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From The Commander

By Phil Cherry, AP

SV Harmony

Getting to the Bottom of It...

I had a strange encounter a while back at West Marine. I was down in Delaware in February and, thinking ahead to the boating season, decided to get my bottom paint from the West Marine store there. Delaware has no sales tax and when you pay \$90 bucks for a quart of anything the last thing you want to do is pay tax on it! I walked into the store and, being in somewhat of a hurry (the dog was in the car), I got right to the point and asked the salespeople near the front if they had any VC17 (Interlux's ubiquitous bottom paint). They didn't think so. I then asked the other salesperson who looked more like a manager, and she said they definitely didn't have it. I then asked what aisle the paints were in, and they directed me to aisle five, where they had a decent selection of paints, but no VC17 – or so I thought at first glance. I then looked a bit harder and found two quarts of VC17 Extra way up



on the top shelf, not marked with a price and certainly not placed for easy access. After climbing up on the shelves (thankfully aisle five was not in direct sight of the sales folks) to reach the quarts, I retrieved them and took them up to the cashier.

There were two cashiers at the main register, with the manager at a small desk near the register. The store was otherwise empty. The young lady scanned my quarts to “ring them up”, but the computer didn't recognize the bar code and she turned to the manager for some help. After a couple more tries, the manager said that she couldn't sell them to me because they couldn't get the bar code to scan correctly. My heart sank. She did suggest that the product might be discontinued or otherwise not available for sale.

Not giving up, I quickly pulled out my smart phone, googled West Marine and found VC17 on their website, for \$89 a quart (yikes). The cashier pulled the bar code off the website and the sale was finalized. I got back in the car and proceeded to drive back up to Watkins Glen, all the while pondering what had just happened. Something didn't seem right, even though I made it out of the store with my paint.

Once home, I delved a bit deeper into the VC17 issue and found lots of info about the recall done back in 2021 and the banning of the active ingredient, Irgarol, that was banned by EPA for use in bottom paints because of the detrimental effect it was having on the marine environment and bleaching of coral reefs. I found further that not all VC17 was affected, just the "VC17 Extra" product that contained the Irgarol active ingredient. In 2022, Interlux was able to successfully market a substitute biocide in their VC17 Extra paint formula and all was good. The VC17 Extra line was discontinued. But did I just buy two quarts of banned paint... and can I use it on my boat this spring? After considerably more research, I decided that indeed I did just buy

banned paint and, on my next trip back to Delaware, I returned the two cans to the store (thank goodness I saved the receipt, because they still couldn't scan the barcode!) and purchased the new reformulated VC 17 instead.

I share this story with our readers to highlight the importance of reading product labels and to raise awareness of water quality issues surrounding the use of bottom paints. Seneca Lake is a treasure, and we need to do everything we can to safeguard its quality for generations to come. Bottom paint impacts may not be as severe as the negative effects we see in water quality from nutrient sources like nitrogen and phosphorus, but it is still a cause for caution and concern and speaks to the need for following label and use instructions as provided by government agencies.

Now that it's late April, I'm looking forward to getting the boat prepped for the season, so I'll be out there soon painting the bottom, doing some engine maintenance, and getting ready to launch in mid-May... I can't wait! See you all on the docks!

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From the Executive Officer

By Ray Margeson

Off to a Good Start



Spring is here, sort of. It is that time of year when we are preparing our boats for another

summer of (hopefully) uneventful boating. It is also a time for giving thought to safety while working on our boats.

We may be climbing on ladders or working on scaffolds with the possibility of a fall. Painting also has many possibilities of injury – working in enclosed spaces with volatile paints and solvents without proper ventilation and/or without a proper respirator. Sanding with or without power tools can raise dangerous dust particles – again needing a respirator and do not forget eye protection as well.

Even such a simple task as putting the next coat of bottom paint can

result in head injuries. And do not forget gloves to protect your hands from solvents and paints. You could wear a Tyvek suit to protect your skin and clothing.

Precommissioning might include work on your batteries which could lead to shock or injury from battery acid.

Fine – you survived precommissioning and finally you are on the water at last – but you are not out of danger yet. I know that many of you do not wear a PFD when on the lake, but it can save your life, especially earlier in the year when Seneca Lake is very chilly, and hyperthermia can debilitate you quickly.

