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Kent Narrows



HAPPY HOUR!!!

Join us for a new weekly event.

ABCKN Happy Hour

When:

Thursday, May 14, 2020

1700 – 1800 (5 pm – 6 pm)

Our first weekly happy hour. We'll have fun and different challenges or games or who knows what for all to enjoy and participate.

Bring your cocktail, your video prowess, and your sense of humor.

See you Thursday!

Details:

Meeting ID is 339-692-5225

Meeting Password is ABCKN2020

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











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Welcome to the new and improved Tidelines! Hopefully the changes will help you navigate the newsletter better and easier, being able to jump right to the article you most want to read right away by clicking on the page link in the table of contents. Within articles, links are clickable and will take you places like YouTube, Facebook, websites, emails, and other pages. Some pages themselves are clickable. And there's a back button at the bottom of each page which returns you here. Input is welcome to help you get the most out of Tidelines. Sincerely, your editor, Holly.

COMMANDER 'S CORNER

Cdr Marty Lafferty, AP

The precautions of sheltering in place insofar as possible, wearing protective masks and gloves during essential outings, frequently washing hands, disinfecting foreign objects before bringing them into our homes or boats, and related actions to protect ourselves and others from the coronavirus pandemic, have taken center stage in our daily lives.

The impressive KNSPS-ABCKN event calendar developed with input from many and after a great deal of effort by our working group became an early victim of COVID-19. There was tremendous innovation in planning fresh fun social events and stimulating original educational activities, as well as creative on-the-water boating activities in coordination with other squadrons, yacht clubs, and marinas.

For that, I want to express special thanks to Joe and Kathy Burke, Patti Eney, John Locke, and Marie Murphy for their energized leadership.



As you know, however, before we could even hold our first Executive Meeting to plan and begin implementation, group get-togethers were banned for a yet to-be-determined period. Enter the virtual meeting platforms and videoconference apps that have now also become part of our daily lives. Thanks to the indomitable spirit of your elected officers, we're pioneering the virtualization of our calendar with some smart adjustments to better serve you during these challenging times.

Following our electronic Change of Watch, "Vamos En Bote" was transformed into our first webcam social activity as "Vamos Virtual". You can [watch and enjoy the results on our Facebook page](#).

Next up, the [online Docking Seminar](#) from the all new Boat Handling series holds enormous promise as a live, online class. None of us have ever taken it before. We can really look forward to this valuable educational opportunity coming on May 13th.



"[Summer Shakedown](#)" will become an online barbecue on May 21st – and by-the-way, you can order take-out from [Adam's Grille](#) and have the same meal you would have enjoyed if we could be together face-to-face.

What else would you like from your leadership? Have you checked in with your group – Social, Educational, or Administrative -- to see how you can get involved? What can we do to come out of this stronger than before?

We miss being able to get together, but let's stay in touch with the tools available, and use extra time at home to plan for a brighter future.

Be safe,

Marty



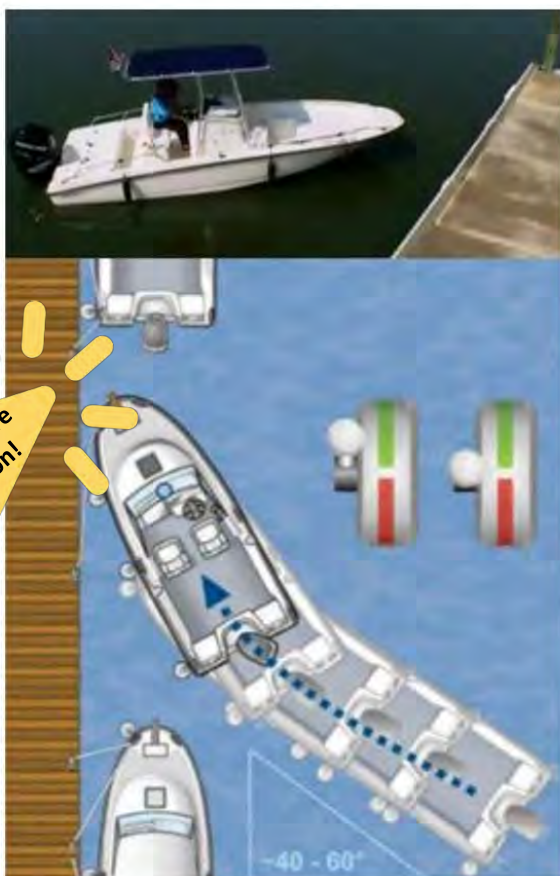
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COMING SOON...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron (KNSPS) – America's Boating Club of Kent Narrows



Click the
page for more
information!

