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2025 Summer Rendezvous

D/5 Summer Rendezvous at Smith Mountain Lake

It's a happening... Smith Mountain Lake, VA... D/5 friends... Boats... Resort Living... Food... Activities... Cool Mountain Nights...

Looking for a fresh water cruise? Welcome to the "Jewel of the Blueridge." Come join the D/5 Summer Rendezvous, 14-19 July. The first half of the week will be on the water. Houseboats will be the center of attention easing across the lake and rafting together in calm coves in the evening. There will be likely encounters with the Ice Cream Boat, Antique Boats and maybe the SheDoos (lime green clad women on PWCs). Other boats, owned or rented, are encouraged to join the fleet.

We are planning for a dinner/sightseeing cruise on the replica sidewheeler Virginia Dare on Thursday evening. This charter cruise will be the kick-off for the resort events at Mariners Landing. This facility has an excellent golf course, indoor and outdoor pools, tennis & pickle ball courts, exercise and game rooms and much more. A directory has been assembled to guide members to local attractions and points of interest. Meanwhile, there will be an activity room available all day Friday and Saturday.

Saturday will bring a flag raising ceremony at the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA. While there, a memorable tour of the memorial will be conducted by knowledgeable docents. In the evening we'll enjoy a resort buffet followed by a screening of *Lake Effects*. People involved in this film's production will be present to introduce us to the movie making process.

There's a lot more happening between the lines. The key ingredient that makes the event great is YOU. Register now to join your friends at Smith Mountain Lake in July. We'll see you there.

N/F/Lt Randy Stow, JN-IN



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Comunamder's Message

D/C William Hammett, JN

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2025 Change-of-Watch. I am looking forward to the District Five first ever Summer Council and Rendezvous to be held at Smith Mountain Lake. Some of the events include a four-day houseboat cruise followed by a summer council meeting with a ceremonial flag raising at the Bedford, Virginia D-Day Memorial. This will be followed by a guided tour of the memorial.

The insurance issue is one that concerns us all. I can tell you that Chief Commander Ralph Bernard along with the National Bridge and Staff are doing their best to deal with this issue and disseminate accurate information to the squadrons. As your district commander I will pay close attention to insurance guidance coming from National and pass it along to squadron commanders as it occurs.

During the Spring Conference I held a class for prospective and current squadron commanders and executive officers. One of the issues I focused on was the need to inform members being considered for bridge positions what is expected of them. The need to do this cannot be overstated. There are several sources that address the duties and responsibilities of bridge members on National's website beginning with the Operations Manual. This class included asking all who attended to share their ideas on how to build membership. As this year progresses, I will review the notes I took during this class and share them with the squadron commanders.

Communication is another area I will focus on. For example, during the pandemic I was a squadron commander. My overriding concern for the squadron was looking for ways to bring my members together while at the same time being compliant with my state's mandated requirements to help mitigate the COVID risk. My squadron's newsletter editor sent newsletters from many of our district squadrons. From these newsletters I learned ways to bring members together while being compliant with the pandemic restrictions both off and on the water. Squadrons sharing information and inviting neighboring squadrons to participate with them benefits all. Communication is a two-way street. I want to hear from the membership any ideas you have.

Bill

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



District and Squadron members,

At our recent Spring Conference, the command of District 5 was turned over to our new District Commander Bill Hammett, JN. Being Commander of one of the largest Districts in USPS® was challenging, exciting and filled with meeting lots of great folks in all the squadrons throughout the country.

iMIS and MARINE SEO have been successfully inaugurated into our systems and are surviving the insurance situation. A lot still needs to be accomplished with the new systems, but under D/C Hammett's leadership, the District will successfully pull through.

Lenore and I have truly made lasting friendships throughout all the squadrons in District 5. We want to thank each and every one of you for your support, help, advice and patience while Lenore and I served District 5.

FAIR WIND AND FOLLOWING SEAS!!

P/D/C Bob Blevins, AP

It seems like yesterday that Bob took the District 5 Commander job. Let us go back to April 2024.

