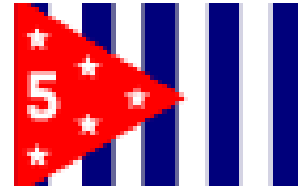




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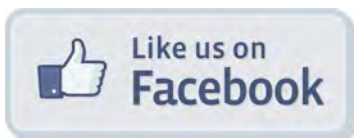


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2023 Fall Conference

Make plans to join the District at the Fall Educational Conference once again to be held at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. Last year's event was such an enjoyable event, it was decided to hold it there again. We have good news for all members who attend. The seminars for Friday and Saturday will all be free of charge to members. Thanks to the generosity of the Henry Sweet Trust and the District, all expenses for the seminars will be paid by the trust and the district.

The hotel room costs are still the responsibility of the individual members. With the hotel stay members will receive breakfast and dinner each night they stay. The cost for a single room is \$165.00 and \$210.00 for double occupancy. Lunch is covered through the seminars along with morning and afternoon breaks. For the Saturday evening awards dinner, if you are not staying at the hotel, there will be a \$40.00 cost for the dinner.

It is extremely important that registrations are submitted in order to keep a record of all those who are attending. The registrations should be emailed to Apryl Bernard (aprylber@msn.com). If you choose not to stay at the hotel and wish to attend the dinner on Saturday evening, please submit your check to the address listed on the registration form. The registration is on page 3 of this issue as well as posted on the district website.

Our District Educational Officer, John O'Reilly and his staff are busy preparing informative workshops, seminars for all. Please see a tentative schedule on page 19 of this issue. Please remember that this is a tentative schedule and changes may be made before the conference. This is to give you a general idea of what to expect at the conference. If you have a suggestion of anything you would like to have a seminar on, please contact the DEO John O'Reilly at the email address on the 2nd page of this issue.

Hope to see many of you in November.

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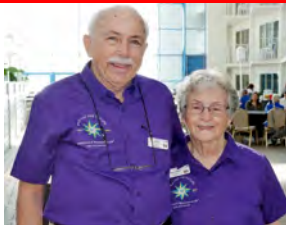
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Commander's Message

D/C Joseph P. Gibson, AP

It's mid-August and our summer is almost over. We've just completed our Summer Rendezvous in Rock Hall, and Rosa and I are now preparing to attend the late August USPS Governing Board meeting in Kansas City MO. This smaller of the two annual national meetings provides a forum for committee meetings and seminars. Our suite will be open for conversations with members from other districts on Friday evening. I hope that all D/5 members attending the conference will visit with us that evening and also on Saturday before the formal dinner for a quick bite and refreshments.

I look forward to representing District 5 and telling our story. Many of our squadrons have resumed normal training and meeting activities as reported on our <https://abc-midatlantic.org> events system. When I began this job during the March Change of Watch, I counted 126 2023 squadron events. Many of those have completed by now, especially the on-the-water events. Today, that list has grown to a total of 240 events for this year. They include 29 Boating Safety Classes, 21 on-the-water events, 14 seminars, and 26 advanced classes. The others are EXCOM or regular meetings. I'm confident the real total number is higher as some squadrons do not report their schedules through this system.

I expect to learn details of two national initiatives during the Governing Board meetings. There's a seminar advertised as changes to the Instructor Certification procedures. I'll attend for sure. Also, we were told that a new commercial service is being purchased to improve the processing of annual dues and other payments. I'll provide reports on data learned in a future article.

About ten boats cruised to the USPS District 5 Rendezvous and Council meeting in Rock Hall, Maryland in late July. Thanks to Ralph and all boat captains who attended. This was close to a 1000 percent improvement from 2022. I must state the Rendezvous and Council was a resounding success primarily due to the work of the America's Boating Club® of Annapolis team. Their co-chairs, Georgiana Maszczenski and Peggy Slattery planned and managed a great weekend. What a great event.

Thanks to Mike Maszczenski for conducting the Applications for Boaters seminar on Friday afternoon. This was the initial presentation of the seminar he's created that will be formally presented during the Governing Board. Thanks to Marty and Sari Lafferty for presenting a preview on Saturday of expansions to the America's Boating Channel video delivery system. The boating safety videos are now being broadcast through the ROKU.com online video streaming network. ROKU is a popular application available on many new smart TVs, and also there are adaptors that allow older TV sets access to ROKU.

