

# THE C-WAY

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

"For Boaters By Boaters"®



DBA America's Boating Club of Chattanooga

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## Commander's Message

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

As I review the content of this month's C-Way I am amazed at all we have going on this Spring!!

From educational options, to volunteering for many activities, to promoting boat safety. Please remember we all love to be on the water having fun, but we must keep our wits about us and look out for our fellow boaters and weekend warriors!

Be safe, have fun, get your vessel safety check before you hit the water and watch out for other boaters and render assistance if the need arises.

CDR/pht



## Executive Officer's Message

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It's April and the lake level is up along with finally the temperature! Since we don't have many boats in the club, please use your influence with your friends and family,

(close and extended) to promote safe boating. Tell them about Vessel Safety Checks and courses we offer and remind them to wear their PFDs!

Send them to our Website and Facebook pages:

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

See this quiz too:

<https://medium.com/@pleasewearitarmycorps/aquatic-adventure-quiz-8640da70416c>



**Share this Contact for a vessel safety check:**

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Don will assign the request to one of our certified examiners.

**We should also congratulate Tom Street for achieving LIFE MEMBER status!  
Congrats Tom!!!**



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Hello Everyone from Admin,

As I write, Spring seems to be "springing" everywhere. Trees are in blossom, flowers are budding, and the grass will soon need cutting. Long forgotten is the deep

freeze of December. As I look ahead to the rest of the year, I'm looking forward to a fun and fruitful year for the Club. April 4<sup>th</sup> will be our next meeting at Wolftever Lodge; a potluck supper from 5:00 to 7:00pm. In May we plan to have another dinner, this time at our house (Kummels', in Hixson), with a wine tasting (bring your favorite to share) and a boating trivia contest. The plan is to serve dinner (pork tenderloin + fixings) and are charging \$8/person. Members are welcome to bring appetizers. The first weekend in May is Blessing of the and the last week in May is National Safe Boating Week and would like to get our boats together and/or arrange for an activity for those times. We are setting up a booth at Erwin's Annual Boater Appreciation Picnic May 20<sup>th</sup> and plan to offer VSCs to the marina residents and we will need volunteers to man the booth at this time. So many activities! This summer we are also planning a drive-up/raft-up in the park by Pam Trotter's house, and later a dock party at Jon and Leslie Wade's boat. Be sure to mark your calendars and save the dates.

I also wanted to update everyone on what has happened this past month outside of the meetings. The Executive Committee came together to discuss the status of the donated boat. We are unable to secure insurance because the boat is owned by "an entity involving multiple individuals" and we can't find a mechanic to better troubleshoot the starting problems. So, several members of the Committee agreed to clean the boat and put it up for sale. It quickly sold to a man who is repairing it and plans to keep it for his own use. The proceeds were added to the Club treasury.

The Executive Committee also decided to sponsor a Boy Scout Sea Scout Ship here in the Chattanooga area. There is currently no Ship in this district and the move has a lot of support from both our Boy Scout area Council and the USPS National organization. The registration fees will be covered by our Club. Jack Everett will be the Charter Organization Representative and interface with the Council for our group. I (Sue Kuemmel) will be Chair of the Advisory Committee for the Ship and several Club members will sit on the board (including Jim Kuemmel, Greg Golian, and others). We are currently seeking a Scoutmaster ("Skipper") for the Ship, who will have support and guidance from two assistants ("mates") who are already in place. It appears we already have 8 – 10 scouts who want to participate.

Last, I wanted to let everyone know 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, the IBWSS, next month (which Jim and I will be attending as staff members for The Boating Channel) and have been consumed with all the prep involved.

So much for a slow start this year! See you April 4<sup>th</sup>!

Sue Kuemmel  
Admin Officer



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Upcoming education events-

April:

Knots and Line Handling Seminar, Tuesday April 11  
ABC, Saturday 4/22  
Marine Navigation, Tuesdays 4/25 - 7/18

May

Cruise and Cruise Planning, Tuesdays 5/9-6/27  
TWRA Review and Proctored Exam, Thursday 5/11

Marine Navigation will be a "beta" class of a new course replacing Piloting, with increased emphasis on electronic navigation vs. charts.

If you are interested in any of these classes, I suggest signing up early, to allow us time to order sufficient course materials, and reduce the chance that a class will be cancelled due to lack of students. You can enroll at our website <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).

If you have any questions, feel free to email, text or call me.



***(Pam Trotter is leaving the below information in this issue of the C-Way so everyone has a chance to review for all upcoming classes, and new policies.)***

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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>





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From Norm Oien:

The only firm information is a Knoxville Lock Thru, May 14th. Details are yet to be firmed up, but they will end the voyage in Chattanooga. Dates to follow when available.  
Norm



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We Are Solvent, thanks to the following for getting the donated boat SOLD!!!

Thanks to all those that donated blood, sweat and tears to get this done!!

(Originator: Jack Everett)

The donated boat has been Sold for \$4500!

Thanks to Rick Booth and Norm Oien for meeting the customer to see the boat and to Sue Kuemmel for handling the paperwork!

Additional thanks to the Cleanup Committee chairman John DiPrima, and his helpers Norm, Rick and Jack that made it look great!

Now we are open to suggestions for how to use the proceeds for safe and fun Boating in our area.



## 2023 Calendar of Events

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

Tuesday, May 2, 2023	Pot Luck at the Kuemmels (Wine Tasting, ABC Quiz)*
Sunday, May 7, 2023	Blessing of the Fleet
Saturday, May 20th, 2023	Erwin Customer Appreciation Picnic
Sunday, May 21 - Saturday 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.)*
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