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DBA America's Boating Club of Chattanooga

Commander's Message

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See our Website <https://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-cha>

Happy Spring!

There are several events the Squadron will be involved in, as detailed below. I encourage you to share your safe boating skills with those around you to help create a safe 2023 boating season. Enjoy our beautiful waters!



Executive Officer's Message

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We have recently heard that the Knoxville Squadron will be coming to Chattanooga in mid-June, and will be staying at The Bluffs in Chattanooga. Anyone who is interested in enjoying dinner with them at Scotties on the River on June 23 around 7 pm, and/or helping to provide transportation to/from dinner, please contact Sue Kuemmel at (832)474-3822. You are also welcome to catch a boat ride back to Knoxville on one of the boats, though you will have to arrange your own transportation back to the Chattanooga area on your own. Please contact Sue for more information on this, if interested.



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Greetings Everyone from Admin:

The Kuemmels have returned after spending last week at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit in Little Rock, Arkansas. What a great meeting! We were able to attend several of the meetings and hear speakers on what's new in boating and safety topics and were also privy to hearing an impactful presentation on team-building and energizing meetings. I'm looking forward to watching some of the programs on the Boating Channel; especially the "Boat Fail" videos and some of the boating movies they were able to get released. Jack Everett should enjoy some of the sailing regattas that will be televised also. Check it out. I was also able to bring home some "swag" and gave it out to the students at last Saturday's Boating Course Class.

This morning we attended the annual Boy Scout Fund-raising Luncheon at the Chattanooga Convention Center and got to hear Shane Beamer, one of the rising stars among coaches in college football at the University of South Carolina. He spoke about the attributes of Scouts and the importance of instilling those values in our youth. That is one reason why I think our involvement with the Scouting Community, and particularly those Scouts involved in boating, is so important. If only in a small way, each of us can help to make this happen, so be thinking of how your unique talents can be used to make a difference.

We're looking forward to hosting the meeting next Tuesday (May 2nd), 5–7pm. Our porch was finally completed last summer, and we now have furniture in place and have a place to entertain even if it rains (Last time here we met in the garage). We're serving a standing pork loin rib roast with stewed apples, a salad and green vegetable, and topping it off with dessert. We're hoping some people will bring a bottle of wine and/or an appetizer to share and round out the meal. I should have a bit more "swag" from the Summit to share with Club Members, so BE THERE!

Finally, a couple more announcements/happenings. The Blessing of the Fleet is May 7, with Squadron boats meeting up near Big Ridge Marina around 1 pm for the start. May 20th Erwin Marina is hosting its annual Customer Appreciation Picnic and has invited us to set up a tent with Club info and be available for VSCs if requested. If you would like a free T-shirt and lunch, be sure to sign up. The following week is National Safe Boating Week, and we would like to pass out some boating packets at a few of the local launches, so I am looking for volunteers for that. Please reach out to Pam Trotter if you are available to help with the June 6 raft up/picnic.



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We had a really good ABC class this month with 21 (100%) passing the exam and qualifying for their Tennessee Boater Education Certificate. More safe boaters out there! Thanks to Sue and Jim Kuemmel and Jack Everette for their efforts in helping to pull this off.

Upcoming education events-

5/8-5/11 TWRA Boating Safety class @ McCalley school
5/11 Boating Safety Review and proctored TWRA exam
6/10 ABC class and proctored exam
7/11 Boating Safety Review and proctored TWRA exam

Interest in advanced classes has been running pretty low this year, both for members and non-members. If you are interested in any of the advanced or elective courses let me know, there is enough time left in the year to run one or two more of these classes. If you have any questions, feel free to email, text or call me, or just corner me at our next meeting.

Submitted by: Greg Golian

AT LAST, A FULL-TIME TV DESTINATION FOR ALL THINGS BOATING!

