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## 2022 America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic Summer Council

This year's Summer Council (29-31 July) will be at Rock Hall Landing Marina in beautiful Rock Hall, Maryland, "The Pearl of the Chesapeake." This marina is under new ownership and they have upgraded the motel rooms and marina bathrooms and have built a new firepit and seating area.

We have several activities planned, including a predicted log contest, fishing contest, and lawn and pool games, as well as multiple social gatherings.

Our location is right next to Waterman's Crab House Restaurant and is a short walk to Harbor Shack Restaurant. Both feature live music and a great atmosphere. Bikes are available at the marina, which is less than a half mile to the center of town where you can enjoy shops, a coffeehouse, an open-air market, and of course, ice cream. While exploring the town, be sure to visit Ferry Park, which is a small sandy beach for sunbathing, splashing in the Chesapeake Bay, or watching the sunset.

Please visit the Main Street Rock Hall website ([mainstreetrockhall.org/](http://mainstreetrockhall.org/)) to view videos that showcase the local businesses.

While in Rock Hall, please be sure to take advantage of several of the charter boats available for fishing as well as Blue Crab Charters, which features sunset cruises on "Island Girl," a 43 Morgan center cockpit sailboat. About 10 minutes south of Rock Hall is Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge, which is a 2300-acre island providing walking trails and bird watching opportunities.

If you have ideas for activities or would like to volunteer to help, please feel free to contact me. I hope to see you in Rock Hall!

John O'Reilly

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## Commander's Message

D/C Stephanie Ward, AP

About 40 years ago I bought my first boat and while I grew up around boats, I had never handled anything of any size and thought it might be a good idea to take a course. I signed up for an Adult Education course in our local school and the rest is history! I was quickly hooked on learning everything about boats, whether it was navigation, weather, marine electronics or engine maintenance. 40 years later I am still a proud member of this wonderful organization and not only have learned so much but have also taught others to be safer boaters and made life-long friendships along the way.

I was honored to serve as Pennsway Power Squadron's Commander many years ago, followed by 3 years as Commander of Delaware River and now I'm truly thrilled to served as the Commander of what I believe is the best District in the country! I never dreamed so many years ago that I would end up in this position and look forward to participating in all of the exciting activities that are planned for the upcoming year. With Covid restrictions being lifted we've finally been able to get together in person and enjoy the camaraderie, an important part of America's Boating Club.

Paul and I attended the Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra in February that kicked off with a Margarita themed outside dinner reminding us again of the importance of fun! It was so nice to renew old friendships and make new ones during our Friday night hospitality room. I was excited to see ABClub-Coastal Virginia win honorable mention for their Civic Service activities during Saturday's annual meeting. The pageantry of Saturday night's Change-Of-Watch was especially memorable as we got to see our own V/C Ralph Bernard, AP sworn in as National Executive Officer. What a thrilling night for everyone in District 5!

We held our first District in-person meeting in two years with the Fall Educational Conference followed by the recent Spring Conference and Change-of-Watch. I think everyone will agree that they were both great successes. Plans are underway for the Summer Council and Rendezvous to be held in Rock Hall, MD and I would encourage you to come, be it by land or by sea. This event will focus heavily on recreation with lots of family friend events and games. If you are coming by boat, consider the Predicted Log contest; it's fun but puts your skills to the test.

These last few years have been a challenge and I am so proud of how well we adapted. One upside of the pandemic was an explosion of boat sales and we have the opportunity to turn all of these new boat owners into safer boaters and hopefully new members!

My predecessors challenged us to innovate and think outside of the box

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and I think we've done exactly that. We continued to teach on a variety of different platforms, held virtual happy hours and bingo parties and still carried out civic events. One important thing that we realized is that there is strength in numbers, with several of our Clubs joining efforts to teach and socialize. Now that things are getting slowly back to normal, I would suggest that we continue this. Make sure to share what you're doing, whether it's education or fun. Post your events on the District website so everyone can participate. Together we're stronger!

P/C Payne's theme was "On Course for the Future." I think we're well on our way and now it's time to "Reach for the Stars." I'm looking forward to a wonderful rewarding year and thanks to all for your support.

Stephanie

## JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER



Aboard the Benjamin Franklin Yacht  
Enjoy a Narrated Cruise and  
Buffet Dinner  
Wednesday, May 25, 2022  
Boarding: 1800  
Departure: 1830  
Rain or Shine

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 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 Penn's Landing and the yacht will be on the left. There is ample parking at the location.

