



# America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley

## DELIGHTS



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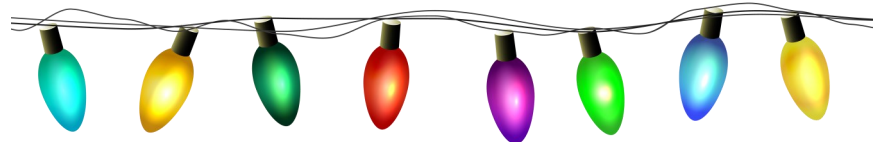
Commander's Corner  
Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP

Hello everyone. It has been an exciting year for all of us with warm weather up until mid-November, but the time has come to get ready for the winter months.

We had many fun filled events to enjoy with such nice weather. To all who planned, prepared, hosted, and attended, thank you and job well done. We will begin to plan for next year.

I want to wish everyone a happy and joyful holiday with family and friends. Be safe, stress free, and happy.

Happy Holidays to you and your families.



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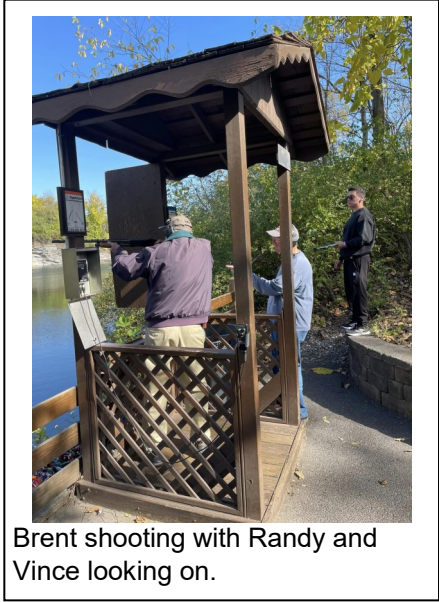
# Sporting Clays



Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays is open and ready for business.



Brent, Jessica, Marc, Cyrus, Vince and Randy are all smiles while waiting to head out on the course.



Brent shooting with Randy and Vince looking on.



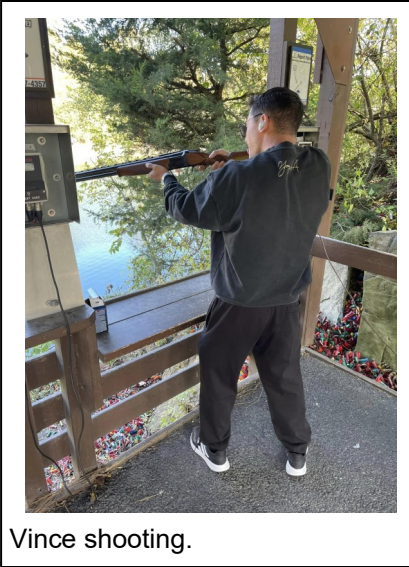
Marc shooting with Vince pulling and Jessica, Randy and Brent watching.



Brent lending advice as Jessica prepares to shoot.



Marc, Vince, Brent, Jessica and Randy getting their carts ready to head out.



Vince shooting.



Marc shooting and look at that gorgeous view.



Vince and Cyrus taking a selfie break.



# Oktoberfest



Delhigh Power Squadron



Jeanette, Fran and Diane saying hello.



Keith, Ellen and Randy catching up.



Jeanette, Cyrus, Vince and Sergio enjoying the food.



Kathy and Chris smiling for a selfie.



Fran, Diane, Michele and Brent chatting after dinner.



Randy, Keith, Bob and Ed enjoying appetizers.



Michele, Sergio, Cyrus and Vince watching the Penn St vs USC game while Fran, Diane and Brent finish dessert.



Ellen and Chris posing for a picture while watching the game.



Bob, Jeanette, Sergio, Cyrus and Vince enjoying the weather on the deck.



# Boos and Brews



Vince, MaryLee, Michele, Kim, and Don sharing stories in the kitchen.



Cyrus, Vince, Mark, Don, Michele, and MaryLee chatting over dinner.



Michele & Sergio selfie.



Living room conversation getting to know Kim and Don.



Mark, Kathy, and Mary Lee are all smiles.



Lots of great conversation around the table tonight.



Bottoms Up!



Beers for the tasting.



Mark, Cyrus, and Vince enjoying the fire pit.





# Holiday Party

at



468 Pottstown Ave  
Pennsburg


Saturday, Dec 1st



We will have our own room in the back of the dining room and order off the menu.

As always we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys to drop off.



This year you can also click the  picture above and make a donation without leaving the house.

We will also be doing a Pollyanna Gift Exchange. Please bring one gift per couple or one gift per person valued at no more than \$25 if you would like to play.

