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# THE DRUM

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# From The Commander

By Phil Cherry, S

SV Harmony

### Getting to the Bottom of It

Enjoy your Summer!

Have you noticed when there's a big weather event, flood or heat wave that the 1<sup>st</sup> thing the media latches on to now is climate change? They make the point that the increases in temperature we've experienced these last few decades have given more "energy" to weather systems making them stronger and more dangerous. That all makes sense given the physics of temperature and weather, but the problem looms larger than just the weather.

The issue of climate change was first raised in an international context in 1972 at the United Nations Scientific Conference, held in Stockholm Sweden. Sixteen years later, in 1988, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a forum for the examination of greenhouse warming and global climate change, was established. Climate



change was cited as a specific and urgent issue. A decade later, in December 1997, the Kyoto Protocol was established. It aimed to reduce the industrialized countries' overall emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases by at least 5 percent below the 1990 levels before 2012.

The first international climate treaty on limiting global warming was the Cancun Agreement, which was adopted in 2010. The agreement committed countries to keeping the increase in global average temperature below 2°C above pre-industrial levels.

Five years later, 195 countries from around the world convened near Paris, France and recommitted to a hard target for increased warming of no more than an average of 2°C, while strongly recommending a 1.5°C "goal".

I saw recently where the last ten years are the warmest years on record.<sup>1</sup> NASA has been tracking global surface temperature data for decades and the data is rather stark. Temperatures are  $2.1^{\circ}$ F (1.17°C) warmer than the longterm average from 1951 to 1980. 2023 alone saw a yearly average of  $2.45^{\circ}$ F (1.36°C) above the long-term average.

The primary culprit in this warming phenomenon is carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) - added to the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels. It was just reported the other day that global CO<sub>2</sub> levels have reached a new high of 427 parts per million<sup>2</sup>, a rise in the atmosphere's carbon dioxide content by 50% in less than 200 years<sup>3</sup>.

One of the largest sources of CO<sub>2</sub> is the combustion of coal for electricity generation. The use of coal here in the United States for power generation has decreased dramatically over the past decade but on a global scale, coal use between 2009 and 2019, grew by an average of about 1% per year<sup>4</sup>. This does not bode well for our ability to limit surface temperature increases to 2°C, let alone 1.5°C.

Besides the increase in surface temperature, climate change has

other implications. You may have all read that this year is expected to be a banner year for hurricanes, due largely to warmer ocean surface temperatures and favorable climatic conditions such as El Niño. Then there's the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (what we call the Gulf Stream), which is crucial for carrying heat from the tropics to the northern latitudes. Instruments deployed in the ocean starting in 2004 show that the Atlantic Ocean circulation has observably slowed over the past two decades, possibly to its weakest state in almost a millennium<sup>5</sup>.

Then there's the issue of sea level rise. As oceans warm and increased surface temperatures melt glaciers and sea ice, scientists now believe there will be a rise in sea levels along the east coast of the US of up to 12 inches by 2050<sup>6</sup>. This is significantly higher than estimates just a decade ago. And let's not forget about the public health threats from hot weather. agricultural challenges growing food during heat waves, the bleaching of coral reefs and the health of marine ecosystems due to excessive ocean temperatures.

I'm normally an optimistic person, but with all the issues surrounding climate change these days, I'm having difficulty maintaining that positive outlook. Coal use continues to climb

https://www.scientificamerican.com/

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<sup>2</sup> https://climate.nasa.gov/vitalsigns/carbon-dioxide/?intent=121

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>https://climate.nasa.gov/vital-</u> signs/carbon-dioxide/?intent=121

https://www.iea.org/commentaries/ what-the-past-decade-can-tell-usabout-the-future-of-coal

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If you are wondering what all this has to do with us as boaters, or the ABC-FLX, the answer is not much, albeit we are all impacted by the many facets of climate change and the science behind it. Our little world here in the Finger Lakes seems to be relatively immune from some of the more insidious impacts of climate change (tornadoes, hurricanes, drought, sea level rise, etc.) but we've just had our first big heat wave of the summer and it wasn't pretty. It behooves us all to consider the issue of climate change and make whatever changes we can to our daily lives to help mitigate the rise in emissions and to adapt to a changing climate. The United Nations has published a simple summary for what we can all do

to address climate change. Check it out <u>here</u>. I know the problem won't be solved by each of us limiting our carbon footprint, but do you really want to tell your grandchildren you stood by and did nothing?

Have a great summer!

