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Commander's Comments

Cdr Tom Dietrich, SN

Commander's Report

While we were at Terrace View, I asked everyone what three things they would like to see our squadron do. The group had many new suggestions covering a broad range of activities, boating, education, civic service, and recruiting.

Examples of boating activities included cruising to Harriman's Renaissance Fair, Kingston fireworks, and a UT game. People would also like to see more raft offs. There were many comments about participating more in civic activities, which we haven't done much of in the past. The topic of recruiting brought many good ideas, including a wine and cheese membership drive, using billboards, staffing a table at a New Villagers' meeting in Tellico Village, and better use of social media. The area of education produced suggestions like training for the first mate, seminars just for women, hands on docking practice, and many others.

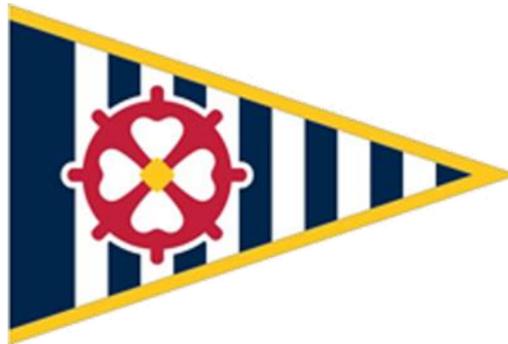
All the ideas have been given to the Executive Committee and we will see how many we can incorporate into this year and next year.

Speaking about next year the Executive Committee is also looking at the national plan, which you have all received, and discussing how we can continue to change our organization in concert with this plan. **The intent of these changes are to get more members actively involved, and to**

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give all members more of a role in running the club. The comments you are providing me about the plan, will be very beneficial in making these changes a success. So keep them coming.

Tom



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ABAFT LOOKOUT:

Lenoir City Rock The Dock



As prologue to the 4th of July, seven of our members plus guests rafted in the cove off Lenoir City Park for the June 29 “Rock The Dock”. Time After Time (Robin and Walt Hanson, with two guests Peg and Judy from New England) anchored around 3 PM and soon had rafted alongside Soulmates (Tom and Marbeth Dietrick), Color The Wind (Wayne Baker with Marilyn, his daughter Michele and grand-daughter Haley), and Mc² (Mike and Maureen McCarthy). The cove, which is 0.3 miles NE of the park, afforded great shelter in 20ft of water and was 0.2 miles due N of the fireworks barge. The event coordinators indicated that we were part of 500 boats and 32,000 landlubbers in attendance.

From that vantage point the fireworks filled the sky and the still water provided superior reflections. We were also far enough that we weren’t near the smoke and the deafening sounds of the bands. Throughout the afternoon several bands at the park played awesome oldies that provided ambiance for swimming and casual dining.

To be safe, Tom set his anchor. That evolution entailed tying his plow to a lifejacket and swimming it to the desired spot. The boats spun around overnight, which meant the next day the rodes were tangled. Walt hauled in on his rode till the tangle surfaced. The rodes were then passed to Tom’s boat. By expanding the tangle into a large loop through which his anchor could pass, Tom was able to recover it. By 8:30 AM Sunday breakfast was finished and anchors were weighed.



ABAFT LOOKOUT CONTINUED:



Members Raft at Malibu Wakeboard Contest

The Smoky Mountain Wakeboard Pro was held at the Malibu Boats Factory in Loudon on July 6. "Time After Time" (Walt and Robin Hanson) and "Works 4 Us" (Ed and Beth Fendley) rafted to view the contest and be a backdrop for the press cameras. "Time After Time" anchored in 10 feet of water off the north tip of Blair Island (around 589.6MM) directly across from the factory. The course was 330 feet away; so, it was easy to view all the acrobatics. The show was televised. As a backdrop to the contest, our members got brief airtime on WBIR and WATE (see pic). The day included swim call, lunch, and friendly chatter. As a side note, Robin came away with a wet T-shirt. A Malibu course boat had an air cannon that launched T-shirts into the crowd of boats. Hers was wet because it overshot the crowd a 100 feet and Walt had to swim for it. The competition started around 1030. Most of the boating community arrived around noon. By the time the contest was over there were 30 to 40 boats.