BOAT DOCKING And Slow Speed Maneuvering ONLINE SEMINAR

Docking can be one of the most stressful tasks you can perform, especially if you are a new boater. Closely related as a source of anxiety is maintaining control of your boat at slow speed in close proximity to other boats and fixed objects. With the knowledge you'll gain in this seminar, coupled with your on-the-water practice, your confidence in docking and slow-speed maneuvering will increase and your boating will be both safer and more enjoyable.

WHEN

Wednesday, May 13
7:15 PM

WHAT

"Boat Docking and
Slow Speed Maneuvering"

Online Seminar

NO CHARGE TO MEMBERS

For Practice Session

Or More Info

Please Contact

XO John Locke

443-262-6892 or

abckn.xo@gmail.com

DON'T MISS IT!

WHERE

Free Conference Call

Meeting ID abckn

978-990-5475 code 596618





EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C John Locke, SN-ACN

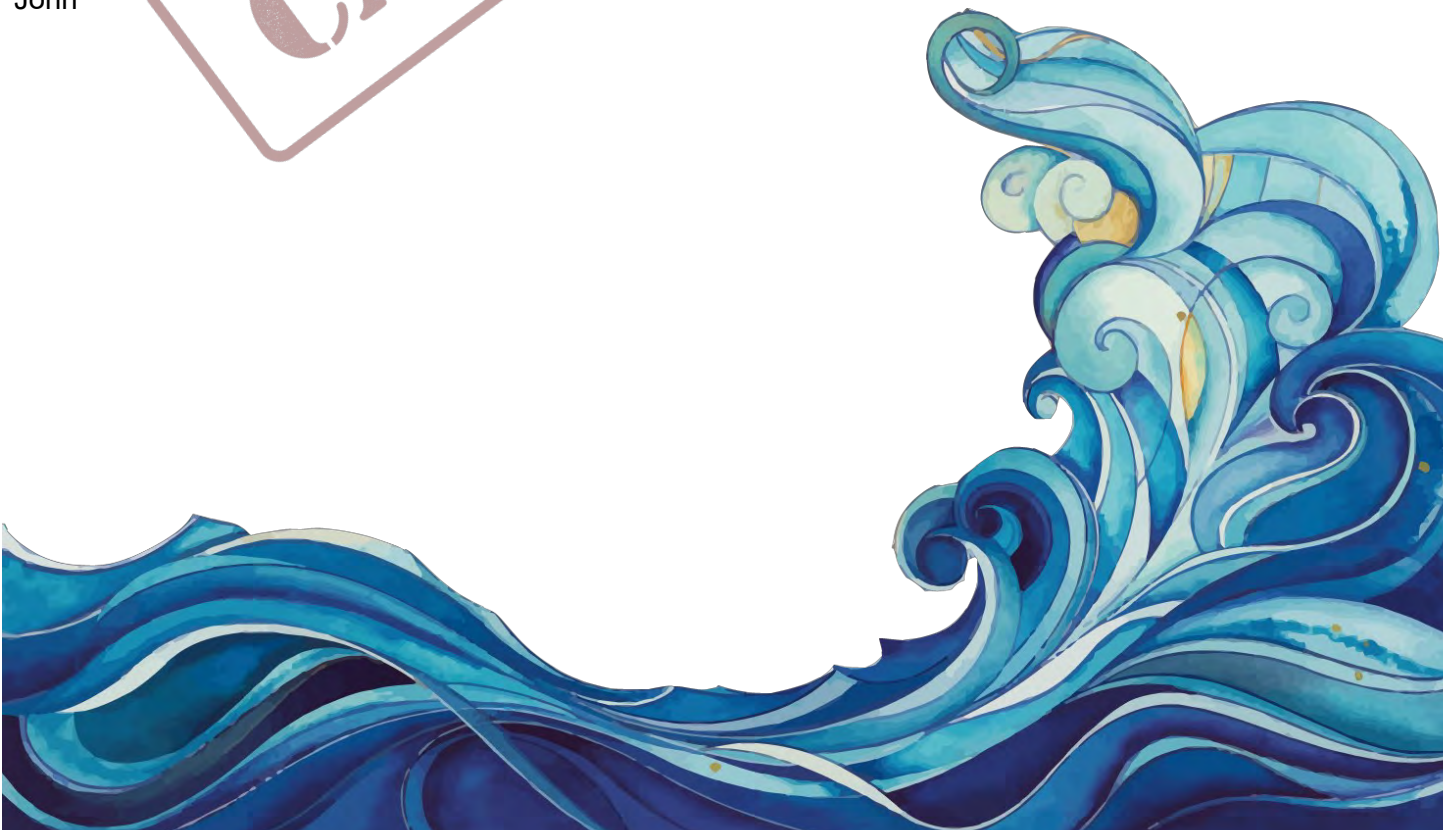
This is the second time I have assumed the duties of the Squadron Executive Officer. The Executive Officer is responsible for the functions described as "external affairs" such as: Boat Shows, Cooperative Charting, Safety, Vessel Safety Checks (see [page 22](#) for more information), and any other outside activities.

