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Dec. 4 ExCom preview:

✳ Offer your ideas for a fun social activity at an ExCom meeting.

✳ Hands up if you'd like to bowl in lieu of a dinner meeting.

✳ Buy an ABC decal from Frank for your car, suitcase or boat.



Commander
Cdr Frank Visich, S



D/5 Fall Conference update

Recently I attended the D/5 Fall Conference in Fredericksburg, VA with squadron members Bill McManimen, Nick and Rosemary Montalto and Jim and Hillary Heckman.

Our squadron donated one of the largest baskets for the raffle table, where I overheard some say, "Did you see the one Main Line brought?" (Thanks to all who helped with their donations.)

A few highlights that made me proud:

Of the 33 squadrons in D/5, we are the fourth largest with 110 registered members. If we attract seven more members, we would be second only to Annapolis, which has 164 members.

D/Lt/C Nick Montalto, SN, gave two presentations as the Chair of both the Budget & Finance and Law Officer committees. He has been very instrumental in providing guidance to squadrons as they adopt and change to their Doing Business As (dba) names.

R/C Bill McManimen III, SN, was nominated and will be assuming the position of National Educational Officer for the entire organization for a three-year term. Read more on Page 5.

D/Lt Jim Heckman, SN, won an award for a teaching aid he created using computer animation. Try the link to it on Page 15.

We also received a 50-year membership award for James R Affleck Jr., P, and I hope to present his plaque and pin to him soon.

More good news: The Henry Sweet Committee announced that it would pay for all new tags for all the squadrons.

Following are some notes from the seminars and town hall meetings I attended:

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2019 - 2020 Bridge

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D/5 update, continued from Page 1

- The rollout of the Transition Plan created a lot of controversy, as many members thought it was a final document rather than a starting point. Those who originally presented the plan quickly realized that they hadn't communicated clearly the need to grow and change faster and to find ways to do it. Keep providing feedback, they said.

- The good news is America's Boating Club® gained more new members last year than in the last five years. Currently ABC has about 24,000 members, more than 8,000 of whom are life members. Someone asked whether the organization is losing money since life members don't pay dues. The answer: No, because those members' donations of money and time more than offset their dues.

- Uniforms probably will be replaced by standardization (i.e., squadron shirts) at boat shows, VSCs and other public events.

- Attracting younger members is very important, but the target population would be 50- to 60-year-olds who have more disposable income and leisure time than millennials, who don't have these resources or flexibility.

- Did you know that 90% of boats sold in the last couple of years are under 30 feet? That presents an area that we can focus on.

- One proposal to retain members past three to five years was to consider awarding multiple merit marks in a year to individuals who do a lot more than meet the minimum requirements. We also discussed that monthly and ExCom meetings could include a social event and be open to all beyond just the ExCom, (such as our Ice Cream Social).

- We need to persuade more students in our classes to join our squadron. ABC is starting to see results with "America's Boating Channel" and with multiple types of social media. We also need to do more things on the water — the goal of the new "Jump Start" program and the new training center in Florida.

- To sum up, we have seen a true shift in our organization this year. Continuing to make changes will help us to survive and grow.

Click [here](#) to access us on Facebook.



Executive Officer
Lt/C Patty Pezely, AP



Bring your holiday spirit to the party!

I just returned from a fabulous trip down the Moselle River in Germany. It was wonderful to see all the hillside castles with their surrounding vineyards.

We stopped in several towns along the way. Each was unique, but they were all setting up their Christmas villages.

Which reminds me – did you RSVP to our holiday party on Dec. 12? If you have not responded, please call me and let me know if you are interested in going. Space is limited. Details are on Page 11.

This year our donation will again go to the Schuylkill River Greenways' annual Schuylkill River Sojourn Mentor Program. This program covers the cost of hosting young adults who have never been on the river. Each is assigned to a veteran Sojourner for guidance.

