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Photography Contest Results

*Thank you for entering your favorite images in the
2022 ABCW Photo Contest!*

Over 100 photos were graciously entered this year from 10 different people for the judges' viewing pleasure. Judges had to pick their top three before we gathered and those selections were discussed and whittled down to the top three in each category. What fun we had remembering where a lot of these photos were taken and looking forward to visiting places we saw pictures of that we had not visited yet. Just to mention one you may not recognize... Gail Russell sent a lovely winter photo from the Sassafrass river in the winter that earned her second place.

Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to our judges.

Committee Chairperson and Judge: Colleen Schleicher

Judges: Carol Hanson, Gail Weintraub, Vicky Lai

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Richard Butler

As an old saying goes "Time and tide wait for no man". This is something that those of us who spend time "messaging about in boats" can easily attest to. The boating season here on Chesapeake Bay is almost over. Terry and I had our last sail of the season this past Monday with friends from Texas and Illinois. At least 2 ABCW boats will be heading south to Florida and the Bahamas next Monday. Friends have been helping each other winterize 5 to 10 boats at North Point Marina last weekend and this coming weekend.

Once all of the boats are put up for the winter months, those not heading South will have to find something else to do with ourselves until Spring. There will be the ABCW Socials and Holiday Party where I hope to see many of you. The Social Committee has been working hard to put some variety into the venues and presentations for our socials, including the availability of adult beverages at our November Social. And I promise to keep any official meeting activities that may come up to the minimum necessary. A number of us will also continue to meet for lunch at Seasons Pizza in Talleyville on Wednesday afternoons. And Bill Barber and Randy Williamson are working to bring us more educational opportunities. Before we know it, it will be time again to recommission our vessels for the start of another season and start to take photographs for next year's Photo Contest.

I'm pleased to announce that Bill Barber has volunteered to take over the club Treasurer's responsibilities from now Florida resident John Ross. Bill has been approved for this by the ABCW Executive Committee. I want to extend my very strong and heart felt gratitude to John for his long and dedicated service to Wilmington over many years. And wish him many happy, sunny, hurricane free years in the Sunshine State.

We're still looking for volunteers to Master our website and Edit the Lubber's Line.



Administrative Department
Carol Hanson

Fall and Winter Socials

Please join us on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00 pm at Cokesbury Village! This is a new and interesting venue for our first fall social. Linda Hastings and John Goon, residents at the Continuing Care Community, have invited us to their lovely community in Hockessin Delaware. A delightful menu of light appetizers, sandwiches and dessert is planned for a very reasonable price of \$12.50. Soda, coffee & tea will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own alcoholic beverages, but are not to bring any other food or beverages. They will provide it all!

Each attendee must select ONE of the following sandwiches for your buffet dinner: Chicken Caesar Wrap, Turkey BLT on a Pretzel Roll, Sliced Beef Tenderloin on Baguette w/ Roasted Red Peppers & Horseradish, Grilled Caprese on Ciabatta Bread (Fresh Mozzarella, Basil, Tomato, Balsamic). Yummy! Please make your check out to WSPS and mail to Dave Sharpless. Bruce Wyngaard and Leslie Brower will share their BIG Adventure on *Brio*, about their four month trip to the Bahamas last summer. Please respond to Betty Ingram and your Punch Bowl invitation as soon as possible!

Directions to the DuPont Pavilion at Cokesbury Village was included in your invitation. Cokesbury requests that we wear a mask. We look forward to seeing you there!

We are so pleased to tell you that the **Holiday Social will be in person** this year! Ewa Papiez has graciously agreed to host at her lovely home in Hockessin, Delaware on Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 pm. Participants are asked to bring your own beverages as well as a \$15 to \$20 gift for the always fun Holiday Gift Exchange. Sandwiches will be provided.

Members of your Social Committee, co-chairs Joan Barber and Lynn Mahaffy and members Terry Butler, Betty Ingram, Kathy Leef, and I, have been busy planning additional winter Socials. The **January and February Socials will be held on Zoom**. We enjoy seeing our boating club friends from out of state who otherwise would not be able to join in! We plan to hold the **Change of Watch, in person**. The event is scheduled for Sunday, March 12th at 12:00 pm, at Schaeffer's Canal House in Chesapeake City, MD.

September Raftup:

On Labor Day weekend, twelve members of America's Boating Club Wilmington enjoyed a wonderful weekend raft-up in lovely Cornfield Creek on the Magothy River. Light winds brought the sailboats across the bay from North Point and Osprey Point Marinas in Rock Hall. *Lady L*, the power boat joining the raft up, had a short trip up the Magothy River from their home slip. Although the entrance to Cornfield Creek can be challenging, no one ran aground!

The gathering included Joan and Bill Barber aboard *Skylark*, Terry and Richard Butler aboard *Eau de Vie*, Carol Hanson and Dennis Wallace on *Weatherly*, Laura and Wayne Hepting aboard *Lady L*, Kathy and Scott Mayhew on *Star Reacher*, and Gail and Peter Weintraub aboard *Domino*.

