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EVENTS CALENDAR

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, America's Boating Club Hilton Head has suspended some boating activities, courses, seminars, dinner meetings, and the Jump Start program until further notice. The EXCOMM meeting on May 6th will be conducted at 4:30 PM electronically. Thank you for your patience while we all practice safe social distancing measures.

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Peter J. Dion, SN



During this pandemic, and as result of our local restrictions, your Leadership Team (EXCOMM) has been meeting virtually via Zoom.

Discussions on several items have been taking place in order to plan future courses, seminars, cruises, dinner meetings, just to name a few. Once restrictions are lifted, we hope to have a full range of activities for your boating and friendship pleasures.

Next spring we will be co-hosting the District Spring "Cruise and Rendezvous" with ABC Beaufort. Thanks to Craig and Debbie Loomis for stepping up to volunteer to chair that project for us. Debbie and Craig have been very active boaters while participating in many boating functions in our Squadron. I am confident they will represent us well. **Thank You Craig and Debbie!**

Our "Captain's Only" cruise that was cancelled, is on again, scheduled during the next couple of weeks. This cruise from member Bob Newbert was such a successful idea, he had to come up with an additional cruise date to accommodate the numbers requesting to participate. This cruise takes into consideration the CDC and local restrictions. If there's a creative and fun way to get it done...Bob will do it.

Thanks Bob. Additionally, Tom Ryley will be sending out an additional notice soon about a cruise that will accommodate larger and small boats.

Several members have contacted me about corrections to the 2020 Membership and Fleet Roster. See corrections below. If you see anything that needs correcting in the future, please don't hesitate to contact me at peterjdion@gmail.com. Currently, we are looking at a way to put all the Roster information online in order to eliminate the cost of printing, mailing, additions, etc.

2020 Membership and Fleet Roster Corrections

1. Bonnie Powell email: bpowell450@aol.com
2. John Jeffries email: john.jeffries505@gmail.com
3. Allan McFarlane is correct spelling. Delete any "Allen" McFarlane in Roster.
4. Page 30 delete email: Klausloehr@aol.com
5. Pages 8, 10, and, 33: Robert Newbert, AP-IN "IN" missing.

6. Bob White: 843.715.1794
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Sometimes we find some boaters who are confused between ABCHH and FBC. America's Boating Club Hilton Head is an affiliate of the United States Power Squadron. ABCHH is a very separate and distinct organization from the Freedom Boat Club. Many of the FBC members are members of ABCHH, and to that we're grateful. Please remember the difference in signing up for future courses, seminars, and events. Thank you.

Despite the world situation, there are still ways to go boating and have fun. As a matter of fact, I went out fishing yesterday and saw 27 boats out at the Betsy Ross wreck. The seas were fairly calm and the fish were biting. Did I catch anything? A couple of Red Snappers (out of season, had to release them), several Black Sea Bass (too small), and a Remora. No Cobia! Well, there's always next time.





From the Education Officer, Tom Ryley, P



Online Education from Americas Boating Channel

With the current Stay at Home and Work order from the State, we have had to suspend all our planned courses and seminars for this spring. Hopefully, we will be able to reschedule everything, though it will depend on timing as to when things begin to return to normal.

In the meantime, a great option to build your boating knowledge, and keep your skills up to date, is to watch the programs and training videos offered on Americas Boating Channel, the content of which is provided by the United States Power Squadrons. To access the channel, go to americasboatingchannel.com, or search for it on YouTube.

On the channel, you will find an extensive library of short instructional videos on many topics, including boat handling, docking, anchoring, and managing various sea conditions.

Also, for the period that our current restrictions remain in place, the USPS is also offering a weekly hosted program of close to an hour, on a range of boating topics and interests. Episode 1 was posted last week, and it's our understanding that there will be a new episode each week for the near future.

We have now received the results from the Boat Handling exams held in February. This was the exam that covers the material in the new six seminar series on practical aspects of Boat Handling ... Including Rules of the Road, Docking, Boating Under Power, Anchoring, Emergencies on Board, and Lines and Knots. Persons passing the exam are awarded the designation of "S" on their USPS records; this is the replacement for the previous Seamanship course.

The course and seminars were very well received - Not least because of the excellent teaching by Mark Larson, Al Pepe, Klaus Loehr, Walter Kirk, and Peter Dion.

Those being awarded the '**S**' designation are Neil Boderman, Chris Brigham, Joe Dattilo, Chris Dattilo, Cassie Davis, Bob Greene, Will Hogan, Susan Ketchum, Brad Loescher, Janice McKelvey, Mike McKelvey, Craig Loomis, Angelo Nardi, Patty North, Jeff North, Tom Philbrick, Mary Richardson, Jack Winter, and Ted Witman.

The Boat Handling seminar series will again be offered this fall, if things return to normal... And it is strongly recommended to all boaters as the next step in boating education after ABC...

For those with the interest and time available, I encourage you to have a look at Americas Boating Channel, whether on your laptop, or with your household on your big screen. Thank you, and hopefully we will soon be back to "our regularly scheduled programming."



Tom Ryley
Education Officer