RSVP to P/C Robert Rendish, P  
527 Elm Street  
Emmaus, PA 18049  
[RobertRendish1@yahoo.com](mailto:RobertRendish1@yahoo.com)  
(484) 619-4013



## January Meeting And Potluck



Join us for our January Meeting and  
potluck dinner

**Wednesday, January 8**  
**Nowroozani Residence**  
**6:30pm**

Pizza and hoagies will be served.  
Please bring an appetizer, side dish or  
dessert to share.

Please RSVP to Kathy at  
[k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com) or (956) 240-5553



Happy New Year!

## America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley

Invites you to join us for some  
hockey



Vs.



**Saturday, January 18, 2025**  
**PPL Center, Allentown**  
**7:05pm**

Tickets are in section 112  
Doors open at 6:00pm

**\$27.00/person**

(Checks made payable to Delhigh Power Squadron)  
Or Zelle Delhigh at [k.now@me.com](mailto:k.now@me.com))

Please RSVP to Kathy at  
[k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com) or (956) 240-5553  
By **December 18th**





# Founder's Day Meeting



Join us  
**Wednesday, February 5**  
**Morgan's Local Flavor**  
**3079 Willow Street, Allentown**  
**6:00 pm**



We will order off the [menu](#)  
Meeting to begin at  
6:30 pm  
Dinner at 7:30 pm

Please RSVP to Robert Rendish at  
[RobertRendish1@yahoo.com](mailto:RobertRendish1@yahoo.com)  
or (484) 619-4013



**Saturday, February 15**  
**Meisner Residence**  
**TBD**





# Become a Better Boater, Take an In-Person Boating Course with

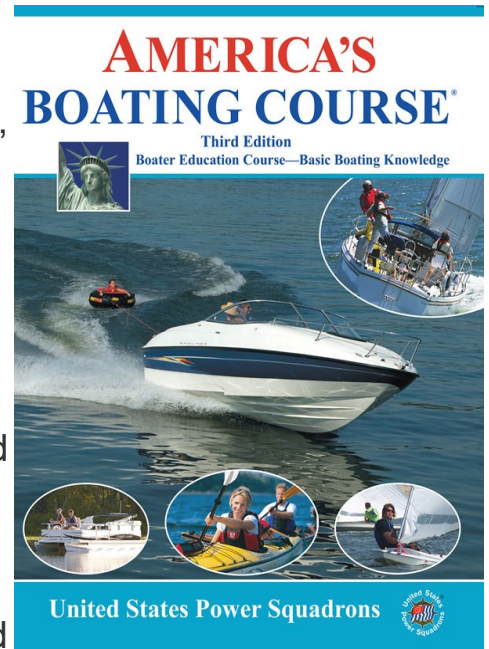


Taking a boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance and qualifies you to test for your state boating license.

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.

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- 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.

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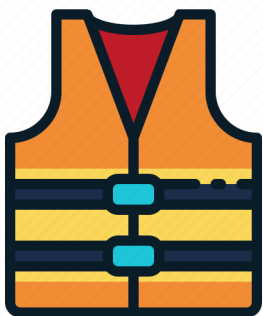
**Peter's Marine**

**January 11 and 18**

**9am-1pm Both Days**

For more information or to register for the course contact

Kathleen at [k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com) or 956-240-5553

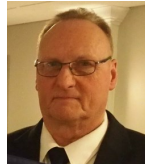






## VSC Corner

By: Crd Keith Knoblach, AP



The time has come to prepare our boats for winter storage. Here are a few tips for preventing spring surprises when you open your boat next year.

I prefer to take my batteries out and store them on a block of wood inside to keep them from losing their charge and to prevent them from freezing. Put Damp-dry or something similar to absorb moisture and control mildew from forming inside the cover.

My boat cover has a problem with ponding water and leads to tears, so this year I am making a frame to support the cover. Take all the electronics out and store in a warm dry place. Put a light coating of dielectric grease on plug-in connections to avoid corrosion. I hope these tips will help you. Let's have a safe winter in all we do.



### December

- Joseph Arieta, S
- Patricia Arieta, S
- Lt Michele Lamboy, P
- Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP
- Nilsa Lebeduik
- Marilyn Ludwig

### January

- Bettie Garnjost, S
- P/C David Barbara, AP
- Marylee Sebring, P
- Lt Donald Ludwig, S
- P/C Robert Rendish, P



Click to go to [America's Boating Channel™](https://www.americasboatingchannel.com) to see videos about safe boating and boating education!





