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2022 Summer Cruise Memories





The annual America's Boating Club Wilmington, aka Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron's, well-organized cruise, by the Zimmerman team, was a gorgeous start to our boating club's summer sailing. The cruise kicked off at North Point Marina with an entertaining Mardi Gras planned, themed and decorated by Terry Butler and committee. We welcomed new members, Justin and Dana Doheny, and first time ABC-W cruisers George Reiner and Vicky Lai aboard 'Seas The Day' and Gail and Peter Weintraub aboard 'Domino.'





We began the next day with a refreshing wind that pulled us down to the Severn River and Little Round Bay. Sweet sociable raft-ups ensued with a variety of food offerings created and shared. Aboard 'Willow', Mark Atkinson's gumbo was by far my favorite; what a great flavor!





The next morning (and every morning after) we enjoyed sharing Laura Hepting's, 'Lady L', delectable coffee cake. From there we drifted down to Herrington Harbor South for pool, pickleball, cribbage lessons and, of course, more food.



Then a flying 7-8 knot sail up to the Wye River for a friendly relaxing hike on Wye Island after another fun raft up (sadly no blind dinghy races due to wind). Next

day we arrived at St. Michaels



for bike rides, shopping, distillery tastings, group dinners and an informative fun tour of The Dove and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Some of the group then headed back home with weather concerns and were greeted by dolphins on the Chester River, while others ventured to the Rhode River for one more raft-up.



America's Boating Club ~ Wilmington 2022 - 2023







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A lot has happened since our last newsletter went out. Basic Boating, Marine Navigation and Engine Maintenance classes have been completed. Thirty-six people and 14 vessels participated in a week-long cruise on the Chesapeake Bay beginning the first week in June.



Several new members have joined our club including Justin & Dana Doheney, who joined us at the highly enjoyed kickoff, Mardi Gras themed, activity organized by Terry Butler. George Reiner and Vicky Lai on 'Seas the Day' and Gail and Peter Weintraub on 'Domino' were also recent members joining their first ABC-W Cruise. Our Education/Information session at North Point Marina, including 16 Vessel Safety Checks at North Point & Bayside Landing provided boating safety information to a number of our fellow boaters. Articles describing these and other activities can be found in this newsletter.



All of these activities are happening with the time and effort of a number of your fellow club members who are dedicated to our ABC Objectives of Self Education; Civic Service & Fraternal Boating. Over time, our club membership has declined, as has the number of active members who help provide: Our public website; this newsletter; our membership activities; our Facebook page; the administration of our 301C corporation (we are one); several IT programs that help us communicate with members; our written records; our budget & finances. This is a very incomplete list. As a number of those who have supported these activities have retired and left the area or become unable to continue their support for various reasons, the club's ability to continue offering services. activities and learning programs is at risk.



If you have any available time and capabilities to help with any of the activities listed above, or any other club functions that interest you, please contact myself or any of our bridge members so we can discuss how you might contribute to the continued excellence of ABC-Wilmington in meeting our 3 objectives. Your time and efforts will benefit yourself, your fellow club members and the boating public. I look forward to seeing many of you on the water in the near future.













Not all went smoothly as all seamen know - one couple's boat was not ready, resolved by the thoughtful invitation of other boaters taking on added crew, furlers broke, batteries died, repairs done in crazy wind, and conversations diagnosed malfunctions. However, with 16 boats full of many years of seamen's skills, all was taken in stride. (Thanks to Scott, Dennis, and Bill for the high wind furler repair). What a rewarding and memorable way to meet people, become part of a boating community, and sink your keel into Chesapeake Bay boating adventures!

































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May's Education/Information Event, Rock Hall

Many thanks to our ABC Wilmington volunteers, who generously supported our Education/ Information event, in May at North Point Marina. Not only were 16 Vessel Safety Checks completed by John Bailey, AP and JT Walton, John trained Gail Weintraub, P, who is now a Certified Vessel Safety Examiner, and has completed four additional VSCs.

