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Commander
Cdr Patty Pezely, AP



Kayaking through waterfront history

It is hard to believe, but summer has come to an end. For Joe and me, this summer included several socially distanced kayaking trips.

Our most recent began at the Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing. We kayaked across the river to Camden, passing an abandoned marina with the abandoned [United States lightship Barnegat](#), along with several other abandoned boats and



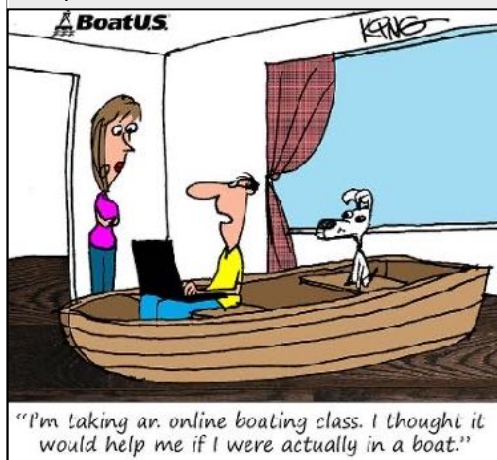
Photo by Patty Pezely

It's seen better days. Earlier this year the Barnegat Light Historical Society bought and removed the Barnegat Lightship's bell with the goal of restoring and displaying it nearby.

[Graffiti Pier](#) (Pier 18). A former anthracite-loading pier, it was part of Reading Railroad's sprawling Port Richmond Yards, which was de-

sailboats. The Barnegat was built in 1904 to serve as a lightship near the Cape May Lighthouse and Barnegat Inlet. If you are looking for a project, this beauty could use some TLC.

On our way back to Penn's Landing we stopped by [Graffiti Pier](#)



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commissioned and abandoned by current owners Conrail in 1991. Graffiti Island is now a public park. Check out the photos on the link. You may remember it from an Educational Cruise on the Delaware a year or two ago.

It was amazing to see these reminders of the past of the Philadelphia and Camden waterfronts.

Now, it's back to fall and virtual school time. I am happy that as a squadron we are able to get together for virtual dinner meetings and ExComs.

We went to virtual school on Sept. 17. John Cosby, the director of the Annapolis Sailing School, gave a presentation on navigating the Chesapeake Bay at our monthly meeting.

Sam and Joy Lyness joined the virtual dinner meeting. Sam and Joy were members of MLSPS several years ago before transferring to Annapolis. I am thrilled to hear they are transferring back to our squadron.

The National Virtual Fall Conference has just ended. If you were not able to attend the sessions during the conference week, you should have received an email on how to view the recordings. Here's the link to the [spreadsheet](#). Course links are in the far right column.

Our online Piloting course started on Sept. 21, and has several students. Look for more information in this newsletter for other course information.

Did you know there is an America's Boating Club mobile app available in Apple and Google stores? It looks useful. I'm sure there will be more to come on this.

On a sad note, I am very sorry to hear that Jim Spaulding crossed the bar. I always enjoyed being with Jim and Cheryl. I will cherish my memories of Jim. See Page 11.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our October virtual meetings — the ExCom at 7 pm on Oct. 7 and our monthly meeting on Oct. 15. As meetings approach, look for emails with links to attend.

And Stay Safe!



Educational Officer
Stf/C James Heckman, SN

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A first — ABC-VF offers Piloting as online course

This fall ABC-VF has two courses underway.

The first is the virtual Piloting course (Marine Navigation) which began on Sept. 21. It has three students enrolled and will be running for nine weeks. Course chair is P/C Russ Jones.

We are fortunate to have Russ in the lead because he has many years of experience in teaching the course. Jim Heckman and Nick Montalto are his assistants. This will be the first time we have taught Piloting totally online.

Russ is inventing some new approaches and methods, particularly regarding teaching the students the manual aspects of plotting and measuring courses and bearings on paper. If you as a member of ABC-VF would like to sit in on a course session, please contact Jim Heckman.

The second course in progress is virtual Navigation (Celestial Navigation). Approximately 15 students are enrolled. Jim Heckman is the course chair. Three of our members — Bill Mc-



Photo by Lance Parry

P/C Russ Jones is the lead instructor for ABC-VF's first virtual Piloting course, which has three students enrolled.

Manimen, Nick Montalto and Sam Lyness — are assistants.