All enjoyed heavy appetizers aboard *Skylark*, a 47-foot Beneteau. We were treated to cooler breezes and a beautiful bay sunset that evening. Sunday brought stiffer winds of 10 to 12 knots. We delighted in a lovely sail back across the bay to Rock Hall. Thanks again to Scott Mayhue aboard *Star Reacher* for his planning and support of the summer weekend raft ups!

Carol Hanson



New Member's Biography



Beth Stevenson is a Delaware native, growing up and living in Wilmington for most of her life. She is a retired school nurse and continues to volunteer at a very small private school in Wilmington. She has two adult children, Erin and Ian. Erin has two children under 5 and Beth enjoys being able to babysit when she is needed. Both of her children live in the Wilmington area. She lives in Arden in a log home that was once owned by her uncles.

She's a first-time boat owner, starting out in boating about 4 years ago. She has a weekend home on the Elk River just down the road from Welch Point. It is on "the land between" the Elk and the C&D canal. She owns a 20' pontoon named "*Carolyn's Ceilidh*" and she is docked at the home. She usually boats on the Elk and Bohemia and sometimes the North East River and Sassafras. This limits how far she can venture by the size and capabilities of the pontoon. The most pleasant times are when her entire family can go out for the day and anchor, swim, float, and picnic. It was what she envisioned when she made the purchase.

Beth joined the power squadron for the social connections as well as a way to grow her boating knowledge and skills. She is looking forward to meeting other boaters and learning more about boating.



Education Department *Bill Barber*

Now that most of the squadron member's boats will be hauled within the next month, it is time to seriously plan on an education offering(s) for the colder months, which is the perfect time to expand your seamanship skills. Since several members successfully completed Piloting (Marine Navigation) this past spring, we plan to offer Advanced Piloting (Advanced Marine Navigation) as a logical follow up course this winter. This course is NOT limited to those that just completed Piloting. If you completed Piloting at any time in the past, you are welcome and encouraged to join us to learn the important material in the Advanced Piloting (AP) course.

Randy Williamson has generously offered to be the lead instructor for the AP course and I'll be handling the homework reviews, like we did last spring for the Piloting class. Randy and I are currently working on a class schedule, which will start no later than the beginning of January. We are also working with our education officer colleagues in other squadrons to ensure that we have the most current presentation materials, since the navigation tools (and presentation materials) available to us all improve every year.

In the meantime, take a look at the course description on page 20 of the 2022-2023 Yearbook. If you have any questions or concerns about taking the AP course, don't hesitate to ask either Randy (randywilliamson1@comcast.net, (302) 379-1995) or myself (webarber@comcast.net, (302) 563-8768). Keep an eye on your email inbox for a more detailed announcement with course description, class schedule and registration information. **Finally, please let me know now if you think you might be interested.**