I was looking forward to an interesting year filled with boating related activities. Unfortunately, to comply with the current requirements put in place to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, we can't schedule any group activities or activities that would violate social distancing. Currently, even recreational boating is prohibited unless certain guidelines are followed. We all hope that will change soon.

There are many activities that are on the Squadron schedule for May and June that may be cancelled. Activities already cancelled include the Kent Island Parade and Vessel Safety Checks. There also are four cruises scheduled in May/June that may be cancelled. However, activities that are happening are included in this newsletter - fingers crossed they stay scheduled.

Be safe,

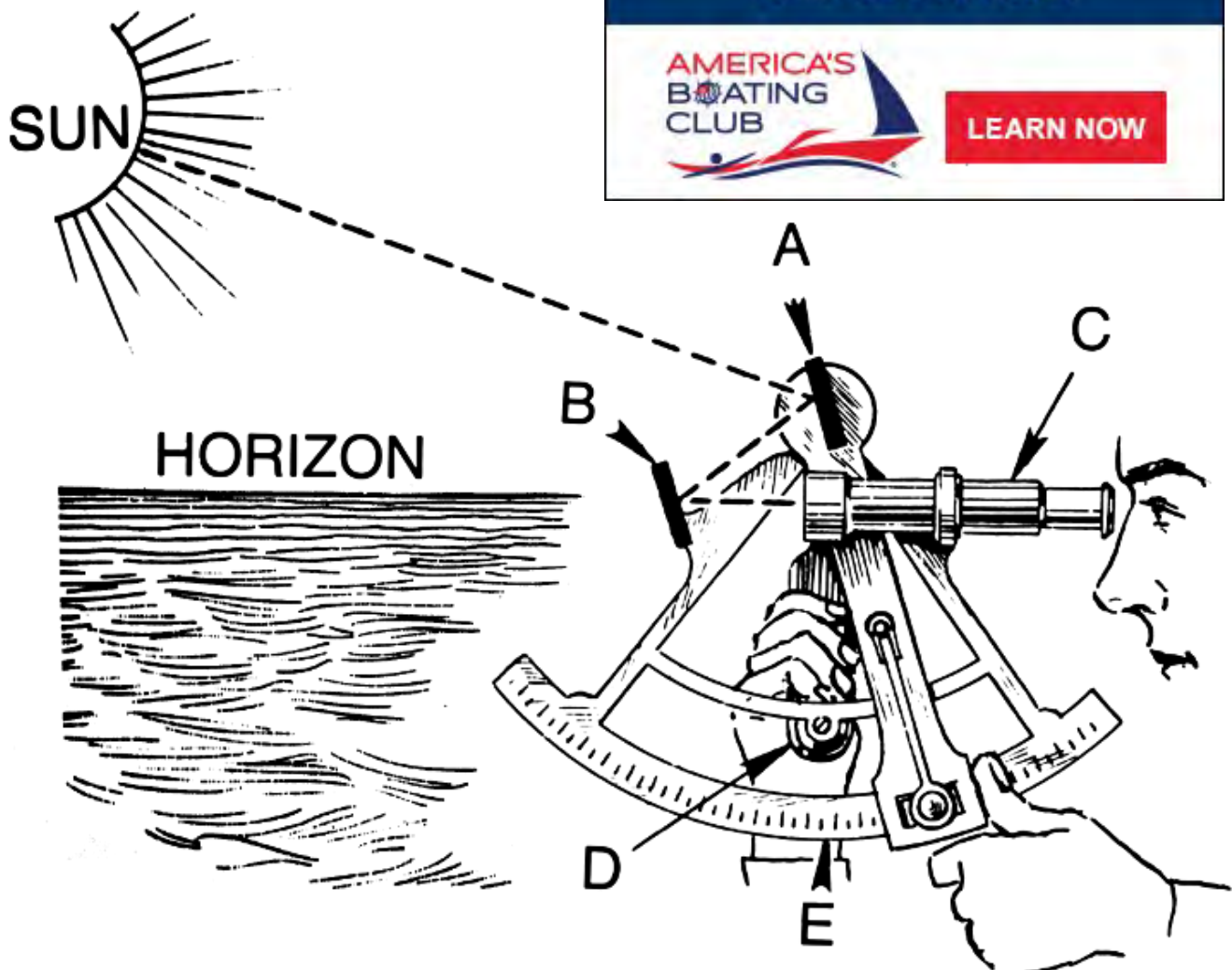
John





ONLINE BOATING SEMINARS... LEARN FROM HOME!

In case you're searching for something to do... Or maybe just want to up your game. Check out what's available online, right from your comfy chair, outdoor deck, berth, or main cabin... no matter where you are, you can access all kinds of learning opportunities. Click on the image and find out!





IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

From USPS Member News

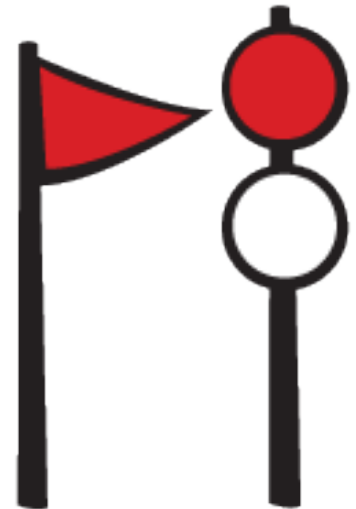
'Small Craft Warning'?

In a move that could simplify and potentially reduce misunderstanding of urgent weather messages used by recreational boaters to make critical boating safety decisions, the National Weather Service has proposed renaming "Small Craft Advisory" to "Small Craft Warning" and is asking for boaters' feedback.

BoatUS urges [boaters to speak up now](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VZGX6BF) by taking an NWS survey for recreational boaters at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VZGX6BF>.

Read more online at the [BoatUS News Room](#).

The survey closes on May 24, 2020.



EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Lt/C Patti Eney, AP

Greetings from my four-season room overlooking the Corsica River! I am hoping that we may soon be able to get out on our boats and meet for some well-deserved social and educational interaction.

Our boating club's educational offerings are having to be re-thought during this social distancing regimen, just as so many of our daily activities have needed to be adjusted. There are several ways that we are doing this.

First, since we had to cancel our ABC class that was supposed to start the 27th of April, we have elected to have an online boating seminar entitled "Boat Docking and Slow Speed Maneuvering" for our members on Wednesday, May 13 (see flyer on [page 6](#) for this exciting event). John Locke will be the presenter for this seminar - sign up today!

