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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 HOLIDYAS TO ALL!!!!

I'd like to also thank those who participated on our Squadron's float in the Veteran's Day Parade....it was great publicity and a wonderful way to celebrate our Veterans!





Executive Officer's Message

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As the Chartering Organization Representative (COR) with the Sea Scouts, I attended their meeting on Tuesday Nov. 28 to see how things are run. I was impressed by what I saw. There were about 8 Crew (scouts) there as well as several adults, parents and volunteers. The meeting was led by Kevin Akin who has the title "Skipper". He will turn over running meeting to the Crew once they elect their officers.

The meeting was starting by reciting the Pledge to the Flag, and the Scout's Oath, followed by the Sea Oath.

Sea Oath

As a Sea Scout, I promise to do my best:
To guard against water accidents
To know the location and proper use of the lifesaving devices on every boat I board
To be prepared to render aid to those in need
To let those less able come first.

Then they discussed plans for activities for December including a Christmas Party, a fun outing and next meetings. They have several mandatory classes to do including Youth Protection Training, the same as adult leaders have. It is great to see them getting off the ground so well.

We will be officially voting on the new bridge for the Chattanooga Squadron at the December meeting.

Please remember to sign up for the Boat Show February 1-4, 2024 if you're not going to the National meeting. If you can't do a full 4 hrs., 2 will be fine. Volunteer Boat Show Sign-Up sheets will be available at the next few monthly meetings, or contact Jack Everett (info above) or Linda Grotjan at (423-843-9743 or dlgrotjan@epbfi.com) if you will not be at the meetings. Thanks in advance for your help!

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving! We had my son's family in from Barbados and our D-I-L and granddaughter got Covid but we worked around it. My wife and I so far are negative.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Submitted by: Jack Everett



Administrative Officer's Message

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Hello All, Admin here. Just a few updates from this neck of the woods:

First, I wanted to thank everyone that donated to the Samaritan Center for their work this winter. Over \$200 was collected and sent to the Center.

Next up, I wanted to invite everyone to attend our December 5th (next Tuesday) function – a Christmas feast at the Privateer Yacht Club from 5 – 7pm. Norm Oien is preparing a turkey and ham for us, provided by the Club, and we are asking members to bring a side, appetizer, or dessert. Be sure and let your caller know what you would like to bring. We had so much fun last year with the White Elephant gift exchange that we want to do it again. So, find that item in your closet or at the thrift store that you CAN live without but you think someone else can appreciate (hee, hee) and wrap it up. DON'T put a tag on it (unless you want to be harassed) and bring it to the meeting. We will draw numbers for the order in which you can pick (or steal) your gift.

Since I'm writing about the meeting, I want to remind everyone that we will be voting on the new Officers and the Executive Committee members at the December meeting. Hopefully, that will be the extent of our business for the month. We will host the Change of Command meeting in January but have not yet determined a date or time. We are expecting to meet sometime between the 15th and 25th and will let members know as soon as we have the information.

On a final note, the Sea Scout Ship has officially begun meeting on a bi-weekly basis. Jim and I attended the first meeting, and it looks like around 10 teens will be "Plank Owners", or part of the first crew. Kevin Akins, the Skipper, has things well in hand, and is an enthusiastic and competent leader. The Ship will be electing its first officers in the next few weeks, talking about what they want to do and how our group can help with classes or activities. They have agreed to work at the Boat Show as one of their first service projects. I would like to take several pictures of the scouts and have them enlarged and mounted and put up with our other pictures on our display board.

And with that, it's a wrap! See you at the meeting!

Submitted by: Sue Kuemmel



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Not really much to report this month. I do have one message though - MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Submitted by: Greg Golian



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Minutes November 7, 2023 Meeting Privateer Yacht Club, Hixson, TN

Our fearless John Cook called to meeting to order at 5:44 pm. There was a call for volunteers for the veterans parade to be held Saturday Nov. 11 in Rossville, GA, in which we will again have our boat float. Line-up is around 12:30, with the parade starting at 2 pm. Sue Kuemmel requested permission to have 2 banners made for either side of the float. This request was approved by vote. Thanks to all who will be participating in this important event.

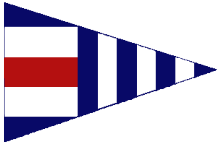
Marty Heck shared that John DiPrima is currently at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. He shared that he has a blood clot in his liver blocking venous return flow. We will be sending him a Get-Well card wishing him a speedy recovery.