Now that the Change of Watch is over, we have the Summer Rendezvous to plan for. We started our plans for the event in November 2023 at the Fall Conference, where we put up a picture of Solomons Island featuring Zahniser's Marina. There were 50 aides available to help out if needed, a way of trying to get as many as possible to help, including many who were not my aides but stepped up to help out as well! Joe and Rosa Gibson were a great help to us knowledge-wise and in the hospitality room.

The Summer Rendezvous was a great success, beautiful weather and the boat contests that were needed to get us back on the water again. Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron members stepped out in force to help at the raffle table, 50-50 raffle, the early morning breakfast, the Hot Dog Bar and the evening dinner. We had 93 in attendance. We will never forget everyone's participation and help.

On to Pittsburgh where we also had a great time, with over 160 passing through the Hospitality Room.

Next stop, the Maritime Institute in Linthicum, Maryland. We always love their Buffet Bar!

Next stop is February 2025 in Orlando, Florida. The weather was beautiful for lunch or dinner outside. The National Conference was informative, and the Hospitality Room was great! There was plenty of help and the National Chief Commander Ralph Bernard and First Lady Nance came through their home District 5 Hospitality Room and cut the cake together. YEAH!

Last stop was the District 5 Spring Conference in Ocean City, Md. Now that Bob has officially joined the ranks of Past District 5 Commander with his now retired Chief Aide, we both need to thank all of you for making our year a success, and we wish you always...

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS!

Cdr Lenore Blevins

2025 Summer Rendezvous







2025 D/5 Summer Cruise and Rendezvous 14 – 19 July 2025 Smith Mountain Lake, VA

Squadron	Position	First Timer?_
eMail	Pho.	ne
Spouse/Other Attendees:		
Rank Name	Grade_	First Timer?
Rank Name	Grade_	First Timer?
14-17 July - Smith Mountain I Participating? Yes No _ Houseboat or Other Who is the Captain and Crew?		

17-19 July - Rendezvous at Mariners Landing

Special Offering – Charter Cruise on the Virginia Dare If we can meet the minimums, the Virginia Dare will be chartered Thursday for a 6:00 – 8:00 pm dinner / sightseeing cruise. Tickets will be purchased on board but we need a firm count to commit to the charter. If In



but we need a firm count to commit to the charter. If Interested, indicate your commitment by selecting one of the options below:

#	Sightseeing cruise with dinner on board	\$50 + tax + \$3 tip
#	Sightseeing cruise only	\$35 + tax + \$3 tin



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2025 Summer Rendezvous

17-19 July - Rendezvous at Mariners Landing (continued)

Registration Fee

#____ @ \$10 = \$ ____

Saturday Morning

Guided Tour of the National D-Day Memorial & War Museum following the District Flag Raising and Meeting #_____@ \$5 = \$ _____

Saturday Night

Resort Buffet Dinner Hosted by Tiff's at Mariners Landing. Variety of delicious mains, garden vegetables, sides, desserts and beverage. #____ @ \$65 = \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$_____

Meal Reservations must be received by 30 June

Make Checks Payable to: SMLSAPS Send to: Celinda Moening 109 Sunset Pointe Dr Moneta, VA 24121-2149

Additional Information
On the D5 Website



Dress Codes: Friday - Squadron Shirts; Saturday Flag Raising: Uniform D or E; Saturday Dinner: Squadron/District Shirts or Appropriate Attire

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www.marinerslanding.com

or use AirBnB or VRBO for additional options.



2025 Summer Rendezvous

D5 Rendezvous - Smith Mountain Lake 14-20 July 2025

7/14 Monday - Board Houseboats

- · Provision and Underway... or stay at Pelican Point and join on Tuesday
- · Shake down cruise
- Evening Mooring SML State Park
- Travel ~ 7 miles

7/15 Tuesday

- · Cruise to Smith Mountain cove
- · Swimming & fellowship
- Pitch-in Social
- SML Squadron Support Vessels
- Travel ~ 5 miles

7/16 Wednesday

- Cruise to Goodhue Blackwater (Crazy Horse)
- Ice Cream Boat in route?
- Moored ~ 1600
- Restaurant shore bar and dinner available
- Evening Entertainment
- Travel ~ 7 miles

