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From The Commander

By Phil Cherry, S SV Harmony

A Super Year!

I can't believe it's November already. It seems like just yesterday that I was prepping *Harmony* for the water, looking forward to a summer of fantastic weather and boating. It was a fantastic summer, but the weather could have been better, and my time on the boat greater, but alas, there's always next year!

Our organization has been very busy this year, and a great deal of thanks goes out to our volunteers and instructors. We held several classes this year as detailed by our SEO Andrew Price who has done an excellent job of keeping our offerings at such a high caliper. What distinguishes our club from many others is the exceptional talent we have here in our certified instructors and the quality of our coursework, including our on-the-water programs, which are especially helpful to new boaters. My thanks to Andrew and all our instructors for a job well done.



Thanks to Maggie Martin and others, we also held three social and learning events this season. In early May we met at Seneca Cheese Company for a travelogue presentation by Don & Marge Kloeber sharing their stories cruising New York and Canadian canals and Georgian Bay. In early August we met again at Seneca Cheese Company for a very special presentation by Maggie MacBlane discussing her career path in the Merchant Marine and specifically discussing her role as Third Officer in Military Sealift Command. In mid-October we met up at Fulkerson's winery for an intriguing presentation by Leon Frontier and First Mate Eileen, who told us the story of *Mupepe* and their adventures sailing from their home port in

Watkins Glen up and down the Atlantic coast with stops in Grenada, the Bahamas, and Guatemala! My thanks to our great speakers and all the members that came out to hear these fantastic presenters. Thanks too to all the great chefs who made our pot-luck dinner at Fulkerson's a delectable and filling success!

At our recent meeting, we also took a few minutes to present a special award. Brothers Vern and Craig Sessler and their sister Jane Shaffer were awarded honorary memberships in the ABC-FLX for 2024. The Sessler's, lifelong Seneca Lake boaters, were cited as the driving force behind the \$7.5 million transformation of the Sampson State Park Marina and shoreline campgrounds, in a partnership with New York State known as Seneca Lake Resorts. They were nominated for the special award by Don Kloeber, who witnessed firsthand all that the Sessler's have done for boating on Seneca Lake and Sampson particularly. As an organization, we are delighted to be able to recognize contributions

such as those made by the Sessler family. I'd be remiss if I didn't point out that our club has taken advantage of the new facilities up at Sampson during our annual rendezvous, which this year was a bit wet, but still an excellent weekend, thanks to Jim McGinnis and all those who attended.

Lastly, I'd like to remind all our members of the upcoming Change of Watch (COW) to be held in early January 2024 at the Harbor Hotel. While I have not discussed this with our Bridge or executive Committee yet, I'm planning on proposing that the annual luncheon event be free for all ABC-FLX members this year, paid for by your association as a thanks for continuing to be a part of our organization. Send me a note at co@abc-flx.org if you like the idea!

That's all for now. I wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. See you at the COW!

- Phil, SV Harmony
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From the Executive Officer

By Ray Margeson

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Hazards of Working in a Marina Boatyard: A Perspective from Boat Owners



Marina boatyards are bustling hubs of activity where boat owners and enthusiasts gather to

maintain, repair, and upgrade their vessels. While these boatyards offer essential services and a sense of community, they are not without hazards. Boat owners who actively participate in DIY (Do-It-Yourself) projects in marina boatyards should be aware of potential risks and take necessary precautions to ensure their safety. In this article, we'll explore some of the common hazards associated with working in a marina boatyard from the perspective of boat owners.

Slippery Surfaces

Marina boatyards are typically located near water, which can lead to slippery surfaces. Decks, ramps, and walkways can become treacherous, especially during rain or when boats are being hauled in and out of the water. Boat owners and yard workers should wear appropriate footwear with non-slip soles and exercise caution when walking around the boatyard to prevent slips and falls. Also, at our local marina, most boats on the hard will be on gravel and you can encounter

mud puddles and they can be slippery. Once the freezes come, ice and snow are another Finger Lakes issue.

