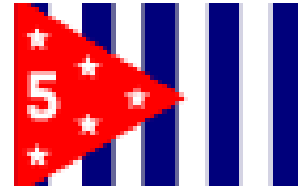




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2020 D/5 Summer Cruise & Council Cancelled

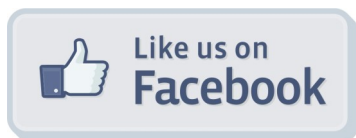
This is truly disappointing news to report. The year's ABC Mid-Atlantic Summer Cruise and Council at Smith Mountain Lake has fallen victim to the Covid-19 virus.

Although Virginia has begun to loosen restrictions in most of the state, further actions to allow group events are contingent on continued reductions in infection rates. With this uncertainty and out of a prudent concern for the wellbeing of our membership, this summer's event has been cancelled.

Members should cancel any boat or lodging reservations in time to recover deposits. Parrot Cove provides full refunds on cancellations made 30 days prior to rental. Mariners Landing is a bit more lenient on room deposits. We recommend making cancellations soon as possible to reduce any unforeseen complications.

America's Boating Club - Smith Mountain Lake was very much looking forward to hosting this 2020 event and regret the cancellation. The squadron is taking a pause as the various arrangements and commitments are undone. The possibility of rescheduling the event at Smith Mountain Lake in 2021 is under review.

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Commander's Message

D/C Jeffrey E. Short, JN



Hello. My name is Jeff Short. I am a member of Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron. I race my 34' catamaran on the Chesapeake Bay. I am the new District 5 Commander. Most of you probably don't know me. I snuck onto the D/5 Bridge last year as the Executive Officer. Since the District 5 Change of Watch was cancelled due to the pandemic, I became the District Commander in an online ceremony in April.

It was a beautiful ceremony because of all that it represented; incredible leadership at the USPS national and district level. The USPS by-laws state that a Change of Watch must take place in a face-to-face ceremony. Chief Commander, Mary Paige Abbott, SN, the first female C/C in USPS history, made the command decision to allow Changes of Watch to take place by means other than face to face. Her timely decision set us free to honor our traditions AND move to the future.

The ceremony was beautiful because it showed that District 5 sets the standard for others to follow. We were one of the first districts or squadrons in the nation to have an online ceremony. Thank you to Marty Lafferty and his team for their technical skills and for showing us that yes, in fact, we can adapt and move forward using technology.

Finally, the ceremony was beautiful because it showed me that our District 5 members are eager to think outside the box in the best interest of the organization we love. There were glitches, as there are even in face-to-face ceremonies, but everyone pitched in with tolerance and patience. I even surprised myself using this technology. I encourage you to give it a shot. It's not hard at all. We have many members who are skilled in using technology and so very willing to help you out.

Since that District Change of Watch, District 5 and many D/5 squadrons have continued to increase their use of technology to move forward. I have held several Bridge meetings, taken an instructed *Radar for Boaters* class, been to a few squadron happy hours and played a great game of nautical bingo with fellow squadron members, all from the safety of my own home. I encourage you all to innovate and come up with new things to do with your squadron using modern technology.

C/C Mary Paige Abbott has declared that "Membership is Job One." Recruiting and retention are our focus for the coming years. This pandemic provides a great time to call those members who haven't renewed. (Most just forgot and could use a friendly reminder.) Finding out why members do not renew will help us fix problems and improve retention.

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Take this time to reflect on why you value your USPS membership. Why did you join? I joined because I wanted to take an engine maintenance class. I made some good friends in that class so I joined the squadron. Why do you stay in USPS? I stay because of the close friendships I have made and because I'm passionate about USPS's honorable missions of boating safety and civic service. Discuss with your squadron members what they value about their membership. How can your squadron improve the return on your membership dollars?

