

**Important News from our Club's Executive Committee**

Dear Members,

We delight and depend on you to submit photos and written articles for use in the Lubber's Line, Annual Photo Contest, Facebook, and outside commercial magazines. Here are the rules for doing this!

When you submit photos taken by you, and written articles written by you, permission for use without compensation is assumed and we will credit you in the publication.

Tell those being photographed that you will be submitting them to our editor for possible publication and ask if anyone has an objection. Not everyone wants to be photographed so let them opt out.

Photos that contain facially recognizable images of minors or non-members require a model release to avoid future lawsuits. Simply have the person (and a parent, if a minor) sign a paper naming the individual(s) and a statement agreeing that they are willing to be in the photo and that America's Boating Club Wilmington may use the photo for no compensation as our club sees fit. If they say no, exclude the individual(s) from the photo. Provide the model release with your photo submission (you can use the one below).

Only articles written by you should be submitted to the editor. If you want to quote part of an article you read to make a point, put the words in quotation marks and state who or where it came from. Content on the Internet, or Facebook, or other media (including books) is copyrighted unless the website says the content can be used without permission. US Government works (including charts) are not copyrighted and can be used freely.

If you use someone else's work and call it yours, or reprint it without the author's permission, you are violating the copyright law and you and/or the club may be sued. If you find an article written by someone else that would be great to reprint, obtain the author's permission and send their consent document to the editor with the article.

When in doubt, ask for guidance from our Secretary or Editor of the Lubber's Line.

***Approved for use by the America's Boating Club Wilmington Executive Committee on 13 July 2022***

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**Model Release for Photos of Non-Members and / or Minors**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to a photograph of *myself and / or my minor child* being taken by a member of America's Boating Club Wilmington (aka Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron). I understand that this photo may be submitted for publication in the newsletter (Lubber's Line), Annual Photo Contest, Facebook and outside commercial magazines. I give consent for the photo to be used without compensation and as our club sees fit.

I am a non-member and agree to the above terms.

AND / OR

I am the guardian of a minor and agree to the above terms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature* of Non-Member or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
date signed

Print Name of Non-Member or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Minor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_