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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr Richard A. Butler, JN

A lot has happened since our last newsletter went out. Our Lubbers' Line issue covers 3 months over the busy May-October boating season.

Several new members have applied to join our club even as our busiest months for membership renewal, June/July, coincide with getting our boats in the water, getting them out on the water and summer vacations.

If your membership is due for renewal (see last years' invoice or payment) and you haven't seen a new invoice from our national organization, please contact Chris Atkinson who can get you the needed information. If you have seen an invoice (via either snail or email) paying it promptly will save our volunteers the time needed to contact you. If you've decided against renewing, we would appreciate you reaching out to Chris or Carol Hanson, our Membership Chair, to let us know it's not necessary to reach out to you. Knowing why you've made the decision can also help us recruit and retain additional members, recognizing that there are many good reasons for such a decision (i.e., moving to another area, etc.).

Our May Education/Information session at North Point Marina, including Vessel Safety Checks at North Point and Bayside Landing provided boating safety information to a number of our fellow boaters. Articles describing these and other activities can be found in this newsletter.

I'm pleased to report that a number of members have stepped forward to help us with our newsletter, website, financial accounting and merit mark preparation. There are still numerous tasks and activities that would benefit from participation from members not currently active in club administration/leadership. Our club Secretary has been filling that role for several years and would appreciate someone else stepping in for our next Bridge Year. Chris would be happy to work with you to help you understand the position's roles and tasks and continue to support you in the role in the coming year. The Secretary's role is definitely not restricted to members of the female gender.

If you have any available time and skills to help with any club activities, please contact myself or any of our bridge members so we can discuss how you might contribute to the continued excellence of ABC Wilmington in meeting our objectives of Self Education, Civic Service and Fraternal Boating. Your time and efforts will benefit yourself, your fellow club members and the boating public.

I look forward to continuing to see many of you on the water in the coming months.



Administrative Department

P/C Carol J. Hanson, AP

ABC Wilmington 2023 Cruise

The annual America's Boating Club Wilmington, aka Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron, June cruise was a wonderful start to our boating club's summer season.

The cruise kicked off at North Point Marina, Rock Hall, with a fun Hawaiian theme, complete with Hawaiian leis, flowers for the ladies' hair, and a knockout Mai Tai punch, well planned by Terry Butler. We welcomed new members John and Beth Stevenson and Nina Brower-Wyngaard, as well as District Education Officer John O'Reilly to the event.

The next day, nine boats started off with a refreshing wind and anchored that evening in the Rhode River. Sociable raft-ups ensued with a variety of food offerings shared. The next morning (and every morning after) we enjoyed sharing Laura Hepting's delectable homemade coffee cake! Sadly, Scott and Kathy Mayhue, aboard *Star Reacher*, left the cruise early for Scott's cross-country motorcycle adventure.

From there, the boats headed down to Herrington Harbor South for swimming, and pickle-ball, coordinated by enthusiasts John and Colleen Schleicher. A nautical trivia competition led by team captains, Laura Hepting and Dennis Wallace, was fun and educational. We were glad to stay an extra day to avoid the forecasted thunderstorms, during which we celebrated a big birthday in honor of Donna Zimmerman.

Next, heading across the bay to the Choptank River, most boaters had the opportunity to see the dolphins jumping and smacking their tails to say hello! Later that day, we arrived in Oxford at Safe Harbor Marina, and enjoyed two days of exploring the quaint town. We delighted in shopping, group dinners and a presentation at the Oxford Museum, which preserves a diverse collection of artifacts and memorabilia that chronicles more than 300 years. The informative tour included a stroll along Morris Street's brick sidewalks past beautifully restored 18th, 19th, and early 20th century homes leading to the Tred Avon River. Our entertaining guide explained the good, the bad and the interesting history of this serene, tranquil town.

Not all went smoothly as all seamen know. While raising the mainsail, Captain Randy Williamson and wife Susan aboard *Windward Passage* experienced a sudden main halyard break. Down came the mainsail as crew Joan Barber exclaimed, "Oops, that's a bad day!!" Fortunately, after a trip to Annapolis, the halyard was replaced. Nina's pup Moana, aboard *Brio*, snacked on two very expensive hearing aids. Now that's news you don't want to hear! Later in the week, due to forecasted storms, we traded Dunn Cove on the Choptank River for a more secluded anchorage at Harness Creek on the South River. With boats full of many years of seamen's skills, all was taken in stride.

We celebrated our End of Cruise Banquet at Port Annapolis Marina complete with a catered rib dinner, generously prepared by the PitBoys of Annapolis. Appreciation for everyone's efforts was shared by Commander Richard Butler. Captain Dennis Wallace wrapped up with a roast of participants covering many of the unexpected foils and faux pas occurring over the week! We were so pleased to have Gail and Peter Weintraub aboard *Domino* and Vicky Lai and George Reiner aboard *Seas The Day* join us for our final night banquet dinner.

Many thanks to our Cruise Chairs, Leslie Brower and Bruce Wyngaard aboard *Brio* and John and Colleen Schleicher aboard *Scrimshaw*. Additional thanks to Cruise Committee members Bart and Bev Wilson aboard *Pleasure's Mine*, and Laura and Wayne Hepting aboard *Lady L*. We all appreciated the efforts of Bill Zimmerman, who capably hosted our directed radio net each morning, and kept us informed of approaching weather while suggesting alternatives. Other Cruise participants included Commander Richard and Terry Butler aboard *Eau de Vie*, Dennis Wallace and Carol Hanson aboard *Weatherly*, Donna and Bill Zimmerman, with crew John and Betty Ingram and Kathy Hauty aboard *Mystic Star*, and Randy and Susan Williamson, and Joan Barber aboard *Windward Passage*.

