Commander’s Report

Elections

Elections were held at our dinner meeting on Jan 27, and the following are the new officers for 2020. They will be sworn in Feb. 24th at Mimi’s Cafe. I hope you all come out and support them.

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Three special awards were given to people who went way above and beyond the call of duty.

Don Butler received the Best New Member award for his participation in working at all the boating safety classes and most of the planned VSC inspections.

Bob Mattison received an award for doing the most vessel safety inspections. The club did 135 inspections and Bob did 63 of them.

Ed and Jean Armes received an award for being the best chef and sous chef in the club and for all the work they have put in on the social activities throughout the year.

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Merritt Marks are awarded to people who work hard for the squadron by giving at least 14 hours of their time to make the club successful. Merritt Marks are given out via email to the recipients so no one knows who gets on except that person. I want to recognize and thank all the people who worked hard last year to make our club successful.

**Merritt Mark Recipients**

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On a personal note, I would like to thank the 2019 bridge for all the work they did to make our club successful.

Tom
ABAFT LOOKOUT:

Bridge Officer Elections

America’s Boating Club-Knoxville held their annual election of officers on Monday, January 27 at Barley’s in Maryville, Tn. 25 squadron members and 1 guest, Peter Kraslawsky, gathered for socializing & enjoying appetizers before a delightful buffet dinner of assorted pizzas & salad.

The business meeting began with our commander, Tom Dietrich, presiding over the election of officers of the 2020 bridge. The results are listed in the Commander’s Report.

Past commander, Janet Bray will also be a voting member of our bridge but this is not an elected office.

Tom Dietrich-Commander, explained the current committees needed to run our activities and passed around a sheet for members to select the committee (s) they would be interested in serving on. He also announced **there will be an AO committee meeting at his home on Feb. 8 at 10AM** for those interested in our scheduled events for the coming year. Coffee and donuts, etc. will be served.

Don Perrine-SEO, announced that we will have a of total 8 instructors available to teach classes during the coming year.
AFT LOOKOUT: CONTINUE
Bridge Officer Elections

Ed Armes-AO, reminded everyone of the Feb. 24 meeting at Mimi’s Cafe in Turkey Creek for our annual Change of Watch during which the 2020 officers will be sworn in. The information & menu for this event is on page 6. Ed also encouraged everyone to bring a guest to this meeting. A reminder was given that all attending this event need to notify Jean Armes by Feb.17 to sign up as we need to give Mimi’s a head count on those coming.

Bob Mattison-XO, reported on the boat show in March. He presented a sign-up board for squadron members to select time slots they will be available to work in the booth. He also reported that the new decals and paperwork for boat inspections are here and inspections can be started. He urged everyone to make this year a 100% Inspected squadron.

Tom Dietrich-commander, then recognized members of our squadron that had given of their time and efforts above and beyond the call of duty by presenting certificates of appreciation to Don Butler, Bob Mattison, Ed and Jean Armes.

Beth Fendley gave some very interesting and important information on the invasion of Asian (Silver) carp in our nearby waters. These fish have now been found in Chickamauga Lake and will be in Watts Bar Lake in the near future. She explained the ways we can help to protect our lakes and prevent the horrible effects Asian carp can have on our fishing environments and industries.

Silver carp

The remainder of the meeting was spent in visiting with our fellow boaters.
AFT LOOKOUT: CONTINUED
Bridge Officer Elections
Currently Underway:

We would like to invite everyone to a planning meeting on **Feb. 8th at 10A.M.** The purpose of the meeting is to finalize the calendar of our social events for 2020. We are looking for ideas for new events and volunteers to coordinators events. The meeting will be at **Tom and Marbeth's house**, 298 Cheestana Way, Tellico Village. Please RSVP to **tdietric1@aol.com**

The ABC-Knoxville **Change Of Watch** has been scheduled for February 24, 2020. It will be held at:

**Mimi's Cafe, 10945 Parkside Dr. Knoxville, Tn (Turkey Creek).**

**Social hour will be 6:00 PM with dinner 7:00 PM.** Business casual attire will be appreciated.

Menu Choices Are:

- Grilled Atlantic Salmon - $15.19
  Grilled Atlantic salmon, choice of 2 sides.

- French Pot Roast - $14.99
  Beef bourguignon braised with carrots, mushrooms, and onions in red wine shallot sauce over mashed potatoes.

- Coastal Shrimp Salad Pasta - $15.19
  Sauteed shrimp, tomato, roasted broccoli, and linguine pasta in lemon garlic sauce.

- Mediterranean Salad with Roasted Chicken- $12.39
  Artichoke hearts, tomatoes, cucumbers, feta, black olives, quinoa red and white blend, red onions, kale with mixed greens in a red wine shallot vinaigrette.

Bar beverages, sodas, tea, and coffee will be available.

This is not a prepaid event. You will be responsible for your own meals, drinks, and a 20% suggested gratuity. We do need to turn in a head count to set up tables so please call:

**Jean Armes by February 15th, at 458-9624 for a seat reservation.**
March 5—8: Knoxville Boat Show

Everyone's HELP IS NEEDED -- manning the booth at the boat show. It is the Knoxville Boat Show and it runs from March 5th (Thursday) until March 8th (Sunday).

Set up is on the 5th from 10:00am to 2:00pm with the show starting at 2:00pm/9:00pm on Thursday.

Friday the show is from 12:00pm to 9:00pm,

Saturday is from 10:00am to 9:00pm and

Sunday is from 11:00am to 5:00pm and then tear down from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

It will take all our efforts to make this show a success, so please let me know what day and time you want to work.

Please contact Bob Mattison --843-504-8271 or email remattison@aol.com.