Please stay safe out there. This virus is no joke. Politics aside, until there is a vaccine or we reach 70 percent immunity in our population, we will all be in serious danger. We cannot control the ignorance or insubordination of others, but we can control ourselves. This is a challenge won by personal defense and patience. Never let your guard down, even for a second. Follow the known defensive practices. Best to stay home and get as much fresh air as possible. Open the windows. Go outside. But stay away from others, at least 6 feet distance, further is better. If someone invades your space, just leave the area. Don't risk contamination. Wash your hands after you have touched anything that may have been touched by someone else. Use hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol when hand washing facilities are not immediately available. Wear a face covering. Never touch your face. Cough and sneeze into your elbow.

Thankfully, your safety is entirely up to you and nobody else. We will get through this and see each other, face to face, as the bylaws require, soon enough.

Jeff

As the our country grapples with the Covid-19 Pandemic, below is what some of our squadrons have been doing to carry on with the use of modern technology.

ABSECON ISLAND

The first ever virtual Change of Watch was held on 17 April with Cdr Apryl Bernard, P taking over the reins of the squadron. It was the most informal change of watch ever. The May bridge meeting was held virtually also. Hoping to be able to hold the June meeting in one building.

ANNAPOLIS

America's Boating Club of Annapolis is working hard to stay in touch with our membership during the current pandemic. In order to keep the squadron moving forward, all Executive Committee meetings are virtual. Our Commander, Peggy Slattery, S invites not only the voting officers but all members of the Leadership team. At our April meeting, we had 18 virtual attendees.

We're also involved in other activities. Some members are sewing masks and donating them to different groups. We are conducting 2 classes virtually –Marine Navigation (Piloting) and Radar. The editing group for our newsletter has also been working virtually. And, we are offering a night of nautical bingo!

DUNDALK

Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron has an average member age of 57.9 (107 members). When you remove the Sea Scouts, the average age is 64.9 (91 members). So most of us are in our caves hibernating trying to follow the Governor's directions. A few have their boats and visit them

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periodically to make sure they are safe. While nothing has been cancelled on our Cruise Schedule, everyone is anxious to know when we can get back on the water.

We held our Change Of Watch via teleconference. We are also holding regular meetings (Executive and General Membership meetings) the same way. We circulate an agenda ahead of time for input and try to keep the meetings as short as possible. At the last General Membership Meeting we had about 20+ members attend. Everybody stayed around afterwards just to see friendly faces and get caught up. For those without computers, we call and give them instructions on how to attend by phone. In the past, the normal attendance at general membership meetings can vary between 17 to 32.

A big "Shout Out" to all those in D/5!! Can't wait to see your smiling faces once again!!

KENT NARROWS

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 apparent 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 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 see 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. "Summer Shakedown" became an online barbecue on 21 May.

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.

MAIN LINE

America's Boating Club Valley Forge (Main Line) members have been hunkering down, washing our hands and not touching our faces. We had our Change of Watch on 22 March 2020. It was our first virtual meeting and our first virtual Change of Watch. We held our first virtual executive

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committee meeting and dinner meeting online. Very sadly, we just cancelled our summer cruise. We have also been adjusting to the Covid-19 virus by instituting online methods of delivering our educational programs. The first consisted of an online chat led by our educational officer. The approximately 30-minute session opened with a short America's Boating Channel video clip focused on anchoring. This was followed by a lively discussion of the techniques shown in the video and the personal experience of those attending. These sessions will be held approximately once a month. The squadron is preparing to offer an online Navigation course in the spring and an online Piloting course in the fall. The squadron's educational officer has been working with the national USPS organization to convert the four navigation courses (Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, Navigation) into e-book format. This process should be completed in the next week or two. This is necessary to provide the course materials to the student because the USPS National Headquarters has not been able to ship paper copies of the course materials. We will continue to look into virtual ways to keep our members involved.