What a rewarding and memorable way to meet people, become part of a boating community, and sink your keel into Chesapeake Bay boating adventures!

Day 1, 9 JUNE North Point Marina The Commander's Kick-off - Luau theme



Day 2, 10 JUNE Rhode River



Day 3-4, 11-12 JUNE Herrington Harbour South Marina



Day 5/6, 13-14 JUNE Safe Harbor Oxford Marina



Day 7, 15 JUNE Harness Creek, South River



Day 8, 16 JUNE Port Annapolis Marina



Day 9, 17 JUNE Rock Hall



Brio Domino Eau de Vie Lady L Mystic Star



Pleasure's Mine Star Reacher Scrimshaw Seas The Day Weatherly Windward Passage

Thanks from Laura and Wayne Hepting

It was June 10th at 6pm and my husband Wayne and I had just departed the Magothy River and were headed for the Rhode River for a raft-up. This was the beginning of the Summer Cruise for ABC-Wilmington. The Bay was a bit rough but not bad; that all changed when we got to Eastern Bay. The waves were bigger and rougher, and visibility was decreasing.

When we reached Thomas Point Light, the Canadian wildfire haze was very thick thus making finding our markers impossible. Wayne and I always use our Marine Map for directions and have for years. This was the first time it was impossible. We missed the entrance to Rhode River by 3-1/2 miles. We turned around and, still unable to find our directions, headed back up the bay. Needless to say we were both upset and, not knowing where we were, we ended up in South River. Although the sunset was beautiful, the sun was setting very quickly.



Photo provided by Beverly Wilson

I called Bill Z., the Captain of our anchor boat, to state that we were lost. He asked us our location and longitude. Sorry to say, we couldn't figure that out. We told him what kind of instrumentation we had and he walked us through how to get our location for him. He told us to head due North and kept in touch with us by phone. We still weren't in the right place, and it was now almost dark, when we finally saw a marker. I told Bill where we were but by now it was dark, and he and Captain Scott M. were planning on coming to find us in their dinghies. Captain Dennis W. was ready to pull anchor and come find us. The marker we saw put us in the Rhode River and we continued on. When asked if we saw a green blinking light, I said yes. I could hear a collective sigh of relief from our friends. We continued on and finally found our friends patiently waiting for us. It was now 9:15pm and we had safely arrived! A delicious meal awaited us after finally rafting up.

We can't thank all of our friends enough for staying with us through this ordeal. ABC-Wilmington is an amazing organization, and we are blessed to call them friends.

The rest of the Cruise went smoothly until Friday coming through Knapps Narrows where we lost one engine. We continued on to Annapolis where we met up with fellow ABC Wilmington members. At the end-of-cruise banquet, Wayne and I were awarded the Chance For Romance Trophy – only there was no trophy because the previous winners couldn't find it 😊😊 due to their moving. They did say not to worry; they would find it and present it to us. All in all, it was a wonderful week packed with great food, fun, games and great camaraderie. Looking forward to next year's cruise!

Laura Hepting's Famous Cinnamon Cake

Ingredients:

Mix all the ingredients with mixer:
 1 Duncan Hines Yellow Cake mix
 1 Small box of vanilla Instant pudding
 4 eggs
 1 cup of water
 1/2 cup vegetable oil

Topping

Combine:

1 cup of sugar
 2 Tablespoons of cinnamon

Instructions

- In a 11 x 13 pan (not greased or floured)
- Pour half of the batter in pan
- Pour half of the sugar cinnamon mixture over batter
- Take a knife and swirl the cinnamon into the batter both vertically and horizontally
- Pour remaining batter in pan top with pats of butter over the entire cake
- Pour remaining cinnamon sugar mixture over the cake
- Bake in 350 oven for 40 min. Test cake to make sure it's done.
- All ovens work differently.



Boating Songs

Submitted by Joan Barber



Summer is a great time to listen to music as you scrub the deck, sand the teak, touch-up the gel coat, watch out for crab trap buoys and, even better, drop the hook and enjoy a sundowner! Can you match the following lyrics with their song titles and performers? Use the list of artists and song titles to fill in the table. Singing along is highly encouraged. (Answers will be revealed on a later page.)

Do you have a boating play list that you would like to share? Send it in to the *Lubber's Line*! Happy boating!