We are planning several special seminars or training sessions during the annual D/5 Fall Educational Conference including a district-wide USPS Operations Training class. More details in other articles. The conference will again be held in the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City and during the Fall Educational Conference! Joe



**2023 America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic
 District 5 Fall Conference
 3-5 November 2023
 Maritime Institute, Linthicum Heights, MD**

MEMBER

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____ Squadron _____

OTHER ATTENDEES

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
 Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____

Friday & Saturday Lunch & Breaks

Friday Lunch & Breaks

Saturday Lunch & Breaks

Includes: Lunch Buffet, Morning & Afternoon Breaks, AV Equipment

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

Chef's Buffet

_____ @ \$40.00 \$ _____

Dinner cost is only for those not staying at the Maritime Institute

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

All Reservations must be submitted by 19 October 2023. You must submit the reservation form to be counted for attendance. Please submit the form by email to aprylber@msn.com. This is for the seminars only

Make checks payable to: United States Power Squadron-District 5

PLEASE SEND RESERVATION FOR DINNER WITH CHECK TO:

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Hotel Reservations: By 19 October 2023

Maritime Institute, 692 Maritime Boulevard, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

Reservations: <https://gettaroom.b4checkin.com/mccbwi/#main>; Group Code:4966 at top of screen (866) 900-3517, ask for America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic 2023

Hotel Rates: \$165 Single Occupancy, \$210.00 Double Occupancy

Room rates include breakfast and dinner.

2023 District 5 Cruise

The 2023 Summer Cruise started in Baltimore on Friday at the Anchorage Marina with Ken and Debbie Weaver, Penn and Linda Hess, Randy and Judy Stow and Ralph and Nance Bernard. A 5:00 cocktail party was attended by the boaters and kicked off the cruise. John and Barbara Locke arrived on Saturday and, of course, there was another cocktail party where the cruisers were honored by the presence of D/C Joe Gibson and Rosa and Jeff and Lorrie Short. The weather was beautiful and all had a good time.

Sunday had the cruisers moving towards Safe Harbor at Kent Narrows where we were joined by Jim and Nancy Gorman aboard Greg and Barbara Franklin's Mainship. The marina was fantastic keeping all the cruisers together on one pier. The pool was great and of course we again managed to get a cocktail party together. Jeff and Lorrie Short surprised us with another visit. With weather in Baltimore being moderate, it now began to get a little hotter for the participants. A visit to the Dessert Shop was in order to make sure the ice cream was good....it surely was as all enjoyed the creamy delight.

On Tuesday, the cruisers left Safe Harbor and traveled a short distance to St Michaels where we were joined by District Exec Officer Bob Blevins and Lenore on their Hatteras, Rich and Elaine Wright and Assistant Administrative Officer Ralph and Diane Leasure. Now the weather was getting a little warmer but the walk up-town was enjoyable. Once again we had to test the ice cream shop in St Michaels....It passed. We had a great view until a 134 foot yacht docked right behind us and took it away. However, it did act as a wave break.

With the Summer Council looming, the cruisers left St Michaels on Thursday and traveled to Lankford Bay Marina in Rock Hall. Along with the boats from the cruise, we were joined by Jermaine and Dawn Crosson, David Blades and Susan Rudy, John and Mary Hall, Tony and Jacki Carugno with Apryl Bernard as an extra mate, and John & Marie Murphy. Dave and Nancy Bernard also joined us with their 1941 Century runabout, which they trailered down to Rock Hall.

Post-COVID, it was a fantastic cruise and we look forward to others joining us next year. All of the stops were two days which gave the cruisers time to relax and the distance between the destinations was such any vessel, sail or power, could navigate without difficulty. 2024 will be bigger and better!!!

V/C Ralph Bernard, AP



2023 Summer Cruise



2023 Summer Council

"Ah, Summer. What power you have to make us suffer and like it."
Russell Baker

Let me just get this out of the way -- it was HOT! However, I can report that those members and guests attending Summer Council at Lankford Bay Marina did have a good time. Almost 70 people from 11 squadrons showed up to meet, greet and enjoy a great weekend together. More than 10 boats displayed squadron burgees in the marina.