7/17 Thursday

- · Cruise Back to Parrot Cove
- Hot Dog Boat or Ice Cream Boat in route?
- Transition to Mariners Landing
 - Welcome Area
 - o Evening on your own
- Optional Event: Virginia Dare Dinner Cruise?
 - Charter Option Available (no regular cruise on Thursdays)
 - 23 people minimum w/ food
 \$50 + tax + \$3 gratuity
 - 33 people minimum w/o food \$35 + tax + \$3 gratuity











2025 Summer Rendezvous



7/18 Friday

- Activities
 - o Raffle / 50/50
 - Water Games (Pool or Swim Area)
 - Various independent games
 - o Crafts
 - Golf Avavilable
 - o Pickle ball lessons / tourney
- ACBS Participation?
- D/C Reception
- Dinner on your own
- Conference Room is Open



7/19 Saturday

- Flag Raising D-Day Memorial
- District 5 meeting / Recognition and awards
- D-Day Tours
- · Independent Lunch Biels.. Liberty Station... etc
- · Independent activities in the afternoon
- Banquet with Cash Bar
- Special Movie Night
 - Lake Effects hosted by a movie producer, actor, and previous Miss Virginia bringing the film to life at Smith Mountain Lake



More? D5 Website





Spring Conference 2025 Awards

The following Squadrons received the National 2024 Communications Awards for websites in recognition of Distinctive Performance for USPS websites.

District 5

Absecon Island Power Squadron Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron

Colonial Sail and Power Squadron

Delhigh Power Squadron

Main Line Sail and Power Squadron Northern Neck Sail and Power Squadron

Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron

Richmond Sail and Power Squadron

Smith Mountain Lake Sail and Power Squadron

Wilmington Power Squadron

List of Squadrons winning National 2024 Communications Awards for Publications

District 5 - Mark 5 Annapolis – Anchor Watch Delhigh - DELHIGHLIGHTS Main Line – The Pilot

Northern Neck – The Lighthouse Patapsco River - The Bilgewater

Wilmington – The Lubber Line

Four squadrons in District 5 achieved positive net membership growth in the 2024 year. Receiving an honorable mention on the District and National Level are:

Northern Neck Sail & Power Squadron Potomac River Power Squadron

National Growth Awards at the 2025 spring conference:

Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron York Sail & Power Squadron

National VSC Awards

Top USPS District 2nd Place District 5 Top USPS Squadron 4th Place York

Top USPS Individual 3rd Place Edward Furst York

National VSC Century Club Awards

Frank Brown, AP-IN (11th Year) Nansemond River Edward Furst, S (10th year) York

John Wesley Nash, S (1st Yéar) **Annapolis**

District 5 VSC Awards (Individual)

3rd Place John Wesley Nash, S Annapolis

2nd Place, Frank Brown, AP-IN Nansemond River

Edward Furst, S 1st Place York

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2025 Spring Conference

District 5 VSC Awards Squadrons

Smith Mountain Lake Nansemond River York 3rd Place 2nd Place 1st Place

Educational Fund:

For the 4th year in a row, District 5 had 100% of our squadrons achieve Honor Roll status.

District 5 USPS National 3rd place Award for Operations Training

Life Members in USPS

Name

Squadron

Gary E. Armstrong, SN Main Line Sail & Power Squadron Wayne R Barrett, JN Main Line Sail & Power Squadron Susan Dibble, P Richmond Sail & Power Squadron Edward P Furst Jr, S York Sail & Power Squadron Bela J Gulyas, AP Ocean City Power Squadron John Lewis Hall, AP Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron Pennington Hess, AP Absecon Island Power Squadron William Jones, SN Main Line Sail & Power Squadron Samuel S Lyness, SN Main Line Sail & Power Squadron Walter Neeese, SN Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron Mary H Palmer, P Richmond Sail & Power Squadron James W Taylor, AP Ocean City Power Squadron

50 Year Members

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2025 Spring Conference Awards

Webmasters







2025 Spring Conference Newsletter















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2025 Spring Conference Awards Life Members







2025 Spring Conference Awards

















2025 Spring Conference Thursday































2025 Spring Conference Friday





2025 Spring Conference Bridge





2025 Spring Conference Honor Guard





2025 Spring Conference Change of Watch







2025 Spring Conference Sunday





2025 USPS Annual Meeting





2025 USPS Annual Meeting





JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER



Enjoy a Narrated Cruise and Buffet Dinner Aboard the Benjamin Franklin Yacht

> Wednesday, 30 July 2025 Boarding: 1800 Departure: 1830 Rain or Shine

Traditional and electronic methods of navigation will be presented.

