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VALLEY FORGE



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2023 Chesapeake Cruise A GREAT SUCCESS!



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It's not too late

D-5 Summer Cruises
Educational Cruise August 2nd
Commander's Picnic August 5th
BBQ & Sailing August 26th



Commander's Message

ABC Valley Forge

Summer is officially underway, and ABC Valley Forge is moving right along. Last month, our club had its annual cruise along the Chesapeake. I was able to go down to Saint Michaels on the Chesapeake to catch up with the team on its weeklong journey. We toured the Maritime Museum in St Michaels where they restorations of rare old boats including making custom forged metal parts. After the visit to the museum tour, I hosted the commander's cocktail hour complete with numerous appetizers. All had a good time.

We participated in the Skippack July 4th parade celebrating our countries independence. The parade

team included John Juzbasich, John Juzbasich Jr., Megan Webber, Richard McLaughlin, Emily Singer, and myself. We handed out hundreds ABC Valley Forge brochures which also included contact information for the sea scouts. I wish to give a hearty thanks to all involved ABC Valley Forge it's starting to get its name out and we'll continue to do other community events in our area.

We are hosting an ABC Boating course for three sea scouts and two dads on Saturday July 15th. This is the beginning of an ongoing effort to train sea scouts to achieve their boating safety certificate.

While members we're having a great time this summer with friends and family, we should not forget to talk up America's Boating Club Valley Forge for potential students for our classes and possibly family members to join the squadron.

- Ed White

D-5 Summer Cruises

United States Power Squadrons(r) District 5 is sponsoring two summer events; a Cruise beginning in Baltimore Harbor on July 21st and the Summer Rendezvous beginning on July 28th at the Lankford Bay Marina. Documents describing the Cruise and Rendezvous events are posted for download from the web site. [CLICK HERE](#) for the PDF.

Captains who want to participate in the cruise should contact V/C Ralph Bernard (rb3513@comcast.net or 609.226.6773) to register.

Cruise details including marina contact information and daily schedules are posted at [CLICK HERE](#). Captains are advised to contact the St Michaels Marina at (410) 226-6330 or (410) 745-2460 as soon as possible as slips are in short supply. Many daily activities including evening cocktail parties are planned.

Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron is host squadron for the District 5 Summer Rendezvous & Conference which begins on July 28th at the Lankford Bay Marina near Rock Hall MD. A Conference Description document including marina and hotel contact data is available at [CLICK HERE](#) for the PDF.

Members may also use forms available on [CLICK REGISTER](#) to register.

We look forward to seeing all members of District 5 Squadrons during the Cruise or Rendezvous

Fleet Captain's Report

NEW 6 knot speed limit in the area of the Bay Bridge during the construction period.

Mariners should be aware that Aberdeen Test Center is conducting live fire exercises and operational testing of various watercraft through October 1, 2023.

The operation area includes:

Entering the water near Bear Point, proceeding Southeast towards APG K Buoy,

Southward along the restricted APG Water Boundary to H Buoy, Westward to the mouth of Delph Creek and then returning to the Bear Point area.

The watercraft will be accompanied by ATC Patrol boats to provide escort and ensure area is clear of public boats.

All commercial fishing to include placement of crab pots in this area is prohibited during these exercises.

At the same period of time two captured Russian main battle tanks have arrived at APG. Accordingly the secure area has been expanded to include the area from Sparrows Point, 39 deg 22 min, 76 deg 27 min to Sandy Point, 39 deg 27 min, 76 deg 07 min. My suggestion is to stay on the eastern side of the bay.

