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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**America's Boating Channel Presents "Navigating Locks"
Eleventh Title in Video Service's Seventh Season to Premiere
Raleigh, NC, 10 September 2023**

America's Boating Channel™, the U.S. Coast Guard funded boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons® (USPS), will publicly debut its eleventh Season Seven video title across its smart TV, online, and mobile distribution platforms on September 10.

In making the announcement, **America's Boating Channel's Marty Lafferty** commented, "**NAVIGATING LOCKS** reflects outstanding work from 2023 field producer **Scott Steele**, and on-camera talent from the **Cape Coral Squadron**. **We're enormously grateful for their participation.**"

"Thanks also to lock operators Jason Pritt and Jacqueline Verwers of the W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam for their contributions."

The eleventh of twelve videos in the new series, [NAVIGATING LOCKS](#), will premiere on Fire TV, Roku, AmericasBoatingChannel.com, and YouTube, as well as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social networks at **8 PM EDT on Sunday September 10**.

NAVIGATING LOCKS covers preparations that boaters should make prior to passing through locks. Viewers will learn steps to take upon arriving at and entering a lock. Also featured are tips for securing vessels as water levels changes in locks, the role lock operators play, and how to safely exit from locks.

Every ten days throughout the boating season, **America's Boating Channel** has introduced a new video. The final upcoming Season Seven title will be **BORDER CROSSING. WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL; SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS; PARTNER IN COMMAND; DISEMBARKING HAZARDS; BOATING WITH SMALL CHILDREN; ENGINE FAILURE CAUSES & CURES; TOWED SPORTS SAFETY; TYING DOCK LINES; INTRODUCING AIS; and MARINE RADIO ETIQUETTE** launched starting in June.

Smart TV viewers can subscribe to America's Boating Channel for free on Roku and FireTV. On Roku, viewers can select Store using their Roku remotes, click on Channels, search for Americas Boating Channel, and then add the channel. On FireTV, viewers can go to Apps on their FireTV Main Menu, search for Americas Boating Channel, select Get, and then download the app.

Online, the best ways to view the videos are to visit

AmericasBoatingChannel.com or subscribe at no charge to America's Boating Channel on YouTube.

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, along with boating themed entertainment and informational television programs. 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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(See related "Lock Through for Kayakers" event described under Jack Everett's submission below.)

As we begin to wrap up our summer adventures and prepare for fall, I wanted to share this information from Erwin Marine regarding Boat Rentals:

