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**Join us for fun, frivolity, and friends.**

**JULY 23, 2020 @ 1700**

*Stay cool with your friends!*



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Many apologies from your Tidelines Editor for the late publishing of this edition. The reasons fly in the face of the on-going COVID epidemic that is less than a happy situation. I am excited to share I've landed a new career and there is now a contract on my father's house in Centreville - fabulously positive events and I just had to share in my little space here. Brad and I continue our search for a boat - and got really close just recently so who knows, we may see you at a raft up soon. Until then, be safe on the water and off. Sincerely, your editor, Holly.



## COMMANDER'S CORNER

**Cdr Marty Lafferty, AP**



The continuing needs to wear protective facemasks in public, use disposable gloves before handling objects someone else may have touched, frequently washing hands and/or using hand sanitizers, and wiping items with disinfectants before bringing them into our homes or boats -- are still with us as a result of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Your Executive Committee has demonstrated enormous resourcefulness during these difficult times and deserves our commendation as well as personal participation in activities led by the new social, educational, and administrative groups.

AO Marie Murphy has spearheaded a robust schedule of virtual social offerings, which include biweekly "ABCKN Social Hours on ZOOM" ongoing every other Thursday at 5:00 PM, with thanks also to P/C Holly Tompkins for promotional creative materials; plus the "Summer Shakedown" -- with take-out from Adam's Grille on 5/21; and "Belmont for Boaters" -- an inspired concept tying in with live NBC Sports coverage on 6/20.

Marie is also leading the **ABCKN 2020 Photo Contest** running now through September 15 with four (4) categories:

- ◆ Boating with your Pet(s)
- ◆ Chesapeake Wildlife
- ◆ America's Boating Club and Your Family
- ◆ Water Sports.



SEO Patti Eney has ramped up online educational offerings, which include a well-conceived weekly email blast of topical opportunities and XO John Locke's excellent live online Docking Seminar from the new Boat Handling series that was held May 13.

John also organized our first actual on-the-water event of the boating season -- a raft-up on Reed Creek June 13 with proper social distancing that attracted a half-dozen boats for a wonderful afternoon of actually getting to see one another again. Stay tuned for more of these, weather and heat indices permitting.

Our first real on-land event attracted two-dozen people to Bridges Restaurant for outdoor socially-distant dining followed by fireworks in Kent Narrows on July 1 -- more appropriate than ever for Independence Day 2020. The pictures are excellent and start on [page 23!](#)

We also used this time to complete our organization's rebranding as America's Boating Club Kent Narrows, the public facing name for Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron, Inc.

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## COMMANDER 'S CORNER CONTINUED

**Cdr Marty Lafferty, AP**

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For July and August, we envision a hybrid mix of virtual and real social, educational, civic, and on-the-water activities, as we continue to proceed with caution and creativity to serve you with offerings that provide unique value and enjoyment to members.

Please like the ["America's Boating Club Kent Narrows" Facebook page](#) to stay current with our events. And to increase and bring our community closer together, don't forget that you can now post up your own pictures and share your own boating adventures with us.

Let's redouble our efforts to stay in touch with the tools available, and use continuing extra time at home to plan for a brighter future.

Be safe both on the water and off,

Marty





## 2020 PHOTO CONTEST!



The America's Boating Club Kent Narrows 2020 Photo Contest has four (4) categories:

- ◆ *Boating with your Pet(s)*
- ◆ *Chesapeake Wildlife*
- ◆ *America's Boating Club and Your Family*
- ◆ *Water Sports.*

*The contest runs from June 15 to September 15.*



Color and black-and-white photos are acceptable.

No photoshopping allowed. Picture size should be 5"X7".



## 2020 PHOTO CONTEST CONTINUED



Any **USPS Member** may submit entries. Photos must have been **taken by entrant**.



Please indicate **category of submission** along with **name of entrant, email, address, phone number, and squadron**. Photos will not be returned.



Please submit your entries to **Marie Murphy, 160 Kirwan's Landing Lane, Chester, MD 21619** by the **September 15** closing date.





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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Lt/C John Locke, SN-ACN**

Summer Greetings,

As you can see from the new schedule we have had to cancel, postpone, or reschedule many activities due to the COVID-19 situation. On the plus side, there has been some relief granted as Maryland moves into the different stages of COVID-19 requirements.