During this trip you will enjoy a delightful 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

DRSPS has made the decision to heavily subsidize this important event so that everyone can attend. Make reservations by sending a check in the amount of \$10.00 for each attendee payable to ABC-DV to Lt/C Robert Tafel, 238 Street Rd., Apt A123, Southampton, PA 18966 (215-441-4154). List the name of each guest and e-mail address.

Directions: The Ben Franklin departs from 101 S. Columbus Blvd. which is just south of the Ben Franklin Bridge. South on I-95: take exit 20 for S. Columbus Blvd and follow to Walnut Street. The yacht is docked slightly North of the Independence Seaport Museum.

.Sponsored by Americas Boating Club -- Delaware Valley



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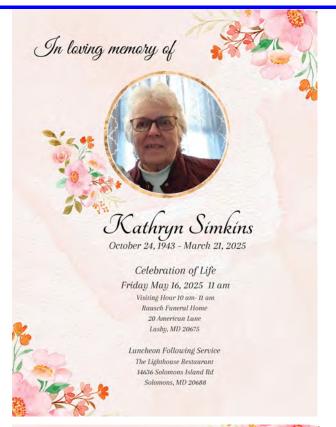




Remembering the P/D/Cs we have lost in the past year:

Marty Lafferty Drex Bradshaw Richard Nitschke Brian Becker Kay Simkins

They are sorely missed.







VIMS S.H.O.A.L. COLLABORATION WITH DISTRICT FIVE: OPEN FOR BUSINESS

AS OF THIS POINT District 5 has been presented with the novel opportunity to collaborate with the VIMS Center for Coastal Resource Management on a project to gather shallow water depth data in TRIBUTARIES of the Chesapeake Bay. It also seems apparent to me that in our presentations of this collaboration that we may have gotten a little "Over our skis" as far as the specific utilization of the depth data. Knowing the depth at more locations is important, but VIMS is most interested in knowing the **volume capacity** of the tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay. The way to get that information is getting as many data readings as possible in that river from its outlet, to its headwater end of navigable water. Tracks parallel to the coast, and down the center line of the river. Multiple runs may be needed.

In discussing this opportunity with Jim Strothers SN-IN R/C Cooperative Charting it has become quite apparent to me that the ideal way to participate in S.H.O.A.L. is by using the standard operating procedures of Cooperative Charting

As Treasurer at the VIMS Foundation and member of the Foundation Board and a member of Delaware River Power Squadron, I hoped to inspire volunteer data collection and have D/5 members become aware of the coastal resilience expertise at VIMS and with the volunteers being Squadron members who already have this type of equipment on their boats. I think this is a relatively simple ask. (A) Be aware that the data you are generating has value. (B) Submit it to VIMS who will use the data to enhance the resilience of our coastlines. This will only be successful if we get many volunteers working in concert all over the bay, and in fact VIMS computers can handle data from anywhere along the coast. So D/5 can lead the way to improving the resilience of the coast of the United States. We can work to save our COASTLINES.

During the period from May 15 to June 15 I intend to run a "Demonstration Project" in five tributaries in Maryland. Specifically, the Wye, Harris Creek, Broad/San Domingo, Tred Avon and Little Choptank. I am going to attempt to raise money for VIMS by publicizing this effort among friends and colleagues of mine. Power Squadron (ME) is collecting this important depth data for the VIMS SCHISM MODEL (I will give them reasons why that is important) and then ask: "Will you support us? (Power Squadron and VIMS?) I think this is potentially a big publicity win and reason new boaters would join us.

