

# ***the Bullhorn!***

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## The Bridge

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*Happy New Year*

**2022**

*Wine & Cheese Party*

**Friday, January 28, 2022 at 5:30 PM**

Hosted by Irene Chamberlin  
9660 Iredell Road  
North Chesterfield . VA 23235  
804-350-0308

Bring a snack and your favorite wine to share.

*RSVP by January 26*

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Dear Richmond Squadron.

I hope you find yourself getting ready for Christmas.

You are such dear friends and I've loved being your commander. I hope you have had the chance to enjoy some of our activities, meetings and are feeling good.

It is a pleasure to announce that George Bruner has earned his 50<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark. With that honor, he becomes a permanent member of the National Governing Council. Thank you George for all your hard work and contributions to our squadron for over 50 years.

Thanks to Frank and Susie Timpano for hosting an afternoon picnic at their home on the Corrotoman River. We enjoyed Frank's smoked meat and the dishes brought by our friends. Lovely weather, great scenery and the fellowship we have missed while dealing with COVID.

Your Bridge has worked hard this year. The classes

offered have been so wonderful. There are lots of plans for the winter and spring. I hope your boats are safe and ready for the winter.

We have lost one of our hard working officers, Dave Duros. He is stopping boating. He and his wife, Karen will be missed. Thanks for all your hard work on the Bridge, Dave. Hope you will be happy in other adventures you take.

We had 20 members attend the Christmas luncheon. It was lovely and lots of fun. The gift exchange was great fun. For all that could not attend, you were missed.

Hope you'll plan to come to the Wine and Cheese January 28<sup>th</sup>. See the article with information. Thanks to Irene Chamberlin for hosting us.

Bob and I wish each of you a most blessed Christmas. Hope you'll see family and enjoy this beautiful season.

Love to you all,

Mary



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Ahoy Members,

It is good to have the ***Bullhorn*** up and running again. Like most educational organizations, the COVID crisis forced us to stop in-person classes and adapt to virtual platforms in order to provide on line seminars and classes for our members.

In 2020, we presented virtual seminars on *Rules of Navigation, Anchoring* and the *Mariner's Compass*.

In September, **Frank Timpano** virtually presented *Marine Electrical Systems* and five members successfully completed the course. They were **Mike Silvay, Jim Juritsch, Bill Simpson, Paul Brooks** and **Jim Brown**.

At the beginning of 2021, **Dave Duros** presented a virtual seminar on Chart Plotter Navigation otherwise known as CPN. This is a free software system which allows a boater to use his/her PC, laptop, tablet, etc. as an onboard chart plotter navigation device.

As you remember, there was a brief window before the

COVID Delta outbreak began where it appeared like in-person classes might be on the horizon. During that time, we were able to invite the District Five Boat Operator Certification (BOC) instructors down to provide On-the- Water performance evaluations for our Inland Navigation (IN) and Coastal Navigation (CN) candidates.

Completing IN evaluations were **Mike Silvay, Jim Juritsch** and **Bill Simpson**. This completed the IN program for Mike and Jim and they were awarded the USPS Inland Navigation rating.

CN On-the-Water evaluations were completed by **Jim Zeigler, Frank Timpano, Mike Silvay, Ernie Burnett** and **Bill Simpson**. This event completed the CN program for **Jim Zeigler, Ernie Burnett** and **Frank Timpano** and they were awarded the USPS Coastal Navigation rating.

**Jim Zeigler** concurrently qualified as a BOC Certifier for IN and CN which is a great boon for our squadron for future BOC training. Congratulations to all of our members that participated in this event.

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In October, **Ernie Burnett** presented the virtual *Marine Communications Systems Course* which ended on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The four attending students took their exam on November 30<sup>th</sup> and are now awaiting the results.

So, what's coming up in 2022?