Its first lecture was given in July. The second lecture was presented on Sept. 22, which allowed the students time to use their sextants to meet the requirements for the course. Again, this is a virtual course. All elements of it, except the sight-taking sessions, are presented online.

As mentioned in the last *Pilot*, those of

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Whatcha been up to?

On the water, on land, in the garden, and at fundraisers, members have been coping with Covid-19. Here's a sampling of what they've been doing and photographing.



Clockwise from above: Mike and Karen Gibson with bibs from the virtual Unite for Her fundraiser. Chuck and Debbie Pellegrini happily escort granddaughter Reagan Middleton, 2, on a ride in Rock Hall. Ginny Parry takes a portrait of a red cabbage that grew its own corsage while forgotten in a crisper drawer. Rita Rossi, Terri Drumel and Lisa Fegan make some memories and celebrate good times at the beginning of September.

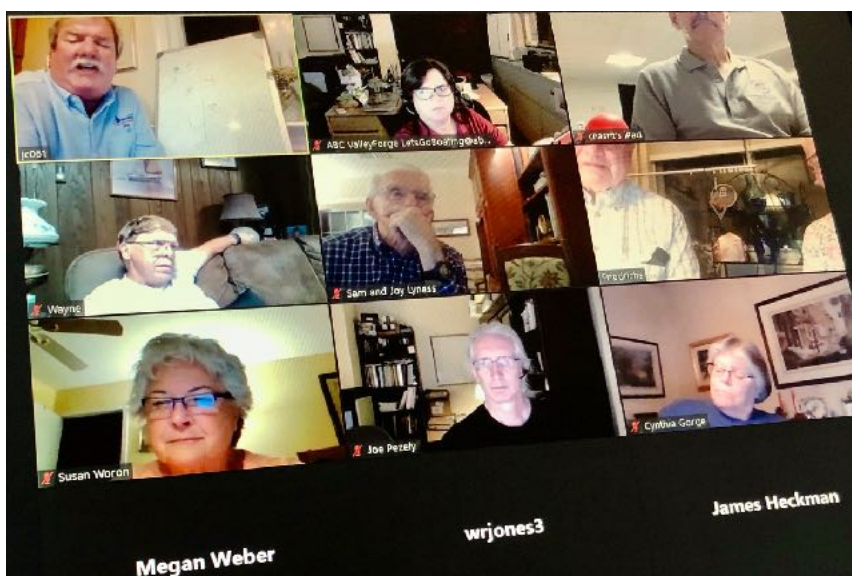




What are you learning and doing?



Clockwise from left: attendees at the September meeting. John Cosby, director of the Annapolis Sailing School, explains a point. Wayne and Meridith Barrett's son Michael earns his doctorate from Jefferson in occupational therapy. Bruce Fegan, Gary Armstrong, Chas Rossi and sidekick Captain gather on-board. A ravenous groundhog surveys the damage on the Pezelys' deck.





Fleet Captain

P/C James Friedrichs, JN*

Speak up to keep Brewerton range lights

The Coast Guard 5th District is proposing to discontinue the Brewerton Channel Eastern Extension Front Light (LLNR 8390) and Brewerton Channel Eastern Extension Rear Range Light (LLNR 8395).

Their stated reasoning is that there are other means of navigation that can be used. My family and I have sailed that route many times during our 50-plus years of sailing that area of the Bay, and find those nav aids very easy to use.

I feel that they are particularly important for the safety of our newer boaters who may not be as skilled at navigation. Here's one case in point: <https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/two-boats-strike-channel-markers-on-upper-bay-in-same-weekend/>

If you agree with retaining the lights, please let the Coast Guard know at CGD5Waterways@uscg.mil to the attention of Albert Grimes.

