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Eastern Branch Bash

Frank & Susie Timpano's
Noon, October 7, 2023

November Squadron Meeting

Wegman's, West Broad St
November 7, 2023

Christmas Luncheon & Elections

Westwood Club
Saturday, December 2, 2023

Looking ahead to 2024!!

Wine & Cheese Party

Brickshire Clubhouse, New Kent
Saturday, February 10, 2024

Eastern Branch Bash!

Pig Roast!

7 October 2023

8th Annual Pig Out

*And Monthly Meeting
Come By Car or by Boat
Plenty of room at the Dock!*



Location is Susie and Frank Timpano's river home at 737 Nugent Lane, Weems, VA on the Eastern Branch of the Corrotoman River.

The Squadron will provide:

Mesquite smoked pulled pork

Hot Dogs (turkey & beef)

Potato salad

Cole slaw

Iced tea

Soft drinks and adult beverages

Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Schedule of Events

1200 Arrive for Social Time (Open Bar)

1300 Lunch Pig Out

1330-1600 Meeting and More Social Time

\$7 per person at the event to cover the main dish and supplies. RSVP to Frank at ftimpano@infionline.net and to reserve dock space.

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Commander's Message

We have officially entered the Fall season and several important activities are on the schedule. Two significant administrative functions must be completed this Fall: approval of the simplified by-laws and election of next year's officers. These tasks are planned for the upcoming social events on 7 October, 7 November and 2 December. See Susie's report and the enclosed flyers for all the details of those events.

The slate of nominees is published elsewhere in this issue of the Bullhorn. Above all, I would like to thank these individuals for agreeing to serve in their respective roles. As you can imagine, running the club takes a bit of time and energy from this group.

While this list of nominees represents the core leadership positions, there are still open positions for several key committee assignments--tasks that must be performed and are, according to the bylaws (and in some cases corporation rules) prohibited from being performed by the Club officers. These include Audit, Rules, and Nomination committees. We elect Nominations committee members from the floor during elections (at the 2 December Christmas Party) while Audit and Rules committee members are appointed by the Executive Committee as needed. If you are interested in serving in one of these functions, please let me know. The effort to fulfill the responsibilities of these committees is quite modest but the importance to the Club is significant. Please consider helping out here.

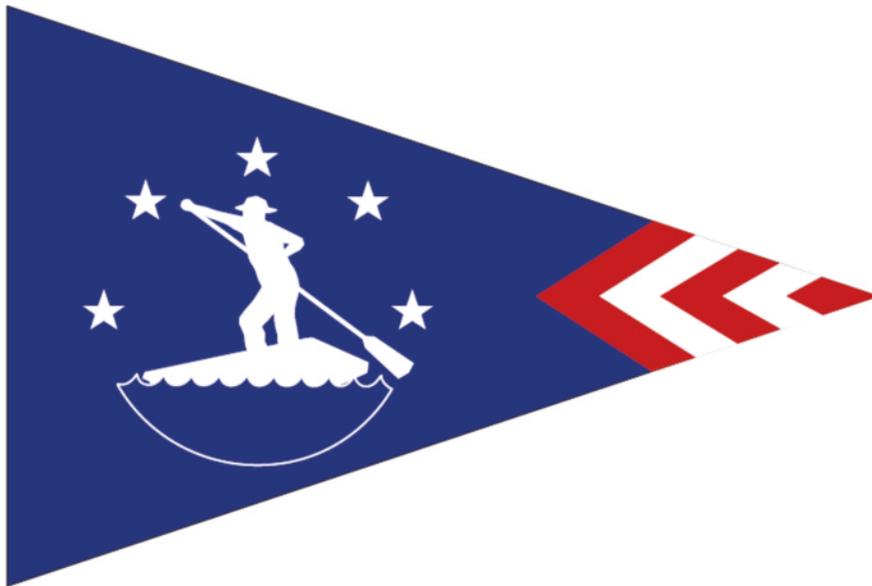
We will be holding a planning meeting for next year's boating activities. Please let Frank Timpano or Jim Zeigler know.

Finally, congratulations to Past Commanders Elvin E. Cordle and G. Russel Moyer on reaching their 50-year anniversaries in USPS.

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.





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.

Education

Ahoy Members,

Classes in Session:

The virtual Marine Navigation Course started on September 21st and it will run through November 9th. The class has seven students attending.

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

Partner in Command Seminar (Virtual) - October 31st Bill Simpson

Tides and Currents Seminar - October or December

Looking to 2024:

Engine Maintenance (Virtual) January 18th – February 22nd Jim Juritsch

Virginia Boating Safety -February 24th - NYC Bill Simpson

America's Boating Course -March - TBD

Boat Handling for New Boaters - May – June TBD

The ***Partner in Command*** seminar scheduled for Tuesday night October 31st, is designed for the 1st Mate, other family crewmembers 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. **MORE →**

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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

Tuesday Evening October 31st

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Register at:

Bill Simpson bcsimpson1@aol.com
804 909-2655

Don't Miss it!

Education (Cont'd)

Our *Partner in Command* seminar will cover the challenges that the “new captain” may have to solve in short order to keep the crew and vessel safe during an emergency. We will talk about those tasks that the 1st Mate or other crewpersons have been exposed to but seldom carry them out. 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 is 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 have to be Jacks or Jills of all trades that include electrical, electronic, plumbing, mechanics and, of course, engines. If we did not, 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 yourself, 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

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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

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.

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. We will meet 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 the 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 at your earliest convenience.