Lankford Bay Marina offered a great pavilion looking out over the water. We used the pavilion for everything from a pitch-in dinner Friday night to the Summer Council meeting Saturday morning. Participants had the opportunity to swim in the pool, do crafts, attend two seminars, or just lounge about.

The pitch-in meals were a particular favorite. Many of the members asked that we collect the recipes of the shared dishes so that they can be distributed to the district membership. We're working on that right now.

One of the best things about this get together was the number of members who volunteered to work to help the event succeed. Most people entering the pavilion stopped to ask what they could do to help out. The list of volunteers includes almost ALL of the attendees. So we thank each and every one of you who lent a hand. You know who you are. We know you made a difference.

Everyone appreciated the opportunity to spend time with old friends and to make new ones. It was wonderful to see Warren Stevens! If you missed this event, be sure to attend the next one offered by ABC Mid-Atlantic, the Fall Educational Conference at the Maritime Institute. You are guaranteed to have fun when a bunch of boat lovers get together.

Georgiana Maszczenski
America's Boating Club Annapolis



2023 Summer Council Friday



2023 Summer Council Flag Raising



2023 Summer Council Meeting



2023 Summer Council Saturday



2023 Summer Council Cocktails/Dinner



America's Boating Club Member Benefits

There are many benefits to being a member of America's Boating Club. Each issue of the Mark 5 will list several benefits available to you as a member of USPS/America's Boating Club.

Take advantage of special Farmers GroupSelect savings.

You have access to auto and home insurance from Farmers GroupSelect. This program provides you with special savings, outstanding customer service and a full suite of products to meet your diverse insurance needs. In addition to auto and homeowners insurance, we offer a variety of other policies including:

- Condo/renters
- Personal excess liability
- Boat
- Motorcycle
- RV
- Personal property

Program Discounts and Features:

Take advantage of special Farmers GroupSelect discounts and benefits that could save you hundreds.

- A group discount of up to 15%
- Automatic payment discount
- Good driving rewards
- Multi-policy discounts
- Multi-vehicle savings
- 24/7 superior service

Switch & Save! You may apply for group auto and home insurance at any time. Take advantage of these savings and Call 877-491-5089.

Get a quote online at <https://www.myautohome.farmers.com/> and use promo code USPS



Sea Tow is now offering a 60 day free Sea Tow membership for any students who take any USPS course.

USPS members are eligible for a \$10 discount on their Sea Tow membership. Sea Tow offers a free mobile app and expert knowledge and advice from their captains.

Sea Tow and the Sea Tow Foundation Form Partnership With United States Power Squadrons

Boaters to Benefit from Enhanced Safety Resources and Membership Discounts



Sea Tow Foundation

for Boating Safety and Education

Sea Tow, the non-profit Sea Tow Foundation and USPS signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the Annual Meeting 2014. [Click Here](#) for details and discount codes.

All three organizations, Sea Tow, Sea Tow Foundation and the USPS, will work closely together to provide boating safety resources and education to the public, while USPS members and boaters who take a USPS Boating Safety Course will benefit from valuable offers and discounts on Sea Tow memberships, enhancing their peace of mind on the water.

Sea Tow is offering the following:

Students: Any student taking a USPS course can receive a free 60 day Sea Tow Membership. (Cards to hand out at the courses are available from headquarters)

USPS Members: USPS members are eligible to receive \$10 off their Sea Tow membership. Expert Knowledge: The Sea Tow captains are willing and able to speak at a USPS course or meeting. Contact your local captain to set up a date and time.

For more information, visit seatow.com.

Additional benefits can be accessed at <https://www.usps.org/departments/14000/1450001/1450001-benefits>.



D/5 Members Star in Two New America's Boating Channel Videos

Smith Mountain Lake Squadron and D/5 Summer Rendezvous Host Field Production

America's Boating Channel™, the U.S. Coast Guard funded boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons® - America's Boating Club® (USPS-ABC), features D/5 Members exclusively in two of its Season Seven videos.

TOWED SPORTS SAFETY reflects outstanding work from 2023 field producers Rich Faga and Randy & Judy Stow and on-camera talent from the Smith Mountain Lake Squadron. The video publicly debuted July 30 on Fire TV, Roku, and YouTube, as well as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social networks.