Boaters indicated an interest learning more about our boating club. We recruited new members! Flyers had been distributed to over 15 locations in Rock Hall. Our team members included John Bailey, AP, Bill Barber, AP, Richard, JN and Terry Butler,P, Laura and Wayne Hepting, John, P, and Colleen Schleicher, P, J.T. Walton and Bart and Bev Wilson! Nice going Team!

The Wellwood Dinner is Back!

Finally, after a two-year hiatus due to COVID, we are planning the 8th Annual Oyster, Ham, and Chicken, Buffet Dinner at the Wellwood Restaurant, tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, October 23rd at 3:00 p.m.** This is always a delicious buffet. It's tough **not** to overfill your plate!

The Social Committee is considering some interesting programs for the fall and winter season but would like to know your preferences. For example, Zoom or in person meetings, Topics of interest, day, time, and place. Does this sound like a potential survey? Keep an eye out for it! Many thanks to the Social Committee, Joan Barber, Lynn Mahaffy, Terry Butler, Betty Ingram, and Kathy Leef for their thoughtful work and creative activity planning! More to come! The Wellwood Dinner is Back!

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P/C Carol Hanson, P Administrative Officer











On Saturday July 16th twenty-four members of our Club participated in a fun, and informative sail on the Sultana, a reproduction schooner berthed in Chestertown.

During our two-hour trip, we learned about the history, the boat



construction, helped raise the sails, watched crew climb the yardarms to furl top sails, and explored the authentically reproduced crew's quarters below-decks.

We agree with the Sultana Education Foundation's website "A trip on the 1768 schooner SULTANA is a great way to experience the Chester River onboard a traditional schooner." We highly recommend it!

Saturday evening was topped off by a Burger and Brat cookout at North Point Marina, aptly coordinated by Joan Barber! A really fun day was had by all!













P/C Carol Hanson, P Administrative Officer





Weatherly







Summer Raft-ups



13-14 August; ABC-Wilmington Raft-up - Corsica River Anchorage

Please join us for a weekend raft up in the Corsica River on Saturday August 13th.

(Yes, that is Pirates weekend in Rock Hall!). Scott Mayhue will once again be coordinating a gathering of boats on Wash Point Anchorage.



03-04 September; ABC-Wilmington Raft-up - Magothy River- Cornfield Creek



This raftup event is planned for Labor Day weekend given that many ABC-W cruisers will be departing for Spain and Portugal on September 12th. As the dates get closer, please let Scott know if you plan to attend.

Scott Mayhue Raft-up Captain smayhue@comcast.net 717.602.3466











New Members Biography



Dana and Justin Doheny recently transferred their membership from the Northern New Jersey Sail and Power Squadron, when they moved to Middletown, DE.

Last summer, they purchased a 2001, 410 Sport Bridge Silverton that they have docked at Summit North Marina in Bear. They accepted delivery of 'Lady Jane' in August at Jupiter, FL and took it up the ICW, arriving in Bear, Delaware in early November.



The trip took a lot longer than planned, because of a 6week layover in Fort Pierce, FL, due to mechanical is-

sues, and difficulty finding an available, qualified mechanic. Prior to owning 'Lady Jane', they owned a 34' Catalina that they sailed in NY Harbor, Long Island Sound, and southern New England. After bringing 'Lady Jane's' systems up to date, the plan for next year, is to head to Rochester, NY via the Erie Canal – need to show off the new boat to the grandson!

George Reiner and Vicky Lai are the owners of 'Seas The Day', a Catalina 425. George comes from Lebanon, PA and works for Agilent Technologies as their GC Software Product Manager. Vicky comes from Guangzhou, China and is a recently retired marketing executive. They live in Newark, DE and also have a home in Guangzhou.





serving from their deck. They took the ASA 101 and 103 courses that summer. A Catalina 315 arrived the following year and 'Seas The Day' (the 425) arrived in the fall of 2019. She is docked at Osprey Point marina in Rock Hall, MD.

If you have insomnia, you can read about all this in full detail at: www.sailingwithgeorgeandvicky.blogspot.com, and view all their sailing photos at: www.georgereiner.smugmug.com.