The Amtrak Railroad Bridge over the

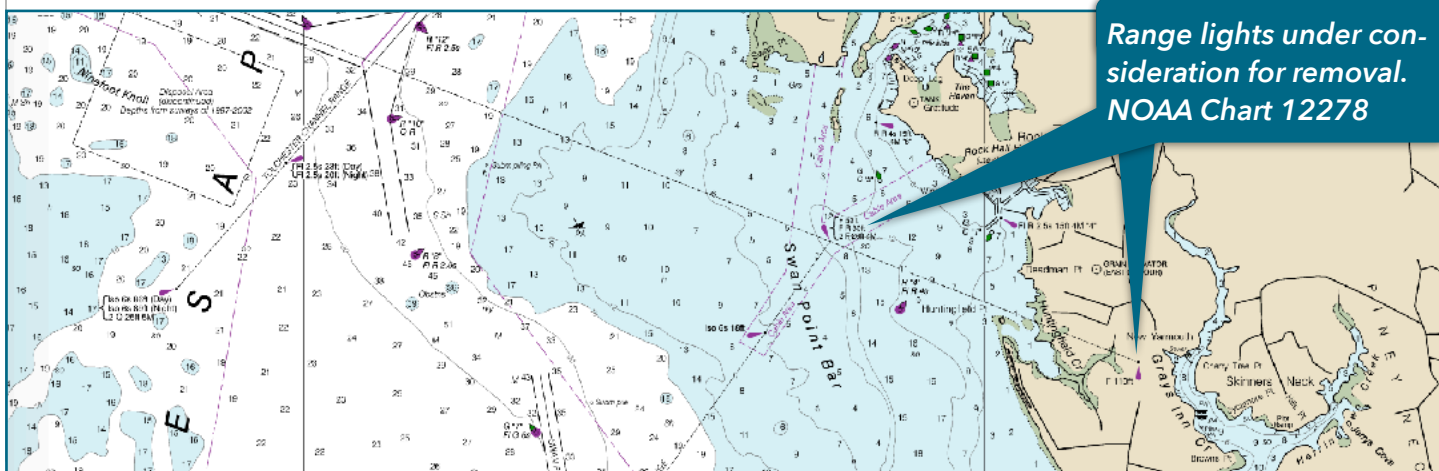
Susquehanna River will be maintained in the closed position until Oct. 6, 2020. The vertical clearance in that position is reported to be 52 feet.

Work continues on the overhead high-voltage transmission line on the Patapsco River north of the Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge between Hawkins Point and Sollers Point. Work is scheduled for 24/7 until Oct. 7, 2022. The work boats may be contacted on VHF-FM channels 16 and 13 should there be any questions during transit of the area.

The Coast Guard 5th District is proposing to rename and renumber these aids to navigation in the Middle River:

- Middle River Light 5 to Middle River Light 3
- Middle River Light 6 to Middle River Light 4
- Middle River Daybeacon 7 to Middle River Daybeacon 5

Changes in aids to navigation are listed on Page 7. See a related issue on Page 15.



Recent changes to aids in navigation

Swan Point Warning Daybeacon B	Daymark Missing
Swan Point Warning Light C	Daymark Missing
Swan Point Warning Daybeacon D	Daymark Missing
West River Buoy 7	Missing
South River Warning Buoy B	Missing
Little Magothy River Buoy 1LM	Misleading Signal
Little Magothy River Buoy 5	Misleading Signal
Little Magothy River Buoy 6	Misleading Signal
Little Magothy River Buoy 7	Misleading Signal
Little Magothy River Buoy 8	Misleading Signal
Baltimore Inner Harbor Buoy 6	Buoy Damaged
Castle Harbor Marina Channel Light 1	Daymark Improper Characteristic
Castle Harbor Marina Channel Daybeacon 3	Daymark Improper Characteristic
Castle Harbor Marina Channel Daybeacon 4	Structure Destroyed
Castle Harbor Marina Channel Daybeacon 5	Structure Destroyed
Castle Harbor Marina Channel Daybeacon 6	Structure Destroyed
Castle Harbor Marina Channel Daybeacon 7	Daymark Improper Characteristic
Castle Harbor Marina Channel Daybeacon 8	Structure Destroyed
Brewerton Channel Eastern Extension Lighted Buoy 10	Light Extinguished
Shad Battery Shoal Range Front Light	Light Extinguished
Back Creek Channel Range Front Light	Missing
Back Creek Channel Range Light	Light Extinguished
Davis Creek Entrance Day Beacon 2	Structure Damaged
Swan Creek Buoy 10	Off Station

Input needed:
What do you
want to learn?

Piloting, Navigation courses being offered online

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you who have successfully completed the Navigation Course and wish to review, are most welcome to audit all or parts of it. If you are interested, contact Jim Heckman.

