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Cdr Keith Knoblach, AP

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The holidays are over and the new year is already a month old. We are all being strong with the challenges we are given and will endure.

The Executive Committee has worked on the calendar for the upcoming year and is hoping to be able to do as many events as possible. We will continue events via Zoom though I hope we can start to get together soon.

We still have a few months of winter ahead for us to figure out what we need to do to prepare our boats for next years boating season. Maybe a few upgrades or just making those minor repairs so that when the time comes we are ready to go. This is a good time to check all your life jackets, fire extinguishers and all the necessities needed.

I am looking forward to getting together this year at our events even if they are virtual.

Be safe in all you do and have fun doing it, stay healthy and happy. If there are times help is needed reach out, there are many of us in our squadron family that are always willing to help.

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# Food Pantry

**Are you in need of food?**

**Do you live in Northampton County?**

If you answered YES to these questions,

**Please visit our Food Pantry at Trinity UCC.**

**81 E. North St., Bethlehem, PA 18018**



## **Hours of Operation:**

<b>2nd Wednesday of every month</b>	<b>11am—12:30pm</b>
<b>3rd Wednesday of every month</b>	<b>5pm—6:30pm</b>
<b>4th Wednesday of every month</b>	<b>11am—12:30pm</b>
<b>5th Wednesday of every month</b>	<b>11am-12:30pm</b>

**Closed the 1st Wednesday of every month.**

**For more information please call (610) 691-8200 and leave a message.**

**Someone will get back to you ASAP.**



# Holiday Party



The same members in both Zoom pictures above. Keith and Kim, Michele, Kathy and Mary Lee (Kathleen on the right), Nikki (with Davianna on the right), Michael, Ed and Eileen, Brent and Jane, Diane, Randy and Jeanette, Cam and Joe.

This year's Holiday Party was definitely different for us. We were a bit like my kids hybrid school set up. Most of us joined by Zoom, having dropped off gifts to participate in the Pollyanna gift exchange and Toys for Tots donations. Our Piloting class was still meeting so they attended at the Nowroozani's after class.

We had table centerpieces to raffle off and gifts made by the ladies for everyone in attendance. The Caravelle Award and Toys for Tots donations were proudly displayed even as we pulled names, opened gifts chosen by each member from behind the curtain, in the box or in the bag. I am happy to say that even though it was a little crazy to keep track, gifts were stolen and some so many times they were taken out of play! Though we were unable to all get together, a good time was had by all and hopefully next year we will all be together again.



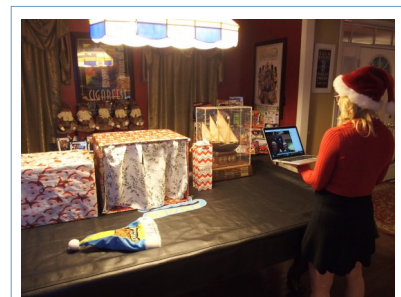
Kathleen showing off somebody's bottle of wine.



Centerpieces and gifts.



Mary Lee, Kathy, Michele and Mark waiting to get started.



Kathleen setting up Zoom with the box, curtain, bag and names to pull for the Pollyanna all set up in the hat.



Kathleen, Kathy, Mary Lee and Michele welcoming members to Zoom as they arrive.



Toys for Tots donations.



# Holiday Party Past

Guess which year



Fernando, Michelle, Chris, Ginny, Rich and Bea.



Ginny, Doug, Kathy, Kathleen, Cyrus and Joe.



Fernando, Brent, Jane and Michelle.



Joey, Cyrus and Doug.



Sari, Keith and Kim.



Sari, Nikki and Ginny.



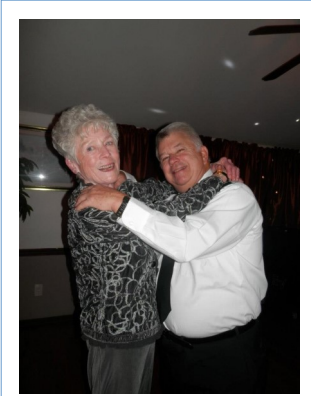
Marty, Doug (accepting an award of some sort) and Joe.



Chris and Marty sharing a hat.