Jim Friedrichs
July 13, 2023



Upcoming Classes and Seminars

- 1) ABC Boating Certification - Downingtown MS; Downingtown School District - Tuesdays, Sep 19 to Oct 17; \$40
- 2) Marine Navigation - Peirce MS, WC SD - Wednesdays starting Sep 20 to Nov 1; \$40 (an additional \$45 for materials at the first class)
- 3) Rules of the Road Seminar- Stetson MS, WC School District - Thursday, Sep 21; \$20
- 4) Marine Radio Seminar - Stetson MS, WC School District - Thursday, Oct 5; \$20
- 5) Emergencies on Board Seminar - Stetson MS, WC School District - Thursday, Oct 19; \$20
- 6) Weather for Boaters Seminar - Stetson MS, WC School District - Thursday, Nov 2; \$20

All classes and seminars begin at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm, EXCEPT => ABC is listed at 7:00 pm, ending at 9:00 pm

Wayne Barrett

JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER



Aboard the Benjamin Franklin Yacht
Enjoy a Narrated Cruise and
Buffet Dinner
Wednesday, August 2, 2023
Boarding: 1800
Departure: 1830
Rain or Shine

Traditional and electronic methods of navigation will be presented.

During this trip you will enjoy a delightful, full course dinner on the lower dining deck of the Ben Franklin. The informative and exciting narration will focus on aids to navigation, piloting, and chart work using a hand-held compass, GPS, and plotting our position on Delaware River Chart 12312. On the return trip you will see lighted aids, ranges and navigation lights on the big ships.

Bring your neighbors and friends

Make reservation by sending a check in the amount of \$35.00 for each adult payable to ABC-DV to Lt/C Robert Tafel, PO Box 585, Hatboro, PA 19040 (215-441-4154).
.List the name of each guest and e-mail address. (Sea Scouts & children under 12 at \$15.00).

Directions: The Ben Franklin departs from 101 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA which is just south of the Ben Franklin Bridge. South on I-95: take the right hand lane at exit 22 for Callowhill St. At the bottom of the off ramp, turn left on Callowhill St. and then right on N. Columbus Blvd. Turn left onto Penns Landing and the yacht will be on the left. There is ample parking at the location.

Uniform of the day = ABC Casual

.Sponsored by Americas Boating Club --Delaware Valley

ABC Valley Forge Best Team Award

The ABC Valley Forge B.E.S.T. team award is given to four individuals who exemplify Build, Educate, Sustain and Train in each of the areas that we need to build and grow our squadron.

The first person to be honored it's for Build goes to Russ Jones. We all know Russ this deeply involved with the education program and is always talking up the squadron when it comes to the boating classes for new members. Thanks Russ.

The second person on the team award is for Educate And that award goes to our educational officer Wayne Barrett. Wayne is the first to volunteer when a new opportunity comes for educating new boaters. Wayne volunteered for the Highway Marine class and also class for the sea scouts. Wayne also joined me when I visited the Philadelphia sail club and really provided a good background on our educational program and subsequently one of their members joined America's boating club Valley Forge. Way to go Wayne, well done.

The third team member sustain award goes to Joe Pezely. Joe has sustained the website for many years now. His dedicated efforts have made sure



that our classes are posted and the events our scheduled on the website. The website is our window to the world and we're glad to have Joe and her team to help us along the way. Thanks Joe.

The TRAIN award goes to Susan Woron. Sue heads up our operational training classes and did a tremendous job earlier this year for new and seasoned members alike and kept it interesting. The operations training class relays all that's involved with America's boating club at the squadron level district level and also the national level. It is classes like the operations class that will help sustain ABC Valley Forge well into the future. Thanks again sue we really appreciate your effort.

Annapolis Members on the ABC-VF Cruise



Photographs by Lance Parry



COMMANDER'S PICNIC *at Lower Perkiomen Valley Park*

DATE: August 5, 2023

TIME: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

LOCATION: Lower Perkiomen Valley Park.



See the following link for the map and additional info about the park.

<https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/873/Lower-Perkiomen-Valley-Park>

<https://www.montgomerycountypa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7908/LPVP-Map-2022?bidId=>

We will be at the main pavilion (with bathrooms and the picnic area) closest to the dam on the map. The park is dog and kid friendly, but **not alcohol friendly**. The park has grills and electricity available.