Artists:

The Beach Boys (Twice)
The Beatles
Jimmy Buffett
Crosby, Stills, & Nash
Christopher Cross
Chris Janson
Scottish Folk song

Song Titles

"Buy Me A Boat"
"Sail on Sailor"
"Sailing"
"Sloop John B"
"Son of A Son of A Sailor"
"The Water is Wide"
"Yellow Submarine"
"Southern Cross"

| Lyrics | Song Title | Artist(s) |
|--|------------|-----------|
| "Give me a boat that can carry two, / And both shall row, my love and I" | | |
| "Got out of town on a boat, goin' to Southern Islands. /Sailing a reach before a followin' sea. / She was making for the trades on the outside, / And the downhill run to Papeete" | | |
| "Haul the sheet in as we ride on the wind that our Forefathers harnessed before us. / Hear the bells ring as the tight rigging sings / It's a son of a gun of a chorus" | | |
| "I know everybody says money can't buy happiness / But..." | | |
| "I sailed an ocean, unsettled ocean, / Through restful waters and deep commotion, / Often frightened, unenlightened..." | | |
| "Just a dream and the wind to carry me / Soon I will be free " | | |
| "If the wind is right you can sail away / And find tranquility, / Oh the canvas can do miracles / Just you wait and see, believe me" | | |
| "See how the mainsail sets / Call for the captain ashore / Let me go home" | | |
| "So we sailed on to the sun / 'Til we found a sea of green / And we lived beneath the waves..." | | |

A Fun Day for Members in July!

The ABCW and North Point Marina Nautical Flea Market, held on a beautiful July day, was a success not only for members of our Boating Club, but for those attendees who found marine treasures! Buyers heard about our Flea Market through flyers posted throughout Rock Hall, on ABCW and North Point Marina's Facebook pages, and through word-of-mouth.

Later that day approximately twenty-five members gathered to enjoy camaraderie during a tasty Burger and Brat picnic in the pavilion at North Point Marina. The event was well coordinated by Joan Barber and Betty Ingram with a trusty team of grill masters Bill Barber and Bill Zimmerman and sous-chefs Peter Weintraub and Scott Mayhue. Members provided appetizers and personal beverages. The evening was topped off with a birthday celebration of song and delicious cake in honor of former Commander John Ingram and a beautiful Chesapeake Bay sunset!

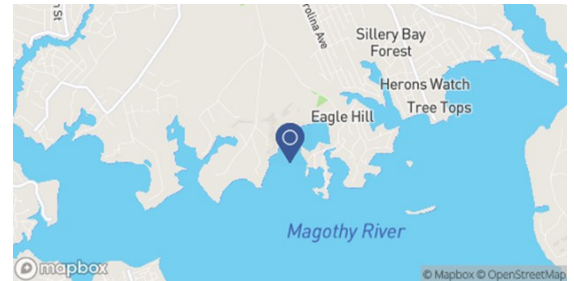


Photos provided by Ralph Onesti & Carol Hanson

Summer & Fall Events

Weekend Raft-ups – Join Us!

Please join us for a weekend **raft-up in Broad Creek, on the Magothy River on 12 - 13 August** (yes, that is Pirates weekend in Rock Hall!)



Lat / Lon: N 39° 05.167' / W 076° 28.900'
Depth: 11-13 Feet

Another raft-up is planned for **Saturday, 16 September in Round Bay** extending from Annapolis northwestward about 10 miles, **in the Severn River**. Lt Scott Mayhue will once again be coordinating a gathering of boats. As the dates get closer, **please let Scott know if you plan to attend**.

Scott Mayhue
Email: smayhue@comcast.net



Additional Socials and Events Scheduled

Members of our Social Committee and others have been busy planning our future ABCW events!

October

Possibilities – Boat Show, Sultana Down Rigging event, pop up raft up, Tilghman Island Day.

Activity Links:

Annapolis Boat Shows (<https://annapolisboatshows.com/>)

Sultana Downrigging Festival (<https://downrigging.org>)

Tilghman Island Day Seafood Festival (<https://easternshorevacations.com/event/tilghman-island-day-2023/>)

November

P/C Lynda Hastings and John Goon are graciously willing to host us again on a Thursday in early November at Cokesbury Village.

December

Holiday Social (already?!)

January and February Socials

F/Lt Lynn Mahaffy has been checking out interesting speakers - stay tuned!

Keep your eyes open for the America's Boating Club Wilmington, **Punchbowl Invitations** created by Betty Ingram. You won't want to miss a thing!

2023 Photo Contest!

Don't forget to capture images with your camera or cell phone on the Chesapeake Bay and submit them to our Annual Photo Contest! Judging will take place on Wednesday, 18 October, so gather more of those images! The categories will be the same as last year:

People

Boats

Scenic / Wildlife

Sunrise/Sunsets

First, second and third place winners will be announced in the November / December 2023 Lubber's Line. ABCW members can submit up to four digital photos per category. The winning images will also appear on the club's website. These images must be taken between 01 October 2022 and 01 October 2023 and be of life on the Chesapeake Bay where we spend most of our time.

Send your photos to: photocontest@abc-wilmington.com.

Please send files no larger than 2Mb and identify the photo's category. Photographers are reminded to comply with the club's photo policy (see last newsletter for more information). Any photo submitted with a recognizable image of a non-member or minor must include a signed release form or it will not be accepted. Additionally, by submitting images to this contest, the photographer gives his / her permission to have the pictures published in the Lubber's Line and on our website, <http://www.abc-wilmington.com/>.

If any member is willing to serve as a judge, please contact our Photo Contest Coordinator, Colleen Schleicher, at photocontest@abc-wilmington.com. Impress your friends with your photographic skills!

A Recommendation for a Philly Independent Seaport Museum Tour



Peter and Gail Weintraub joined ABCW about two years ago and have boated with our members aboard their sailing vessel *Domino*. Peter has been volunteering at the Independence Seaport Museum for a while now, and was actively involved in building a wooden sloop, *Tinicum*, launched in June. A strong supporter of the museum, Peter recommended that ABCW members check it out.

