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*Thank you for entering your favorite images in the*

### 2024 ABCW Photo Contest

Forty two photos were graciously entered this year from 7 different people for the judges' viewing pleasure. Judges ranked each photo in each of 4 categories. These rankings were then totaled and the top three in each category were determined by the 3 lowest totals. With as many as 15 photos in some categories, ranking all of the photos in order was quite challenging. In the end the top 3 choices in order of preference were determined so:

***Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to our judges.***

**Committee chairperson: Richard Butler**

**Judges: Gail Russel, Jeff Russel and Gail Weintraub**



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

*Cdr John H. Bailey, AP*



*As another summer has ended, I hope you enjoyed your boating season to the fullest this year. We now can relish some cooler weather. Some of us will try to squeeze in a few more weekends before getting our boats ready for the winter. I hope those who participated in some of the squadron's activities this summer had a good time and made some great memories. I want to take this opportunity to invite you to think about what you would like to have the squadron do next year in the way of raft-ups or the places we should go on the summer cruise next year. To those who could not make the cruise or any of the raft-ups, let me or our social committee know what you would like to see us do. Let's not forget we are planning some winter activities for everyone. So, check our calendar and your email for events and educational opportunities.*



*The squadron also did 40 vessel safety checks. I want to thank JT Walton and Gail Weintraub for their time for getting them done. We are doing well as a squadron and we continue to gain new members, but I ask you to talk up the club to your friends and slip neighbors to get more people interested in joining. Enjoy your off-season and happy holidays.*





## Administrative Department

*P/C Carol J. Hanson, AP*

### ABCW Members have More Fun!

Our Boating Club Members thoroughly enjoyed some of the breezy boating weather on the upper Chesapeake Bay in September. As we complete plans for winterizing our boats, we are somewhat envious of several of our members who are planning their fall trips south to Florida and the Bahamas for the winter. These dedicated adventurers include Joan and Bill Barber aboard *Skylark*, Kathy and Scott Mayhue aboard *Star Reacher*, and Donna and Bill Zimmerman aboard *Mystic Star*. We wish them safe travels and calm seas!

On a beautiful September Sunday, Beth and John Stevenson extended a warm welcome to twenty-two ABCW members who enjoyed a delightful picnic at their lovely cottage overlooking the Elk River! The BYO Everything Event provided an opportunity for boaters and land lubbers to tour the Stevenson's charming cottage and celebrate recent birthdays. The Stevenson's invited us back for next September. We look forward to it! We sincerely appreciate their gracious hospitality!



Picnic at Stevensons'



View of Elk River from Stevensons' Cottage

On a Friday evening in late October, thirty-one members enjoyed a delicious supper social, hosted by Susan and Randy Williamson, at the Country House in Wilmington, with a special guest speaker. Glen Gauvry provided an informative and entertaining talk on horseshoe crabs and their relevance, complete with hands-on visual aids. He is the founder and Director of the Ecological Research & Development Group Inc. (ERDG), a non-profit wildlife conservation organization, established in 1995. Its mission is the conservation of the world's four extant horseshoe crab species, the only organization in the world like it dedicated to horseshoe crabs. Thanks again to our hosts, Susan and Randy Williamson; Joan Barber, who coordinated the event; Lynn Mahaffy, who arranged for our speaker; Bill Barber, who handled the finances; and Betty Ingram, for her ever informative Punchbowl Invite!



Glenn Gauvrey with Lynn Mahaffy and Horseshoe Crab Model

## Administrative Department (Continued)

In the meantime, the ABCW Social Committee has been hard at work proposing entertaining and educational activities that will highlight the social events for the winter season.

**Sunday, December 8, 2024, at 2:00 pm**, will feature the ever-popular Holiday Social at the home of the Hanson/Wallace's in Chester Springs PA, complete with light fare and an exchange of white elephant gifts. Once again, we are supporting the Wilmington Port Seamen's Center with ditty boxes for seamen who cannot make it home for the holidays. Please bring the wrapped box without ribbon to the Holiday Social. Keep your eye out for the Punchbowl Invitation. See below for more information about the Ditty Boxes.



2023 Holiday Social

**January and February Socials, held on Zoom**, will feature guest speakers.

As always Punchbowl invitations from America's Boating Club Wilmington will be sent out to you for the Socials. Many thanks to Social Committee members Joan Barber, Terry Butler, Betty Ingram, Lynn Mahaffy and Gail Weintraub for their commitment to provide meaningful programs for our ABCW members!

### Ditty Boxes

Once again, we are supporting the Seamen's Center at the Port of Wilmington by providing Ditty Boxes for those unfortunate seamen who are not able to be home for the holidays. If you didn't pick up a shoe box at the October Social, please consider using your own shoe box. Some suggested items:

Knit Hat and Scarf, Gloves (winter and/or waterproof), Chapstick, Comb, Cough drops, Deodorant, Disposable razors, Gum and/or hard candy, Lotion Pens, Stationery, Playing cards, Sewing Kit, Shampoo, Shaving cream, Soap (bars or shower gel), Socks, Toothbrush and Toothpaste.