TOWED SPORTS SAFETY covers important considerations for safely water skiing, wake boarding, knee boarding, wake surfing, and tubing. Viewers will learn about proper equipment selection and preparing to tow a person. Also featured are tips for operating under-way.



INTRODUCING AIS features D/5 Members from Annapolis, Dundalk, and Rockville Squadrons who participated in the Summer Cruise to Rock Hall, MD. Filming took place during the D/5 Summer Council & Rendezvous. The video will launch publicly in late August.

INTRODUCING AIS covers the background and uses of the automated identification system (AIS) in the maritime environment. Viewers will learn about why and how to implement AIS on recreational vessels. Also featured are tips regarding AIS

equipment and apps.

Every ten days throughout the boating season, America's Boating Channel is premiering a new video. Seven titles include WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL; SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS; PARTNER IN COMMAND; DIS-EMBARCKING HAZARDS; BOATING WITH SMALL CHILDREN; ENGINE FAILURE CAUSES & CURES; TOWED SPORTS SAFETY; TYING DOCK LINES; INTRODUCING AIS; MARINE RADIO ETIQUETTE; NAVIGATING LOCKS; and BORDER CROSSING.



In July, USPS-ABC announced America's Boating Channel's selection as a finalist in the prestigious 2023 Go Global Awards. This global event, hosted by the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, in partnership with the International Trade Council, brings together CEOs, government trade and investment agency chiefs, and industry leaders from over 76 countries, providing a unique platform for showcasing America's Boating Channel's achievements in international audience development and expansion of business opportunities.

In announcing the news USPS-ABC Chief Commander Craig Fraser commented, "We're honored that our video service, America's Boating Channel, has been selected as a 2023 Go Global Awards finalist, This recognition not only reflects our success in reaching an international audience representing nearly half of our total viewing, but also provides a platform for engaging with influential industry leaders and decision makers from around the world to foster additional growth. We're excited to showcase America's Boating Channel and contribute to global trade expansion."

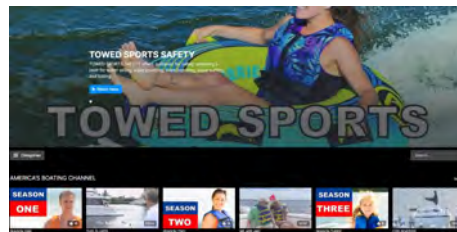
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In August, America's Boating Channel integrated its smart TV, online and mobile offerings for a consistent viewing experience and to provide immediate access to all the video content included in its flagship no-charge video-on-demand television service regardless of the type of connected device.

The action increased the number of video titles available to America's Boating Channel's computer, tablet and mobile phone viewers from less than 100 to more than a 1,000, with that number steadily growing as new boating themed television programs, motion pictures and educational videos are added to its smart TV offering.

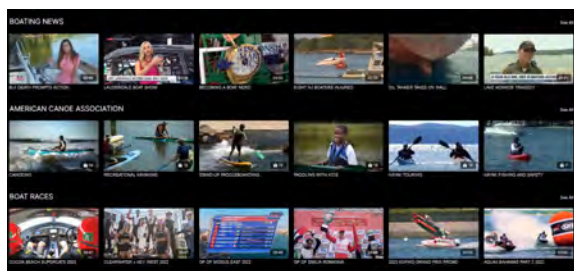
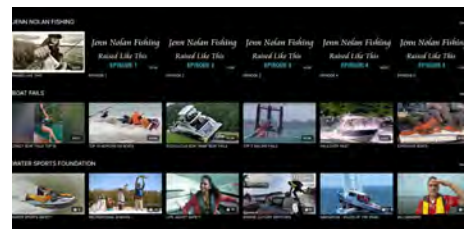
To get the new service on a computer, tablet or mobile phone visit AmericasBoatingChannel.com.



The outstanding videos from content partners representing the nation's leading boating safety advocacy organizations are all now more easily accessible, including Water Sports Foundation, the ACA (American Canoe Association), National Safe Boating Council, The Corps Foundation, American Whitewater, NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators), Sea Tow Foundation, Water Solutions Group, and Safe Kids Worldwide.