As an object lesson, as some of you know, I fell overboard last year. My PFD instantly inflated. Fortunately, my second-in-command deployed our Lifesling, brought the boat around in a circle so I could grab the line, and get back on board. I suffered a minor broken back and a lot of soft tissue bruising. You can be sure that I will continue to wear my

PFD when on the lake unless I am in the cabin. I might even install a jack line. Most folks would say these are not needed on Seneca Lake, but my fall was the result of a wake from a power boat – beyond my control.

Oh, did I not mention the need for fire extinguishers? One way to give yourself a little more peace of mind while boating, you should consider getting a Vessel safety Check done by one of our three Vessel Safety Examiners. Just drop and email to vsc@abc-flx.org to request a no cost – no obligation inspection which takes no more than a half an hour.

In spite of all this doom and gloom from me, I will have a good summer sailing and I hope that you all will be safe and enjoy what we have.

- Ray

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From the Administrative Officer

By Maggie Martin

SV Wined 'n' Down

Spring Meet-Up!



We hope to see you on Tuesday, May 9th at our Spring meet up! It will be at the Seneca Cheese

Company at 6 PM, located at 26 Franklin St. in Watkins Glen. We can purchase beverages at the bar and the club will provide pizza for a donation. We will be treated to a Travelog Presentation: *Cruising N.Y. and Canadian Canals, and Georgian Bay* by Don & Marge Kloeber.

Experience the summer of cruising, N.Y. Canals, Lake Ontario, The Trent-Severn Waterway and Lake Huron's scenic Georgian Bay, aboard their Mainship Trawler, *Bacchus*. Ontario's Trent-Severn Waterway includes some of the most unique locks in North America. If you are a recreational boater or just enjoy travel and adventure this may be of interest.

- Maggie

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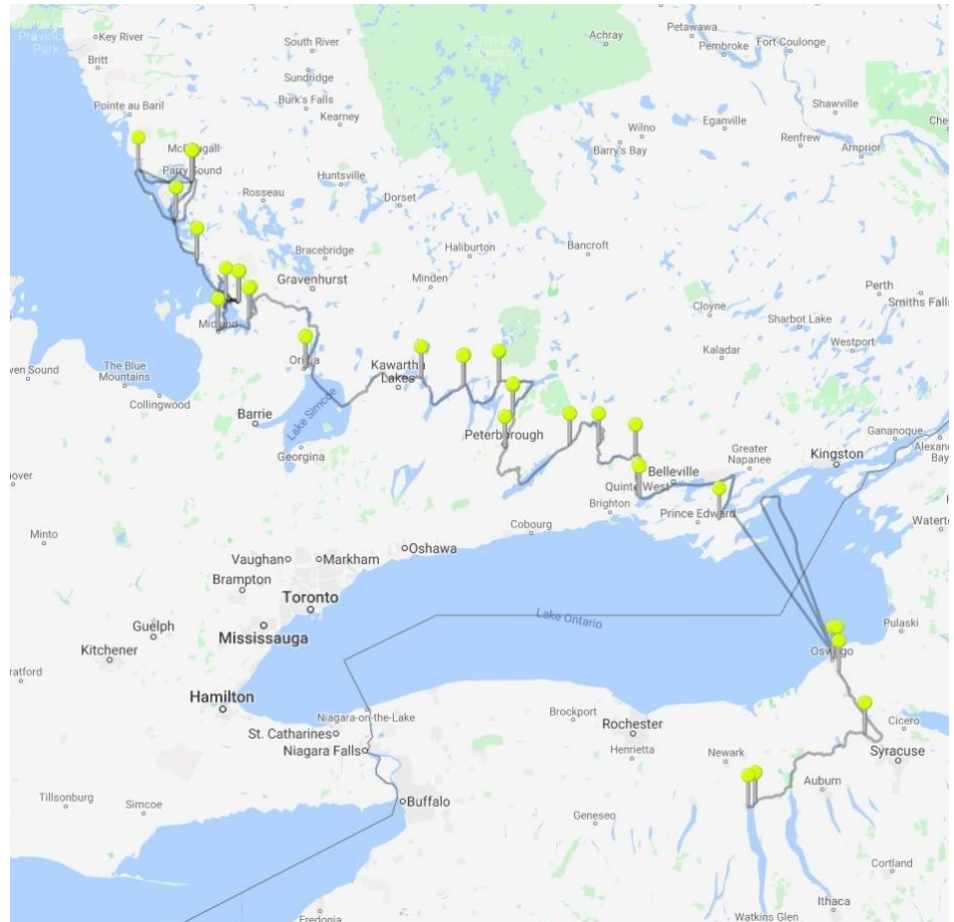


Figure 1: The route sailed by Don & Marge Kloeber aboard *Bacchus*.

