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Commander's Corner

Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP

Thank you to all who attended our 63rd Annual Change-of-Watch and thank you to D/C Joseph Gibson, AP for overseeina it.

Thank you to the outgoing bridge for a great job planning and making all our events a success. It's this type of teamwork that makes Delhigh the great organization it is; strong as a group and also as a family.

Our commitment to the community is what makes us a strong organization. With services such as VSC's Beltzville Clean up and teaching the ABC Course and all the other courses to make boaters safer and more knowledgeable with handling and planning their time on the water, we are always looking out for boaters. A great job was done by our SEO this past year, and all those who helped teach our courses, as well as our Vessel Safety Examiners. To all who opened their doors to have events, thank vou.

I am sure this year will be a success. Thank you to the members of our bridge, who will help me through the year. I am proud of Delhigh's members and, as Commander, will work to the best of my ability to keep Delhigh strong. Looking forward to all our upcoming events this year. Let's have fun and be safe.



www.americasboatingclub.org

Wine & Chocolate Pairing





Nikki, Sherika, and Cyrus having a great time!



Celebrating Kathy's birthday with a nice looking cake!



Cyrus & Kathy—so happy together.





So much wine & so little time.





Ed and Cyrus looking sharp.



Nikki tasting one of the delicious reds.



Cyrus, Sherika, Kathy, and Nikki after a few.







Game Night





Everyone enjoying a delicious meal.



Jeanette and Cyrus taking a selfie.



Kathy, Bob and Randy enjoying dinner.



Bob, Randy, Ed, Chris, Ellen, Jeanette and Cyrus at dinner.



Bob, Jeanette, Chris and Cyrus chatting after dinner.

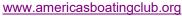


The games have begun and everyone is getting serious.



Ed's turn and he is not playing nice. Blocking Chris every chance he gets.







Ed, Chris, Jeanette and Randy. Are we having fun yet?!?





Ed was a little excited when he won!





Change of Watch





Oliver, Cyrus, Michele, Vince and Sergio catching up before the ceremony.



Kathy and Chris greeting Rosa and District Commander Joe Gibson.



Jeanette and Randy waiting for the evening to start.



Fran and Diane looking dapper and gorgeous!



Bob and Keith discussing business before the festivities.



Vince and Oliver with 'Grandpa' Chris.



Cyrus with Nikki, our amazing photographer.



Sergio, Jeanette, Keith, Chris, Kathy and Oliver, our outgoing bridge.



The honor guard is assembled and everyone is lined up and ready to get started.







Change of Watch



Our MC for the evening, Brent is ready to get things started.



District Commander Joe Gibson addressing the guests.



Joe and Kathy presenting Oliver with his senior member award.



Kathy presenting Jane with a token of appreciation that all the ladies received.



Sergio, Oliver, Chris, Jeanette and Bob opening their bridge gifts.



giving her outgoing speech.



Oliver lowering his colors for the last time.



Joe pledging in Keith as commander of Delhigh.





Ed raising his colors and the colors of the incoming bridge.



Joe pledging the incoming bridge, Keith, Chris, Jeanette, Kathy and Bob.







This year only three of us made it down to Ocean City for our District 5 Spring Conference. We were at





the Holiday Inn on 66th Street but as you can see from the top photo we were still able to make it to the Green Turtle for a delicious lunch! The P/D/C's in the next photo are walking the plank at the hospitality rooms while Marty and Cyrus won an award for the 110th USPS Anniversary Cruise. The last photo is Cyrus, Kathy and Chris at the Change-of-Watch banguet. As

> usual, we saw lots of old friends and made some new ones and fun was had by all!

ABC-3 Boating Safety Course Dates are Open!





