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Next Squadron Meeting

September 12, 1800 (6:00 PM)

Anna's Restaurant

7009 Mechanicsville Turnpike

Marine Navigation Course

Deadline Approaching!

September 21 to November 16

7:00 to 9:00 PM on Zoom

Eastern Branch Bash

Frank & Susie Timpano's

Noon, October 7, 2023

November Squadron Meeting

Wegman's, West Broad St

November 7, 2023



America's Boating Club of Richmond

Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 6:00 PM

Anna's Restaurant – Mechanicsville

7009 Mechanicsville Turnpike



Please join us for great fellowship, a short business discussion an interesting program along with a great food! The meeting program will cover boat handling in heavy weather.

Order from the Menu. Average dinner cost is \$20-\$25. Anna's offers gluten-free entrees on their regular menu if desired. You do not need to eat to attend the meeting.

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



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Commander's Message

Dear Friends,

With Summer behind us (can you believe it?) it's time to turn attention to the Fall agenda--which is quite a busy one. I'll leave the social event details to Susie, and focus on some changes coming down the pike for our Club. As you know, United States Power Squadrons is in the process of expanding the "brand" with a more accessible "America's Boating Club" name. Along with some of the marketing changes, the local, District and National bylaws are changing to simplify the structure and operations, streamlining leadership roles and recordkeeping requirements. Our club is participating in this initiative.

Over the next several months, you will see the proposed simplified bylaws and be asked to vote at an upcoming meeting to accept them. The changes are actually rather subtle and most folks may not even recognize many of the changes. Basically, the changes involve reducing the mandatory leadership roles (while still allowing all of the traditional roles) for those Clubs that lack the resources to fully staff the original required positions. Some of the elected committees are streamlined and/or converted to appointments by the Executive Committee (Board of Directors). All of the legal and financial requirements remain in place as they are governed by our legal entity status. The frequency and schedules for our publications and membership meetings are relaxed to permit seasonal flexibility and reduce manpower requirements.

Perhaps the only really noticeable change is syncing up the Club's operations year to coincide with the calendar year rather than the traditional March-to-March Squadron year. This allows the new leadership each year to get to work sooner on the coming year's events.

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Commander's Message (Cont'd)

To accomplish this change, we will compress the schedule for nominations, elections and the Change of Watch and complete these tasks by early December this year rather than extending them into March of 2024 as they would have been under the old bylaws. Each subsequent year will then run January to January rather than March to March.

None of these changes impact the three core objectives of our club – Education, Civic Service and Fraternal activities. For the most part, the general membership will not even notice the differences (other than perhaps the annual year change) as they mostly reduce the administrative overhead normally shouldered by the leadership team and various committees.

I encourage you to review the proposed bylaws when they are published and provide any input or suggestions you might have. You can be assured that these changes are in the interest of continuity of the Club while maintaining the level of activity and events that are aligned with our core objectives and have been favorites of the membership.

Frank

America's Boating Channel Website

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https://americasboatingchannel.uscreen.io/catalog?mc_cid=6b9aea6fe8&mc_eid=2bcb22e8dd

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.

Education

Ahoy Members,

UPCOMING CLASSES

Marine Navigation

Introduction to navigation using chartplotters : Offered online using Zoom starting Thursday, September 21, from 7:00 to 9:00 p,m, thru November 9. See the enclosed flyer for more details.

Partner in Command

October – December Bill Simpson

Tides and Currents

October – December

Engine Maintenance

January – February Jim Juritsch

America's Boating Course

March

Boat Handling for New Boaters

May – June

As a preview to the proposed *Partner in Command* seminar above, what happens when, suddenly, the Captain of the vessel is overboard and you are now in charge of everything? It's now your job to remain calm, control the emergency to recover the Captain, operate the vessel and give guidance to any remaining crew. If there is nobody on board but you, then your challenges just multiplied 100 fold to say the least.

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Education (Cont'd)

Experience tells us that people usually fall overboard when weather and seas are more extreme than your average day. Higher winds, steeper seas and low visibility due to rain or night are more serious factors to name a few. Unfortunately, there are times when people fall overboard on nice sunny and calm days where a little oversight up front could have prevented the mishap.

We know that any two situations of persons overboard will be very different and there is no recovery operation that will fit all occurrences. However, there are some basic fundamentals that can steer you into positive action and assist you as you continually assess the situation.