Cam with her Pollyanna gift.



Ginny and Chris dancing at the end of the night.



Looks like this was the year Kathleen and Nikki 'fought' over a certain Pollyanna gift.



## January Zoom Meeting



Our Piloting students and teachers who earned Delhigh the Caravalle Award for passing Boat Handling in the spring. Mary Lee, Mark, Oliver, Kathleen, Doug, Kathy, Michele and Sergio.

As provided by our by-laws, the Nominating Committee presents for your consideration our slate of officers for the elected positions for 2021-2022 as follows:

Commander:  
Keith Knoblach, AP

Executive Officer:  
Robert Rendish, P

Squadron Educational Officer:  
Kathleen Nowroozani, SN

Administrative Officer:  
None

Secretary:  
Jeanette Meisner, AP

Treasurer:  
Michael Lebeduik, III, JN

Asst. SEO:  
Sergio Lamboy, S

Respectfully Submitted:  
Delhigh Nominating Committee





## America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley 2021 Founder's Day Meeting



Wednesday, February 3  
7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3160692233>

We will have a regular meeting and at the end of the meeting voting results for the elected bridge members will be announced.

This year voting will be done via email. Members not elected for the incoming bridge will get an email with a list of candidates 2 days prior to the meeting. That email needs to be returned to our Delhigh Secretary on time to be counted. Please see email for voting directions.

## Mini Road Rally



Saturday, February 6  
12pm  
Starlite Diner, Allentown

Meet in the parking lot at the car with the orange cone on top where you will receive your packet with directions.

Spend the afternoon driving in the car with friends and family on roads you would probably not otherwise travel. Having 4 people in the car seems to increase the fun if you have someone that would like to join you.

You will be following turn by turn directions while keeping an eye out for the pictures in the packet and enjoying time on the road.

**RSVP to Michael at (610) 730-2798**





7<sup>th</sup> Annual

# GAME NIGHT

with America's Boating Club  
Lehigh Valley

Come join us for a night of fun and  
games!

Saturday, February 20 - 5pm  
at The Meisner Residence

There will be a wide variety of games  
available to test your wit or occupy the  
senses! Feel free to bring a few of your  
own as well.

Soup and salad will be provided along  
with a variety of drinks.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to  
share.

RSVP to Jeanette at  
[Jeanette@MeisnerServices.com](mailto:Jeanette@MeisnerServices.com)  
or (610) 760-3014

## 60th Annual Change-of-Watch



Saturday, March 6  
7pm  
On Zoom

Dress code is business casual and we  
ask that men wear a button down  
shirt, jacket and tie are optional.

Programs will be emailed to members  
before the start of the ceremony.

The schedule will be similar to previ-  
ous years with jokes sprinkled into the  
business of the day and words from  
the commander and D/5  
representative.

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

Don't forget this is a BYOB event!







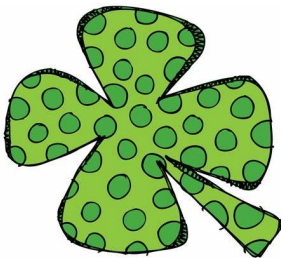
# Join America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley for a St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Saturday, March 13  
At the Lamboy Residence  
3pm



Burgers, dogs, chicken and vegetables will be grilled. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share.

RSVP to Kathleen by March 7 at [K.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com) or (956) 240-5553



# Join America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley for our April Meeting and Old Favorites



Wednesday, March 31  
(The meeting is in March as to not interfere with the D/5 Spring Conference online April 5-8)

Potluck at 6:30pm  
Meeting starts at 7:00pm  
at  
The Nowroozani Residence  
RSVP to [k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com)  
Or (956) 240-5553  
By Friday, March 26






VSC Safety Corner  
By: P/C Michael Lebeduik, III, JN

So far we have been very lucky (don't say that too loud) this winter with the amount of snow and bad weather. We have had our extremely cold and windy days but we are not out of the woods yet.

Now is the time for us to think about what needs to be done to come into compliance with the Federal and State Regulations so our launch into the boating season is smooth.

Your vessel safety examiners have the new 2021 decals and are ready to start the vessel safety check process. When you are ready contact one of the VE's to conduct a free VSC.