March

2 Bridge Meeting
5-9 Downtown Boat Show
??-?? District Spring Conference
26-29 BOC Boat School Pensacola, FL

April

17-19 Downtown Cruise Rossini Festival
14, 16, 18, 21 ABC Class 1 Holiday Inn Knoxville
25 Vessel Safety Check (VSC)---Rarity Bay
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT CORNER 20-02

We had an educational planning meeting at Don Perrine’s home to discuss offerings for 2020. We have tentatively scheduled: ABC3 part-a April 14 – 21 at the Downtown Holiday Inn, the Boat Handling course, online, May 5 – June 16, ABC3 part-b June 9 – 16 at Concord Yacht Club, ABC3 part-c August 4 – 11 at Louisville Town Hall and Marine Navigation (Piloting), online, September 8 – 20. We are also considering offering seminars like Anchoring, GPS, Using Charts and VHF Radio possibly as noncredit mini seminars at meetings or online for full credit. Please let us know if you want the full credit version. We have developed a Teaser, PowerPoint about the ABC3 boating course for possible use at the boat show. As a reminder, there will be a regional, on-water, BOC school at Pensacola March 26 – 29, 2020.

We’ll have an educational leadership meeting on February 20 to finalize the details and schedules for our program this year, which we expect will be ready to publicize by March 1. We also have four more instructors who are in the process of being certified (thanks to Tom Dietrich), giving us a total of eight. We should be able to do a larger number of courses and seminars, as well as the on the water programs. One of the benefits of our offerings is that it is a pathway to membership for interested students. Between the educational programs, our other activities and a good chance to increase our membership, it certainly looks like it will be a rewarding and fun year.

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FROM THE WATER 20-02

If you are a sailor or coastal cruiser did you know there is a free, very comprehensive, weather source for sailors called Predict Wind (www.predictwind.com). There are two versions:

**For Inshore and Coastal Sailing**
- Access using Mobile Data or WIFI
- Login from any device
- No GRIB Viewer
- No Satellite Connection required

**For offshore sailing**
- Satellite/SSB Connection needed
- GRIB (XML weather files) Viewer
- Compressed file sizes for faster download
- GMDSS Forecasts
- Satellite Imagery

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Animated wind flow map above  Isobar/wind force (if you took our Weather course)

Both the free and fee-based versions offer four different forecast models for added confidence (like professional meteorologists use). The fee-based version can even do cruise, weather routing. It looks at up to four different departure days to insure you get the most favorable winds and avoid storms. There is a lot of information in the free version so check it out now.

TECHNICAL CORNER 20-02

If you need to physically look at new boat equipment before buying it, why not schedule a trip to Ft. Lauderdale. Allegient flights are relatively inexpensive and the West Marine store there is bigger than a super Wal-Mart.

We went, stayed in a motel on the “Marina Mile”, within walking distance of the shipyard we used for a hull survey, and thought we had gone to heaven! Bring your checkbook and probably your personal banker with you. Just your credit card won’t be enough.
Do you know that you can determine your latitude anywhere in the Northern Hemisphere by just measuring the angle of the North Star (Polaris) above the horizon? Yup! And you can find the north star by following a line from the two stars that make the outer edge of the cup of the Big Dipper to Polaris. Your latitude is simply the angle of Polaris above the horizon.

To find your longitude, record the time when the sun is highest in the sky (your local noon). Then take the difference from London time...say 5 hours and 30 minutes later. Multiply 5.5 times 15 degrees and your longitude is 82.5 degrees west. The earth rotates at 15 degrees per hour, so knowing how many hours you are from when it was noon in London, which is the reference 0 degree longitude or Prime Meridian; you can calculate your longitude. Note: if your time was ahead of London, you would be east longitude.
## 2020 EVENT CALENDAR

### January
- **6 Bridge Meeting**—cancelled
- Instructor Development Jan 20, 28 Feb 3 10
- Jan, 27 Membership Meeting, Elections
- 3 Bridge Meeting
- 12 - 16 USPS National Meeting Ponta Viedra, FL
- Feb, 24 Change of Watch—Navigation seminar (Capt Farmer)

### February
- 2 Bridge Meeting
- 5-9 Downtown Boat Show
- ??-?? District Spring Conference
- 26-29 BOC Boat School Pensacola, FL
- March, 23 Membership Meeting,

### March
- 17-19 Downtown Cruise Rossini Festival
- 14, 16, 18, 21 ABC Class 1 Holiday Inn Knoxville
- VSC April 25th—Rarity Bay
- April , 27 Membership Meeting

### April
- 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9 & 16 Boat Handling Online
- VSC May 2nd—Tanasi Docks & Tellico Village Yacht Club
- May 9th—Kahite Docks & Tellico Village Yacht Club
- May 16th—Tellico Village Yacht Club & Kahite Docks
- May 30th—Tellico Harbor Marina & Sequoyah Landing Marina
- May,15-16 Dock & Dine & lock thru

### May
- 9, 11, 13, 16 ABC Class 2 Concord Yacht Club
- VSC June 6th—Fort Loudoun Marina & Wind River Marina
- 5,6,&7 Terrace View
- 24 lock thru ???
- Mo, 20-21 Dock & Dine

### June
- 7 Christmas Party

### July
- 18 BoatRides4Vets July 18th 9AM—5PM
- 27 Wine Tasting & 7PM Dinner

### August
- 3 Bridge Meeting
- 4, 6, 8, 11 ABC Class 3 Louisville Town Hall
- Ride 4 vets
- Aug 14-15 Dock & Dine Predicted Log

### September
- 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20 Piloting (Marine Navigation)
- Sept 18 Dock & Dine
- Sept 19 Salmon Roast/ Member appreciation Day

### October
- 26 Membership Meeting

### November
- Mo, 2 Bridge Meeting
- 23 Membership Meeting

### December
- AmericasBoatingClub-Knoxville.org