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From The Commander

By Phil Cherry, S SV Harmony

The Rise of the Machine

I had to call my bank a few days ago concerning an incorrect double charge on my credit card. After waiting for a few minutes, a gentleman came on the line and began to ask me all the usual questions. He seemed like a nice fellow, but something didn't sound quite right, he was almost too professional, and too polite. I then asked if he was real and not some machine generated Artificial Intelligence (AI). He (or should I say it) admitted to me that he was a machine – using artificial intelligence to screen my call and resolve my inquiry. He credited my account, and I said goodbye. I hung up and then realized that I had said goodbye to a machine – it was almost scary.

I then started to do a little research into AI products and came across ChatGPT. ChatGPT (Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer) is a “chatbot” developed by a research outfit named



OpenAI and launched in November 2022. ChatGPT and AI writers have been in the press a lot lately, as Google has just introduced its own AI writer called “Bard”, due to be released about the time this publication goes to press, so we'll have to see how Google's product compares.

According to Wikipedia, and for those of you my age and older, a “chatbot” or chatterbot, is a software application used to conduct an online chat conversation via text or text-to-speech, in lieu of providing direct contact with a live human agent. Chatbots are computer programs that are capable of maintaining a conversation with a user in natural language, understanding their intent, and replying based on preset rules and data.

I then wanted to have some more fun, so I subscribed to CHATGPT and asked it to write me "...an essay on how AI can be used in marine navigation". The following five paragraphs were generated in less than three seconds:

"In recent years, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has revolutionized many aspects of our lives, from the way we communicate to the way we purchase goods. AI is now being used in many industries, including marine navigation. AI has the potential to improve the safety and efficiency of marine navigation by providing more accurate data, faster response times, and increased automation.

"First, AI can be used to provide more accurate data for navigation. AI systems can process large amounts of data quickly and accurately, allowing them to identify patterns and make predictions about the environment. This can be used to create more detailed maps of the seafloor and to identify potential hazards such as rocks or shoals. AI can also provide real-time updates on weather conditions and ocean currents, allowing navigators to make better decisions about their route.

"Second, AI can improve response times. AI systems can detect potential hazards faster than humans, allowing them to react quickly and avoid collisions. AI can also be used to automate certain tasks, such as steering the vessel, which

can save time and reduce the risk of human error.

"Finally, AI can increase automation in marine navigation. AI systems can be used to automate certain tasks, such as monitoring the vessel's position and speed, as well as controlling the navigation systems. This can reduce the need for manual input from the crew, allowing them to focus on more important tasks.

"In conclusion, AI has the potential to revolutionize marine navigation by providing more accurate data, faster response times, and increased automation. AI systems can be used to create more detailed maps of the seafloor, identify potential hazards, and automate certain tasks. This can improve the safety and efficiency of marine navigation, allowing vessels to reach their destination faster and with fewer incidents."

Wow, right? Pretty simple answer overall, but boy do I wish I had this in school growing up! Since ChatGPT was released, the academic community is rightfully concerned about how AI might affect learning in our young people. I, however, am excited for what the future will bring as AI is integrated into our boating world, as noted in the essay above. But don't get too complacent! Just like GPS, we all need to know how to navigate in case the GPS goes down, so don't stop taking our ABC-FLX classes, in case somebody unplugs the computer!

- Phil, SV Harmony

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From the Administrative Officer

By Maggie Martin

SV Wined 'n' Down

Some Notes on Provisioning



When you are living onboard or planning a trip, you still have to eat! There are

considerations that are much different than when you are at home and have a full kitchen, storage, refrigeration, and easy access to fresh food.

We lived onboard in the winter for five years in the Florida Keys and made several sailing trips from there. If we were planning ahead, it was wise to stock up while the boat was still in winter storage just before launch, after clearing out all of the bugs that had found their way in on land.

Our boat was usually on a mooring ball in Boot Key Harbor, a popular, protected bay in Marathon, FL. Every boat had their dinghy or inflatable with either a small outboard or a pair of oars. We would all go to the dinghy dock and tie up while we did our land-based errands.

