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From The Commander

By Phil Cherry, AP

SV Harmony

View from the Bridge

I saw an email thread recently between one of our organization's leaders and a former member. Apparently, the former member was lamenting that the Power Squadron hadn't been offering many courses lately and was wondering what had happened. I found the exchange interesting, because from my vantage point, as a member now for five years and in a leadership position much of that time, it is my view that our organization is offering more courses now than we ever have.

Covid has certainly affected our efforts to offer in-person classes over the past two years, but we have been able to respond to those challenges through use of more on-line courses and remote learning techniques. We are now gradually getting back into in-person classroom instruction. Currently, we are just finishing up our Piloting course, we start a Sail class next week and an Engine Maintenance course will be taught this



summer. This email exchange heightened for me the need to keep your membership current, so you receive notices of classes being offered and receive this newsletter, which contains a long-term schedule of classes being planned over the next several years.

The Erie Canal will be opening for the season on Friday, May 20th. Since vacationing last year on the canal (we rented a "canal cruiser" for a week and traveled from Seneca Falls to West Rochester), I've been somewhat of a fanatic about the canal and an avid proponent of all that it gives us. The cultural impacts on so many communities along its length are enormous and of course the boating opportunities are boundless. But we cannot take this resource for granted. It is a

considerable expense for the State to maintain it for what is mostly recreational boaters and the tourism and recreational opportunities that it brings.

This year there has been unprecedented coordination between the NY Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and NY State Canal Corporation in dealing with invasive species. We have all heard of species like the zebra mussel, hydrilla, and others, but we have a new worry now called the Round Goby. The goby is a small, minnow-like fish that has invaded the Hudson River and was found in the Troy, NY area last summer. The fear is that the fish will make its way through the Champlain Canal system and invade Lake Champlain, where it has not yet been detected. What caught my eye this winter was talk about closing the Champlain canal altogether in order to fight the migration up into the lake. Thankfully, wiser heads prevailed, and the DEC and Canal

Corporation announced a Comprehensive Rapid Response plan that includes actions to halt the migration without having to resort to drastic measures like closing the Canal. We'll have to wait and see how effective the plan is. It is available for review here

(https://nypanews.us.newsweaver.com/leov263j7c/nb1nhx7 t0azo49v1ittugd) if you'd like to read more about it.

Lastly, I have some good news for those of us on Seneca Lake and those who have enjoyed the marina restaurant in Watkins Glen in years past. Horsehead Brewing now has a lease for the property and plans to re-open the restaurant sometime in May. There will be food and a bar similar to what was there before. Thank heavens!!

See you on the lake!

- Phil, SV Harmony co@abc-flx.org

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From the Administrative Officer

By Maggie Martin

Let's Get Social!

We have a Springtime get together planned for Wednesday May 11th at 6 pm. We hope that you can join us at the Seneca Cheese Company-An Artisanal Cheese Tavern at 29 North Franklin Street in Watkins Glen.

Proprietor and ABC member Bob MacBlane has graciously offered to host us. There will be a cash SV Wined 'n' Down

bar and an opportunity to sample some of the specialty wine, beer, and cocktails that are offered. The club will provide pizza with a donation.

- Maggie ao@abcflx.org

From the Education Director

By Jim McGinnis, SN-IN

Spring Is Here!



Spring is here, and boating season is just around the corner! As you think

about updates to the boat, consider a boating class to upgrade the skipper and crew as well.

Sampson Boater Weekend

We will be heading to Sampson for the weekend of July 29th, 30th, and 31st. It's not too early to get a slip reserved. On Friday, boats will sail/motor from Watkins Glen to Sampson State Park Marina. There is a food truck there and live band at the Vista for sunset right above the lake. During the trip to Sampson, we will be conducting the Coastal Navigator Certification for one of the boats. This includes navigation both with paper charts and electronic chart plotter systems.

On Saturday, we will be providing hands-on-training on your boat (or ours) for the skills leading up to Inland Navigator Certification. These are basic Boater Safety, basic Boat Handling, leaving the dock, anchoring, returning to the dock, and cover a variety of skills from engine operations to VHF radios and marine electronics. For those who have the experience and the skills already, we will be conducting the Inland Navigator Certification testing.

On Saturday night, we are planning for a pitch-in cook-out right on the dockside area of Sampson Marina.

If you are not available for the whole weekend, plan to drive up to Sampson to take part in any of the events on Saturday.