The purpose is for the next generation to embrace the river and its watershed, to continue the legacy of preservation, protection and economic development. The sojourn is a seven-day, 112-mile paddle down the river from Schuylkill Haven to Boathouse Row in Philadelphia.

Joe and I met with Barb and Russ Jones about the 2020 Commander's Cruise. I am very excited that we will be heading to a few new destinations along with some past favorites. See the itinerary on Page 17 and look for more cruise news in the next Pilot.

In January, I will start planning for my year as Commander. In the meantime, I am changing a few calendar dates:

- The D/5 Spring Conference hospitality plan-



Photo by Patty Pezely

Santa arrives by rope to a German village, but you can come to the holiday party by car.

ning meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 1, at my house. Please come, or let me know if you have any suggestions for a theme.

- The 2020 budget meeting date and time will be set in January.

And for now, Happy Holidays!

Administrative Officer *Lt/C David Moretti, AP*



Does a bowling night strike your fancy?

Fall is basically in the rear-view mirror and I'm sure by now that most of you have pulled your boats, begrudgingly performed the customary end-of-season maintenance, and reluctantly put them up for winter hibernation.

Looking back, it was an enjoyable summer – and the time on the water was invaluable. Looking forward, the holiday season is upon us. Time spent basking in the sun with good friends and family just a few weeks ago is now traded for celebrations around the table or in front of the TV cheering on our favorite football teams.

Many of our members attended the October dinner meeting at the Tavern at Valley Forge in Norristown. Once again, this fine restaurant did not disappoint. Drinks and appetizers were plentiful, followed by a delightful choice of meals and a dessert sampler.

P/C Joe Pezely, our guest speaker, presented a plethora of awe-inspiring pictures he had taken on a recent kayak trip on the Green River in Utah. Joe provided a very informative narrative; each image depicting an interesting aspect of his excursion, or awesome views of the surroundings. Thanks, Joe! Your presentation was pretty cool and left me feeling in the moment with you.

The upcoming "Deck the Hulls Holiday Party" will be Thursday, Dec. 12 at Glenhardie Country Club. Don't forget to RSVP if you haven't done so. Details are on Page 11. As for me, I look forward to witnessing Cdr Frank Visich

light up the room with some of our favorite Sinatra classics.

In the new year, we will resume monthly dinner meetings. However, Frank and I have discussed an alternative possibility such as a Night Out at a local bowling alley.

Let's plan to discuss this topic at the December ExCom meeting. I'd like to get a feel for who is interested before we make a commitment



to a bowling alley, which usually requires a minimum number of guests and a nonrefundable deposit to reserve a lane. If the interest is there, we'll consider trading off a dinner meeting for some real fun.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the holiday party, but in case you can't make it – from my table to yours, I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a happy and joyous Holiday Season.



Assistant Educational Officer D/LT James Heckman, SN

McManimen will be national educational leader

Congratulations, Bill McManimen!

At the recent District 5 Fall Conference we learned that our own R/ C William McManimen III, SN, has been nominated to be the America's Boating Club® (ABC) national educational officer (NEO). The election of the Board of Directors and other national officers will take place at the ABC annual meeting in February. (Registration information is below.)

Bill's nomination is a result of his more than four decades of contributing to ABC, where he has held many positions including: squadron educational officer, squadron commander, District 5 educational officer, District 5 commander, and rear commander (RC) of three national committees, including the Educational Outreach Committee. He is currently one of three national assistant educational officers (ANEOs).

Bill is also a superb teacher who has

taught most of the ABC courses and seminars.

The NEO is responsible for all of the ABC educational programs — courses, seminars, webinars and on-the-water training. These include courses and seminars given to squadron members as well as the public.

A new responsibility for the NEO is that of managing the three on-the-water training sites to be located around the country. The NEO is

also charged with supporting the squadron and district educational officers. Further, the NEO is to communicate with educational organizations outside of ABC such as NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) and the Canadian Power Squadrons.

Bill, we look forward to your leadership and wish you the best in guiding the ABC

to a bright future! We know that as boaters become better educated they have more fun and are safer boaters.



