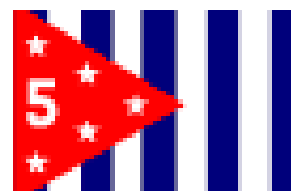




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2021 D/5

District 5 Summer Council Meeting

Due to Covid-19 restrictions which were recently lifted, there was not enough time to schedule a meeting place for our D/5 Summer Council meeting and rendezvous. Therefore the meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on 28 July beginning at 6:00 pm. While we're certainly going to miss all of the fun and personal interaction that traditionally goes with this gathering, it's important that you attend the call as there is business that must be covered.

However, we're going to kick off the meeting with some fun! Please plan on joining us on 28 July at 6pm for a "beach party" - share your favorite summer drink and show us your best beachwear (or for some of us - beach coverups!).

The Council meeting will commence immediately following the party. Log in details are shown below.

Let's have some fun and a productive Council until we can meet again in person!

Zoom Meeting ID: 339 692 5225
Passcode: ABCKN2020

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Commander's Message

D/C Michael Payne, AP

First, let me say that I'm delighted that you have chosen me to represent District 5 as your Commander. Each year, as my involvement with America's Boating Club has increased, many members have provided their advice and encouragement helping me to reach the position that I now hold. My thanks to everyone for electing me to serve as your Commander for this year. My additional thanks to everyone who has helped me along the way.

As my year serving as your District Commander "gets underway," I feel my spirits raised to see the many boating activities and in-person events planned for the upcoming boating season around the district. As we are able to have more of these in-person events (of course continuing with appropriate social distancing, PPE, and safety precautions as needed), I encourage you to support your squadron by planning to safely participate in as many events as possible. Consider getting together with the event chairperson to find out how you can help. Also, don't forget to promote your events by posting them on the squadron & District 5 web pages, as well as in your squadron's newsletter. In many ways 2020 was a difficult year for ABC members. We faced many challenges, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I am very proud of how ABC and District 5 rose to meet those challenges and, in the process, have set themselves up for success.

Looking back, I feel like America's Boating Club & District 5 emerged from 2020 with a few victories. Our marketing efforts as America's Boating Club were timely and continue to help us reach a larger portion of boating enthusiasts. In many areas, successful member recruitment and retention efforts are working to increase membership. Our America's Boating Channel & online training opportunities allow us to reach more people than ever before, drawing viewers from outside the squadron and even from across the country and around the world. I believe that the District, its squadrons, as well as America's Boating Club as a whole, are now set up for a successful future.

In this year 2021, for District 5 and our member squadrons, our path to the future lies before us. My theme for this year reflects this, as I truly believe that District 5 is "On Course for the Future!"

I'm looking forward to a great year of fun on the water. As P/D/C Walter Neese once said, this year "let's rediscover the Boat in America's Boating Club!"

Best Wishes,
D/C Michael Payne, AP



District 5 Fall Conference 2021

Plans are underway for an “in-person” meeting for the Fall Conference. How wonderful it will be to see everyone again. Save the date for this conference. It is 11-14 November at the Doubletree Lancaster in Lancaster, PA. More information will be in the next issue of the Mark 5 and posted to our website, abc-midatlantic.org.

Stay tuned.

D/1st/Lt Apryl Bernard, P

JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER



Aboard the Benjamin Franklin Yacht
Enjoy a Narrated Cruise and
Buffet Dinner
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
Boarding: 1800
Departure: 1830
Rain or Shine

Narrators are National Educational Officer, V/C Bill McManimen, SN-ON
and Stf/C Jim Heckman, SN from Americas Boating Club – Valley Forge.
Traditional and electronic methods of navigation will be presented.

During this trip you will enjoy a delightful, full course dinner on the lower dining deck of the Ben Franklin. The informative and exciting narration by Jim and Bill will focus on aids to navigation, piloting, and chart work using a hand-held compass, GPS, and plotting our position on Delaware River Chart 12312. On the return trip you will see lighted aids, ranges and navigation lights on the big ships.

Bring your neighbors and friends

Make reservation by sending a check in the amount of \$35.00 for each adult payable to ABC-DV to Lt/C Robert Tafel, PO Box 585, Hatboro, PA 19040 (215-441-4154). List the name of each guest and e-mail address. (Sea Scouts & children under 12 at \$15.00)

Directions: The Ben Franklin departs from 101 S. Columbus Blvd. which is just south of the Ben Franklin Bridge. South on I-95: take the right hand lane at exit 22 for Callowhill St. At the bottom of the off ramp, turn left on Callowhill St. and then right on N. Columbus Blvd. Turn left onto Penns Landing and the yacht will be on the left. There is ample parking at the location.