Space on board was limited, especially guaranteed dry storage! We are vegetarians, so our list may have to be adjusted to accommodate. We had an ice box, (would try to purchase ice blocks to last longer), a two-burner stove and not so many cupboards. We would purchase staples, oil,

vinegar, tetrapak (pouches of soymilk), tomato sauce, tuna, or whatever was available for long shelf life. Any canned foods had to have labels removed (they rust in salt water, labels peel off, and paper attracts bugs) and labeled on top with markers.

We had plastic (no glass on board) containers to store quick cooking rice, pasta, crackers, quinoa, popcorn, lentils, and beans. Breakfast was our mix of granola that we had nearly every day, oats, sliced almonds, sunflower or pumpkin seeds, dried berries or raisins, and coconut flakes. We stocked up on peanut butter and nuts of all kinds.

We tried to purchase fresh eggs from a farmer's market that had not been refrigerated. These we wiped with vegetable oil and stored in the front bilge where they would keep for many weeks. Always break them individually into small bowl- if they are bad, you know right away!

Some of the vegetables that store well are root vegetables and cabbage.

Most of the cruising boats had yellow and blue 5-gallon

tanks strapped on the front in some manner. The yellow was diesel, good luck if you need to try and fill up in rough water! The blue water tanks were taken back to the dock in the dinghy and refilled. You have to remember to put a splash of Clorox in the water regularly or it gets..., green. Powdered drinks like Gatorade help with the taste, and your coffee or tea may not be too tasty. We used a Melita pour-through and heated water in one of our saucepans; a tea kettle was too much to store.

Fruits generally had to be consumed in a short time.

One of the most successful experiments I had was in sprouting. Any type of bean or seed can be sprouted. We used lentils and chia, radish, either from grocery or health food store. In a jar with a screen lid, soak overnight, drain, and keep in dark storage for several days, rinsing



Figure 1: Preparing to relaunch Contessa.

1-2 times daily, and you will have delicious fresh greens.

If we purchased wine, the box was discarded on land and just the plastic bladder was taken on

board. Beer is really too heavy; best to consume on land!

The idea was to create as little garbage as possible and have less weight in the dinghy and on board.

This is our basic style for camping on water and we enjoyed every minute!

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From the Education Director

By Andrew Price, P

Meet the New SEO



Welcome to 2023 and the upcoming boating season! I am the new Squadron Education Officer (SEO) for ABC-FLX,

having taken over from Jim McGinnis. I am still in awe and a little overwhelmed as I get my feet under me for the 2023 education program; however, Jim has handed to me a well-organized and thriving system. Thank you, Jim! While I am “navigating” my way into the education system, my Assistant Squadron Education Officer, Katie Alley, as well as Charlie Fausold and Jim McGinnis will keep me “on course.” (OK, enough puns!)

Having been involved with the squadron for several seasons, I am enjoying a greater role in the activities and operations. Particular to education, I am impressed by the depth and

breadth of the classes and seminars offered and the fact that education never stops with our squadron. Courses continue year-round, and while some courses are obvious picks for summer, winter is a great time to take a course too. Happily, there are no On-the-Water segments in Winter!

Currently, *Advanced Marine Navigation*, formerly named *Advanced Piloting*, is underway with a good-sized class of enthusiastic students.

Upcoming Courses and Seminars

Other classes and events to look forward to this year are:

Engine Maintenance

Learn the operation, trouble diagnosis, and maintenance of gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel motors in addition to vessel safety aspects. This course is being offered by Syracuse Sail and Power Squadron starting March 7th through May 9th, 2023, on Tuesdays from 7pm to 9pm. Cost is \$80.00 for USPS members and \$120 for non-members. Contact Syracuse Education Officer Tess Freedman at (tbfreedm@gmail.com).

ABC Boater's Safety Course

This course will fulfill the New York State Boater Safety requirement. We should all be looking forward to 2025 when ALL boat operators must have fulfilled this requirement. This course covers boater laws, personal safety on the water, basic rules of the road, vessel safety, and even gives rudimentary education in vessel handling. We plan to teach ABC in Watkins Glen and add another class in late summer in Waterloo.