Bill McManimen is rising to the top ABC educational post.



National convention to unfold in Florida

Join other boaters and boating enthusiasts at ABC's national convention in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, Feb. 9-16, 2020. Full details on activities and registration are at <https://www.usps.org/php/reservations>. You don't need paper; all the signups and registration are online. Events include seminars, golf, tours and socializing.

Educational Officer P/C Nick Montalto, SN



Closing some books; more instructors needed!

I am ending my three-year term as squadron educational officer, with D/Lt Jim Heckman, SN, as the assistant educational officer. Starting with the Change of Watch, Jim will be the new SEO and Joe Gibbons, AP, will be the new assistant SEO.

Currently, five America's Boating Courses are scheduled for next spring. Three will be at Clews & Strawbridge, one at Stoltzfus RV's & Marine and one through Chester County Night School in West Chester. A Piloting class is usually scheduled in the spring through Chester County Night School.

Jim Heckman is planning a district-wide Navigation course that will have online classes early in the year with students taking their sights in the summer. Stay tuned for details.

Jim and R/C Bill McManimen, SN, are planning an instructor development and recertification class at the beginning of the year. To the extent possible, it will have online content.

We are in desperate need of instructors!

Anyone interested in being an instructor can contact Jim at JLHeckman4929@gmail.com.

You don't have to teach an entire course, only a specific subject you have expertise in and enjoy.

The squadron has been trying to reach out to the younger public; offering paddle craft seminars could accomplish this goal. Let Jim know if you can help with the Power Squadron Paddle Smart seminars.

The new educational officers are also reviewing plans for all 2020 courses. The national education department is emphasizing on-the-water training as a means to enhance public boating safety and to attract potential new members. Our squadron will be reviewing the feasibility of offering such training.

The names of the advanced grade courses will be changing next year, as follows:

- Seamanship to Boat Handling
- Piloting to Marine Navigation
- Advanced Piloting to Advanced Marine Navigation
- Junior Navigation to Offshore Navigation
- Navigation to Celestial Navigation

**Thanks to Clews & Strawbridge and Stoltzfus RV's and Marine
for providing classroom space for our boating courses.**



CLEWS & STRAWBRIDGE





Fleet Captain
P/C Jim Friedrichs, JN*

Much-needed Bay Bridge repairs are slowing traffic

The right lane of the westbound Chesapeake Bay Bridge is closed for repairs due to deterioration of 75 percent of the surface. The surface was scheduled to be repaired ten years ago. Due to the lane closure, westbound traffic is reduced to a single lane.

According to media reports, the two-year, \$27-million replacement of the deteriorated lane has caused peak travel time backups on both sides of up to 14 miles. As a result, work is now underway around the clock and tolls have been lifted at some times.

The project, which carries U.S. Routes 50 and 301 across the Bay, started in September.

And today's trivia question: What is the bridge's official name? *Answer below.*

In other news, some buoys will be removed soon for the winter from various Chesapeake Bay tributaries. Some of the main channel buoys are also scheduled to be replaced with ice resistant buoys. The ice-resistant buoys are four-inch by four-inch yellow painted timbers. The buoyage changes will be from December 1 to March 15.

Looking ahead to some holiday sights? Here are a few options:

- December 7, a lighted boat parade at Penn's Landing from 5:15 until 6 pm. Child-friendly activities at the Independence Seaport Museum begin at 1 pm. Santa and an elf will be in the area.

- December 7, a lighted boat parade in Baltimore Harbor between 5:30 and 8:30 pm.

- December 31, fireworks displays at 6 pm and midnight at Penn's Landing. Big crowds are expected; try looking for parking in an underground lot at Independence Mall. Independence Seaport Museum is open from 10 am to 6:30 pm that day.