Planning for the spring courses and seminars is underway. We have already committed to offering the Advanced Piloting course (Advanced Marine Navigation) in the spring. Before deciding on the other courses and seminars which we plan to teach, we would like to get your feedback.

We will be emailing you an interactive questionnaire to find out what courses and/or seminars you would like to take. Your input is very important to the planning process.

Of course, we are also looking for members who wish to help teach. By the way, the only course which requires that all the instructors be certified is the America's Boating Course (classroom and virtual). You do not need to be certified to teach the other courses and seminars.

ABC-VF members give \$750 in aid to combat coronavirus and hunger

Our squadron has held Executive Committee meetings and taught classes at Paoli Presbyterian Church for several years. So when the church began a drive for donations for its food closet this summer, it was an opportunity to return the church's hospitality.

Members dug in, donating nonperishable foods, dental supplies and checks totaling \$750.

P/C Lance Parry orchestrated the collection, and presented the collection to Administrative Assistant Amy Miller at the church. She sent this note:

Dear Lance and Ginny and members of the American Boating Club,

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to participate in our Food Drive. It is because of people like you, PAOLI is able to serve those in need right here within our community. We appreciate your thoughtful donations made collectively through the American Boating Association.

God bless!

In Christ we serve,

Amy Miller, on behalf of PPC



Selfie by Lance Parry

Merit Mark recommendations are due by Oct. 15

It's time to think about the ways our squadron members have contributed this year.

America's Boating Club® doesn't give prizes (or cash), but does award Merit Marks to thank its members for their invaluable support. You can earn one a year.

Did you or another member help plan a meeting, or work on a mailing list? Did someone cook a dish for an event (before the quarantine)? Did a member teach a course, write or take pictures for the *Pilot*, or conduct vessel safety checks? How about the heroic hours telecom-

municating to get things done? They count! What elbow grease have you or another member applied? Did you help staff a booth?

And yes, you can name yourself too, documenting the hours you spent on one or more projects.

Submit the names and details on each person's activities and hours spent on each one by Oct. 15 to National Educational Officer Bill McManimen at wjmcmanimen@gmail.com and to Cdr Patty Pezely at patty.pezely@gmail.com.





OCTOBER DINNER MEETING

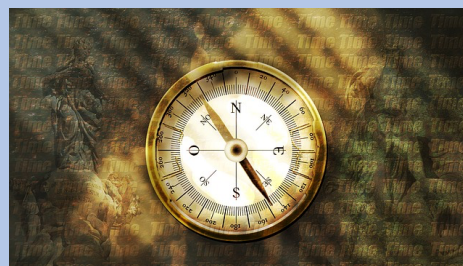
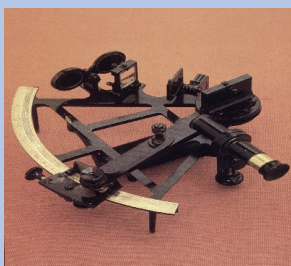
October 15, 2020

6:30 pm Member Greetings

7:00 pm Speaker



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***Navigation possibilities: What to use? Too many choices?
Too many options to understand? What to buy?***

Our speaker, Tommy, from West Marine, will give us a good overview of the many different types of navigation equipment available in the typical marine store. Learn about the various features, what they do, and choices available to you to improve both your boating experience and your safety.

Grab a drink and snack, or coffee and dessert and let Tommy guide you through the many possibilities of navigation equipment.

RSVP to John Beardsley jbeardsley71@gmail.com

A link will be sent closer to the date of the meeting.



Archiving Committee making progress on storage plan

By Susan Woron

Archive Committee Chair

We have continued to build the archive during the summer!

While we have not had any formal meetings, various people are adding documents and reorganizing the contents. This is a fluid process which changes as people add documents, and we figure out what to save, and where to put everything.

If you want to take a look at the archive in its early stage of development, you can see it [here](#).

The archive will be a valuable way to pass information along to squadron members, as well as to preserve our work and memories. In addition, it can be used as training for those new to their positions and who may need information or resources for their jobs.

The organization sidebar (at right) shows generally what kinds of things the archive will include. The "Archive Responsibilities Chart" ([available here](#)) describes which documents are

to be archived, whose job it is to see that the documents are deposited into the archive, and when those jobs should be completed.