Last month we were able to have a "socially distant" raft up on Reed Creek and would have had a second if the weather had cooperated. We had six boats at the raft up which included the Eneys, Laffertys, Larricks, Radlinskis, Brandts, Lockes, and Jan Burke's boat and crew (Peter Gregory and Mary Carol Shannahan) from Miles River. Looking ahead, we hope to do more raft ups as the summer continues. Find the fun pictures starting on [page 16](#).

We have some good news concerning Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs). Effective July 2, 2020, the US Coast Guard is permitting Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) in all of USPS District 5. Contact Dick Radlinski, our VSC Chair to schedule yours. He can be reached at 937-407-0106 or at [radlinskid@gmail.com](mailto:radlinskid@gmail.com).



The CPR class that was planned in June has been rescheduled for October 10. Mark that on your calendars.

One new item you will be hearing about in the future is the USPS Cooperative Charting Program. Annapolis has started a [Cooperative Charting Program](#) that checks navigation markers and bridges for discrepancies and if found, reports to the Coast Guard. I have been looking to create a similar program at Kent Narrows that would be centered on the Chester River and Prospect Bay/Miles River areas. It's a program that can be performed by individual boats, so the distancing requirements don't come into play. We will plan on doing some checks in the fall. [If you are interested, let me know](#).

And here is some additional VSC information just released by the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard has recently (June 3, 2020) made a change to the portable fire extinguisher requirements. The change only applies to vessels built after August 22, 2016, and it has to do with the fact that the Coast Guard has adopted the UL rating system for fire extinguishers. These newer vessels must have portable extinguishers with the new ratings. The B-I rating has been replaced by a 5-B rating and the B-II rating has been replaced by a 20-B rating. The number of portable extinguishers required based on boat length stays the same. Older vessels are not affected but as fire extinguishers are replaced on older vessels expect to see extinguishers with the 5-B and 20-B rating replacing those with the B-I and B-II ratings. As a side note, I noticed that all my B-1 fire extinguishers already meet the 5-B requirement.



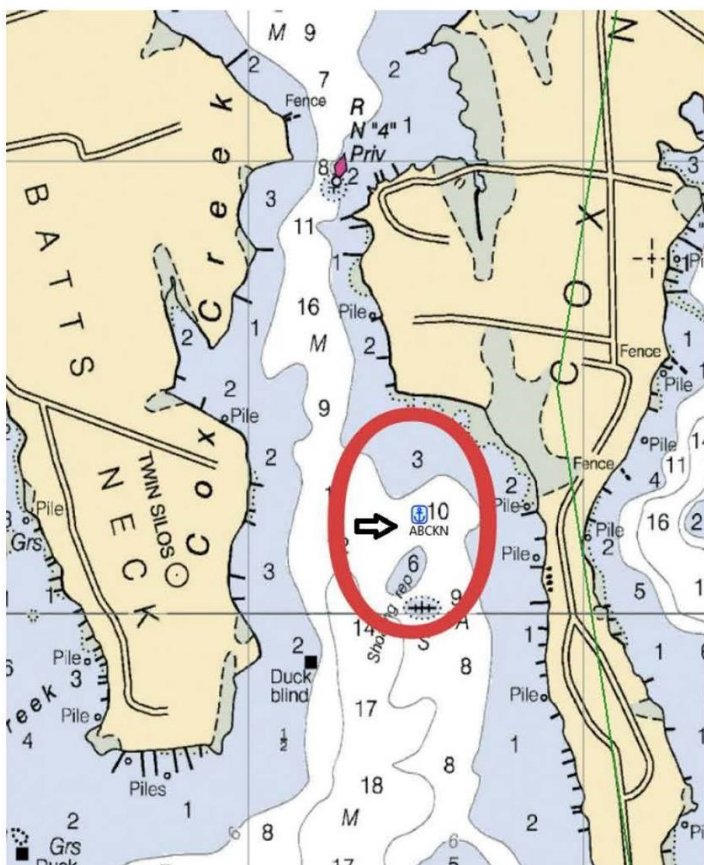
Be Safe,

John





## COX CREEK RAFT-UP - JULY 25!



## 2020 RAFT-UP #2 With Social Distancing

Did you miss our first raft-up of the season? Here's your chance to join fellow members on-the-water! Boat to 38° 55.2' N 076° 18.4' W in Cox Creek Creek off Eastern Bay for our second raft-up of the season starting at 1600 (4:00 PM) on Saturday 25 July. We'll comply with state and county guidelines regarding social distancing on-the-water and continue the event for as long as people wish to stay. Please bring food and beverages for your passengers. With sea nettles now at this location, swimming is discouraged without a ring-and-net. Let's get back on the water together!