2022 ABCW Photo Contest Winners!

Boats



First Place - Bev Wilson



Second Place - Terry Butler



Third Place - Richard Butler



People



First Place - Joan Barber



Second Place - Joan Barber

Third Place - Sandy Netting



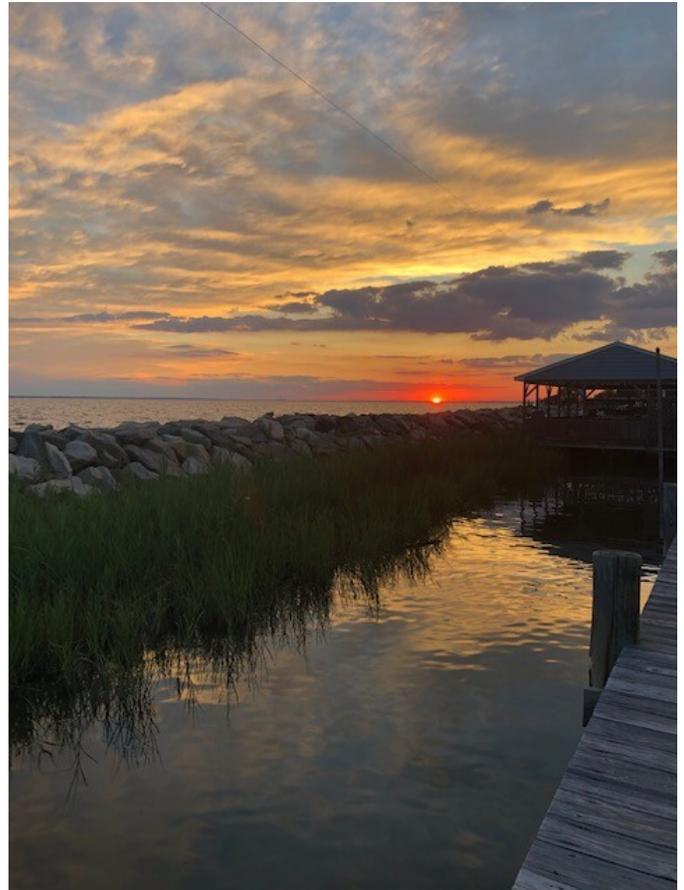
Sunrises/Sunsets



First Place - Terry Butler



Second Place - Gail Russel



Third Place - Carol Hansen

Scenic/Wildlife



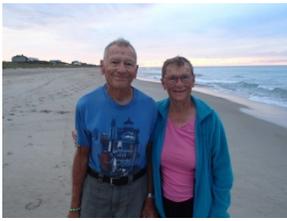
First Place - Sandy Netting



Second Place - Bev Wilson



Third Place - Bev Wilson



Boating Safety News

Sandy & Dave Netting

How to Begin to Prepare for a Hurricane

I thought it might be interesting to see how we prepare for a hurricane. When you live in the lower mid Atlantic states your peak risk time is mid August to the end of September. We begin to watch weather patterns near the end of July.

Weather patterns are a very important indication of severity of storms. If a hurricane comes to us via the Gulf of Mexico (slides up the coast), then our chances of flooding are decreased because of the angle to the land. If a hurricane is perpendicular to our shore, then the surge and flooding will be much greater. We live about 45 miles inland from the ocean on Pamlico Sound. The critical factor for a storm is how fast it is moving. If it is moving slowly, then we will have much more flooding because the water is pushed further inland and ahead of the hurricane.

Where it makes landfall is very important also. The closer to us for landfall means less time in the Northeast quadrant of the storm and that means less wind velocity and flooding. The most damage from a hurricane occurs ahead of the storm and near the eye of the hurricane.

Boat Prep: So how do we begin to prepare for a hurricane? For many years we had a sailboat at our dock so that is always the first prep area. We take off all the sails and everything that could get caught in high winds or add any windage to the boat. We then center the boat in the slip and have two sets of lines, one high on the post and one on the cleats on the dock. Since we live on an isolated creek we are also able to put out an anchor off the bow and one to the NE for additional holding area.

Our dock lies to the NE so we know that the most serious wind and waves will come from that direction. We use chafing gear on all lines as well as fender boards, fenders and lines that are ½” diameter. If the lines are too big then the tie on the cleat is compromised. We have a rule that when the water (or waves) starts to come over the dock we don't go out on the dock anymore until the storm is over. You can imagine the worry and apprehension of that decision. Also, most hurricanes tend to come at night in the dark. The noise of the wind and rain in the dark is terrifying. Boat prep takes about two days.

We have only evacuated for one storm and that was Florence in 2018. That hurricane stayed for 3 days and did excessive damage. We would not evacuate again as we are well prepared for a hurricane here at home and it is harder to be somewhere else and wondering what is going on at home. A fast moving storm will exit the area quickly and the flood waters will recede within a few hours. A slow moving storm could take days for the water to recede. The backside of a hurricane is like someone pulls a plug and a lot of water goes back out of the creek quickly. Anything that breaks lose in a hurricane will flow back out as the water recedes and cause more damage.

House prep: Now it is time to get the house ready for the storm. We have hurricane shutters for all 32 windows but we don't always put them all up. By now we are constantly watching the weather and have fairly good idea of its direction and how fast it is moving. That information determines our degree of preparation. Wave action from the NE is a serious issue. We have large panels of plywood that we put over doors that go under the house to protect the doors from wave action.

Everything that can be water damaged has to be moved to higher ground. That is when we realize how much junk we have collected and put under the house!!! Cars and trailers have to be moved out of the neighborhood to higher ground. The hurricane rains and wind start and you pray for a good outcome. The cleanup begins. When you live on the water you have to take the good weather and the bad weather. We have lived here 25 years and have had flooding from about 5 hurricanes. Each year we hope for a good year with no hurricanes.

WSPS Birthdays November - December



Let's Celebrate the November and December Birthdays

November Birthdays

<u>Doheny, Dana</u>	<u>11/27</u>
<u>Williamson, Susan</u>	<u>11/30</u>

December Birthdays

<u>Gorman, Donald</u>	<u>12/02</u>
<u>Lai, Vicky</u>	<u>12/04</u>
<u>Koval, John</u>	<u>12/13</u>
<u>Minshall, Katherine</u>	<u>12/16</u>
<u>Sharpless, David</u>	<u>12/16</u>
<u>Atkinson, Chris</u>	<u>12/19</u>
<u>Ingram, Betty</u>	<u>12/19</u>
<u>Doheny, Justin</u>	<u>12/29</u>

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Calendar of Events
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Seasons Pizza, 3901 Concord Pike, Wilm., DE



- 03 Nov. 1800 ABC-Wilmington Social
Cokesbury Village, Hockessin, DE
- 04-06 Nov. District 5 Fall Conference,
Maritime Institute Conference Center
Linthicum Heights, MD
- 09 Nov. 1900 ABC-Wilmington Executive Committee Meeting
Via ZOOM
- 04 Dec. 1500 ABC-Wilmington Holiday Social
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- 15 Dec. Deadline for January/February 2023 Lubber’s Line Material



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