NANSEMOND RIVER

Nansemond River Power Squadron started using Zoom for meetings and to stay in touch with our members. We started with three members of the Bridge to see how it worked. The second test was with the full Bridge which led to setting up our first Bridge meeting which was held online with ten of us. Another thing that we did was an old fashioned phone tree, dividing our membership among the Bridge and reaching out to all members. One of the things discussed as we talked with our members was using Zoom as a way to stay connected as a squadron. We did a follow up e-mail with instructions on how to set up Zoom. We did our first squadron Zoom online meeting on Wednesday 22 April with twenty-seven members joining in, including two of our members who are currently living in Italy. Based on our success in April, we have scheduled our May meetings using Zoom and are hopeful that more members will join in. We are also planning some interval training so we can all stay sharp. Just a new normal for a new time!

NANTICOKE RIVER

ABC-Nanticoke River is really not doing much during this pandemic. We have suspended meetings and of course our social and community outreach activities have been canceled as well. I post occasionally on our Facebook page and update members via email on any pertinent USPS info.

With May being National Water Safety Month, I have started posting boater safety messages on Facebook and I post a weekly quiz to try and get everyone to jog their boating safety memory.

RICHMOND

America's Boating Club Richmond has done business, Bridge work and Educational work with Go to Meeting and Zoom.

We missed our Change of Watch so the officers got together on Go to Meeting and Walter Neese, D5 Commander, swore us in. We are planning for Educational classes, summer cruising, D/5 summer council (if we can have it) and our picnic. We all hope to be together soon.

SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE

ABC Smith Mountain Lake is making the most of the Covid-19 situation. Our EXCOM meetings are

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held virtually and I believe very productive. One of our Squadron's goals for the year is to increase the number of IN/CN members thus we are conducting virtual seminars that are required to achieve the IN or CN ratings. We will conduct five seminars in May. Each year on a designated day we all gather as a squadron for "Lake Clean-up Day." Naturally we couldn't gather this year so we all cleaned up the portion of the lake where we live or our yard. The day was culminated in a virtual Happy Hour.

Similar to other Squadrons we are doing the best we can to hold everyone's interest and simultaneously grow the squadron.

VIRGINIA BEACH

Before the COVID-19 quarantine/stay-at-home order our Change of Watch was scheduled for 21 March with District Administrative Officer Stephanie Ward as our guest speaker. It was pushed back to April needless to say we had to cancel. There was an April EXCOM meeting done via teleconference and that was well attended and was a very productive meeting. There was a clean the waterway event scheduled and that had to be cancelled. Nobody I am aware of has been out on the water. As a result of this lack of activity, we will not publish a newsletter in May. However, as commander, I will send a situation report via email.

Virginia Governor Northram's executive order is due to expire on 10 June. Once we know when, we can have a general membership meeting. The first order of business will be having a modified Change of Watch. The 2020-2021 bridge has been elected and all nominated and appointed positions are in place and functional. I feel it safe to speak for our members fully understand the COVID-19 crisis is unprecedented and they are coping well. Some of our members are in the high risk group and my thoughts and prayers are with them. We all look forward to returning to normal conditions.

WILMINGTON

Given the regard for health and safety for the members of the Wilmington sail and Power Squadron, our 15 March 15 Change of Watch was prudently cancelled. Additionally, our 2020 Annual Cruise Committee met through Zoom and decided to cancel the scheduled June Cruise. A more informal cruise with social distancing is in the planning stages as state reopening plans emerge.

The Bridge Officers basically remained the same as the previous year. We sincerely appreciate their commitment! Our Executive Committee meets monthly through the benefits of Zoom. The excellent WSPS Lubber's Line Newsletter was published in early April. We are maintaining phone connections with older non-boating members of our squadron. A subgroup of WSPS boat owners are also connecting weekly on Zoom, keeping up to date on state boating requirements and marina openings. Members of the Executive Committee communicate weekly regarding WSPS squadron business and activities. We wish everyone a healthy and safe summer!



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
Mid-Atlantic

2020 Fall Conference, 6-8 November 2020,
Wyndham Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA
So far, so good! Updates will be posted!