If you had a VSC in 2020 look at the form you signed to see if there is anything needed for you to do to receive a decal this year. You can also go to [USPS.org](https://www.usps.org) for a checklist of those items. The [member website](#) also brings you up to date on current recalls, safety items and much more.

With a few weeks to go until the shrink wrap comes off it is a good time to take an online [course](#) to brush up on your skills or learn new ones.

Your Delhigh VE's wish everyone a safe and enjoyable boating season.



**February**

P/C Kathleen Nowroozani, SN  
Joe Winegardner, SN  
Sergio Lamboy, S  
P/Lt/C Camilla Stemrich, P

**March**

Muriel Komoski



Click to go to [America's Boating Channel™](#) to see videos about safe boating and boating education!





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

Educational Officer's Report  
 Lt/C Doug McKenzie, JN

Hello members and friends of the Squadron.

I hope you were able to enjoy the holidays as much as possible despite all that is and has been going on.

Updates for the National and District 5 meetings and events:

The National Meeting is now scheduled to be a virtual online meeting February 15 - 27, 2021. Details and further information can be found at <http://www.usps.org>

The District 5 Spring Conference will now be held online April 5—8, 2021. The District 5 Change of Watch will also be held online Thursday April 8. All award recipients will be announced in the Mark 5.

Further details can be found as they become available at [www.uspsd5.org](http://www.uspsd5.org).

Looking ahead, one of my favorite events is the Delhigh Power Squadron's Annual Lake Beltzville Clean Up and Vessel Safety Checks. This is also the time when I usually have my boat out for the first time on it's "shake down run".

We are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021 the week of National Safe Boating Week and the Post Clean Up Lunch is scheduled immediately after the clean up at Joey B's restaurant in Palmerton.

To the Breezes.

Ahoy Mates!

We received some very good news from National headquarters recently. To help out squadrons struggling with COVID related issues they will be giving us 20 free ABC books! This will allow us to teach ABC for free instead of the PA state course.

On January 2nd our Piloting class was completed! All five students finished and handed in their tests and we raised a glass of cheer to celebrate! The tests were sent in to National for grading, but not before I took a peak at them and I'm sure all did great! I'm very proud of the effort that everyone put into it!

We just completed an ABC class held at Peters Marine. As always, thanks to Bob Michner and his team at Peters for all they do to support Delhigh. We had 19 students and all passed the test and are ready to receive their safe boating certificate from the state of Pennsylvania! All things considered, Delhigh just wrapped up a successful year!





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

I have always loved the party planning aspect of being Administrative Officer, but I have to admit, the last year with Covid19 all around us has been a challenge to keep everyone safe and healthy. As I write this I hope you know that events are likely to change before we get to them, but we will keep you all updated as events get closer.

We have mostly been on Zoom the past few months except for those that have been getting together for the Piloting course. It is nice to hear from everyone and know that all are doing well.

Our February Founders Day meeting will take place on Zoom however voting will be done via email a few days prior. Those that are not elected to the incoming bridge should look for an email 2 days prior to the February 3rd meeting. Voting MUST be returned to the secretary on time for your vote to be counted, details and meeting link are on [page 7](#). Game Night on February 20th is scheduled at the Meisner residence and we hope that those that are ready can get together then. Details are on [page 8](#). Due to anticipated circumstances we are planning our Change-of-Watch via Zoom. Details including dress code are on [page 8](#) and [online](#). March also brings our St Patrick's Day Party at Sergio and Michele's house! Information is on [page 9](#).

We are still unable to eat, drink or socialize inside at the church so we are moving the April Meeting and Old Favorites Potluck to the Nowroozani house.

The calendar for the year is on [page 17](#) and though we may change locations we are hoping once we can get together again to keep the dates set as is.

Stay safe and sane in these crazy times and please let me know if you need anything, many of us are happy to help. As always you can reach me at [k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com) or (956) 240-5553.

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# USPS NATIONAL NEWS

## JOIN US FROM YOUR HOME

At the

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB  
For Boaters, By Boaters™



Virtual Annual Meeting  
February 15-26, 2021

For the Latest News and Happenings

Free, Everyone Is Invited, Pre-registration Is Not Required for Majority of the Meetings  
Attend One or Attend All! All sessions recorded and available after the meeting.