From the Education Director

By Andrew Price, P

Life-Long Learning



The boating season is upon us, and so are some great learning

opportunities. Actually, all of boating is a learning opportunity, and like life, we will never know everything there is to know about it. My philosophy is to be a “life-long learner,” and as such, I try to never say no to opportunities, challenges, and hard work. The ideas of challenges and hard work remind me of the USPS

Advanced Courses I have taken. I find the courses rewarding because of the challenge and hard work. I know I would not appreciate the achievement of passing the courses if they were too easy.

Not all of the USPS courses require as much work as the Advanced Courses. There are plenty of Seminars. These are condensed, two-hour blocks that give a good overview of a topic, whereas the Advanced Courses are usually 6 - 10 week, in-depth studies that reward the student with broader and deeper knowledge. Additionally, our club is blessed with seasoned instructors who bring decades of seamanship to their teaching and who are always ready to help students understand material.

Sampson Boater Weekend

Don't forget about the Sampson weekend! July 28th-30th, rendezvous with us in the beautiful Sampson State Park and new renovated marina. If you have not been there yet, make your reservations now, and join us for a wonderful weekend.

Call the Sampson Marina Office at: 315-651-4949 to reserve a transient slip for the weekend.

Join us for live music by *Rock-IT Science* on Friday night. Additionally, there will be club gatherings and classes with some on-the-water instruction!

- Andrew

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From the Assistant Education Officer

By Katie Alley, P

SV Tomfoolery



Getting Energized!

Spring has sprung and mother nature has certainly teased us with some beautiful summer-

like days already. I always seem

to forget just how much the winter affects how I feel until the first sunny and warm day of the year. It's great to feel energetic again. Plus, there's a lot to look forward to as we gear up for the boating season!

This year we are planning to offer America's Boating Course (ABC) early in the season. Two offerings of the course are in the works – one at Watkins Glen Yacht Club

and another at Ithaca Yacht Club. In past seasons, our most popular offering of this class was in August. This summer, we are planning to offer the class in late May and/or early June. That way, participants will be well-educated and prepared before the season is in full swing but will still have a chance to practice their skills on the water. Stay tuned for solidified details! Please keep any children, grandchildren, nieces,

nephews, or any other young boaters in mind for this class. We present the material in this introductory course in a way that students as young as preteens can understand. 10-year-old children have passed the exam in years prior! Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Also on the radar for this spring, we have our Boating Handling Course. This class includes six, two-hour seminars. The class is 9 weeks long and will begin on May 10th. Classroom sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m at the Schuyler County Human Services Complex. On-the-water sessions will take place on Friday evenings at the Watkins Glen Village Marina. Please see more details elsewhere in this issue. This course is a fantastic way to take what you learned in ABC to the next level! Practical, everyday boating skills are covered in detail. Sign up for the whole class or join us for one seminar! And to our existing Seamen out there, please reach out if you're interested in teaching!

Our weekend excursion to Sampson has been a big highlight for our group the past several summers. For 2023, the trip is scheduled for July 28th – 30th. Come enjoy Sampson State Park and join us in several educational activities we plan throughout the weekend! In the past, we have had navigational scavenger hunts, flare and fire extinguisher demos, and opportunities to practice

docking with different vessels. That said – please let us know what you'd be interested in seeing on the schedule this year! Is there something small you'd like to learn without committing to a class? Is there a small skill you'd like group practice with? The weekend at Sampson is the time to do it! And of course you can't miss out on another great cookout with live music right on the pier! Last year, we even had a bonfire and s'mores at one of the pits right by the dock.