Heavy Lifting

Boat maintenance and repair often involve heavy lifting, such as removing or reinstalling heavy boat parts, engines, or anchor systems. The risk of muscle strains, sprains, and back injuries is high if proper lifting techniques are not followed. It's crucial for boat owners to use mechanical aids, like hoists and cranes, whenever possible, and seek assistance from others when handling heavy objects.

Exposure to Harmful Chemicals

Boat maintenance and painting often require the use of various chemicals, including antifouling paints, solvents, and fiberglass resin. Exposure to these substances can lead to skin irritation, eye damage, respiratory issues, and long-term health problems. Boat owners should always wear protective gear, such as gloves, goggles, and respirators, when working with chemicals, and ensure proper ventilation in enclosed areas.

Electrical Hazards

Many boats rely on electrical systems, and working on these systems can pose electrical hazards. Boat owners may encounter live wires, faulty wiring, or improperly grounded

equipment. It's crucial to turn off power sources when working on electrical systems, inspect wires for wear and tear, and hire a professional electrician when needed to ensure electrical safety. All the extension cords laying around can also pose a hazard.

Fire Hazards

Boatyards often house flammable materials such as fuel, varnishes, and paints. *[Don't forget the boats themselves! -Ed.]* An accidental spark, open flame, or electrical fault can lead to a fire that can spread quickly. Boat owners should have appropriate fire extinguishers on hand and know how to use them. Additionally, it's essential to maintain a clean and organized workspace to reduce the risk of fire hazards.

Falling Objects

Boatyards are bustling places, and there is a constant risk of falling objects. Tools, boat parts, and equipment may be stored above or near work areas, posing a risk to individuals below. Always be aware of your surroundings, wear a hard hat when necessary, and securely store or fasten objects to prevent them from falling. Also, make sure you are not a falling hazard working on top of your boat on stands or in a cradle.

Conclusion

Marina boatyards are fantastic places for boat owners to

maintain and repair their vessels, fostering a strong sense of community among boating enthusiasts. However, these facilities are not without their hazards, and boat owners should prioritize safety when working on

their boats. By taking precautions, using the right safety equipment, and seeking professional assistance when needed, boat owners can mitigate the risks and ensure their safety while enjoying

the pleasures of the boating world.

- Ray

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From the Administrative Officer

By Maggie Martin



Looking Back on Social Events

Our recent gathering at Fulkerson Winery was an enjoyable evening all around. The

covered dish offerings were exceptional, accompanied by a glass of the excellent house vintage.

After adjourning to the upstairs area for the evening program, an honorary membership to the FLX

Chapter of ABC was presented to the Sessler, partners with New York State in Sampson Marina. Don Kloeber elaborated on the contribution that they have made to the boating community in the region with their renovation and marine services on Seneca Lake.

Our featured speakers, Leon and Elaine Frontier, gave a fascinating description of their adventures aboard *Mupepe*, whose home port is Watkins Glen. They have been up and down the Eastern seaboard, Caribbean, and are now in South America. It inspired envy for many of us! We

appreciate their time and hope they will join us again when they are at their summer residence.

We have had a series of interesting presenters, and with your suggestions, will continue to invite boaters, or associated nautical interest speakers.

We will get together again in January – date to be announced.

Cheerio!

- Maggie

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SV Wined 'n' Down

From the Education Director

By Andrew Price, AP



It's Haul-out time. The air is turning from chilled to cold. Although it is technically still Fall, we

begin to wonder when the first snow will fall. As we look forward to the long, winter months ahead, let's not forget that we can attend to other parts of our boating experience, namely, our boating skills and knowledge.

ABC-FLX will continue to hold seminars and classes right through

the "off season", so take this opportunity to engage and do some learning!

Happy Holidays from the SEO.

- Andrew

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Secretary's Sidenotes

By Kris West, S



Setting Sail

Sailing has come to define summer for me, so the official end of summer isn't Labor Day

Weekend or

even the autumnal equinox.