RSVP TO: Megan Weber

Text 732-948-9723

Email meganweberillustration@gmail.com

Please state if you want to contribute an appetizer, side, or desert

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARK

Main Pavilion/Main Picnic Center Seats/Tables: There are **6 eight-foot picnic tables inside**. There are several picnic tables scattered outside the pavilions which can be used as well. 30-40 people can fit inside comfortably.

Note: the park does not allow alcoholic beverages

Charcoal Grills: Yes, there are charcoal grills nearby. You must provide your own charcoal. Includes: electricity, cold water spigot access, picnic tables
Handicapped Access: Yes
Fireplace: Yes, wood is provided. (Please do not bring firewood with you.)

Restrooms: Yes, flush toilets are attached to one end of the pavilion.

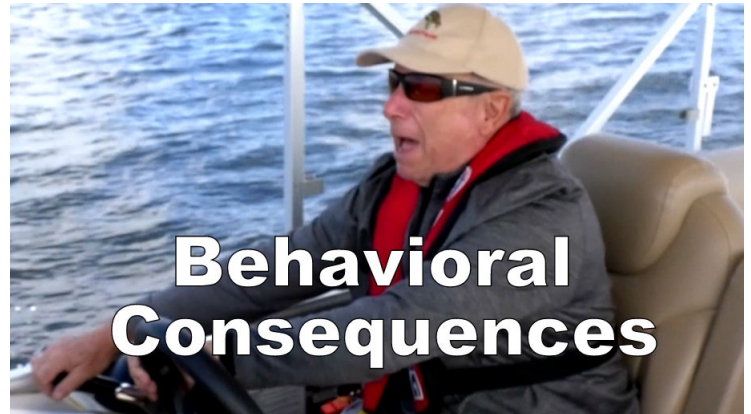
Parking: There are only a few spaces near the pavilion, however, there are parking lots within walking distance.

America's Boating Channel Reminder:

Knowledge of the Navigation Rules Helps Prevent Boating Accidents

As we enter the height of the boating season, don't forget that knowledge of the rules of navigation helps prevent boating accidents. If you need a refresher before getting out on the water, you can access an invaluable library of videos produced by America's Boating Channel. These videos are available to USPS members to view and download for free at [bit.ly/USPSABC](https://www.usps.com/USPSABC). There is an index to help you find exactly what you need, which is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection.

For example, Season Four's "Behavioral Consequences" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWq-jshx8yU&t=44s>) video covers the importance to recreational boat operators of having a working knowledge of the navigation rules. Viewers learn about the dangers of not following the rules of the road. Also featured are tips for responsible boating. Boating responsibly can lead to lasting memories, while bad boating behaviors can cause issues ranging from mere embarrassment to major catastrophe.



America's Boating Channel™ produced a sequel to this video in Season Five titled "Collision Avoidance" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cXv6s7wqjE&t=1s>), which covers the most basic and essential navigation rules. Viewers learn how to determine stand-on and give-

way vessels in various circumstances. It also features tips for steering clear of potentially dangerous situations. For example, at night not using navigation lights or not learning how to interpret them can lead to incidents with more serious outcomes than during the day. Again, these two videos are good refreshers before visiting your local waterway at a time of year when it will be most crowded.

You can follow the above links or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other safe boating videos, which also are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku or FireTV. America's Boating Channel™ is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

2023-2024 Bridge

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Asterisk (*) means the member has completed three or more courses after achieving AP

Update Your Profile

Please review your information by going to <https://www.usps.org/member-s-log-in>. Enter your USPS Certificate number and password.

On the right-hand side of the page, you will see your member Profile. Click on Manage Profile. Here you can change your address, phone number, email address, MMSI and more.

If you forgot your password, click on the forgot password link.

If you need a name change please email me at patty.pezely@gmail.com.

Vessel Safety Examinations

We now have 65 completed Vessel Safety Checks and hope to break 75 this year. There are a few months left before the year ends, let's keep the momentum going!