Another way we're encouraging boating education is by suggesting online websites and YouTube videos. There is a wealth of informative videos on the United States Power Squadron and America's Boating Channel sites as well as other websites. On the Power Squadron site, there are courses, seminars, and webinars that we can use to increase our knowledge. [Click here](#) to go right to the site.

Our very own Marty Lafferty is the host of the new America's Boating Channel Live broadcasts, and Holly Tompkins has been featured there for weekly music ideas. Marty has been sending out reminders for their Wednesday afternoon broadcasts, but they are available on [YouTube](#) if you have missed them. In addition, the site has short videos regarding many boating topics. I'll be sending out more online ideas as the month of May progresses.

We are hoping that our summer and fall educational opportunities will go as planned. Please check your email regularly for updates in-between "Tidelines" publications. If you have any additional ideas for online education, please send them to me: ABCKN.edu@gmail.com.

Yours in boating,

Patti Eney



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GET READY TO BBQ...VIRTUALLY!

Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron (KNSPS) – America's Boating Club of Kent Narrows



SUMMER SHAKEDOWN

Texas-Style BBQ on ZOOM

Don your western attire – cowboy or cowgirl hat – grill some ribs, steaks, or burgers, then join fellow members for our Zoom videoconference “*Summer Shakedown*” barbecue. Bring your best Texas-style toast or joke to kick things off, pardners. And let us know how you plan to git back on the water. If you want to keep it super-authentic, order take-out ribs from Adam's Grille, the original venue for this event before we had to corona-virtualize our get togethers.

WHEN

Thursday, May 21
6:00 PM

WHAT

“*Summer Shakedown*”
Virtual Barbecue Party

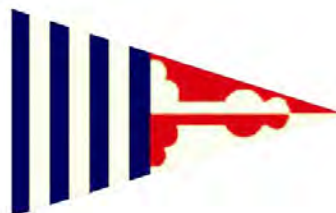
NO CHARGE TO MEMBERS

For Practice Session
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abckn.ao@gmail.com

DON'T MISS IT!

WHERE

ZOOM VideoConference
bit.ly/ABCKNzoom
Meeting ID 339-692-5225
Password ABCKN2020





ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Marie Murphy, S

As spring attempts to make an appearance, I sit and watch the wildlife that lives in my back yard. Our osprey couple left us for another perch this year, so I cannot spend my summer watching them grow their family. This is the first time since we moved here that we don't have an osprey family off our dock. We do, however, have our resident blue heron (Henry), the muskrat that lives under our ramp, two bunnies, lots of birds, and a new crop of turtles that just hatched and marched across my lawn to the water.



I've managed to get the spring yard cleanup done, had the mowers tuned up (utilized at least twice already) and cleaned the porch furniture and put it in place. It all seems very normal. And then I realize it is not normal at all.

As we start this boating season with no real date of when we can actually use our boats, I wonder what this summer will bring. I know we have planned some wonderful events, what I don't know is – will we be able to have them. Nothing is more important to us than the health and safety of our members. I know you are all sequestering in place, wearing your face masks when out, and social distancing when you go food shopping. So when the time comes to decide if we will hold the various events we've planned, we will decide with our members in mind. I'm a big believer in "Better safe than sorry", so please know that you will be our first consideration.

To try to fill the void of face to face events, we are trying something new – virtual parties. Our last get together was our Mexican Fiesta (see the pictures starting on [page 15](#)) and our members brought their best guacamole to the party.



This month is our Summer Shakedown: BYOR - Bring Your Own Ribs. We were scheduled to go to Adams Grille, which obviously we can't do. So sign on, belly up to the counter and share your BBQ with your fellow members by logging onto [Zoom.com](https://zoom.us). (sign up ahead of time if you don't already have an account) It's very easy to join the party and we'd all love to see you!!

Lt/C Marie Murphy, S
AO



CRUISE SCHEDULE – JUNE THROUGH OCTOBER

Courtesy of America's Boating Club Baltimore / Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron, Inc.

Boater usually make their own slip reservations. Details about each cruise will be provided on cruise flyers and the Squadron's website as they become available.