In the middle of April, Sue Kuemmel & I were invited to participate in the public launch of America's Boating Channel's expanded television service at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit, held in Little Rock AR for four days. To give you an idea of the significance of this conference, USPS was represented by the current Chief Commander Craig Fraser, the past Chief Commander Mary Paige Abbott, and past Chief Commander Robert Baldrige. Other organizations which supported the conference were the Executive Directors of American Canoe Association, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, National Safe Boating Council, Sea Tow Foundation, The Corps Foundation (USACE), Water Sports Foundation, and more.

Most of us were aware that America's Boating Channel produces boater education and boating safety videos, which were then shown on YouTube. Now this service has been enormously expanded by including several hundred more videos produced by the other organizations, in an

unprecedented collaboration among fellow U.S. Coast Guard non-profit grant recipients, now shown as a free-of-charge video-on-demand (VOD) and as a continuously-playing streaming TV channel. We can now access all of this via a Roku stick or FireTV app.

These services also mark the media industry's first-ever full-time television presence totally devoted to all things boating. Cable TV already offers full-time golf, tennis, and skiing channels – and now at last, boating.

See the enclosed marketing literature from America's Boating Channel for more information.

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3. Select Add Channel

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1. Go to Apps on your Fire TV Main Menu
2. Search for Americas Boating Channel
3. Select Get to download the App

YOUR BOATING DOLLARS AT WORK

Produced under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

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America's Boating Channel now offers an advertising supported video on demand (AVOD) app and a free ad-supported streaming television (FAST) channel.

SERVICE OFFERINGS

Video-on-Demand App

Television Channel

Whether you're new to boating and water sports or a seasoned boat operator, you'll find a selection of boating related videos to pique your interest.

The boating lifestyle is all about enjoying experiences on-the-water in a variety of recreational vessels and on many different waterways.

No matter whether your idea of boating involves yachts, speedboats, sailboats, personal watercraft, kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, or any other kind of recreational vessel, we have you covered.

Our videos cover Boat Falls, Boating News, US Sailing Team, Boat Races, Boating TV Programs, Movies for Boaters, Cooking on Board, Boating Cartoons, as well as U.S. Coast Guard and Naval Films, and more.

Plus, a comprehensive collection of boating safety and boater education videos complementing America's Boating Channel's award-winning catalog of U.S. Coast Guard funded videos, including American Canoe Association (ACA), National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), National Safe Boating Council, Sea Tow Foundation, The Corps Foundation, Water Sports Foundation (WSF), and more.

Submitted by: Jim Kuemmel



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America's Boating Channel Launches on Smart TV

USPS Chief Commander Presses Button at IBWSS Ceremony

Little Rock, AR, 16 April 2023 – **America's Boating Channel™**, the U.S. Coast Guard funded boating safety and boater education video service, produced by United States Power Squadrons® (USPS), publicly launched its new smart TV offerings this afternoon during the opening ceremony of the **International Boating & Water Safety Summit (IBWSS)**.

The red-carpet gala event celebrated a **collaboration among numerous Coast Guard non-profit grantees who contributed several hundred**

boating safety and boater education videos to the new services and marked a **first for the media industry which has never before had a full-time television destination for all-things-boating**. The services also feature boat fails, boating news, boat races, boating TV program series, movies for boaters, boating cartoons, and other high-appeal boating themed television programs.

In announcing the launch, **America's Boating Channel's Grant Project Manager Marty Lafferty** thanked the people who made it possible... "Our Coast Guard Grant Technical Manager **Tom Dardis** – without whose leadership and support we wouldn't be here; the person who came up with the idea to put America's Boating Channel on smart TV – USPS Past Chief Commander **Mary Paige Abbott**; the super-star who has led this enormous effort – America's Boating Channel Vice President **Kathy Strachan**; America's Boating Channel Field Producers – **Jim and Sue Kuemmel**, and **Bill and Rose Stano** who are here tonight producing this event; and America's Boating Channel Business Affairs leader – **Sari Lafferty**."