Check the Long-Term Class Schedule below for classes and seminars being planned for this year. We will give details on each class and seminar once plans are firm.

Looking for a Class or Seminar or Skills training?

ABC-FLX would be happy to hear your requests and ideas. Feel free to contact me, Andrew Price at SEO@abc-flx.org.

Sampson Boater Weekend

Aside from classes, we always look forward to the Sampson Boater Weekend. This is a popular rendezvous at Sampson Marina at the end of July. It is an

opportunity to meet and mingle with members, eat great food, hear live music, and, of course, go boating! Additionally, Inland Navigator skills such as Basic Boat Handling, Fire Extinguishers, and Pyrotechnics

are sometimes planned to coincide with that weekend.

As I wrap this up, winter is making its latest pass through the area, reminding me that spring is still a month away. I will continue

to hope for an early spring. See you in class and on the water!

- Andrew

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From the Assistant Education Officer

By Katie Alley, S

SV Tomfoolery

"Map Class" & Continuing Ed



I'm back again for my second year as ASEO!

To start off the year, on January 8th, we gathered as a

chapter at Fulkerson's Winery for our annual Change of Watch. This was pretty exciting as it was our first in-person Change of Watch since 2020. Having a potluck style meal went really well and of course, the wines were an awesome addition. It was heartwarming to recognize the leaders in our chapter who have been active for many years bettering the boating community on and around Seneca Lake. Many of our members have been contributing to America's Boating Club longer than I've been alive! I was a bit taken aback myself to hear from Mark Erway that I have been an active member for the last thirteen years. (I just turned 24, everyone tells me I shouldn't feel old yet!)

For me, the real highlight of the Change of Watch was our speaker, Captain Bill Holgate. This coming season will be my third season working with Captain Bill aboard schooner *True Love*. Captain Bill, a lifelong Glenora resident, shared his life experiences sailing Hobie cats, attending the Chapman School of Seamanship, working in wholesale, and completing deliveries. His presentation was the perfect opportunity for me to learn and ask about those valuable experiences he has had in the boating world. It's important to learn about the people you learn from! Captain Bill is the one to thank for keeping *True Love* and her crew to such a high level of seaworthiness that delivers quality cruises.

Speaking of learning, I'm realizing that learning is an important thing to keep going once you're out of school. Now that my life doesn't revolve around earning class credits and that my job situation is stable, I have energy to put towards furthering my marine education. I am enrolled in the Advanced Marine Navigation class this spring. I spent about two weeks beforehand reviewing all the

material from Marine Navigation (or formerly known as Piloting when I took it). I took Marine Navigation as a sophomore in high school and now I am two years out of college. But I'm glad to say the knowledge has come back to me!

My roommates have been teasing me by calling my Thursday night Zoom sessions "Map Class", but already after the first two weeks of class I'm seeing the value in knowing your paper charts and your electronic charts. The most notable scenario that comes to mind would be *Tomfoolery's* (hard) encounter with the Hen and Chickens rock in Long Island Sound in 2021. We were navigating an unfamiliar route at night, "rushing" to reach our destination, and relying heavily on digital charts. In hindsight, pulling out the paper chart and taking the time to plot an intended course probably could have saved *Tomfoolery's* keel some damage.

It's easy to get comfortable on Seneca Lake when you're so familiar with it, but I think I want to make more of an effort to maintain my chart knowledge in the coming years. It's super convenient that I can log onto Zoom for "Map Class" and not

have to worry about a long drive from Ithaca after work. I can work on the readings at my own pace, and I have a whole bunch of certified instructors I can ask questions to if needed. With our chapter that is full of resources, I don't think I'll have any issue maintaining my knowledge! I encourage you all to make an effort to keep learning this year!