Please wrap the filled Ditty Box in holiday wrapping paper without ribbon. Feel free to write a holiday card to place in the box. Please bring the boxes to the Holiday Social at the Hanson/Wallace home on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness!

### Meet Our New Member: Bob Borelli

As a boy I sailed with my father out of Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, all wooden boats then and if you wanted one you built it.

Over the years I have sailed many 14 footers, eventually moving up to a 22 and now at my wife's insistence, a 1995 Catalina 320 'Elusive' moored on the Sassafra River an hour's drive from our home in Clarksboro, NJ.

I joined Kingsway Power Squadron in 2001, completing several courses, spending the most effort on Celestial Navigation. After that squadron's dissolution I joined Kent Narrows Squadron, sadly now also in dissolution.

I'm still working at the United States Mint stamping next year's coins.

By chance I met Carol at North Point after rafting up with Catalina Fleet 10. Wow! Squadron members with sailboats! My ambition has been to learn as much seamanship as I can and get the experience to sail to the Bahamas.

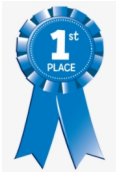
Bob Borelli



Generic Catalina 320

**2024 ABCW Photo Contest Winners!**

**Boats**



First Place - Dennis Wallace



Second Place – Jeff Capaldi



Third Place – Carol Hanson



# People



First Place – Bev Wilson



Second Place – Carol Hanson



Third Place – Carol Hanson



# Sunrises/Sunsets



First Place – Justin Doheny



Second Place – Dennis Wallace



Third Place – Jeff Capaldi

# Scenic/Wildlife



First Place – Terry Butler



Third Place – Joan Barber



Second Place – Joan Barber





## Education Department

*Lt/C Bill Barber*

### FALL MUSINGS

As Fall is upon us and many of you are preparing to put your boats to bed for the winter, you may be wondering what you will do with all the free time you will have when you are taking a winter break from on-the-water boating. In [August's Lubber's Line](#) I mentioned a wide variety of online courses, seminars and webinars that are available for you to view from the comfort of your easy chair in front of the fireplace. This month, I would like to provide you with a list of reading options for your educational and reading pleasure. These cover a variety of boating topics and marine-related topics that can enhance your boating skills, start you dreaming about longer voyages or simply entertain you during the darker months. The following (thanks to Joan's research and our own reading experiences) is a proposed list from which to choose. Enjoy!

#### Local:

- 1812 Rediscovering Chesapeake Bay's Forgotten War by David Healey
- The Underwater Café: A Chef's Log of Life Onboard the Tall Ship Kalmar Nyckel (including the crew's favorite recipes) by Chef Gregory Brown

#### True Tales:

- Love with a Chance of Drowning by Torre DeRoche
- An Embarrassment of Mangoes: A Caribbean Interlude by Ann Vanderhoof
- Sea trials: Around the World with Duct Tape and Bailing Wire by Wendy Hinman
- Tightwads on the Loose: A Seven Year Pacific Odyssey by Wendy Hinman
- A Sail of Two Idiots: 100+ Lessons and Laughs from a Non-Sailor Who Quit the Rat Race, Took the Helm, and Sailed to a New Life in the Caribbean by Renee Petrillo
- The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea by Sebastian Junger
- It's Your Boat Too: A Woman's Guide to Greater Enjoyment on the Water by Suzanne Giesemann
- The Care and Feeding of the Sailing Crew by Lin Parly

#### Education/Reference:

- The Annapolis Book of Seamanship by John Rousmaniere and Mark Smith
- Chapman Piloting and Seamanship by Chapman and Jonathan Eaton
- America's Boating Course, 3rd Edition by US Power Squadrons

#### History/Historical Fiction:

- The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny, and Murder by David Grann
- The Indispensables: The Diverse Soldier-Marines Who Shaped the Country, Formed the Navy, and Rowed Washington Across the Delaware by Patrick K. O'Donnell
- Master and Commander-Book 1 of 21 in Series by Patrick O'Brian

#### Pure fiction:

- Cinnamon and Gunpowder by Eli Brown
- Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

#### Movies based on True stories:

- Maiden
- The Perfect Storm
- Captain Phillips

#### Historical Fiction:

- Master and Commander
- Titanic



## District & National News

### D5 2024 Fall Conference

The District 5 Region of ABC/USPS Fall Educational Conference will be held 7-10 November 2024. Due to last year's conference being such an enjoyable event, it was decided to hold it once again at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. District Educational Officer, John O'Reilly, and his staff are busy preparing informative and interesting workshops and seminars for all. This year's conference is hosted by Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron. All ABC/USPS members are welcome to attend these conferences. Although the deadline for registering for this conference is past, please consider attending one of the future quarterly conferences to learn more about ABC/USPS and meet members from other clubs and our District and National organizations. For more information contact your Club Secretary or Commander (i.e. Richard Butler or John Bailey).