- Phil, SV Harmony <u>co@abc-flx.org</u>

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If you're a newsletter editor, you'll get this!

# **From the Executive Officer**

#### By Kris West, S

#### Learn by Doing



Learn by doing is the motto of the college my daughter just graduated from. I was so proud to attend her

commencement ceremony where the speaker focused on the idea that education isn't an end in itself. It is a means to achieve agency in your life; a means to apply knowledge to improve your circumstance and, if you choose, to improve the world.

It occurred to me that "learn by doing" could be an equally effective motto for ABC-FLX. Upcoming classes include weather, radar for boaters and a seminar for handling emergencies on board. Talk about agency! Who wouldn't want to know how to read the sky for signs of an oncoming storm in time to batten down the hatches? Would you be prepared if a thru-hull failed and water started filling your bilge? I think that's a circumstance I'd like to avoid but, if it happened, I'd definitely want to know how to improve it! So, I encourage anyone who wants to feel more agency on their boat to sign up for classes and to learn from some of the best around.

I took the engine maintenance course a last year because, as we all know, owning a 30-foot boat in Watkins Glen requires a bit of DIY knowhow. As a new boat owner, I admit that I didn't know an impeller from a thru-hull from an alternator. So that basic maintenance class really helped demystify the inner workings of my Yanmar diesel engine. And, the real benefit of taking the

#### SV Zephyr

course was that this spring I had the basic knowledge (and gumption) to tackle changing out water intake impeller, my impeller belt and my alternator belt. With each project I take on, I gain a bit more experience, a bit more understanding and a bit more agency which makes my sailing adventures so much more rewarding.

Coming up at the beginning of August, we've got a great opportunity to get out and learn by doing. The Summer Boaters' Weekend at Sampson State Park includes a group sail to and from the state park, a hands-on course in dealing with emergencies on board, picnics, and live music. I hope to see you there!

Now, get outside and have fun!

- Kris <u>xo@abc-flx.org</u>

# From the Administrative Officer

**Our Next** 

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We will

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#### By Maggie Martin



together on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at J.R. Dill Winery in Burdett. It is on the east side of Seneca Lake at 4922 NY Route 414. There will be a cash bar for your favorite beverages and, of course, their award winning wines. Food items are available to order from their snack menu. Confirmation of a

#### SV Wined 'n' Down

speaker is pending. They are keeping the winery open after hours for us. Plan to arrive at 6pm. Hope to see you all there!

> - Maggie <u>ao@abc-flx.org</u>

# **From the Education Director**

#### By Katie Alley, JN

#### What Goes Into It All



It is a very blustery day outside as I write this! Certainly, a day when a smart

sailor would put reefs in her sails. Unfortunately, today is a Monday and I am supposed to be working from home on spreadsheets and website updates. However, as a result of the winds, my power is out. I am typing this on my (luckily fully charged) laptop while my work computer's screen sits dark. I needed a break anyway...

As mentioned in our last issue of *The Drum*, I recently acquired a 14-foot Sunfish. The little boat was nowhere near ready to go when I got her in April, and I have been working mainly on a means of transportation for her. My goal is to have her sailing in July, and I am happy to share at this point, I think I'm going to meet that goal!

We all know how much goes into boating. There are just so many aspects to it and each boat is different. There's fiberglassing, woodworking, plumbing, electrical work, sewing, painting, engineering, and so much more craft all going into having a wellmaintained and functioning vessel. Not to mention all that goes into making the boat move properly and being a responsible skipper. The hours spent practicing on the water, learning in an ABC class, listening to stories on sail trim and risky harbor entrances, and watching YouTube videos all make us more knowledgeable and better boaters.

Surely, most of us are also familiar with the acronym B.O.A.T. - Bring Out Another Thousand. The Sunfish appealed to me because of how familiar I am with it and its size. I knew it would take some money to get it going, and I was okay with that. It is a small boat, and once I get it going, it should be good to go for a long time. But now I feel as if I truly understand the acronym B.O.A.T., even with such a small boat. There are so many little things to fix and small upgrades that I feel are necessary for me. I thought that it would be interesting to list everything that has gone into getting this boat functional and seaworthy.