Our seminar will cover persons overboard as well as other situations that the “new captain” may have to solve in a short period of time. This presentation stresses the need for safety training in your boating endeavors and involves all crew (family) that may have to step up and be the person in command. When was the last time you planned some emergency training during your boating outings?

We will select a class date soon and hope you will consider attending.

Lt/C Bill Simpson

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Useful Web Links

Hurricane Updates and Forecast

nhc.noaa.gov

Storm Surge Predictions

<https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=akq&gage=wndv2>



Marine Navigation

Using Chartplotters for Inland and Coastal Navigation



Thursday evenings, 7 - 9 PM
Sep 21 to Nov 9 2023
Zoom Platform

Cost: \$110.00 Includes eBook
Download, Practice Chart,
Dividers and Plotter

Register at:
bcsimpson1@aol.com
Deadline: September 21, 2023

Students must have a laptop or
tablet and access to the Internet
A mouse is highly recommended

Software Requirements:

- Windows XP, SP3, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1, 10 and 11.
- Macintosh Mac OSX 10.10 - 12.3
- Ubuntu Linux

Note!!! Application will not run on
Apple IOS or on ChromeBooks

More Questions?
Contact Jim Zeigler
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Topics:

- **Chart Symbols and Interpretation**
- **Aids to Navigation**
- **Plotting Courses, Direction and Distance**
- **Mariner's Compass, True and Magnetic**
- **GPS Displays, Waypoints and Routes**
- **Preplanning Routes for GPS**
- **Monitoring Progress, Traditional and GPS**
- **Using OpenCpn Navigation Application**

Administrative Officer's Report

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Ahoy members!

This month's update focuses on our Onancock Rendezvous, the September 12 Squadron Dinner Meeting and the October Eastern Branch Bash.

The Onancock Rendezvous was attended by ten participants, some of whom were friends of squadron members. We also had a surprise visit from Kitty and Lee Raver and Bill and Katherine Kelly. Most of us relaxed on board with docktails followed by dinner at Mallard's Restaurant. (See pictures in this issue.)

Our next squadron dinner meeting will be held at Anna's Restaurant in Mechanicsville. The address is 7009 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Mechanicsville, VA. Those attending will have the option to choose from five different entrees. In addition to dinner, we will have a presentation on dealing with bad weather when out at sea.

Coming up on October 7 is our annual Eastern Branch Bash held at the Timpanos' house in Weems, VA. Frank will be cooking pulled pork for the entrée. Each squadron member is asked to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. The cost is \$7.00 per person to cover the cost of the entrée and supplies. (See the flyer for more details.)

Be sure to save the dates of November 7 and December 2 for our November dinner meeting and our Christmas luncheon.

Pictures from Onancock Weekend





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.

Vessel Safety Checks

So far this year we have completed 69 vessel safety checks. We are trending toward having possibly the highest count in the last 5 years if we keep up the pace:

Year	Count
2022	48
2021	86
2020	30
2019	68
2018	72

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
DATE: 8/29/2023
VESSEL SAFETY CHECK FOR YEAR- 2023
 DIST# 05 SQUAD: Richmond

NAME	TOT.CHECKS
Ernie Burnett	10
Michael B. Jezierski	5
Jim Paul Juritsch	17
David R. Teets	20
James P. Zeigler	17
TOTALS	69



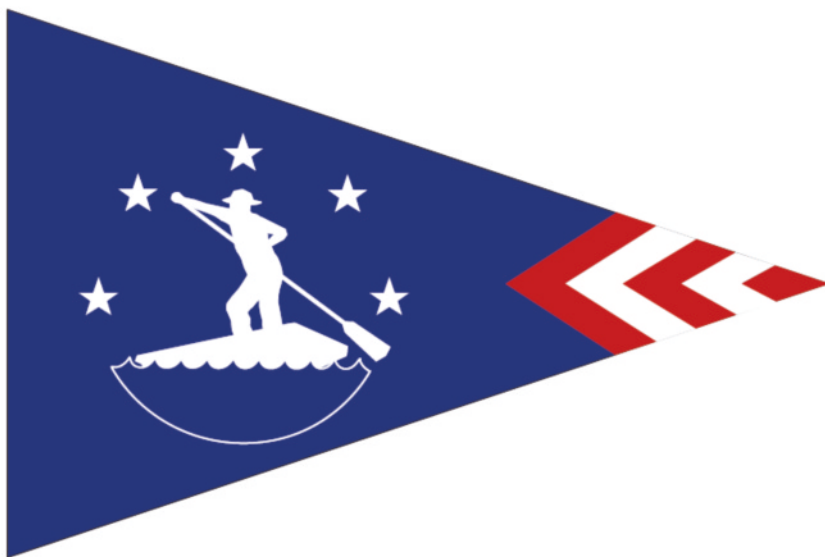
Thunderstorms and Severe Weather Forecasting Webinar