Rather, it's the day we haul out which happened to be October 21st this year. It was a wonderfully crisp, cool day and the hills were ablaze with color; a perfect 'start' to our autumn. With the boat on the hard for the winter months, it was a great time to reflect on the 2023 season.

After the early summer Canadian wildfire smoke finally cleared, the winds remained fickle – either blowing hard or hardly blowing

most days. But, as we all know, boating on Seneca Lake isn't only what you do when you cast off. If you choose, it can be a wonderful opportunity to get to know and learn from some of the best mariners in the region.

Our chapter of ABC delivered in spades this year not only with great courses in boat handling, sailing and navigation but also with an excellent slate of inspiring speakers at our social meetings.

If you wanted to hear about cruising New York's and Canada's canals, Don and Marge Kloeber shared their experience of motoring from Seneca Lake to Georgian Bay at our May social meeting. If you wanted to hear from one of the area's best and brightest young sailors, in August, Maggie MacBlane told how her early sailing days on Seneca lead

to her traveling the world as a merchant mariner. Just a few weeks ago, Leon and Eileen Frontier regaled us with stories of how their first sails on Keuka Lake evolved into cruising up and down the Atlantic Coast, into the Caribbean and on to Central America.

It's no wonder there's romance about being on the water. The world is seemingly limitless to those who cast off and venture beyond sight of shore. And, no matter what your personal goals are with boating, the Finger Lakes Chapter of ABC is here to help you take on the next stage of your adventure with knowledge rooted in experience and skill.

And now, even though summer is officially over, make sure you still get outside and have fun!

- Kris

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Membership Thoughts

By Mark Erway, AP

Membership Chairman

Membership Chair Reflections



2023 has been a mixed bag that is typical of many

organizations. There is always a flow of those coming in and those leaving. It has to do with our changing interests and life-focus at the time. Much of it is caused by age and health, much by financial wherewithal, or simply by commitments that force us to change. And yet another stronger factor are the personal relationships and contacts we have in our chosen hobby. Getting connected and staying are huge factors in seeing new members come in as well as current members maintaining membership.

I am grateful for two major areas in our Finger Lakes Chapter. First, for our educational program. It has helped people become more confident in their boating abilities, which directly relates to a more enjoyable time on the water, hopefully creating skippers and crew that can work together and have a good time doing it! Second, for our social activities. Our chapter president,

Phil Cherry, and his crew, work hard to plan social events that not only get us together, but present interesting subjects from a variety of backgrounds and abilities. We can learn a lot from others' life experiences and viewpoints. And these two areas alone have led to friendships and partnerships that have shaped my adult life as I had never expected. I am truly grateful for that.

An update on our membership status. As of this writing (10/16/23) we have 70 active members (including family members).

- We say, "Welcome Aboard" as we received five new members:
Floyd and Jennifer Stephens on July 8;
Shane and Jacqueline Alsworth on September 18;
Scott Williams on October 6. I'm glad to say we have two more in process at this time.
- We bid a fond farewell to six members:
Steve and Debra Pietro (members since 2006);
Charlie Honsberger (member since 2009);
Maura Toole (member since 2019);
Steve and Theresa Moff (members since 2020); and
Cindy Swank (member since 2022).

Membership is what you make of it. The more you participate the

more benefit you will receive. And to be sure, don't be afraid of helping out where you can, when you can. Like any ship, many hands make the work easier and more successful. Let's be thankful to those who serve and make the Finger Lakes Chapter of America's Boating Club a successful and people-oriented organization.

If you haven't already done so, check out our website at abc-flx.org to look at issues of the *Drum* and to see the educational offerings planned for you, and see about upcoming activities. Also, log into the National website at <https://www.usps.org/member-s-log-in> where you can find all sorts of member benefits and even shop at the Ship's Store. Above all, don't forget to renew your membership when you get the email from National. It's an easy process online.

As we pull the boats for the season and lovingly stow them on the hard, we can use this time for learning, planning, preparing, dreaming and recovering.