In addition, online and mobile viewers can now watch the steadily increasing assortment of Boat Fails, Boating News, Boat Races, Boating TV Programs, Movies for Boaters, Cooking on Board, Boating Cartoons, and Military Films from the U.S. Coast Guard and Navy.

Finally, Discover Boating from the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) now also provides videos on the service, along with USA Water Ski & Wake Sports and US Sailing Team as we follow US Olympic teams in their quests for glory at the Summer Games, plus the newly added Jenn Nolan Fishing for fishing from boats, and, finally, the aspirational Yacht Life TV, sharing the world's most luxurious boating experiences. America's Boating Channel truly is the next best thing to being on-the-water."



Smart TV viewers can subscribe to America's Boating Channel for free on Roku and FireTV. On Roku, viewers can select Store using their Roku remotes, click on Channels, search for Americas Boating Channel, and then add the channel. On FireTV, viewers can go to Apps on their FireTV Main Menu, search for Americas Boating Channel, select Get, and then download the app.

Online, in addition to visiting AmericasBoatingChannel.com for the new free service, viewers can still also subscribe at no charge to America's Boating Channel on YouTube to access the service's original award-winning boating safety and boater education videos.

The Anacostia is finally safe to swim. Thank this 91-year-old boat captain.

—Article by Petula Dvorak, The Washington Post

Howard Gasaway Sr. couldn't believe what he was seeing.

There, in the water that had been muddy and murky, filled with so much floating trash and tires that it topped a national list of the dirtiest rivers, he could see the faint outline of his 43-foot Viking yacht's trim tabs in the Anacostia River.

This same week he saw clarity in the water, the Anacostia River was declared clean enough to open for legal swimming for the first time in 51 years. And everyone who knows anything about what it took to get here knows it all began with the 91-year-old boat captain.

"I never thought I'd see this," said Gasaway, who still takes his baby — "My Sweet J" — out to see the fireworks every year.

Gasaway is one of the grand captains of one of the country's oldest African American yacht club, the Seafarers — "one of the oldest and most influential champions for restoration of the Anacostia River," said Chris Williams, the president and chief executive of the Anacostia Watershed Society. "They were speaking up for the river back when almost no one else was and have been on the front lines ever since."

They began — as so many successful Black institutions did — because of bigotry. The Whites-only clubs of D.C. didn't allow a Black man to launch his boat when Lewis T. Green, a World War I veteran, built his own and went looking for a place to launch it, said Tony Ford, the current commodore of the Seafarers.

Green was a much-loved wood shop and mechanical drawing teacher in D.C. public schools. And he pored over boating magazines to learn the electrical systems, mechanics and physics that went into building his first seaworthy masterpiece, the 44-foot Valeria, named for his daughter.

His solution to launching Valeria came when he was walking along M Street, all the way to the end, where he stopped at a forgotten piece of swampland. It wasn't perfect, but what ever was in those days?

The Anacostia was a haven for Black Washington. Swimming and waterfront picnics were a part of growing up in D.C. But Green wanted more than swimming out of this river. And this humble man had a pipeline straight into the Oval Office. Green knew educator Mary McLeod Bethune, who was friends with Eleanor Roosevelt. That was enough to secure the lease of that land in 1945 to build what club co-founder Bob Martin called "everyone's Shangri-La."

As gleaming developments devoured and changed the Anacostia riverfront, the small yacht club was endangered. Last year, D.C. granted the club historic preservation status to help the survival of this institution, long a social hub holding oyster roasts and jazz shows.

Gasaway found his way to Seafarers in 1974, with a grand leap into boating ("I didn't know the first thing about boating," he said), hobbling in on a two-engine power cruiser that decided to turn into a one-engine en route. He dived into boating education, earning licenses and certificates and teaching thousands as an instructor. He still leads a class occasionally.

But his most influential mission began in 1984, when D.C. Mayor Marion Barry visited the marina, which is the farthest north of D.C.'s boathouses and closest to the debris and pollution that floated and sludged down

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the Anacostia.