Dates	Name of Cruise	Destination/Marina	Cruise Masters
June 5-7	Opening Weekend Maryland Yacht Club	Maryland Yacht Club 1500 Fairview Beach Rd. Pasadena, MD 21122 (410) 255-4444	Susan Rudy David Blades 410-661-4790 sfrudy@gmail.com david.blades28@gmail.com
June 13 th	Annapolis S&PS Picnic Day	Lake Ogleton, Annapolis Bay Ridge Marina Club House 80 East Lake Drive Annapolis, MD 21403	Annapolis S&PS
June 19-21	Sea Scouts Service Weekend & Antique Boat Show	Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum 213 N. Talbot St. St. Michael's, Maryland 21663 410-745-2916	Barbara Lash 443-417-5783 barbaralash@gmail.com Tiffany Ferrari 858-395-4894 tifferrari@gmail.com
July 10-12	The Wurst Cookout	Baltimore Yacht Club 800 Baltimore Yacht Club Road Essex, MD 21221 (410) 682-2310	Mary & John Hall 410-823-5698 MIhall767@gmail.com Jhall767@gmail.com
July 23-26	District 5 Summer Council	Smith Mountain Lake Bedford, Franklin & Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia	District 5, Smith Mt. Lake S&PS
August 7-9	Midsummer Cruise	Chesapeake Yacht Club 4943 Hine Drive Shady Side, MD 20764 (410) 867-1500	Eileen & Doug Riley 410-825-9632 dougriley@verizon.net
September 26	Annapolis S&PS Annual Crab Feast	Lake Ogleton, Annapolis Bay Ridge Marina Club House 80 East Lake Drive Annapolis, MD 21403	Annapolis S&PS
October 9-11	Fall Foliage Cruise	Tidewater Marina 100 Bourbon Street Havre de Grace, MD 21078 (410) 939-0950	Jeanne Galvin, Ned Dexter 410-665-5402 Esx520@hotmail.com



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DISTRICT 5 NEWS

D/Lt/C Michael Payne, AP

As you probably know by now, the District 5 Spring Conference, which was to be the 26th-29th of March this year at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Resort in Ocean City, MD had to be called off due to the COVID-19 situation. This was done out of an abundance of caution, especially since many of our members are of an age and/or condition of health where they are the population most vulnerable to COVID-19 if exposed. The District 5 Bridge felt that holding the meeting would be highly inadvisable. As a result of this, the USPS District 5 – America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic 2020 Change of Watch was conducted electronically on Saturday, April 4, 2020. I am happy to report that your 2020 District 5 Bridge is now in place, and as your D5 Executive Officer for this year, I welcome you to what I believe will be a great boating season!

At this time, our next major event, the District 5 Summer Council & Rendezvous, is still on schedule to be held the 23rd -26th of July 2020 at Mariners Landing at Smith Mountain Lake, VA. The District 5 Meetings and Rendezvous Committee has been hard at work preparing for this year's Summer Council & Rendezvous. Information on the District 5 Summer Council & Rendezvous can be found on the District 5 webpage using the following link - <https://www.abc-midatlantic.org/>.

District 5 continues to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation with various stay-at-home orders, social distancing requirements, bans on large gatherings, etc., so if any changes with this event have to be made, District 5 will let members know as soon as possible. Also, just to let you know, if this event is not able to be held this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, discussions are already underway to hold this same event next year at Smith Mountain Lake, VA, since it has generated such enthusiasm and interest throughout the District & essentially all the planning has already been done.

Finally, don't forget our District 5 Fall Educational Conference, to be held this year on the 5th–8th of November 2020 at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel in Gettysburg, PA. Check the District 5 webpage, using the link above, for additional details. Additional information on both the Summer Council & Rendezvous and Fall Educational Conference can also be found in the [Spring Issue of the Mark 5 Newsletter](#).

Stay safe, be encouraged, and let's all look forward to a fun boating season!