Classes will be held at

Peter's Marine 1402 Union Blvd, Allentown on Saturdays, April 6 & 13

9:00am—1:00 pm

20 seats available per class

Northampton Fire Station

4 Lerchenmiller Drive, Northampton on Saturdays, May 4 & 11

9:00am—1:00 pm

50 seats available per class

For more information, see **page 10** of this issue of the Delhighlights newsletter, or visit either of the links below:

Education - Peters Marine Service, Inc. Course Offerings (usps.org) See you there





Join America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley for our **April Meeting**



Wednesday, April 3 Potluck at 6:30pm Meeting starts at 7:00pm at

The Nowroozani Residence

Beef Stew will be served, Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share



Kathy at <u>k.now@mac.com</u> or 956.240.5553

Wine Tasting



Black River Farms Vineyard and Winery

2472 Black River Road, Bethlehem Saturday, April 27 2pm

Also featuring



And live music by Chris Turner

MUST RSVP to Kathy at 956.240.5553 or <u>k.now@mac.com</u> By Friday, April 26









12th Annual Sock Burning



Saturday, May 11 Dlugos Fire Pit 4pm



Hot dogs and rolls will be served. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP to Kathy at <u>k.now@mac.com</u> or 956.240.5553





Join Delhigh for the annual Beltzville Lake Vessel Safety Checks & Lake Clean Up



Saturday, May 18 9am Pine Run Boat Launch 140 Deer Lane, Lehighton Bring your boat to spend the morning cleaning the lake. Free VSC for all boats.



RSVP to Bob Rendish at <u>RobertRendish1@yahoo.com</u> or 484.619.4013

Post Clean-Up Lunch Joey B's 638 Delaware Ave

Palmerton 1pm



Come try one of their over 100 beers, 16 wines or 130 liquors! Order off the menu for lunch

Please RSVP to Keith at <u>KeithK56@aol.com</u> or 610.509.3526 Come join America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley for our

14th Annual



Ice Cream Social

Come to the Montuori Residence Wednesday, June 5 6pm

Bring your favorite flavor of ice cream. Bowls, spoons and toppings will be provided!

Hot dogs and mac 'n' cheese will be served first for anyone that's hungry.



Please RSVP to Kathy at <u>k.now@mac.com</u> or 956.240.5553

So that we know how much chocolate and caramel sauce we'll need!



Become a Better Boater, Take an Specific Delhigh Power Squadron In-Person Boating Course with







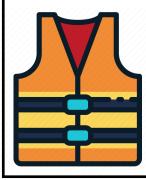
Taking a boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance and qualifies you to test for your state boating license.

America's Boating Course is the most comprehensive, single source, in-person boating course available to give you the skills you need to enjoy your time on the water and boat with confidence. Our boater safety class meets the certification requirements for a Pennsylvania boat license.

What You'll Learn:

- Information about Pennsylvania State Boating Laws, BOATING COURSE regulations, boat registration, and licensing
- Required boating safety equipment •
- Do's and Don'ts of boating safely •
- Practical Knowledge of navigation and rules of the road •
- How to handle medical emergencies onboard and mechanical problems on the water
- The basics of towing and trailering
- Special, important information for hunters, anglers, and • sports enthusiasts.

For the best, most comprehensive boating education available, take America's Boating



Course with our certified expert instructors. Cost of the Class is \$50 per person with book 2024 Dates: Saturdays, April 6 &13 from 9-1 Saturdays, May 4 & 11 from 9 –1 Or

For more information or to register for the course contact Kathleen at k.now@mac.com





United States Power Squadrons

AMERICA'S

Third Edition Boater Education Course—Basic Boating Knowle



America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley

2024 Summer Rendezvous

Thursday June 20– Sunday June 23 Rock Hall, MD

Mariners Motel

5681 South Hawthorn Avenue 410.639.2224

Reserve Your Room Now

Room Rates:

Thursday:\$ 72.50Friday:\$205.00

Saturday: \$225.00

+ county and state taxes Cancellation policy is at least 48 hours prior to check in time



Boat Slips can be made at Rock Hall Landing by calling 410.639.2224.

\$30-3 day launch permit can be purchased at ACE Hardware (5811 Chesapeake Villa Rd) Launch at Bayside Landing Park, near 20895 Bayside Ave Trailer parking is available wherever you dock as long as you call ahead and ask.

Thursday Night ExCom Meeting

6pm– Harbor Shack Restaurant 20895 Bayside Ave.

Friday Night Past Commanders BBQ

6pm—Mariner's Motel Fire Pit Burgers, dogs and potato salad Please bring a dish to share

Saturday Lunch Boat to lunch, order off the menu

Saturday Night Dinner

Dinner at a restaurant to be determined Likely the Flying Decoy Bar and Grill (Used to be Bay Wolf)





Game: 7:05pm Cost: \$38.00 each

NOTE: The private, upgraded buffet will be served rain or shine and includes the usual burgers, dogs and sides and more, plus water and soft drinks. If the game is cancelled the buffet WILL STILL BE SERVED. We will meet regardless of the weather! We have our own buffet and a roof over our heads so we will stay dry rain or shine!