Uniform of the day = America's Boating Club Casual

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**RESERVATION FORM**  
**America's Boating Club – Mid-Atlantic**  
**United States Power Squadrons D/5 Summer Council**  
**29-31 July 2022**  
**Rock Hall Landing Marina, Rock Hall, Maryland**



**MEMBER:** Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER? \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ First Timer? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**REGISTRATION FEE**

# \_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY BUFFET ENTREE CHOICES:**

Chef Zach's Famous Pulled Pork w/ House Made BBQ Sauce

# \_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

Roast Chicken Breast w/ Garden Grown Herbs

# \_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

Gourmet Mac & Cheese

# \_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_

Selections Served With:  
Garden Fresh Salad, Potato Salad, Cupcakes  
Lemonade, Tea, & Water

Dietary Restrictions:

\_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to: CSPS**

**SEND TO:** D/Lt/C John O'Reilly  
21909 Lovers Lane  
Rock Hall, MD 21661  
E-mail: john.oreilly@americasboatingchannel.com

**MEAL RESERVATIONS must  
be received by 15 July 2022**

**Recommended Dress for Buffet: Casual**

**MAKE ROOM AND SLIP RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH MARINA - Call (410) 639-2224 or visit <https://www.sagamoreblue.com/hotel-rock-hall-motel> to book a room. Please mention you are with United States Power Squadrons to make sure you get one of the reserved slips. Our reserved block of slips expires on June 3rd.**

**Motel Room Rates: \$205 + Tax per night**  
**The slip rate is \$2.75 per foot, single electric is \$8.50 and \$17.00 for double**





# DISTRICT 5 SUMMER CRUISE---2022

TO ALL CRUISERS: District 5 has not had a cruise for a couple of years due to COVID 19, so it is past time for us to get together on the water:

This is what the cruising committee has planned:

23 July 2022	Anchorage Marina—Baltimore	410.522.7000
24 July 2022	Anchorage Marina—Baltimore	
25 July 2022	Annapolis ---City Dock	410.263.7973
26 July 2022	Annapolis ---City Dock	
27 July 2022	Bay Bridge Marina—Stevensville	410.643.3162
28 July 2022	Rock Hall Landing—Rock Hall	410.639.2224
29 July 2022	Rock Hall Landing---Rock Hall	
30 July 2022	Rock Hall Landing---Rock Hall	

The committee has not made any arrangements with the marinas but would like to have an idea of how many boats will be going. Please, let me know as soon as possible if you plan to go on the cruise. If members are interested, we may be able to get tickets to the Orioles game. They are playing the Yankees so tickets may be hard to get but we can try.

Send an email to [rb3513@comcast.net](mailto:rb3513@comcast.net)

V/C Ralph Bernard, AP

## 2022 Summer Cruise Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Port \_\_\_\_\_

Length \_\_\_\_\_

Beam \_\_\_\_\_

Power / Sail \_\_\_\_\_

## Spring Conference Wrap Up

After a two-year absence, the annual Spring Conference returned 31 March to 3 April to the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City. After two years of Covid restrictions the conference brought back a sense of normalcy. We had all the traditional events; Hospitality Rooms, Officer Training, Member Luncheon, Commander's Reception, Change of Watch and Banquet, and of course the Raffle and 50/50.

The team that put together the Conference included members from Dundalk, Annapolis, Cambridge, and Kent Narrows who was the "Host Squadron," along with help from the D/5 Bridge and the old and new Commander's Aides.

The Conference was slightly smaller than in past years probably due to restarting an event after a two-year layoff. But the enthusiasm and spirit of the participants was unmatched, and everyone agreed it was good to see old friends in person again.

Five Squadrons featured Hospitality Rooms on Friday evening that were visited by a quite large crowd of enthusiastic attendees. Many thanks to Lt/C Jeanne Galvin from Dundalk for coordinating the Hospitality Rooms with the Squadrons and the Hotel.

The Raffle and 50/50 were located in the Exhibit Hall during Friday and Saturday in what seemed like one of the largest gatherings of donated items in recent years. Thanks to all who donated the items and thanks to P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski and her team from Annapolis for organizing and executing the raffle and 50/50.

Officer Training and the various Departmental Showcase and working sessions and the Council and Conference meetings were held Saturday in the Exhibit Hall and the smaller breakout rooms. During the Conference meeting Saturday afternoon, various awards were presented to individuals and Squadrons and the Chief Commander's Representative, V/C Ralph Bernard, conducted a town hall meeting. Thanks to Commander John O'Reilly for coordinating the Audio/Visual equipment and ensuring it was in place as needed in the various rooms to support each session.

The Saturday evening Banquet and Change-of-Watch was the highlight event of the weekend with the 2021 Bridge being relieved by the 2022 Bridge. The evening's festivities were led by P/D/C Marty Lafferty who was the Master of Ceremonies and officiated by V/C Ralph Bernard. Since the last two Changes-of-Watch were held virtually, P/D/C Lafferty spent some time recognizing not only the accomplishments of the 2021 Commander, Michael Payne, but also the accomplishments of the previous two Commanders, P/D/C Jeff Short for 2020 and P/D/C Walter Neese for 2019. The hotel staff did an excellent job preparing and serving the meals. And a special thanks to P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski and her team from Annapolis for designing and putting together the table centerpieces.

And the last event, the traditional reception for the new Bridge, was held Sunday morning in the new Commander's suite.

Hope to see you all again next year.

