Greetings Fellow America’s Boating Club San Antonio Members,

Continually and all in time we are re-branding our look. We are learning to call ourselves America’s Boating Club – San Antonio, even though we remain a fully chartered squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons. One should not however confuse our squadron with our Meetup site America’s Boating Club – San Antonio. Our Meetup site is a public site, currently having both squadron and non-squadron members. Meetup site includes enthusiasts of many interests who enjoy sharing boating and water craft experiences, without receiving the benefits of squadron membership. Of course, we would welcome any Meetup member to join our squadron and participate at a much different level.

Recently our team of ABC/3 course instructors got together and planned the delivery of the 2019 ABC/3 courses. At their meeting they reviewed their instructional approach and every component of the course to ensure the course is delivered most effectively. The 2019 course schedule is being developed with Bass Pro Shop and once all dates are confirmed, the ABC/3 course schedule will be published. Tony, Frank, Price and Tom – great job!

Related to the ABC/3 curriculum, a new course to be introduced in September is the ‘Boat Handling’ course. The Boat Handling course is designed to take place of the current Seamanship course. In a nut shell, the Boat Handling course removes from the current Seamanship course
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the duplicate material already taught in the ABC/3 course. When the new Boat Handling course is introduced, it will be released as a six-part course, and each 2-hour session will be released as a seminar. The advanced level Seamanship certificate will still be issued upon satisfactory completion of all parts. More on this as we look to our next Seamanship (Boat Handling) course delivery.

Sometime in the fall/winter we are looking at a putting on a marine electrical seminar. When the temperatures cool down a bit and the boaters begin to winterize their boats, perhaps time will allow more boaters to attend this exciting seminar.

Update on MV Patriot. Still on the hard getting hull accessories completed and reattached (swim platform, engine vent cowlings, etc.) Even the props have been rebalanced. From the deck down she is looking very nice! The new Awlgrip hull paint has a spectacular shine.

We cannot wait for the fly bridge hard top and radar arch to be set back on have and the new electronics installed. Unfortunately, repairs won’t be completed before Carolyn and I leave for a West Coast RV trip. It’s a sure bet though when we return early December, we will be headed to League City for another boat check and shared update.

And speaking of sharing, anyone who has something to offer (articles, pictures, etc.) about your experiences, travels, boating, family, fun or even a favorite recipe, we sure would like to hear about it. Please send correspondence to me and I will see it is placed in our newsletter.

Hope to see you all soon,

See you all soon,

David Baltzell, AP, Squadron Commander

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ABC/3 Class

Class is required for anyone born on or after 1 Sept 1993 operating certain vessels on the waterways of TX. Register at https://tpwd.elementlms.com/find-classes/

22 September
9 November

Location:
Bass Pro Shop
17907 I-10
San Antonio TX 78257

Summer Activities

Tony Gobernatz and members of the HOU SASPS completed their On-The-Water Training early this summer!

Mack and Liz McKinney spent some time Sailing the Altair on Lake Ontario
General Notes

Your comments and suggestions for improving our new newsletter format are welcomed by your editor.

Jump into Squadron activities and planning this year by learning something new in a class.

Do you want to really learn something about the squadron? Volunteer to help teach a class. This is the best way to learn.

Keep your eyes open for a powerboat that can get donated to the Squadron to increase our training opportunities.

https://www.usps.org/index.php

Meeting Locations

Executive Board meetings will be held at First Watch.
700 E Sonterra Blvd.

Membership meetings will be held at Grady’s

General Membership Meeting

13 September 2018

Gather for information and a chance to socialize with your fellow Squadron members.

Meet at

Grady’s Bar-B-Q

Restaurant

6510 US 281 Access Rd
San Antonio TX

6:30 pm

Meet up—A new way to connect with people

Meetup is a unique way for us to connect with people that have an interest in boating and boating safety.

• Take a trip to the Meetup website https://www.meetup.com/
• Select “Join a movement”
• Enter “boating” in the search box
• Find “America’s Boating Club San Antonio”
• Following the directions on the site to Join Us

Now for the fun part!

• See the other group members
• Find out when meetings are coming up
• Post photos of your boating activities
• Start a discussion
The Bridge for 2018-2019

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