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November Squadron Meeting

Wegman's, West Broad St
November 7, 2023

Partner in Command

Free Seminar on Zoom
November 16, 7:00 PM

Christmas Luncheon & Elections

Westwood Club
Saturday, 11:30 AM, December 2, 2023

Engine Maintenance

Starting January 18th, 7:00 PM

Wine & Cheese Party

Brickshire Clubhouse, New Kent
Saturday, February 10, 2024



America's Boating Club-Richmond Membership Meeting!!

7 November 2023

Wegman's Lounge, Short Pump

Wegmans

12200 Wegmans Blvd,
Henrico, VA 23233 •
(804) 377-4100

Please join us for another wonderful dinner meeting—a short business discussion followed by a great social time! The meeting program will include a discussion of upcoming activities.

The meeting will be held at 1800 (6 pm) at Wegman's in their very nice Lounge room. The dinner will be catered by Wegman's and consist of an assortment of sandwiches, salads, and a dessert. The cost is \$15 per person for the catered food.

Any dietary restrictions can be handled by the individual purchasing alternate prepared foods available in the Wegman's grocery areas.

You do not need to eat to attend the meeting.

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

Commander's Message

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We are fast approaching the end of the year, and, with the change in our club's bylaws imminent, the end of our club's operating year as well. On 2 December we will have elections at the Christmas Party and the new Bridge will take over 1 January 2024! This will give the new Bridge a jump start on 2024 planning and activities compared to the old arrangement which had the new leadership take the helm in late March.

We are already working on the plans for next year and have a tentative schedule laid out well into 2025. We try to maintain a two-year rolling calendar to assure continuity in planning from one Bridge to the next. The focus, of course, is on 2024 right now with approximately bi-monthly membership meetings continuing to rotate through a few local restaurants along with several larger social events planned throughout the year.

We are also re-instating the Boating Activities Committee with Jim Zeigler leading that effort. This will take the input from many of our club's active boaters to determine the frequency, duration and destinations for our planned boating events. If you are interested in participating, please let Jim or me know. Expect to participate in a couple of Zoom meetings to complete this planning activity.

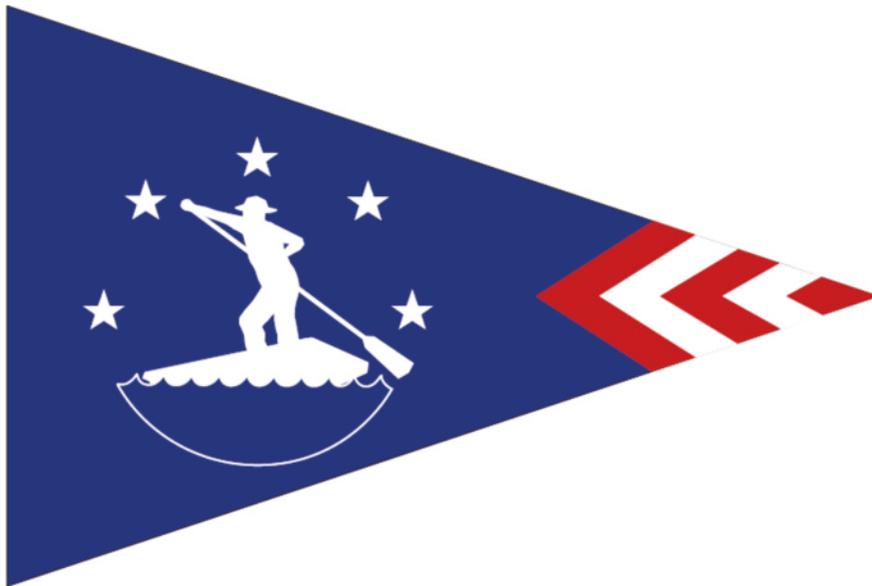
We still need volunteers to fill Audit Committee, Property Officer, Membership Involvement Committee positions. If you are interested, please contact me directly. The Executive Committee will be appointing individuals to these positions over the next month or two.

Frank

Slate of 2024 Leadership Nominees

Commander	Frank Timpano, SN-CN
Executive Officer	Bill Simpson, JN
Administrative Officer	Susan Timpano
Educational Officer	Jim Juritsch P-IN
Secretary	Jim Zeigler, SN-CN
Treasurer	Marlene Zeigler
Member at Large	Linda Miele, P
Member at Large	Ruth Turman, P
Member at Large	David Preddy

Other nominations can be made by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary, at least 15 days before the date of election. Assuming adoption of the revised bylaws at the Membership meeting on November 7, elections and installation will be held at the Christmas luncheon on December 2. The revised bylaws were distributed to members electronically in September and will be voted upon at the November membership meeting.