As you're reading this, the students in Advanced Marine Navigation are busy putting their new plotting knowledge to the test for their final exams. I have really enjoyed this class. I haven't taken a USPS course since high school before this one. Advanced Marine Navigation, though challenging, was a great way for me to get back into furthering my boating education. A lot of what I learned years ago came back to me once I started using my chart-knowledge again. This class gave me something to do on cold winter evenings and forced me to exercise some self-discipline to keep up with the new lessons. I know I will be going into this season with more confidence in my ability to figure out my location and navigate new locations! Though the thought of committing to a class or trying to pass a test might seem intimidating, I encourage you all

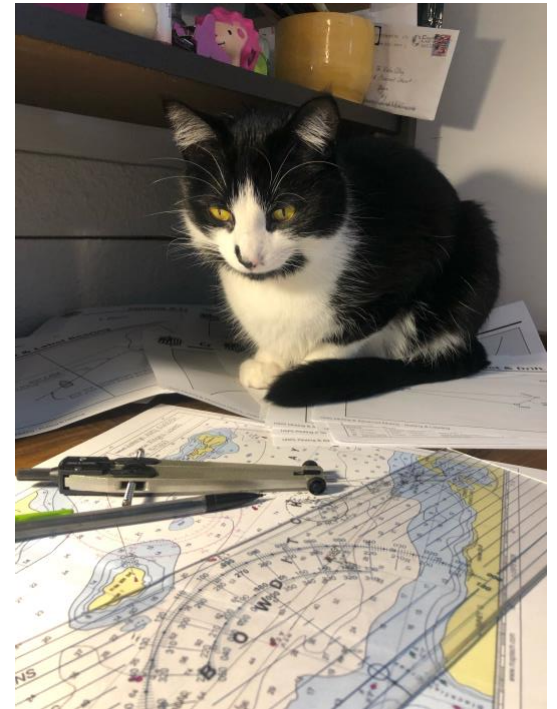


Figure 2: Hobie, ASEO Katie Alley's faithful companion, carefully reviews work Katie is doing on her Advanced Piloting final exam.

to try! You will feel comfortable once you get started and even more importantly, you will feel accomplished knowing you're becoming a better boater!

The *True Love* crew is getting their First Aid and CPR certification this week as well. I am so excited to get back out on the water – with friends from the marina and with tourists from all over! With so much to look forward to, I am definitely feeling that restlessness and fresh energy that comes with Spring fever.

See you on the lake soon!

- Katie

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Secretary's Sidenotes

By Kris West

Spring Fever & Summer Dreams



Ah, spring is here! Tulips and daffodils have bloomed in my garden while in the boat yard the dulcet tones of sanders and

grinders are chiming in with the first spring robins and blackbirds. My to-do list this spring includes installing some new equipment which requires replacing a through hull transducer and putting a new hole in my binnacle. I don't relish the idea of drilling into the boat, but I've heard that once I get the first project out of the way, a hole saw will become part of my shipboard tool kit! So, I've been summoning my courage by diving into YouTube videos and picking the brains of trusted friends and will be heeding the old adage, "measure twice, cut once".

This will be our first full season sailing our own boat on Seneca Lake. My husband and I are looking forward to gaining

experience, meeting new friends and making many memories together. First on our agenda is attending the social gathering on May 9th to hear Don and Marge Kloeber share their experience cruising to Lake Huron's scenic Georgian Bay. We dream someday of taking a trip to the Great Lakes, so this topic definitely piqued our interest. We've signed up for the 9-week *Boat Handling* course and we're planning to attend the Sampson Weekend trip July 28 – 30. If you want to join us in the *Boat Handling* class, contact our Education Director, Andrew Price at seo@abc-flx.org. If you want to join the Sampson Weekend, transient slips at Sampson can be reserved online at: <https://senecalakeresorts.com/sampson-park/marina/>.

Regarding club business, members should know that our talented executive committee addressed a sticky issue related to unintentional unlicensed publication of a copyrighted photo. Apparently, Reuters has an arrangement with a business called PicRights to monitor the web for copyrighted images. One such image appeared in The

Drum last year after which PicRights reached out to enforce the copyright. They demanded the photo be removed from the web (and it has been) along with a modest payment.

After confirming this was not a hoax and considering several options ranging from "do nothing" to "hire an attorney and fight", the executive committee decided that the best course of action would be to reach out directly to Reuters and PicRights to request a reduced payment in recognition of our unintentional action and our status as a small not-for-profit organization. Commander Phil Cherry reported at our last meeting that he followed up and successfully resolved the issue. Thank you, Phil!

