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June Events

Urbanna June Jubilee

Rendezvous - June 9

Poker Run - June 10

Pot Luck - June 10, 1300

Next Squadron Meeting

June 13, 1800 (6:00 PM)

Anna's Restaurant

11027 Hull Street Road, Midlothian
(near Genito Road)

Summer Cruise

July 3-4 - Norfolk/Portsmouth

July 5-6 - Hampton

July 7-8 - Yorktown

New Boating Regulations

NEW BOATING REGULATIONS

New Move Over Law – Effective January 1, 2023

Every motorboat, when approaching or passing within 200 feet of any law enforcement vessel or emergency services vessel that is displaying flashing blue or red lights, shall slow to no-wake speed so that the effect of the wake does not disturb the activities of the law enforcement or emergency services personnel. Where the operator of a motorboat fails to comply with this regulation, and where such failure endangers the life or limb of any person involved or endangers or damages the vessels involved, the operator shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be additionally required to complete and pass a NASBLA-approved safe boating course.

Fire Extinguishers Age - Effective April 20, 2022

If your disposable (non-rechargeable) fire extinguisher has the Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) Trademark, a date of manufacture stamped on the bottle, and it is older than 12 years since the date, the extinguisher is considered expired and must be removed from service. Look for wording on the bottle stating, "This product must be removed from service within 12 years after date of manufacturing".

Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) - April 1, 2021

An Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS) prevents runaway vessels and the threats they pose. The ECOS usually consists of a lanyard attached to the operator and to a switch that shuts off the engine if the operator is displaced from the helm. Wireless ECOS which shut down the engine when the operator hits the water are permitted.

Recreational boats less than 26 feet in length manufactured after December 2019 and capable of 3 HP are required to be equipped with ECOS. Owners are required to maintain the ECOS system. This system will be used when the primary helm is not enclosed and the boat is operating above displacement speed. ECOS use would not be required when docking/trailing, trolling and operating in no-wake zones.

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Commander's Message

America's Boating Club and ABC-Richmond are undergoing a kind of renaissance--a recasting of the organization--from a somewhat formal, hierarchical and uniformed organization to a less formal and and much less structured club model.

The United States Power Squadrons (and Richmond Sail and Power Squadron) have long provided valuable networking opportunities for business owners and entrepreneurs. Lots of business deals have been struck through the interactions of members, and it was common for members to use other members' services whenever possible.

Today's business connections often materialize through internet-based connections, reducing the impetus for many people to seek out and join traditional fraternal organizations. Websites such as Linked In and Zoom provide the professional-to-professional connections that used to rely entirely on organizations such as the American Legion, Knights of Columbus, VFW, The Rotary Club and the like.

In the not-so-distant past, if you owned a boat, you needed training to safely pilot your recreational vessel out of sight of land. Before the advent of affordable chart plotters and ubiquitous GPS navigation in automobiles, you needed to actually use paper charts and a compass to find your way across the Bay. Today, all that has changed and it's commonplace to buy a boat, launch it (or step aboard), turn on the electronics and follow the little boat icon on the screen, not unlike using the GPS in your car.

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Commander's Message (CONT'D)

The sea change in business networking and electronic navigation has changed the priorities of many boaters. They join fraternal organizations less often and take their training on line. Less time traveling, more time with the family.

But there is a downside to this change. We miss the human, face-to-face interaction, the friendships, the off-topic discussions, the camaraderie that ensues from participation in a social group. On-line training is convenient, but it lacks the "war stories," the personal experiences, the sharing of ideas that in-person classroom training provides.

The migration from IRL (in real life) to virtual (internet/web-based) interpersonal communications has adversely affected membership in fraternal organizations across the spectrum. Adapting to this reality is the idea behind our re-branding from the venerable "United States Power Squadrons" to a more modern "America's Boating Clubs." A club with more focus on fun stuff to do and less focus on ceremonies and uniforms.

We aim to provide things you can't get on line (boating and social experiences) and we'll go on-line to get you trained so you can enjoy those experiences and stay safe doing so.