Our next planned event will be a virtual *Weather Course* presented by **Jim Zeigler**. It will use the Zoom platform and will start on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and will run through March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyer and all the details in this issue of the newsletter

Some other future events we are planning are as follows:

February 2022: Virginia Safe Boating Course at Deltaville Yachting Center

April 2022: A two day class on Basic Piloting and GPS Navigation at Deltaville Yachting Center

Of course, the classes above will be dependent on the COVID situation in the winter and spring and whether in-

person classes will be possible.

I hope you will consider attending the virtual *Weather Course* this January. Also, let me or Mike Silvey know what educational classes you would like to have presented as we move into 2022.

We have also included an invitation from the Kent Island Squadron for a virtual *Tides and Currents Seminar* over Zoom on January 25. See page 10.

Lt/C Bill Simpson

## Calendar of Events

### January (2022)

11 - Weather Class - Virtual - Sign up ASAP  
21-23 - Richmond Boat Show, Downtown  
28 - Wine & Cheese Party, Irene Chamberlin's Home

### February (2022)

19-27 - Annual National Meeting, Ponte Verde, FL  
18-20 - Richmond Boat Show, Richmond Raceway  
TBD - Virginia Safe Boating Course, Deltaville Yachting Center

### March (2022)

31- Apr 3 - D/5 Spring Conference, Ocean City

### April (2022)

TBD - Basic Navigation and GPS - 2-Day - Deltaville Yachting Center

## *Wine & Cheese Party*

Mark this date in your calendar now!!  
January 28, 5:30 PM

Bring a snack and bottle of wine to share.

Irene Chamberlin's Home  
(In Bon Air, near off Huguenot Road)  
9660 Iredell Road  
North Chesterfield, VA  
804-350-0308

Please RSVP by January 26



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**Updating you USPS  
Contact Information**

Go to the Richmond website using either of the following:  
[www.RichmondBoatClub.com](http://www.RichmondBoatClub.com)  
or [www.usps.org/richmond](http://www.usps.org/richmond).

Choose “Members Area” from the dark blue list of options near the top of the screen.

A logon screen appears – enter your membership number and USPS password. (if you forgot, see below)

The Member Home page appears. Click on the highlighted “Manage Profile” button on the right side of the screen.

Review and update the information in the outlined boxes. If you see errors in the non-outlined information, please contact Marji Collings.

You can see a Squadron Roster from your Membership profile page. On the right-hand side of your profile page find the small white button containing a blue circle with several horizontal lines. Click

on that button.

About half-way down the left side of the resulting menu click on the “Squadron Membership Roster.” This provides a roster of our members.

Your membership number is on your membership card and your annual dues notice. If you cannot find your membership number contact Squadron Secretary Marji Collings at 804-564-3505. She can also update your profile information.

If you do not remember your USPS password, use the “Forgot Password?” dialog to obtain a new password. Of course, if your email address is wrong in your profile, you will have to work through Marji Collings to update your profile.

## What's in a Name

The "America' Boating Club" branding was adopted in 2017 to update our public image.

While our educational programs are superb and excel at building knowledge and skill, our traditional promotional image is not working.

Our name, the United States Power Squadrons, does not resonate with the public. Are we the post office (USPS)? What does a "squadron" mean? What does "power" mean? Nowhere does it imply that we are a boating organization.

Consequently, we need to update our image to appeal to today's boaters. We must identify who we are, what we do, and why someone should be interested in becoming a member.

To learn more about the re-branding project, read the "America's Boating Club Marketing Guide" by following the following path: USPS.org – Members Site – Departments – Secretary – Communications Committee - Standards

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## Check out the waterway Guide

The Waterway Guide, which is still headquartered in Deltaville, VA, provides an easy to use, on-line resource to boaters. It has grown from the days of just providing information in the Intracoastal Waterway.

One feature is the "Alerts" which provide hazard and safety information directly on a nautical chart. Just scroll to the area in which you are interested and look for yellow "Alert" symbols. These can be as detailed as warning of shoaling in Jackson Creek in Deltaville or missing aids to navigation on the Potomac. And these "Alerts" are generally posted on the same day they are received by the Coast Guard.