"Representing our amazing video content providers are, for the Water Sports Foundation – **Jim Emmons**; for American Canoe Association - the ACA – **Pam Dillon**; for the National Safe Boating Council – **Peg Phillips**; for the Corps Foundation – **Rachel Garren**; for NASBLA - the National Association of Boating Law Administrators – **Ron Sarver**; and for the Sea Tow Foundation – **Gail Kulp**."

USPS Chief Commander **Craig Fraser** appeared center stage to press the button that officially marked the launch of the **America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku and FireTV, and continuously playing live channel on Sports.TV**.

Lafferty went on to say, "Tonight signals the start of the first phase of our commercial operation. Our focus now turns entirely to our viewing audience. Together we will make our constituents aware of these new smart TV

services, invite them to subscribe for free, and encourage them to tune-in and spread the word far and wide. **America's Boating Channel is now truly the next best thing to being on the water."**

About America's Boating Channel

America's Boating Channel™ is produced for United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) by Lafferty Media Partners (LMP) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. The service features professionally produced, high-definition, safe boating and boater education videos. America's Boating Channel has been recognized with the National Boating Industry Safety Award as the 2021 Top Marine Media Outlet, and with the 2022 International Boating and Water Safety Summit Communication Award for the top Video Public Service Announcement (PSA) Series.

AmericasBoatingChannel.com

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Local Course Offerings and Pricing

America's Boating Course (ABC3) \$ 25.00, not including TWRA exam permit fee
\$ 25.00 for optional text book in hard copy or E-Book format

Saturday February 18, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, location: Hixson
Saturday April 22, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, location: Soddy Daisy
Saturday June 10, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, location: Lookout Mountain

TWRA review & proctored exam \$25.00, not including TWRA exam permit fee
(email csps.signup@gmail.com to enroll)
Saturday March 18, 9:00 AM - noon, location: Soddy Daisy
Thursday May 11, 5:00 PM, location: Hixson
Tuesday July 11, 5:00 PM, location: Lookout Mountain

Advanced classes (location: Privateer Yacht Club):

- Boat Handling (BH): Tuesday 02/28/23 – Tuesday 04/18/23, \$90 for members, \$ 160 for non-members
- Marine Navigation (Piloting): Tuesday 04/25/23 - Tuesday 07/18/23, \$ 90 for members, \$ 160 for non-members
- Adv. Marine Nav (AP): Tuesday 08/15/23 - Tuesday 11/7/23, \$70 for members, \$ 130 for non-members
- OffShore Navigation (JN): TBD, \$120 for members, \$ 210 for non-members
- Celestial Navigation (N): TBD, \$160 for members, \$ 270 for non-members

Elective classes (location: Privateer Yacht Club):

- Engine Maintenance (EM): Tuesday 02/28/23 – Tuesday 05/02/23, \$ 70 members, \$ 130 non-members
- Marine Electrical Systems (MES): Tuesday 09/05/23-11/07/23, \$ 80 members, \$ 150 non-members
- Marine Communication Systems (MCS): TBD, \$ 70 members, \$ 130 non-members
- Weather TBD, \$ 80 members, \$ 150 non-members
- Cruise and Cruise Planning (C & CP): Tuesday 05/09/23- 06/27/23, \$ 70 members, \$ 130 non-members

Seminars No charge to attend (some seminars may have optional course materials available).

A \$ 25 USPS Administration Fee applies to participants who want their completion registered with USPS.