Education

Ahoy Members,

Marine Navigation is almost complete with exams going out November 10.

Classes On the Horizon: Here is what we are planning for the upcoming fall/winter:

Partner in Command Seminar (Virtual) Nov, 16 Bill Simpson

Tides and Currents Seminar - November – December - Zoom

Looking to 2024:

Engine Maintenance (Virtual) - Jan. 18th – Feb, 22nd Jim Juritsch

Virginia Boating Safety - DYC - Feb. 24th Bill Simpson

America's Boating Course - March

Boat Handling for New Boaters May – June

Marine Navigation - March - Jim Zeigler

The **Partner in Command** seminar scheduled for November 16th, is designed for the 1st Mate, other family crew members and those who periodically crew on someone else's vessel. The seminar is essentially the same as the USCG *Suddenly in Command* seminar and focuses on what happens when, suddenly, the captain of the vessel is no longer able to perform captain duties. There are several ways this could happen such as going overboard, being injured or becoming sick just to name a few.

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Education (Cont'd)

For example, can you start or stop the engine? Can you dock the vessel with little or no assistance? Can you make an emergency call on the VHF using Digital Selective Calling (DSC)? Do you know how to use recovery equipment like the popular Life Sling? We could go on and on but you get the point. The whole idea of this seminar is for you to think about what additional training you need in case you are “now in command.” Look for a flyer in this issue of the Bullhorn newsletter.

On January 18th, **Jim Juritsch** will begin the virtual *Marine Engine Maintenance* course. This will be scheduled on Thursday nights over a ten-week span. Jim will cover gasoline outboards and inboards as well as the standard inboard diesel engine. No mechanical experience required!

Most boaters must be Jacks or Jills of all trades that include electrical, electronic, plumbing, mechanics and, of course, engines. If we didn't, we would be paying a lot of yard bills and wasting a lot of time on the water. Learn about engine functions so you can better understand how various marine engines work, perform troubleshooting and how to “speak the language” when communicating with a marine mechanic. Jim will take you through basic engine operations, talk about engine problems and discuss how to diagnose those engine issues. Drive trains, steering systems and engine controls are also on the schedule. Hope you plan to attend so look for a flyer here in this Bullhorn newsletter.

Lt/C Bill Simpson, SEO

Safety

Still Boating in November? Beware of Hypothermia

As winter approaches, it's hard to resist taking that one last trip on the water. While some of us are still experiencing milder temperatures, the air and water are cooling down for nearly everyone, setting the stage for some level of hypothermia. Falling into 60-degree water can rapidly reduce your body temperature, leaving you unable to think clearly, swim, or even hang onto a flotation device. Add in a chilly breeze and things could get extremely bad in a short time. Making wise choices like dressing appropriately, always wearing a life jacket, and taking another boater along can help. Check out https://americanboating.org/hypothermia.asp?mc_cid=c1a3314d5b&mc_eid=2bcb22e8ddo learn more about this important winter boating topic.



Richmond Sail and Power Squadron

Partner In Command



When a situation arises where the Captain can no longer perform duties, are you ready to take command?

Can you maneuver the vessel for a MOB recovery?

Can you make an emergency distress call using VHF and DSC?

Do you know how to locate and operate visual distress signals?

If not, then this seminar is just for you. We will cover the essentials of selected tasks with enough details to get you through the situation.

Also, for the Crewperson that frequently boats with others and wants to learn more about boating and to lend a hand, then this seminar is for you too.

A Free Seminar

A Virtual Class Using Zoom Platform

Partner In Command

Thursday Evening November 16th

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Register at:

Bill Simpson bcsimpson1@aol.com
804 909-2655

Don't Miss it!



Marine Engine Maintenance

The Basics of Modern Engine Layout and Operation No Mechanical Experience Required

- Gasoline inboards, gasoline outboards and diesel engines
- Repairs that "do it yourselfers" can still perform
- Diagnose problems and how to share information with your mechanic
- Covers drive systems (props), steering systems and engine controls
- Learn about engine functions so you can better understand how various marine engines work.

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Zoom Presentation

Thursday Nights

January 18th-March 21st
2024

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Deadline to register
January 8, 2024

Register with:

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Administrative Officer's Report

Hi All,

This month's update focuses on our last two squadron events for the year--the November dinner meeting at Wegman's, and the Christmas luncheon at The Westwood Club, as well as the wine and dine event in February 2024.