Moving forward, any photos submitted for publication should be limited to either personal photos or, if something is taken from the internet, that it is a public domain image.

Now, get outside and have fun!

- Kris

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ABC-FLX News

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to our members:

May

Sue Morris
Ray Margeson
Pat Mason
Dan Kingsley
Jim Morris
Don Kloeber
Phil Cherry
Tessa Bell Cabezas

June

Dennis Daniels
Anne Erway
Bill Phoenix
Ben Wigley
Tom Taylor

Sampson Boater Weekend – 7/28 to 7/30

By Jim McGinnis SN-CN SV Brewster

Ahoy Sailors! We 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 (OTW) 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!

Save the Date

By Nancy Bieber District 6

This year's District 6 Rendezvous will tentatively be August 3rd through August 6th at Bonnie Castle in Alexandria Bay. There

will be an On-The-Water Training opportunity as well as other exciting events. More information to follow from your Co-Chairs: Karen Green and Nancy Bieber.

But Wait, There's More!

May is one of the months where the publication date of *The Drum* coincides with the publication of the USPS District 6 newsletter, *The Deep 6*. The May 2023 issue of *The Deep 6* has a number of news snippets in it that are likely of interest to you, including a couple of pieces about boating activities that will take place within our district this summer.

Check out the latest issue (and prior ones) at the district web site (www.uspsd6.org).

Got News?

If you have news to share that you think would be of use to your fellow boaters, please submit it to your 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

This course is the natural next step after a boater completes the ABC Boater's Safety Course, but the ABC course is not a requirement to take this course. The *Boat Handling* Course begins Wednesday, May 10th, from 7-9pm and runs consecutive Wednesday evenings for 9 weeks with at least three weeks being taught on the water on Friday evenings.

Formerly known as the *Seamanship* course, *Boat Handling* consists of six, two-hour seminar sessions which include and overview of USCG rules (COLREGS), Docking, Slow-Speed Maneuvering, Boat Handling Underway, Anchoring, Emergencies On Board, and Knots. These seminars can be taken individually or all together in the course.

When: May 10th to June 28th, Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm. On-the-water sessions will be on Friday evenings on June 2nd, 9th,

and 16th. A make-up OTW date is scheduled for June 23rd.

Where: Classes are in Room 115 of the Schuyler County Human Services Building. OTW sessions meet at the Watkins Glen Village Marina.

Prerequisites: None

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

ABC Boater's Safety Course - June 2023

The first ABC course this year will be at Watkins Glen Yacht Club 7-9 pm on Thursday, June 8th, and June 15th, and 12-2pm Saturday, June 17th, with an on-the-water opportunity at 10 am, Saturday, June 17th. 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. Currently, you must complete a boater safety course to operate a boat in New York if you were born after 1983. 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.

When: 7-9pm, Thursday June 8, 15, and 12-2pm, Saturday June 17.

Where: Watkins Glen Yacht Club

Course Fee: \$45.00

Another ABC course is planned for Ithaca Yacht Club. The dates

and times will be posted once the plans are firm.

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?

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

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
		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	C			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

Table Key

X = Planned

C = Completed

Safety at Sea

By Jim McGinnis, SN-CN

SV Brewster

We've all had days when the sea state and weather got the best of us and put our boat into an uncomfortable position. In the sailboat picture to the right, I had to try out what *Image Creator* could do with a stormy sailboat at sea. Not bad, eh?

So, what happens when the worst happens? Often, multiple circumstances can combine and align from bad conditions, sometimes poor passage planning, preparation, captain and crew inexperience, and maintenance issues, all at once. Sometimes all it takes is a little bad luck. No matter what the reason, boating disasters have happened and will continue to happen. How do we prepare and be ready for the worst? One way to do it is through training and continuing education.