The museum offers tours of an award-winning exhibition that brings the wildlife, science, and wonder of the Delaware River to life. Visitors can climb aboard the oldest floating warship in the world on Cruiser *Olympia* and submerge themselves aboard the World War II-era submarine *Becuna*. Also available are special interactive exhibits including the largest maritime art and artifact collections in North America. Independence Seaport Museum prides itself in being the premier, family-friendly destination on the Penn's Landing waterfront.

For groups of ten people or more, the museum offers a discounted entry rate for our General Admission package priced at **\$13.00** per person. This price includes **self-guided access** to the Museum's building and the historic ship, Cruiser *Olympia*. Guided tours of the *Becuna* (\$9.00 additional cost) and the *Olympia* (\$3.00 additional cost) are also available.

If you have any additional questions about the museum, Peter would be happy to speak with you! If interested in a tour, please let Joan Barber or Carol Hanson know. To learn more about the museum, go to phillyseaport.org.



Photos provided by Peter Weintraub



Education Department

Lt/C William E. Barber, AP

Advanced Piloting Class:

Our 2023 Advanced Piloting class wrapped up in May and four students (Carol Hansen, Frank Richardson, Joan Barber and John Schleicher) took the final exam and all four passed! Congratulations on this achievement! Your hard work paid off and you all have now earned the AP grade.

I can't thank Randy Williamson enough for all the time and energy he put into preparing to instruct this class. He did a fabulous job of incorporating lessons on the use of OpenCPN and prepared solutions to the exercises and practice cruise using Open CPN, in parallel with manual charting solutions, to demonstrate how Open CPN could be used for the same problems and to check one's manual charting work.

Course Offerings for Fall:

Randy Williamson and Bill Zimmerman have both agreed to present courses this fall, probably starting in October and wrapping up before the holidays.

Bill has agreed to present the "Sail" elective course:

- **Sail** covers material for both the novice and experienced sailor. The course starts with basic sailboat designs and nomenclature, rigging, safety, and sail processes and then tackles the physical aspects of sailing forces and techniques, sail applications, marlinspike, helmsmanship and navigation rules. It also covers handling of more difficult sailing conditions with an introduction to heavy weather sailing. Appendices introduce sailboat racing.

I have discussed two options with Randy: Offshore Navigation (JN) or Marine Electrical Systems, which is the first of a four-part Marine Electronics sequence. Depending on the relative interest level, we will present only one of the following two courses this fall.

- **Offshore Navigation**, previously the Junior Navigation course, is the first in a two-part program of study in offshore navigation, followed by the Celestial Navigation course. This is the next navigation course after achieving the AP grade. In Offshore Navigation, the student will continue to use GPS as the primary position sensor, as they learned to do in Piloting and Advanced Piloting. However, the offshore environment poses many different elements for consideration by the navigator. Ocean currents, wind, and sea state all affect a vessel's performance over the longer passages. Visible terrestrial landmarks are no longer available to the navigator as reference points. The student will learn to substitute celestial objects such as the sun as reference points. The course begins with the study of celestial navigation, teaching the student to take sights on the sun with a marine sextant and derive a line of position from that observation. Next, the student will apply the principles learned in Advanced Piloting and plot a running fix from two sun sights taken about four hours apart. Once the student has learned the basics of celestial sight reduction, the course continues with planning, positioning, and checking one's position in the offshore environment, using both electronic and celestial tools.
- **The Marine Electrical Systems** course starts with an explanation of what electricity is, followed by discussions on boat electrical wiring, DC and AC electrical systems, galvanic and stray current corrosion, lightning protection, and ends with troubleshooting of boat electrical problems. The course includes detailed instructions on how to use a multimeter, how to solder and crimp electrical wiring circuits, and how to read electrical wiring diagrams. This course can be used as a reference guide for anyone interested in properly maintaining their boat's electrical system. The subsequent courses of this four-part series include Marine Communications Systems, Electronic Navigation Systems and Radar for Boaters. These could be offered following the Marine Electrical Systems course.

I need your feedback NOW if you are interested in taking any of these courses this fall. This isn't a firm commitment yet, but your interest level will help us plan exactly which course(s) will be offered, whether to offer them in-person or via Zoom, and start making arrangements. Note – you can take two courses simultaneously (“Sail” plus one of the other two). Therefore, you could potentially say you are interested in all three of these topics but only one of either Off-Shore Navigation or Marine Electrical Systems will be offered, as determined by the larger number of interested members. Finally, I need to know if you would attend a class if the class sessions were via a virtual classroom (via Zoom) or in-person classroom (somewhere in the Wilmington area).

Please print the following table and enter your name and place a check mark in the boxes below according to your interests and venue preferences.

| | | | |
|---------------------------|------|-----------|------------|
| Name: | | | |
| Course | Zoom | In-Person | Either Way |
| Sail | | | |
| Off-Shore Navigation | | | |
| Marine Electrical Systems | | | |

You can then either scan the table and email it to me at education@abc-wilmington.com or just postal mail the table to me at:

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2023 Boater Certification Classes Wrap-Up

Submitted by Mark Atkinson, Chairman, Local Board for Basic Boating

The 2023 boater certification classes ended with the final session and exams on 6 May. Two prior classes were offered in February and March. Each class was three sessions of three hours which allows an additional hour beyond the state required eight hours that we use for an introduction to knots and line handling, discussion of docking technique and conversation regarding students’ questions. All of the students we talked to after the class were pleased with the experience and the format and generally performed well in the exams.