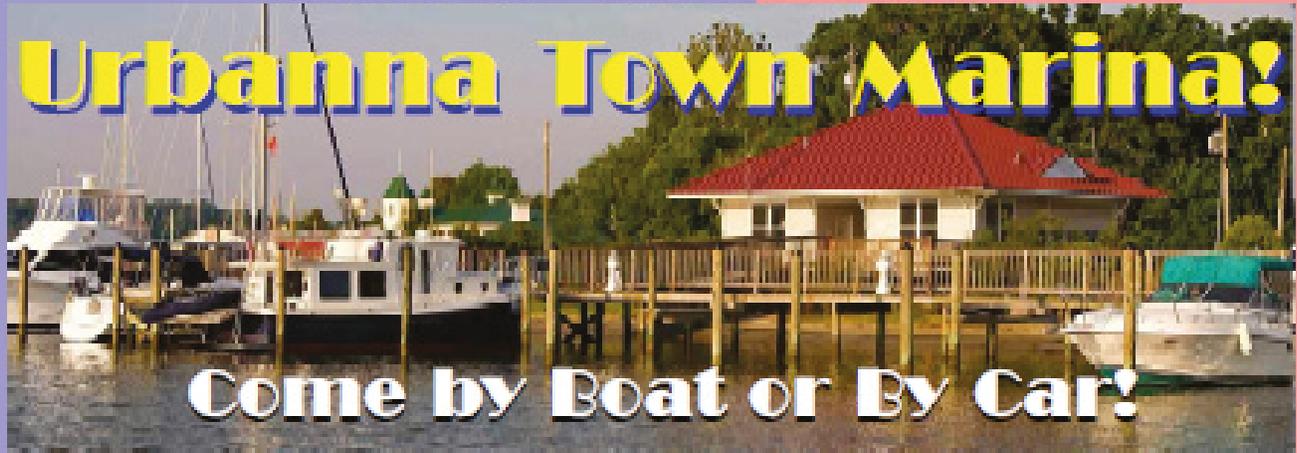
So that's it in a nutshell. Fun stuff to do in-person. On-line training. America's Boating Club-Richmond is adapting to the new social environment and keeping the goals of fellowship, education and civic service alive in this new era of instant information and communications. Look at our calendar and you are sure to find something that will tickle your interests. Scratch that itch and join in! There is lots of stuff happening in our club! Where do you want to go today?

Your's in Safe Boating

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June Jubilee?

Urbanna Town Marina!



Come by Boat or By Car!

Overnight Rendezvous

9 June, Friday, 5pm, Docktails

10 June, Saturday, 1pm Lunch/Party/Pot Luck

10 June, Saturday, 6pm, Docktails

11 June, Sunday, Departure

So for some reason (we won't tell) you can't make it to the Tides Inn in May? Shame on you!

Well, in the interest of fairness, we've arranged another special event for you! Yes! Just for YOU!

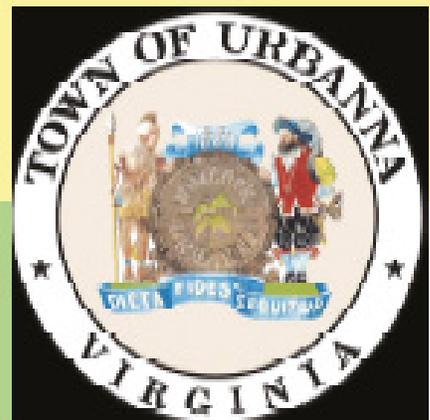
Join America's Boating Clubs Richmond and Northern Neck at Urbanna's Town Marina for an early Summer Rendezvous and Party!

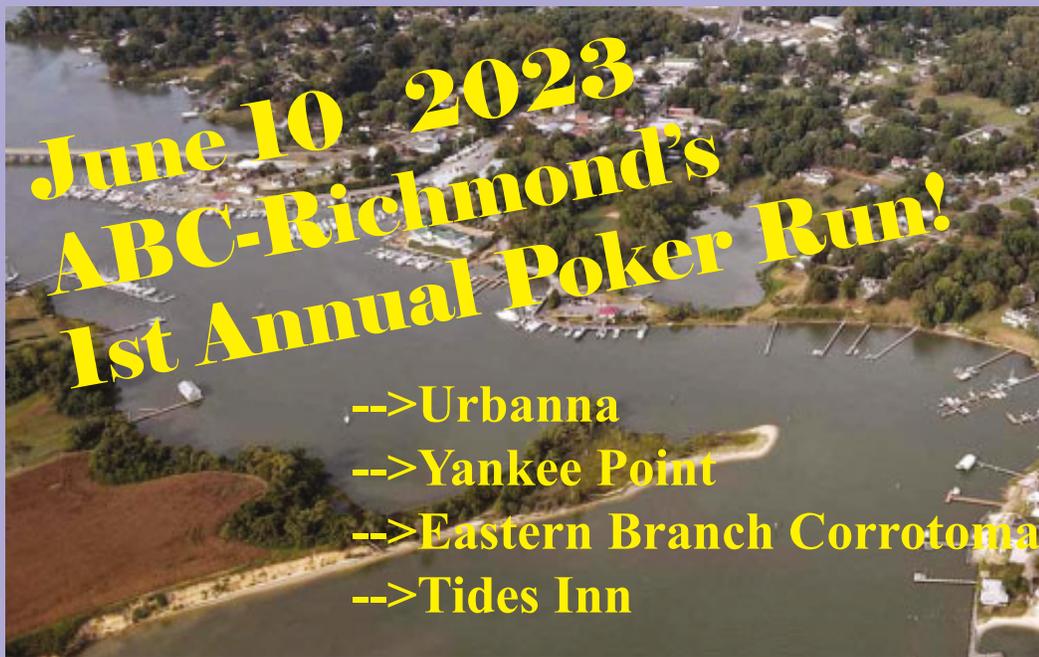
Arrive by Boat Friday 9 June and join us for cocktails. Stay over and enjoy the Pot Luck Luncheon at 1pm on Saturday! Bring something yummy to share!