I recently completed the *International Offshore Safety at Sea Course with Hands-on Training*. The classes are offered by US Sailing and required for many offshore sailboat races. Our planned Marion to Bermuda Race in 2021 was one and I began the program at that time. COVID wreaked havoc with those plans but I wanted to complete the full course when the in-person sessions were re-started. *Safety@Sea* consists of 15 on-line sessions followed by a one-day, hands-on training session. The first 10 sessions constitute the inland/coastal waters component and do not include in-person training. The in-



Figure 3: A sailboat in a stormy sea. Drawing by Image Creator, an AI program for generating artwork.

person class was hosted by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club on March 25th, 2023, and conducted by Warrior Sailing as a fund raiser. Warrior Sailing provides on the water sailing experiences to injured and wounded service members and veterans.

The course material and instructors were outstanding. They included ship captains of large commercial vessels operating routinely in all weather conditions. Several had multiple experiences on Ocean Races like Newport-Bermuda

and Marion-Bermuda. One was regular crew on *Rambler 88* which had set the monohull record to Fastnet Rock. (More than 20 knots boat speed) They also related the course material to well-known disasters like the recent loss of a skipper not wearing a lifejacket and not clipped in on the Bermuda Race. The course was particularly outstanding because it provided training and information on the equipment and procedures for Safety at Sea but also a process for prioritizing actions in crisis

conditions and making life-changing decisions in high degrees of uncertainty with captain and crew. The excrement has struck the fan, now what?

The basic elements of the class covered Emergency communication systems (like EPIRB), extreme weather conditions (storm sails, bare poles and using sea anchors and drogues), personal safety gear

(lifejackets to cold weather gear), and crew safety (life raft and emergency rations, water, communications). The hands-on components included working with fire extinguishers, flares, and a LifeSling. A 6-person raft was deployed and demonstrated, and students had to board the raft while wearing all their gear.

I really enjoyed the class and the experience with the Warrior

Sailing Organization. They are doing something pretty great. Take a look at their website if you are interested and also at the US Sailing Training Classes offered.

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Author bio.



Figure 4: Flare training.



Figure 5: Fire extinguisher with back-up.



Figure 6: Deploying a LifeSling.



Figure 7: Six-person life raft deployed.



Figure 8: Student attempting to board an occupied raft.

The Last Word

By Tom Alley, SN-CN

Bored? Not a Chance!



April is a crazy month. So many things happen in April every year!

Aside from the usual rush to make the deadline for filing my taxes, I'm also usually racing to get everything organized for our District Spring Conference. Then there are the newsletters. April is one of two months of the year when I have to get newsletters out for both our local club and for District 6. If we're lucky, the weather is beginning to break and I'll be ramping up activity on various boat projects so that I can be ready to launch before half of the season is gone.

This year has been especially crazy. On top of the usual

activities, we added a new family member, Lucy, a 3-year-old German Shepherd. She started training classes this month. We also had a "plumbing event" in our house a couple weeks ago that resulted in a flooded basement, so Lisa and I have been spending quite a few hours down there cleaning up the mess.

Coming Soon

While I may have a really full dance card right now, that doesn't mean everyone else is in the same boat, so to speak. As you've seen earlier in this issue, our club will be offering our renowned *Boat Handling* class later this month. Why is it renowned? Because we teach it in an on-the-water (OTW) format. That means you're not just in a classroom, but in a boat with other students performing hands-on exercises while out on Seneca Lake. Sound like fun? It is. Trust me!

SV Tomfoolery

If you haven't taken *Boat Handling*, I would recommend signing up for the experience. You won't regret it!

In addition to intellectual stimulation, our club will be heading up to Sampson State Park Marina again this summer for what has become our traditional weekend of boating and social activities. Again, this is an event well worth your time. It's also a great way to get out and use your boat for a weekend-long trip to the northern end of our lake.

Bottom line, there's no reason for you to be bored this summer. There are a lot of activities available to you – and that's just within the Power Squadron!

- Your Editor, Tom

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As always, send your thoughts about this newsletter to:

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Calendar of Events

May 2023

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* May issue publication date.
- 01 *The Deep 6* spring issue publication date. (D/6)
- 09 Club Social Event, *Seneca Cheese Company, Watkins Glen, NY* (1800)
- 10 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 Boater 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)
- 20-22 District 6 Fall Council & Conference, *Buffalo, NY.* (D/6)
- 24 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles (D/6)
- 24 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)

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)

March 2024

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

April 2024

- 09 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 19 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles (D/6)
- 22 Deadline for *Drum* Articles
- TBA District 6 Spring Council & Conference (D/6)

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