Take the mystery out of storm forecasting. Learn about storm dynamics and forecasting tools during America's Boating Club's **Thunderstorms and Severe Weather Forecasting** webinar Wednesday, September 27, from 8-9:30 p.m. EDT.

Go beyond the fundamentals, and explore advanced topics in forecasting and understanding weather. **Thunderstorms and Severe Weather Forecasting** covers topics including thunderstorm dynamics, storm severity indices, weather radar, NWS forecast products and more. You'll also get a 43-page guide and a link to the recorded webinar for reference.

As a member, you can **register today** using code **USPSABC23** at the link below and get the webinar for only **\$20**. You'll save \$20 off the nonmember rate, and the webinar will be recorded in your training record at no extra charge.

[SIGN UP Here](#)



Tap Into America's Boating Channel™ Library of Boating Safety Videos

The boating community uses many acronyms that someone new to boating may not understand. Do students enrolled in our basic safe boating course understand that the acronym ATONS references aids to navigation? In 2020 America's Boating Channel produced "[Introducing ATONS](#)," a video showing how buoys, day beacons, and other marks provide aids to navigation. This short video offers a wonderful introduction to ATONS. In it, viewers also learn about categories such as lateral and regulatory ATONS, as well as special purpose and danger marks.



In 2022, another ATONS video was released. Entitled "[Digital Charts and Virtual ATONS](#)," it covers the effort underway to replace paper nautical charts with electronic navigation charts. This video introduces viewers to three types of new virtual aids to navigation. Also featured are tips for using these enhancements and how they will make recreational boating safer.

Remember, if you need a refresher before getting out on the water, you can access an invaluable library of videos produced by America's Boating Channel. The videos referenced here, and others, are available to USPS members to view and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. There is an index to help you find the topic you need, which is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection.

Visit America's Boating Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and nearly 100 other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

HATS, SHIRTS, BURGEES

We have hats! We have shirts! We have burgees!

Shirts with the club logo are available for approximately \$30 (depends a bit on order quantity) and we have Club hats for a very reasonable \$10 each and Burgees for \$30.

We will have hats and burgees at each club social event where you may purchase them and we will have a sign-up sheet for the next shirt order.

So show your pride in membership and order a shirt and hat and wear them proudly!

After all, with almost 110 years in operation, United States Power Squadrons has a long history of excellence in boater education, civic service and boating fun!



In the Morning and Evening Sky

<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>New Moon</u>	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>Full Moon</u>
Sep. 7	Sep 15	Sep 22	Sep 29 (Harvest Moon)

Saturn is visible all night, due south at midnight, and setting about 5:00 a.m. Jupiter rises about 9:00 p.m. and will be due south about 4:00 a.m. Venus rises after 4 a.m. and will be visible in the southeast about dawn. Mercury will return in mid-September low if the eastern sky.

International Space Station

On certain days, the ISS is visible moving fast across the sky from SW to NE just after sunset or before sunrise. It is as bright as Venus and moves very quick. So be on time and hope there are no clouds. Here are some opportunities for viewing from Richmond.

Mon Sep 11, 8:55 PM	2 min	26°	10° above SSW	26° above S
Tue Sep 12, 8:08 PM	4 min	23°	10° above S	16° above E
Tue Sep 12, 9:44 PM	1 min	19°	10° above W	19° above W
Wed Sep 13, 8:56 PM	4 min	55°	10° above WSW	37° above NNE
Thu Sep 14, 8:08 PM	7 min	81°	10° above SW	10° above NE
Thu Sep 14, 9:47 PM	2 min	16°	10° above WNW	16° above NNW
Fri Sep 15, 8:58 PM	5 min	22°	10° above W	14° above NNE

<https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/sightings/index.cfm>

Atlantic Sturgeon

Acipenser oxyrinchus oxtrinchus

Becoming more widely known about and observed, sturgeon have steadily been making a comeback to the James River in recent years. Sturgeon spends their adult years in the Atlantic Ocean and come upriver in Spring and Fall to spawn. For locals with boat access to the James River, mid-September, when the water cools off some, can be an exciting time to see Sturgeon breach. The Osborne Boat Landing in eastern Henrico County provide ready access to some of the best sections of river for Sturgeon viewing. Often times a short cruise up or down river from the boat ramp puts you in sight of these monster fish.