Sunday will be the trip back to Watkins Glen and another certification for a Coastal Navigator. If you are an ABC-FLX instructor and available to help with the "hands on" classes or an ABC-FLX member with an interest in building hands on boating skills at any level, please let me know.

To make a reservation for a boat slip contact Seneca Lake Resorts Marina (https://senecalakere-sorts.com/sampson-park/marina/).

To make a reservation for training or certification please send me a note by June 1st. Should be a terrific weekend.

Upcoming Classes

We have an ABC class underway at Lyons National Bank in Geneva and are looking to continue to offer our classes across the Finger Lakes Region. Several students at the north end of the lake are getting an early start on the season.

We are starting our Sail class this week and it promises to be a great class with more than 10 students signed up. We focus the students on theory, principles and basics for four classroom sessions and then for three Friday evenings they are out "on the water"

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developing the skills they have been taught. Denis Kingsley is gracious in offering his sailboat along with a couple other members of the instructor team. If you are in the Watkins Glen Marina Friday nights at the end of May or early June, you might see us heading out.

Do you know why it is essential to change your fuel filters on a regular schedule? Fuel injectors are used in both gasoline and diesel engines, and they are high precision engine components that can be damaged if particles are allowed to pass through their tight tolerances. We are planning an Engine Maintenance class which is required for "Inland Navigator" Certification in the Boat Operator Certification Program. Take a look at your schedule for Monday evenings this summer and consider this class.

Again, this USPS National Boat Safety organization is really all about you, our members. We want to support you in any way we can to become skilled, capable, and confident on the water. Please take a careful look at the long-term class list later in this newsletter. Our class schedules are now set up by skill level targeted by the individual member. From our America's Boating Club basic boating safety education course (now required in New York State to operate a powerboat) to Celestial Navigation, we have the materials, skills and instructors required to teach every class imaginable.

Let us know how we can serve you better. Call, write, or stop by for refreshments at *S/V Brewster* at Slip 219 on Dock 2 in the Watkins Glen Marina.

- Jim
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From the Other Assistant Education Officer

By Katie Alley, S SV Tomfoolery

Spring Ambitions



May is one of my favorite months of the year – I'm sure all of you can relate as boaters or even

just as humans affected by cooler temperatures and darker days. (Is there medical evidence to suggest a correlation between boaters and those with seasonal affective disorder? There should be.) I always feel more energized and optimistic when the sun comes out and I can shed my winter layers. As boaters, we know there's a lot of springtime preparation to be done but many beautiful days on the water to look forward to.

Several students will be more prepared and knowledgeable out on the water this summer as we wrap up our first offering of America's Boating Course early this month. Do you know someone with a growing interest in boating who should learn the basics and get their New York State Boater's Card this year? Don't worry – we will be offering this course again this summer with an on-the-water component. In the past, we have worked with kids as young as 10 years old to learn the material and pass the exam. So let us know if you have a child or grandchild in your life who is ready for their boating license!

As of the writing of this article, I am also finishing up my requirements for Instructor Development which will allow me to become certified as an official America's Boating Club teacher. Though I have taught classes in the past alongside other instructors, the Instructor Development course provided me with some awesome tips to help me improve my teaching and presentation skills. The course points out some aspects of teaching you may not think about otherwise – for example the animations used in a Powerpoint presentation and how they impact your message. This course also allowed me to get some more reallife practice teaching others in

person and virtually. As someone who finished up her bachelor's degree in the midst of the pandemic, I know how important the virtual aspects of teaching are! Overall, the class was worthwhile, and I will be applying the new skills I have learned.

I'm coming up on the one-year mark since I graduated college and I think I am now allowed to say that I understand how hectic adult life can be. (I have had four different jobs since graduating, and I know how time and energyconsuming work can simply be!) I also realize how important it is to keep learning even now that I am out of school. I hope that many of you hold the same value and are feeling energized and ready to learn something new this summer! Whether it be taking a class or navigating a new corner of the lake for the first time – we can always be growing as knowledgeable boaters. Let us help you out!

> - Katie aseo2@abc-flx.org

Secretary's Sidenotes

By Andrew Price Secretary

Finally!



It's April. Finally, April! This is my new mantra. It used to be, "It's March! We made it!" However, that has

changed over the years of seeing that March weather is not at all Spring-like. I imagine in a few years, it will be, "May! It will finally be warm!" Anyway, April is traditionally my boat maintenance season. If you plan to have your boat in the water by May, it should be yours too.