Yearbook Maintenance



Barbara Sharpless, our Assistant Secretary, works almost every day to maintain the information in our Yearbook, your guide to our club information.

This daunting task can be made a bit easier by providing any changes you have in real time. Please take a minute to review the 2022-2023 Yearbook and let her know what changes you may have.



Email: bdsharpless12@gmail.com and her phone is: 302.239.7995

Gone, but hopefully not forgotten

We sold our home in Delaware, and we sold our villa in Vero Beach where each winter we commuted to escape the cold in Delaware. We sold our beloved sailboat 'Jubilee' and all of the 15 sails in storage in Chestertown, MD. We will miss the Chesapeake Bay and all the beautiful locations we can re-





member sailing to during the forty + years of having five sailboats on-the-bay. We will miss our friends both in the Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron and our local church, RiverCross Fellowship. All of this agony of moving and selling everything... is it worth it? Yes, I would say we are very

happy living in paradise here in Vero Beach!

I will be happy to turn the reins over to the next newsletter editor (it's been 7 yrs.) for the Nov-Dec issue. When I took it over from Pamela Orris, I changed the face of the original Lubber's Line to the gradient two-tone blue to aid in viewing the images that

our membership love. I will be bequeathing the Face-Book Page, the monthly SpinSheet submissions and Sue will pass on the yearly photo contest held in October to new member Colleen Schleicher.

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Your Education Department

Our Spring course offerings were a great success! Eleven Engine Maintenance students and four Piloting students sat for the exams. Although there was considerable gnashing of teeth after the exams due to concerns for how they might have done, everyone who took the exams passed with flying colors! Congratulations to:

Piloting

Laura Hackell, P, Frank Richardson, P, Colleen Schleicher, P, and Gail Weintraub, P.

Engine Maintenance

Joan Barber, P, Carol Hanson, P, Betty Ingram, P, Vicky Lai, Kathy Mayhue, Scott Mayhue, George Reiner, John Schleicher, P. Dennis Wallace, P. Donna Zimmerman, JN, and Bill Zimmerman, N.

Many thanks to Randy Williamson, SN (Piloting) and Scott Mayhue (Engine Maintenance) for their excellent instruction and clear commitment to our organization's goal of providing boating education options to our members.

Now it is time to start thinking about potential courses for this fall and winter when the boats are taking their winter's nap and you have lots of free time!

You may review the courses that America's Boating Club offers on pages 19-25 of the new ABC – Wilmington 2022-2023 Yearbook. For example, it might make sense to offer the Advanced Marine Navigation (Advanced Piloting) as a natural follow up to the Piloting course just completed.

Another option might be to start the sequence of Marine Electronics courses, which could continue into the winter and spring.

Please let me know if you have a specific interest in any of the courses listed in the yearbook.

Lt/C William Barber, AP, Chief Education Officer





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Secretary's Department



<u>Getting Membership Information</u>: Access americasboatingclub.org on your computer. Select 'Member Login' on the top right of the page to start. Using your certificate number and a password/ PIN that was provided to you by the national organization, you can log onto the member site. Your certificate number can be found in our club yearbook. If you forgot or cannot find your password/ PIN, there is a 'forgot password' button you can select. Type in your certificate number with no hyphens and then your password/PIN. Select 'log in.'

<u>Member Profile</u>: On the right you will see a Member Profile; select 'Manage Profile.' You will see lots of information about your membership. If there is a box to fill in, you can change it— add a nickname, fix an error in your birthday, update your address, phone numbers, email address (and if you don't want email from USPS, type the word none in the box), your boat type (power or sail), boat name, and homeport, etc. When you are done, select UPDATE located under homeport. Then the BACK button to get back to the main screen. Note — if there is information that you cannot access, contact me and I can get it fixed.

<u>Dues Payment</u>: What month do I need to pay my dues? If you scroll further down that member profile page you were just on, you can also see what your membership dues month is, whether you have paid, etc. If you need an invoice, contact me and I can get it sent to you.

Ok, select BACK to get to the main membership page...here you can:

RENEW your membership REVIEW your benefits NEWS update EDUCATION opportunities, and so much more!

