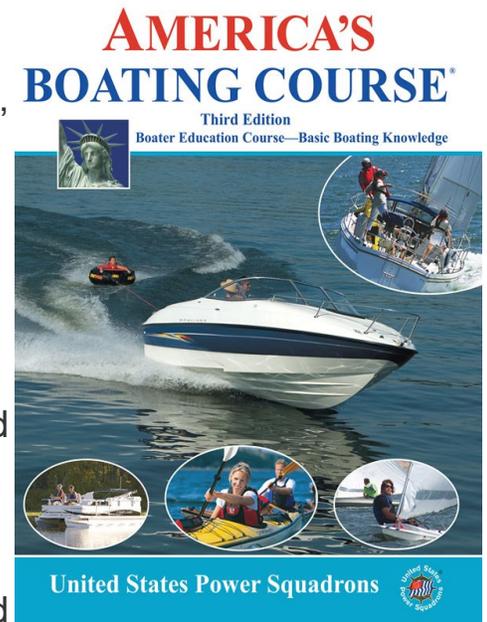


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Cost of the Class is \$50 per person with book



**Next course is Saturday, February 21 and 28, 9am-1pm
Peter's Marine 1402 Union Blvd, 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, AP



Hello, the temperature and wind does not make anyone want to be outside doing anything, but you can start to plan your next boating trip. Where you want to go, what you want to do when you get there, and the route you will take to get there. When that has been done, start checking your equipment for flaws and damage. Look closely at life jackets, throw cushions, all the lines including the anchor line for frays and unusual wear and fading causing weakness resulting in loss or damage to the boat. Charge the batteries and do a load test for how well they hold a charge. Then, replace them if they are weak to avoid any down time on the water. Weak batteries can damage your electronics due to low voltage.

Get a vessel safety check done to ensure you are ready for the season. Our examiners will be happy to do this for you.

Prepping early is a good start to having a good time boating this summer and getting out on the water early when the weather changes. Enjoy the water, but be aware of all that is happening around and under the boat. Have a good year boating.



Birthday!

February

P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN

Sergio Lamboy, P



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





Executive Officer's Report
P/C Robert Rendish, P

Administrative Officer's Report

The 2026 USPS Annual Meeting will be February 8-15, 2026 at the Embassy Suites Kingston, Myrtle Beach, SC. If you can attend, it would be a nice way of saying goodbye to the winter weather. Also, the District 5 Spring Conference will be March 26-29, 2026 at the Holiday Inn, Ocean City Maryland. At this point, the winter weather is just about gone. Enjoy the winter time off. Get ahead a little, and start to think and plan for your spring, summer and fall boating trips and weekends.

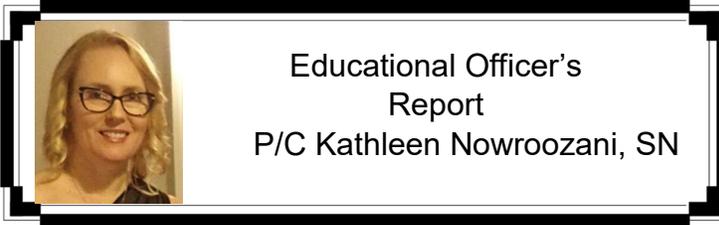
To the Breezes.

With the holidays behind us and a new year ahead we are back to having several events scheduled each month. There are many things that are returning on our calendar (on Page 16) and a few new events.

We are looking for ideas for wineries and restaurants that some of us might want to try out. Ideas were being discussed at our last wine tasting event, please email the bridge your ideas or bring them to one of the next few meetings as we will be trying to set up some of these outings.

As always, we look forward to seeing everyone at an event soon!