Mark your calendars now for the 2020 D/5 Fall Conference to be held at the Wyndham Gettysburg in historic Gettysburg, PA. Along with the spectacular workshops and seminars, there will be a Ladies Tea & 1863 Fashion Luncheon. Gettysburg has much to offer:

Gettysburg National Military Park Museum

The new National Park Visitor Center museum houses an enormous collection of artifacts from the Battle of Gettysburg. There is an entrance fee to the museum. You can also arrange for a personal tour of the Battlefield with a licensed Battlefield Guide.



Eisenhower Historic Site

This is President Eisenhower's home. The tour leaves from the National Park Visitor Center and takes about an hour.

David Wills House

This museum is dedicated to Lincoln's visit to Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Address.

The Shriver House Museum

The historic home in downtown Gettysburg is focused on interpreting the civilian experience. The home is furnished as if the Shriver family still lived there. The home was occupied by the Confederates during the battle. You can even see the holes where the sharpshooters knocked out bricks to shoot onto the street below.



Seminary Ridge Museum

Seminary Ridge Museum, located on Seminary Ridge, has three floors of exhibits that explore the dilemmas that shaped the Civil War, the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg, and the Seminary's role as a Civil War field hospital.

The museum also offers tours of the building's cupola, where Brigadier General John Buford stood as he plotted troop movements on the first day of the battle.

Gettysburg Heritage Museum

Utilizing artifacts, historical documents, interactive displays and 3-D productions, visitors will gain a better understanding of the events that took place in the town before, during and after the battle. Find out how people reacted to the invasion of the town; freeze, flee or fight? Hear accounts of ordinary people doing extraordinary things in a time when their home was in turmoil.

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Horseback Riding, Bicycling & Carriage Rides

You can bring your own horse and ride the National Park trails or you can join one of the horse tours that are offered in the warmer seasons. The Victorian Carriage Company offers rides in warmer weather.

Bicycling is a good way to see the National Park.

Antiques, Artifacts, Reproduction, Books and Outlet Shopping

Gettysburg has a large selection of boutique shops specializing in art and history. There is an outlet mall, *The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg*, on the edge of town on Baltimore Pike.

Join Us in Raleigh, NC!

We are bringing it home! The National Meetings Committee has put together a fun and exciting meeting for our members in our hometown, Raleigh North Carolina.



2020 Fall Governing Board

Raleigh, North Carolina

The Fall Governing Board meeting will be held September 8-13, 2020 at the Raleigh Hilton North Hills hotel. Having this meeting in Raleigh enables us to cut expenses, offer tours of headquarters and a meet and greet with the staff. The meetings are designed to accomplish the work of the committees and to enhance the organization to keep ahead of the boating community needs. Everyone is welcome to join and those not interested in attending meetings or can break away from

meetings, are welcome to join us on various tours and activities in the area. Other activities include kayaking, touring our headquarters building, visiting the NC History and Science Museums, sampling the wonderful IPA beers in the area and afternoon tea in the beautiful wooded property of the Carolina Inn.

More details about the event can be found at https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39. This meeting has been designed with "Fun" as the theme and learning and communication as the goal. We look forward to seeing you there! (Special gifts for First Time national meeting attendees will be given.)

Why Attend a National Meeting?

The USPS/ABC National Meetings are designed to conduct the business of the organization. People who support the organization gather to share ideas and have fun accomplishing our goals. Committee members of all levels (squadron, district and national) are encouraged to attend and participate in their associated national committee. Communication is the key, the fun is the result! Not a member of a committee? Come interact with those who are or join others on tours around the area. We are lucky to be in Raleigh NC this time, September 8-13, 2020, and can offer tours of our headquarters building and a staff meet and greet. Tours of the NC History and Science Museums, downtown Raleigh, a kayaking trip, and afternoon tea at the beautiful Carolina Inn are some of the offsite trips. If you can break away from the meetings, join us for these events and various other activities. Check out the meeting website for more details. https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39 Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, meals and tours!

Love a Good Mystery?