Take a moment to review the website…you will be amazed at the information at your fingertips!

Lt /C Chris A. Atkinson, AP Secretary & Merit Mark Coordinator





Willow





So, What's Going on with the Reorganization of USPS "America's Boating Club"?

The current reorganization efforts of the United States Power Squadrons/America's Boating Club are to focus on the needs of individual members and their local clubs.

After months of study and hearing concerns from USPS/ABC members nationwide, several recommendations were presented to the Chief Commander and the Board of Directors in January, according to Allan Bombard, a member of the reorganization committee. The recommendations are that USPS/ABC should:

- focus on serving the squadrons/clubs and members above all else.
- encourage clubs to critically assess the value of all aspects of the organization and bring to their local operation, including the value of Districts.
- ensure clubs are given a voice (and more votes) in determining their future.

These recommendations are the result of reorganization discussions that began during the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting, Bombard said. Later that year, the BOD asked V/C Craig Fraser, SN, the then National Executive Officer, to evaluate several trends negatively effecting the organization. V/C Fraser recruited a geographically diverse group of members to evaluate the creation of regions out of the current Districts.

This year, the original reorganization group was enlarged and re-designated the Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization and placed under the leadership of Paul Mermelstein, SN, and Miles Gee, SN. The BOD also directed the national Planning Committee to further evaluate districts.

Since its organization, the ad hoc committee has been working to supplement member input with two live virtual townhall meetings. Most of the national committees have been engaged in simplifying many of their chartered activities to improve and deliver services directly to the clubs and members, according to Bombard.

The committee has also identified areas to improve the organization's capacity to offer greater service to its members. The areas are: Communication, Marketing, Boating & Social, and Education. The committee is seeking member volunteers to assist with the simplification and updating of these endeavors. Anyone interested in helping should contact Myles Gee at MKGee@MSN.com.

For the latest up-to-date reorganization Town Hall presentation, it can be found at: https://fccdl.in/mbPSDbNeav

Boating Safety News

The U.S. Coast Guard has released its 2021 Recreational Boating Statistics Report, revealing that there were 658 boating fatalities nationwide in 2021, a 14.2 percent decrease from 2020.

From 2020 to 2021, the total number of accidents decreased 15.7% percent (5,265 to 4,439), and the number of non-fatal injured victims decreased 17.2 percent (3,191 to 2,641).

Alcohol continued to be the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents in 2021, accounting for over 100 deaths, or 16 percent of total fatalities.

The report also shows that in 2021:

The fatality rate was 5.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 15.4% decrease from the 2020 fatality rate of 6.5 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.

- Property damage totaled about \$67.5 million.
- Operator inattention, operator inexperience, improper lookout, machinery failure, and excessive speed ranked as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Where cause of death was known, 81% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 83% were not wearing a life jacket.

"The National Safe Boating Council is dedicated to helping create a safe recreational boating experience for all boaters," said Peg Phillips, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council. "We will continue to work alongside the U.S. Coast Guard, our members, and our partners to influence safe, secure, and responsible boating through education, outreach, and training."

The National Safe Boating Council partners with the marine industry and the boating community to influence a safe boating culture. Here's how:

Network: Connect communities, organizations, and people to support a safe boating culture.

Media best practices: Encourage members to walk the talk and depict boating safety in marketing efforts.

Educational resources: Develop an extensive library of integrated marketing and educational materials.

Outreach programs: Influence safe boating behaviors through national outreach programs.

<u>Training:</u> Grow a generation of responsible boaters through nationally recognized on-water and online instruction.

Learn more at www.safeboatingcouncil.org.







2022 WSPS Photo Contest



<u>WSPS Members</u> – When you go to the Chesapeake Bay, whether in the car or boat, don't forget to capture images with your camera or cell phone. The next Photo Contest is slated for judging on Wednesday, 19 October, 2022, so you have 2 1/2 months to gather more of those images or submit some you've already have taken!