Interested in Attending But Need Help Connecting?

Check out the Attendee Instructions page on the National Meeting page for detailed, step-by-step instructions.

Tune in to the National Meeting Saturday, February 19 at 8pm

to the Awards presentation for members who are receiving their 50th Merit Mark and watch for Francis Montouri, SN to be called and his picture to appear on the screen! Hopefully we will have his award soon and be able to present it to him in person at a Delhigh event.



## IMPORTANT MARINE SAFETY ALERT!!!

Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles Due to Failure to Discharge and Nozzle Detachment: One Death Reported. Click the link above for more information.





# USPS NATIONAL NEWS

## Ship's Store

<https://store.shopusps.org/>

### 20% Discount

on All Items

### from February 15 – March 1, 2021

Have product questions?  
SS Staff will be available  
during certain hours.  
(Check Agenda for details,  
dates, and times.)



# DISTRICT 5 NEWS



The District 5 Spring Conference and Change of Watch will be virtual this year. The committee meetings and officer training will take place online April 5-8 and Change-of-Watch will be the evening of Thursday April 8. Awards will not be presented but printed in the Mark 5. Keep an eye on the [District 5 website](#) for the schedule of meetings.

The following is a message from our  
District 5 Commander  
Jeffrey Short, JN:

District 5 will not charge dues for the next two years! That's right! Due to an extremely generous donation from the Henry Sweet Fund, you will not be charged for the District 5 portion of your USPS dues for 2021 and 2022. This discount will be automatically calculated into your annual USPS dues renewal notice. There is nothing extra that you have to do except enjoy your windfall. Please thank the Henry Sweet Fund trustees, Warren Stevens, Bill Selden, and Bill McManimen for their generosity in giving back to each and every District 5 member. Thank you Henry Sweet Fund!



# Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning

Odorless, colorless and tasteless, carbon monoxide gas is often called the “silent killer” because it effectively blocks oxygen delivery to the body, causing a startling number of [fatalities each year](#). Carbon monoxide poisoning deaths can also happen aboard your vessel. Learning how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning will help keep you safe on the water year round.

Boat engines, cabin heaters, generators and galley stoves can all produce carbon monoxide, with engine and generator exhaust being the most prevalent source. CO fumes can also accumulate in areas away from the exhaust source.

In the absence of a breeze, high CO levels can cause unconsciousness in minutes. Without a carbon monoxide detector onboard, CO is often impossible to detect before it overcomes a victim, who is then too weak to escape or summon help.

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## Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning

The symptoms of mild CO poisoning can mimic seasickness, colds and flu:

- Nausea, weakness, dizziness or headache
- Ringing ears and watering eyes
- Cherry-red coloring to the skin

Moderate carbon monoxide poisoning can cause

- Lightheadedness or headache
- Drowsiness
- Unconsciousness
- Death

Severe CO poisoning can result in damage to the brain or heart followed by death.

## How to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning on your boat

Prevent CO buildup by regularly checking for leaks in your engine and generator exhaust systems and in the seals around your hatches and portholes. Take the following precautions:

- Check the ventilation of your alcohol stove.
- Maintain your generators meticulously.
- Run your exhaust blowers while using generators.
- Ensure that air flows freely from front to back on a moving boat; avoid the station wagon effect.
- Keep passengers clear of the platform over engine or generator exhaust when running unless there's a strong airflow.
- Be cautious about running engines or generators when anchored, moored, or docked unless there's a substantial breeze; do not run generators overnight when stopped.
- Don't allow anyone in the water to approach within 10 to 20 feet of the engines or generator exhaust.
- Don't tow anyone close to the boat while underway.
- Check stove and other fuel burning device vents for leaks; keep vents clear.
- Beware of nearby boats with engines or generators running; stay clear or move away.

Install CO alarms in your boat's cockpit, cabin and sleeping areas, and test the alarms regularly. If you already have a CO detector installed, it might be time to [update it to a newer model](#).

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# A BIT OF FUN



10 Fascinating Nautical Facts. American counties directly on the ocean shoreline account for less than 10% of the continental U.S. land mass. Yet, about 40% of our population lives in those counties. If you're among the other 60%, you can still be seaworthy. Here are some useful tips to prove your saltiness.