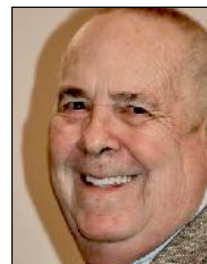
William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial Bridge.
Answer: The official name of the bridge is the



Chesapeake Bay Bridge file photo; imagine it with 14-mile backups.



Safety Officers *Deborah and Bill Northey*



Don't let your phone garble your VHF

I had a problem with my VHF one beautiful day on the water after anchoring out for a couple days. All I was receiving was static.

I adjusted the squelch to no avail. Finally I got out my spare VHF and swapped them. Everything started working fine, so when I got back to the dock I trashed the one not working as they are cheaper to replace than repair.

The spare radio worked fine for a couple weeks and then the same problem started. I decided something else must be causing it. After about an hour I noticed the cell phone charging and unplugged it.

I guess you have figured out what happened next: The VHF started working just fine.

We usually charge our phones with an inexpensive cigarette lighter adapter when the motor is running. I decided to just leave it in the car -- problem solved.

That was at the end of last year and everything was good this year until we were in Annapolis and I called for a water taxi. He came back to me saying he couldn't understand me; it was all garbled. This time I didn't have a spare VHF since I had already thrown it away, so I did the next best thing -- I checked to see where the cell phones were. Sure enough, they were plugged into the solar regulator, charging. I unplugged them and the problem disappeared again. This occurred when our phones were charging on the

boat's 12V.

The culprit: RFI. Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) is any radio frequency signal which interferes with another.

There are two forms of RFI -- conducted interference and radiated interference. Conducted interference is caused by noise along the power leads and other wiring into the radio. This could have been my problem as the charger was plugged into the boat's 12V system, although VHF's have filtering to remove most of this noise.

The second is radiated interference and is the most common. What makes this unique to VHF is that its antenna system is designed for reception of very weak signals, some as low as 2 or 3 micro volts.

The VHF cannot separate these signals, so any equipment emitting an electrical frequency (including Bluetooth) could cause a problem. That could also include computers, tablets, LED lights, or maybe a motor that has some arcing issues.

Other sources like the alternator, the ignition on a gas engine, or shaft noise usually have been taken care of since the



Even an LED nightlight could ruin your call.

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Veterans' picnic was an unqualified success



Dear Frank,

The Whitehall veterans and family members wish to thank you and your members for a wonderful picnic! It was a welcome pick-me-up and a great way to welcome Fall.

Thank you, also, to those who attended, set up, served and spent time with my people:

Bruce and Lisa Fegan
Russ and Barb Jones
Jim and Sue Friedrichs
Wayne and Meridith Barrett
Megan Weber
Rich McLaughlin
Patti Visich – and you

Sincerely,
Kim Wilkinson
Resident Services Coordinator

Food, sunshine, music — all the pieces came together for about 60 veterans, their family members and staff at a picnic on Oct. 5 at The Whitehall Apartments in Spring City.

Our ABC Valley Forge members provided the food and fixings at the Whitehall, an apartment community for veterans and their families.

Thanks to our members, some of whom are in the bottom picture, for making it all happen so seamlessly.



Photos by Lisa Fegan, Meridith Barrett and Kim Wilkinson

District 5 News — conference and summer rendezvous

Mark your calendar for the District 5 Spring Conference, and register for several summer activities in the works.

The Spring conference will be March 26-29 at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD. The registration form is on Page 19.

The conference includes several seminars for members and officers along with social gatherings, and the popular Friday evening hospitality suites each



squadron hosts. (To help plan our squadron's event; contact Patty Pezely.)

Also on the District 5 calendar are the Summer Cruise July 20-23, and the Summer Council and Rendezvous July 23-26, both at Smith Mountain Lake, VA.

You need to reserve lodging or charter a houseboat for those events now; July is a busy time on the lake. Go to uspsd5.org for more details and registration info.

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problem is a new one.

Most electronic products comply with FCC regulations to prevent this from occurring, as noted by the little sticker that you never read. They can still fail if mishandled or dropped.

There are three basic ways to help prevent RFI: shielding, filtering, or installing a choke.