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VAMOS EN BOTE VIRTUAL PARTY

April 16, 2020



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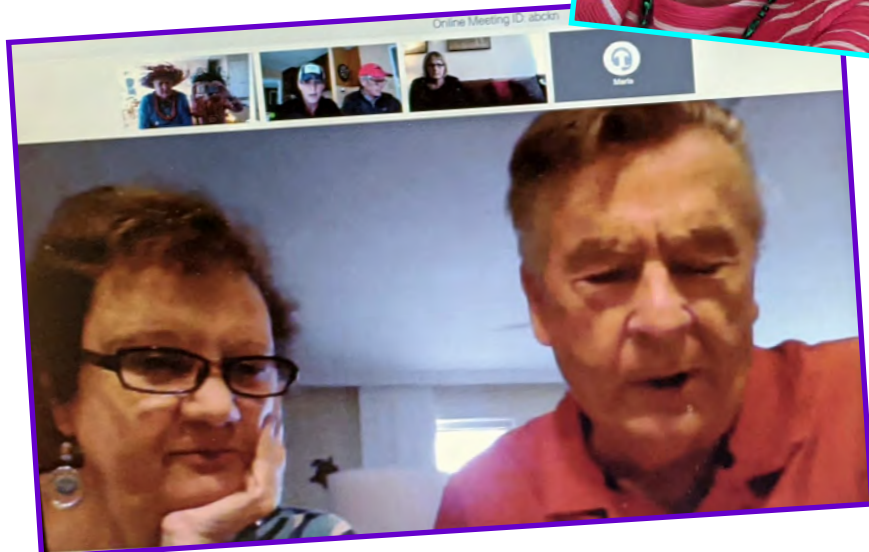
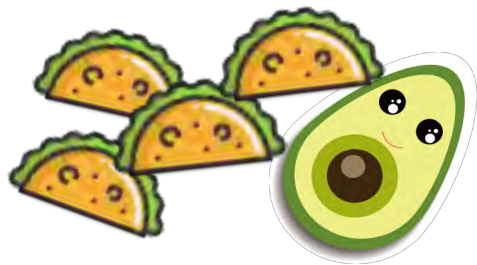
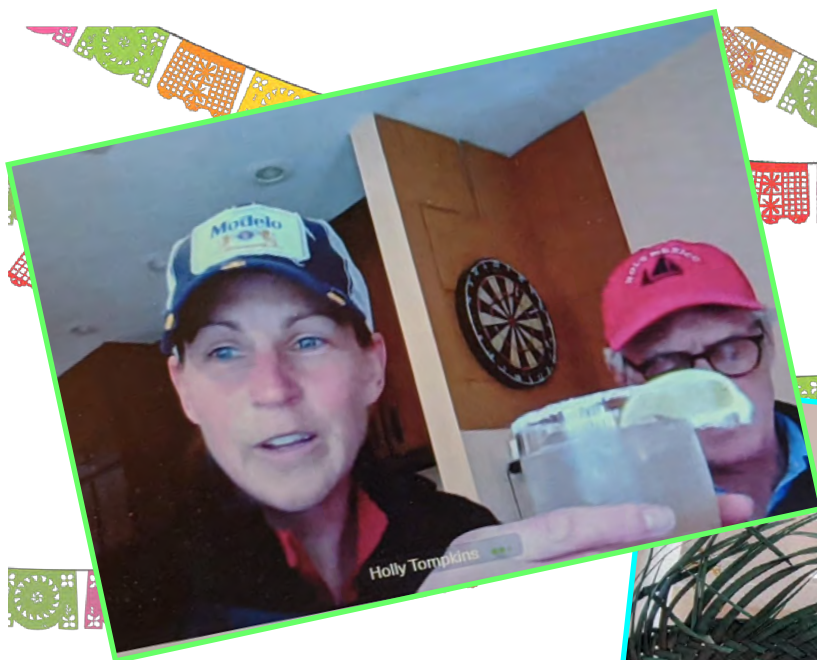


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D5 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS 2020



Cruise / Rendezvous / Council Overview

Randy Stow – 540-588-0270 or smlstow@gmail.com

Houseboat Chartering

Rich Faga – 973-202-8778 or smlsaps@gmail.com

Trailer Boat Logistics

David Eberle – 336-908-7182 or davideberle@outlook.com

Condominium Rentals

Trish Fox – 607-426-9810 or trishannfox@yahoo.com

Mon 7/20 – Thu 7/23 Cruise Highlights

Jim Fox – 607-426-9809 or contactfoxy@yahoo.com

Thu 7/23 – Sun 7/26 Rendezvous Highlights

Wheeler Baker – 540-488-2401 or wheelerbaker@gmail.com





IS YOUR BOAT READY?

