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Hoping everyone had a safe and enjoyable July 4th Holiday. Wishing all a safe second half of our boating season! Below are videos from Season Seven on America's Boating Channel that you may be interested in viewing:

1. [WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgiahkSKWgl&t=3s) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgiahkSKWgl&t=3s>) launched Season Seven of America's Boating Channel on June 1 by asking a series of "What if..." questions about contemporary life jackets. Viewers learn the benefits of wearing them while boating. Also featured are tips to consider when buying a new life jacket.
2. [SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CP-3FXRcz9M&t=4s) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CP-3FXRcz9M&t=4s>) premiered June 10 and examines basic causes of many boating injuries. Viewers learn the dangers of these types of accidents. Also featured are tips to mitigate them.
3. [PARTNER IN COMMAND](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPKnrHT4c4) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPKnrHT4c4>) premiered June 20 and covers skills passengers need to master to take the helm if their boat operator becomes incapacitated. Viewers learn about emergencies on board and person overboard. Also featured are tips for communicating with other vessels, and safely returning to port.
4. DISEMBARKING HAZARDS will premiere June 30.
5. BOATING WITH SMALL CHILDREN will premiere July 10
6. ENGINE FAILURE CAUSES & CURES will premiere July 20
7. TOWED SPORTS SAFETY will premiere July 30
8. TYING DOCK LINES will premiere August 10
9. INTRODUCING AIS will premiere August 20
10. MARINE RADIO ETIQUETTE will premiere August 30
11. NAVIGATING LOCKS will premiere September 10
12. BORDER CROSSING will premiere September 20



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I hope we can get a Raft up organized sometime, perhaps in cooler weather. If we do would any other members without boats want to share a rental with me for that (or any other outing) so we ca met up with boat owning members. I may be able to borrow a sailboat from PYC friends if that would be of interest.

Here is something to be aware of to share with your boating friends. I am confident that it would not apply to any members!

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WZTV) — Summer is here and combined with the 4th of July weekend coming up, there will be plenty of Tennesseans looking to hit the water.

But before you hit the local waterways, be aware a new law goes into effect on Saturday which aligns boating under the influence (BUI) more with the penalties for driving under the influence (DUI).

SB0720/HB0458 authorizes courts to use the same sentencing alternatives for BUI cases as DUI cases and allows law enforcement to obtain search warrants to perform blood or breath tests.

According to the bill, the first conviction for those with .20% or more of blood alcohol concentration would be subject to a minimum of 7 days in jail. The first offense in general would also be subjected to no less than 48 hours in jail and up to 29 days.

STAY SAFE!



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America's Boating Channel Reminder: Knowledge of the Navigation Rules Helps Prevent Boating Accidents

As we prepare to celebrate July Fourth, 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. 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.



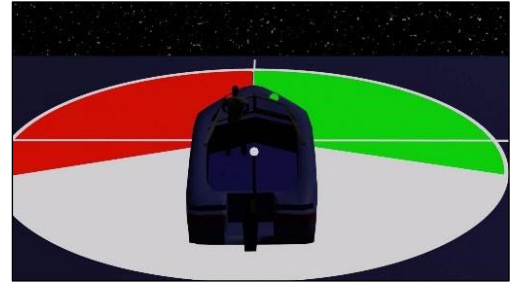
For example, Season Four's "[Behavioral Consequences](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWq-jshx8yU&t=44s)" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWq-jshx8yU&t=44s>) video covers the importance to recreational boat operators of having a working knowledge of the navigation rules. Viewers learn about the dangers 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.



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In June we held an ABC boating safety class at Lookout Mountain UMC. 16 students took the class and passed the exam for their Tennessee Boater Education Certificate. On July 13 we will have a Boating Safety Review and proctored TWRA exam session, also at Lookout Mountain UMC.

Reminder, there will be a BOC (Boat Operator Certification) school hosted by the Knoxville Squadron September 14-17. BOC incorporates courses, seminars and on the water skill demonstrations moderated by BOC certifiers. There are four skill levels: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator, Advanced Coastal Navigator and Offshore Navigator. If you are interested in participating let me know.

Submitted by: Greg Golian

Environmental Article / ABClub of Chattanooga and The Hiwassee Blueway Rail to River Weekend Event June 24 – 25, 2023 by R/C John DiPrima, AP, National Environmental Committee Chair

So happy I could be an active participant and active Board Member of the Hiwassee River Blueway Council. As the Chair of America's Boating Club's National Environmental Committee it is with great pride I have reached out and been embraced by this dedicated group of folks so passionate about protecting and developing this beautiful and historic 55 mile stretch of 100 percent mountain spring feed waterway.

This was our second major effort to bring folks to this river; and, the first major fund raiser to begin a sustainable and enduring future for what we expect to be an annual event. as we establish this group as a formal 501(c) 3, Non-Profit in the state of Tennessee. We called it a "Rail to River Paddle Event" because we secured the participation of the Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association and Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, Tennessee Valley Railroad, www.tvrail.com, (423) 263-7840, (call them for an awesome trip).