Blessings to you all, especially for the holidays. Love your families, stay connected to your friends, and develop new relationships with our members, too.

Haul away,

- Mark
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ABC-FLX News

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to our members!

November

Judy Cherry
Tom Keebler
Genda Gephart
Catherine Gueli
Andre Wigley
Patti Dawson-Elli

December

Denis Kingsley
Jeff Mack
Maggie Martin
John Chesebrough
Bob Drake
Marcia Taylor
Lisa Oldroyd

District 6 Fall Conference

The District 6 Fall Conference was held on Saturday, October 21st, in Manlius, NY (near Syracuse). It was a cool, gray, drizzly day, so it was good to be

indoors where we could talk about boats and boating.

A number of topics were presented at the conference including some about the strategic direction being taken by the national leadership of our organization. There is a huge push right now to update ALL of the educational material used within the USPS / ABC, but there is also an acute pain point in the number of volunteers available to conduct this work.

As a result, local squadrons and clubs now have the opportunity to “adopt” a seminar or a section of a course and update it. This is a great opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the organization as well as to get to know some incredibly talented individuals at the national level. If the idea of doing something like this interests you even remotely, please reach out to Tom Alley (tom@alberg35.org) for details.

Of course, this was just one tidbit of information that was shared at the conference. For more details, check out the November 2023 issue of the District 6 newsletter, *The Deep 6*, at the District 6 web site (www.USPSD6.org).

ABC-FLX Recognized

At the District 6 Fall Conference, the Finger Lakes Chapter was notified that our chapter had been awarded the 2022 Distinguished Communicator Award for both *The Drum*, its newsletter, and for the club web site (abc-flx.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>

Using a Chart

This seminar will cover chart basics such as features above and below the water's surface, chart scales, ATONs (aids to navigation), Lat/Lon, Course Planning. Don't leave the dock without this seminar under your belt!

Tuesday, December 5: 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Cost \$25.00.

Location: Schuyler County Human Services Complex: 323 Owego St., Montour Falls, NY 14865.

Rules of the Road

Know what to do when encountering other boats on the water as well as your responsibilities as a skipper. Learn what the lights, shapes, and sound signals mean and what action to take and how to respond. This is an important seminar that reinforces and expands on the ABC Boater Safety Class information on Rules of the Road.

Monday, December 11: 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Cost \$25.00.

Location: Schuyler County Human Services Complex: 323 Owego St., Montour Falls, NY 14865.

Tides and Currents

Covering causes and effects of tides and currents, factoring tide when trip planning and anchoring, and understanding tide tables to predict high and low tides during a passage, this seminar is a must for any boater traveling where tides and currents are present.

Thursday, December 14: 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

Cost \$25.00.

Location: Schuyler County Human Services Complex: 323 Owego St., Montour Falls, NY 14865.

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 send a check made out to ABC-FLX to:

Andrew Price
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Vestal, NY 13850

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	C	X	X	X	X	X
		Boat Handling	C		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	C					
		Marine Radar		X				
	Skills	Advanced Coastal Nav	C					
		First Aid						

BOC Level		Title	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Offshore Navigator	C	Offshore Navigation	U			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	C				X	
		Canadian Regulations			X			
		Paddlesmart			X			X
Other		Instructor Development						X
		Instructor Recertification		X		X		X
		Operations Training						X

Table Key

X = Planned

U = Underway

C = Completed

Lacking Local Knowledge – Barge Race Weekend

By Jim McGinnis

SV Brewster

Some of you may have heard that my boat, *Brewster*, ran aground after the Barge Race this September. The story is true and somewhat comical, somewhat educational, so I thought it worth repeating here. In the grand scheme of things, it relates to a favorite topic of mine – local knowledge.

We in the Power Squadron put in a lot of effort teaching classes on Navigation, Boating Safety and even knot tying. All these things are deterministic and something you can learn from a teacher, a book, or YouTube. Local knowledge, however, is not available from any of these sources and by its very nature resists documentation and specification. It's often revealed by a person to confirm something the recipient of the knowledge might have already learned by direct experience. Attempts to capture local knowledge often fail because, well, you just had to be there... In spite of that, I'll try to drop a little local knowledge here that may help you avoid a similar fate someday.