Success of my Demonstration Porject will be defined as follows: (1) moving my chart-plotter and transducer by cruising up and down the survey rivers to acquire depth over at least 100 nautical miles within those five rivers; (2) generating at least 2000 new depth data point for EACH of the five rivers...and at least 10,000 new depth data points for the SCHISM model (since the unit emits a depth signal every six seconds this will require at least 16 hours and 40 minutes of time underway...if I am doing this with my friend who I have talked into doing this with me. (Over five different days that isn't that hard of a problem); (3) by using the APP SOLO LOCATOR on my phone documenting the specific geographic lat/lon coordinates of a buoy dropped at the "headwater end of safe navigation" i.e. (a depth of 3 feet); (4) doing "aids to navigation surveys" of as many of the 116 ATONS in the survey rivers as possible. The app *Solo Locator* takes pictures of the ATONS to confirm accuracy of the location of the ATON relative to records in LIGHT LIST Volume 2.

Of course, another way to generate the 10,000 data points far faster would be if there were multiple boats working in concert. If there are members who would like to collaborate on the project to help generate the 100 nm of track coverage, the 2000 *new* depth data points/ river, the accurate determination of the end of navigable water, and to survey the ATONS, please contact me at rrlafferty3@aol.com or (609)-651-1479.

On the following pages see the SOLO LOCATOR photo of the Washington Route Monument dated 6 April taken at 12:35:10 on a bearing of 116 degrees (SE) showing the exact Latitude 40.19.19 N and Longitude 74.40.51W. You can document the headwater end of navigation photographing a temporary buoy using this method, as well as confirm latitude and longitude of any ATONS in the survey area.

See the following pages. to see the QR CODE to allow you to connect as a new volunteer to the VIMS website.

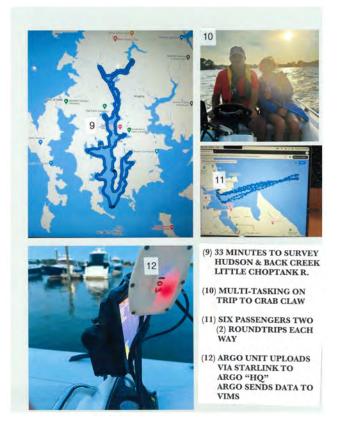
P/C Rich Lafferty, AP Member, ABC Delaware River Power Squadron Treasurer, Virginia Institute of Marine Science Foundation



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HYDROSCIENCE MODELING INTHE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND BEYOND

Hydroscience focuses on understanding water systems, their interactions with ecological and human systems, and their response to environmental changes. For the Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the United States, this science is essential for addressing issues such as water quality, habitat conservation and climate resilience. The Center for Coastal Resource Management's work integrates advanced modeling, field observations and partner engagement to deliver actionable knowledge.

The VIMS Center for Coastal Resource Management (CCRM) plays a pivotal role in advancing hydroscience to address critical environmental and societal challenges. By leveraging innovative tools and research methodologies such as the SCHISM (Semi-implicit Hydroscience Integrated System Model) modeling framework and its applications to the Chesapeake Bay and waterways around the world, CCRM provides invaluable insights that underpin decision-making and policy development. SCHISM is also used in the CCRM TIDAL MARSH MODEL which, because of the highly resolved outputs, can allow coastal planners and managers to more accurately identify the potential future location of marsh habitats.

Decision makers use SCHISM to evaluate the potential impacts of different management strategies under climate scenarios and gain critical insight into water dynamics, ecosystem health, and climate resilience. SCHISM enabled forecasts are being actively used by the general public and emergency



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managers during major storm events and for disaster planning and mitigation.

SCHISM'S ability to integrate a multitude of datasets and produce high resolution outputs makes it a cornerstone of CCRM's hydroscience research and a valuable tool for regional, national, and international collaborations. Developed to address challenges across scales, SCHISM's adaptability and precision have positioned it as a global gold standard for hydrodynamic and ecosystem modeling.

In 2024 CCRM published work on **coastal flooding and storm surge** and continued work on the EPA's Chesapeake Bay Main Bay Model and NOAA's operational forecast systems for Atlantic and Gulf coasts, as well as the Pacific Ocean (including the US west coast and Alaska), and for Taiwan waters. In addition, CCRM launched a community science program in partnership with the **United States Power Squadrons**® to collect bathymetric data **SHOAL PROJECT (vims.edu).** The bathymetric information collected by community scientists throughout the country serves multiple purposes. (1) It serves as validation to other measurements that may have gaps in space and time; (2) It is being actively used in many modeling projects to enhance model performance where accurate bathymetry is lacking.