- Katie

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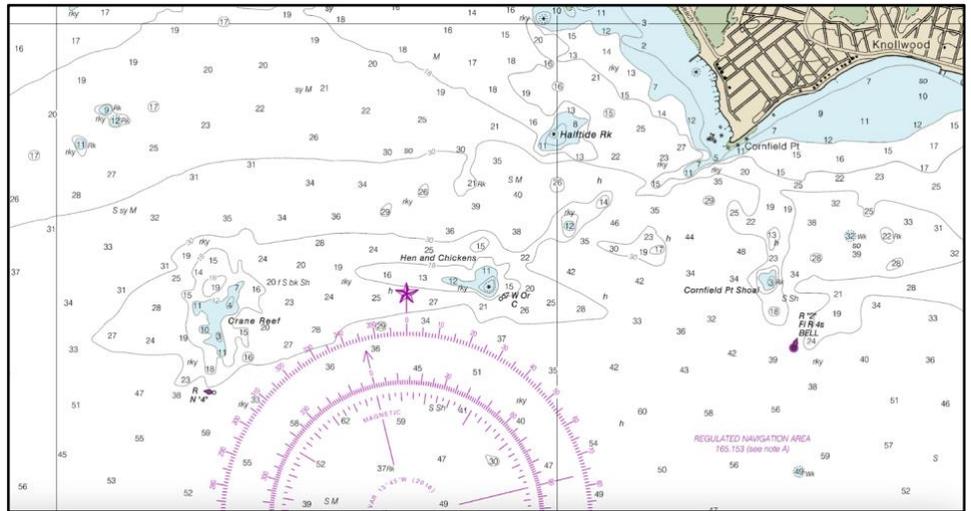


Figure 2: Can you put a circle around the rock?

Secretary's Sidenotes

By Kris West

Note from the New Secretary



Hi everyone! It's my pleasure to join the ABC-FLX team as Secretary for 2023 and I wanted to take a few

inches of newsletter space to introduce myself.

My husband and I bought a 2002 Hunter 306 and arrived on Dock 3 at the Village Marina last September. We're first-time boat owners and there's no way we would have taken the leap from crewing to owning without the wonderful mentorship and encouragement of so many ABC-

FLX members - most notably Jim McGinnis.

Some say that "the best boat to sail is someone else's" and I nearly made an art of that for many years by taking sailing classes, joining clubs, and serving as crew whenever/wherever my 'real life' would allow. But, having gotten a taste of sailing Seneca Lake with Jim McGinnis, Tom Alley, and Mike Crouse, I wanted to make sailing this stunning lake a more regular part of my life. Thankfully, my husband, Jim, who has less experience with sailing, is game to take on the adventures of boat ownership with me.

Before actually buying a boat, we both completed America's Boating Course and I continued my classroom education by completing ABC's 9-week Sail course and the Engine

Maintenance course. These courses expanded our understanding of boating and provided some great insights for things to be aware of as we were searched for our boat. Class participation is also a great way to meet some top-notch instructors and local sailors willing to generously share their knowledge and experience.

Now that we've got a boat and a slip at Village Marina, we anticipate giving her some updates, advancing our knowledge of sailing, and spending time together on the water. I'm looking forward to meeting you all and to giving back to this wonderful community that has supported my sailing exploits in so many ways.

- Kris

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Membership Thoughts

By Mark Erway, AP

Membership Matters



"Membership has its privileges."
I still remember that slogan that American Express used during the 1980's. It's a catchy slogan, and best of all it is true.

We have some of the best sailors and boaters, and some of the best boating educators around this part of the state. Even more so, they are willing to share their

experiences and knowledge in our classroom settings as well as on-the-water. PLUS, at the picnic tables, on the pier, on their boat, on your boat, at meetings and gatherings, on ZOOM and in conversations of all sorts.

If you're interested in boating up to Geneva, or on through the canals to Lake Ontario, Buffalo, or Albany our folks have the experience and know-how and are ready to share it.

When you look through our course offerings coming up this spring, summer and fall, your membership gives you a special rate that only members can access. In addition, you'll get to know others in our club, hear first-hand experience from people who know what they're talking about, and you'll forge new

friendships that you never thought possible. On top of that, our monthly meetings are first rate and we have very interesting speakers share their boating experiences.