### WHEN

Saturday, July 25  
4:00 PM

### WHAT

"Second 2020 Raft-Up"  
On-the-Water Event

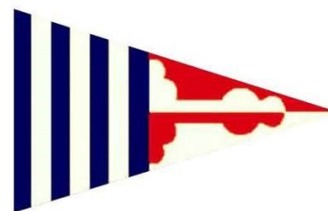
**NO CHARGE TO MEMBERS**

RSVP to  
P/C Dick Radlinski  
937-407-0106 or  
radlinskid@gmail.com

**DON'T MISS IT!**

### WHERE

Cox Creek  
Off Eastern Bay  
38° 55.2' N 076° 18.4' W





## EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

**Lt/C Patti Eney, AP**

It's boating season! Pandemic or not, most of our boats are in the water, and we are enjoying our favorite activity!

In spite of COVID-19, ABCKN has offered several educational opportunities these past two months. On May 13, John Locke presented "Boat Docking and Slow Speed Maneuvering" using FreeConferenceCall.com. Altogether, there were close to fifteen people, and I believe we all learned something new. I know Mark and I have been practicing pivot turns out in the Chester River and trying to incorporate some of the interesting docking maneuvers that John discussed.

Another online educational offering has been my emails suggesting different websites to explore that would help our boating activities. For instance, a couple weeks ago I posted a picture of a boat underway with two children sitting and standing on the gunwale and wearing no life jackets. I asked for comments as to what safety issues were present and got several answers. Then, last week I discussed those safety concerns and suggested several websites promoting life jackets and safe seating onboard. I'll continue these emails, citing other websites that might be of interest.

Since Phase 2 has been instituted by Governor Hogan, we can again meet for educational workshops and seminars. For July, we have "Knots, Bends 'n Breakfast on July 18, 10:00 AM to Noon, at Castle Harbor Marina Pavilion. Joe Burke will present this workshop, teaching us knots, bends and hitches while we socialize and have coffee and danish. If you would like to teach a knot, just let Joe or me know. The more input, the better! Though this is a free event, please register with me at [ABCKN.edu@gmail.com](mailto:ABCKN.edu@gmail.com) or by calling me (773-351-2403). Bring a friend if you wish!

On August 15, in conjunction with the Corsica River Yacht Club (CRYC), we will present the Man Overboard Seminar at CYRC, 10:00 AM - Noon. Discover how to equip and maneuver your boat to retrieve someone in the water. Essential for all boaters, this seminar teaches you what to do if you fall overboard as well as how to retrieve someone else. This is another free educational offering designed to encourage friends to join America's Boating Club, so feel free to invite a friend or two.

Be sure to come with your face mask to these educational opportunities. We will be practicing social distancing and sitting in open air pavilions.

May you have fair winds and sunny days!

Patti Eney  
Senior Education Officer





## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

### From the USPS website

### CHOOSE THE DEVICE YOU WILL WANT TO WEAR

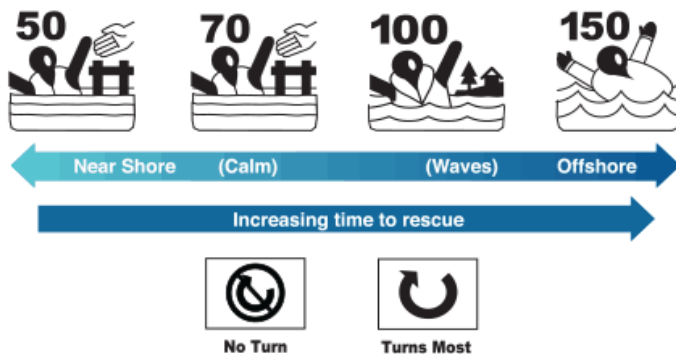
#### SIZE & FIT

- Check label for user weight and chest size.
- Different body types float differently.
- A good fit is secure, comfortable, and adjustable.