I have always enjoyed working on boats almost as much as sailing or motoring them. I think it has to do with my father teaching me to care for his 18 ft. Donzi speed-boat when I was young. We could never just take the boat out for a ride. We had to clean, polish, check the oil, and check the bilge beforehand. I came to appreciate that we always had a beautiful, dependable, well-maintained boat.

I have heard that the two best days of boat ownership are the day you buy the boat and the day you sell it. That has never been true for me. Probably not for my dad either. I miss every boat I have ever owned. I have had a few bad days in boats, but those were usually due to my decision to go out in poor weather or foul weather that popped up suddenly. So, what am I getting at here? My point is that boat maintenance should be a pleasure and a point of pride, and good boat maintenance will enhance your boating pleasure and adventure as well as increase your safety. So, what do we need to do to make this happen?

Each season, I have a list of maintenance items to complete, and once they are completed, I know I have gone through and know my boat well. Besides my maintenance items, I usually have an upgrade or two in mind. I love upgrades! For my maintenance, I generate a list of parts, and I order them early. I ordered this year's parts last December with the suspicion that parts may take time to arrive due to global supply chain issues. I was right in one case.

Spark plug wires took 8 weeks to arrive!

Next, I arrange a week off to spend working on the boat. Each day, I tackle a few items, always ready for some difficulty or problems. This year, I discovered that I ordered one too few anodes for the trim tabs. Oops! Luckily, another anode only took two days to arrive. Anyway, plan ample time to work on the boat, so you aren't rushed or stressed. Problems will pop up, but they can be solved in little more than a few hours. If you have not scheduled enough time, your season may be set back, and you may be stressed. Having made the list, purchased supplies, and arranged the time, you will be likely to carry out your tasks and reap the rewards. I hope you all have an enjoyable, stress-free boat maintenance season.

You will never lament a well-maintained boat. Take care of your boat, and she will take care of you!

See you on the water!

- Andrew secretary@abc-flx.org

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Water Lines

By Glenda Gephart

Lake Friendly Living



The Lake Friendly Living Coalition of the Finger Lakes has designated May as its 2nd Annual Lake Friendly Living

Awareness Month. This year, the organization is highlighting watershed resiliency through a monthlong education series.

During May, the Coalition will present 17 free online and in-person events featuring a wide range of topics including climate change, gardening, invasive species, and practices for runoff resiliency.

The kickoff session will be online on Monday, May 2nd, at 7 p.m. Fred Stoss of the University at Buffalo will discuss consequences and solutions for the Finger Lakes basin as it relates to climate change.

All sessions are open to the public with pre-registration.

For details about each session and to pre-register, see the full calendar at the Lake Friendly Living Coalition page on the Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Alliance website at http://www.flrwa.org/lake-friendly-living.

The Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Alliance supports the Lake Friendly Living initiative.

"As a rapidly changing environment increases threats to our waters, working together throughout the Finger Lakes to empower our communities to better protect our natural resources through resiliency is imperative," Margie Creamer, president of the Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Alliance, said in a news release.

Eleven lake and watershed organizations across the Finger Lakes Region comprise the Finger Lakes Regional Watershed Alliance.

With the common mission to protect water quality, the Lake Friendly Living for Watershed Resiliency education series will educate and engage watershed residents, local governments, and businesses to adopt practices that will help protect and preserve the lakes for sustainable water

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quality, recreational use, and tourism, according to a news release.

Residents and businesses are also encouraged to show their support by pledging to incorporate lake friendly living practices into home and or business activities. They can also serve as Lake Friendly Living advocates by posting yard signs provided by the associations.

In addition to webinar registration, www.flrwa.org/lakefriendly-living provides links to websites of each of the involved lake associations and to online resources to help residents learn more.

> - Glenda pro@abc-flx.org

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Upcoming Classes & Seminars

America's Boating Course (ABC)

America's Boating Course (ABC) An 8-hour introductory course that will satisfy the Boater's Safety requirements for New York State as well as put you on the path to becoming a more knowledgeable (and safer) boater. This class includes an optional "on-the-water" section leaving from the Watkins Glen Marina.

When: August 18th, 7-9 PM August 25th, 7-9 PM August 27th (4 hrs) 10 AM to 2PM

Where: Watkins Glen Yacht Club Course fee \$45.

Sail

Sail A 9-week course with both classroom and on-the-water components. Sail is a complete sail course created to serve the needs of the novice and experienced sailor, as well as the non-sailor, for basic skills and knowledge. The course starts with basic sailboat designs and nomenclature, rigging, safety, and sail processes and then tackles the physical aspects of sailing forces and techniques, sail applications, marlinespike, helmsmanship and handling of more difficult sailing conditions, navigation rules, and an introduction to heavy weather sailing. Appendices provide an

introduction to sailboat racing and sailing in Canadian waters.