We will have a squadron dinner meeting at 1800 on November 7 at the Wegman's in west end Richmond (12300 Broad St., West Broad Marketplace, Richmond, VA, 23233-7606). We will use this time to discuss and approve the proposed changes to our bylaws. Our meeting will be held in Wegman's meeting room which is located near the deli area or on your right as you enter the side door. Dinner will be catered by Wegmans's and will cost \$15.00 per person. We will have sandwiches, sides, and dessert, served buffet style. There will be a gluten-free sandwich option. Other dietary needs may be addressed by visiting the prepared foods area adjacent to our meeting room. (Please bring exact change to give Marlene, our treasurer.)

Our last event for this year will be our Christmas luncheon at 1130 at The Westwood Club in Richmond, VA, known for its beautiful décor and excellent service. The address is 6200 West Club Lane, Richmond, VA, 23226. Our business meeting there will consist of approval and induction of the slate of officers for next year. The lunch will be a formal sit-down function and will cost \$40.00 per person. For additional details, see the enclosed flyer and be sure to make your meal selection and send the form on the flyer, along with your payment, to Marlene Zeigler at your earliest convenience. Your response must be received by November 18.

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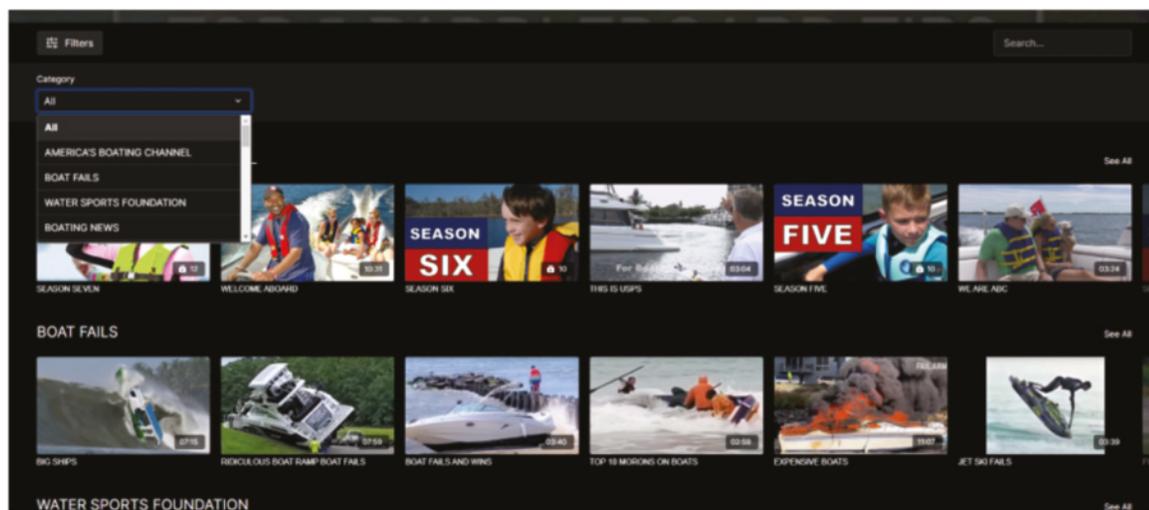
Administrative Officers Report (cont'd)

We should have loads of fun with the “Broken Rudder” gift exchange (described in the flyer), especially when the gift stealing begins. We will have a representative from District 5 to swear in the new slate of officers.

The last event to be discussed here is the Wine and Dine Luncheon which will be held at the Brickshire Clubhouse in Providence Forge, VA on February 10. This is a very nice facility about 20 minutes from Richmond. The event will consist of a “potluck” provided by the attendees. Soft drinks will be provided by the squadron; individuals should bring wine if desired. Please plan to bring a dish to share with the rest of us. (A flyer will be forthcoming in the next issue of The Bullhorn.)

AmericasBoatingChannel.com

In August, americasboatingchannel.com launched. It's an America's Boating Club website with over 1,000 videos created to provide information and entertainment. You can search by keyword, or filter videos by predefined categories such as America's Boating Channel (YouTube videos), Water Sports Education, Boating News, and of course, Boat Fails. Most of the videos are relatively short (< 10 min) and are free of commercials, and best of all, free to all! Enjoy.





**THE
WESTWOOD
CLUB**

6200 West Club
Lane, Richmond,
VA 23226

**America's Boating Club-Richmond
Christmas Party
December 2, 2023 1130-1500**

Please join us for our annual (and much anticipated) Christmas Party at the always popular Westwood Club.