Pics available at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Pt722eK7u2cqDA9u8>



Winery Dinner

The stormy and rainy evening of Monday July 22 found 30 members of ABC-Knoxville and 2 guests enjoying a delicious French-themed dinner prepared by **Terri Smook** at the Tennessee Valley Winery on Hotchkiss Road in Loudon, Tn. The winery was delightfully decorated and our members enjoyed some of the delightful wines made right in our own backyard.

After a short business meeting conducted by Commander **Tom Dietrich** and enjoying the wonderful meal, a door prize of a beautifully prepared basket provided by the winery was won by Joanne Perrine and the evening was then turned over to winery owner **John Smook** who gave an overview of how wines were made. John, along with his sister Paulette & staff member Jay, then gave a demonstration of how the finished wines are bottled, corked, & labeled on a machine that does all these things at the rate of 18 bottles per minute. **John & guest Barbara Lewis** then answered questions on wine making from our members.

This was a most delicious, delightful, and entertaining way to spend a windy, rainy, stormy evening after which everyone made a safe trip home in spite of flash flood warnings in the area.



Many thanks to the Tennessee winery owners and staff for a thoroughly enjoyable evening!



ABAFT LOOKOUT:

Perrine Pool Party



We had 24 members in attendance (we welcomed 3 new members). We had lots of fun, good food and fellowship. The weather was perfect- rain held off until the end of the party!



ABAFT LOOKOUT CONTINUED:

Perrine Pool Party



CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

Summary

Event: Music on the Water

Date/Time: August 3 , 6-10 pm, Wind River Marina, Performer: **Spank**



Details: Come out and revel in the final hoorah of our Summer Concert Series, Music on the Water 3, hosted on the shoreline at Wind River Marina. Arrive by lake or by land, **bring a lawn chair or blanket** and enjoy a fun evening with live music by Spank (all your favorite 80's hits) as the sun sets over another incredible Summer on Tellico Lake. Concessions, beverages and bar available. See Tom's email from July 29. No Event Fee | Cash Concessions & Bar

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Event: Public Boating Safety Course

Date/Time: August 6 - 13, 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, on-water session Saturday August 10th.

Location: Community Church 130 Chota Center , Loudon, TN (In Tellico Villiage

Details: See Educational Department Corner 19-8

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Event: Ladies Luncheon

Date/Time: August 13, Tuesday at 12 noon

Location: Country Kinfolk in Lenoir City

Details: See next page.

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Event: Lock-through with raft-up the night before

Date/Time: August 17, 9 am Saturday

Location: Ft Loudon City Park

Details: See next page. Knoxville Cruise prior to Lock-Thru led by the Hansons. See Tom's email on July 31 for description.

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Event: Ice Cream Social

Date/Time: August 23 -25

Location: Tellico Harbor Clubhouse: by car - 2000 Cherokee Drive, Maryville, 37801
By boat - Vonore TN, along Nine Mile Creek at mile 20 Little Tennessee River, Tellico Lake.

Details: See page 10



CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

The America's Boating Club-Knoxville ladies luncheon will be held on Tuesday, August 13 at Country Kinfolk in Lenoir City at 12:00 Noon. Those planning to join us will be ordering & paying for their choice of lunch off the regular menu.

We will have a short meeting after the lunch at 2:00 PM with the Country Kinfolk people to finalize the menu and other details for our Holiday Gala event at their facility on December 9th.

Anyone planning on attending the luncheon will need to notify Elaine Mattison by August 7 to be sure we have enough reservations made. Contact Elaine at

remattison@aol.com.

We hope to see you there!

America's Boating Club-Knoxville will be having a **Dock and Dine event on Friday, August 16 at 7:00 PM** at Lenoir City Park pavillion #1 prior to the lock-thru on Sat, Aug 17.