- J. Juzbasich



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Getting ready for the boating season with America's Boating Channel (ABC)

The United States Power Squadrons has been commissioned by the United States Coast Guard to develop, produce and post Boating Safety videos to assist boaters with short videos on the Americas Boating Channel. Each of us has our own level of boating skills. We should always be looking to build and / or refresh our boating skills. This is an easy to use and easy to learn platform to keep us ready for the unexpected or be better prepared use for our journeys through the boating season. We can also be good stewards of boating safety by promoting Americas Boating Channel to family, friends and boating enthusiast alike. There may be cases where our boating friends view a video and soon realize that taking a boating course might be the next step in the process after watching the video. Talk up ABC Valley Forge and Talk up the Americas Boating Channel this year.

Here are the names and links to some of the boating videos available.

#	ABC Video	Link to the video (click on link or copy to address bar)
1	ABC Smart TV Launch	https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c_rFyt1fGqvdiSauAijAg
2	Life Jackets	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HIZ2QMqOSI
3	Navigation Rules	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jjx9ELuSxyM
4	Planning Ahead	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzxc2NgdFM
5	Vessel Exams	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9BoiiWcM1M
6	Basic Marine Communications	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxkxVOOoVOY
7	Preparing for departure	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9tJ5vmdFFM
8	Distress Signals	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VR1An8LAVow
9	Defensive Boating	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMZKW0VUI9I
10	Boating Education	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWCwXxvip2w

ABC Valley Forge prepares for the boating season with Americas Boating Channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c_rFyt1fGqvdiSauAijAg

D-5 Cruise Schedule

2023 cruise schedule

CRUISE SCHEDULE 2023

Cruise name	Dates	Destination	Cruise masters
Shakedown Cruise	May 19-21	Baltimore Inner Harbor	Walter Neece 410-728-7275 walt@walterworkshardware.com
Blue Angels Raftup	May 23	Severn River	Peggy Slattery 443-994-1158
Choptank River Raftup	June 3	Cambridge, MD	John O'Reilly john@yellowsunfish.net
ABC Wilmington Cruise	June 9 – 17	Multiple ports See their newsletter for chart	Bart and Beverly Wilson Cruise@abc-wilmington.com
IRONMAN 70.3 Eagleman Swim safety monitor	June 11	Cambridge, MD	John O'Reilly john@yellowsunfish.net
Southbound Sailing Cruise	June 19-30	Sail from St. Michaels to points south	Susan Rudy, David Blades 410-971-9199 (Susan) sfrudy@juno.com
Delhigh Summer Rendezvous	June 22 – 25	Rock Hall MD	Kathleen Nowroozani k.now@mac.com
Tolchester Beach Cruise	June 23-25	Tolchester Marina	Ron Basener 443-243-0600 anneron1969@gmail.com
Top Gun Cruise	July 5-16	Baltimore to Cape May to NYC to Mystic CT to Newport, RI	Doug Riley 410-236-7144 DougRiley@verizon.net
Aquapalooza	July 8	Yankee Point Marina	Frederic Edmonds fdedmonds@netscape.com
D5 Summer Rendezvous	July 29-31	Lankford Bay Marina Rock Hall MD	District 5
Wilmont's Water World	August 11-13	Deep Creek	Betty and John Wilmot
West River Cruise	August 25-27	Chesapeake Yacht Club Shady Side, MD	Eileen Riley, Doug Riley 410-825-9632
Wurst Cookout Ever Cruise	September 8-10	Baltimore Yacht Club	John Hall, Mary Hall 410-823-5698

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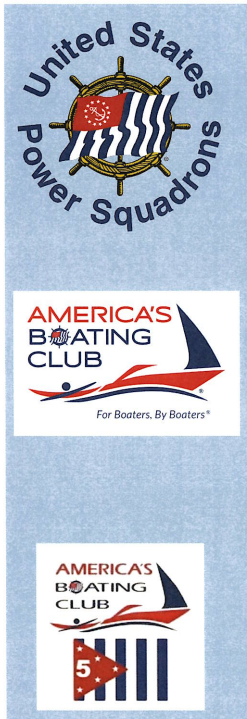
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has a wide variety of articles that may be of interest



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