Please contact P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN at 956.240.5553 or <u>k.now@mac.com</u> if you would like to make a reservation to attend. Payment is required NO LATER THAN July 21, 2023.

Friends and Family are Welcome! Let's Play Ball!!!





VSC Corner



By: Crd Keith Knoblach, AP

The weather is getting warmer, and we are excited to get ready for another boating season by prepping our boats. I can't help the excitement felt when taking that winter cover off and getting ready to launch my boat and enjoy myself out on the water.

I've checked my batteries by doing a load test and know that one has to be replaced; that's one less worry this year.

Here is a small list to check before the season starts. Check your bilge plug for cracks, especially if it's plastic. Also check the the o-ring for cracks. Check the bilge pump to be sure it is operating properly. Be sure the navigation lights are working, and you have spare bulbs for them. Look at fuel lines for cracks and leaks. A cracked fuel line may not leak, but can suck in air and starve the motor of fuel. Inspect the flash arrester for dirt and debris inside. Check the engine oil and if needed, change it and the filter. Look at the hull for any damage.

Inspect all the life jackets for tears, unreadable tags, and worn straps. Look at your anchor line for fraying and broken strands.

For those who trailer their boats, check tires for signs of dry rotting side walls, tread depth and tire pressure to spec, and tighten lug nuts if loose. Check the brakes for worn pads or shoes and grease the bearings. Make sure all the lights are working and wires are not bare of insulation. Be sure the plug fits the socket and can't fall out while traveling. Check the hitch to see that it locks properly to the tow vehicle.

These are only some of the things to check before heading out for a day on the water. Get a Vessel Safety Check done; you may have missed something that would be seen at the check.

Let's all have a great time on the water this year and have fun.





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Brendan Morrrow, AP P/Lt/C David Sell, SN

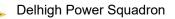


Click to go to <u>America's Boating Chan-</u> nelTM to see videos about safe boating and



Look Bob. Chris is enjoying his green beans!









Executive Officer's Report

P/C Robert Rendish, P

Every now and then, our squadron (America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley, Delhigh Power Squadron) gets invited to a boat show or open house at a local marine dealer to set up a display table with important local and state infor-

mation, various boating pamphlets, and more importantly, information about our Safe Boating classes, with dates, times and locations.



As I write this, our squadron just completed a weekend at a local marine dealer, who asked us to do just that.

The marine dealer had a successful weekend selling boats and accessories, and our squadron was able to work with this marine dealer and introduce our Squadron to their staff, their customers, and boaters from different areas, from our informative display table.

This was a great opportunity for us to establish a new relationship with this large marine dealer, a new group of boaters and existing boaters from outside of our local area.

Of the people we talked to, several of them had never heard of the United States Power & Sail Squadron. This gave us an opportunity to tell them about us; what we do as a volunteer organization, our mission to teach safe boating practices, and a fantastic group of people who love boating and sharing their experiences and stories with others.

Since I joined the Delhigh Power Squadron, I have met many great people who love boating, the comradery of membership among our squadron, and the willingness to volunteer their time and talent to this fine organization.

We will have more opportunities in the future to talk to new and existing boaters and tell them about this great Safe Boating organization.

Thank you so much to our members who gave their time and efforts to promote our Safe Boating classes, and membership in our fine squadron.

To the Breezes.



Spring is here and many of our outdoor events are coming up as the weather warms. Our April meeting and potluck at the Nowroozani house is scheduled for the first Wednesday in April. This is our new commanders first meeting, so please come out to show your support.

Wine tasting has been scheduled for April 27 at Black River Farms Vineyard and Winery. A table is reserved for us and there is also a distillery for anyone who would like to try their spirits. Live music will make this a fun event, so please RSVP so we know how many seats will be needed.

We are back to Morgans for our May meeting. It is a squadron favorite and the service is always good. Sock Burning is at the Dlugos' Fire Pit with his homemade hotdog maker to roast dogs over the fire. This is always a good time, I hope you can all make it.