Membership sure does have its privileges!! But you have to do your part to access those privileges. Come meet the others, makes friends, spin a yarn or two, take some courses, get involved. It's worth every moment and the benefits are out of this world.

Thank you to all 68 of our active members. It's you who make America's Boating Club - Finger Lakes Chapter one of the best chapters in the State.

Your Membership Chair,

- Mark
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ABC-FLX News

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to our members:

March

Nancy Sisbarro
Terry Stewart
Helene Fausold
Steve Pietro

April

Mark Erway
Jim McGinnis

Andrea Johnson
Dave Dawson-Elli
Henry Cabazes

Got News?

If you have news to share that you think would be of use to your fellow boaters, please submit it to you friendly newsletter editor so that it can be included!

Upcoming Classes & Seminars

Where Do I Start?

[Where Do I Start? \(usps.org\)](https://usps.org)

To work through the progression of Boating Classes and the progression of Boating skills development we have organized the classes and skills on the Long-Term Schedule. If you have any questions or want a class offered sooner let me know.

See also: <https://usps.org/sss-where-do-i-start>

Boat Handling – May 2023

Boat Handling starts 7PM
Thursday, May 11th, 2023.

Formerly known as the Seamanship class, this course has just received a major overhaul as part of the overall restructuring of the Advanced Grade courses. The Boat Handling course consists of six, two-hour seminar sessions.

These sessions include an overview of USCG rules (COLREGS), PowerPoint slides, videos and animations. Best of all, several of the sessions will be held on the water, aboard local boats where you can practice what we cover in the classroom. Boat Handling is also the first of the Advanced Grade courses to have its textbook in a digital (eBook)

format. Completion of all six seminars along with passing a comprehensive written examination will result in the award of the USPS grade of “Seaman” (S) and is the prerequisite course for Marine Navigation. Don’t have time for the whole class? Then take advantage of the new format and structure and just sign up for the sessions you are interested in!

When: May-June 2023 Duration: 9 weeks

Where: in Room 115 of the Schuyler County Human Services Complex in Montour Falls and on the water at the Village Marina Watkins Glen.

Prerequisites: None.

Cost: \$70 (USPS members), \$22 (add'l family members), \$110 (nonmembers)

Contact Andrew Price to register.

Seminars

Again, if you haven’t looked at the USPS seminar offerings, you might be missing out. USPS has a wide variety of Online Seminars available on the USPS Website [America's Boating Club | All Education Seminars \(americasboatingclub.org\)](https://americasboatingclub.org) This winter you can complete a few to

add to your skill set and keeping boating on your mind.

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 Education Director, Andrew Price

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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 Andrew Price, the Chapter Education Director, with your request.

Available subjects for instruction can be found on the chapter web site:

www.abc-flx.org

Long-Term Class Schedule

Seneca Education Department

BOC Level	Title	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Inland Navigator	Classes	ABC	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Boat Handling	X		X		X	
		Engine Maintenance						X
		Marine Electrical Systems				X		
	Seminars	Using A Chart	X					
		VHF/DSC Radios	X					
		Using GPS						X
		Basic Weather and Forecasting					X	
	Skills	Basic Powerboat Handling						X
		Fire Extinguishers						

BOC Level	Title	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
Coastal Navigator	Classes	Marine Navigation	X			X		
		Marine Communication Systems			X			
		Weather	X					
	Seminars	Tides & Currents	X					
		Rules of the Road		X				
		Anchoring						
		Mariner's Compass				X		X
	Skills	Coastal Nav						X
		Pyrotechnics					X	

BOC Level		Title	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Advanced Coastal Navigator	Classes	Advanced Marine Navigation		X		X		X
		Cruise Planning		X				
		Marine Navigation Systems			X			
		Radar		X				
	Sem.	Emergencies Onboard	X					
		Marine Radar		X				
	Skills	Advanced Coastal Nav	X					
		First Aid						