One thing I seem to lack is patience, so I didn't look for the cause before taking the easy

way, and replacing the VHF. Since the phone was unplugged I thought I had fixed the problem.

I should have known better since I hold a General Radio License which has now allowed me to develop my own cheaper and quicker way to eliminate my radiated interference. I now look for the offending device and unplug it.

This is not a large problem, but it is worth keeping in mind when you can't get a clear signal.

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Dinner, Music & Dancing— By Frank

December 12, 2019

Cocktails: 6:00 pm ~ Dinner: 7:00 pm
(Semi-Formal Attire Encouraged)

Glenhardie Country Club – Main Dining Room

1399 Old Eagle School Road, Wayne, PA 19087
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~ In lieu of our gift exchange this year, please consider
a voluntary contribution of \$ 25.00 per couple to the
Schuylkill River Heritage Center River Sojourn Mentor Program

NAME: _____

Check amount: #dinners _____ at \$ **55.00** each Total: \$ _____

Entrée Choice: **Whole Roast Beef** Name _____ # _____
(with wild mushroom sauce)

Grilled Salmon Name _____ # _____
(with sweet honey chili glaze)

Chicken Marsala Name _____ # _____
(Sautéed chicken breast, mushrooms, Marsala wine)

(All entrees come with a vegetable medley and red bliss potatoes)

A Cash Bar will be available
Please RSVP by December 4

Send Checks to Patty Pezely, 130 Oakwood Lane, Phoenixville, PA 19460
Make checks payable to Main Line Sail and Power Squadron

(Please include your donation with your dinner check)

Merit Marks awarded for 2019 service

Congratulations to our squadron members for stepping up to help keep ABC Valley Forge humming. Staffing a booth, teaching a class, recording the minutes, scrutinizing the books, figuring out a seating chart, orchestrating events, taking photos for the Pilot — these are among the (mostly) unsung tasks our members tackled to make our squadron, District 5 and America's Boating Club® stronger organizations.

In the past year, 36 members of our squadron have received Merit Marks for contributing time and energy in activities for the squadron, district or national organization. A person can receive just one merit mark per year. Members cannot nominate themselves; other members recommend them after they've participated in activities.

The seven members whose names are in boldface have earned 25 or more marks, and thereby are Life Members. They are exempt from paying dues, but always contribute significantly.

Please thank all the recipients for all they do that makes such a difference.

Note: D/5 has not yet released the names of the squadron commanders who earned merit marks.

P/C Gary E. Armstrong, SN	20	R/C William McManimen, SN	42
P/C Meridith Barrett, AP*	27	D/Lt/C Nicholas R. Montalto, SN	13
Lt/C Wayne R. Barrett, JN*	20	Lt/C David Moretti, AP	1
P/C John Beardsley, S	7	Lt Deborah Northey	1
Lt Maryanne J. Boettjer, AP	23	Lt William Northey	1
Lt Elizabeth Corbin, AP*	32	P/C George Painter, JN	15
Christopher Dome, SN	1	Lt Jan Painter, JN	10
Bruce Fegan, P	6	P/C Lance Parry, AP*	11
P/C Lisa Fegan, P	10	Lt Virginia Parry, S	7
P/C James R. Friedrichs, JN*	33	Deborah Beth Pellegrini, S	4
P/C Susan M. Friedrichs, SN	28	P/C Edward Pellegrini Jr., AP	20
Lt Michael Gibson, JN	8	P/C Joseph F. Pezely, N*	16
Lt/C Cynthia Gorge, JN*	7	Lt/C Patty M. Pezely, AP	16
D/Lt James Heckman, SN	43	P/C Charles Rossi, AP	6
P/C Barbara J. Jones, AP	18	Rita Rossi	3
P/C William R. (Russ) Jones, SN	20	David P. Thomas	2
P/C John Juzbasich, AP	6	Patricia Visich, S	3
P/C Robert B. Long, AP	34	P/C Susan Woron, P	8

Trading wind for power? Here are some tips

By P/C Gary Armstrong, SN
Confirmed power boater

Magazines, newspapers and boating websites are filled with stories about former sailors moving over to powerboats. There are many reasons given, but the primary one seems to be advancing age. Obviously, as we get older, our reflexes aren't as quick, our eyesight is not as sharp and our memory is not as good. It makes a lot of sense to move at this point to a power boat where there are no sails to raise, booms to dodge, furlers to un-jam or complicated sailing rules of the road to remember.