Do not miss this event. We will have loads of fun with the "Broken Rudder" gift exchange (described in the flyer).



**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!!!**

Excerpts from USCG Local Notice to Mariners

The long-delayed repairs on the Gwynn's Island swing bridge are due to be complete October 12, 2023. The bridge will open on signal for vessel traffic at 2 a.m., 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. through October 12, 2023. Vessels able to pass through the drawbridge in the closed position may do so at any time. The vertical clearance of the drawbridge in the closed-to-navigation position is 12 feet above mean high water.

Indian Creek lighted Daybeacon 4 has been destroyed.

Potomac River Buoy 11 is sinking (off Coles Point).

The USCG will be working to remove the wreckage of York River East Range Light 37° 15.0' N 076° 20.8'W.

During September, USCG replaced Piankatank Lighted Buoy 8 in a new location at 37° 30.8' N 076° 18.9' W.

The Coast Guard is proposing changing the Smith Point Fairway Lighted Buoy SP in approximate position 37° 52.6' M 076° 09.1' W to red and white stripes, 5 nm nominal range white light flashing Mo(A), Morse Code Alpha.

Demolition of the old Harry W. Nice / Thomas "Mac" Middleton (US 301) Bridge on the Potomac River between Newburg, MD and Dahlgren VA, just south of the new bridge, is scheduled to continue into late 2024. Project vessels and barges will be working under and adjacent to the old bridge potentially 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Norfolk District Army Corp of Engineers survey of Broad Creek Channel, Rappahannock near Deltaville, indicates shoaling with least depth of 4.5' at MLLW on the northwest (red) side of channel in vicinity of Broad Creek Channel Daybeacon 2, and on the southeast (green) side of the channel with a least depth of 5.3' at MLLW in the vicinity of Broad Creek Channel Wreck Light WR3

Shoaling has been reported in Little Wicomico River within the channel Boundaries between Little Wicomico River Light 4 to the south approximately 75 yards towards Little Wicomico River Light 5 to reported depths of three feet at mean low water.

There has been a report of shoaling in the Yeocomico River, near Kinsale, within channel boundaries, located SE of South Yeocomico River Daybeacon 2 to a depth of less than ten feet at mean low water.

In Night Sky

Moon Phases

Last Quarter

Oct. 6

New Moon

Oct. 14

1st Quarter

Oct. 21

Full Moon

Oct. 28

Hunter's Moon

On October 6, look east at sunrise to see Venus and the crescent Moon. On October 8 to 10, the Draconid Meteor Shower should be visible in the late evening with about 6 meteors per hour.

The Orionid Meteor Shower will peak around October 21 with a frequency of about 12 per hour. These are remnants of Halley's comet. Best viewed after the moon sets around midnight.

On October 23, Saturn makes an appearance hovering to the upper left of the Moon. It rises at 8:00 pm in the east and is visible all night. It will be due south at about 10:00 pm.

In October, tilt your head back and look straight up. You will see the Milky Way split the sky from north to south and crossing the heavens overhead. A century ago, it was widely believed to be the entire cosmos. Now we know that our Milky Way galaxy is just one of hundreds of billions that make up the universe.

Venus will be your morning star all month. Jupiter will be bright all month centered in the constellation Aries. Mars will not be visible,

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

Richmond Sail and Power Squadron



2023/2024 America's Boating Club-Richmond Schedule

Date		Day of Week	Time	Event	Location
Start	End				
7-Oct	7-Oct	Saturday	1200	Eastern Branch Bash	Timpano's in Weems
10-Oct	10-Oct	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
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
12-Dec	12-Dec	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
2-Dec	2-Dec	Saturday	1100	Christmas Luncheon, Election & Change of Watch	Westwood Club
2024 Events					
9-Jan	9-Jan	Friday	1900	Excom	Zoom
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
19-Mar	3/19/2024	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
20-Mar	24-Mar-24	Wed-Sun	All Day	D5 Spring Conference and COW	Ocean City, MD
6-Apr	4/6/2024	Saturday	1800	Membership Meeting	TBD
7-May	5/7/2024	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
11-May	5/12/2024	Sat-Sun		Shakedown Cruise	tentative - Chesapeake Boat Basin
1-Jun	6/1/2024	Saturday	1800	Membership Meeting	TBD
8-Jun	6/9/2024	Sat-Sun		Spring into Summer Cruise	Tentative Dennis Point Marina
11-Jun	6/11/2024		1900	Excom	Zoom
29-Jun	7/6/2024	Sat-Sat		Summer Cruise	Tentative Oliversons/Solomons/St. Michaels
13-Jul	7/20/2024	Sat-Sat		Summer Cruise alternate	Tentative Oliversons/Solomons/St. Michaels
26-Jul	7/27/2024			D5 Summer Council	Solomons, MD (Spring Cove, Zanheisers)
3-Aug	8/3/2024	Sat	1800	Membership Meeting	TBD
6-Aug	8/11/2024	Tues-Sunday		Eastern Shore Jaunt	Tentative Tangier, Crisfield, Onancock
13-Aug	8/13/2024	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
8-Oct	10/8/2024	Tues	1900	Excom	Zoom
11-Oct	10/11/2024	Sat	1200	Eastern Branch Bash	Timpano's in Weems
2-Nov	11/2/2024	Sat	1800	Membership Meeting	TBD
7-Dec	12/7/2024	Sat	1200	Christmas Luncheon, Election & Change of Watch	Westwood Club
10-Dec	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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