- Sunfish Hull \$375
- Wooden Daggerboard and Rudder \$75
- Trailer \$300
- Lumber for trailer bunks, washers, screws, paintbrushes, varnish, sander block, sandpaper - \$98
- Harbor Freight starter toolkit -\$25
- Bunk Brackets \$53
- Adjustable Keel Roller for trailer \$53
- Trailer Bunk Carpet \$17
- Ratchet Straps \$15

#### SV Tomfoolery

- Coupler Pin (to replace the bent pin that holds the rudder in place) \$10
- Cam cleat (for the main sheet) - \$38
- Telescoping paddle \$19
- Type III PFD 2 for \$44 (currently on sale at Dick's Sporting Goods!)
- Ratchet Block (for the main sheet) \$40
- Stand-up spring for main sheet block \$1.50
- Set of 6 Tell Tales \$2
- S Hook (for tack attachment) \$1.50
- Spar Bar \$55
- Sunfish Lanteen Sail with view window \$152
- Sunfish standard line kit \$55
- Sail rings \$40
- C-Vane Sunfish Wind Indicator - \$40
- Boom Cap with eye \$13
- U-Haul Hitch Installation TBD
- NYS Trailer registration -TBD

So far, that totals approximately \$1,522, with another couple hundred in expenses for the hitch coming soon. Part of being a knowledgeable boater and financially responsible adult is being aware of all the costs associated with a boat. A lot of money goes into it all!

Of course, all of this isn't necessary by any means. You don't need a window in your sail

#### July 2024

or a wind indicator on a 14-foot boat. (But I *wanted* them, and I spend way too much of my life working not to get the simple little things I want. Plus, have you ever gone on a big shopping spree and found yourself saying, *well*, *it's only \$10 more? It's only \$40 more?* Yeah, that happened too.) Some of these purchases will help me with other life activities, like the toolkit and the car hitch.

And of course, the shopping isn't done. The goal for this year is to just get her on the trailer and sailing. Next year, the hull could use some fiberglassing and other cosmetic work. We all find new things we want to add to our boats with time, too. Overall, just getting this boat ready has been a great learning experience and, honestly, a good use of my savings.

We have some great learning opportunities coming up for everyone to get some valuable experience and insights this summer. Most notably, you'll find details about our 2024 Rendezvous to Sampson, taking place the first weekend in August. During the day on Saturday at Sampson, Andrew Price will be leading the *Emergencies on Board* seminar. From what I heard, this seminar was great the last time Andrew gave it! There's a lot of vital information in that seminar and regarding the subject matter in general.

The *Celestial Navigation* class will be kicking off shortly, with some sight-taking sessions coming up soon. We'll be learning the stars and planets!

Another round of *America's Boating Course* will be on the schedule soon to help our local boaters meet the requirements of Brianna's Law. We have the option to hold this class in either Watkins Glen/Montour Falls or at Sampson State Park (or both). Please reach out to me if you are interested in getting your Boater Safety Card sometime in August or September.

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The *Radar* and *Weather* classes are on the roster for this coming fall/winter. If there is another class you would like to see offered, please email me! I'm all ears for what the people want. Though, I don't know how much help I would be in a boat finance class...



- Katie <u>seo@abc-flx.org</u>

# **Secretary's Sidenotes**

#### By Jeff Mack, JN

#### **Lessons in Sailing**



I bought my 1973 Sabre 28 not because it was an

impressive, small, "classic plastic," and well-reviewed sailboat, or because it looked perfect to my untrained eye. I bought it because it was the nicest small sailboat geographically in reach that I could afford. I also liked the Sabre's warm and woody interior and just enough teak on deck to get the idea. At first, all I wanted to do was learn to sail. cruise, and maybe race a bit. The more experience I got with the boat, and boats in general, the more my new, old boat revealed her issues, and the hidden needs and flaws that characterize boats of her age.

When you start sailing, it's easy to get swept up in the process of sailing itself—It's possible to forget about the boat beneath you. As time passes and things break and wear out, some of that 'new skipper glamour' begins to wear off.

I grew disenchanted by a combination of leaks, degrading parts, and broken pieces from my newbie mistakes. All of that combined with the occasional Atomic 4 misbehavior made it clear that I would need to put more into this hobby than I anticipated. Research, restoration, repair, maintenance and upkeep were going to have to be a significant piece of the time and money budget for the boat.

I knew it was coming but still resented this fact a little. After all, these things took time from sailing, but slowly I've come to realize that it's all part of the game. The better caretaker I am, the better my experience is on the water. The more problems I fix and upgrades I make to my boat, the more I know about the structure and systems, and the more confident I am in my and my boat's capabilities.

Sailing, in some ways, as it turns out, is one of the simplest parts of the deal. I have learned to be a

#### SV Tiny Tina

decent steward to my boat. Much of the struggle for me was overcoming the fear of the unknown.