Please RSVP for Lunch to Susan Timpano at susan.timpano@earthlink.net by 1 June 2023.

Skippers make your own slip reservations by 1 May with the Urbanna Town Marina at 804-758-5440.

POT LUCK
10 June 1:00 PM



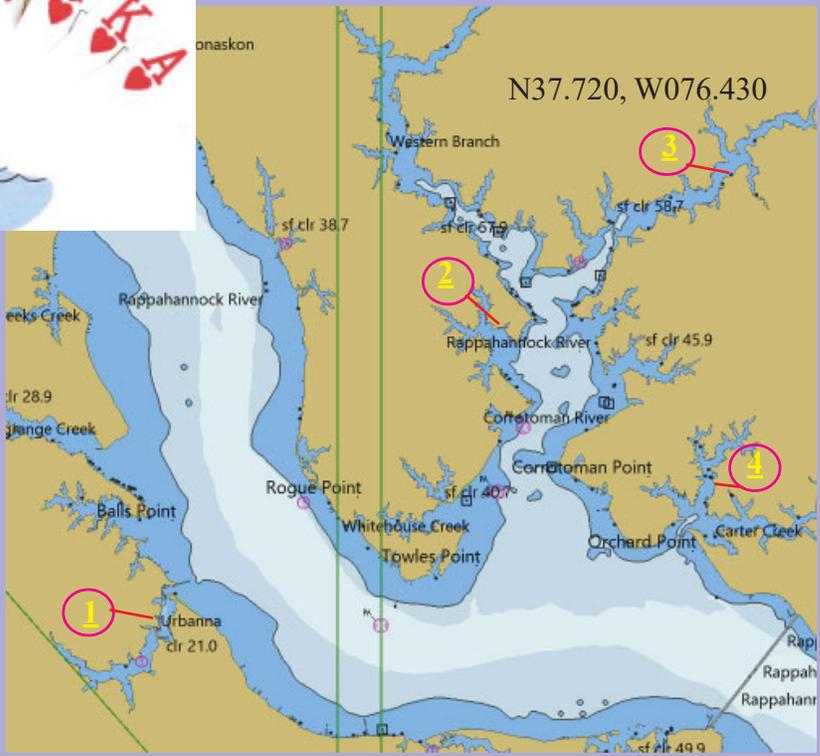


- >Urbanna
- >Yankee Point
- >Eastern Branch Corrotoman
- >Tides Inn

Join Richmond Sail and Power Squadron's First Annual June Jubilee Poker Run!

Take your boat (or ride with someone else) to various local destinations and pick up sealed envelopes with playing cards. Return to the Urbanna Town Dock for the Hands Down Showdown at 1 pm. Make your best hand from your cards and see if you can win a prize!

Everybody on the boat gets to play!
Not limited to one hand per boat!



Destinations

1. Portside Grill, Urbanna Creek
2. Yankee Point Marina, Fuel Dock
3. Timpano's Dock, Eastern Branch (N37.720, W076.430) (in Dock Box)
4. Tides Inn Marina, Marina Office

Start: Any time after 0800
Hands Down: 1 pm at the Town Dock

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Education

Ahoy Members,

Classes

Marine Navigation Course This is the new USPS navigation course that replaces the former Piloting Course. **Jim Zeigler** reported that the class is winding down and exams will be ordered around the second week of June. The class has eight students attending.

