

the Bullhorn

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Change of Watch

Maybe, for the first time ever, and thanks to these interesting times we're living in, the new Bridge was ushered in by Walter Neese, the D5 Commander, on April 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM. This ceremony was conducted via Go To Meeting!

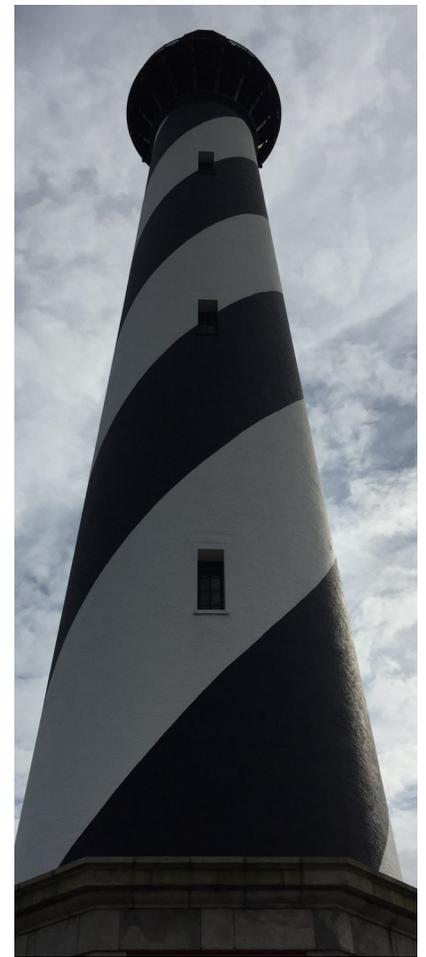
After raising their right hands, the incoming Bridge took the following oath:

"I do solemnly pledge; to perform faithfully and impartially; the duties of the office; which I am about to assume in the America's Boating Club Richmond"

Special congratulations to this esteemed group for volunteering to lead this amazing boating organization that offers fellow boating enthusiasts education, comradery, and civil service to the waterways of Virginia, focusing on the James, Rappahanock, and Potomac Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay.

Officers of the new Bridge are: Mary Palmer, P ~ Commander; David R. Duros, JN-IN ~ Executive Officer; William (Bill) A. Simpson, JN ~ Educational Officer; Michael Silvay, AP ~ Asst Educational Officer; Marjorie Collings, P ~ Secretary; and Marlene Zeigler, Treasurer. The position of Administrative Officer is still open. Contact Mary Palmer with your interest!

Congratulations to all ~ we look forward to the year ahead!



Cape Hatteras Light Station
North Carolina

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From the Commander Mary Palmer, P

Welcome to our first Bullhorn with a new Editor, Lisa Aberle. We are so happy to have you with us, Lisa. She is a returning member and has taken on a big job.

Also, we have adopted the name **America's Boating Club | Richmond**. *Our business will still be done as Richmond Sail and Power Squadron so if you write a check for an event you can use RSPS.*

As most of you are aware, we didn't have our Change of Watch due to the shutdown of businesses and the need to keep our distance, so we had to cancel our event. That is such a lovely ceremony, it broke my heart to miss that. Also, D5 was cancelled so on Saturday April 11 the new D5 Bridge was sworn in thru their computers. At our Monday Bridge meeting, April 13 your new Bridge, Ex Committee and Committee members were sworn in on Go To Meeting with our D5 Commander, Walter Neese swore us in. At least we are official now. Don't you love how we can still meet, visit family and do work on our computers or phones at home.

You will see our tentative calendar for the rest of the Year in the Bullhorn. If there are changes we will be letting you know because we are not sure what we can do as a group.

Please welcome a new member, David Predy.

When people take classes on line thru National, they are made Cyber Members. That is where David comes from, but he lives here and will have his boat in Urbanna. Hope you'll get to see him soon.

I sure hope we will be able to get together this summer. Not sure where we are going, but there are a lot of fun activities planned for all of us to enjoy. Take a class and enjoy some of the new things being taught. We have such excellent Educational officers, thank you Bill Simpson and Mike Silvay and all the instructors.

A special thanks goes to Irene Chamberlin who has served many years on our Bridge. Her positions have included Executive Office, Secretary, Chaplain, Auditor, and Aide to the Editor. We greatly appreciate all of her ongoing support! Irene, thank you!

Here's to a good year, 2020 for our squadron. Look forward to seeing each of you soon!

~ Cdr. Mary H. Palmer

Education Update Lt/C William A. Simpson, SEO

The two day Basic Navigation Course given at Deltaville Yachting Center on March 7-8 was a great success with 26 students in attendance. Dave Duros and I covered basic chart navigation, plotting coordinates & courses, time-distance-speed, and rules of the road. Mike Silvay covered electronic navigation with GPS and chart plotters. As always, Onna Grimm, at DYC, did an excellent job of hosting this boating educational event.

Jim Zeigler has taken the lead on organizing training for members that want to achieve the **Inland Navigator and Coastal Navigator** ratings. We have identified those that want to participate and what courses/seminars/skill demos that each person needs. In the near term, this training will have to be self-study or done on line. I think we have arrived at the time where we need to get serious about distance learning and/or video conference training. More to come on this. If any other members are interested in pursuing these ratings, contact Jim Zeigler at jim@jpzeigler.com.

The National Educational Office issued a message extending all exam expirations for 60 days or more if needed.

Check the calendar for additional updates and please stay healthy and "keep your distance".



Dock at Rockett's Landing | James River, RVA



Pawley's Island Beach | South Carolina

COVID-19 Quarantine ≠ Dead in the Water! Dave Duros

I was looking forward to a great year of boating in January. In my blissful ignorance, I had no concept of the impact that the COVID-19 virus would have on us as individuals and a group. The current situation is both scary and confusing; which is further complicated by the lack of agreement on what the right answers should be. That raised the question of 'what I can do constructively during this time of new rules, and behaviors'?

My answer was to invest in taking additional boating education training. I am not sure when the COVID-19 impacts will be resolved, but my plan was to be better prepared as a boater. My boating focus has been on the next level of On-the-Water training of Boat Operator Certification, completing this effort later this summer. The other focus has been working on the Instructor Development course. The focus of this course is teaching the concepts and techniques that Americas Boating Club has been successful in educating past and current students.

Summer will be here shortly, and hopefully the COVID-19 situation will advance to the point we can get back on the water. And the question that I would ask is ' what course, seminar, demonstration or meeting would help you be a better boater?' Let Bill Simpson, SEO, or any member of the Bridge know your ideas.

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- A) Boater Education;
- B) Connecting socially, on & off the water, and;
- C) Providing public/civil service.

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On the Horizon (a/k/a Calendar)

Date	Time	Event	Location
6/1/20	7-9 PM	Anchoring Seminar (contact Bill)	Zoom Call
8/1-2/20	TBD	Boater's Boot Camp	TBD
8/24/20	6:00 PM	Club Meeting	TBD
9/8-13/20	TBD	USPS National Governing Board	Raleigh, NC
9/12/20	Noon	Eastern Branch Bash	Timpano's
10/12/20	6:00 PM	Bridge/Ex Comm Mtg	TBD
10/26/20	6:00 PM	Oktoberfest	TBD
10/2020	TBD	D5 Fall Conference	TBD
	TBD	Electronic Navigation	TBD
	TBD	America's Boating Course	TBD
11/9/20	6:00 PM	Bridge/Ex Comm Mtg	TBD
12/5/20	TBD	Christmas Party	TBD

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