She is in better condition now than when I bought her five years ago. There is always a project or two in the works and I now look forward to chipping away at them as they emerge.

The most important lesson through it all has been patience. This is good, because every project I plan often comes with layers of invisible micro projects that I didn't even know about just to get to the project I wanted to do in the first place. The boat tells me what to do and what I need to learn. Everything falls in a category ranging from the mustdos, relating to safety and functionality, all the way to wantto-dos related to comfort and aesthetics, so I've found it better to try to accept them with warm anticipation, fit them in when I can, and use them as an opportunity better my boat and myself along with it.

> - Jeff secretary@abc-flx.org

# **ABC-FLX News**

### Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to our members! July

Andrew Price Jacqueline Honsberger Terry Mason Kris West

#### August

Mary Honsberger Christa Wolf Bob Sisbarro Bob MacBlane Tom Alley

### Save The Date: Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

#### Ahoy Boaters!

ABC-Finger Lakes Chapter is again sponsoring a weekend at Sampson, on August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>.

- Friday Sail/motor from Watkins Glen and have dinner at the Vista with a live band.
- Saturday Boating activities & Skills training
- Saturday night Phil Smock and the *Take 3 Quartet* will be there again this year.
- Sunday Return to Watkins Glen.

Please put this weekend on your summer calendar and get a slip reservation at Seneca Lake Resorts using the following link:

Seneca Lake Resorts - Sampson | Reserve your campsite today (campspot.com) Questions? Contact Jim McGinnis at jmcginni@stny.rr.com.

[More details of the event can be found on the next page of this newsletter. -Ed.]

# Crossing the Bar, Robert "Bob" Alley, 1927-2024

While Bob was not a boater, he was known to many in the boating community here. He died peacefully on June 28<sup>th</sup>

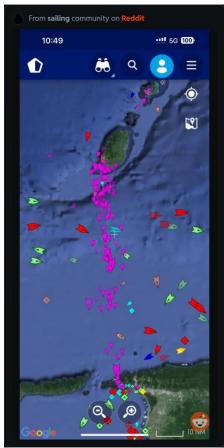


surrounded by his family and caregivers. He was 96.

Bob's complete obituary can be found here:

https://www.salernofuneralhomes. com/visitations/robert-p-boballey/5004/

### **Hurricane Evacuation**



AIS screenshot from the app Marine Traffic, posted on r/sailing on Reddit.com on 6/30, of vessels departing Grenada and heading south to avoid Hurricane Beryl.

### 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!



#### America's Boating Club Finger Lakes Chapter

Rendezvous 2024 Friday, August 2 - Sunday, August 4, 2024 Seneca Lake Resorts at Sampson State Park 6040 NY-96A, Romulus, NY 14541

Welcome to the ABC-FLX 2024 Rendezvous. We have a fun packed weekend again this year.

- 1. We are presenting an orientation on use of the marine sextant for Celestial Navigation.
- Navigation students will be making initial sights and developing their skill.
- 2. We are offering the USPS "Emergencies on Board" Seminar for attendees.
- 3. We are offering Hands On boating skills "On the water" to any ABC-FLX or FLYC member.
- 4. Sampson has a new awesome Mini Golf Course Must try a round!

Meals and beverages are on your own for the weekend. We have several get togethers planned. You can come for any portion of the weekend by boat or by car.

- Friday night at Sampson is a Sunset Party at "The Vista". Food trucks are available.
- Saturday night Dinner at 6 PM, Bring your own main dish.
   You are also asked to bring a side, salad or dessert to share.
   Phil Smock and his "Take 3 Quartet" will perform at our event.
- Bring folding chairs.

If you have any Questions? Call or text Jim McGinnis 607-346-5408, or Don Kloeber 607-857-0154. Register for "Emergencies on Board" with Andrew Price 607-725-9107.

Request for "On the Water" Training with Jim McGinnis 607-346-5408.