National Safe Boating Week puts our Beltzville Lake Clean-up and Lunch at Joey B's on May 18th this year. Please remember that you can attend both events or just one. Don't forget to RSVP to the appropriate bridge member.

June brings us back to our Ice Cream Social at the Montuori's. Hot dogs, macaroni and cheese and ice cream—how can you go wrong? Summer Rendezvous information is on page 11, reservation forms will be emailed out when all of the information is available.

Our August Meeting at Coca-Cola Park for an Iron Pigs Game is Wednesday, August 21. Friends and Family are welcome, so let's start getting the word out!

I hope to see you all at an event soon, and as always, please contact any bridge member with questions.







Educational Officer's Report P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN

It is beginning to feel like Spring and now we can start to prepare for summer boating! This is the time of year for our ABC3 classes and we currently have two scheduled. As our April ABC class gets closer, students continue to register. We have set up Zelle and students are able to mail checks for the deposit or send directly to our bank account via Zelle. This is a great option for our younger students that they are already taking advantage of.

On April 13th, the second day of our boating course, we have been invited to Dinbokowitz Marine Shop for their open house. They will provide us a table to meet and greet with their customers and they will be live on air with 1060am from 11am-2pm. We are going to need volunteers to teach at Peter's Marine and help with the table at Dinbokowitz. Hopefully this will be a great opportunity for us to get our information out to the community.

Our second ABC3 course is in May at the Northampton Fire Station. This is a bit late for us, but the fire station has a large space and has its own AV equipment which made for an easy set up the last time we taught there. I am, unfortunately, not available the first week of class, May 4th and am hoping that our other instructors will step up and make sure to get this class going.

I will soon be ready to divide the chapters of ABC3 slides for our April class between our instructors, I am asking that the instructors please reach out and let me know if they are able to help teach one or both weeks. Also, let me know if anyone would like to help at Dinbokowitz the second week so that we can plan to make sure that we have the coverage that we need for both events. Wishing you Fair Winds and Following Seas. AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB LEHIGH VALLEY BRIDGE 2023-2024

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Delhigh Power Squadron

USPS NATIONAL NEWS



Have you read the Spring issue of The Ensign? There are many interesting articles and information in this National Newsletter. You can find it here:

The Ensign magazine

Fall Governing Board September 24 - 29, 2024 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

DISTRICT 5 NEWS

Summer Rendezvous & Council

America's Boating Club — Mid Atlantic

> Spring Cove Marina 455 Lore Rd Solomons, MD

July 25—July 28







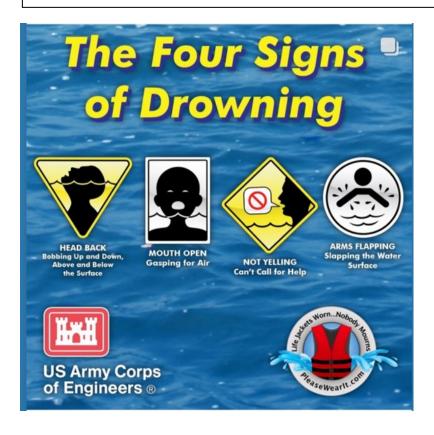
How to avoid operator lookout errors

According to <u>recreational boating statistics</u>, operator lookout errors are among the top contributing factors to injury or death on the water. When it comes to keeping a better lookout, you can improve your skills by learning to read the water before leaving the dock and while underway.

Know your water before you leave the dock. As a responsible pilot, you need to anticipate problems and carefully watch for dangers while underway. In addition to studying the chart for your route, you should make a broader analysis of the area, paying attention to the current, tide and wind. Make a list of dangers to watch out for. The pilot who looks for trouble may very well avoid it.