The day of the Barge Race this September called for light air and a chance of rain later in the day. The late-season, 22-mile race often benefits from strong winds that allows racers to complete the course in a reasonable 4 to 5 hours. This was not that day. The race start was delayed an hour in hopes that the winds would fill in. Instead, we just lost an hour of

daylight that we would need later. A long southerly slog to the barge by the fleet ended as boats turned and headed north into a variable wind on the nose.

Tacking the entire 11 miles back in shifting winds took another several hours. *S/V Brewster* made it to the finish line as the sun set and increasing rain pelted the crew on deck. We dropped the main and furled that headsail and headed for the Seneca State Park Marina to our slip. It was now completely dark and heavy rain and wind. I could see the two red lights that mark the entrance to the canal – red being on the port side heading to seaward. Keeping those lights in view I noticed a small regulatory floating mark with a small white light on top and



Figure 1: Marker Buoy in the channel at Canal entrance.



Figure 2: Location of the marker in the channel.

thought that was strange in the middle of the channel.

At the same moment, the boat's keel crashed into something and seemed to ride up a rock. We were stuck in the middle of the channel! I tried to shake us free turning back to the center of the channel with no luck. The night is now pitch black and rain is pouring down. We were aground.

Radio calls were exchanged, and we were informed that no sailboats could come to that section of the channel without risking their own grounding. *Local Knowledge!* Friends and fellow sailors found a Seneca Yacht Club power boat and appeared out of the night and attempted to pull us free. After a number of trials and just as we had attached a line to *Brewster's* main halyard, in an attempt to heel the boat over and raise the keel (degree of difficulty: in complete darkness and pouring rain) I put the boat in reverse and was able to back

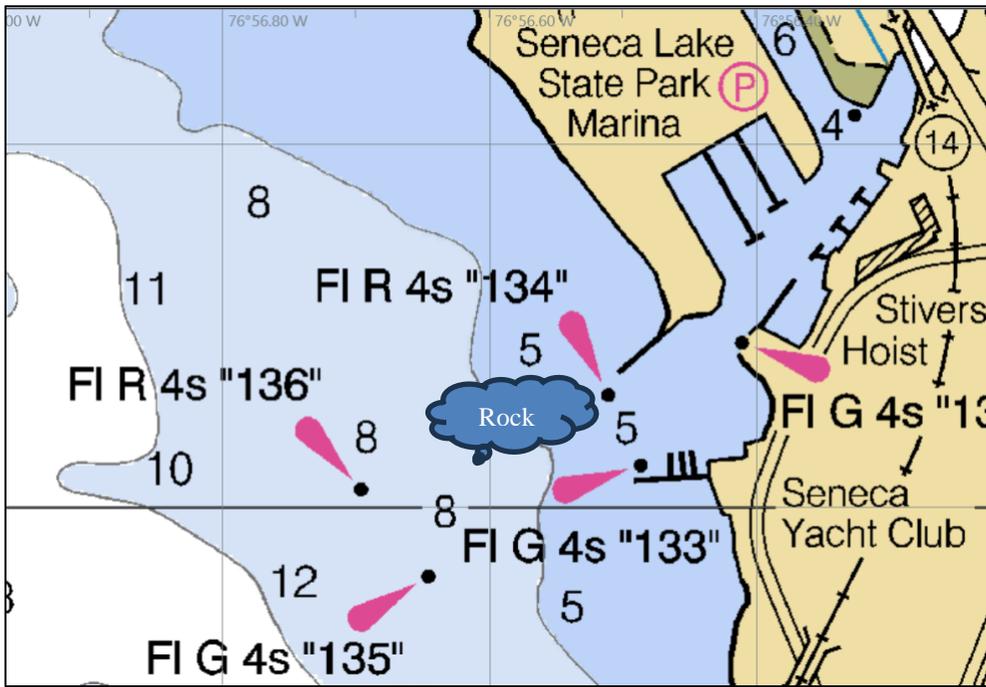


Figure 3: Rock location added by me.