If you plan to come to any portion of the weekend, please send Jim McGinnis a note by 7/26/24. jmcginni@stny.rr.com Slip Reservations are due now! www.Seneca Lake Resorts.com

#### <u>Friday</u>

1000 Boats depart Watkins Glen - About 4 hours to Sampson at 5 knots - Sailing about 6 hours

1800 Happy Hour and Dinner at Sampson Park, Live Entertainment at The Vista in the park

#### Band: "Dean's List" Band from Rochester, NY Classic and Modern Rock Favorites

#### Dinner Options:

Sampson Seneca Lake Resorts Snack Bar Mobile Food Truck "Silo" available <u>www.silofoodtruck.com</u>

#### <u>Saturday</u>

- 0900 Assemble for Bloody Marys at M/V Bacchus (Hosted by Don and Marge Kloeber)
- 1000 Orientation to sextant for Navigation Course (Tom Alley, Jim McGinnis, Jim Morris)
- 1200 Lunch (and Meridian Transit sights)
- 1330 "Emergencies on Board" Seminar (*Andrew Price*) *Register with Andrew. On request:* Hands-On Boating Skills Demonstrations and Practice (*Jim McGinnis*)
- 1600 Open time: Sailing, Swimming, Hiking, Biking, new this year MINI-GOLF. Visit: Sampson Memorial Naval & Air Force Museum
- 1730 Social Hour/Dinner By Sampson Marina Slip W31

#### Special Event – Live Band "Take 3 Quartet" 1800-2000 HRS

2000 Stars, Planets - Sight Taking Session at Dusk for Navigation Students and anyone interested.

#### <u>Sunday</u>

1000 Depart Return to Watkins Glen

# **Upcoming Classes & Seminars**

### Where Do I Start?

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

# Emergencies On Board Seminar

No one *intends* to have any mishaps aboard when they head out to enjoy a day on the water. The truth is the best way to be prepared for an emergency on board is to plan ahead and be prepared. This seminar teaches you how to handle and prevent common emergencies on a boat. Learn what vessel emergencies you should be the most prepared for, what to do when a fire breaks out on board, how to handle medical emergencies, and how to communicate with crew, other boats, and first responders. Refresh your memory with this seminar at the start of this year's boating season to keep yourself and your passengers safe.

When: August 3rd, 2024

Where: Sampson State Marine Park

Duration: 2 hours

Instructor: Andrew Price

### **Celestial Navigation**

Building on the Offshore Navigation class (JN), the Celestial Navigation (N) course expands on concepts introduced in "Junior Navigation" and extends them to allow students to navigate by traditional means using stars, planets, and the moon in addition to the sun. The classroom sessions won't begin until this fall, but sight-taking sessions will take place during the (much warmer) summer months aboard various instructors' vessels on Seneca Lake. Sighttaking sessions will take place on Fridays and Saturdays in the evening during dusk and twilight.

**Prerequisites:** Offshore Navigation (JN)

**When:** Sight taking sessions will begin in July. Classroom sessions will begin in August.

**Instructors:** Tom Alley & Jim McGinnis.

## **Radar for Boaters**

The name says it all - learn all about radar and how it works. Radar is a practical tool for navigation and collision avoidance. This course talks about radar equipment and how to use it as a boater.

**Prerequisites:** Marine Navigation (Piloting)

When: TBA

**Duration:** 7 weeks (6 classroom sessions plus a final exam)

### Weather

Have you ever had a thunderstorm appear out of nowhere over the western hills of the lake? It can really put a "damper" on your day of cruising! The newly revised weather course can teach you about meteorological systems, how weather is created, and signs of impending poor weather. Learn how to understand a forecast indepth and how boaters can receive the most accurate forecasts onboard.

Prerequisites: None

When: Winter 2025

**Duration:** 6-8 weeks. Details TBA

### **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, Katie Alley

### seo@abc-flx.org

or send a check made out to ABC-FLX to:

Katie Alley 295 Stillwater Dr. Horseheads, NY 14845

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, Katie Alley, at <u>SEO@abc-flx.org</u>.

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

www.abc-flx.org

# ABC-FLX INVITES YOU TO OUR ... FRI AUG 2 -**SENECA LAKE** SUN AUG 4 **RESORTS AT** SAMPSON STATE SEE PDF FOR PARK COMPLETE 6040 NY-96A **ROMULUS NY 14541** TRAVEL (AND PARTY) AS A FLEET LIVE MUSIC **CELESTIAL SIGHT TAKING POTLUCK DINNER EMERGENCIES ON BOARD SEMINAR NEW MINI GOLF ON-THE-WATER TRAINING ENJOY THE PARK**

# Long-Term Class Schedule

Seneca Education Department

BOC Level		Title	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Inland Navigator	Classes	ABC	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
		Boat Handling		Х		Х		Х
		Engine Maintenance					Х	
		Marine Electrical Systems			Х			
	Seminars	Using A Chart						Х
		VHF/DSC Radios						Х
		Using GPS					Х	
		Basic Weather and Forecasting				Х		
	Skills	Basic Powerboat Handling					Х	
		Fire Extinguishers						

