

THE C-WAY

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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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>

To kick off the year 2023 activities an Executive Committee meeting was held on January 26 to begin to lay out a calendar of events for the year and to set prices for educational courses and seminars. We want to establish meeting dates that will allow the most members to attend, and activities that they will want to participate in. All squadron members are welcome to these ExCom meetings, especially those who have suggestions for enjoyable activities. Just because this issue of the C-Way and the meeting date are only a week apart, don't be dismayed. You can make suggestions at any time by contacting me or one of the other ExCom members. See the Secretary's Report in this C-way for more detailed minutes from the recent meeting.



Executive Officer's Message

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Thanks to all members who are helping at the Chattanooga Boat Show, open:

Thursday, February 2nd from 2-8 pm

Friday, February 3rd from 12-8 pm

Saturday, February 4th from 10 am-8 pm

Sunday, February 5th from 11 am-3 pm



Chattanooga Squadron booth at boat show 2023. Photo by: Jack Everett



Administrative Officer's Message

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Hello all from the Administrative Branch,

We have been working hard to come up with a calendar for 2023. You should see a tentative schedule attached to the newsletter and know that I am always open to new ideas and suggestions. There are some changes this year. First and foremost, note that we have moved most of our meetings to the FIRST Tuesday of the month. Several members were experiencing conflicts with the third Tuesday meeting time so we are trying this day of the weeks in hopes that more members can attend. We've also eliminated formal meetings in a few of the months (announcements only, please) and I will try to schedule speakers into those months. Finally, I've penciled in dates for other activities we would like members to participate in.

While we do not have a meeting scheduled for February, I would like to invite anyone interested to join us for a laid-back Friday night “game night” at our house (3001 Stage Run Dr., Hixson) on Feb. 24th, from 6 until 9pm (or whenever we get done). We are planning to play cards and/or dominos (or maybe Scrabble) that evening. Everyone coming can bring an appetizer/drink if they want to contribute. I just need a call (432-474-3822) so I can plan on how many tables/games to prepare. Suggestions appreciated.

We are again hosting America’s Boating Channel in June. I am looking for children ages 4 - 9 years old for a video on safe boating with young children. So, if you have a neighbor or friend, or young relative who you think would be willing to help us out, please approach them and ask for their participation. I’ll be asking for adult participation, too, so put on your life jacket and come out to help when the time comes.

I read a book about “living a good life” this past week. One thing I read got my attention and has stuck with me – “It’s easy to say/know what you want. The hard part is deciding what you are willing to do/give up to get what you want.” I know everyone wants the Club to survive and thrive, but it will take effort and participation of all our members to make it happen. I hope going forward that you care enough about the Club to donate some of your valuable time to help us get thing done.

Thanks to you all! Submitted by Susan Kuemmel



Education Officer’s Message

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Our course description flyer, and our 2023 course schedules and pricing flyer, are included below. As you can see, we have a lot of classes planned for the year, both beginner and advanced. You are welcome to share these with anyone, members or not.

You may notice that member pricing is significantly lower than non-member pricing - a major benefit of joining America's Boating club of Chattanooga! Also, note that there are a number of free seminars available to both members and non-members.

If you are interested in any of these classes, I suggest signing up early, even if the class is in the future. This will allow us time to order sufficient course materials, and reduces the chance that a class will be cancelled due to lack of students. Plus, some of these classes may fill up!

You can enroll at <http://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-cha> ; just click on the course list on the left side of the screen. FYI, if you sign up for something and then can't take it for whatever reason, you can withdraw, just let us know (there is no financial obligation prior to the course start date).

This year, for the first time I think, we will be running some courses in parallel. Our new Assistant SEO, Jim Kuemmel, and I will be sharing teaching duties to get this done. I also want to thank Sue Kuemmel and Jack Everette for their help in teaching. A number of you are qualified to teach at least some of these class sessions, if you are interested let me know, we really need more help! Feel free to email text or call me with questions.

Submitted by Greg Golian, with ABC overview submitted by Jim Kuemmel

We would like to give a huge **CONGRATULATIONS to Greg Golian** who earned his Senior Navigator certificate by completing all 5 advanced courses from Boat Handling, Marine Navigation, through Offshore (Celestial) Navigation plus 6 additional electives, which took him about 3 years to complete the 11 classes!!! Quite an achievement!