(Note: Some sailboat owners end up owning both a sail and power vessel. These "transvesselites" obviously need our sympathy, not pity. Make sure you pick them up if you see them hitchhiking; they need your help.)

This move to a power boat, however, can be a traumatic experience for the long-time sailor so, as a public service, here are some suggestions that may help you diehard rag-baggers out there to make this transition as smooth as possible.

First off, you need to realize that fuel is no longer free. Before you take the plunge and

buy that powerboat, take out your wallet and burn half the money in it. If you can do this every day for a full month without crying, you're ready to move on to the next step.

Step two involves getting used to engine noise. No more peace and tranquility for you, my friend. Get used to the drone of an engine! Try this: Remove the muffler from your car and take

a long trip — say 300 miles or so. If you still feel reasonably sane and your ears aren't ringing, you are ready for step three.

The next step is designed to accustom you to the way a powerboat handles on-coming waves. A sailboat's displacement hull plows through those bumps with a gentle bobbing motion, whereas a planing powerboat will pound (and pound and pound).

Here's what to do: Jump in the car (still no muffler, right?) and head to almost any road in Pennsylvania. Aim for the biggest pot-holes you can find and don't

slow down. Do this for about three hours. If none of your fillings have rattled loose, advance to step four.

Step four is to go ahead and buy that powerboat. Now, some claim that piloting a powerboat is boring compared to sailing and



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Switching from sail to power

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there is some truth in that statement. That's why powerboaters invent ways to make things more interesting, like convincing someone to strap curved planks to his feet so they have an excuse to drag the hapless water skier behind the boat, under water, until he lets go.

Another pastime involves buying expensive rods, reels and bait, which gives the power boat owner license to lie to his friends later at the bar about the size of the fish he almost caught.

Other powerboaters relish the idea of burning 75 gallons of fuel per hour whilst playing cards in the vain hope of winning enough to pay



"My motto has always been--you can never have too much power."

for fuel to get back to their home marina.

At any rate, once you have made the transition, you may, in fact, miss the sailboat. Here are a few tips to help you get over this feeling while you are piloting that new power boat:

- Throw a few hundred pounds of bagged sand in the boat, just on one side, and switch it to the other side every time you make a turn.

- Whack yourself on the temple with a rubber mallet every time you change your angle to the wind.

- Tie a short piece of rope around your waist and secure it to the closest rail every time you get up to move.

- Reduce your speed and take the engine out of gear whenever the wind is below 5 knots.

- And finally, shake your fist at any other powerboat that goes by without slowing down.

Congratulations, you have made the transition successfully! You are certain to enjoy many, many hours afloat on your new power boat!

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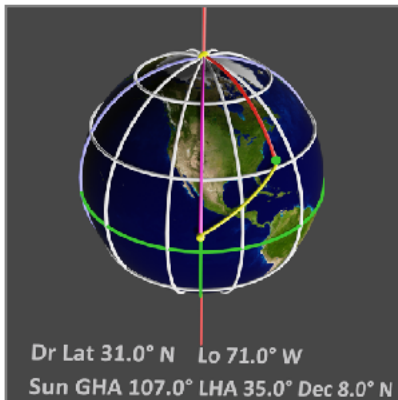
Heckman's navigational triangle wins 'best in show' at D/5

America's Boating Club® Valley Forge has, since its founding, contributed teaching aids to District 5 for display during the Fall Educational Conference.