The categories will remain the same:

PEOPLE - BOATS - SCENIC/WILDLIFE - AND SUNRISE/SUNSETS

First, second and third place winners will be announced in November-December 2022 Lubber's Line. WSPS members can submit as many digital photos as they want in one category or in all of the categories. The winning images will also appear on the squadron's website. These images must have been taken between *1 October 2021 and 20 October 2022*. These images should be of life on the Chesapeake Bay where we spend most of our time. Folks should take a look at their archived images, select the best ones, check the date, to see if it is in range of the above dates, and send them via e-mail to:

ccschleicher@gmail.com

To guarantee the safe passage via the internet, please send (medium size) files from your phone or whatever your capture may be. If you are using a software program to extend/reduce the image's size, please make the longest side 2000 pixels and it's Ok to send multiple emails. By submitting images to this contest the photographer gives his/her permission to have the pictures published in the Lubber's Line and on: http://www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org/

So, show off your photographic skills and impress your fellow WSPS members!

Colleen C. Scheicher, P Photo Contest Administrator





Scrimshaw



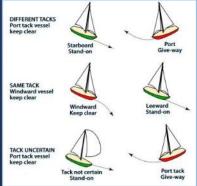
"Rules of the Road"

What's the best known nautical "rules of the road?" An informal survey says "red right returning" is the most well-known rule. Although "red right returning" is a common memory aid for proper navigation, it is not one of the rules of the road.



COLREGS (<u>The International Regulations for the Pre-</u>vention of Collision at Sea) are the official nautical rules

of the road. Every vessel of 12 meters (about 39 feet) or more of length is required to carry a copy of COLREGS by law. (COLREGS Annex V Section 88.05) You're not worried because your boat is shorter than that? Don't get too comfortable; courts have found operators of shorter boats to be negligent for not carrying the rules.

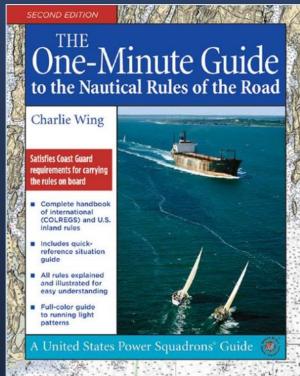


As captain, you are responsible for the safe operation of your vessel and the safety of your crew. The important point is not to just carry the rules, but to know them and follow them. COLREGS Rule 1(a) "These Rules shall apply to all vessels upon the high seas and in all waters connected therewith navigable by seagoing vessels."

COLREGS can be a pretty dry read and some

of the rules can be confusing, but there's a great resource book from United States Power Squadrons that helps clarify the rules using interesting true case studies and explanations in plain English-The One-Minute Guide to the Nautical Rules of the Road by Charlie Wing. (I keep a copy in my car for when I have to wait in line for gas at COSTCO; just enough time to read another rule!)

Even if you know the rules, you can't assume that everyone else does. Two common misconceptions involve motor-sailing and fishing vessels.



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"Rules of the Road"

Scenario #1: It's a light wind day. You have your sails up but are only making 2.5 knots SOG (speed over ground). You would like to get to your anchorage before sunset, so you turn on the iron jenny (engine) for a little boost. According to Rule 3, you are now a "power-driven vessel"-not a sailboat.

Why is this important? Your pecking order as the stand-on/give-way vessel (Rule 18)

just changed.

Quick quiz! Place the following vessels in the proper order from STAND-ON vessel to GIVE-WAY

vessel: (a) Constrained by Draft



(COLREGS only-not inland rules); (b) Engaged in fishing; (c) Not under command; (d) Power-driven; (e) Restricted in ability to maneuver; (f) Sailing; (g) Seaplane; (h) WIG (Wing-In-Ground).

Scenario #2: You and your buddy are trolling a couple lines over the transom of your Whaler, getting thirsty and sun-burned. While you crack open a beer, you see a pesky sailboat bearing down on you. Too bad. You're fishing so they need to stay out of your way. Maybe not! According to Rule 3 "The term "vessel engaged in fishing" means any vessel fishing with nets, lines, trawls, or other fishing apparatus which restrict maneuverability, but does not include a vessel fishing with trolling lines or other fishing apparatus which do not restrict maneuverability."