- Rules of the Road: Tuesday February 28, 6-8 PM
- Docking and Undocking: Tuesday March 7, 6-8 PM
- Boating With confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway: Tuesday March 14, 6-8 PM
- Anchoring with Assurance: Tuesday March 21, 6-8 PM
- Emergencies on Board: Tuesday March 28, 6-8 PM
- Knots and Line Handling: Tuesday April 11, 6-8 PM
- Basic Weather and Forecasting: Saturday April 1, 9 AM - Noon

Notes: Advanced courses are intended to be taken in sequence, otherwise there are no prerequisites. Advanced classes and electives normally meet 2 hours a week, and will have homework. End dates are estimated and do not necessarily reflect the number of sessions as classes may not meet every week. Some courses may have family discounts available for family members who wish to share course materials. For more information about classes see <https://americasboatingclub.org/learn>, or send questions to csps.signup@gmail.com. *Advance registration is required* – you can register at: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-cha>.

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Minutes from April 4, 2023 Meeting

Wolftever Clubhouse

The meeting was held at Wolftever Clubhouse on April 4, 2023, following a scrumptious potluck dinner and social hour. Thanks to the Flasnicks for hosting this gathering, to Sue Kuemmel for picking up the chicken dishes, and to everyone for their delicious pot luck donations. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by CDR John Cook.

The process by which the boat that was donated to the Squadron in 2022 was sold, was reviewed by Norm Oien and Jack Everett. As reported on previously, several Squadron members donated their time and skills to prepare the boat for sale, including Rick Booth, John DiPrima, Norm Oien, Jack Everett, and Sue Kuemmel! A huge thank you to all involved in this endeavor! The boat was sold for \$4,500, to be used by the Squadron for supporting its goal to encourage safe and fun boating in our area.

Jack Everett announced that Vessel Safety Check brochures are available for Squadron members to distribute at their local marinas, and that Sue Kuemmel has them for electronic distribution through email, etc. Members are encouraged to distribute them as we gear up for the upcoming boating season.

Greg Golian reviewed the training opportunities the Squadron is supporting. This includes an ABC class on April 22, (which he subsequently reported that 100% of the 21 students passed)! Thx to Sue & Jim Kuemmel, Jack Everett and of course Greg for their help with that course.

Upcoming classes include:

- 5/8-5/11 TWRA Boating Safety class @ McCalley school
- 5/11 Boating Safety Review and proctored TWRA exam in Hixson
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The Marine Navigation course, which replaces Piloting, is offered online as a beta course. Interest in advanced classes has been running pretty low this year, both for members and non-members, so all are encouraged to take advantage of the superb courses being offered to expand our collective state of knowledge.

Norm Oien reminded us of the Knoxville Squadron's plans to be in this area during May. As of the time of the meeting, the only firm information is a Knoxville Lock Thru, May 14, with their Squadron ending their voyage in Chattanooga. If members are interested in meeting with the Knoxville Squadron boats making this trek, please reach out to Norm, Jack Everett or Sue Kuemmel to coordinate.

Sue Kuemmel provided an update on our Squadron's progress to sponsor a Sea Scout Ship (the equivalent to a troop), which is open to both boys and girls. A Skipper has been identified to lead this group, with 8-10 Scouts interested. Jack Everett will be the Charter Organization Representative and interface with the Council for our group. Sue will be Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Ship and several Squadron members will sit on the board, including Jim Kuemmel, Greg Golian, and potentially others. There was ABC support at the National meeting for this partnership. The Ship will decide on their goals and our Squadron members will meet with this group and will encourage the Scouts to take ABC courses at the member rate. Squadron members involved will need to do some additional training, and must join the Sea Scouts organization. A motion was made and seconded for our Squadron to pay the Sea Scout dues for 4-5 Squadron members to support their involvement in sponsoring this Ship. Steve Flasnick indicated he would be happy to be a sponsor if allowed by the ABC by-laws. All Squadron members are encouraged to share ideas on our involvement with this Sea Scout Ship.