If you have other things to contribute to the archive, please contact any of the following people:

Joe Pezely - Dropbox Administrator and Training
Susan Woron - Archivist and Chair

Barb and Russ Jones - Archivists

Lance Parry - Scanning
Additional Committee members - Cdr Patty Pezely, Nick Montalto, Jim Heckman, Joe Gibson (D/5 Resource)

Editing access to the archive is now limited to members who have duties that are listed in the "Archive Responsibilities Chart." If you need to access these materials, ask Joe Pezely for help. Susan Woron can answer your questions, receive materials, and explain where things are kept.

Organization of

ABC-VF Archive

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Remembering Jim Spaulding, a man of many talents

[Editor's note: Jim Spaulding passed away recently. A member of Main Line Sail and Power Squadron for many years, he served in many capacities, including Educational Officer in 2009-2010. He also received numerous awards, including the Craig Muckle Award, 110%, New Member, and Award for Excellence in Teaching. Here's one friend's remembrance.]

By PC Russ Jones, SN

We will remember Jim for his warm smile and easygoing ways. Jim always had a smile, and you could tell that it was genuine. He never seemed irritated or upset, and he was always fun to be around.

Jim was a great, longtime Power Squadron member. Although he had many irons in the fire, Jim always found time for Main Line. And for that, we very much appreciated his service.

Jim had many talents — sailor, engineer, inventor, craftsman, and educator. His love of sailing led him to spend many hours, months and years rebuilding Rose. Rose was a packet sloop destined for the scrapheap when Jim and his wife, Cheryl, laid eyes on her. The passion to repair the old lady was immediate. Jim not only completely refurbished Rose, but wrote and published a book, "Rebuilding Rose," describing her rebirth.

Jim also wrote and published a science fiction series and a dramatic novel.

He enjoyed teaching and taught a number of courses and classes for the Power Squadron, including Marine Electrical Systems, Engine Maintenance and our basic safe boating classes.

He earned his doctorate of education at Penn State University, where he was an associate professor. His doctoral thesis was about a way to teach adults the boating rules of the road using



Photo by Cheryl Spaulding

Jim was never happier, said his wife, Cheryl, than when he was under sail. Read more about him and find more photos at <https://www.jamesterryfuneralhome.com/tributes/James-Spaulding>

props he developed for the students to use in class. It was designed to be a fun activity that would help adults remember the rules when out boating.

Jim and Cheryl chartered a narrow boat (canal boat) in the UK and shared exploits from their experience at a squadron dinner meeting. (If you have never maneuvered a 50' long, 8' wide boat through dozens of 9' wide locks using a tiller, it's not for the faint-hearted.) At another meeting he regaled members with an update on Rose.

We all miss you, Jim; you were a good friend, and great guy to hang out with.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 am Oct. 3 at St. Joseph Church, 332 Manor Ave., Downingtown, followed by a get-together at the Spauldings' home. Cheryl has invited squadron members to come to either or both.

Vessel Safety Checks included PWCs this year

By *Maryanne Boettjer*
VSC chairperson

This has been a strange year for our Vessel Safety Check committee, thanks to Covid-19. We weren't even allowed to begin to do inspections until July 6, when the US Coast Guard approved their resumption for our area. And then we proceeded cautiously.

While we will not approach our tally from last year of well over 100, we have done pretty well under the circumstances.

Between Chris Dome, John Juzbasich and myself, we have made 37 inspections so far, and may still pick up a few more.

We examined quite a variety of vessels -- sailboats and powerboats in the 25' to 50' range, smaller runabouts, several kayaks and canoes, and -- a first for our squadron-- two PWCs!

As part of the recent virtual USPS Fall Conference, there was an excellent session on Vessel Safety Checks offered by Dave Fuller, Commander of America's Boating Club®-Atlanta. The session was very informative and well received, and there was ample time for a Q & A session afterward.

As Dave said, the virtual audience was probably many times larger than an in-person one would have been in Raleigh! He responded positively to a request by participants to have a similar session presented in the spring, at the opening of the next boating and VSC season.

In the meantime, that session is available online. Here's the link: https://usps.org/national/itcom/raleigh20/VSC_Presentation.mp4.



Hello again to members returning to our squadron

By *Susan Friedrichs*
Membership chair

Welcome back, Sam and Joy Lyness! The Lynesses were longtime members of Main Line, joining in 1964. When they were with us, Sam served as SEO in 1994. He rose to the rank of N.