Navigation Center United States Coast Guard U.S. Department of Homeland Security https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/navigation-rules-amalgamated

Your Whaler is not restricted in maneuverability, so you may be a boat that is fishing but you're not a "fishing vessel" according to COLREGS.

There's lots more Rules where these come from. Study up!

Answers from Stand-on to Give-way: C,e,a,b,f,d,g,h

Joan Barber, P Lubber's Line Contributor











Vessel Safety Check for 2022



Free Vessel Safety Check!

No Cost, No Obligation, but just indispensable information to keep you safe on the water!

Schedule your free vessel safety check this spring with our two vessel examiners: Lt John Bailey, AP & JT Walton. John's email address is: mpnwhat@gmail.com

Lt John Bailey, AP Vessel Safety Check Examiner





Novus



In Memoriam

P/C Lawrence J. Logan, AP

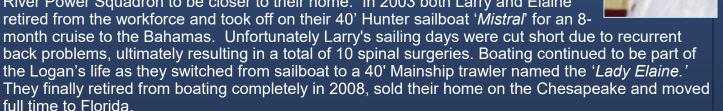
Lawrence J. (Larry) Logan, Jr. (83) passed away at his home in Viera, Florida on May 18, 2022, with his wife, Elaine by his side. Larry had recurrent COPD and was under Hospice care at the time of his death.

Larry was an avid sailor and member of the Wilmington Power Squadron. In 1985, he met Elaine, while crewing on a friend's sailboat during the Oxford Yacht Club's racing season. They were married in 1987 and took their honeymoon aboard their own sailboat -- a 33' Raider, 'Foehn' -- during the annual WPS cruise in June of that year.



Larry was Commander of the WPS in 1994-95. Both he and Elaine chaired the annual Cruise Committee for a number of years and were very involved in squadron functions on both local and District 5 levels. Elaine was the editor of the Lubber's Line newsletter for seven years and earned the coveted Snyder Award for more than one of those years.

Upon retiring from the WPS and moving to Centerville, MD, they joined the Miles River Power Squadron to be closer to their home. In 2003 both Larry and Elaine retired from the workforce and took off on their 40' Hunter sailboat 'Mistral' for an 8-











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At Seasons Pizza 3901 Concord Pike Wilmington, DE 19803

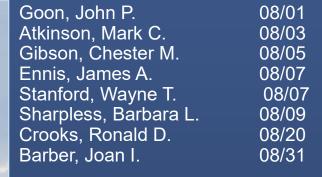




WSPS Birthdays



August Birthdays



September Birthdays

Webster III, Thomas S.	09/05
Papiez, Ewa	09/07
Mayhue, Scott E.	09/10
Theis, William L.	09/12
Wilson, Beverly	09/14
Russell, Gail	09/20
Butler, Teresa Ann	09/21
Donia, Joseph	09/22
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October Birthdays

Weintraub, Gail C. Travis, Marguerite R. Reiner, George Hall, Margaret B. Orris, Pamela M. Wallace, Dennis M. Runyan, Voris Williamson, Walter R.	10/04 10/08 10/09 10/10 10/10 10/11 10/24 10/28
Williamson, Walter R. Malin, James E.	10/28 10/30







Schedule of Up-Coming Events

13-14 August ABC-Wilmington Raft-up - Corsica River Anchorage - page 10 for details

17 August 1900 ABC-Wilmington Executive Committee Meeting Via ZOOM

11-18 September USPS Governing Board Meeting Raleigh, NC

08-11 September Atlantic City In-Water Power Boat Show

03-04 September ABC-Wilmington Raft-up - Magothy River– Cornfield Creek - page 10

21 September 1900 ABC-Wilmington Executive Committee Meeting Via ZOOM

06-09 October United States Powerboat Show Annapolis City Dock

13-17 October United States Sailboat Show Annapolis City Dock

15 October Deadline for November/December Lubber's Line Material

19 October 1900 ABC-Wilmington Executive Committee Meeting Via ZOOM

23 October 1500 8th Annual Oyster, Ham & Chicken Dinner - TBD Wellwood Rest.

Further information will be available via email as this date approaches.



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