P/C John Locke, SN-ACN  
Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron  
America's Boating Club Kent Narrows



**Snyder Award (for the best newsletter in District 5)**

1st	America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley	Delhighlights
2nd	America's Boating Club of Annapolis	Anchor Watch
3rd	America's Boating Club Valley Forge	The Pilot

**National 2021 Communications Awards for Newsletters in recognition of Distinctive Performance for USPS Publications.**

ABClub of Annapolis – Anchor Watch	ABClub Northern Virginia – of TARS & TERNS
ABClub Delaware Valley - The Barometer	ABClub Patapsco River – The Bilgewater
ABClub Lehigh Valley – DELHIGHLIGHTS	ABClub Smith Mountain Lake – The Signal
ABClub Kent Narrows – TIDELINES	ABClub Coastal Virginia - Cape Henry Flashes
ABClub Valley Forge – The Pilot	ABClub Wilmington – THE LUBBER'S LINE
ABClub Nansemond River – Nansemond Light	ABClub Mid-Atlantic – Mark 5
ABClub Northern Neck – The Lighthouse	

**National 2021 Communications Awards for websites in recognition of Distinctive Performance for USPS websites.**

ABClub Absecon Island	ABClub Northern Neck
ABClub of Annapolis	ABClub Northern Virginia
ABClub Cambridge Maryland	ABClub Southern Maryland
ABClub Colonial Virginia	ABClub Richmond
ABClub Delaware Valley	ABClub Rockville
ABClub Lehigh Valley	ABClub Smith Mountain Lake
ABClub Dundalk	ABClub of Central Pennsylvania
ABClub Kent Narrows	ABClub Coastal Virginia
ABClub Nansemond River	ABClub Wilmington
ABClub Nanticoke River	ABClub South Central Pennsylvania
ABClub Mid-Atlantic (District 5)	

**Life Members**

Gary William Budesheim, SN	ABClub of Annapolis
Jean P. Durgin, AP	ABClub Northern Virginia
Thomas Patrick Farrer, AP-IN	ABClub Southern Maryland
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Kathryn Simkins, AP	ABClub Southern Maryland
Arthur J. Walz, AP	ABClub Mid-Potomac
Kenneth M. Weaver, SN	ABClub of Central Pennsylvania

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## 50 Merit Marks (Member Emeritus of Governing Board)

Fred Keiser	ABClub Kent Narrows
George McComas, Jr.	ABClub Cambridge Maryland
Warren Stevens	ABClub Delaware Valley

## Vessel Safety Checks

### NATIONAL 4th Place

Edward P. Furst     ABClub of Central Pennsylvania

### Millenium Club (1,000 VSCs total)

Edward P. Furst     ABClub of Central Pennsylvania     2nd Year

### Century Club

Frank Brown, 8th Year

William Eldridge, 3rd Year

Edward Furst, 7th Year

3rd place individual:	William Eldridge, ABClub of Annapolis	170
2nd place individual:	Frank Brown, ABClub Nansemond River	189
1st place individual:	Edward Furst, ABClub of Central Pennsylvania	343
3rd place Squadron:	ABClub of Annapolis	296
2nd place Squadron:	ABClub Nansemond River	307
1st place Squadron:	ABClub of Central Pennsylvania	380

## Squadron Growth

Six squadrons in District 5 achieved positive net membership growth in the 2021 year.

1st Place Membership Growth: Ocean City

Award for the 2nd Place Squadron in Division 2

Ocean City     22.7%

Award for 3rd Place Squadron in Division 2

ABClub Dundalk     17.2%

Award for 3rd Place in Division 3

ABClub Smith Mountain Lake     12.5%

## Civic Service

Boat US Distinguished Civic Service Award

Honorable Mention: ABClub Coastal Virginia



# Spring Conference Awards





# Spring Conference Just Desserts





# Spring Conference Friday Sessions





# Spring Conference Hospitality Night





# Spring Conference Saturday Sessions





# Spring Conference Cocktails





# Spring Conference Honor Guard





# Spring Conference Tables





# Spring Conference Change of Watch





## America's Boating Club® Mid-Atlantic Boat School

### On The Water Skills Demonstration For IN, CN, and ACN certification

Where: On the Chesapeake Bay in  
the vicinity of Kent Narrows, MD

When: 0900 25 – 26 June 2022

Boat Schools were created by the Boat Operator Certification Committee of USPS for the purpose of organizing regional events that bring together certification candidates and certifiers in one location. This method combines all the resources needed in one location to allow certification candidates to complete their on the water skill demonstrations in a four hour period.

Certifiers will be available to certify candidates' abilities during skill demonstrations for Inland Navigator (IN), Coastal Navigator (CN) and Advanced Coastal Navigator (ACN).

These are not training sessions. The candidate is expected to have experience performing the various required skills and can demonstrate those skills to the certifier.

The required skills are listed in the guides and checklist for the three certification levels and are available for download on the USPS Boat Operator Certification Web Page. After logging on to USPS.org click on the below link:

<https://bit.ly/3i1QPxs>

To register or to obtain further information, Contact: P/C John Locke at [locke806@gmail.com](mailto:locke806@gmail.com) or at 443 262-6892.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

26 May	Educational Cruise on the Delaware	Philadelphia, PA
29-30 July	D/5 Summer Council	Rock Hall, MD
11-18 Sep	ABClub Governing Board	Raleigh, NC
	D/5 Fall Conference	TBA



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