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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1/30/2023

Americas Boating Club of Chattanooga
Educational Department Standard Policies

Revised January 20, 2023

1. The Squadron education department email address is csps.signup@gmail.com . This address will be forwarded to the Squadron SEO and other parties designated by the SEO.
2. Course materials ordered from USPS will be charged directly to the USPS Squadron account #1050. The SEO shall notify the Squadron Treasurer of such orders along with a description of the purpose of the order.
3. The SEO and designated instructors will be reimbursed by the Squadron for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in conducting classes or promoting Squadron education activities. Reimbursement requests shall include a receipt (when feasible); requests exceeding \$100 need approval by the Squadron Commander unless part of an already approved education budget.
4. Instructors for ABC classes shall be USPS certified Instructors who are current in their training per the USPS registry. Instructors for other classes shall be approved by the SEO. Persons administering TWRA exams must be approved to administer exams by TWRA.
5. Course fees shall be collected from participants by the by the start of each class. All remittances shall be forwarded to the Club Treasurer in a timely manner.
6. Pricing policies for courses:
 - a. ABC class price shall be \$ 25.00 for members or non-members, not including an optional copy of the textbook. Price for a hardcopy or E-Book format course textbook will be an additional \$ 25.00. Cost of the TWRA exam permit fee is not included.
 - b. The price for TWRA “self-study” exam proctoring sessions is \$ 25.00 when they include a review prior to administering the exam, \$10.00 for exam proctoring only. Cost of the TWRA exam permit fee is not included. (Note: These sessions do not give credit for ABC completion. Students in ABC classes will use the current USPS ABC exam; those in TWRA proctored exam sessions will use the current approved TWRA Boating Safety Exam).
 - c. The price for TWRA video classes (including exam proctoring) is \$ 25.00, discounted to \$5.00 *when conducted for schools* (not including the TWRA exam permit fee). These classes will use the current approved TWRA video presentations and administer the current TWRA Boating Safety Exam.
 - d. The policy for pricing of classes for advanced grades and elective courses is as follows:
 - The SEO shall set course pricing for members to meet all costs to the squadron (including shipping & postage to/from HQ, prorated instructor kit costs, etc.) plus or minus reasonable round off.
 - Pricing for non-members shall be set at 50% over the member charge, plus the current National Administration fee, plus or minus reasonable round off.
 - The SEO may establish “family discounts” reflecting the savings where it is

- e. Non-members who join the Squadron by the end of a class will get a credit for the additional non-member fee for that class. For ABC classes, the entire course fee of \$ 25.00 will be credited, limited to a one-time credit for one class completed within one year of joining.
 - f. Privateer Yacht Club Members may take classes at our member pricing rates.
7. Except for TWRA proctored exam sessions, and seminar participants not requesting course credit, classes shall be set up and students registered in the on-line HQ800 USPS educational system per USPS policy.
8. On the water training policy:
- a. No on the water activity, training or otherwise, that would require a Coast Guard license may be conducted as a Squadron activity; specifically all Squadron on the water training activity shall be conducted free of charge. For example, if we offer on the water training as part of an ABC class, the same on the water training must also be available free of charge to the public even if they have not paid for the ABC class.
 - b. All on the water training activity must be conducted in a manner that conforms to the USPS requirements for on the water training and certification, see <https://www.usps.org/departments/13000/13700-on-the-water-training-certification> for specifics for each activity.
 - c. All On the water training activity or events must have prior approval by the SEO and Squadron Commander, documented in writing or via EMAIL. This includes training conducted as part of a class or seminar, hands on training, jump starts, or any other on the water coaching.
9. The SEO shall maintain a record of physical items (computers, AV equipment, teaching aids etc.) owned by the education department and the location of each item.
10. Class records for ABC, advanced classes and elective classes (including copies of student exams) shall be preserved for a period of 3 years following the class exam date.

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America's Boating Course (ABC)

America's Boating Course gives you the basics you need to get out on the water safely, and also meets Tennessee state boater education requirements. Cost of this class is \$25. An optional comprehensive, full-color course book is available for \$25. Advance registration is required, to register see: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-cha> . E-mail questions to csps.signup@gmail.com .