Several years ago they moved to Annapolis, where they became active in the Annapolis squadron. Sam served in many areas -- administration, education and teaching. He was commander and taught JN and N, among other positions.

Four years ago they returned to Pennsylvania, and live at Jenners Pond in West Grove. Having completed their duties at Annapolis, they requested a transfer to ABC-VF.

Sam jumped back into action, and has been checking site folders for our Virtual N course.

Please welcome them and add this contact information to your roster:

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A 'free boat' is anything but a free ride for its restorer

By Gary Armstrong
Intrepid Boat Mechanic

If anyone tries to give you a free boat, don't fall for it. I acquired a "free" boat, motor and trailer several years ago, and, believe me, it's not really free. In fact, it cost me a pretty penny. But I am getting ahead of myself. Let me go back to the beginning.

In early March of 2007 I discovered that someone was looking for a home for a 1965 Larson boat with an Evinrude 50 HP motor and trailer. When I saw this offer I thought that it might be a fun project for me and my son, Eric, to work on in our spare time. And, if we ever completed the project, Eric would have a boat to have some fun with.

I went to pick up the vessel, about 10 miles from my house, and when I first saw it I thought, "It doesn't look so bad". But when I got it home my opinion started to change. It was apparent that it had been sitting outside, uncovered, for a few years. It was full of leaves and plant debris, and also full of ice and snow. All of the lights, cleats and attachments had been removed and placed in a five-gallon bucket, which happened to be full of frozen water, i.e. ice. I couldn't tell what I had until I thawed the ice cylinder and freed the artifacts inside it.

The seats were lying sideways or upside down in the cockpit, along with a bunch of miscellaneous parts, and the remnants of a bimini



Photos by Gary Armstrong

From top left, frozen boat bits, and other bits of a boat; 50 HP Evinrude removed onto homemade stand; removal of rotten transom.

top made of old, crusted vinyl. My optimism really took a hit when I began to inspect the transom. It was in bad shape, very rotted with a big curve in it. The 50 HP outboard hanging on it was distorting the transom and it looked like it might just fall right off.

I inspected the rest of the boat and decided to try and prioritize my repair activities to

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minimize the cost and avert wasted effort.

My plan was simple: Work on the boat first to see if I could fix it before I attempted to get the engine running. If I couldn't make the boat safe and usable I'd have no use for the outboard. And to fix the boat I needed to accomplish the following:

1. Repair or replace the transom
2. Rewire the navigation lights
3. Repair/re-glass the side compartment shelves
4. Paint or recondition the gel coat
5. Install indoor/outdoor carpeting
6. Install the seats

All of this seemed do-able except for the fact that I have never done any fiberglass repair work or repaired a boat transom. But what the heck, this never stopped me before. Back then, YouTube wasn't a thing so I had to research and figure this out myself.

I built a stand out of scrap lumber and managed to heft the outboard onto it and then went to work on the transom.

Since the boat had an engine well at the stern I couldn't easily do the repairs from the inside, so I decided to remove the fiberglass skin at the transom and start from there.

Using a router, I carved a groove around



New transom is slid into place in slot, top view of new transom; next, skin is glued back onto transom. Finally, a new coat of paint, nearly matching the original.

the transom skin and was able to remove that section in one piece. The wood in the transom had rotted to the point that the fiberglass had stopped adhering to the transom wood.

There was a lot of rotted wood that had to be chiseled out, along with a couple of carpenter ant colonies. I left a channel all the way around

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Highlights from August and September ExComs

August

- A total of 16 students, including 3 from ABC-VF, are taking the online Navigation course being taught by P/D/Lt/C Jim Heckman, with help from several squadron members.
- P/C Joe Pezely reported that our website can now accept payment using PayPal. Treasurer Wayne Barrett observed that fees should be adjusted to cover the 2.5% fee PayPal charges.
- P/C Lance Parry offered to organize a collec-

tion of nonperishable food or money for Paoli Presbyterian Church's food closet since we use the church for our meetings and some classes.

September

- Heckman said the Navigation class has grown to 17 students from New England to South Carolina.
- P/C Frank Visich said this year's veterans' picnic in Spring City has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

Briefly noted...