"Marion Barry told me, 'Why don't you clean up your river?'" Gasaway said. "And I said, 'Mr. Mayor, it's not my river; it's your river.'" Gasaway told Barry that he would clean it if he had help. "And Marion Barry told everyone, 'Give Howard whatever he needs,'" And in 1985, Gasaway and the other Seafarers members pulled on rubber gloves, shook out hundreds of trash bags and began cleaning. We found refrigerators, tires," said his wife, Janet Gasaway (the "Sweet J" on Gasaway's boat.) "We even found a couple bodies."

More volunteers were needed, so the D.C. Department of Corrections sent the folks who'd moved out of jail and into halfway houses. "They were really good workers," Janet Gasaway said. She helped distribute fliers, she spread the word, and the cleanup grew. They got boom floats that corralled the debris, and the Army Corps of Engineers brought a barge.

As Earth Day and cleanup programs became fashionable, the Anacostia's volunteer army grew. "The Anacostia Watershed Society partnered with the boat club and expanded the event to include dozens of sites and thousands of volunteers around the watershed every Earth Day," Williams said.

The trash cleanups helped Washington remember and care about its forgotten river. That led to policy work, advocacy and legal action, he said.

The Seafarers laid the groundwork for D.C. Water's Clean Rivers Project, "a series of massive tunnels designed to catch storm water, sewer overflows, and trash and divert them to Blue Plains Water Treatment Plant, where before, it all flowed directly into local rivers," he said.

Ford, the commodore who swam up and down the river as a boy the way other children cruise the streets on their bikes, stopped when he became a teenager, mostly because that age takes a young man's attention in different directions. But he also watched in horror as the river grew noxious.

Recently, while working on his 38-foot Sea Ray, he fell off the dock and splashed in. It was his first time in the water since he was a child. "It was fresh, almost like a pool. It wasn't dirty at all," he said. "I was surprised."

Swimming in D.C.'s rivers got national attention last year when the singer Lorde told her fans that she swam in the Potomac River, where swimming has been illegal since 1971. The Riverkeepers, who are holding the Anacostia Riverkeeper swim event this weekend, said their testing shows that many of the country's waters are safer than governments would have you believe.

That transformation began with Gasaway. He pulled on those rubber gloves decades ago, sweated during those cleanups knowing there was a chance he'd never see through that polluted water. Like the old proverb about the man who planted seeds for a tree whose shade he'd never know, he did it anyhow.

The boaters and the environmentalists acknowledge that. "All of us who care about the Anacostia owe him a great debt," Williams said



Howard Gasaway on his boat at the Seafarers Yacht Club on the Anacostia River.

(Minh Connors/The Washington Post)

The Seafarers Yacht Club, founded in 1945, is one of the nation's oldest Black boat clubs and began the efforts to cleanup the Anacostia River. (Petula Dvorak/The Washington Post)



The Seafarers Yacht Club began holding Anacostia River cleanups in 1985. With the help of other environmental organizations, its efforts helped bring the river back to being swimmable in 2023. (Seafarers Yacht Club)

2024 Spring Conference

The 2024 District 5 Spring Conference will be at the Holiday Inn – Ocean City in (as you may have guessed) Ocean City, Maryland 20-24 March 2024. This is a new venue for D/5 and is located at 6600 Coastal Highway, just four blocks north of the MD Route 90 connector.

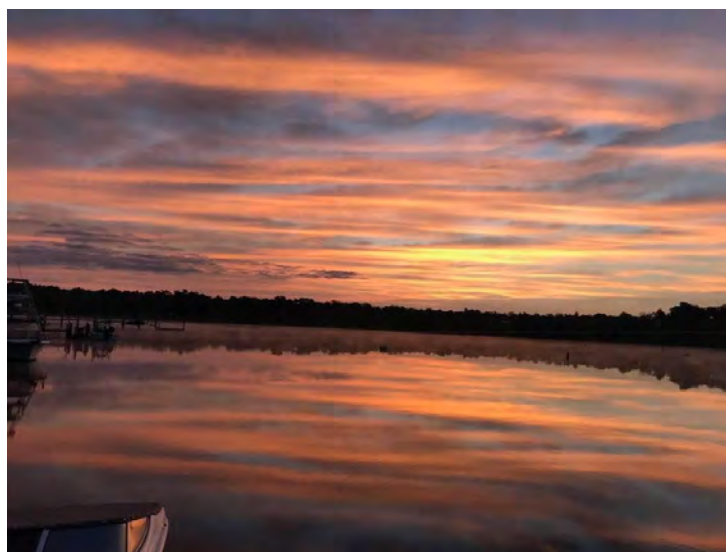
We will offer the usual classes for officers as well as those with other squadron jobs and duties. There will also be squadron hospitality suites and raffle tables which will contain some great donations. We encourage you to donate an item to raffle off or have your squadron put something together to donate so that you can stop by and see how well your item is doing while bidding on your favorites and maybe joining in on the fun of the 50/50 drawing!