The 8-hour America's Boating Course covers:

- Introduction to Boating
- Boating laws and rules of the road
- Safety equipment and safe boating practices
- Finding your way – basic navigation
- Adverse conditions and boating problems
- Trailing, storing and protecting your boat
- Basic knots and lines
- Water sports and other boating tips

THE LAW - Tennessee residents born after January 1, 1989 must have in their possession a TWRA issued Boating Safety Education Certificate showing proof of successful completion of the TWRA administered boating safety exam if operating a boat or personal watercraft alone. Non-Tennessee residents born after January 1, 1989 must show a certificate from any course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

The class includes a final examination that satisfies the TWRA Boating Safety education requirements. **If you need a TWRA issued Boating Safety Education Certificate, you must purchase a boating safety "Type 600" Exam Permit** from any business (licensed agent) that sells hunting and fishing licenses (Wal-Mart, Academy Sports, bait stores, marinas, etc.) **prior to the class. You must bring the exam permit to the examination administrator** to take the exam. The exam permit fee is in addition to the class fee. **The permit will not be available for purchase at the class site.**

For ABC or local seminar class dates see our separate "Local Course Offerings" flier. America's Boating Club® and logo is a registered trademark of the United States Power Squadrons®

ABC at Your Own Pace

You can learn boating basics at home with the online version of America's Boating Course, available in Spanish and English. A comprehensive full-color downloadable course book in either Spanish or English is included with this course. For more information or to enroll see <https://americasboatingclub.org/learn>.

If you require a TWRA issued Boating Safety Education Certificate (see box on the left) the state of Tennessee requires that you successfully complete an in-person *proctored* (not online) exam. If you take ABC online, or wish to self-study for the TWRA exam, America's Boating Club of Chattanooga periodically offers a proctored examination that satisfies the TWRA boating safety education requirements. *Advance registration required.* E-mail csps.signup@gmail.com to register.

Before you can take this exam, you must purchase a boating safety "Type 600" Exam Permit from any business (licensed agent) that sells hunting and fishing licenses (Wal-Mart, Academy Sports, bait stores, marinas, etc.). **You must bring the exam permit to the examination administrator** or you will not be able to take the exam.

Seminars and Online Training

America's Boating Club offers both in person and online seminars and webinars on a wide variety of subjects. See <https://americasboatingclub.org/learn> for more information. Most local seminars may be attended free of charge, see <http://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-cha>

America's Boating Channel, sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard and produced by United States Power Squadrons, is the official showcase and repository for digital videos focused on boating safety and boater education. There is a wealth of boating knowledge on short videos (mostly less than 5 minutes each) viewable *at no charge*, see - <https://www.youtube.com/c/AmericasBoatingChannel>



Secretary's Message

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**Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron
Membership Meeting January 14, 2023
Amigo's Restaurant – Change of Watch**

CDR John P. Cook, SN welcomed everyone, and introduced our D/C Raymond Alley AP-CN, who is also a past Commander of the Music City Power Squadron in Nashville, TN. We were honored to have Ray Alley join us for the Annual Change of Watch.

P/D/C Norman Oien, JN-IN led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the USPS Pledge was led by Glynn Pope. The Invocation was given by former P/C John DiPrima, AP.

Norman Poynter presented the Report of the Financial Review Committee. In summary, financial input came mostly from the America's Boating Club educational classes, while our expenditures were focused mainly on our contribution to the Samaritan Center Christmas toys for children.

CDR Cook announced the 2022 coveted Jarnagin Award's recipient., Lt/C Sue Kuemmel, AP, who unfortunately was not able to attend. Sue contributed in so many ways to the Squadron, the most significant of which included: helping to grow the Squadron; monitoring the Squadron participation at the Chattanooga Boat Show; performing vessel safety checks during the Erwin Customer Appreciation Day; organizing Squadron participation in the America's Boating Channel video production of several safety videos and hosting the video crew during production; arranging for and conducting a tour of the expansion of the Chickamauga Dam; and overseeing the donation of a 22 ft. 1999 runabout which was donated this year. Thank you Sue for being such an active member!



Susan Kuemmel was out of town and was not present to receive the above Jarnagin Award
 Photo by: Jenn Pope

It was with heavy hearts that the Squadron rang the bell to honor the passing/crossing the bar of long-time member P/C Mac Cross, who was a Power Squadron member for over 50 years! Mac served as Commander of his Kentucky Squadron prior to moving to TN, as well P/C of the Chattanooga Squadron in 2004. He was 98 years young, living on his own after losing his wife several years ago. Donations in honor of Mac can be sent to the American Heart Association in his name.