We have an elegant sit-down luncheon planned as well as a quick election and induction of next year's officers.

The menu includes your choice of Grilled Salmon, Chicken Picatta or Vegetable Penne. A beverage and dessert are included.

Following the business stuff, we'll hold the Broken Rudder Gift Exchange.* Please indicate your meal selection on the form below and remit \$40 per person made payable to Richmond Sail and Power Squadron to Marlene Zeigler, 5130 Keitts Corner Rd, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 **(to be received by November 18, 2023.)**

Broken Rudder Gift Exchange: If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift (max value \$25) and place it on the gift table. We'll draw names and each person who brought a gift will have their choice of a gift on the table—or a previously awarded gift. Gifts may be "stolen" from others a maximum of 3 times, after which they remain with the winner.

Christmas Luncheon Reservation Form—Mail to Marlene Zeigler, 5130 Keitts Corner Rd, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Grilled Salmon (QTY) _____

Total Number of meals: _____

Chicken Picatta (QTY) _____

Enclosed (meals x \$40) _____

Vegetable Penne (QTY) _____

Your Name _____

Each meal includes entree, dessert, and a beverage (water, tea, coffee). Cash Bar will be available. **Reservations need to be received by Marlene by November 18 so don't delay!!!**

Heraldry of the Richmond Burgee

Definition: heraldry - the system by which coats of arms and other armorial bearings are devised, described, and regulated.

The batteau and headsman represent our nation's founding river, the James River, as well as Richmond's history of the Kanawha basin, and our nation's first and almost exclusive use of batteau canal boats. The James River and Kanawha canal boats opened our nation's westward movement to the Ohio Valley and Mississippi River. Our great Virginian, George Washington, directed the construction of the Kanawha Canal that originates in Richmond and was the Canal Company's first president

The headsman was the captain of the three-person crew of a batteau. By their use of the forward sweep, they directed a safe course for the vessel through all water conditions, much like our RSPS mission. The 5 stars represent District 5. The colors white on a blue field and red and white stripes represent the colors of our Ensign and US flags. The circle of stars and river bottom represent both our never-ending cycle of celestial and surface boating education and the environment that boaters experience. The red and white chevron stripes present a symbol of forward movement in our Squadron endeavors. The gold edge stripes identify our 50th anniversary.



Anchoring your Boat

Do you know the proper way to anchor your boat?

Setting your anchor

1. Head into the wind or current, whichever is stronger.
2. Bring the boat to a dead stop.
3. As the boat begins to gather sternway, ease the anchor to the bottom, either hand over hand or with the windlass. Do not let the rode run out uncontrolled.
4. Apply a touch of reverse throttle to get the boat moving astern. If it's windy, this won't be necessary.
5. Pay out the rode as the boat drifts back, keeping a slight tension on the rode so it forms a line across the seabed. The boat will probably lie broadside to the wind.
6. When you have paid out half your intended scope, snub the rode until you feel resistance from the anchor and continue easing out the rode.
7. Keeping tension on the rode, pay out another quarter of the scope and momentarily snub the rode again.
8. With the boat still moving astern, secure the anchor rode when the desired scope has been paid out. The boat's weight should dig in the anchor solidly; the anchor rode will rise out of the water in a straight line.
9. To ensure the anchor is dug in well, back down with the engine at half throttle for 30 seconds. The boat should move forward on the rode when you ease the throttle.

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Anchoring your Boat (Cont'd)

If you don't get your anchor to set the first time, try again. If it still won't set, try another spot.

Common mistakes to avoid.

- Do not let the chain pile on top of the anchor.
- Do not release the anchor while the boat is still moving forward.
- Do not move astern so quickly that the anchor doesn't have a chance to dig in.
- Do not anchor too close to other boats.

The most common anchoring mistake is failing to let out enough scope. Ideally, you should follow a 7:1 ratio. For every foot of distance from your bow roller to the bottom, let out seven feet of scope if you are using a rope rode; with chain about 5:1.

Vessel Safety Checks (VSC)

We continue to serve the boating community by performing free vessel safety inspections. To date, we have performed 93 checks in 2023. If you need a VSC, please contact one of the inspectors below, or by filling out the form at safetyseal.net. If you want to become a Vessel Safety Examiner, contact Dave Teets at 804-370-7062 or Dave@ashcraftinsurance.com.

		UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS		DATE:10/30/2023
		VESSEL SAFETY CHECK FOR YEAR- 2023		
		* = NOT QUALIFIED		D= DECEASED
DIST# 05	SQUAD: Richmond Sail &	DECALS SENT: 125		
	NAME	TOT.CHECKS	# PASSED	LAST CHECK DATE
	Ernie Burnett	11	8	9/01/2023
	Michael B. Jezierski	5	5	7/01/2023
	Jim Paul Juritsch	22	20	10/24/2023
	David R. Teets	36	35	9/17/2023
	James P. Zeigler	19	19	10/02/2023
	TOTALS Richmond Sail &	5	93	87

In Night Sky

Moon Phases

Last Quarter

Nov.. 6

New Moon

Nov 13

1st Quarter

Nov. 21

Full Moon

Nov. 28

Beaver Moon

There is disagreement over the origin of November's beaver moon name. Some say it comes from Native Americans setting beaver traps during this month, while others say the name comes from the heavy activity of beavers building their winter dams. Another name is the frost moon.

On November 2 & 3 the earth is on the direct line between the sun and Jupiter. This means Jupiter is at its brightest and visible all night rising in the east at sunset.

Saturn will also be visible in the evening sky. Jupiter and Saturn will be the brightest objects in the night sky other than the moon. Mars is not visible this month,

Venus is our morning star all month. Before sunrise on November 9, the 15% waning crescent moon and Venus will be very close.

At sunset on the November 15, 16 & 17 you should get a good view of the crescent moon partially lit with "earthshine".

Friday and Saturday, November 17 & 18 is the peak of Leonid meteor shower. This occurs between the New Moon and 1st quarter, so the sky will be dark and the "shooting stars" more visible

On November 24, the waxing gibbous moon (93% full) shining above Jupiter. Usually, the light of the nearly full moon hides most stars, but bright Jupiter shines through.



2023/2025 America's Boating Club-Richmond Calendar 11/1/23

Date		Day of Week	Time	Event	Location
Start	End				
2-Nov	5-Nov	Thur-Sun	All Day	D5 Fall Conference	Marine Institute Baltimore
7-Nov	7-Nov	Tuesday	1800	Squadron Dinner Meeting	Wegman's Meeting Room, Short Pump
14-Nov	14-Nov	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
2-Dec	2-Dec	Saturday	1100	Christmas Luncheon, Election & Change of Watch	Westwood Club
12-Dec	12-Dec	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
2024 Events					
9-Jan	9-Jan	Friday	1900	Excom	Zoom
26-Jan	28-Jan		all day	Richmond Boat Show	Convention Center
8-Feb	11-Feb	Thur-Sat	All Day	USPS ABC Annual Meeting	Rosen Plaza, Orlando
10-Feb	10-Feb	Saturday	1130-1500	Wine and Dine Luncheon	Brickshire Clubhouse
13-Feb	13-Feb	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
16-Feb-24	18-Feb-24		all day	RVA Family Boat Show	Raceway Complex
3/19/2024	3/19/2024	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
20-Mar-24	24-Mar-24	Wed-Sun	All Day	D5 Spring Conference and COW	Ocean City, MD
4/9/2024	4/9/2024	Tuesday	1800	Membership Meeting	TBD
5/11/2024	5/12/2024	Sat-Sun		Shakedown Cruise	tentative - Chesapeake Boat Basin
5/14/2024	5/14/2024	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
6/8/2024	6/9/2024	Sat-Sun		Spring into Summer Rendezvous	Tentative Dennis Point Marina
6/11/2024	6/11/2024	Tuesday	1800	Membership Meeting	TBD
6/18/2024	6/18/2024	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
6/29/2024	7/6/2024	Sat-Sat		Summer Cruise	Tentative Olversons/Solomons/St. Michaels
7/13/2024	7/20/2024	Sat-Sat		Summer Cruise alternate	Tentative Olversons/Solomons/St. Michaels
7/26/2024	7/27/2024	Sat-Sun		D5 Summer Council	Solomons, MD (Spring Cove, Zanheisers)
8/6/2024	8/11/2024	Tues-Sunday		Eastern Shore Jaunt	Tentative Tangier, Crisfield, Onancock
8/20/2024	8/20/2024	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
9/10/2024	9/10/2024	Tuesday	1800	Membership Meeting	tbd
10/12/2024	10/12/2024	Sat	1200	Eastern Branch Bash	Timpano's in Weems
10/15/2024	10/15/2024	Tues	1900	Excom	Zoom
12/7/2024	12/7/2024	Sat	1200	Christmas Luncheon, Election & Change of Watch	Westwood Club
12/10/2024	12/10/2024	Tuesday	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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