P/C David Sharpless, AP is the principal instructor with assistance from P/C John Koval, P and P/C Mark Atkinson, AP. The course is required of boaters in Maryland waters born after 1 July, 1975, and in Delaware waters born after 1 January, 1978. We offer the Delaware course which is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), and therefore recognized by all states requiring boater certification.

In all we had 19 students of whom 18 passed the final exam. Seven of the students were members or family members of the Delaware Army and Air Force National Guards in a dedicated class which we have provided for four years.

Challenges for 2024 and Beyond:

- This was the fifth year of our agreement with the Delaware Safety Council to use their classroom for boater education and will probably be our last due to a three-fold increase in their room rental rates, which cannot be sustained by our current course tuition.
- Over the past few years, it has been harder to sign up students for the class. We currently promote the classes on the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) on-line calendar of classes, our website, articles and calendar listings in the boating magazines SpinSheet and PropTalk, fliers in marine stores and any other outlet willing to give us space.

In summary, if you have any suggestions for a low/no-cost venue that can be scheduled for three consecutive Saturdays (mornings or afternoons) or additional means of promoting and attracting boaters to this certification class, please let Mark know at 108atkin@gmail.com.



District & National News

SUMMER CRUISE 2023

Join District 5 for a fantastic cruise to Langford Bay Marina, Rock Hall, MD. District 5 has put together a short distance cruise and any and all can join at any time. We are planning to stop at the below marinas and of course will have activities at each stop which will include cocktail parties.

- 21-22 July Baltimore Anchorage Marina (39 16.88'N, 076 34.96'W)
A great spot to start the cruise for the Northern boats...great restaurants and shopping nearby. Sadly, the Orioles are not in town those days.
- 23-24 July Kent Narrows, Safe Harbor Marina (38 97.35'N, 076 24.55'W)
A beautiful marina in Kent Narrows which has fantastic facilities, very nice pool, and a couple of restaurants on premise.
For boats coming from the South, a good place to meet the cruise.
23 NM from Anchorage Marina. Please make your reservations via DOCKWA and under "special" put in D5 Power Squadron.
- July 25-26 St Michaels Marina (410) 226-6330/(410) 745-2460 (38 47.10'N, 076 13.21'W)
A quaint stop and during the week not as expensive as the weekends. There are many little shops, a nautical museum and great restaurants. A stop you don't want to miss. 24 NM from Bay Bridge Marina
- July 27-30 Lankford Bay Marina (410) 778-1414 (39 07.29'N, 076 10.69'W)
A neat marina on the Chester River, east side of Rock Hall, where District 5 will hold their festivities so graciously hosted by Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron. The Summer Council will be held there and, also there will be a host of games for everyone. It will be the event of the Summer!
23 NM from St Michaels

Please contact RALPH BERNARD, rb3513@comcast.net, 609.226.6773, for further information and to join in the fun cruising with District 5.

ABC Mid-Atlantic

Summer Council, 28-30 July, will be a great time to get away from it all. Lankford Bay Marina is a quiet place with no other marina in sight! No tiki bars or all-night loud music. Just the beauty of nature. **Drive in or boat in to enjoy a great time!**

Lest you think it's too much of a getaway, keep in mind that it is just 15 minutes from Rock Hall by car. Came by boat? **Enter Lankford Creek from the Chester River.** No problem. Rock Hall has a shuttle. For only \$15, you can go into town, hop on and off, and get back to the marina—all on your own schedule. Not coming by boat? Rock Hall is a great nearby location.

Just want a quiet weekend? Don't worry. We have that covered as well. Beyond the Summer Council meeting, you'll be able to play lawn games, attend a seminar, or swim in a beautiful pool overlooking Lankford Bay.

Website link: [Lankford Bay Marina \(https://www.lankfordbaymarina.com/\)](https://www.lankfordbaymarina.com/)



Secretary's Department

Lt/C Chris A. Atkinson, AP

YOUR BEST RESOURCE FOR **ABCW MEMBER** INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS – **YOUR YEARBOOK!**

All members have received the 2023-2024 Yearbook – some have purchased an extra one to keep on board, which is a great idea. But have you ever really looked at it. I mean really looked at it...

You can find, in a nutshell, a summary of each member's boating and membership history. What classes they have taken, what kind of boat they have and its home port and how many years they have given 16 or more hours of service to the club (Merit Marks). And wait for it...where they live, who their significant other is, their address, cell and landline number, certificate number and email address. Look at your information! If it needs to be updated, send an email to secretary@abc-wilmington.com and I will reflect the new information in the next yearbook. Don't forget to update your profile on USPS.org too!

But really, have you really looked at it...it is so much more! Take the Quiz. Send the answers to secretary@abc-wilmington.com. Individuals who answer all questions correctly will be entered into a random drawing. Current members of the Bridge and Executive Committee are excluded from the drawing. The winner will receive an ABCW hat (see Ship's Store).