Good news!! John Sheldrake, intrepid captain of *Foxy Lady*, and host of legendary boat crawls on our annual summer cruise (and other adventures), is expected to leave rehab for home care later this week. He'll be continuing to heal there after an accident earlier this year. Look for an email soon with his new cell phone number. In the meantime, you can send him a card or good wishes at:

2256 Newbury Drive
Wellington, FL 33414-7762

Like turbulence? If so, you can attend a webinar on Nov. 6 to learn how to become a volunteer severe weather watcher for the National Weather Service in the SKYWARN® program. The class is designed for the Baltimore/Washington D.C. area, but other NWS local offices, including Philadelphia, participate in Skywarn as well. Volunteers learn how to spot severe weather on land and on the water, and report their findings. Offered by the NWS office in Sterling, VA and America's Boating Club; info at [SKYWARN program](#). Locally: [SKYWARN Philly](#).



Tell 'em - should these markers stay or go? The Coast Guard wants your opinion on whether several nav aids in the Chesapeake's shallow draft waters should remain. USCG says the markers are redundant, but some boaters contend removing the markers could be dangerous. More info at [shallow draft nav aids](#). Answer the CG survey [using this tool](#) through Nov. 1.

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into which I would slide the replacement transom boards.

For the transom, I used plain old exterior plywood as I couldn't find a source for marine ply locally. I made a pattern and cut two, ½-inch boards in the correct shape. I coated both sides and edges with epoxy to seal the wood. The transom had a slight curve, so I applied the epoxy and, before it set up, I slid the boards into the channel and they took the correct shape as the epoxy set.

Now it was time to re-glue the skin to the transom, again using epoxy, and then fill in the space from the router bit to seal up the transom so this wouldn't happen again for a long time. I used clamps and also screwed the skin back on to hold it in place and I went back later and filled the screw holes with epoxy.

When the weather broke, I took the boat outside to paint and clean it up. After removing the windshield and all the other attachments, I gave her a paint job and tried to get the colors as close as possible to pictures of Larsons I found online.

After reinstalling everything, it looked pretty good.



The finished product, above, and a sea trial, below.



I never could get the Evinrude to run without overheating, so I put on an old 65 HP Mercury and took her out for a ride.

I don't have the Larson anymore, but it was a fun and educational winter project.

News from America's Boating Club® and District 5

The ABC Fall Conference navigated new waters and became an online event. One bonus — no one had to miss a meeting because it was too far away.

Here's the link to the [spreadsheet](#), showing all the presentations. Links to the courses are in the far right column.

Maryanne Boettjer said the VSC seminar she attended was so popular that attendees asked that it be offered again in the spring. (See P. 12.)

The District 5 Fall Educational Conference, scheduled for Nov 5-8, will also be online. Stay tuned to the district website at <https://abc-midatlantic.org/> for details and a schedule when they're posted.

The district website also lists the online Navigation course being taught by our own Jim Heckman and Bill McManimen.

Check out other seminars and courses on the site's Upcoming Events list.

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2020-2021 Calendar

Events may be changed or cancelled as conditions warrant. Check your email regularly and stay in touch virtually if you can't join in person. Links for Zoom and Free Conference Call meetings will be emailed before each meeting.

October

- 7 Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm
- 15 Virtual Monthly Dinner Meeting, details on Page 9 (being planned by John Beardsley)
- 15 Deadline to submit Merit Mark recommendations to Bill McManimen at wjmcmanimen@gmail.com, with a copy to Cdr Patty Pezely at patty.pezely@gmail.com

November

- 4 Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm
- 4-7 Online D/5 Fall Educational Conference. Info to come at <https://abc-midatlantic.org/>
- 19 **No** dinner meeting
- 20 *Pilot* articles deadline

December

- 2 Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm
- 11 Virtual Holiday Party (being planned by Barb and Russ Jones)

January

- 6 Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm
- 21 Virtual Dinner Meeting – Founders' Day (presented by Barb and Russ Jones)
- 25 *Pilot* articles deadline

February

- 3 Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm
- 14-21 America's Boating Club (USPS) Annual Meeting, Ponte Vedra, Fl.
- 18 Virtual Dinner Meeting – Officer elections (presented by Megan Weber)

March

- 3 Virtual ExCom Meeting, 7 pm
- 12-14 Greater Philadelphia Boat Show, Oaks
- 22 *Pilot* articles deadline

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April

4-11 D/5 Spring Conference, Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, Md.

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