BOC Level		Title	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Offshore Navigator	C	Offshore Navigation	X			X		
	Sem.	Computer Weather Forecasting		X				
		Thunderstorms / Severe Weather		X				
	Skills	Offshore Navigation		X				
		CPR/AED						
Endorsments		Sail		X		X		X
		Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes					X	
		Canadian Regulations			X			
		Paddlesmart			X			X
Other		Instructor Development						X
		Instructor Recertification		X		X		X
		Operations Training						X

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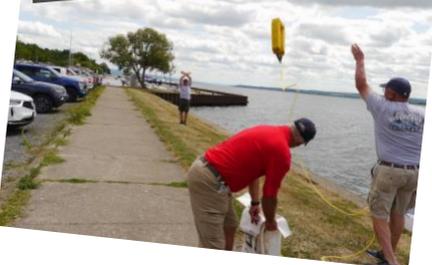
X = Planned

C = Completed

Boaters' Weekend 2023

By Jim McGinnis

SV Brewster



What we all dream of all winter: Getting out on the water for the weekend!

The Finger Lakes Chapter of America's Boating Club will be heading back to Sampson for the weekend of July 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2023, and it's not too early to get a slip reserved. On Friday morning, boats will sail/motor from Watkins Glen to Sampson State Park Marina. Friday night there is a food truck and live band at the Vista for sunset and more right above the lake. It's really a terrific spot. During the day on Saturday, we will be cooking up some on the water training with the experienced instructors we have.

On Saturday night, plan on a pitch-in cook-out and our own band (Phil Smock with the *Take 3 Quartet*) 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 morning will be the trip back to Watkins Glen.

To make a reservation for a boat slip contact Seneca Lake Resorts Marina (<https://senecalakeresorts.com/sampson-park/marina/>). Should be a terrific weekend.

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Photos from the 2022 event. Don't miss this year's!



Articles from *The Fishing Line*

By NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

New York State

Burbot - Not Getting a Whole "Lota" Love



During ice fishing season, it can be apparent that burbot (*Lota lota*) are not a fan favorite of some anglers, as far too often they can be seen discarded on the ice after they've been caught. Maybe it's because they've gotten a bad rap for preying on more desirable sportfish species. Or maybe they're being misidentified as the invasive northern snakehead.

Regardless, burbot are one of the most unique freshwater fish species that calls New York home. With their long slender bodies, double dorsal (top) fins, flattened head, and single barbel (whisker) on their "chin," they're not what you'd typically expect to see at the end of your fishing line. If you think they resemble the "oh so tasty" Atlantic cod, you won't be surprised to know that they're the only freshwater member of the Cod Family and as such, also make a great meal. As predators, burbot play an important ecological role in the predator-prey balance of healthy native fish communities.

Here in New York, burbot are found in cool water areas of deeper lakes, such as Lake Ontario, Canandaigua Lake,

Otsego Lake, Lake Champlain, and Oneida Lake, as well as upper reaches of the Susquehanna and Allegheny Rivers and tributaries of the St. Lawrence River. Because they spawn over shoals during the winter months, they're usually encountered more by ice anglers, but are caught occasionally in open water. The New York [state record](#) burbot was caught in 1991 from Black River Bay (Lake Ontario) and weighed 16 lbs. 12 oz.

Burbot are at the southern edge of their range in New York and are vulnerable to the effects of climate change over time, so the fact that they're still here is a good sign. Something to consider should you be fortunate enough to reel in one of these neat fish.

Highlight Hatchery - Van Hornesville Fish Hatchery



Location: 1285 Chyle Road, Van Hornesville, NY 13475, Herkimer County

Visitor Hours: Open 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. daily, year-round

Species Raised: Rainbow trout (97,000 8-9" yearlings, 80,000-

100,000 3-5" fingerlings for transfer to other hatcheries or stocking.)

Where We Stock: New York's Capital District

Recent Upgrades: A well was dug for domestic water, and it turned out to be an artesian well that flows at 35-55 gallons of water per minute! The excess water is piped to the fish ponds for fish production.