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

Our next ABC-3 course is scheduled for February 21 and 28 at Peter's Marine. We have 2 students signed up with room for more, so let your friends and family know. The room is small and there are a limited number of chairs available. Winter weather is here and our boats are currently hibernating, this is the perfect time to take a course and brush up on your skills. The weather course [Weather course | America's Boating Club®](#) and cruising course [Cruise With Confidence: The Complete Guide to Cruising under Power and Sail | America's Boating Club®](#) are both available online and can be taken at your own pace along with many others. Also, Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron teaches lots of online classes and seminars that might interest you. Click on the link and save to your bookmarks so you can check back to see what is being offered. aspsmd.org

"Land was created to provide a place for boats to visit." - Brooks Atkinson

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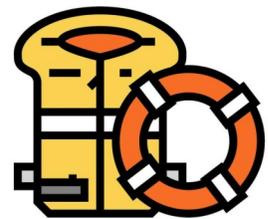
2026 BOATING SAFETY CALENDAR

WEAR IT
A program of the National Safe Boating Council

2026 Boating Safety Calendar

- Jan Various Boat Shows
- Feb Various Boat Shows
- Apr 6 #406Day
- May 7-8 Virtual International Boating & Water Safety Summit
- May National Water Safety Month
- May 15 Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day
- May 16-22 National Safe Boating Week
- May 16 Kids to Parks Day
- May 22 National Maritime Day
- May 23-25 Memorial Day Weekend
- Jun National Safety Month
- Jun 6-14 National Fishing and Boating Week
- June 13 National Marina Day
- Jun 18 National Go Fishing Day
- June 20 Summer Salsicce
- Jul Sun Safe Boating Month
- Jul 4 Independence Day
- Jul 3-5 Operation Dry Water
- Sep 7 Labor Day
- Sep 24 World Maritime Day
- Sep 26 National Hunting and Fishing Day
- Oct National Hunting and Fishing Month
- Nov Child Safety Protection Month
- Dec Holiday Parade of Boats (check local community calendars)

safeboatingcampaign.com





DISTRICT 5 NEWS



America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic
Spring Conference and COW
Holiday Inn—Ocean City
March 23-29, 2026

Come join Delhigh members in Ocean City
for our district spring conference and COW

This is always a fun weekend and we look
forward to seeing you there!

More information in the next Delhighlights!

[Reservation Form](#)

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

[Mark 5](#)

USPS NATIONAL NEWS



Annual Meeting
February 9-15, 2026
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle
Beach Oceanfront Resort at Kingston
Plantation

9800 Queensway Blvd, Myrtle
Beach, SC



Here is a link
to the current
National Newsletter:

[Winter Edition](#)



Diesel engine stress test



I learned about the following diesel engine stress test when I took a class with noted expert Bob Smith several years ago. Smith developed the Lehman Ford diesel engines found in many trawlers and went on to found American Diesel.

To catch engine problems before they occur, write down the base numbers for temperatures and oil pressure when things are running fine, so you'll know what is normal. Then run this test once a month during the boating season.

1. Allow your diesel engine to get up to normal operating temperature.
2. Run the engine up to maximum rpm for about 60 to 90 seconds, about 2,500 rpm for most engines.
3. Back the engine off about 200 rpm and run for about 5 minutes.
4. Watch for temperature and oil pressure changes.
5. Don't continue to run the engine if black smoke occurs. This happens because the engine isn't capable of burning all the fuel.

The three critical temperatures are

- engine coolant temperature 175° to 180°
- exhaust gas temperature
- oil temperature in the base of the engine

On my boat, the only difference I see after running the test for about five minutes is a slight increase in coolant temperature, which is normal. –Gary V. Ball

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A BIT OF FUN



By January, the lake had frozen into a giant sheet of glass, the kind that looks peaceful but whispers *don't test me*. Confident Carl tested it anyway. He wore a life jacket over a parka, because Carl believed in boating safety the way people believe in vitamins—vaguely, but loudly. His boat sat on the ice like a confused walrus, and Carl climbed aboard with the swagger of a man who had watched *several* boating videos.

"Winter boating is just regular boating with consequences," Carl announced.

"Incorrect," said the seagull standing on the bow. "It's regular boating with *extra paperwork*."

Carl jumped. "You talk?"

"I'm a sea bird," the seagull replied. "We narrate poor decisions."

Carl pushed off with an oar. The boat slid across the ice, squealing like a shopping cart in distress. The lake groaned beneath them, an old dragon shifting in its sleep.

"Rule number one," the seagull said, "wear a life jacket."

"I am wearing one!"

"Yes," the seagull nodded. "Which is adorable, because hypothermia does not care."

The wind shoved the boat sideways, spinning it gently. Carl waved cheerfully as they rotated. "See? Full control."