#### TRY IT ON

#### PERFORMANCE

- Lower number offers greater mobility, comfort, and style with good flotation for most people.
- Higher number offers greater flotation, turning, and stability in the water.



#### CONSIDER YOUR ACTIVITY & ENVIRONMENT

#### RISK MANAGEMENT \*

- In over 80% of boating fatalities the person was not wearing flotation.
- Most of these are sudden falls overboard or capsize of a small boat.
- The first moments in the water are critical, even for experienced swimmers.
- Cold water shock causes gasping, loss of muscle control and swim failure.
- Long term immersion in cold water requires thermal protection and flotation position to conserve energy.

#### FLOTATION DEVICES SAVE LIVES

#### New Life Jacket Labels:

- ◆ The traditional “types” categories are going away.
- ◆ New labeling system relies more on icons and less on words.
- ◆ Older jackets and floatation aids labeled by type still meet regulatory requirements until no longer serviceable.
- ◆ There are two categories: wearable and throwable.
- ◆ Wearable life jackets will be divided into five buoyancy categories: 50, 70, 100, 150, and 275 Newtons (metric to harmonize with Canadian standards)
- ◆ The curved arrow indicates that it is likely to turn an unconscious wearer face up in the water .
- ◆ Choose the level of buoyancy for the type of activity.

Need more help? America's Boating Channel has you covered with this [video](#).





## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Lt/C Marie Murphy, S**

Notes from an out of work AO...



I miss our group, I miss our functions, I miss ladies lunch, I miss events with great camaraderie and interesting topics. I'm sure you all do too. So far this year we have planned wonderful, fun events and excursions, only to have to cancel them due to the dreaded COVID-19.

To try and stay connected, we have been holding Zoom Cocktail Hours every few weeks. It's a relaxed and easy visit with our squadron friends and it's nice to have other adults to talk to as well. We'd love to see more of our members pop in to say hello – it's so easy to do. If anyone would like to join, but you just don't know how to set up Zoom, give me a call and I'll walk you through the process. It will take 5 minutes of your time.

A special thanks to CDR Lafferty for setting up our Belmont For Boaters online event. With a live screen for the race, it was almost like being there.



We are also again trying socially distant dinners around the area. On July 1st, 24 people attended the Narrows Dinner and Fire Works, and on Monday, July 13th, our group went for Lobster for Landlubbers at Rams Head.

Our [photo contest](#) this year is a little different: 4 categories that can all be applied to our boating life as it is now. I'm am looking forward to creative and interesting submissions from our membership. Remember, you have between now and September 15th to submit your black and white or color 5x7 photos to me. Subject matter can be any of the following: Boating with Pets, Chesapeake Wildlife, ABC and your family, and Water Sports.

And let's not forget the wonderful offerings of the education committee, and the raft ups planned around the area.