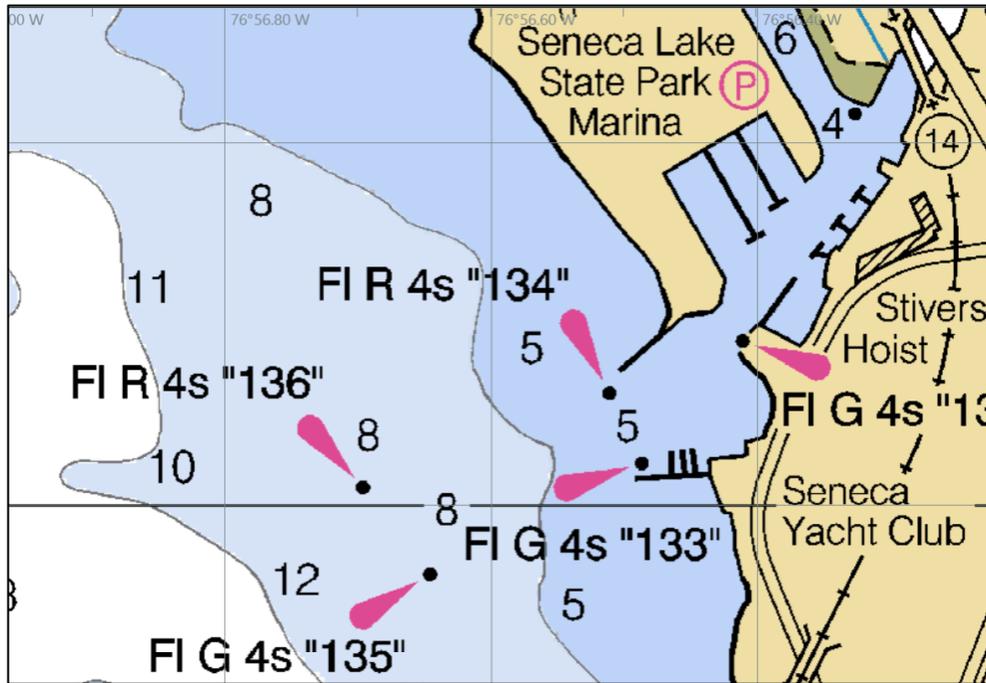


Figure 5: Actual Chart of Seneca Lake Canal Entrance.

off of the rocks. Since it was about 10PM at this point, we pulled into our slip, dried off and called it a night. Later we heard that “everyone knows” you can’t pass through the northern edge of the channel because there is a large obstruction. Well, it’s not on the chart!

One local story is that historically the canal boats sailed up the lake and then before transiting to the canal they would dump the heavy ballast that improved their righting moment for sailing and was a just burden when being hauled through the canal. Somebody must have dumped ballast right at the entrance to the Seneca Lake State Park Marina – so be warned. At some level, all knowledge is local.

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Figure 4: Lead keel impact - That should buff out!

ABC Finger Lakes Chapter Honors Sessler Family

By Glenda Gephart

ABC-FLX Public Relations

Brothers Vern and Craig Sessler and their sister Jane Shaffer recently were awarded honorary memberships in our chapter for their contributions to the Finger Lakes boating community.

The Sesslers, lifelong Seneca Lake boaters, were cited as the driving force behind the \$7.5 million transformation of the Sampson State Park marina and shoreline campgrounds, in a partnership with New York State known as Seneca Lake Resorts. Sessler Companies is based in Waterloo. Sampson State Park is in Romulus, on the east shore of the lake.

“I had the pleasure of meeting and working with the Sessler organization and management while I co-chaired the Friends of Sampson Marina Committee,” said Don Kloeber when introducing Vern Sessler and his wife, Lisa, at an ABC-FLX gathering at Fulkerson Winery on the western side of Seneca Lake.