Uniform of the day = ABC Casual

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2021 Spring Conference Awards

2020 Distinctive Communicator Awards for Newsletters and Website.

Newsletters

District 5	Mark 5
Annapolis	Anchor Watch
Cambridge	Choptank Currents
Delaware River	The Barometer
Delhigh	DELHIGHLIGHTS
Kent Narrows	TIDELINES
Main Line	The Pilot
Nansemond River	Nansemond Light
Northern Neck	The Lighthouse
Northern Virginia	of TARS & TERNS
Patapsco River	The Bilgewater
Richmond	The Bullhorn
Smith Mountain Lake	The Signal
Virginia Beach	Cape Henry Flashes
Wilmington	THE LUBBER'S LINE

Websites

District 5	
Annapolis	Rockville
Cambridge	Smith Mountain Lake
Colonial	Susquehannock
Delaware River	Virginia Beach
Delhigh	Wilmington
Dundalk	York
Kent Narrows	
Nansemond River	
Nanticoke River	
Northern Neck	
Northern Virginia	
Patuxent River	
Richmond	



Snyder Award

1st Place	Delhighlights	ABC Lehigh Valley (Delhigh)
2nd Place	The Pilot	ABC Valley Forge (Main Line)
3rd Place	Signals	ABC Smith Mountain Lake (Smith Mountain Lake)

Membership Growth and Retention

2nd Place	Potomac River (Division 3) 9% Growth
Honorable Men.	Nanticoke River (Division 4) 7% Growth

Cooperative Charting Honor Roll

Ron Rickets	Annapolis
John Wesley Nash	Annapolis
Kathy Nash	Annapolis
Gilbert Rose	Rockville
Michael Joyce	Rockville

Life Members (25 Merit Marks)

David Benfer, JN	Wilmington
Bernard Boos, SN	Kent Narrows
Bonnie Brown-Murphy, AP	Northern Neck
Daniel Cada, AP	Cambridge
Gene Danko, SN	Rockville
Karl Hellinger, SN	Smith Mountain Lake
Michael Murray, P	Ocean City
Leona Myers, AP	Annapolis
F. Stewart Myers, AP	Annapolis
Daniel Parker	Potomac River
Lily Stone, JN	Nansemond River
Frank Timpano, SN	Richmond

Governing Board Emeritus Members (50 Merit Marks)

Benjamin Sooy, AP	Absecon Island
Francis Montouri, SN	Delhigh



2021 Fall Governing Board August 29 - September 5, 2021 *Raleigh, North Carolina*

lished in 1792 as the permanent seat of government for the state of North Carolina. The tour will cover: The State Capitol, Fayetteville Street, Memorial Auditorium (Duke Energy Center), Shaw University, Peace College, St. Mary's School, North Carolina State University, the Historic Districts of Oakwood, Mordecai, City Cemetery and Moore Square, the Entertainment Districts, Glenwood South, City Market and Warehouse Districts, the Central Business District and Pullen Park. Price includes beverage on board. There is a limit of 25 on this tour.

Raleigh Beer Trail

Love to taste the local independent IPAs! Come with us and sample the options. You will be transported to 4 or 5 downtown Raleigh breweries. You can partake in a variety of locally brewed craft beers and unique foods at your own expense. These venues are all within a few blocks of each other and have unique décor. You will board the motor coach which will whisk you away to a beer lover's getaway and no worries about driving or taking a cab! This tour has a limit of 32. The price for this tour includes transportation only. Food and beverage is on your own. Drink responsibly!

Wednesday, September 01, 2021 Ecotour on Jordan Lake

Ecotour on Jordan Lake includes transportation from the hotel to Jordan Lake and a 2-hour scenic, wildlife pontoon boat tour of the lake and dam in central NC. See aquatic life like crayfish up close and learn Jordan Lake and Cape Fear River history. View wildlife like bald eagles, ospreys, herons and other aquatic birds and mammals in their natural habitat. Jordan Lake has the largest collection of bald eagles. Bus will take everyone to lunch at indoor/outdoor casual seated restaurant, Carolina Brewery. This event has a limit of 20. Price includes transportation, boat and bottled water. Lunch is not included in the ticket price.

Kayaking on Jordan Lake

Kayaking trip to Jordan Lake includes transportation from the hotel to Jordan Lake and kayak rental, safety equipment, basic instruction on proper boarding, paddling and egress from the boat by ABC member Robert Ball. Bathing attire should be worn under clothing while riding to the park. Sunscreen, hats, towels and water shoes should be carried with you. Participants will have approximately 1.5 hours of active paddling on the lake (swimming is not permitted at this venue). Bus will take everyone to lunch at indoor/outdoor casual seated restaurant, Carolina Brewery. This event has a limit of 10. Price includes transportation, kayak, gear and bottled water. Lunch is not included in the ticket price. Note: There are restrooms at ramp to change clothes.