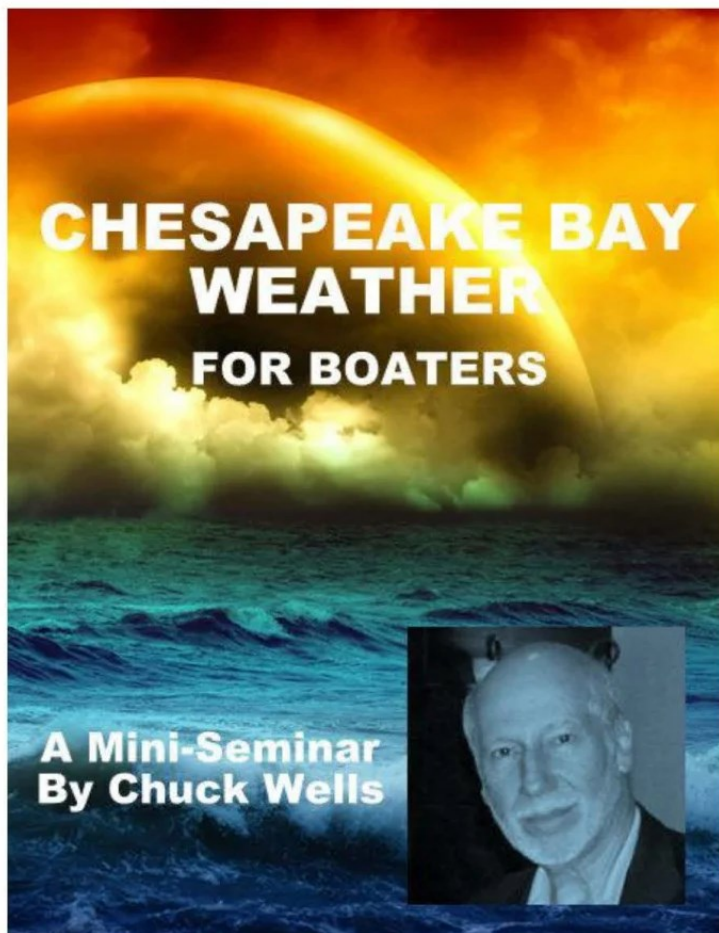
The executive committee will continue to come up with ways for us to all stay connected – we'd love it if you join us!!

Lt/C Marie Murphy, S





## ZOOM IN ON CHESAPEAKE BAY WEATHER – AUGUST 25



All boaters should develop an awareness of the basic weather questions and what to do on the water. Whether for a one-hour ride or weekend cruise, you should be aware of the following...

*What is the current forecast?*

*Will it change during my outing?*

*Will it be severe weather?*

*Do we go or no-go?*

Please register by calling or emailing Patti Eney at 773-351-2403 or [ABCKN.EDU@gmail.com](mailto:ABCKN.EDU@gmail.com).

### WHEN

Tuesday, August 25  
7:00 – 7:45 PM

### WHAT

Chesapeake Bay  
Weather for Boaters  
Mini-Seminar

**NO CHARGE TO ATTENDEES**

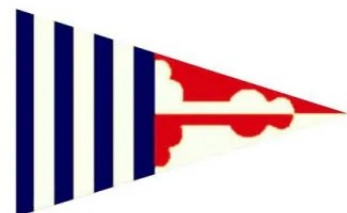
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Please Contact  
SEO Patti Eney  
773-351-2403 or  
[abckn.edu@gmail.com](mailto:abckn.edu@gmail.com)

**DON'T MISS IT!**

### WHERE

### ZOOM

Meeting ID 339 692 5225  
Password ABCKN2020





## DISTRICT 5 NEWS

**D/Lt/C Michael Payne, AP**

As summer and hot weather finally arrive, I regret to inform you (if you have not already heard) that the District 5 Summer Council & Rendezvous, which was to be the 23rd -26th of July this year at Mariners Landing at Smith Mountain Lake, VA had to be called off due to ongoing concerns with COVID-19. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution, especially since many of our members are of an age and/or condition of health where they are the population most vulnerable to COVID-19 if exposed.

Based on the most recent information available regarding the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the District 5 Bridge felt that holding the Summer Council & Rendezvous would be highly inadvisable. While this event is not able to be held this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, discussions are already underway to hold this same event next year at Smith Mountain Lake, VA, since it has generated such enthusiasm and interest throughout the District & essentially all the planning has already been done.

In spite of these COVID-19 issues we continue to deal with, as your D5 Executive Officer for this year, let me welcome you to what I believe may yet turn out to be a great boating season! At this time, our next major event, the District 5 Fall Educational Conference, is still on schedule to be held the 5th – 8th of November 2020, at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel in Gettysburg, PA. The District 5 Meetings and Rendezvous Committee has been hard at work preparing for this year's Fall Educational Conference. Information on the District 5 Fall Educational Conference can be found on the District 5 webpage using the following link - <https://abc-midatlantic.org/>. Additional information on the Fall Educational Conference can also be found in the Summer Issue of the Mark 5 Newsletter, using the following link - <https://abc-midatlantic.org/squadrons/6243/mark5.pdf>.