Photos from 2023 Fall Education Conference (Courtesy of D5 Mark V newsletter)

Among the sessions planned for this month's conference are:

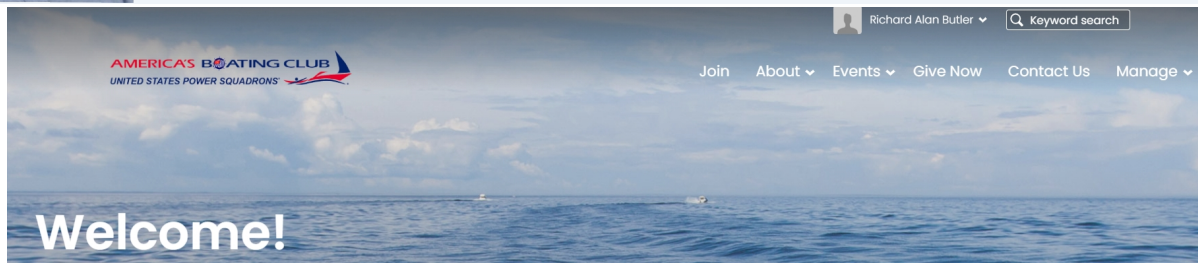
- Operations Training
- Using OpenCPN
- HQ800/ Online tools
- How to write Merit Marks
- Instructor Re-certification
- Operations Training
- Fire Extinguisher certification for BOC
- Town Hall Meeting
- IMIS – HQ computer system
- ARGO Navigation – boating app
- VIMS/ SHOAL depth sounding update
- Marine Navigation Course Updates
- On The Water Programs
- SEO/ASEO roundtable

Richard Butler and John Bailey will be attending to obtain as much information useful to our members as possible.



## Secretary's Department

*P/C Richard Butler, JN*



### iMIS Migration Information

The migration of ABC/USPS information systems to the iMIS system is continuing. **You can now perform the following operations on the Member Portal:**

- Pay your dues
- Update your member information, including street addresses and email addresses
- Change your password (PIN). (Your PIN will remain the same as it has been. for now, on the member website.)
- Generate dues notices
- New cyber members can [register and join](#)

**The following services remain unavailable on the USPS Member site:**

- Updating class and seminar completions
- Adding new squadron members (coming soon)**
- Transferring members between squadrons**
- Assignment and updates to squadron and district officers and committee chairs
- Processing of OD-1/OD-2 entries and Change-of-Watch
- Assignment and updates to USPS National Committees (HQ 229)

**Log in to your member account** - your email address of record is your user name. Locate the "Membership Portal" link under the "Login" at the top of USPS.org and click on it. Click on "My Account" in the upper right corner. Enter your email address of record as your user name. If this is your first time logging in, click on the "Forgot Password" to create your password. Note that you can use the same password that you use on USPS.org, but you cannot use your membership number as your user name as you do on USPS.org. If you have already created a password, just enter that password along with your email as your user name.

➔ **Renew your dues** - log in to the [membership portal](#) and go to "My account" under your name in the top bar. You will either see a button or hyperlink to renew dues. Email [hilly@hq.usps.org](mailto:hilly@hq.usps.org) if you don't have a log in or if you don't see a link to renew. You can also call headquarters at 888-367-8777 ext. 219 or 229 and our membership staff will renew your dues over the phone. Invoices will go out soon, but renewing online or by phone is the easiest way to pay dues.

➔ **Change your password** - Log in to the [membership portal](#) and go to "My account" under your name in the top bar. Click on "Preferences". There is a link under "Preferences" to change your password. Note that you cannot change your user name (email of record).

➔ **Update your member information, including street addresses and email addresses** - Log in to the [membership portal](#) and go to "My Account" under your username in the top bar. Click on the "About Me" tab to update your information.

➔ **See your dues notice** - Log in to the [membership portal](#) and go to "My Account" under your username in the top bar. Click on the "Participation" Tab. If you have an unpaid dues invoice it will show on this page.



## Boating Safety: How to Handle a Water Emergency on a Boat



**Editor's Comment:** This article was excerpted from a Blog posted by America's Boating Club – United States Power Squadrons.