BOC Level		Title	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Coastal Navigator	Classes	Marine Navigation			Х			Х
		Marine Communication Systems		Х				
		Weather	Х					Х
	Seminars	Tides & Currents						Х
		Rules of the Road	С					
		Anchoring						
		Mariner's Compass			Х		Х	
	Skills	Coastal Nav					Х	
		Pyrotechnics				Х		

BOC Level		Title	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Advanced Coastal Navigator	Classes	Advanced Marine Navigation			Х		Х	Х
		Cruise Planning	С					
		Marine Navigation Systems		Х				
		Radar	х					
	Sem.	Emergencies Onboard	х					х
		Marine Radar						
	Skills	Advanced Coastal Nav						х
		First Aid						

BOC Level		Title	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Offshore Navigator	С	Offshore Navigation			Х			Х
	Sem.	Computer Weather Forecasting	х					
		Thunderstorms / Severe Weather	Х					
	š	Offshore Navigation	х					
	Skills	CPR/AED						
Endorsmentss		Sail	Х		Х		Х	
		Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes				Х		Х
men		Canadian Regulations		Х				
itss		Paddlesmart		Х			Х	
Other		Instructor Development					Х	
		Instructor Recertification	х		Х		Х	
		Operations Training					Х	
		Celestial Navigation	Х			Х		

### Table Key

X = Planned

C = Completed

# The Last Word

#### By Tom Alley, SN-CN

#### **Editorial Ground Hog Day**



newsletter editor is similar to

being stuck in time, much the

way Bill Murray found himself

reliving the same day over and

I'm not looking for

over in Ground Hog Day. While

prognostications from a rodent,

I do seem to operate in a never-

ending cycle of sending out

Being a club

nagging emails to remind authors of fast approaching (or already bygone) deadlines and then scurrying to get everything together in time for publication dates. One might think that getting an issue out the door would be a grand, celebratory event, but alas, it simply marks the period when the "reset button" is pushed and the cycle repeats for the next issue.

Like New Year's Day, each successive issue provides the genesis of various resolutions to be better organized, to not procrastinate, and to be more aware of self-imposed deadlines, to pace myself and avoid that last-minute rush prior to publication. And, like New

#### SV Tomfoolery

Year's resolutions, they fall by the wayside just as quickly, thereby guaranteeing a repeat of the previous cycle.

It brings to mind the instructions on a bottle of shampoo:

Lather, rinse, repeat.

When are we supposed to stop?

With that said, I guess I'll see you again on the next repetition!

- Your Editor, Tom

As always, send your thoughts about this newsletter to:

<u>editor@abc-flx.org</u> ° ° ° ° °



No excuses! I need your articles NOW!

# **Calendar of Events**

#### July 2024

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* July issue publication date.
- 09 Bridge Meeting (1900).
- 12-16 Lake Ontario 300 Challenge Race.
- 16 ABC-FLX Chapter Get-Together, J. R. Dill Winery, Burdett, NY. (1800)
- 19 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles. (D/6)

#### August 2024

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- *The Deep 6* summer issue publication date. (D/6)
- 02-04 Summer Boater Weekend, Sampson State Park Marina, Seneca Lake.
- 13 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 23 Deadline for *Drum* Articles
- TBA Celestial Navigation classroom sessions begin.

#### September 2024

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

#### October 2024

- 08 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 19 District 6 Fall Council & Conference, Manlius, NY (D/6)
- 25 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles (D/6)
- 25 Deadline for *Drum* articles

#### November 2024

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

#### December 2024

20 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

#### January 2025

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

#### February 2025

- 01 The Deep 6 winter issue publication date. (D/6)
- 01-10 USPS Annual Meeting (National)
- 11 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 21 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

#### March 2025

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* March issue publication date.
- 11 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- TBA District 6 Spring Council & Conference (D/6)

#### April 2025

- 08 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 18 Deadline for *The Deep 6* articles (D/6)
- 21 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

#### May 2025

- 01 Finger Lakes *Drum* May issue publication date.
- 01 The Deep 6 spring issue publication date. (D/6)
- 13 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 17-23 Safe Boating Week (National)

#### June 2025

- 10 Bridge Meeting (1900)
- 20 Deadline for *Drum* Articles

Calendars are "living documents." For the latest information on squadron activities, please check our web site:

#### http://www.abc-flx.org

or our Facebook page:

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#### for any last-minute changes.