Grab your friends and join us in Raleigh NC on September 10th for a fun, exciting, mysterious evening of dinner and fellowship at the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. The dinner will be held at the National Fall Governing Board Meeting. We will have lots of onsite and offsite activities in addition to meeting and communicating with other USPS/ABC members. Some of the other activities will include kayaking, touring our headquarters building, visiting the NC History and Science Museums, sampling the wonderful IPA beers in the area and afternoon tea.

The Raleigh Hilton North Hills is working with the National Meetings Committee to make this a very economical meeting for all attendees. The business of USPS/ABC is conducted by the various committees, but we encourage everyone to join in the fun and fellowship by attending the meals and tours (when available). Check out the meeting website for more details. https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, meals and tours!

Come Learn our History and Meet Headquarters Staff

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. https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39 Everyone is invited to attend the meetings, meals and tours! Join us for fun, work, and fellowship! You determine how much of each.



Sunrise over the Great Egg Harbor River, Mays Landing, NJ

Spring Conference Awards

The following Squadrons received the National 2019 Communications Awards for websites in recognition of Distinctive Performance for USPS websites:

Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron
Cambridge Sail & Power Squadron
Colonial Sail & Power Squadron
Delaware Sail & Power Squadron
Delhigh Power Squadron
Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron
Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron
Nansemond River Sail & Power Squadron
Nanticoke River Sail & Power Squadron
Northern Neck Sail & Power Squadron
Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron

Ocean City Sail & Power Squadron
Patapsco River Power Squadron
Richmond Sail & Power Squadron
Rockville Sail & Power Squadron
Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron
Susquehannock Sail & Power Squadron
Virginia Beach Sail & Power Squadron
Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron
York Sail & Power Squadron

DISTRICT 5

The following Squadrons received the National 2019 Communications Awards for Newsletters in recognition of Distinctive Performance for USPS Publications.

Anchor Watch	Annapolis
Currents	Cambridge
Delhighlights	Delhigh
On the Horizon	Dundalk
Tidelines	Kent Narrows
The Pilot	Main Line
Nansemond Light	Nansemond River
The Lighthouse	Northern Neck
Of Tars & Terns	Northern Virginia
Bullhorn	Richmond
The Signal	Smith Mountain Lake
The Lubber's Line	Wilmington

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District 5

SNYDER Awards

3rd Place:

Kent Narrows -Tidelines

2nd Place:

Annapolis - Anchor Watch

1st Place:

Delhigh Power Squadron - Delhighlights



Six squadrons in District 5 achieved positive net membership growth in the 2019 year. Not receiving an award but earning an honorable mention are:

DIVISION 2 -- 75-113 members
Ocean City Power Squadron (6th Place) 3%

DIVISION 4 -- Less than 44 members
Salisbury Power Squadron (5th Place) 6%

Award for the First Place Squadron in Division 2 – 114 or more members
Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron 16%

The following personnel each completed over **100 Vessel Safety Checks** for the year 2019, making them eligible for the Century Club and they are the District 5 top producers:

5th place individual:			
Richard Faga	Smith Mtn Lake	106 VSCs	2nd Year in Century Club
4th Place individual:			
James A. Brown, JN	Rockville	112 VSCs	3rd Year in Century Club
3rd place individual:			
Frank C. Brown, AP	Nansemond River	180 VSCs	5th Year in Century Club
2nd place individual:			
John L. Paulus	Ocean City	188 VSCs	9th Year in Century Club
1st place individual:			
Ed Furst	York	308 VSCs	6th Year in Century Club
3rd place Squadron:			
Ocean City Power Squadron		271 VSCs	
2nd place Squadron:			
Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron		294 VSCs	
1st place Squadron:			
York Sail & Power Squadron		345 VSCs	

These certificates go to the Squadrons who have achieved the Honor Roll with a contribution of at least \$1.00 per member to the USPS Educational Fund: (in alphabetical order)