During what I think may prove to be a busy summer boating season, don't forget to check out the many squadron events, boating opportunities, and educational offerings that are still taking place across District 5! For additional information on these activities being held by squadrons throughout the district, please see the upcoming events section on the right side of the D5 main webpage using the link above. Simply scroll down in this section to see the complete list & find an event or boating activity that interests you. I encourage all our Kent Narrows members to take full advantage of the great opportunities still taking place throughout District 5!

Stay safe, be encouraged, and let's all enjoy a fun boating season!

...D/Lt/C Michael E. Payne, AP



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June 13, 2020

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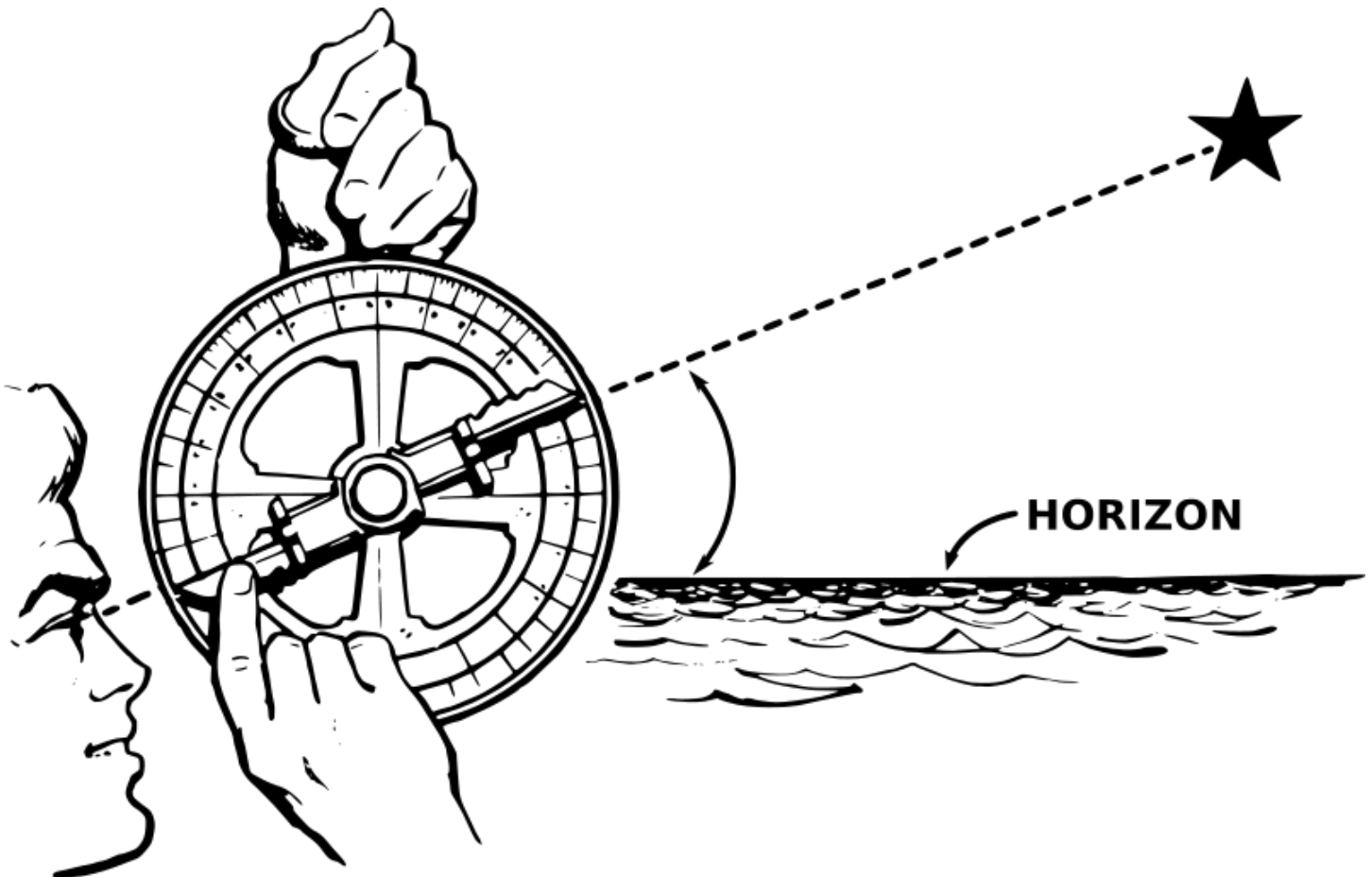
## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY!