Course completion is documented by a closed book exam graded by USPS Headquarters.

Where:

- Classroom: Human Resource Building, Montour Falls
- On-the-Water: Watkins Glen Village Marina

When: Begins Monday May 2nd at 7PM

Course fee: \$80

Engine Maintenance

A 10-week course to help you better understand the iron beast in your boat. Some sessions will be held aboard vessels to provide some hands-on experience.

Where:

- Classroom Montour Falls Human Resource Building.
- On-the-Water Watkins Glen Village Marina.

When: Begins July 11th, 2022

Course fee: \$85.

Instructor: Jim McGinnis & oth-

ers.

How to Register

How to Register If you have questions about any of these courses, or better yet, if you wish to sign up, please contact: Finger Lakes

Chapter Jim McGinnis seo@abcflx.org or call 607-346-5408 Or you can go to the national web site (www.usps.org) and register under the "Find A Boating Class" tab on the member home page. Looking for Something? The Finger Lakes Chapter of America's Boating Club will be happy to accommodate requests for courses not currently on our schedule of formal offerings. If there is an area in which you would like to get some instruction, please contact Jim McGinnis, the Chapter Education Director, with your request. Available subjects for instruction can be found on the chapter web site: www.abcflx.org

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Long-Term Class Schedule

Finger Lakes Chapter Education Department

BOC Level		Title	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Inland Navigator	Classes	ABC	C+X	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
		Boat Handling		Х		Х		Х
		Engine Maintenance	Х					
		Marine Electrical Systems					Х	
	Seminars	Using A Chart		Х				
		VHF/DSC Radios		Х				
		Using GPS	Х					
		Basic Weather and Forecasting						Х
	Skills	Basic Powerboat Handling	Х					
		Fire Extinguishers						

BOC Level		Title	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Coastal Navigator	Classes	Marine Navigation		Х			Х	
		Marine Communication Systems				Х		
		Weather		Х				
	Seminars	Tides & Currents		Х				
		Rules of the Road			Х			
		Anchoring	Х					
		Mariner's Compass					Х	
	Skills	Coastal Nav	Х					
		Pyrotechnics						Х

BOC Level		Title	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Advanced Coastal Navigator	Classes	Advanced Marine Navigation	Х		Х		Х	
		Cruise Planning			Х			
		Marine Navigation Systems				Х		
		Radar			Х			
	Sem.	Emergencies Onboard		Х				
		Marine Radar			Х			
	Skills	Advanced Coastal Nav		Х				
		First Aid						

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BOC Level		Title	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Offshore Navigator	С	Offshore Navigation	Х				Х	
	Sem.	Computer Weather Forecasting			Х			
		Thunderstorms / Severe Weather			Х			
	Skills	Offshore Navigation			Х			
		CPR/AED						
En		Sail	Х		Х		Х	
dors		Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes						Х
Endorsmentss		Canadian Regulations				Х		
		Paddlesmart	Х			Х		
Other		Instructor Development	С					
		Instructor Recertification			Х		Х	
		Operations Training	Х		_			_

Table Key

X = Planned

C = Completed

USPS News: Local, District, National & More

New Member Welcome

Warmest welcome to our newest members!

Kathryn Chesebrough

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes to Finger Lakes Chapter members who are celebrating their birthday in next couple of months.

May

Ray Margeson Patricia Mason Sue Morris Dan Kingsley Gabriel Seip Greg Glaesemann Jim Morris Don Kloeber Phil Cherry Tessa Bell Cabezas

June

Dennis Daniels
Jeff Barlow
Anne Erway
Bill Phoenix
Ben Wigley
Tom Taylor
Claudia Demeritt
Wolfgang Gates

And we don't want to forget our neighbors in the Ithaca Sail & Power Squadron who are celebrating their birthdays:

May

Paul Flagg Marie DuPlan

June

June Wollard

Vessel Safety Exam

By Ray Margeson

As part of your preparations to get back on the water for another season, it is good to think about getting a Vessel Safety Check. Our vessel safety examiners, Charlie Fasould, Don Kloeber and I, are here to do

that safety check at no cost to you.

The Vessel Safety Check ensures that your watercraft follows US Coast Guard and NYS standards. The exam takes about 30 minutes, and you can have confidence you are fulfilling the requirements after a satisfactory completion.

One new requirement from the Coast Guard this year is the most fire extinguishers on our boats MUST be replaced if over 13 years old.