This year, D/Lt Jim Heckman, SN, developed a computer-based teaching aid that deals with the navigational triangle.

Try it yourself. Click on the image, taken from Heckman's animation, to see the navigational triangle change as the earth rotates.

The navigational triangle represents the core concepts in celestial navigation. For example, the small yellow dot represents the position of the sun referenced



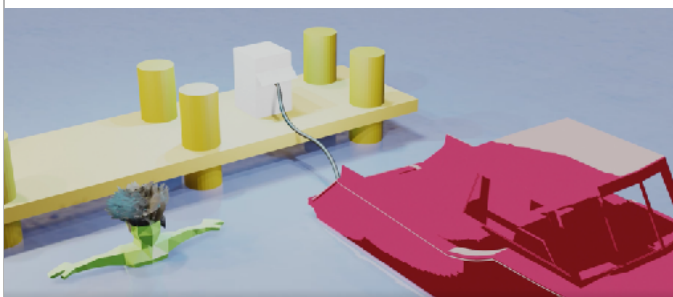
Click on the image, then on 'Open Link,' to see the triangle change as the earth rotates.

to the surface of the earth, and the green dot is an arbitrary position on the earth determined by dead reckoning or by GPS.

Traditionally the triangle has been shown in textbooks as a single static image. The animation allows students to visualize the triangle as it really is, a dynamically changing 3D triangle.

Since it is in video format it can be distributed to students and used online or in a classroom by instructors of celestial navigation.

The navigation triangle won best in show and will be entered into the USPS national teaching aids completion.



Just for fun, here's part of a Heckman animation on the danger of electrocution when current leaks from a boat into the water. To see the animation, click the image, then 'Open Link.'



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Highlights from October and November ExCom meetings

Oct. 2

Vanguard funds – Procedure was approved to allow incoming commander to withdraw funds from Vanguard accounts. In January, incoming commander can request part or all of dividends from the previous year be withdrawn for “budgeting purposes.” Details and process were outlined in an attachment to the minutes. The process was part of a report offered by P/C Russ Jones, chairman of the Vanguard Funds Committee.

Archives – P/C Susan Woron said a series of folders has been set up for an archiving system.

Merit Marks – R/C Bill McManimen reminded that nominations for Merit Marks are due.

Operations – Three members received Operations and Leadership training.

VSC – P/Lt/C Maryanne Boettjer reported 128 vessel safety checks in 2019.

Education – D/Lt Jim Heckman said the JN class is being conducted online. The squadron's sextants will be refurbished.

New members – P/C Susan Friedrichs reported ABC/VF has three new members over the past several months. P/C Lisa Fegan reported she will host a party for new members in January.

Nov. 6

Teachers – McManimen stressed the club needs additional certified teachers.

Apps – Discussion on use of Meet Up and other social media apps.

Merry Christmas – Holiday Party Dec. 12 at Glenhardie Country Club. No gift exchange. Instead, suggesting donation of \$25 per couple to Schuylkill River Heritage Center River Sojourn Mentor Program.

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2020 ABC - VF Commander's Summer Cruise

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Incoming Commander Patty Pezely has chosen three new ports for this year's cruise, in Baltimore, Kent Island and Chestertown. See the full list below. The cruise is July 10 to 18.

We estimate that 15 to 20 boats will join us. Plan now to be among them! Or drive and meet us.

Look for an array of activities, including

a beach party, dinner at several great restaurants, more of our celebrated boat crawls, the infamous "forward throttle award" ceremony of course, and others still in development. Details will appear in a subsequent article.

You can sign up for the activities, all of which are optional, at our May pre-cruise dinner.