"That's not control," said the seagull. "That's the lake letting you think you're in charge."

Carl tried the motor. It roared bravely, accomplishing nothing. The propeller hummed beneath the ice like a mosquito trapped in a jar.

"Rule number two," the seagull continued, "tell someone where you're going."

"I told my neighbor!"

"Did you tell him you'd be boating on ice?"

"...I said I'd be *near* the lake."

The ice cracked. Carl froze. The sound echoed like the lake laughing with its mouth closed.

"Rule number three," said the seagull, leaning closer, "if you hear cracking, stop moving."

Carl stopped breathing just to be safe.

The crack turned out to be harmless—just the ice stretching—but Carl's confidence deflated like a sad balloon. The boat drifted gently back toward shore, guided by wind, gravity, and better judgment arriving late.

As Carl climbed off, stiff and humbled, the seagull hopped onto the dock.

"Good trip," the bird said. "Next time, bring traction cleats, emergency gear, and less confidence."

Carl nodded. "Same time tomorrow?"

The seagull laughed. "I'll bring a notebook."

Produced by ChatGPT for your entertainment.



Boating Links



Delhigh Power Squadron

Coast Guard reports fewest boating fatalities in more than 50 years. Look at the numbers [here](#).



How fast can one complete the Great Loop? Robert Youens holds the record and is attempting to beat that record in 2026. An interesting [article](#), but wouldn't you rather take your time and enjoy the journey?!?



[World's largest artificial reef or cultural and historical monument?](#) What will the fate of the SS United States be? Largest and fastest in her time, decommissioned in 1969, what lies ahead?



What is the cause of most boating accidents and how do we avoid them? Turns out operator error is the most common cause and here are some tips on how to better prepare yourself in these [#QuickTips](#)

The best of [idiots in boats](#), what more is there to say... I have to wonder how many of these boats actually sank from all of the water that they were taking on.



Want to watch a relaxing 24/7 view of cruise liners coming in and out of Miami's port? If so, this is for you!
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Delhigh 2026 Calendar

<p>Founder's Day Meeting Wednesday, February 4 Morgans Local Flavor 6pm</p> <p>Game Night Saturday, February 21 Meisner Residence 5pm</p> <p>COW Saturday, March 7 1760 Pub N Grille 1pm</p> <p>St Patrick's Day Party Saturday, March 14 Lambo Residence 4pm</p> <p>April Meeting Wednesday, April 1 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm</p> <p>Wine Tasting Saturday, April 18 Blue Ridge Winery TBD</p> <p>Sock Burning Saturday, May 2 Dlugos Fire Pit TBD</p> <p>May Meeting Wednesday, May 6 TBD</p> <p>Beltzville Lake Clean-up/Joey B's Saturday, May 16 Pine Run Boat Launch 9am</p>	<p>Ice Cream Social Wednesday, June 3 Montuori Backyard</p> <p>Summer Rendezvous June 25-28 Rock Hall Landing Marina</p> <p>July Meeting Wednesday, July 15 Nowroozani Pool 6:30pm</p> <p>Musikfest Wednesday, August 5 Hotel Bethlehem 6pm</p> <p>Bonfire Saturday, August 15 Dlugos Fire Pit</p> <p>Iron Pigs Game Wednesday, August 26 Coca-Cola Park 7:05pm</p> <p>September Meeting Wednesday, September 2 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm</p> <p>Trailerboat Rendezvous Saturday, September 12 Ridley Park Marina</p> <p>Dinner Saturday, September 26 TBD</p> <p>Sporting Clays /Oktoberfest Saturday, October 17 Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays Meisner Residence</p>	<p>Boos and Brews Saturday, October 24 Lambo Residence</p> <p>November Meeting Wednesday, November 4 TBD</p> <p>Wine Tasting Saturday, November 21 TBD</p> <p>Holiday Party Saturday, December 12 Pizza Como 12pm</p> <p>January Meeting Wednesday, January 6, 2027 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm</p> <p>Phantoms Game TBD</p> <p>Bowling TBD</p> <p>Founder's Day Meeting Morgan's Local Flavor Wednesday, February 3 6pm</p> <p>Game Night Saturday, February 20 Meisner Residence</p> <p>COW Saturday, March 6 TBD</p>
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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.