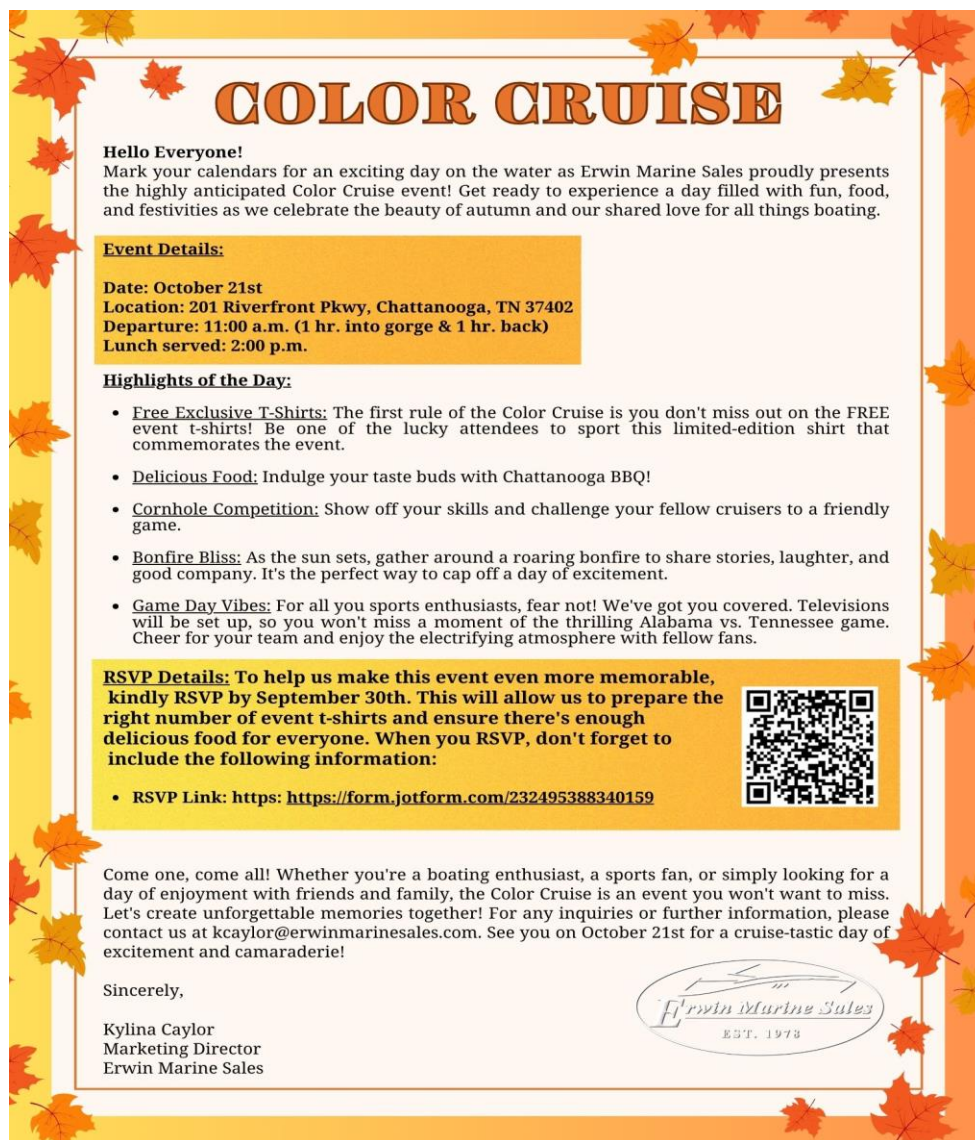
Looking for a unique way to enjoy the fall season? Look no further! Erwin Boat Rentals is excited to offer you the opportunity to experience the stunning River Gorge colors in October.

Join us at our downtown location for full and half-day rentals. Cruise the scenic downtown area and soak in the crisp autumn weather on one of our boats. It's the perfect way to make the most of this beautiful time of year.

To book your riverside adventure, you can reach out to us through these options:

- Call us at (423) 834-7778
- Email us at info@erwinboatrentals.com
- Visit our website at erwinboatrentals.com

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to explore the river and witness the fall foliage. Contact us today and let's get you on the water!



COLOR CRUISE

Hello Everyone!
Mark your calendars for an exciting day on the water as Erwin Marine Sales proudly presents the highly anticipated Color Cruise event! Get ready to experience a day filled with fun, food, and festivities as we celebrate the beauty of autumn and our shared love for all things boating.

Event Details:


Date: October 21st
Location: 201 Riverfront Pkwy, Chattanooga, TN 37402
Departure: 11:00 a.m. (1 hr. into gorge & 1 hr. back)
Lunch served: 2:00 p.m.

Highlights of the Day:

- **Free Exclusive T-Shirts:** The first rule of the Color Cruise is you don't miss out on the FREE event t-shirts! Be one of the lucky attendees to sport this limited-edition shirt that commemorates the event.
- **Delicious Food:** Indulge your taste buds with Chattanooga BBQ!
- **Cornhole Competition:** Show off your skills and challenge your fellow cruisers to a friendly game.
- **Bonfire Bliss:** As the sun sets, gather around a roaring bonfire to share stories, laughter, and good company. It's the perfect way to cap off a day of excitement.
- **Game Day Vibes:** For all you sports enthusiasts, fear not! We've got you covered. Televisions will be set up, so you won't miss a moment of the thrilling Alabama vs. Tennessee game. Cheer for your team and enjoy the electrifying atmosphere with fellow fans.

RSVP Details: To help us make this event even more memorable, kindly RSVP by September 30th. This will allow us to prepare the right number of event t-shirts and ensure there's enough delicious food for everyone. When you RSVP, don't forget to include the following information:


- **RSVP Link:** <https://form.jotform.com/232495388340159>



Come one, come all! Whether you're a boating enthusiast, a sports fan, or simply looking for a day of enjoyment with friends and family, the Color Cruise is an event you won't want to miss. Let's create unforgettable memories together! For any inquiries or further information, please contact us at kcaylor@erwinmarinesales.com. See you on October 21st for a cruise-tastic day of excitement and camaraderie!