In other business, P/Lt/C John Smith, P provided updates on the Squadron participation with a booth at the Chattanooga Boat show to be held February 2-5 at the Chattanooga Convention Center. To find our booth, turn right after entering the front door, and the booth will be at the end of that row. An advance thank-you for all involved in the set-up, manning, and take down of the booth. P/Lt/C Linda Grotjan emailed the list of the time slots volunteers have signed up for to be at the booth. For additional information on the Squadron participation at the boat show, please contact Jack Everett (phone: 650.208.0467; email jackever@yahoo.com)

John Cook acknowledged and congratulated this year’s Merit Marks recipients include:

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| John Cook | John Smith |
| John DiPrima | Jack Everett |
| Lynda DiPrima | Steve Flasnck |
| Laurice Flasnck | Donald Grotjan |
| Greg Golian | Marty Heck |
| Linda Grotjan | Susan Smith |
| Bob Heck | Sue Kuemmel |
| Jim Kuemmel | Pam Trotter |
| Norm Oien | Rick Everett |
| Jennifer Pope | John Dildine |
| Kaki Thornton | Glynn Pope |

CDR John Cook and D/C Raymond Alley dismissed the current bridge of officers, thanking them for their service. CDR John Cook, SN and was sworn in by D/C Ray Alley for another year as the Squadron Commander for 2023. CDR John Cook called his new bridge up to take the oath. D/C Ray Alley joined to install the new officers. They include: CDR John P. Cook, SN; XO-Lt/C Jack Everett, N; AO-Lt/C Sue Kuemmel, AP; Sec-Lt/C Carol Fairfield; Tres-Lt/C Tom Street III, JN.



L to R: Raymond Allen, John Cook, Jack Everett, Greg Golian, Tom Street and Carol Fairfield. Not present Sue Kuemmel. Photo by: Linda Grotjan.

The 2023 Committees include:

Executive Committee: Immediate P/C – John DiPrima, AP

Members at large: Glenn Pope and Gloria Poynter

Financial Review Committee: Charles E. Morgan, Jr, P; Lloyd Hensley; and Joseph Sumpter, AP

Rules Committee: Don Grotjan, SN; Bob Heck SN-BOC; and Norm Oien, JN

Nominating Committee: Don Grotjan, SN; Marty Heck, JN; and John DiPrima, AP

Assistances to Bridge Members: 1st Lt ASEO - Jim Kuemmel, AP; 1st Lt ASEC Pam Trotter; and 1st Lt Tres-Norman Poynter.

Other business included:

- P/C John DiPrima provided a brief review of the upcoming National Conference to be held Feb. 19-26, 2023 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel (note new venue) in Orlando, FL. John will be giving a seminar on the environment. Other Squadron members are planning on also attending.
- John DiPrima announced the Hiwassee River Blueway annual paddle event is scheduled for June 24, 2023. Put in will be near Hiwassee Outfitters in Reliance, and take-out will be at Hiwassee Ocoee Scenic State Park. A family friendly after party with a live band and catered dinner will follow.

The meeting began at 2:07 pm and was adjourned at 2:45 pm, when lunch was served.

We would like to give a huge **CONGRATULATIONS to Pam Trotter**, who earned the Squadron a gold 2022 Distinctive Communicator Award for her job with the Newsletter (C-Way)!!!

Submitted with a smile and great guidance from Linda Grotjan: Carol Fairfield



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.

Saturday, January 14, 2023		Change of Watch at Amigos
February		No Meeting - Boat Show Feb 3rd - 5th
Friday, February 24, 2023		Cards at the Kuemmel
Tuesday, March 7, 2023		Pork and Loin 6 - 8pm
4/1/2023 Tentative		Free Weather Seminar 9am - 12pm
Tuesday, April 4, 2023		Pot Luck TBA (Speaker?) (No formal mtg.) *
Tuesday, May 2, 2023		Wolftever Lodge Pot Luck (5:30 - 7:30pm) Speaker - Carol Fairfield (No formal mtg.) *
5/5/2023 Tentative		Blessing of the Fleet
Sunday, May 21 - Saturday May 26, 2023		National Safe Boating Week
Tuesday, June 6, 2023		Raft Up/Picnic at Pam Trotter
6/13 or 06/20/2023 Tentative		Erwin Customer Appreciation Picnic Booth with Info and VSC availability
Monday, June 19 - Saturday, June 24, 2023		America's Boating Channel Video Filming
Tuesday, July 11, 2023		Amigos (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.)
Tuesday, October 3, 2023		Steak Night (5:30 - 7:30pm) (No formal mtg.) *
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