The committee was formed nearly 15 years ago to persuade New York State Parks and Recreation to preserve the Sampson marina, an “important asset to the Finger Lakes boating community,” Kloeber said.

“When (the state) documented their long-term plans to close



Figure 6: Vern Sessler, honored at a recent meeting, is with his wife, Lisa, and ABC-FLX Commander Phil Cherry, far left, and ABC-FLX member Don Kloeber, far right.

the marina, we were close to giving up. Thankfully, the Sesslers committed to the refurbishment challenge. In addition, they welcomed our committee inputs that provided boater inputs to their designs and ongoing operations,” Kloeber said.

The renovated marina re-opened in June 2019 with new boat slips and docks, boat and kayak launching sites, jet ski docking, fully ADA compliant infrastructure, a fueling station, a ship’s store, concession stand and access to nearby cabins. The public-private agreement additionally has allowed for the development of a long-term campground and other amenities.

Seneca Lake Resorts is also involved with improvements and operations at Seneca Lake State Park and its marina, east of Geneva.

“We can’t thank the Sesslers enough for what they’ve done for boaters on Seneca Lake and in the Finger Lakes, a premier boating destination,” Kloeber said.

Vern Sessler is a Coast Guard-licensed captain and pilot and has navigated 3,800 miles of the nearly 6,000-mile Great Loop waterway route along the eastern coast of the United States, across the Great Lakes and south on rivers, including the Mississippi.

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The Last Word

By Tom Alley, SN-CN

SV Tomfoolery

The Curmudgeon is In



It's getting to be "that time" again, where we turn our collective focus away

from boating for a bit and hunker down for a months-long cold snap. It's certainly not my favorite time of year. As I've aged, my tolerance for the cold has vanished away with my youth. Go ahead and put me into the "curmudgeon" bucket. I'd yell at you to get off my lawn, but it's covered by leaves right now and will likely be hidden away by snow in the not too distant future.

Other activities that remind me that I'm no longer a spry college graduate include the repeated trips I need to make up and down the ladder to get onto my boat as she rests in her cradle and goes through the decommissioning and winterization process. At the end of the day, various joints

and muscles engage in their own curmudgeonly chorus of complaints and bickering.

Despite the plethora of tasks that I'd rather not be doing, there are a few highlights that come along at this time of year. These all revolve around club activities that provide an excuse to get together and spend some time with like-minded boaters.

A big highlight (at least for me) is the annual District 6 Fall Conference. This year's conference was held in Manlius, NY (just outside of Syracuse) in a very nice facility. The conference provided a blend of activities that allowed its attendees to get the latest information from National as well as doing a lot of peer-to-peer networking with other squadrons in our area. The shorter, one-day format also made for a convention that was very affordable along with fitting easily into my already crammed calendar.

At the local level, we've also had a well-attended social event at Fulkerson Winery. We had great food, great wine, a great presentation by our guest

speakers, along with another great opportunity to get caught up with friends and fellow members within our local chapter.

Fall is also the time of year when we shift our educational efforts from an on-the-water (OTW) format to a more traditional classroom setting, albeit with all the modern augmentation provided by Zoom and other telecom technology. As an instructor, I do thoroughly enjoy the interactions I get with my students.

The best part, however, is that by the time you read this column, we will be less than 200 days from relaunching our boats for another season on the water!

See you there!

- Your Editor, Tom

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As always, send your thoughts about this newsletter to:

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Calendar of Events

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)
- 03-12 USPS Annual Meeting (National)
- 13 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 23 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

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)

May 2024

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* May issue publication date.
- 01 *The Deep 6* spring issue publication date. (D/6)
- 14 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 18-24 Safe Boating Week (National)

June 2024

- 11 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 21 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

July 2024

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* July issue publication date.
- 09 Bridge Meeting (1900).
- 19 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles. (D/6)
- 26-28 Summer Boater Weekend, *Sampson State Park Marina, Seneca Lake.*

August 2024

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

September 2024

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

October 2024

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

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