SQUADRON	TIMES ON HONOR ROLL
Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron	6th YEAR
Colonial Sail & Power Squadron	4th year
Delaware River Sail & Power Squadron	15th year
Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron	13th year
Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron	19th year
Kingsway Power Squadron	21st Year
Main Line Sail and power squadron	11th Year
Mid-Potomac Sail & Power Squadron	10th year
Nansemond River Power Squadron	9th year
Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron	7th year
Ocean City Power Squadron	11th year
Patapsco River Power Squadron	19th year
Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron	13th year
Rockville Sail & Power Squadron	14th year
Salisbury Power Squadron	5th year
Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron	6th year
Susquehannock Sail and Power Squadron	18th Year
Virginia Beach Sail and Power Squadron	13th year

Members who have received their 25th Merit Mark this year. This makes them Life Members in USPS.

Name	Squadron
Richard E. Hughes, SN	Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron
Erna Hammerton, AP	Cambridge Sail & Power Squadron
David H. Herndon, AP	Northern Neck Sail & Power Squadron
Debbie L. Weaver, SN	Susquehannock Sail & Power Squadron
Sue Engler, P	Wilmington Power Squadron
Joyce C. Filius, S	York Sail & Power Squadron
Donald E. Mckonly	York Sail & Power Squadron

D/5 members who have moved to North Carolina and receiving their new life member award this year are: Twila M. Nahama, N formerly of Dundalk, and Robert G. Stammerjohn, SN formerly of Patuxent River.

Frank Dougherty of Absecon Island received his 50th Merit Mark.

The following Squadron has been recognized by Boat US in their Civic Service award program. Honorable Mention:

Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron

A Legacy of Education

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Honoring the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching Winners for 2019.

According to Charles F. Chapman, a past chief commander and one of our founding fathers, United States Power Squadrons was founded to prove that small motorboats with educated captains deserve a place in our nation's waterways.

In a 1972 interview in The Ensign magazine, Chap said that the board of steamboat inspectors who governed navigation in 1914 was a group of "very old seagoing men" who "had no use for small internal combustion-powered craft."

United States Power Squadrons was formed, he said, to instruct members on the rudiments of boat handling and remove one objection the board had to these small craft.

Every year we honor Chap's legacy and the mission of United States Power Squadrons with the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching.

During the 2020 Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, three instructors, Jim Ziegler, David Smith and Gar Mondarino, received the 2019 Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. This portion of the article will highlight Jim Ziegler, who is a member of Richmond Sail and Power Squadron in District 5.

James P. Ziegler, Richmond Sail & Power Squadron, Member for 41 years, 38 merit marks.

Much of Jim's teaching is directed toward new members of the squadron. He teaches at least one Seamanship (Boat Handling) and one Piloting class back to back early in the fall. He concludes these classes with an on-the-water training session on his vessel. A proponent of on-the-water training, Jim also helped create and regularly teaches the squadron's Boater's Boot Camp, which provides new boaters one day of classroom instruction followed by one day of on-the-water training.

Michael Silvay, a fellow instructor who took Weather under Jim, writes that he made each topic crystal clear before moving on, ensuring that the class had a good understanding of the complex material. "I am a boating instructor and an experienced captain, Michael writes, "but I still consider Jim Ziegler a mentor and a 'go-to-guy' when it comes to any boating questions."

Fellow instructor Dave Childress says Jim's friendly, open demeanor and encouragement makes him a popular instructor who is responsible for many students joining the squadron. "Underway, Jim has graciously allowed students to pilot and steer his trawler *Tortuga*," Dave writes, "invariably encouraging them to 'come try it,' with the results of producing more active members of our boating community."

Junior Navigation student David Duros had trouble mastering sextant operation, so he asked Jim for help after a squadron meeting. "Jim was able to find the flaw in my technique quickly and demonstrate the correct way," which Duros writes, turned a difficulty into an ability.

Many members recounted how Jim created a nautical-themed "Jeopardy!" game for a District 5 Spring Conference, complete with lights, buzzers and enthusiastic audience participation.

When asked what advice he'd give other instructors, Jim said, "Be honest with your students. If it's your first time teaching a course, let them know. Your job as a teacher is to guide your students through the material. You do not have to be the smartest person in the room, but the one with the logical path to build the knowledge."