### How to Handle a Water Emergency on a Boat

Boating offers a unique and enjoyable lifestyle, but it does come with big responsibilities in relation to safety. Being prepared for a water emergency is essential for any boat day or voyage. Whether you are navigating calm lakes or rough oceans, knowing how to respond in an emergency can make all the difference. **How Do You Respond to a Water Emergency?**

Responding to a water emergency requires quick thinking and decisive actions. The first step is to assess the situation at hand calmly—determining the severity of the emergency. Whether it is a person overboard, fire, or the boat taking on water, one must calmly identify the situation. Once you have an understanding of the situation, communicating it to your crew and passengers is crucial to ensure everyone is aware of the emergency. If it is possible, alert other nearby boats or the coast guard using your VHF radio or emergency flares for boats to request assistance.

The next thing you should make sure of is that everyone is wearing a life jacket. This step is crucial especially if there is a risk of the boat capsizing or if someone has fallen overboard. Once these safety measures are in place, act as soon as possible and try to address the emergency. For example, if there is a fire onboard, attempt to extinguish it using a fire extinguisher, and if necessary, prepare to abandon the vessel using an emergency inflatable boat or any other safety equipment.

### Which Practice Reduces the Risk of a Dangerous Boating Emergency?

One of the most effective practices to reduce the risk of a dangerous boating emergency or accident is to consider conducting regular safety checks before you leave the dock. Key steps can include:

- Inspecting your vessel for mechanical issues: Ensure that your engine, electrical systems, and other crucial components are functioning properly.
- Good condition safety equipment: Check that life jackets, emergency boat ladders, emergency flares for boats, and other safety gear is readily accessible and fully operational in case of an emergency. Regularly inspect these items for wear, corrosion, or malfunction, and replace or repair as needed.
- Review safety procedures with your passengers: Before departure, conduct a safety briefing with all passengers, covering emergency procedures, the location of life jackets, fire extinguishers, visual distress signals, and the first-aid kit. This briefing ensures everyone is informed and ready in an emergency.
- Check the weather forecast: Avoid boating in conditions that are extreme and could increase your risk of an emergency.
- Invest in proper training: Taking a [boating safety course](#) can provide the knowledge and skills needed to handle emergencies. This can reduce the likelihood of incidents that lead to serious disasters.

### What Type of Boating Emergency Causes the Most Fatalities?

According to boating safety statistics, drowning is the lead cause of fatalities in boating emergencies. This frequently occurs when individuals aren't wearing life jackets, which makes it difficult for them to stay afloat, especially in situations when there is rough water or if they are injured. A boat capsizing or a person falling overboard are common situations that can lead to drowning. This highlights the importance of wearing a life jacket whenever you are out on the water. Ensuring that all your passengers are correctly equipped with USCG-approved life jackets, properly fitted and fastened, is a simple yet critical measure that saves lives. Make it a rule to wear life jackets at all times, especially when weather conditions worsen or during high-risk activities.

### Stay Safe with America's Boating Club

When handling a water emergency on a boat, it requires preparation, quick action, and calm decision-making. We recommend equipping your boat with the necessary safety gear, including an emergency boat kit, practicing regular safety checks, and ensuring that everyone on board understands the plan if an emergency were to arise. Remember that the best way to manage an emergency is to take preventative measures in the first place.

## Let's Celebrate the November & December Birthdays

### November

Ann Benfer	Nov. 23
Dana Doheny	Nov. 27
Susan Williamson	Nov. 30

*"No spring nor summer's beauty  
hath such grace, As I have seen in  
one Autumnal face."*

—John Donne



Ask ChatGPT

Personality of people born in November

- Determined and Ambitious
- Mysterious and Intuitive
- Passionate and Creative
- Independent and Resilient
- Sensitive and Emotional
- Charismatic and Secretive

### December

Donald Gorman	Dec. 02
John Koval	Dec. 13
Katherine Minshall	Dec. 16
David Sharpless	Dec. 16
Karin Sorenmo	Dec. 17
Betty Ingram	Dec. 19
Justin Doheny	Dec. 29

*"I heard a bird sing, In the dark of  
December, A magical thing, And  
sweet to remember."*

—Oliver Herford



Ask ChatGPT

Personality of people born in December

- Optimistic and Enthusiastic
- Sociable and Adventurous
- Generous and Honest
- Independent and Humorous
- Empathetic and Compassionate
- Creative and Imaginative

# Calendar of Events November/December 2024

<http://abc-wilmington.com/>



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## November Events

### 7-10 Nov

Mid-Atlantic Region Fall Education Conference  
Linthicum, MD

### 20 NOV 1900

ABC Wilmington Executive Committee Meeting  
Via Zoom

\*All members are welcome to attend  
- Email [admin@abc-wilmington.com](mailto:admin@abc-wilmington.com) to get a Zoom invite!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31	1	2	3	4

## December Events

### 8 DEC 1500

ABC Wilmington Holiday Social  
P/Cs Carol Hanson & Dennis Wallace, Hosts

### 15 Dec

Deadline for January/February Lubber's Line Material

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### Join us for weekly luncheons

Each Wednesday @ 1200  
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