Please be advised that the events listed below are for information only. All registrations must be made through the National website, usps.org and click on National Meetings button.

Registration Fee : Cost: \$35.00

Tuesday, August 31, 2021 Motor Coach Tour of Historic Downtown Raleigh

Time: 1200-1530
Cost: \$55.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$40.00

A 2.5 hour guided sightseeing and historical tour takes you to where Raleigh's roots began and where the City has evolved today. North Carolina's "Triangle," with some of the United States best historical markers, culture, architecture, food and stories await you as we travel the "City of Oaks." Created as one of America's earliest planned cities, Raleigh was established in 1792 as the permanent seat of government for the state of North Carolina.

Time: 1800-2230
Cost: \$50.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$35.00

Time: 0830-1530
Cost: \$108.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$93.00

Time: 0830-1530

Cost: \$71.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$56.00

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Tour of the USPS Headquarters

Time: 1000-1200

Cost: \$0.00

Transportation to Headquarters is provided by the Hilton Raleigh North Hills shuttle van and times are approximate based on their Airport pick up requirements (one van for both). The tour should take approximately 45 minutes. Meet some of the Headquarters' staff, see where materials come from, see the impressive and historical Chapman Library where all of the heritage is held including various works of art depicting our beginnings. This tour is FREE. START TIME IS APPROXIMATELY 10 AM

Friends Night

Time: 1800-2200

Cost: \$54.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$49.00

Come out and mingle with your USPS/ABClub friends, make new friends and have fun with the Board of Directors. Cocktail hour is a cash bar followed by a nice dinner. We had a great time at the Annual Meeting playing Trivia. Who knows what C/C Abbott has up her sleeve for entertainment in Raleigh?

CASH BAR Available

Thursday, September 02, 2021

Keynote Breakfast

Time: 0730-0845

Cost: \$45.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$38.00

Kevin P. Duffus

Researcher, author, and documentary filmmaker, Kevin has published four books and produced four award winning documentary films on North Carolina maritime history. Kevin will speak on *War Zone: World War II off North Carolina's Outer Banks*. In 1942, the United States suffered one of its worst defeats of WWII, not in Europe or the Pacific, but along the nation's eastern seaboard. Kevin has compiled a stunning collection of eyewitness stories of merchant sailors, Coast Guard recruits and coastal residents who survived the event. Join us to hear this historical story.

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North Carolina History and Science Museums

Time: 1030-1545

Cost: \$60.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$45.00

Come aboard to take a trip to Downtown Raleigh and spend some time going back through time at the North Carolina Museum of History. The North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences is the largest museum of its kind in the Southeast. Through their exhibits, programs, and field experiences, they provide visitors with opportunities to get up close and personal with science and nature. Continue on to The Exploration Center and Nature Research Center featuring an array of permanent and special exhibits, live programs and educational films that appeal to audiences of all ages, the Nature Exploration Center encourages visitors to explore the natural world and their connections to it. With state-of-the-art laboratories, research opportunities, interactive exhibits and live presentations given by top scientists, the Nature Research Center makes science a tangible and enjoyable experience and helps visitors understand the practical applications of science in their daily lives. All of the museums are part of the Smithsonian Institution. Lunch is on your own at the museum or other location nearby.

Boxed Lunch Ham/Turkey

Time: 1200-1300

Cost: \$35.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$30.00

Thursday is a full day of meetings and seminars. Take the stress out of waiting in line at a restaurant or even going out of the hotel. Grab and go with a box filled with a great lunch. Take a break and go to your room, meet some friends and sit

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down in the ABClub "Meet and Greet" room. Note the lunch is scheduled for only one hour.

Choose this option for a HAM SANDWICH

Choose this option for a TURKEY SANDWICH

District Commanders and Executive Officer Boxed LUNCHEON

Time: 1200-1300

Cost: \$35.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$30.00

Enjoy a working lunch with all your fellow DC/DXO. The DC/DXO meeting a full day of information and discussion. There will be a keynote speaker during this luncheon.

Choose this option if you would like HAM for your meal. Choose this option if you would like TURKEY for your meal.

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Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

Time: 1800-2200

Cost: \$103.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$98.00

America's largest interactive comedy Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre comes to the Hilton Raleigh North Hills just for us! Solve a hilarious crime while you feast on a fantastic dinner. Just beware! The culprit is hiding in plain sight somewhere in the room, and you may find yourself as a Prime Suspect before you know it! Seating limited to the first 100 so sign up early! **CASH BAR Available**

Friday, September 03, 2021

Tea at The Sugar Magnolia Cafe and Shopping in Wake Forest

Time: 0930-1530

Cost: \$95.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$80.00

Tea Service at The Sugar Magnolia Café in Wake Forest, North Carolina is a delightful and relaxed tradition. Served in their cozy dining area, guests enjoy an ambiance of gracious gentility. The dedicated Tea Hostess selects the finest teas (caffeine free and herbal too), offering different assortments every season. Delectable house-made accompaniments include savory tea sandwiches, assorted sweets, and fresh baked scones served with fresh lemon curd, English Devonshire cream, jams and preserves. Afterwards, you will be transported to the nearby downtown area of Wake Forest for 2 hours of shopping. Bus departs PROMPTLY at 2:30pm to return to the Hilton.