John DiPrima provided a review of the Hiwassee River Blueway Council, which "...provides opportunities for recreation, conservation, river stewardship, tourism, economic development and education, while striving to preserve the natural, historic and cultural resources along the Hiwassee River, its tributaries and adjoining communities...". Jack Vincent is a long-time member of our Squadron, and his daughter, Nancy Watt, is currently the Council's Executive Director. The Council is in the process of applying for non-profit status. The group's major fund-raising event is a June 24, 2023 Rail to River weekend event, which the Council is recruiting sponsors for. A motion was made and seconded for the Squadron to donate \$250 to promote and preserve the Hiwassee River. Squadron members are encouraged to participate in the event (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hiwassee-blueway-rail-to-river-paddle-event-tickets-598844218177>). During this annual fundraiser event, "...attendees will enjoy a scenic train ride on the Hiwassee Rail to the put-in and a 5-mile paddle on the Hiwassee River from Reliance to Delano, TN. Inflatable kayaks are available from Webb Bros and inflatable stand up paddle boards from Outshine Adventures. Paddlers can participate with their own paddle crafts as long as they are rated for Class I whitewater. The main paddle event will end with a catered meal and live music at Fireside Outpost...". (Quotes from the Hiwassee River Blueway Council documents.)

Sue Kuemmel reiterated that the Boating Channel has cancelled plans to film in our area this year, but they have assured us that we are first on the list for next year's videos. They had so many volunteer Clubs this year that they went ahead and completed filming before coming here. They have also assumed the major sponsorship for the International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS) in April, which Sue & Jim Kuemmel will be attending as staff members for The Boating Channel.

Sue also reviewed the following events which our Squadron will be involved with:

- a) 2 May 2023 Squadron meeting at Kummels' house (3001 Stage Run Drive, Hixson), with a pork loin dinner (\$8/pp). Wine to share as well as appetizers are encouraged.
- b) 7 May 2023 Blessing of the Fleet with interested Squadron boats encouraged to meet by the cliffs near Big Ridge Marina for a 1 pm start.

- c) 20 May 2023 Erwin Customer Appreciation picnic – we will have an information booth and Vessel Safety Checks will be available. Squadron members are encouraged to contact Sue Kuemmel to volunteer to help with this at Erwin Marina, 3001 Kings Point Road, Chattanooga.
- d) 21-26 May 2023 is National Safe Boating Week – and Sue is looking for volunteers to handout safe boating information to boat launchers.

The Squadron is proud to announce our newest Life Member – Tom Street, who is our competent Treasurer. Thanks so much, Tom, for this lifelong commitment!

Carol Fairfield thanked Pam Trotter for assuming the Secretarial responsibilities, including composing the March C-Way and attending Squadron meetings while Carol was out of the state. Thanks Pam!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.



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No submission this month.



2023 Calendar of Events

All dates are TENTATIVE! WATCH the newsletters for changes in dates or locations.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, Kuemmels	Pot Luck (Wine Tasting, ABC Quiz) (5:30 - 7:30pm)*
Sunday, May 7, 1 pm Big Ridge Marina start	Blessing of the Fleet
Saturday, May 20, 2023, Chickamauga Marina	Erwin Customer Appreciation Picnic Booth with Info and VSC availability
Sunday, May 21 - Friday May 26, 2023	National Safe Boating Week
Tuesday, June 6, 2023	Raft Up/Picnic at Pam Trotter
Tuesday, July 11, 2023	Yacht Club or Amigos TBD (5 - 7pm) (Speaker?)
Tuesday, August 1, 2023	Island Cove Yacht Club Dock (5 - 7pm)
Monday, September 11, 2023	Island Cove Jon Wade's Boat (5 - 7pm)(No formal mtg.)
Saturday, September 23, 2023 TVA Park	Chattanooga Dragon Boat Festival - FYI
Tuesday, October 3, 2023	Steak Night (5:30 - 7:30pm) (No formal mtg.)*
Saturday-Sunday, November 4-5, 2023	Ironman Head of Hooch - FYI
Tuesday, November 7, 2023	Chili Cookoff (5:30 - 7:30pm)
Tuesday, December 5, 2023	PYC Christmas Party (5:30 - 7:30pm)
* Announcements Only	** Subject to Change