Trailer Your Boat **Jim Juritsch** and **Dave Childress** presented a seminar on how to safely and securely trailer your boat and how to maintain and use your boat trailer. It was held Sunday, May 21st at 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Osborne Landing parking lot. Even though participation was less than desired, it did develop into an opportunity for several Vessel Safety Checks to be completed. Jim Juritsch and Jim Zeigler, who are VSC Examiners, each completed several checks during the afternoon.

Boat Operator Certification (BOC)

Have you ever considered participating in the BOC program and receiving a boat operator's certification?

What is the BOC? This is a member's only program which is offered in four successive levels. They are Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator, Advanced Coastal Navigator and Offshore Navigator. Progressive completion of each level certifies the (more-->)

Education (cont'd)

ability of the member to operate in increasingly challenging waters, on longer voyages and farther offshore. Each level requires the completion of certain courses and seminars as well as an on-the water skill demonstration with a specially trained certifier. The courses and seminars are in the standard USPS curriculum and you may have already completed several of these already.

Why would I want a BOC certification in my type of Boat? Well, how proficient and knowledgeable do you want to be while out on the water with family and friends? A certification program will give you the tools and skills to become a proficient boat captain well above the level of the average recreational boater. It represents the fulfillment of a USPS training program where you become an operator who is knowledgeable, competent and safe. In addition, the certification contributes to your boating resume when chartering power or sailing vessels in the United States and near foreign waters. Depending on your boat insurance company, you may also qualify for discounts on your rates when renewing your boat policy.

Inland Navigator (IN) Requirements: For vessels 26 feet or less

IN Courses

- NASBLA-approved safe boating course (A state course or the USPS ABC Course)
- Boat Handling (previously Seamanship)
- Engine Maintenance
- Marine Electrical Systems

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Education (cont'd)**IN Seminars:**

- How to Use a Chart (or Marine Navigation or Piloting course)
- Basic Weather and Forecasting (or Weather course)
- How to Use GPS or Using GPS (or Piloting or Marine Navigation course)
- All About Marine Radio or Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio (or Marine Communication Systems course or Marine Electronics 102 course)

IN Skills:

- Basic Powerboat Handling skill demonstration (BPH)
- Use of Fire Extinguishers (FE)

Coastal Navigator (CN) Requirements: Vessels greater than 26 feet**CN Courses**

- Completion of the Inland Navigation Certification
- Marine Communication Systems (or Marine Electronics 102)
- Marine Navigation (or Piloting)
- Weather

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Education (cont'd)**CN Seminars:**

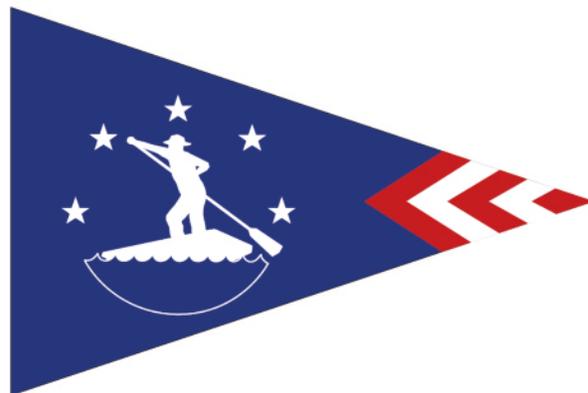
- Tides and Currents (or Advanced Marine Navigation course)

CN Skill Demonstrations:

- NAV - On-the-Water Navigation
- PD - Use of Pyrotechnic Distress Signals

How do I sign up for BOC? If we can get two or three or more members ready to take on the challenge, we will plan courses and seminars around what you need to accomplish. If you already have completed a listed course or seminar, you will receive credit for it. When you get close to an OTW skills evaluation, we can provide some OTW training to get you ready. Afterwards, we can schedule you an evaluation with a BOC Certifier usually in our own boating waters. Ready? Contact Bill Simpson, Jim Juritsch or Jim Zeigler to get started. Contact information can be found on the lead page of this newsletter.

Lt/C Bill Simpson
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LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

GWYNN'S ISLAND BRIDGE - Openings restricted to 2 a.m., 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. through October 12, 2023. The vertical clearance of the drawbridge in the closed-to-navigation position is 12 feet above mean high water.

PIANKATANK RIVER – Until August 5, 2023, oyster reef rehabilitation project at the mouth of the Piankatank River.