The Spring Council/Conference Meeting will be on Saturday. Make sure that your squadron is represented to accept any awards that you, your squadron or your squadron members might have earned over the previous year. D/C Joe Gibson, AP, will be honored and thanked for his service over the several years he has served on the District 5 bridge with dinner and closing remarks, not to mention more awards and some P/D/C fun!

Don't forget the Sunday morning reception for the new bridge before everyone heads back home. This event is always a great time to get together with friends that you have made in District 5 and to make some new friends. There are many activities throughout the weekend to enjoy and everyone always seems to have a good time. By the Winter 2023 issue, we will have registration and hospitality suite registration forms up on the website and in the Mark 5 with all the information you need to join us, so keep an eye out!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me, Cdr Gene Danko, SN, at gene.danko@snet.net. We are looking forward to seeing you in March!

Cdr Gene Danko, SN
America's Boating Club - Rockville



**America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic
 Fall Conference 2023**

Friday	11/03/23	
0630 – 0830	Breakfast (Institute Guests Only)	Dining Room
0800-1600	Raffle Sales	Lobby
0800-1600	Vendor Tables Open	Lobby
0800-1600	Bullex Fire Extinguisher Demo	Lobby
0800-1200	Registration Desk Open	Lobby
0800-1200	Secretaries Table	Lobby
0800-1700	NomCom	2 North
0900 - 1100	Ops Training Part 1	3 North
0900 - 1000	Using OpenCPN	4 North
0900 - 1000	HQ800/ Online Tools	5 North
1000 – 1100	Sea Scouts	6 North
1115 – 1300	Lunch	Dining Room
1300 – 1500	Ops Training part 2	3 North
1300 – 1500	Instructor Re-certification	4 North
1530 – 1630	Marine Nav/ Adv Marine Nav update	4 North
1700 – 1830	Dinner	Dining Room
1900 - 2030	Commander's Reception	Commander's Suite
Saturday	11/04/23	
0630 – 0830	Breakfast (Institute Guests Only)	Dining Room
0800-1400	Raffle Sales	Lobby
0800-1500	Vendor Tables Open	Lobby
0800-1200	Registration Desk Open	Lobby
0800-1200	Secretaries Table	Lobby
0800-1600	Bullex Fire Extinguisher Demo	Lobby
0800-1700	NomCom	2 North
0830-0900	Fall Council Convenes - All Hands	8 North
0900-1000	Town Hall Meeting	8 North
1000-1100	America's Boating Channel Update	8 North
1000-1100	Crafts and Social time	7 North
1115– 1300	Lunch	Dining Room
1300-1400	On The Water Programs	8 North
1400-1500	Using OpenCPN	8 North
1500–1700	SEO/ASEO Roundtable	8 North
1800-1900	Awards Dinner Cocktails – Cash Bar	Deck Club
1900-2100	Banquet and Awards Ceremony	Dining Room
Sunday	11/05/23	
0630 – 0830	Breakfast	Dining Room
0900-1100	Fall Conference Convenes-All Hands	8 North

Dress Code:
 Khaki pants and Club/Bridge shirts for Council and Conference or appropriate attire
 Gray pants and Blazers for Saturday night banquet or appropriate attire

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

AC In-Water Boat Show	Atlantic City, NJ	10-13 Sep
Annapolis Powerboat Show	Annapolis, MD	Oct 5-8
Annapolis Sail Boat Show	Annapolis, MD	Oct 12-15
D/5 Fall Conference	Maritime Institute Linthicum Heights, MD	2-5 Nov

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USPS Annual Meeting	Rosen Plaza, Orlando, FL	4-10 Feb
D/5 Spring Conference	Holiday Inn, Ocean City, MD	21-24 Mar



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