Jim says, "For me the most rewarding part of teaching comes from seeing the students apply what they have learned and have a more enjoyable time on the water."



Jim Ziegler, AP receives his award from Past Chief Commander Gary Chaney, SN

America's Boating Channel Responds to COVID-19



America's Boating Channel responded to the COVID-19 pandemic in three ways -- suspending its US Sailing Team Olympics countdown, changing its Season Four video launch plans, and adding America's Boating Channel LIVE.

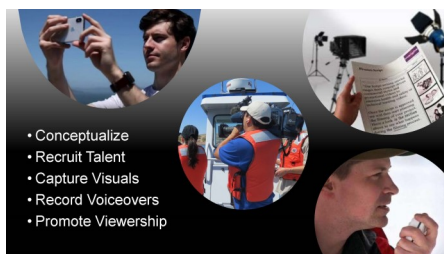
With the Tokyo Summer Games postponed a year, America's Boating Channel agreed to postpone its ongoing promotional campaign until next February. America's Boating Channel's final 2020 sailing team video played at the end of March and was followed by the last few Season Three pull-outs (short segments derived from full-length videos) and then the introduction of original new boating safety and boater education titles from Season Four to roll-out through early September.



On March 30, the Coast Guard authorized a special project to help boaters cope with sheltering in place against the pandemic by providing a weekly online magazine show for boaters by boaters. America's Boating Channel's initial commitment was to produce a flight of six pilot shows beginning on April 8 with the potential to continue each week for as long as boaters have to shelter in place.

The project was given the simplest of names -- America's Boating Channel LIVE -- to avoid brand dilution. Each Wednesday at 4:00 PM Eastern Time, a new episode of America's Boating Channel LIVE is simulcast on its YouTube Channel and primary website AmericasBoatingChannel.com.

The project relies on volunteer participation, and there are five ways to get involved: come up with segment concepts, recruit participants, capture visuals -- a video show demands an enormous amount of visual material, record voiceovers, or help with marketing.



District 5 has provided enormous support for America's Boating Channel LIVE. Segment contributors include Megan Humphrey for "Nautical Crafts," John O'Reilly for "Boating Motion Pictures," Holly Tompkins for "Boating Music," Chuck Wells for "Books for Boaters," and Jim Zeigler for "Boating TV Programs."



Some of the other areas being covered are preparing vessels to get back on the water, reminiscing about past cruises, recreational boat simulations, physical and mental health during quarantines, and online boater education.



Recruit Participants



Participants are taught how to capture video like a pro with their smartphones. Emailing and uploading content files to the cloud for ingestion by production staff are also explained. Above all, experienced boating story tellers are needed along with diversity in the people and perspectives represented on the show.

Record Voiceovers



A mix of male and female voices are also required, and again training and assistance are provided for voiceovers—typically recording narration right over the phone.

Capture Visuals

- Smartphone Videography
- Still Photographs
- Original Animations
- Cloud Transmission



Help with marketing is focused on growing the audience for the show by liking, following, and subscribing to America's Boating Channel in social media and then sharing posts.

Promote Viewership



- Like America's Boating Channel on Facebook & Instagram
- Follow America's Boating Channel on Twitter
- Subscribe to America's Boating Channel on YouTube

Provide
Real
Value



America's Boating Channel LIVE aims to provide real value to boaters in a totally new and different way and warmly welcomes additional member participation. Email LIVE@AmericasBoatingChannel.com to get involved.

P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP
Grant Project Manager
America's Boating Channel™

UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

8 - Sep	USPS Governing Board	Raleigh, NC
9-12 Sep	Atlantic City Powerboat Show	Atlantic City, NJ
1-4 Oct	US Powerboat Show	Annapolis, MD
8-12 Oct	US Sailboat Show	Annapolis, MD
5-8 Nov	D/5 Fall Conference	Gettysburg, PA

Please be advised that any or all of these dates could be cancelled.



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