Sue Kuemmel also brought up the following:

- a) We will be gathering on Dec. 5th and joining PYC at the clubhouse in Hixson from 5-7+pm. Please bring a dish to share....the clubs will be providing the meats. We will again be holding our interesting White Elephant gift exchange – so please bring a fun or funny gift to exchange....think things from your attic or garage, thrift store, local shops, etc.
- b) Marty Lafferty, who coordinates filming some for the educational/safety videos for the ABC, contacted Sue to express interest in having the Chattanooga Squadron be involved in one of the videos. Sue chose 3 possible topics she was presented with: Fueling a boat; Launch Ramp Etiquette; or Cordless ECOS (engine cut-off switch should driver fall overboard). All agreed our Squadron should participate, and that Sue and Marty should decide on the topic. Please let Sue know if you have a preference for topics or are interested in participating. The filming will likely take place sometime during the week of May 13-17, tentatively.

- c) The Sea Scouts ship will meet the second week of November at Stuart Heights Baptist Church in Soddy Daisy, TN. They have been donated as small sailboat, so their adventure is about to begin!
- d) Treasurer Tom collected donations for our annual contribution to the Samaritan Center. The Center will not sponsor a “Gift Shop” this year. They are seeing more need in the areas of budgetary expenditures. They have been providing weekend “Pack Sacks” for school children, providing school supplies for teachers and students, and helping the homeless through the McClellan Shelter and renters through their rent program. In addition to supporting an increasing monthly Food Box program, the area has had an influx of immigrants who need financial counselling and monetary support. All this at a significantly increased cost due to inflation has significantly impacted their budget. So, **this year we are asking member NOT to bring \$20 gifts, but to consider bringing a CHECK for \$20 (or more), made out to the Squadron, which we can then donate to the Center.**

Marty Heck provided the following information from the Nominating Committee regarding the next slate of candidates nominated for the Bridge and associated Committees – to be voted on at the next meeting. As of the time of our November meeting, the nominations are as follows:



AMERICA’S BOATING CLUB OF CHATTANOOGA
Nominations November 7, 2023 for 2024

- 1. CDR – Jack Everett, N
- 2. XO – Don Grotjan, SN cannot serve in this position according to the Bylaws.
- 3. SEO Lt/C Greg Golian, N
- 4. AO –Lt/C Sue Kuemmel, AP
- 5. SEC-Lt/C Carol Fairfield
- 6. TRES-Lt/C Tom Street, JN

Executive Committee

- 7. Immediate P/C John P. Cook, SN
- 8. Gloria Poynter – 1 year
- 9. Norm Oien – 2 years

That makes 9 members officially of Executive Committee and are elected (Ranks per USPS to stay as in bylaws.)

Financial Review Committee

- 1 year – Norm Oien
- 2 years – Joseph Sumpter, AP
- 3 years – Norm Poynter

Rules Committee

1 year – Robert Heck, SN-BOC

2 years – Norm Oien, JN

3 years – Glynn Pope

Nominating Committee

1 Year – Martha Heck, JN

2 Years – John DiPrima, AP

3 Years – John P. Cook, SN

Assistants to Bridge Members

1st Lt ASE0 – Jim Kuemmel, AP

1st Lt ASE0 – Pam Trotter

1st Lt ASAO- Jenn Pope & Pam Trotter

1st Lt ATres –

Respectfully submitted,

R/C Martha E. Heck, JN, P/Stf/C Donald Grotjan SN, and R/C John DiPrima, AP

After a blessing given by Norm Oien, we all “judged” the 5 types of Chilies provided for our gastronomic delight – and boy were they all magnificent – as were the other side dishes, cornbread, and dessert. Chili was graciously provided by: Marcia Goodman, Don Grotjan, Sue Kuemmel, Norm Oien, and Jenny Pope, And now, the moment we all were waiting for....drum roll please.....the Chili Cookoff Winners were:

3rd place – Jenny Pope

2nd Place – Sue Kuemmel

1st place – Norm Oien

Thanks to all the food contributors, and to all for this hard judging task! All were fantastic, as was the company.

Pictures and submission by Carol Fairfield





Chili Cook Off Chefs: 1st Place Norm Orien, 2nd Place Sue Kuemmel, 3rd Place Jenny Pope, Honorable Mentions Don Grotjan and Marcia Goodman.

And for those that may have missed it, the Chattanooga Boat Parade was held on Friday after Thanksgiving, followed by a beautiful fireworks display! Another fun time on the River!





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.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023	Privateer Yacht Club Christmas Party with PYC (5:00 - 7:30 pm)
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