- Q1: What page lists our advertisers?
- Q2: What page tells you how on-the-water activities are communicated?
- Q3: On what page do the Elective Course descriptions start?
- Q4: On what page(s) is (are) the ABCW awards listed?
- Q5: Who is the Safety Officer?
- Q6: Who has the highest number of Merit Marks and what page has that information?
- Q7: Where are birthdays listed?
- Q8: What's the deadline for submittal of material for the January/February 2024 Lubber's Line?
- Q9: If you want to be considered for a position within the ABCW, who do you contact?
- Q10: Who was our past commander in 1996-1997?

When the leaves start to fall... Merit Mark Logs will be due on 15 October

Your Merit Mark Log, which supports your request to be considered for a Merit Mark, should be updated each time you support an ABCW activity. A Merit Mark is your recognition from the USPS Commander for the support you have given ABCW in 2023. One is awarded per person per year for 16 or more volunteer hours.

The Merit Mark Log is simple: a list of each activity and what you did, and how many hours you spent on each activity for the period starting on 1 JAN 2023 and ending 14 OCT 2023. If you expect to have significant activity after the end date, detail that and notify the Merit Mark Chair, Lt Beth Stevenson. Email your submittal to her at beestevenson@msn.com or snail mail it (look up address in your Yearbook).

Here are some guidelines and suggestions of contributions to the Club to jog your memory:

- You present a topic at one of this year's social events or hosted one. Note what or where it was and how much time was involved.
- You are a member of a committee. Note the number of meetings you attended, what your contribution was and how much time you spent on that activity.
- You taught or otherwise supported a course: identify the name of the course and number of sessions you taught or supported (and identify what you did) and how much time you spent.
- You provided a special service for a class (grading tests, mentoring students, etc.): what did you do, how many times for each action and time spent.
- For vessel safety check officers: ten or more and you just need to specify how many checks you did during the period. Less than 10, you need to specify how many you did plus the number of hours you spent on them plus any other volunteer activities, to total 16 or more hours.
- You supported an outreach event: what did you do, when was it, and how many hours did you spend at that event supporting it?
- For membership recruitment, identify how you promoted the Club, what your success was, and how much time you spent on that activity.
- Writing article(s) for the Lubber's Line: specify topic, how long did it take to write, and did you take pictures to go with it (shows how much effort you put into the article)?
- You found speakers for our socials: provide the date(s) and how much time you spent to source each speaker. If you worked hard to find speakers but were unsuccessful, still show the time you spent.
- You followed up outstanding dues notices; how much time you spent.

Sample: Attended X number of named Committee meetings total Y hrs.
Worked on T activity, total Y hrs. Wrote 5 articles for Lubber's Line on A, B, C, D, and E, total Y hrs. Graded basic boating class test, Y hrs.
Researched and contacted three prospective speakers for fall socials who declined after discussion, Y hours. Total Z hrs.

Remember, fall is coming! 15 OCT will be here before you know it!



Photo provided by George Reiner

Meet our New Members

Gretchen Raichle and Ralph Onesti (RJ, Ralphie)

Water has been a magnet for me (Gretchen) since I was small, having spent time with family on Cape Cod or visiting an old-fashioned family-style camp in the mountains with a lake and pool where I learned to swim.



Photo provided by Gretchen Raichle

As an adult I was drawn to the Chesapeake Bay and shared that passion with my two daughters, eventually living on Tilghman Island for about three years, learning to love and appreciate the history, the water-men, and their families. Ralph has always enjoyed being out on the water either with family or friends, sharing the fun and adventure while taking advantage of lessons learned.

Ralph was teaching Advanced Coastal Nav for the Coast Guard Auxiliary and was told about an historic tug, the *Tug Jupiter*, built in Philadelphia in 1902. She was 147 tons with a 101 LOA and 22' beam and it took 9+ feet to float her. Together, we became Captain and Ship's Stewart for ten years and, along with a dedicated crew, took her to Baltimore Harbor, MD; Lewis, DE; Delaware City and other cities; creating memories we will always cherish. Talk about a challenge and loving it; try cooking for a crew of 15 for 5 days in crock pots and hot plates in a very small galley, using the historic, oil fired, iron stove only for warmth! I took care of feeding the crew and taught Team Coordination Training while Ralph maintained and steered a very safe course with the intrepid old gal.

Around the same time, we joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary where I provided promotional support for Ralph's very well attended boating classes, our vessel exams and other activities and events. I was also the head of Public Affairs. In the mix of all that, I became boat crew qualified. While in the Auxiliary we were fortunate to meet Bill and Joan Barber, and Gail and Peter Weintraub, all in Ralph's classes so we're very pleased to rejoin them now in ABC Wilmington. We look forward to meeting many more members this season, sharing stories and experiences that happen in, on or around the water.

I spent several years working in the newspaper world and currently run Ralph's piano service business while caring for our Tibetan Terrier, Cosmo. Over the past few years, I have returned to my creative side, painting in watercolor. My passion is dogs but will paint you too if you stay still long enough!

Ralph's passion is still teaching, whether it's boating related, or sharing his knowledge and assisting a budding piano or choral client to reach their dreams.

While in the Auxiliary, Ralph created and ran the Instructor Development Program along with the Instructor Program. He had a regular run of classes including Boating Safety, Suddenly in Command, How to Read a Nautical Chart, Boating Skills and Seamanship, Sailing, and Advanced Coastal Navigation. Ralph was fortunate to work with NASBLA under a Coast Guard sponsored program where he shared team responsibilities and team leader responsibilities for certification of on-the-water courses. Ralph also attained the status of Auxiliary Operation Specialist by taking and passing several required, Coast Guard proctored courses like Communications, Weather, Search and Rescue, Patrols, Administration, and Advanced Coastal Navigation. He holds a 100-ton Masters license, taught for the New Jersey State Police Marine Services Bureau, and was certified by the Coast Guard to teach the Captain's courses. While members of the Corinthian Yacht Club, Ralph stood a post on the racing committee.

