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DBA America's Boating Club of Chattanooga

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

Please find the information below from D/C Ray Alley for our members to attend our District Conference on June 3, 2023. The time is 6:00 P.M. Central Time and 7:00 P.M. Eastern Time.

Additional Information for the Conference call:

Dial-in number (US): (425) 436-6339

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Our Chief's Rep is National Executive Officer V/C Ralph Bernard, AP

Ralph Bernard has been a U.S. Power Squadron - America's Boating Club member for over 43 years and is excited to serve USPS as the National Executive Officer. When not working with USPS, Ralph and his wife Nance are boating on the Chesapeake Bay in their Silverton 40, Four Play. Ralph has been boating since he can remember.

Ralph is the son of a USPS member. His father's first boat was a World War II Admiral's barge; and they moved up from there. Ralph's family made the trip from South Jersey to the New York World's Fair in 1964 by boat.

The Power Squadron has always been a family affair for his entire family. His father joined Absecon Island Power Squadron in 1963, and as soon as it was allowed, his mother also joined. As soon as he was discharged from the Air Force, Ralph also joined the squadron.

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Executive Officer's Message

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Hoping everyone is getting ready for a fun-filled, SAFE boating season. As you prepare, be sure to check out the latest season of Boating Safety videos, including the recently announced 7th season!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - America's Boating Channel Launches Season Seven



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America's Boating
Channel Launches
Seventh Season



"WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL" Will Be First Video to Premiere

Raleigh, NC, 1 June 2023 – America's Boating Channel™, the U.S. Coast Guard funded boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons® (USPS)- America's Boating Club® (ABC), will publicly debut its new season of twelve videos across its smart TV, online, and mobile distribution platforms starting in June.

In making the announcement, USPS-ABC Chief Commander Craig Fraser remarked, "We're excited to introduce America's Boating Channel's seventh season of original non-duplicated boating safety and boater education videos. This year's slate of titles reflects a sharpened focus on critical safety considerations, operational guidance, and electronic aids to navigation."

The first video in the new series, WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL, will premiere on Fire TV, Roku, and YouTube, as well as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social networks at 8 PM EDT on Thursday June 1.

WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL asks a series of "What if..." questions about contemporary life jackets. Viewers will learn the benefits of wearing life jackets while underway on boats. Also featured are tips to consider when buying a new life jacket.

Every ten days throughout the boating season, **America's Boating Channel** will launch a new video. Upcoming Season Seven titles include **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; MARINE RADIO ETIQUETTE; AVIGATING LOCKS;** and **BORDER CROSSING.**

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 way to view the videos is to 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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Administrative Officer's Message

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Greetings from Admin,

I don't know about you, but I have been working hard to get my garden in order and to get my spring cleaning done. For some reason every year it seems to take a little longer. Hmm... Something to do with getting older? Or is it that I am just getting lazy. Find whatever it is that motivates you and keep moving!

We were quite busy with classes this past month so we treated ourselves to a few relaxing days at Panama City Beach. I was very surprised at how nice the beach is at this time of year and highly recommend it if you would like a few days to "decompress" between your normally hectic routines.

I'm looking forward to the picnic/raft up this month at the Flibeta Boat Club in Soddy Daisy, by Pam Trotter's house, June 6th from 5 – 7pm. Thank you Pam for arranging the picnic for us! You can drive in or raft up to the property. (PLEASE SEE THE MAP FOLLOWING THIS TEXT FOR DIRECTIONS.) We are catering BBQ from the Choo Choo restaurant and charging \$5/person. Feel free to bring an appetizer or dessert. We will have soda and water available to drink, but otherwise BYO. We will have a pontoon boat available to bring you ashore from your boat(s) if you come by boat and plenty of parking if by car. There is a cinder block building with tables and chairs where we will have the picnic, and there are bathrooms on site. I hope you are looking forward to it as much as I am. If you're looking ahead, also mark July 11th on your calendar. We will be meeting at the Island Cove Yacht Club dock and will have a cold plate dinner. We plan to take our meeting indoors during August to avoid some of the especially hot and rainy weather typical of our summer months. In August we plan to meet at Amigos.

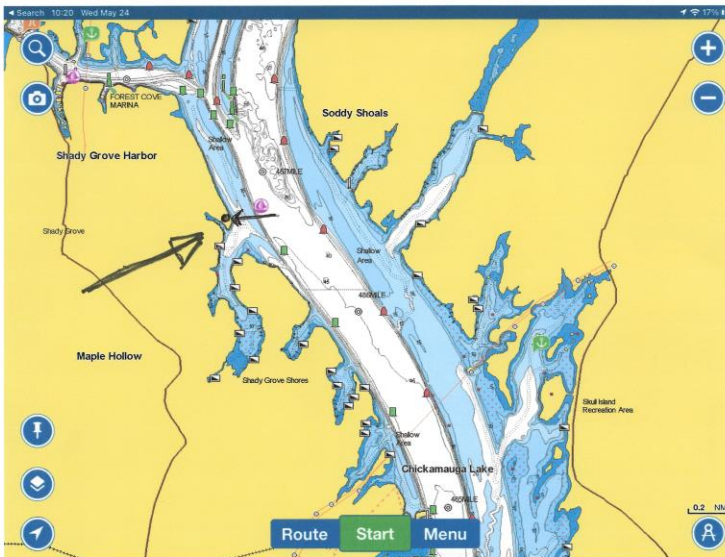
PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS REFLECTS A FLIP FOR THE LOCATION OF THE JULY & AUGUST MEETING VENUES FROM LAST MONTH'S CALENDAR. TO REITERATE, JULY VENUE IS ISLAND COVE YACHT CLUB DOCK AND AUGUST WILL BE AT AMIGOS.