Sincerely,

Kylina Caylor
Marketing Director
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Executive Officer's Message

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Lots going on for ABC Chattanooga in the next two months.

The Nominating Committee will be working to fill the Bridge and Committee positions for 2024. Take a look at the positions, and volunteer where you think you could best serve. Let me or the committee know what you will do. Here is the current list. Please step up as some have been serving many years and need some downtime or assistance. Even if you did not sign up for a committee position, you are welcome to come out to show support and get more information.

Squadron Officers

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| Commander | John P. Cook |
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| Public Contact | Sue Kuemmel |

Do you like Bass fishing? Check this out:

--- The first-ever “Bill Dance Giant Bass Open” will take place at Lake Chickamauga in Dayton, Tenn. on Oct. 21-22, Klear Digital has announced. Presented by Bill Dance Signature Lakes, the tournament at [Bluewater Marina](#) in Dayton offers multiple opportunities for amateur anglers including youth to win cash prizes. Anglers can register to compete at www.giantbassopen.com

More info at <https://www.tn.gov/twra/news/2023/9/5/inaugural--bill-dance-giant-bass-open--slated-for-october-21-22-at-lake-chickamauga--in-dayton.html>

COLUMBUS REPLICA TALL SHIP VISIT



The 'Pinta,' a replica of a Portuguese Caravel used by Columbus and many early explorers will open as a "floating museum" and be docked at the Chattanooga Pier from November 3-20.

The Pinta was launched in Brazil after 3 years of construction in 2005. Her original version was the first ship to sight land on the famous voyage of October 12th, 1492.

Dockside, educational tours will be available, as will self-guided tours from 9:00am-5:00pm daily while the vessel is in Chattanooga. No reservations are necessary. Tickets are purchased at the ship and prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors/military (65+), and \$6.00 for children (5 - 16). Children 4 and under are free.

Teachers or organizations wishing to schedule a 30-minute guided tour with a crew member during the weekdays should go to ninapinta.org/tour/html. Group tours require a minimum of 15 people.

Call [251-293-4193](tel:251-293-4193) or email ninapintatour@gmail.com for more information.

If you go to any boating related events, please advertise ABC and pass out a few brochures. Contact me, Greg Golian or Jim Kuemmel for brochures, or just print from one of the documents on the web. I'll have a few at the Steak Dinner.

The weekend of September 30 - October 1, the Outboard Drag Boat Association World Championships were held at Chester Frost Park. Viewing was available from shore or on the water! Over 80 teams from 14 different states and 2 countries competed



LOCK THROUGH FOR KAYAKERS (\$79) Beginning to Advance

Chickamauga Dam Lock Through Kayak Tour with Chattanooga Guided Adventures

Saturday, September 30, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Additional Dates

Thursday, October 19, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Friday, October 20, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Saturday, October 21, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Location

[Hubert Fry Center Boatramp](#)

Tennessee Riverwalk, Chattanooga, TN 37406

Chattanooga, TN

423-390-8688

Price

\$79.00

Description

Try the unique guided experience of locking through Chickamauga Dam from the seat of a kayak. You will paddle into the 120 ft tall lock and the massive gates will close behind you.

Your guide will connect the boats to a moving anchor at the side of the lock to secure all of the passengers on the trip. The lock-master slowly empties the water in the lock from Chickamauga Lake into the Tennessee River below the dam.

As the water empties the lock, you slowly descend into the depth of the lock to match the river level below the dam. The massive doors in front of you open and your guide will lead you into the river where the paddling adventure continues on the Tennessee River with the mild current helping us navigate downstream.

This is a truly unique Chattanooga kayaking experience.

Price Includes:

Kayak
Life jacket
Paddle
Guide
Group throw bag
Group towline
Group first aid kit
Kayak light

Personal Gear:

Synthetic clothing layers
1-liter water bottle

Trip Duration:

3 hours
All trips operate on Eastern Time

Fitness Level:

Easy fitness

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Submitted by: Jack Everett



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Hello everyone, from Admin!

Greetings to the Crew of Sea Scouts Ship 556!