Did You Know?

- Atlantic sturgeon can grow up to 14 feet in length, weigh up to 800 pounds, and live as long as 60 years.
- Atlantic sturgeon are an anadromous fish species meaning they spend their adult lives in the ocean and return to the rivers in which they were born to spawn.
- Atlantic sturgeon can be found on the James River, from the Chesapeake Bay to the Falls of the James, during their spring and fall migrations.
- Atlantic sturgeon are bottom feeders that eat worms, shellfish, and crustaceans.
- Atlantic sturgeon in the James River were listed as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in 2012.

If you don't have the ability to access the James River in your own boat, several groups offer tours, including the James River Association [at this link](#). A word of advice if operating your own boat in Sturgeon season – these fish are huge, and it's not unusual to see fish 4-6' jumping clear out of the water. If Sturgeon are spotted, maintain a safe (slow) speed as breaches can occur anywhere. Fun tip, if you have a chart plotter with a fish finder, keep it on to see if you can spot them going under your boat!



					
2023/2024 America's Boating Club-Richmond Schedule					Rev Date 090423
Date					
Start	End	Day of Week	Time	Event	Location
9/12	9/12	Tuesday	1800	Squadron Dinner Meeting	Anna's Mechanicsville
10/7	10/7	Saturday	1200	Eastern Branch Bash	Timpano's in Weems
10/10	10/10	Tuesday	1900	Excom	zoom
11/2	11/5	All Day	All Day	D5 Fall Conference	Maritime Center, Baltimore
11/7	11/7	Tuesday	1800	Squadron Dinner Meeting	Wegman's Meeting Room, Short Pump
11/14	11/14	Tuesday	1900	Excom	zoom
12/12	12/12	Tuesday	1900	Excom	zoom
12/2	12/2	Saturday	1100	Christmas Luncheon & COW	Westwood Club
2024 Events					
1/9	1/9	Friday	1900	Excom	Zoom
1/26	1/28	Fri-Sun	All Day	Downtown Boat Show	Richmond Convention Center
2/8	2/10	Wed-Sat	All Day	USPS Annual Meeting	Rosen Plaza, Orlando
2/10	2/10	Saturday	1130-1500	Wine and Dine Luncheon	Brickshire Clubhouse
2/13	2/13	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
2/16	2/18	Fri-Sun	All Day	RVA Family Boatshow	Richmond Raceway
3/19	3/19	Tuesday	1900	Excom	Zoom
3/22	3/24	Fri-Sun	1600	D5 Spring Conference and COW	Ocean City, MD
4/6	4/6	Saturday	1800	Membership Meeting	TBD
5/7	5/7	Tuesday	1900	Excom	zoom
5/11	5/12	Sat-Sun		Shakedown Cruise	Chesapeake Boat Basin
6/1	6/1	Saturday	1800	Membership Meeting	TBD
6/8	6/9	Sat-Sun		Spring into Summer Cruise	Dennis Point Marina
6/11	6/11		1900	Excom	Zoom
6/29	7/6	Sat-Sat		Summer Cruise	Olversons/Solomons/St. Michaels
7/13	7/20	Sat-Sat		Summer Cruise alternate	Olversons/Solomons/St. Michaels
8/3	8/3	Sat	1800	Membership Meeting	TBD
8/6	8/11	Tues-Sunday		Eastern Shore Jaunt	Tangier, Crisfield, Onancock
8/13	8/13	Tuesday	1900	Excom	zoom
10/8	10/8	Tues	1900	Excom	zoom
10/11	10/11	Sat	1200	Eastern Branch Bash	Timpano's in Weems
11/2	11/2	Sat	1800	Membership Meeting	TBD
12/7	12/7	Sat	1200	Christmas Luncheon & COW	Westwood Club
12/10	12/10	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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