Interested in taking your navigation skills to the next level? America's Boating Club® Valley Forge (Main Line) will start a Virtual (Online) Navigation (N) Course on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 7:30 PM (EDT).

The prerequisite to enroll is to have successfully completed the Junior Navigation (JN) Course. We know that some of you have been waiting for the opportunity to complete N for years. Now is the time!

A detailed class overview & registration document is available. Access in the Navigation Class event entry in the district events section on <https://abc-midatlantic.org>. Please send an email to Jim Heckman ([JLHeckman4929@gmail.com](mailto:JLHeckman4929@gmail.com)), SEO Main Line Sail and Power Squadron (aka America's Boating Club Valley Forge ABC VF) if you desire to enroll.

Joseph (Joe) Gibson  
District 5 Educational Officer



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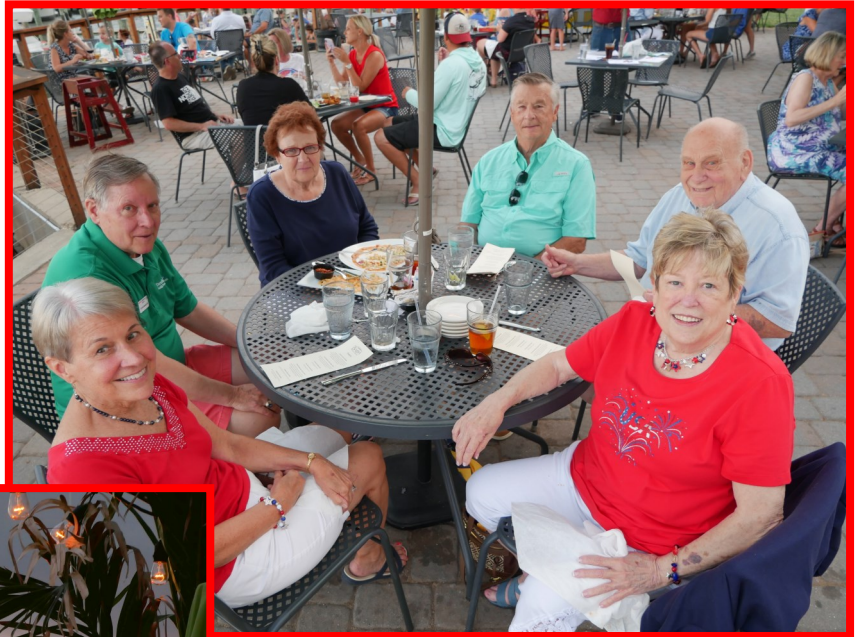
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## VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS



**“Boat Smart from the Start”**  
with a  
**FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK**

### What is a Vessel Safety Check?

It is a **FREE** check of a vessel's equipment for compliance with federal, state and local safety requirements.

Some of the items we check are:

- ◆ Proper display of numbers
- ◆ Registration/Documentation
- ◆ Personal Flotation Devices
- ◆ Visual Distress Signals
- ◆ Fire extinguishers
- ◆ Ventilation
- ◆ Backfire Flame Control
- ◆ Sound Producing Devices
- ◆ Navigation Lights
- ◆ State & Local Requirements
- ◆ Overall Vessel Condition

### How do I get a **FREE** Vessel Safety Check?

**Contact:** *Dick Radlinski* from America's Boating Club Kent Narrows when you are ready for a Vessel Safety Check at:

410.827.3376

[ABCKN.vsc@gmail.com](mailto:ABCKN.vsc@gmail.com)



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## HELPFUL LINKS & INFORMATION



The Executive Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. You are welcome to join and listen in - currently meeting via Free Conference Call.com. The [Commander](#) has the link information if you are interested.



[America's Boating Channel](#) website and the [YouTube](#) site



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Other links:



Local publications: [Proptalk](#) & [Spinsheet](#)



The Chesapeake Bay Interpretive Buoy System (CBIBS) weather conditions.  - a great resource for local water/



Maryland tides:



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