I am excited to announce we will be having a meet and greet for Crew and Committee members as well as anyone interested in finding out more about what we are going to be doing in the immediate future. The gathering will be at the Chickamauga Dam Recreation area at 3000 Kings Point Road on October 15th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We will have games set up, food and drink to snack on and some different watercraft to check out. Please reach out to anyone who may have an interest in Sea Scouts and invite them as well! Also, if you have a boat that you are willing to let the young adults check out and possibly go for a ride on, please let me know. I look forward to seeing you all there! This message is being posted for all interested teens 14 - 21 years old and their families. Let anyone you may know who might be interested in this venture about the meeting. From: Yours in Scouting, Kevin Akins, Skipper/ Ship 2556, 423-290-1190.

Also wanted to remind everyone about the November meeting at PYC for our Annual Chili Cookoff dinner. Mark your calendars for the first Tuesday of the month, 5 - 7pm. We will need appetizers and desserts again, so put on your thinking caps and plan ahead.

November is also the month for the Veterans Day, November 11th. We'd love for our Vets to ride in the boat if interested. Let me know.

Submitted by: Sue Kuemmel



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Education is pretty much wrapped up for the year. We had good success this year (and for the last couple years) with our beginner boating classes - ABC classes, Boating Safety Review/proctored TWRA exam sessions, and our annual class at McCallie. Interest in advanced classes seems to be waning however. There are a broad range of advanced classes available to our members, and our challenge for next year will be to see if we can revive interest in more advanced training.

Submitted by: Greg Golian



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**Minutes Sep 11, 2023 Meeting
Island Cove Marina, Harrison, TN
Jon & Leslie Wade hosted at their boat Carpe Boatem**

The meeting was called to order by Commander Jack Cook, who reminded us to remember the significance of the events of September 11, 2001. The 12 of us, including a new guest, who were lucky enough to spend the evening at such a beautiful setting, and tour Jon & Leslie Wade's M/V Carpe Boatem, enjoyed appetizers, salads, and delectable desserts. Many thanks for hosting this meeting, Jon & Leslie!

Norm Oien led us in prayer and Jack then asked for Committee Chair Reports.

Greg Golian reiterated that Chattanooga has been the leader in the district for the number of new boaters who successfully completed the ABC Entry Level courses. We look forward to the entry level classes beginning again next spring.

Squadron members who are involved with the Sea Scouts have completed the required training.

Norm reminded us about the October 3 meeting, where Chef Norm will be preparing delicious steaks. All were encouraged to attend for great food and even greater conversations with fellow members.

We were also reminded that we will be electing members for our slate of officers/chairs at the beginning of the new year. Anyone interested in any positions are encouraged to reach out to the Nominating Committee (see above note from Jack Everett) to express their interest.

The Squadron Educational Fund contribution is ready to be transferred to support the ongoing educational courses offered through ABC.

Jon Wade shared that he and his wife Leslie are joining the Joey Potter Missions group to work on the Black Feet Indian Reservation in a couple weeks. They are in search of new life preservers for the people in the reservation, particularly the young people. Jon has offered to pay any accompanying shipping costs – thank you Jon! They will be working with the Heart Butte School (K-12 grades). If anyone can help with this or knows of any stores that may be able to defray costs, please reach out to one of the Squadron Officers/members. There was a suggestion to consider the funds from the sale of the donated boat to put to this use to help save lives.

The meeting was adjourned after which we toured Jon & Leslie’s boat and finished up salads and desserts. Thanks again to the Wade’s for hosting this special meeting.





Submitted by Carol Fairfield

It's time again to remember those children in the community that will be having a very limited Christmas this year. We are still supporting the great work that the Samaritan Center does to help those less fortunate than us to have a wonderful Christmas!

At the Chili cook off next month PLEASE bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl ages 2-12. Barbie dolls, Match Box cars, games, basketballs, etc. are good ideas. Pam Trotter will deliver the toys later that week to the Samaritan Center.

Happy Holidays! Submitted by Pam Trotter, Assistant Secretary



Treasurer's Message

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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.

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| Saturday-Sunday, November 4-5, 2023 | Ironman Head of Hooch - FYI |
| Tuesday, November 7, 2023 | Privateer Yacht Club Chili Cookoff (5-7 pm) |
| Saturday, November 11, 2023 | Veteran's Day Parade float; Rossville, GA (12:30 pm setup; parade 2-3 pm) |
| Tuesday, December 5, 2023 | Privateer Yacht Club Christmas Party (5:30 - 7:30 pm) |
| * Announcements Only | |