He retired, happily, from the Aux with his mentor and friend Pat Cunningham last year and joined the USPS...very happily!

Member News

Jamestown Settlement's Godspeed Spotted on Mobjack Bay

Submitted by Chris Atkinson



Photo provided by Chris Atkinson

The Atkinsons sailed on *Willow*, their 42-foot Provincial lobster yacht, from Kent Island, MD to Hampton, VA and back this June to visit close relatives. Highlight stops were Smith Island, Hampton Roads including the Elizabeth River, where naval ships of all types can be spotted, and two anchorages in secluded coves off the Patuxent and Wye Rivers. But perhaps the most exciting event was to see Jamestown Settlement's *Godspeed* in full sail off on Mobjack Bay (seen in photo), and to find her later docked at the same downtown Hampton dock as *Willow*. A crew member revealed that they did not have many pictures of *Godspeed* in full sail, as they were always on board. Chris Atkinson offered to share her photo and found it later posted on Facebook, Jamestown Settlement & American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.

The post states: "Jamestown Settlement's *Godspeed* worked its way back to Jamestown Settlement this week (15 June posting) after several days at Norfolk Harborfest. As the ship sailed from Mobjack Bay to the entrance of the Hampton River early in the week, fellow mariner Chris Adkinson (sic) captured this image of the *Godspeed* as it sailed past them. Visitors can now see the *Godspeed*, along with the *Susan Constant* and *Discovery*, at Jamestown Settlement's pier to learn about the 1607 voyage to Jamestown."

| Lyrics | Song Title | Artist(s) |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|
| "Give me a boat that can carry two, / And both shall row, my love and I" | "The Water is Wide" | Scottish Folk Song |
| "Got out of town on a boat, goin' to Southern Islands. /Sailing a reach before a followin' sea. / She was making for the trades on the outside, / And the downhill run to Papeete" | "Southern Cross" | Crosby, & Stills, Nash |
| "Haul the sheet in as we ride on the wind that our Forefathers harnessed before us. / Hear the bells ring as the tight rigging sings / It's a son of a gun of a chorus" | "Son of A Son of A Sailor" | Jimmy Buffett |
| "I know everybody says money can't buy happiness / But..." | "Buy Me A Boat" | Chris Janson |
| "I sailed an ocean, unsettled ocean, / Through restful waters and deep commotion, / Often frightened, unenlightened..." | "Sail on Sailor" | The Beach Boys |
| "Just a dream and the wind to carry me / Soon I will be free " | "Sailing" | Christopher Cross |
| "If the wind is right you can sail away / And find tranquility, / Oh the canvas can do miracles / Just you wait and see, believe me" | "Sloop John B" | The Beach Boys |
| "See how the mainsail sets / Call for the captain ashore / Let me go home" | "Yellow Submarine" | The Beatles |

Free Life Raft Offer!!

Claire Wyngaard, a friend of our club is offering a no longer needed, free eight-person life raft to a good home! It's a 1990 Givens life raft in a case. It is inflated by an air compressor, and has a bag of tools, oars and stuff that goes with it. For more photos and information contact Claire Wyngaard at CWyngaard@Verizon.net.

ABC-Wilmington makes no assertion about the condition suitability for use. This information appears as a courtesy only.



Photo provided by Claire Wyngaard

Want to show your pride in our Club?

The Ship's Store has merchandise for sale! Ball caps, polo shirts, fleeces (vests and jackets) with the new ABC Wilmington logo on them. See some examples in the photo below (the cap, in white, has Wilmington on the back; the golf shirt is polyester in navy).

Print this page of the newsletter, fill out the form below, email it to Lynn Mahaffy, lamahaffy@hotmail.com by the 15th of any month, and she will order it for you!



Color choices:

Hat colors: white, khaki, blue, royal blue

Shirts: white, navy, black, yellow, light blue, red

Fleeces: navy, black

If you have any specific color preferences, please feel free to get in touch with Lynn Mahaffy (lamahaffy@hotmail.com) to check for availability. She will be able to assist you further with your color choices and any other related inquiries.

Name: _____

Contact (email or phone) _____

Delivery options (choose one):

- Pick up in Newark, DE
- Pick up at Wednesday Luncheon
- Pickup at North Point Marina
- Ship it to me (we will let you know the additional cost)

| Item | Size (XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL) | Color (see above) | Cost (each) | Quantity | Total Cost |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Hat | | | \$20 | | \$ |
| Polyester Golf Shirt | | | \$35 | | |
| Cotton Golf Shirt | | | \$40 | | |
| Fleece Vest | | | \$45 | | |
| Fleece Jacket | | | \$55 | | |
| | | | | Order Total \$ | |

Orders placed by the 15th of each month. Payment must accompany order – check made payable to Wilmington Power Squadron and mailed to William Barber, Treasurer; or contact William Barber to do a credit card transaction.

Boating Safety

What is an equivalent eVDSD?