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- ☐ Friday, July 10 – Baltimore Yacht Club – Sue Island
- ☐ Saturday, July 11 – Baltimore Yacht Club – Sue Island
- ☐ Sunday, July 12 – Lighthouse Point Marina – Baltimore
- ☐ Monday, July 13 – Lighthouse Point Marina – Baltimore
- ☐ Tuesday, July 14 – Castle Harbor Marina – Kent Island
- ☐ Wednesday, July 15 – Castle Harbor Marina – Kent Island
- ☐ Thursday, July 16 – Chestertown Marina – Chestertown
- ☐ Friday, July 17 – Chestertown Marina – Chestertown
- ☐ Saturday, July 18 – Haven Harbour Marina, Rock Hall

Squadron honors Max Richter, a 50-year member

At the October dinner meeting, Cdr Frank Visich awarded Max Richter, AP*, a plaque honoring his 50 years of membership in United States Power Squadrons®. Max and his wife, Sally, have been members since 1966*.

The Malvern couple initially joined the Delaware River squadron but later transferred to Main Line. Max took squadron classes, advancing through Advanced Piloting, and several elective courses as well.

He built his first boat, a 16-foot catamaran. Their succeeding boats were a 27-foot



Photo by Rita Rossi

Max Richter receives honors for his longterm membership.

Cal, 31-foot Island Packet and finally a Comano pocket trawler.

Over the years the Richters sailed throughout the Chesapeake, finally taking the trawler north to Kingston, Ontario for a summer trip.

Max said he appreciates all he learned from the courses and from members of Main Line.

Congratulations, Max and Sally!

* While women could hold a woman's certificate and enroll in all USPS courses, the organization did not accept women as members until 1982.

Members' birthdays — light some sparklers!

NOVEMBER

Kelly Grable	11/02
John McGowan	11/03
Maryanne Boettjer	11/09
George Painter	11/10
James Affleck Jr.	11/14
James Dale	11/15
James Spaulding	11/18
Wayne Barrett	11/19
Cheryl Krebs	11/20
Mark Parker	11/20
Kevin Krebs	11/22



DECEMBER

Michael Gibson	12/10
Richard Kennedy Jr.	12/12
Robert Long	12/18
Virginia Parry	12/25
Barbara Jones	12/31



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Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer? _____
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MENU SELECTIONS

SATURDAY LUNCH:

Lunch Sandwich Buffet:

Sliced Meats to include Roast Beef, Roast Turkey, Baked Ham, and Salami
with American, Swiss and Provolone Cheeses, Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes and
Onions, Pickles with Assorted Rolls and Breads, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad and
Potato Chips Brownies and Blondies, Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea Stations

____ @ \$25.00 = \$ ____

SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:

Beef Bourguignon with Red Wine, Mushrooms, Onions and Carrots
Served with Mashed Potatoes

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Marinated Salmon Filet served with a Lemon Dill Sauce and Rice Pilaf

____ @ \$36.00 = \$ ____

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____ @ 27.00 = \$ ____

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2019 - 2020 Calendar

December

- 4 **ExCom Meeting**, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
- 12 **Holiday Party**, Glenhardie Country Club, 1399 Old Eagle School Road, Wayne, PA; cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7. RSVP form on Page 11.

January, 2020

- 8 **ExCom Meeting**, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, 7:30 pm
- 18 **New members party** at Bruce and Lisa Fegans' house.
- 20 **Pilot articles deadline** for February issue
- 23 **Dinner Meeting** — Founders' Day; details to come.
- 29 **Change of Watch planning meeting** at Frank and Patty Visichs' house, 7 pm.
- TBD **2020 Budget meeting** at Joe and Patty Pezelys' house.

February

- 1 **D/5 Spring Conference hospitality planning meeting** at the Pezelys'.
- 9-15 **America's Boating Club® National Conference**, Ponte Vedra, FL; details on Page 5.
- 20 **Dinner Meeting**, details to come.

March

- 6-8 **Greater Philadelphia Boat Show**, Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA
- TBD **Change of Watch**, details to come.
- 26-29 **District 5 Spring Conference**, Ocean City, MD; flyer on Page 19, info at uspsd5.org.

For more information on any calendar items, please contact Lt/C Patty Pezely, AP, our Executive Officer, at patty.pezely@gmail.com.



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