Executive Officer's Report  
P/C Robert Rendish, P

Administrative Officer's Report

As the boating season is coming to an end for most of us, don't forget all the boating you have done this summer, the places you have traveled to, the bodies of water you have visited, and the fun you had with fellow boaters, friends, and family. The sunny boating days, the activities and events we experienced, and the different places visited and explored.

When it comes to winterizing your vessel, use checklists to make sure you have checked and prepared all facets of the winterization process, the engine and systems, heads, generators, and everything else. Also, on the interior, remove the PFD's, and as much gear as possible. On the exterior of your boat, wash & wax the hull before winter.

Don't forget about your trailer. Some boaters remove or cover their trailer tires for the winter. It's always important to have a strong sturdy boat cover that can handle the winter elements.

All the best.

To the breezes.

We are in the midst of Fall and the weather has been surprisingly warm. I keep thinking that this trend cannot last, yet I am back in shorts as I write this. Winter will be here soon, and hopefully bring cooler weather along with it.

Our Holiday Party was December 14 at Pizza Como and PC Pub in Pennsburg, the same place as last year. Due to the lack of insurance at the National Level we will be unable to hold this event. Should that change, we will revisit the event.

For our January potluck meeting I will still be in physical therapy, so my plan is to serve pizza and hoagies as I am not sure how much mobility I will have. I do hope to see everyone there, assuming we have insurance and can have a meeting.

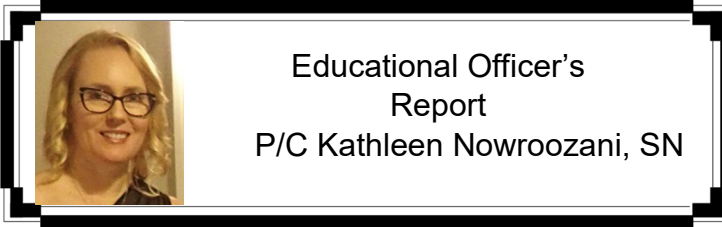
The Phantoms Game is always a good time, but we do need a headcount 1 month prior, so please let me know if you are planning to attend to make sure I can get you tickets. Feel free to invite friends and family if anyone might be interested.

I hope you all get a chance to spend time with your family and friends this holiday season and that it is filled with love and joy.



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As winter approaches we are looking forward to teaching our ABC-3 public boating course. This year we are scheduled to teach January 11 and 18 at Peter's Marine. We currently have 5 students registered and only have space for 20, so if you know someone who wants to take it have them contact me soon to register.

Anyone that is looking for something to do this winter there are many courses and seminars available on the national website, including [Cruising Under Power and Sail](#) where you'll learn about planning a cruise, navigation, weather for boaters, crossing borders, safety equipment and emergencies and much more.

Learning to be a better boater is a great way to stay safe on the water and there is no better time than when your boat is stored for the season. When you are looking for a course or seminar, there are many to choose from and you can find the list [here](#).

I would like to thank our 8 current instructors for successfully finishing Instructor Development! We are all current for another 4 years! Thank you to Keith, Bob, Brent, Sergio, Michele, Chris and Cyrus for your patience navigating our in person and Zoom class all at the same time.

*"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails."*  
*Dolly Parton*

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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](#)

# DISTRICT 5 NEWS



## 2025 Spring Conference

Holiday Inn - Ocean City  
 March 27-30, 2025, 1600

More information as the date gets closer.

## 2024-Fall Mark 5 Electronic Issue



# Three Man-Overboard Rescue Devices

From Boating by Jeff Hemmel, Sept 12, 2024



Delhigh Power Squadron

Crew-overboard situations require a clear head, a pre-rehearsed game plan, and the right gear to keep those in the water safe while waiting to be quickly retrieved. -Eliminate one obvious concern by having those aboard wear personal flotation devices (aka life jackets). Prepare for the next action by having one of the following rescue devices aboard to alert and/or assist in retrieval.

Wireless engine-cutoff systems offer more freedom of movement than the traditional engine--cutoff-switch lanyard. Courtesy West Marine

[BUY NOW](#)

## WIRELESS ALARM

### Fell Marine MOB+ Basepack Wireless Engine--Cutoff Switch

**The Basics:** Offering more freedom of movement than the traditional engine--cutoff-switch lanyard, wireless engine-cutoff systems combine a hardwired hub unit connected to a fob or wristband to stop the engine and trigger an alarm when the primary fob is submerged in 4 inches of water or travels out of range. An override mode allows other crew on board to restart the engine after six seconds.

**Extra Credit:** Additional fobs can be worn by crewmembers to alert the captain in the event if someone—or something—goes overboard.