[10 Fascinating Nautical Facts - Everything Nautical, Inc.](#)



Here is another creator to follow on YouTube if you love Boat Fails! Haulover posts boat fails every Monday for your viewing pleasure. Need to catch this one about 3:35 in, I know a few of you that have been there! [Boat Fails of the Week | Heads up! - YouTube](#)

America's Boating Channel is also on YouTube with these quick clips of boating advice on all kinds of boating subjects!

[America's Boating Channel - YouTube](#)

America's Boating Channel also produces longer episodes with jokes, movie and book ideas and so much more!

[America's Boating Channel LIVE - Episode One - YouTube](#)



Lake Havasu in Arizona has live webcams of it's Nautical Resort for anyone who would like to grab a drink, sit in front of their TV and relax while watching the shore. So put your feet up and take a mini-vacation in your own living room! In fact, there are 189 different live webcams on this site for you to watch and relax! [The Nautical Resort in Lake Havasu Live Webcam |](#)

The Holiday Party pictures on page 3 are from 2012.







## 2020-2021 Calendar of Events

**Founder's Day**  
Wednesday, February 3  
ZOOM  
7pm

**Mini Road Rally**  
Saturday, February 6  
Starlite Diner, Allentown  
12pm

**Game Night**  
Saturday, February 20  
Meisner Residence  
5pm

**Change-of-Watch**  
Saturday, March 6, 2021  
ZOOM  
7pm

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration**  
Saturday, March 13  
Lamboy Residence  
3pm

**April Meeting and  
Old Favorites Potluck**  
Wednesday, March 31  
Nowroozani House  
6:30pm

**Pub Crawl**  
Saturday, April 17  
TBD

**Sock Burning**  
Saturday, May 1  
TBD

**Beltzville Lake Clean Up**  
Saturday, May 22  
Beltzville Lake  
9am-12pm

**Post Clean Up Lunch**  
Saturday, May 22  
Joey B's, Palmerton  
1pm

**Ice Cream Social**  
Wednesday, June 2  
Nowroozani Residence  
5pm

**Summer Rendezvous**  
June 24-27  
Balimore, MD

**July Pool Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 14  
Nowroozani Residence  
6pm

**Trailerboat Rendezvous and BBQ**  
Saturday, July 24  
Blue Marsh/Nowroozani Pool  
10:00/5:00

**Muskifest Mania**  
Wednesday, August 4  
Hotel Bethlehem  
6pm

**August Meeting**  
Iron Pigs?  
TBD

**Trailerboat Rendezvous**  
Saturday, August 28  
Ridley Park Marina  
TBD

**September Meeting and Chili  
Cook-off**  
Wednesday, September 1  
Star of Bethlehem Church  
6:30pm

**Tacos and Social Hour**  
Saturday, September 18  
Nowroozani Residence  
5pm

**Sporting Clays**  
Saturday, October 9  
Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays  
10am

**Oktoberfest**  
Saturday, October 16  
Meisner Residence  
5pm

**Beer Tasting**  
Saturday, October 23  
TBD

**November Meeting**  
Wednesday, November 3  
TBD  
6pm

**Road Rally**  
Saturday, November 13  
9am

**Wine Tasting**  
Saturday, November 27  
Montuori Residence  
TBD

**Holiday Party**  
Saturday, December 11  
TBD  
6pm

**January Meeting with Soup and  
Salad Potluck**  
Wednesday, January 5, 2022  
Star of Bethlehem Church  
6:30pm

**Phantoms Game**  
TBD

**Founder's Day**  
Wednesday, February 2  
TBD  
6pm

**Bowling**  
Saturday, February 5, 2022  
Hampton Lanes  
11am

**Game Night**  
Saturday, February 19, 2022  
Meisner Residence  
5pm

**Change-of-Watch**  
Saturday, March 5, 2022  
TBD  
6pm

All Calendar events are subject to  
change as the bridge sees fit.  
Please contact Kathleen at  
[k.now@mac.com](mailto:k.now@mac.com) or  
(610) 351-5192 for more information on  
any scheduled event.