When inspecting boating safety equipment, maritime officers and vessel safety check personnel may encounter a new electronic Visual Distress Signal Device (eVDSD) that meets the carriage requirements for nighttime distress signals.

A Coast Guard [CG-ENG Policy Letter 03-18](#) details that eVDSDs that meet the requirements of the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) Standard 13200.0 (i.e., the yellow S-O-S light pictured here) are now considered as acceptable nighttime visual distress signals under 33 CFR 175.130. The labeling on the RTCM Standard 13200.0 light will differ (i.e., "Complies with RTCM Standard 13200.0 for an eVDSD"), but the light is nonetheless acceptable. The standards for daytime signaling device(s) (e.g., handheld flares and/or the orange distress flag) have not changed.



The lights meeting RTCM Standard 13200.0 have a new distress signal characteristic in the form of dual color **cyan** and **red-orange** S-O-S light sequence. The Coast Guard has deemed these eVDSDs as equivalent to the lights meeting 46 CFR 161.013.

Officers and vessel examiners should inspect the eVDSD for good and serviceable condition and look for the RTCM Standard 13200.0 or USCG language on the product.

The "Equipment List"

Another resource is the "Equipment List" published by the USCG. The equipment list database contains searchable listings of equipment and materials approved or certified by the US Coast Guard for use on recreational boats and commercial vessels. The listing for this new eVDSD would look similar to [RTCM 13200.0 eVDSD 161.013/9/0](#).

More information about eVDSD can be found here: [Maritime Commons](#)

Have questions? Contact RBSInfo@uscg.mil

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Let's Celebrate the August/September/October Birthdays

August

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| John Goon | Aug. 01 |
| Mark Atkinson | Aug. 03 |
| Chester Gibson | Aug. 05 |
| James Ennis | Aug. 07 |
| John Stevenson | Aug. 07 |
| Wayne Stanford | Aug. 07 |
| Barbara Sharpless | Aug. 09 |
| Ronald Crooks | Aug. 20 |
| Amy Whiteluke | Aug. 23 |
| Joan Barber | Aug. 31 |

"Fairest of the months! Ripe summer's queen, The hey-day of the year, With robes that gleam with sunny sheen, Sweet August doth appear."

—R. Combe Miller



Flower of August: Poppy



Ask ChatGPT

Personality of people born in Aug.

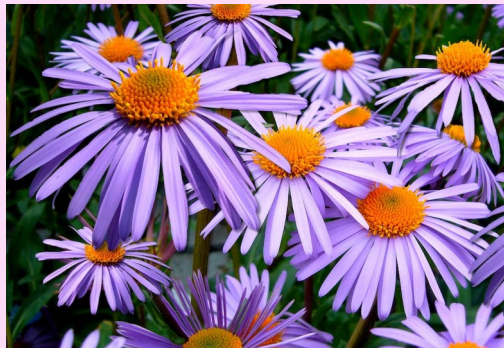
- Charismatic
- Creative
- Ambitious
- Energetic
- Generous
- Confident
- Sociable

September

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| Thomas Webster | Sep. 05 |
| Ewa Papiez | Sep. 07 |
| Scott Mayhue | Sep. 10 |
| Beverly Wilson | Sep. 14 |
| Gail Russell | Sep. 20 |
| Teresa Butler | Sep. 21 |
| Joseph Donia | Sep. 22 |
| Elizabeth Stevenson | Sep. 27 |

"By all these lovely tokens, September days are here, With summer's best of weather, And autumn's best of cheer."

—Helen Hunt Jackson



Flower of September: Aster



Ask ChatGPT

Personality of people born in Sep.

- Analytical
- Detail-oriented
- Intelligent
- Organized
- Practical
- Modest
- Reliable

October

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| Gail Weintraub | Oct. 04 |
| Marguerite Travis | Oct. 08 |
| George Reiner | Oct. 09 |
| Dennis Wallace | Oct. 11 |
| Nina Brower-Wyngaard | Oct. 23 |
| Randy Williamson | Oct. 28 |
| James Malin | Oct. 30 |
| David Vaughn | Oct. 30 |

"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October."

—Nathaniel Hawthorne



Flower of October: Marigold



Ask ChatGPT

Personality of people born in Oct.

- Diplomatic
- Charming
- Balanced
- Intuitive
- Passionate
- Independent
- Artistic

Calendar of Events August/September/October 2023

<http://abc-wilmington.com/>



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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August Events

12-13 AUG
ABC Wilmington Raft-up
Broad Creek on Magothy River

16 AUG
ABC Wilmington Executive Committee Meeting
Via Zoom*

27AUG – 4 SEP
USPS Fall Governing Board Meeting
Kansas City, MO



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September Events

07-10 SEP
Atlantic City NJ In-Water Power Boat Show

16-17 SEP
ABC Wilmington Raft-up
Round Bay, Severn River

20 SEP
ABC Wilmington Executive Committee Meeting
Via Zoom*



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October Events

05-08 OCT
United States Powerboat Show
Annapolis, MD

12-16 OCT
United States Sailboat Show
Annapolis, MD

18 OCT
ABC Wilmington Executive Committee Meeting
Via Zoom*

27-29 OCT
Sultana Downrigging Festival

Photos downloaded from www.pexels.com

*All members are welcome to attend
- email admin@abc-wilmington.com to get a Zoom invite!



Store Photo

Join us for weekly luncheons

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