SELECTED TOOLS AND DASHBOARDS

VIMS Tidal Marsh inventory: https://www.vims.edu/ccrm/research inventory/virginia

Tidal Marsh (Migration?) Model: https://www.vims.edu/ccrm/research/modeling/schism/tidalmarsh/

Wetlands Policy:

Wetland Condition Assessment Tool (WetCAT) https://cmap22.vims.edu/WetCAT

Vims Shoreline Management Model: https://www.vims.edu/ccrm/advisory/ccrmp.bmp/smm/

Living Shorelines: https://www.vims.edu/ccrm/outreach/livingshorelines/

Virginia Coastal Resources Tool: https://cmap22.vims.edu/VACoastalResourcesTool/

Shoreline Decision Support Tool: https://cmap2.vims.edu/LivingShoreline/DecisionSupportTool/inde

Tidewatch 36-hour coastal Hooding prediction: https://cmap2.vims.edu/SCHISM/TidewatchViewer.html

United States Sea Level Report Cards: trends, projections, and processes to aid coastal planning https://www.vims.edu/research/products/slrc/

Street Level Inundation Model for urban communities https://www.vims.edu/ccrm/research/modeling/Hood/street level/

In support of Coastal Shallow-water Communities:

National Derelict Fishing Trap, Removal, Assessment and Prevention (TRAP) Program. Nationwide derelict trap removals <u>National TRAP Program</u>

Crab Trap Appfor derelict trap data collection. https://www.vims.edu/ccrm/research/ marine debris/solutions/ removal/app/

Shallow-water Observation and Assessment Logging (SHOAL) Project, enhanced Shallow water bathymetry SHOAL Project (vims.edu)





America's Boating Club Member Benefits



A Starkey Hearing Technologies Program

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- 60-day trial period
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Ditch Navigation

America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons is partnering with navigation app Ditch to provide members with the latest cutting-edge navigation technology. As part of this exclusive partnership, America's Boating Club members will receive Ditch at no cost for one year, including Ditch navigation's unlimited route-planning features.

This collaboration furthers America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons' commitment to fostering boating safety and boosting confidence in boaters of all ages and experience levels.

"Navigation is an essential part of a great day on the water, so providing a world-class navigation tool like Ditch to all our members allows us to continue to drive our mission to make boating better for all," said Chief Commander Ralph Bernard.

Bringing next-level technology and Al-driven algorithms directly to boaters' screens, Ditch's tools help boaters navigate waters with unmatched confidence and safety. This collaboration will go beyond just providing access to technology. America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons and Ditch are committed to fostering a culture of lifelong learning and bridging generations of boaters through joint initiatives focused on education, skill development and responsible boating practices.

Learn how to access your member benefit here (https://ditchnavigation.com/americasboatingclub). You can find the promo code to unlock your free one-year subscription on the member website.

Promo Code: BOAT2025

If you have any questions, the Ditch team is ready to help. Drop them an email at americasboatingclub@ditchnavigation.com.

UIPCOMING EVENTS

2025 Events

D/5 Summer Council/Rendezvous Smith Mountain Lake 14-20 July				
Educational Cruise	Philadelphia, PA	30 July		
USPS Fall Governing Board	Grand Rapids, MI	1-7 Sept		
AC IN-Water Boat Show	Farley State Marina	4-7 Sept		
Annapolis Boat Show	Annapolis, MD	2-5 Oct		
Annapolis Sailboat Show	Annapolis, MD	9-12 Oct		
D/5 Fall Conference	Lancaster, PA	6-7 Nov		
	2026 Events			
USPS Annual Meeting	Myrtle Beach, SC	9-15 Feb		
AC Boat Show	AC Convention Ctr, NJ	2 Feb-1Mar		



2025-2026 Bridge: L-R: D/1st/Lt Leanne Nitschke, D/Lt/C Lenore Blevins, D/Lt/C Alan Hart, D/Lt/C Denise Robinson Hart, D/Lt/C Ralph Leasure, D/C Bill Hammet, R/C Jim Ziegler, D/Lt/C Gene Danko, D/1st/Lt Mike Maszczenski, D/1st/Lt Apryl Bernard

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