NEW RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER - Oyster Reef Construction in Rappahannock River from Windmill Point to above Urbanna

NEW GREAT WICOMICO RIVER - Oyster Reef Construction from entrance to above Sandy Point (beacon "9")

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES - Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and the Route 301 bridge at Dahlgren.

NOAA HYDRIGRAPHIC SURVEY - Survey work continues in the James, York, Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers through 1 July 2023.

NEW BRIDGE PROPOSAL NEAR HENRICUS PARK - Coast Guard 5th District is requesting comments by June 26, 2023 on a proposed new bridge over the James River Oxbow near the south end of the I-295 Varina – Enon bridge. The bridge will connect Henricus Park to the Corporate Village Parkway. New access to Henricus Park is needed because of Dominion Energy's coal-ash landfill exhumation located along the current Henricus Park Road. The project will replace the Dutch Gap Boat Launch. The new fixed bridge over the oxbow (not the river main channel) will have a 160-foot horizontal clearance and 29-foot vertical clearance of 29 feet above mean high water.



Membership Meeting!!

**13 June, 2023 at Anna's Restaurant,
Midlothian!**



America's Boating Club-Richmond

Please join us for another wonderful dinner meeting. The meeting program will include a short business meeting to update members on squadron operations, educational opportunities, and finances, as well as a review of upcoming social activities.

The meeting will be held at 1800 (6 pm) at Anna's Restaurant Midlothian, located at 11027 Hull Street Rd, Midlothian, VA 23112.

Order from the menu. Average dinner cost is \$15-\$23. Anna's offers naked wings and salads that are gluten-free if desired.

You do not need to eat to attend the meeting.



Please RSVP to Susan Timpano by June 1 at susan.timpano@earthlink.net if you plan to attend and eat.

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Hi All,

This month's update focuses on our June 9-11 Urbanna Harbor Rendezvous and our June 13 Squadron Dinner Meeting. The Urbanna event starts off with those of us coming in boats getting to Urbanna on June 9 or 10. If you get there on June 9, you'll stay overnight on your boat and be ready for the Poker Run and the luncheon the next day. If you come on June 10 and plan to participate in the Poker Run, you should be at Urbanna by 0800 when we will start the activity. Plan to either take your boat or ride with someone else in their boat to four different locations (including Urbanna Harbor) where you will pick up sealed envelopes containing playing cards. From your playing cards, you will create your best five card "hand." At 1300, we will meet at Urbanna Harbor and reveal the winning hands. Prizes will be available for the best three hands.

All this will be followed by a luncheon with barbecue supplied by Something Different and paid for by the squadron and side dishes or desserts supplied by squadron members. Don't forget to bring something delicious. Urbanna Harbor staff will set up a tent and picnic tables for our luncheon.

Our second event is the next Squadron Dinner Meeting being held at Anna's Restaurant in Midlothian. The address is 11027 Hull Street Rd, Midlothian, VA 23112-3253. We will have dinner, followed by a program from Dominion Energy. Please RSVP to me at susan.timpano@earthlink.net.

June Jubilee Rendezvous, Poker Run and Luncheon at Urbanna Town Marina June 9,10,11.

This event is just around the corner. We need your RSVP to assist with planning for the lunch at the Urbanna Town Marina.

Attention Trailer Boaters!!

Here is an opportunity to have some fun! It's the First Annual RSPS Poker Run! Specifically designed to accommodate trailer boats! See the attached Poker Run flyer for all the details!

Then stick around for the lunch. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Main course of pulled pork and chicken barbecue catered by Something Different.

Cruisers!

Make your slip arrangements directly with the Town Marina. See the Rendezvous (June Jubilee) flyer.

Drivers!

Arrive early to join the poker run or around noon for lunch. We will be eating under a tent behind the marina office. BYOB and a lawn chair if you'd like. There will be picnic tables.

We are looking for a big turnout for this event!

In the Morning and Evening Sky

<u>Full Moon</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>New Moon</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>Full Moon</u>
June 3 (Strawberry)	June 10 (waxing)	June 18	June 26 (waning)	July 3 (Buck Moon)

The planets move around the sun at different rates; Venus 225 days, Mars 687 days Jupiter 12 years and Saturn 29 years. In the meantime we are also orbiting the sun every 365.25 days. So the apparent position of the planets relative to the sun is constantly changing and these bright planets move through our sky at different rates.

We had a good demonstration of this in June. Saturn and Jupiter which gave us a spectacular evening show in early winter and now have reemerged in the morning sky. And Venus and Mars, our closet neighbor planets, remain in the evening sky.