Saturday, September 04, 2021

Member's Reception & Luncheon

Time: 1200-1330

Cost: \$45.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$40.00

Enjoy lunch in the fellowship of other USPS members before the Governing Board meeting starts at 1400.

CASH BAR Available.

Social Reception and Luncheon

Time: 1200-1330

Cost: \$45.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$40.00

Enjoy lunch with your long time USPS friends or even meet some new friends. District 27 will be the host for this luncheon so come out and enjoy the southern hospitality. **CASH BAR Available**

Back to the 50's - Sock Hop

Time: 1830-2200

Cost: \$54.00

Price until 23 July 2021 \$49.00

Get your craziest, wildest, or most colorful socks out and come on down to Bebop the night away with DJ music from the '50s. This evening is a casual night, find your bobby socks and saddle shoes, poodle skirts or pedal pushers and guys you can wear your jeans and t-shirt with the sleeves rolled up. Or even come as "The Fonzy". There will be a "blue plate special" dinner. It should be a blast from the past. **CASH BAR Available**



Where the Keel Meets the Water

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How many of us have taken boating courses but have not had the chance to actually apply the knowledge learned? Our Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, Navigation and Cruise Planning courses all progressively get into advanced electronics and navigation.

Many topics we address in our classes come to life when you put them in play out on the water. On Friday, 20 August at 1700, we will set sail from Annapolis to circumnavigate the Delmarva Peninsula. Our plan is to complete the voyage nonstop, arriving back in Annapolis at approximately 1400 on Monday, 23 August. Fuel stops will be made as needed.

Here are some of the experiences you could have on our upcoming sail around the Delmarva Peninsula:

- Planning and plotting a cruise that includes overnight offshore sailing,
- Logging your GPS position and forecasting your DR position on paper charts.
- Using Radar and AIS to cruise safely in heavy traffic.
- Communicating with commercial vessels to arrange safe passage.
- Addressing situations with ocean currents.
- Utilizing advanced software for offshore cruise planning.
- Want to get your BOC ACN or ON skill checked off? This can be your opportunity to do so*.

This three-night sail will include all of the above procedures to assure a safe cruise. All crew members will be able to learn about and use the various safety and navigation equipment aboard the vessels. Each participating vessel will need to be equipped with the following equipment:

- Paper Charts
- At least one DSC enabled VHF radio connected to a GPS and programmed with your MMSI number
- A backup VHF radio
- A chart plotter/Multi-functional Device (MFD) at the helm
- A computer or smart pad navigation system
- A backup GPS
- Radar (optional)
- AIS (optional)

If you want to expand your sailing experience by serving as crew, let me know so I can put you on the list. I will need to know your sailing experiences and the classes you have taken. If you decide to sign up, remember that you will be standing watch at night, possibly by yourself.

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Each participating boat should have a minimum of four aboard. Captains needing crew will be given the list of volunteers. It will be up to the captains to pick their crew.

Cruising around the Delmarva is always exciting. The Chesapeake Bay always is crowded with both recreational and commercial traffic and at night the biggest challenge is differentiating the ATONs from shore lights and other vessels. In the Atlantic, you will be out of sight of land and hopefully have a sky full of beautiful stars. The Delaware Bay has its own challenges. Narrow channels require sharp lookout for freighters north bound for Wilmington and Philadelphia and south bound for the Atlantic. And then there is the C&D Canal with its currents, RR bridge (make sure it is open!) and dealing with the big freighters in a narrow canal.

Please let me know if you are interested in either sailing your boat or want to crew on someone's boat.

Each time I make this cruise I have a different learning experience. I look forward to another fabulous Delmarva cruise. Hope you can join us.

*Those wishing to get their BOC certifications should contact our ABC-MidAtlantic BOC Assistant Regional Director, John Locke, locke806@gmail.com - (443) 262- 6892 or our BOC Regional Director, Chuck Wells - wellsatsea@aol.com - (301) 325-8568, to arrange for a Certifier to sail with you.

2017 Summer Council



Pictures from 2016 Summer Council!



Pictures from 2018 Summer Council!



UPCOMING EVENTS

28 July	D/5 Summer Council (Virtual)	
29 Aug - 5 Sep	USPS/ABC Governing Board	Raleigh, NC
6 Oct	Educational Cruise	Philadelphia, PA
11-14 Nov	D/5 Fall Conference	Lancaster, PA



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

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