You can contact the safety examiners at vsc@abc-flx.org. Looking forward to seeing y'all.

The Drum is Recognized

By Tom Alley

The Drum newsletter was recognized for excellence with the 2021 Distinguished Communicator Award by the National Communications Committee of the USPS.



Thanks to all of you who contributed articles and columns that helped our chapter achieve this recognition!

I'm also happy to report that our club web site has been similarly recognized with the 2021

Distinctive Communicator Award. Initially, we were overlooked because the review occurred during the time the site was being rebuilt, but when the reviewer returned to our site, he quickly awarded us the DCA. Thanks to everyone who helped put our site back together!

Club Burgees Available



Show off your membership! Fly your squadron/chapter burgee proudly!

News From the District Spring Conference

By Tom Alley

There were a number of things discussed at the District 6 Spring Conference that will directly and indirectly affect operations of our local club. While this list is not exhaustive, I think it hits the items most important to our local club.

Reorganization Proposal

There was much discussion on this topic and, to say the least, there will be much more. So far there is overwhelmingly negative feedback on the proposal to eliminate District organizations.

OpenCPN Seminar

The Iroquois Squadron has a home-grown OpenCPN seminar

available to all. Contact Jim McGinnis if you are interested in taking it and he will make arrangements with Iroquois for an online session.

USPS and the Great Lakes Cruising Club

America's Boating Club has an existing relationship with the Great Lakes Cruising Club. If you're planning to take a cruise up to the big lakes, the GLCC is another resource you can use to plan your trip.

Summary

There is no doubt that the main topic of discussion at the District Spring Conference was USPS reorganization. There is much more detail in this month's district newsletter, *The Deep 6*, which can be found on the District 6 web site (www.uspsd6.org). I would encourage you to read it!

Got News?

By Tom Alley, Editor

Do you have any boating-related news or announcements? Contact your editor and have it printed here. We're happy to publicize anything of interest to our members, whether it's for the Finger Lakes Chapter or for one of our neighboring squadrons.

Contact Tom Alley:

editor@abc-flx.org

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Bermuda Bound

By Jim McGinnis

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ATLANTIC
OCEAN
Saint George's
Anchorage
Saint George's
Anchorage
International Castie
Harbour Harbour
Somerset
Spanish
Pond Flats
Somerset
Hamilton
Great
Sound
Main Island

NORTH ATLANTIC
OCEAN

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Figure 1: Map of the Island Colony of Bermuda.

Lynne and I took a week trip to Bermuda last month. The island of Bermuda is a physically dormant volcano in the middle

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Photo 2: Founded in 1612.

of the Atlantic Ocean. The hilly land mass is surrounded by a ring of reefs which were the site of many shipwrecks over the centuries. We had been planning on visiting since were were supposed to visit this British Colony for the Marion, MA to Bermuda Race last summer (with Tom Alley and the merry crew on *Tomfoolery*.) But you know how that trip ended

The Marion Race is about 650 nautical miles

and takes about four days by boat. It is sponsored jointly by the Beverly Yacht Club of Massachusetts and the Royal Hamil-

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ton Amateur Dinghy Club in Bermuda.

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Lynne and I arrived in March since our previously cancelled Jetblue tickets would expire in April. We stayed at an Airbnb and traveled the entire island in the 6 days. Our electric car was barely more than a moped for two with window and doors. (But that is all tourists are allowed to rent. Picture below.)

The Marion to Bermuda Race finish line is at St. David's Light on the Northeast end of the island. The major town on this end of the is Saint George's. Today it is a seaport for cruise ships and the associated historical sights now selling belts with Bermuda Flags and the like. Originally called New London, St. George's was first settled in 1612, just three years after the first English settlers landed on St. George's Island on their way to Virginia. It



Photo 1: Our first electric car.

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was a major supply route from England during the Civil War when the South was supplied by the English by ships coming to Bermuda and blockade runners completing the trip to Wilmington, NC.

Bermuda was the site of the America's Cup 2017 which was won by New Zealand. This was a race of foiling catamarans running at insane speeds. (Up to four times faster than the wind speed.)



Photo 3: A remnant of the 2017 America's Cup.



Photo 4: Looking east from St David's Light - The Finish Line.



Photo 5: A nasty squall in the Atlantic Ocean blows through quickly.



Photo 6: St. David's Light.



Photo 7: The Spirit of Bermuda – a regular competitor in the Marion to Bermuda Race.