Dick Radlinski, AP-CN

On May 6th, Governor Larry Hogan announced that recreational boating is again permitted on Maryland waterways. Like me, I am sure most all of you are ready to get back on the water again.

Usually at this time of year, with National Safe Boating week ready to begin May 16-22, it's time to start thinking about getting an annual Vessel Safety Check (VSC) on your boat and normally that can easily be arranged. Unfortunately at this time, given the Covid-19 pandemic, the National USPS organization has not yet allowed squadrons to perform these checks. Despite this, there are a number of things that you can do to make sure your boat is safe and ready to go. The last thing you want is to be stopped by the US Coast Guard or DNR police and get a ticket for a safety violation.

Here is a list of the most common reasons boats fail an inspection:

- ◆ Registration not on the boat or out of date
- ◆ Visual Distress Signals (flares) expired
- ◆ Missing or inadequately charged fire extinguishers
- ◆ Lights not working
- ◆ Horn not working
- ◆ Too few or defective PFDs (life preservers) or no throwable flotation device on board



There are other items, but these are the most common reasons for failure. If you get ready to take your boat out, be sure to check each of these items first to make sure you are in compliance with the regulations and even more importantly, your boat is in safe condition.



If you would like a free VSC as soon as we are permitted to do them again, please contact Dick Radlinski (410-827-3376 or radlinskid@gmail.com) and we will get to you as soon as possible.

See [page 21](#) for more information.



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VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS



“Boat Smart from the Start”
with a
FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

What is a Vessel Safety Check?

It is a **FREE** check of a vessel's equipment for compliance with federal, state and local safety requirements.

Some of the items we check are:

- ◆ Proper display of numbers
- ◆ Registration/Documentation
- ◆ Personal Flotation Devices
- ◆ Visual Distress Signals
- ◆ Fire extinguishers
- ◆ Ventilation
- ◆ Backfire Flame Control
- ◆ Sound Producing Devices
- ◆ Navigation Lights
- ◆ State & Local Requirements
- ◆ Overall Vessel Condition

How do I get a **FREE** Vessel Safety Check?

Contact: *Dick Radlinski* from **America's Boating Club Kent Narrows** when you are ready for a Vessel Safety Check at:

410.827.3376

ABCKN.vsc@gmail.com



LATEST FROM NATIONAL

Come Learn our History and Meet Headquarters Staff

The 2020 Fall National Governing Board will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina (September 8-13). In addition to accomplishing lots of work for the organization, the national meetings committee has planned some wonderful offsite events. Tours of the headquarters building, including the library and board room, the warehouse, the shipping center, and the various offices will be the highlights. In addition, there will be a cocktail hour at the hotel with the staff in attendance.

Come meet the wonderful people who help solve your challenges! There are three opportunities for these tours on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. There are other tours and events available including a Kayaking Trip, Tour of Raleigh, Afternoon Tea, and beautiful museums.

[Check out the meeting website](#) for more details. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, meals, and tours! Join us for fun, work, and fellowship! You determine how much of each.



2020 Fall Governing Board

Raleigh, North Carolina



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HELPFUL LINKS & INFORMATION



The Executive Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. You are welcome to join and listen in - currently meeting via Free Conference Call.com. The [Commander](#) has the link information if you are interested.



[America's Boating Channel](#) website and the [YouTube](#) site



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The [ACB-KN](#) website and Facebook page: 



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The [Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron](#) website and Facebook page: 



The [Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron](#) website and Facebook page: 




Other links:



Local publications: [Proptalk](#) & [Spinsheet](#)



The Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System (CBIBS) weather conditions.  - a great resource for local water/



Maryland tides:



State of Maryland [Coronavirus](#) information