The on-line resource also provides up-to-date information on marinas and anchorages.

It is easy to access. Just go to [WaterwayGuide.com](http://WaterwayGuide.com).



## Weather

Starts January 11

### ***A Modern Weather Course for Today's Recreational Boater***

The Safety and Comfort of Those on Board depends on the Weather

Basic Principles of Meteorology and Analyzing your Observations

Weather System Formation, Movements and Interactions

Modern Production of Weather Forecast and How They are Disseminated

Weather Reports and Forecasts Available on the Web

**WHEN:** Tuesday evenings, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, starting January 11 through March 15

**WHERE:** On-line with Zoom

### **STUDENT MATERIAL OPTIONS**

**Option A-** Student Hybrid Kit with hard copy text, weather maps and cloud chart

Or

**Option B -** Student Manual ebook including Student Manual, charts and clouds

**COST:** \$105

Register by December 25 at [bcsimpson1@aol.com](mailto:bcsimpson1@aol.com)

Include the following information: full name, postal mailing address, telephone number, email address and which student material preference. USPS members provide your membership number.

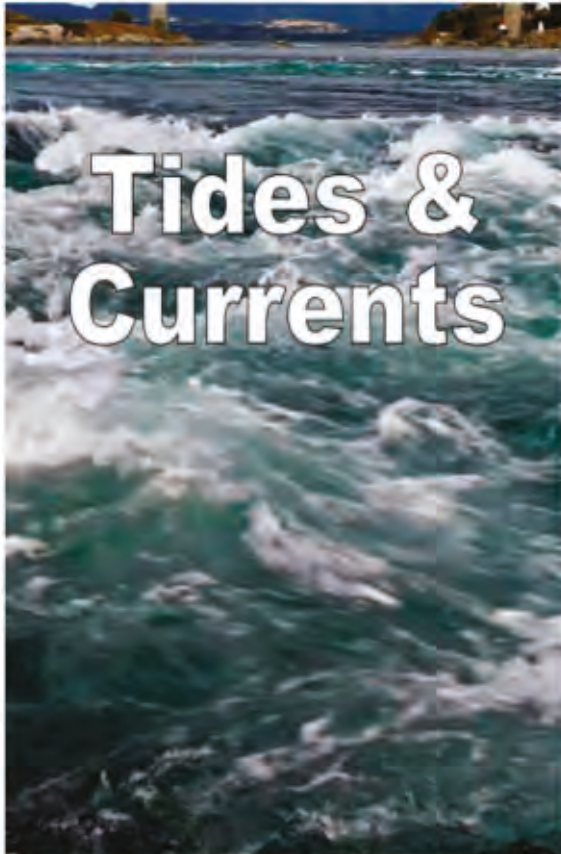
*“Learn how to become a smarter and safer consumer of weather information”*



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Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron (KNSPS) – America's Boating Club of Kent Narrows



# Tides & Currents

## WHEN

Tues Jan 25  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

## WHAT

Tides & Currents  
Seminar

**No Charge**

To Register Visit  
[tinyurl.com/ys8ntfw4](https://tinyurl.com/ys8ntfw4)  
For More Info  
Please Contact  
Patti Eney  
773-351-2403 or  
[abckn.edu@gmail.com](mailto:abckn.edu@gmail.com)

**DON'T MISS IT!**

Discover what causes the tides to rise and fall and what causes the currents to flow. Learn about how tides and currents affect your boat's performance from experienced coastal boaters.

Please register on [USPS.org](https://USPS.org) or by calling or emailing SEO Patti Eney at 773-351-2403 or [abckn.edu@gmail.com](mailto:abckn.edu@gmail.com).

## WHERE

Zoom Online Meeting  
Information Will Be Sent  
After Registration





***America's Boating Club*** is a nation-wide boating organization. We learn together, boat together, and help each other and other boaters on the water and Land. Our Members learn boating skills, engage with boating friends, and connect with the boating community.

For more information, visit our website at:

[richmondboatclub.com](http://richmondboatclub.com)

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