**Price:** \$220; additional bands \$22; [westmarine.com](http://westmarine.com)

The most basic, most essential piece of crew-overboard gear is a simple throwable. Courtesy West Marine

[BUY NOW](#)

## THROWABLE

### Jim-Buoy Type IV Ring Buoy

**The Basics:** The most basic, most essential piece of crew-overboard gear is a simple throwable. Coast Guard regs stipulate that all boats over 16 feet carry a Type IV throwable device, but be wary of the classic seat-cushion type that offers minimal flotation for someone struggling in the water. Opt for a brightly colored ring or horseshoe buoy that offers greater buoyancy and can be mounted within easy reach on a rail or bulkhead.

**Extra Credit:** Don't forget to attach a retrieval line to quickly haul in an errant throw, as well as to reel in your -crewmember once they've reached the throwable.

**Price:** \$90; [westmarine.com](http://westmarine.com)

**Read Next:** [How to Get a Man Overboard Back Aboard](#)

Rescue slings combine a buoyant flotation collar with a 125- to 150-foot retrieving line. Courtesy West Marine

[BUY NOW](#)

## RESCUE SLING

### LifeSling2 Overboard Rescue System

**The Basics:** Rescue slings solve the most common issues with the standard throwable by combining a buoyant flotation collar with a 125- to 150-foot retrieving line. The combination allows the driver to circle around the victim and bring the line and buoyant flotation collar to them, rather than force a possibly tired crewmember, weighed down by clothing, to swim to safety.

**Extra Credit:** An exhausted crewmember can be difficult to get aboard. Combine with hoisting tackle to fashion a lifting sling with up to a 5-to-1 mechanical advantage to make it easier.

**Price:** \$492; [westmarine.com](http://westmarine.com)

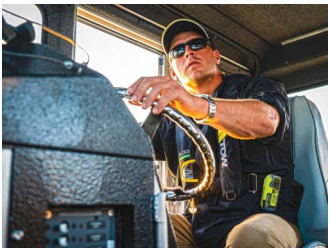


# Boating Links



What is a bilge sock? Why are manufacturers and retailers giving them away when you buy a boat? And do you need one? Find out here: [Why Every Boat Needs A Bilge Sock \(boatblurb.com\)](http://boatblurb.com)

Could you live 46 days adrift in frigid waters? This Russian man did, though sadly his brother and nephew did not. Read about his ordeal off the coast of northeast Russia. [Russian Man Survives 67 Days Adrift in Frigid Northern Sea](#)



What does a Sea Tow Captain consider necessary yet simple gear? Find out here. [Sea Tow Captains' Favored Tools and Equipment | Boating Mag](#)

Time to clean your fiberglass? Looking for some tips and tricks? Watch this video to see a hack for cleaning your boat's fiberglass. [A Fiberglass Cleaning Boat Hack You Have To Try! \(youtube.com\)](#)



Have you seen the new hull design, the stepped hull? Why would anyone step a hull and has it been done in the past? What are the pros and cons? Find out here: [The Definitive Guide to Stepped Hulls \(boatblurb.com\)](#)

And, of course, boat fails. These are so bad you just can't look away... [SLF: "Bring Back" 30s - PA \(youtube.com\)](#)



# A BIT OF FUN

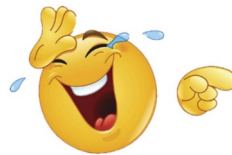


## Did You Know?

An experience of a lifetime awaits in the Canadian High Arctic, where you can explore icebergs or witness bow-head whales and polar bears in their natural habitats when you travel near or through Auyuittuq National Park by boat. During an excursion in August 2017, a group of adventurers taking in the incredible scenery off the coast of Baffin Island by boat were able to take a drink from a melting glacier. As the melting process occurs, a waterfall effect happens as water flows over the iceberg. Imagine how pure and crisp melted glacier water must taste!



Plan a trip or read more traveller stories here: [Travellers Drink from Iceberg – Nature's Water Fountain!](#) [Arctic Kingdom, Home of the Arctic Experience](#)



When is a boat just like snow?



When it's adrift!





**Please Note: ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



<p><b>Holiday Party</b> Saturday, December 14 Pizza Como and PC Pub 4pm</p>	<p><b>Founders Day</b> Wednesday, February 5 Morgan's Local Flavor 6pm</p>	<p>All Calendar events are subject to change as the bridge sees fit. Please contact Kathy at <a href="mailto:k.now@mac.com">k.now@mac.com</a> or (956) 240-5553 for more information on any scheduled event.</p>
<p><b>January Meeting and Potluck</b> Wednesday, January 8 Nowroozani Residence 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Game Night</b> Saturday, February 15 Meisner Residence TBA</p>	
<p><b>Phantoms Game</b> Saturday, January 18 PPL Center, Allentown 7:05pm</p>	<p><b>COW</b> Saturday, March 1 TBA</p>	