The Erwin Customer Appreciation Picnic was postponed until Sunday the 21st because of the rain Saturday. We could not get the table set up until 11:45 because of church in the morning, but the day turned out to be just right weatherwise. We talked to many of the attendees and talked to them about National Safe Boating Week and the new streaming Boat Channel app on FireTV and Roku. We also gave out some "freebees" and got some VSCs done. In return we were treated to plenty of food and drink, and a T-shirt to boot. Everyone helped put together Safe Boating Week packets and four people took them to their home area boat launches for distribution to local boaters with a message about safety. Thanks to Jack Cook, Jack Everett, John DiPrima, Don and Linda Grotjan, Pam Trotter and my Jim for all your work that day. And thanks to John, Jack Everett, Don and Linda, and Pam for handing out packets. Thanks, also, to

Carol Fairfield, who wasn't able to attend, but came to my house to pick up and pass out packets.

Finally, a last call for anyone who might wish to join the Knoxville group coming from Tellico Lake, arriving late June 23th at The Bluffs downtown. That night they are planning to have a cocktail hour and dinner at Scotties on the River and are inviting us to join them. Please let your caller know when he/she calls about the monthly meeting if you will attend. They will also be staying over the night of the 24th, leaving Sunday the 25th to return to Tellico Lake. They would welcome anyone who would like to travel back with them to Tellico Lake on one of their boats (I think they have six boats coming.). They are taking three days to travel back, stopping at Blue Springs Marina (Euclhee area, or possibly Shady Grove Marina) and Blue Water Marina (Dayton). If you are interested, please contact Lori Miles (404-953-0131) and she will connect you with a boating "buddy".

All My Best,
Sue



Picnic: June 6th (Tuesday), 5-7pm

Pam Trotter's street address:
11130 Harbor Rd.
Soddy Daisy, 37379
Phone # 423-424-2829
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*(Primary)



Picnic will be catered from Choo-Choo BBQ
\$15.00/person
Come by boat or by car! See you there!



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In May we did a boating safety class at McCallie school, as well as a boating safety review and TWRA proctored exam session. 37 students passed their TWRA exam.

Upcoming education events-

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| 6/10 | ABC class and proctored exam |
| 7/13 | Boating Safety Review and proctored TWRA exam |

Interest in advanced classes continues to run low. If you are interested in any of the advanced or elective courses let me know, there is enough time left in the year to run one or two more of these classes.

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



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May 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Venue: Sue & Jim Kummels' House, Hixson, TN

An enjoyable dinner was shared by attending members, hosted by Sue & Jim Kuemmel at their residence....thanks to the kummel's for hosting us!

The Meeting was called to order by Cmdr John (Jack) Cooke at 7:12 pm.

Sue Kuemmel reminded us of the Blessing of the Fleet which took place on May 7. Boats congregated at the bluffs, and paraded to the Chickamauga Dam for the blessing.



(Though we were not able to display our banner, member Carol Fairfield ended up jumping on a neighbor's boat at the last minute to be part of the blessing.)

Sue also requested volunteers to work at our booth at the Erwin Marine's Customer Appreciation Picnic on May 20 (though it waws moved to May 21 due to rain). She also asked for volunteers to hand out our safety materials during National Safe Boating Week May 21-26 at launch sites throughout our area. Sue encouraged members to join the raft up at Pam Trotter's house at Flibeta Boat Club in Soddy Daisy on June 6, which is located on the last slough south of Soddy Creek (See map above under Sue Kuemmel's submission). Sue also highlighted the ABC Boating Channel which is premiering its 7th season (See announcement from Jack Everett above). This is a source of lots of videos and has become a central point for safe boating. Sue concluded by giving out goodies she and Jim were given at their attendance at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit in Little Rock, Arkansas in April. (Thanks for sharing, Sue & Jim!)

Greg Golian encouraged members to attend the May 6th 10:00 am Fort Oglethorpe Celebration of Veterans at Honor Park, where a 2-star Marine General was to speak. Greg and Jim Kuemmel also discussed the ABC courses being offered (see Greg’s submission above). Kudos to our Education team (Greg, Jim, and Sue Kuemmel) for having 85-87 students successfully completing our sponsored courses, which is by far the largest number of students reached by any squadron in our District!

John DiPrima encouraged members to join the Hiwassee Blueway group’s major fund-raising event on June 24, 2023 for the Rail to River weekend event, which our Squadron has co-sponsored. Squadron members are encouraged to participate in the event (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hiwassee-blueway-rail-to-river-paddle-event-tickets-598844218177>). During this annual fundraiser event, “...attendees will enjoy a scenic train ride on the Hiwassee Rail to the put-in and a 5-mile paddle on the Hiwassee River from Reliance to Delano, TN. Inflatable kayaks are available from Webb Bros and inflatable stand up paddle boards from Outshine Adventures. Paddlers can participate with their own paddle crafts as long as they are rated for Class I whitewater. The main paddle event will end with a catered meal and live music at Savannah Oaks Winery...”. (Quotes from the Hiwassee River Blueway Council documents.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm, after which Carol Fairfield gave a “cool” presentation of her volunteer activities during the 51st Iditarod Sled Dog Race, which is a 1,000 mile race from Anchorage to Nome, AK. She will make the presentation available to anyone interested once a couple final touches are completed.



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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| Tuesday, June 6, 2023 | Raft Up/Picnic at Pam Trotter |
| 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) |
| <p>* Announcements Only ** Subject to Change</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE THIS REFLECTS THE CHANGE IN MEETING VENUES FOR JULY & AUGUST</p> | |