Our Chattanooga ABClub was an active sponsor of this event which began at the Hiwassee Ocoee State Park Visitors Center for registration. Fireside Cabin Rentals and Gee Creek Camp Ground along with the state park camping facility are all in this area as well as the train boarding area! The after party was held about 1 ½ mile away at Savannah Oaks Winery. Saturday of June 24th all boarded the train at 12:30 PM for 1:00 PM departure with paddlers and a few of us non-paddlers for Reliance, Lynda and I stayed aboard for a wonderful excursion and return. The paddlers got a full safety and paddle briefing after picking up there SUPs and kayaks including PFD's and paddles, from Webb Brothers, all included in the price of the event. No need to haul anything unless you wanted to bring your own.

With bald eagles soaring overhead the paddlers departed as volunteers from the TVCC were stationed along the river in their kayaks to assist and provide a measure of safety for all participants. Thank you TVCC for your help. Thanks for the after paddle party facility provided so generously by Savannah Oaks Winery, including their great selection of popular wines; special thanks to Copperhill Brewery for donating beer; a delicious meal was provided by Rod's Rockin Rolls of Ducktown; a sterling band, Prescille & Little Rickee provided enjoyable and good hearted entertainment suitable for the mountains and river setting. Tent camping at the local camp ground, cabins at Fireside and Lost Creek Cabins all contributed to the total success of this event. Nancy Watt provided the leadership that brought all the contributors together in a way that all could feel united and supportive of the Blueway. Outshine Adventures provided the booking and coordination for all participants making for the coolest fundraising event of the year. Also during the event there was fly fishing lessons (Trout Unlimited), snorkeling, rock climbing and trail hiking. Something for everyone. Lynda and I chose to stay on the train rather than paddle for an awesome 3 hour ride over the loop and back in our own private dome car.

To sum it up I quote Nancy Watt, "...an absolute blast! We made lots of friends, including a train. Wouldn't you like to get involved with the Hiwassee Blueway...?"

Participation: 79 paddled the river, 85 rode the train, 92 attended the after party dinner and entertainment. Sponsors: America's Boating Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee Valley Authority, Polk County Chamber of Commerce, Tennessee Valley Canoe Club, and supported by Tennessee Valley

Railroad, Hiwassee/Ocoee State park, Webb Brothers, Outshine Adventures, Rock Creek Outfitters, Starr Mountain Outfitters, Trout Unlimited and Tennessee Overhill, Copperhill Brewery.

Consider participating in our next Blueway Fundraising Event! A great environmental project!





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Minutes July 6, 2023 Meeting Pam Trotter's house, Soddy Daisy, TN

We had a short meeting on June 6th. By the time the meeting was called to order everyone was full of all the BBQ pork and chicken from the Choo Choo and loving the scenery at the park overlooking the Tennessee River/inlet.

John and Linda DiPrima graciously included us for their 59th wedding anniversary, they even brought the champagne! Congratulations to them both!

Commander Cook called the meeting to begin at 6:30pm.

Noted Dan Boat annual price for membership has gone up from \$25 to \$60.

Under the new Bridge, the District Manager is Chris Whitaker.

Greg Golian is continuing the ABC classes (June 10th). There will be a Boat Operator Certification course offered in September in Knoxville. Please check with Greg for more information.

Sue Kuemmel-The TWRA safety certification course will be offered next Spring (2024) through both McCallie and the public school system. There will be a nominal fee charged for the class. Check with Sue for additional information.

Also, Sea Scouts sponsorship is slowly progressing. The USPS/BSA representative, Neal Smith shared some new ideas to promote Sea Scouts once we get closer to starting the program.

July's meeting will be held at the Island Cove Yacht Club dock, and August's meeting will be held at Amigos Restaurant (also at Island Cove Marina).

June 23rd-All members are welcome to join the Knoxville group at Scottie's on the river for cocktails and dinner. They would also love for some of the group to join them on their trip back to Lake Tellico. See Sue for contact information if you would like to call Lori Miles and secure a place for the trip back.

John DiPrima-Reminder-June 24th-Hiwassee Blueway -Reliance, TN- water trip including paddle boards, kayaks, Savannah Oaks Winery, Bands, Mexican food, camping sites were available.

Norm Oiem-motioned to adjourn meeting. Linda DiPrima seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned 7:00pm.

Thanks,

Pam Trotter

Thanks to Pam & Sue, for graciously taking meeting minutes in the Secretary's absence!



John & Linda DiPrima celebrating their 59th wedding Anniversary. Photo by: Pam Trotter



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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, July 11, 2023		Island Cove Yacht Club Dock (5 - 7pm)
Tuesday, August 1, 2023		Amigos (5-7 pm) (No formal meeting)
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
PLEASE NOTE THIS REFLECTS THE CHANGE IN MEETING VENUES FOR JULY & AUGUST		