Learn to read the surface of the water. The water's surface provides a rich source of information for pilots. It lets us know the direction and speed of the current. A short chop can indicate the wind's direction and intensity and exposes floating items you should avoid. Odd-angled broad-V patterns on the surface warn of hidden underwater debris. For example, a solitary exposed reed provides the only indication a pilot gets that his boat is about to run aground on an uncharted Hudson River mudflat. No GPS or Internet connection can compare to a trained pilot's eye continuously interpreting the water's surface ahead. – *Daniel Fannon*

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Boating Links





Have you ever wondered what the rich and powerful boat on? Mark Zuckerberg reportedly bought this \$300 million sanctioned Russian superyacht. Take a look here. <u>Mark</u> <u>Zuckerberg Reportedly Scoops Up \$300 Million Sanc-</u> <u>tioned Russian Superyacht (boatblurb.com)</u>

Time for some spring boat projects? Looking for the best mildew resistant caulk? Look no further, marine caulks were tested here. <u>Mildew-resistant Caulks for Boats -</u> Practical Sailor (practical-sailor.com)





Have you seen the new super cute day boat that everyone was talking about at the Miami Boat Show? <u>The Fiat 500 Offshore - The Littlest Big Win-</u> <u>ner at Miami (boatblurb.com)</u>

How often should we check the date on our inflatable PFDs and why? Find out here. <u>Check Expiration Dates on Auto-</u> inflate PFDs - Practical Sailor (practical-sailor.com)





Want to feel better about your boating skills? Watch these idiots in boats! <u>Idiots In Boats | Best Moments</u> of 2023 ! (youtube.com)

Have you ever wondered how long it can take and who shows up to help if your boat starts sinking and what do they do to help? Watch this video of a boat sinking. <u>YACHT SINKING AT HAULOVER INLET !! | WAVY</u> <u>BOATS | HAULOVER BOATS (youtube.com)</u>







A BIT OF FUN



What I tell my wife my boat cost 😬



What I tell my friends it cost 😎





Notable Boat Inventions

Did you know that some notable boat inventions include the propeller and the steam engine? These groundbreaking innovations have revolutionized boat navigation techniques and communication methods. Imagine gliding through the water effortlessly, powered by a propeller that efficiently converts rotational motion into forward thrust. With the advent of the steam engine, boats were no longer reliant on wind or oars, opening up new possibilities for exploration and trade.

The development of these inventions not only made boating more efficient but also fostered global connections as boats became faster and more reliable. Communication methods also improved with the invention of signal flags and semaphore systems, allowing sailors to convey messages across long distances.

These advancements in boat technology have shaped our world by enabling safer travels, expanding opportunities for commerce, and fostering a sense of belonging among seafarers worldwide.

Source: <u>Fun Facts About Boats: 15 Boat Trivia Tidbits Every</u> <u>Captain Should Know - Fact Night</u>







Hundreds of boaters that have no clue what they're doing will be at a lake near you this weekend are a Marrier





Delhigh 2024—2025 Calendar



April Meeting and Potluck Wednesday, April 3 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm

> Wine Tasting Saturday, April 27 Black River Farms 2pm

May Meeting Wednesday, May 1 Morgan's Local Flavor 6pm

Sock Burning Saturday, May 11 Dlugos Residence 4pm

Beltzville Lake Clean Up/Joey B's Saturday, May 18 9am/1pm

> Ice Cream Social Wednesday, June 5 Montuori Residence 6pm

Summer Rendezvous June 20-23 Rock Hall, MD

> July Meeting Wednesday, July 10 Nowroozani Pool 6pm

Trailerboat Rendezvous and BBQ Saturday, July 20 TBA Musikfest Mania Wednesday, August 7 Hotel Bethlehem 6pm

August Iron Pigs Meeting Wednesday, August 21 Coca Cola Park 7:05pm

> Bonfire Saturday, August 24 Dlugos Fire Pit

September Meeting/Chili Cook-off Wednesday, September 4 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm

> Cookout Saturday, September 21 Lebeduik Residence

Instructor Recertification TBA

Sporting Clays/Oktoberfest Saturday, October 12 Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays Meisner Residence

> Boos and Brews Saturday, October 26 Lamboy Residence

November Meeting Wednesday, November 6 TBA Wine and Cheese Pairing Saturday, November 16 Montuori Residence

> Holiday Party Sunday, December 15 TBA 3pm

January Meeting and Potluck Wednesday, January 8 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm

> Phantoms Game TBA

> > Bowling TBA

Founders Day Wednesday, February 5 TBA 6pm

Game Night Wednesday, February 15 Meisner Residence TBA

> COW Saturday, March 1 TBA

All Calendar events are subject to change as the bridge sees fit. Please contact Kathy at <u>k.now@mac.com</u> or (956) 240-5553 for more information on any scheduled event.