Fun Fact: Although springs provide crystal-clear water through underground channels at a total of 440 gallons per minute, the water source remains a mystery. The water is a constant 47°F year round since it comes out of the earth. The Van Hornesville Challenge is not a marathon or bicycle race, it's an educational experience for school kids to see who can hold their hand in the 47°F water for the longest time. The kids get to experience "first-hand" cold water fish culture.

Image: Van Hornesville Fish Culturists Craig Dubois and Rebecca Rogers stock tiger muskellunge at Canadarago Lake in Richfield Springs, NY. Fun fact - Craig has stocked nearly 150 million fish in NYS during his Fish Culture career!

Learn more:

[Van Hornesville Fish Hatchery](#) (PDF)

[DEC Fish Hatcheries](#)

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The Last Word

By Tom Alley, SN-CN



So far this has been an

interesting winter. Well, it's been interesting in the sense that there really hasn't been much winter so far. While I'm at an age where less cold weather suits me, and my first response to Global Warming is "Sign me up!", I do worry what a mild boating off-season will do to enhance next summer's mosquito, flea, and tick populations.

The former concerns me because I like to grill outside when the weather permits without donating several pints of blood, and the latter concerns me because this interesting winter could well become a far more "interesting" summer – one that I would rather not experience given the number of four-legged residents in my

house that serve as flea fodder when given the opportunity.

It's Never Boring Here...

Speaking of four-legged residents, we wound up with a new addition recently. In mid-January we received word of a 3-year-old German Shepherd that was turned into Animal Control in Elmira after her owner passed away. We took Teddy, our 5-year-old shepherd, with us to the shelter to check out "Lucy" to see if she might be a good fit. The two got along well and Lucy also passed the cat-compatibility test, so we adopted her the following day.



Figure 3: Lucy. But will she sail?

SV Tomfoolery

Well, six days later, before we could get Lucy to our vet for a checkup, she went into heat...

Of course, Teddy thought this was *great*, and handled the situation with all of the social grace, self-restraint, and quiet dignity of a drunken frat boy on a Saturday night. When we did get to the vet, I said that if any puppies resulted, I would be asking for a refund for Teddy's neutering! To their credit, the vet said this sounded perfectly reasonable.

We're less than 90 days away from launch, so it won't be very long before we're aboard our boats again. Looking forward to seeing all of you in the boatyard again soon!

- Your Editor, Tom

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As always, send your thoughts about this newsletter to:

editor@abc-flx.org

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Calendar of Events

March 2023

- 01 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)
- 14-16 District 6 Spring Council & Conference, *Clarion Inn, Elmira, NY* (D/6)
- 21 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

May 2023

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* May issue publication date.
- 01 *The Deep 6* spring issue publication date. (D/6)
- 09 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 11 Boat Handling Course starts (1900)
- 20-26 Safe Boating Week (National)

June 2023

- 13 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 23 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

July 2023

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* July issue publication date.
- 11 Bridge Meeting (1900).
- 21 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles. (D/6)
- 28-30 Summer Cruise & BOC Certification Weekend, *Sampson State Park Marina, Seneca Lake.*

August 2023

- 01 *The Deep 6* summer issue publication date. (D/6)
- 08 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 25 Deadline for *Drum* Articles
- 27-9/4 Governing Board Meeting, *Kansas City, MO* (National)

September 2023

- 8/27-04 Governing Board Meeting, *Kansas City, MO* (National)

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* September issue publication date.
- 12 Bridge Meeting (1900)

October 2023

- 10 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 20 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles (D/6)
- 23 Deadline for *Drum* articles

November 2023

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* November issue publication date.
- 01 *The Deep 6* fall issue publication date. (D/6)
- 14 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- TBA District 6 Fall Council & Conference (D/6)

December 2023

- 22 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

January 2024

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* January issue publication date
- 09 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 19 Deadline for D/6 *The Deep 6* articles. (D/6)
- TBA Finger Lakes Change of Watch

February 2024

- 01 *The Deep 6* winter issue publication date. (D/6)
- 13 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 23 Deadline for *Drum* Articles
- TBA USPS Annual Meeting (National)

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