Since the Finger Lakes Yacht Club doesn't enjoy reciprocal privileges with the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club, the Club Manager and Secretary requested that Lynne and I submit a Letter of Introduction from Finger Lakes Yacht Club to the RHADC, which Sue Morris, our Secretary, was quick to supply. Thanks, Sue! We were graciously welcomed to the club with privileges for the week and enjoyed a terrific dinner on Friday night on the outside deck.



Photo 8: Jim at the RHADC – the real finish line! [Correction – the "real" finish line would be the bar inside the club! – Ed.]

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Photo 9: The "Other" Yacht Club in Hamilton. RBYC will host the Newport to Bermuda Race on June 17th 2022.

Bermuda Logistics - Newport Bermuda Race

All in all, it was a terrific trip. Our AirBnb host was a British citizen and her small beach house we stayed in was comfortable and handy to everything. We will be back!

- Jim

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The Last Word

By Tom Alley, SN



Just a few short weeks ago, I attended the District 6 Spring Conference both as

the District Education Officer and as a representative for the Finger Lakes Chapter of ABC. It was a great conference and proved to be very productive and equally entertaining. For those of you who have never attended a conference, you should consider going to future ones, even if it's only for selected activities. Aside from learning a few new things, you'll also meet many like-minded boaters who are passionate about their waterborne hobby.

Since my three-year term as District Education Officer (DEO) was coming to an end, I had the luxury of being able to leave a list of "to-do" tasks for my successor and those in attendance. One item in this list, however, applies to all members of every squadron/club in our district. It's a simple task, really. In fact, the entire description can be summed up in a single word:

Engage

The concept is simple. If you want this club to be vibrant, dynamic, accommodating, interesting, and (let's be blunt) worth your time, then you need to engage with it. You need to participate in events. You need to interact with other members. How? Consider signing up for a course or seminar in the next year. You should make a point of attending a social gathering. (Say, isn't there one coming up soon? Like, on May 11th? -Hint, hint!) In other words, you need to engage. It's only when you engage that you will realize the full benefits of membership.

SV Tomfoolery

For the past two years we have sequestered and isolated ourselves from the people around us. It's time to change that. That doesn't mean we run out into the world with wreckless abandon. No, take it in steps. Each month, try to take one additional step to re-engage with the world, whether it be spending time on your boat with some friends, or attending a social event with your yacht club, or even attending an event put on by our friendly boating club chapter! (Did I mention the event on May 11th? Just checking.)

I'm looking forward to our next engagement. Can't wait to see you again!

- Your Editor, Tom

As always, send your thoughts about this newsletter to:

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Calendar of Events

May 2022

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* May issue publication date.
- 01 The Deep 6 spring issue publication date. (D/6)
- 02 Sail class begins, Schuyler County Human Resource Complex, Montour Falls. (1900)
- 10 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 11 Spring Social Event, Seneca Wine & Cheese Company, Watkins Glen, NY. (1800)
- 21-27 Safe Boating Week (National)

June 2022

- 14 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 17 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

July 2022

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* July issue publication date.
- 11 Engine Maintenance Course begins (1900).
- 12 Bridge Meeting (1900).
- 22 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles. (D/6)
- 29-31 Seneca Lake Rendezvous & BOC Training Event, Sampson State Park Marina.

August 2022

- 01 The Deep 6 summer issue publication date. (D/6)
- 09 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 26 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

September 2022

- O1 Finger Lakes *Drum* September issue publication date.
- 11-18 Governing Board Meeting, *Raleigh*, *NC* (National)
- 13 Bridge Meeting (1900)

October 2022

- 11 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles (D/6)
- 21 Deadline for *Drum* articles
- TBA District 6 Fall Council & Conference (D/6)

November 2022

- O1 Finger Lakes *Drum* November issue publication date.
- 01 The Deep 6 fall issue publication date. (D/6)
- 08 Bridge Meeting (1900)

December 2022

16 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

January 2023

- 01 Finger Lakes Drum January issue publication date
- 10 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 15 Finger Lakes Change of Watch
- 20 Deadline for D/6 The Deep 6 articles. (D/6)

February 2023

- 01 The Deep 6 winter issue publication date. (D/6)
- 14 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 19-26 USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL (National)
- 20 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

March 2023

- O1 Finger Lakes *Drum* March issue publication date.
- 14 Bridge Meeting (1900)

April 2023

- 11 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 14 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles (D/6)
- 21 Deadline for *Drum* Articles
- TBA District 6 Spring Councel & Conference (D/6)

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for any last-minute changes.