Venus will continue as the bright object in the western sky. Reddish Mars will appear close to Venus. They will appear closest on July 1. Venus will be its highest in the evening sky on June 4, then begin to fall.

Bright Saturn will appear high in the eastern predawn sky while Jupiter will start out low in and gradually climb in the predawn eastern sky. The crescent moon will be close to Jupiter in the morning sky on June 14 and close to Venus in the evening sky on June 21 which is also the summer solstice.

Don't forget to look for the gibbous moon one day either side of the new moon on June 18. The edge of the moon will be brightly reflect sunlight while the rest of the moon will be faintly lit by light reflected off the earth (earthshine).

HURRICANE SEASON STARTS JUNE 1

The NOAA Hurricane forecast was released on May 25. NOAA predicts a 40% chance of a normal hurricane season, a 30% chance of a less severe season and a 30% chance of a more severe season. This is in line with earlier predictions from Colorado State University and North Carolina State University (see table). NOAA attributes this forecast to an emerging El Niño condition in the tropical Pacific Ocean. But caution is warranted due to apparent changing climate conditions.

	NOAA May 25	CSU April 13	NCSU Forecast	Average 1991 to 2020	2022 Forecast	2022 Actual
Named Storms >39 mph (34 kn)	12-17	13	11-15	14	14	14-21
Hurricanes	5 - 9	6	6-8	7	8	6-10
Major Hurricanes Cat 3,4,5	1 - 4	2	2-3	3	2	3-6





July 4th Fireworks in Portsmouth!

Here's a chance for a fun cruise to ports close to home in early July! What better way to beat the warm temps than getting out on the water and joining your fellow ABC members on a short cruise to a couple neat destinations?

See the itinerary below for details. Make your own marina reservations, noting that you are with the America's Boating Club-Richmond (aka Richmond Sail and Power Squadron) group.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Marina</u>	<u>Marina Contact</u>
Mon, Tues	7/3-4	Portsmouth, Tidewater Yacht	Dockwa.com
Wed, Thurs	7/5-6	Hampton, Safe Harbor Bluewater	Dockwa.com
Fri, Sat	7/7-8	Riverwalk Landing	757-890-3370
Sunday	7/9	Return to Home Port	



Please contact the cruise leader (Frank Timpano) via email (ftimpano@infionline.net) or 804-240-8591 if you are interested or have questions. For those that have not been on an ABC/Squadron cruise before, it is a relaxed, friendly time. Boats that run at similar speeds often "buddy up" for safety and make the runs between ports together. Again, that is optional and you are free to do as you please. Each skipper makes his/her own marina reservations well in advance to be assured of a slip. The marinas have already been notified to expect individual boat reservations and will try to place us together on the docks.



**Portsmouth
Hampton
Yorktown
3-8 July 2023**

2023/2024 America's Boating Club-Richmond Schedule

Date		Event	Location
Start	Time		
11-Apr	1800	Squadron Dinner Meeting	Anna's - Mechanicsville (Hanover)
13-Apr	1845	Marine Navigation Course	Zoom
12-May		Shakedown Cruise	Tides Inn
16-May	1900	ExCom	Zoom
21-May	900	Trailing/VSC event	Osbourne Landing
27-May	0800-1700	Boat/Virginia	Olverson's Marina
9-Jun		Rendezvous	Urbanna Harbor (Town Dock or Urby's)
13-Jun	1800	Squadron Dinner Meeting	Anna's - Hull Street at Genito (Chesterfield)
2-Jul		Fourth Of July Cruise	Portsmouth, Hampton and/or Yorktown
29-Jul	1200	Lunch Party at Olversons	Olverson's Marina
8-Aug	1900	Excom	Timpano's Ashland
11-Aug		Weekend cruise to onancock	Onancock harbor
12-Sep	1800	Squadron Dinner Meeting	West End Richmond - TBA
7-Oct	1200	Eastern Branch Bash	Timpano's in Weems
10-Oct	1900	Excom	Timpano's Ashland
7-Nov	1800	Squadron Dinner Meeting	Anna's - Mechanicsville (Hanover)
8-Dec	1900	Excom	Zoom
9-Dec	1100	Christmas Luncheon	Westwood Club
12-Jan	1900	Excom	Zoom



America's Boating Club is a nation-wide boating organization. We learn together, boat together, and help each other and other boaters on the water and land. Our Members learn boating skills, engage with boating friends, and connect with the boating community.

For more information, visit our website at:

[www/usps.org/Richmond](http://www.usps.org/Richmond)

or our Facebook page at

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