Please bring a small dish to share and your own beverages. Riverview pork (pork tenderloin), and all tableware will be furnished. Contact Ed & Jean Armes at

redje1@hotmail.com or 458-9624 no later than August 12.

For those interested in rafting up in the cove or staying at the dock, the Armes boat will be docked both Friday & Saturday nights at Pavillion 1.



We need your help to make the lock-thru weekend a success. Let us know if you can bring your boat for the lock-thru. We also need dishes to share at the picnic. Call Ed Armes at 458-9624 if you are joining us.

CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

Ice Cream Social - Saturday August 24th

Come by land or water to enjoy a beautiful dock on Tellico Lake and cool off with some ice cream in the Tellico Harbor Clubhouse. Sample and vote on your favorite ice cream flavor! Then put together a picture-perfect sundae to savor while the votes are counted.

Dust off your ice-cream maker and churn out a batch of your best frozen treat (or stop by the freezer section of your favorite market.) We need volunteers, especially those coming by land, to bring ice cream/ frozen yogurt/ sorbets to make this a success! One lucky person will win squadron bragging rights for bringing the crowd's favorite flavor!

Volunteers are also needed to bring toppings and accompaniments (sprinkles, syrup, chips, cookies, candy pieces, fruit / bananas / cherries, whipped cream, etc.) to make fabulous sundaes!

Thanks to Tom and Linda Sundstrom, the Clubhouse and Dock have been reserved Friday - Sunday, August 23 -25, allowing those coming by boat to enjoy it for the entire weekend. We'll have a "Salads Only Potluck" on Friday night in the Clubhouse for an easy dinner. For those staying over on Saturday night, we will grill hamburgers. Please be aware that there is no power or water at the dock. Tellico Harbor subdivision, is located in Vonore TN, along Nine Mile Creek at mile 20 on the Little Tennessee River, Tellico Lake.

Location: Tellico Harbor Clubhouse, 2000 Cherokee Drive, Maryville, 37801

Time: 1300 for social time and 1400 for dessert BYOB (soft or adult)

Event Coordinators: Josh Kaczmarczyk and Christie Carrion

RSVP to Christie at 865-712-2209 c_carrion@msn.com by August 20th. Please let her know if you are coming by car or boat and what you will be bringing to share.



NAUTICAL NOTES

Boat Rides 4 Vets

The sixth annual “Boat Rides 4 Vets” event is on Saturday, August 17th. The event provides free boat rides for active duty military, Guard, and Reserve members and their families. The event is sponsored by Tellico Village VFW Post 12135 and is advertised to start at 10:00 am. Point of embarkation is the passengers who have never been out on the water, many who are new to Tellico and Fort Loudon Lakes, and several who traveled hours to have this opportunity. They begin arriving at 9:00 am.

Boats must have a minimum of \$350,000 liability insurance. A copy of the boat’s insurance declaration page must be provided on the day of the event. Also, the boat owner and all passengers will be required to sign a liability waiver before anyone comes aboard the boat. All passengers must have access to PFDs. If needed, the VFW will have additional adult- and child-size PFDs.

If interested in participating, email Jim Jorgensen (event coordinator) attellicovfw-post@aol.com. Please provide:

- Your name, the name of your boat, and your cell phone number.
 - Preference for working the event: (a) from 9am to 1pm, (b) from 1pm to 5pm, or (c) from 9am to 5pm.
- dock of transient slips at the Wind River Marina.

Passengers are of all ages and interests. Interests might range from swimming, tubing, skiing, wakeboarding, fishing, or simply cruising. The boat owner sets the limits as to who comes aboard and what happens. Past events have had many



FORWARD LOOKOUT

September 21 – Salmon Roast

The annual salmon roast will be at Lenoir City Park. This is always a fun event for us along with a Dock & Dine the evening before. Be sure to put this on your calendar.

Oct 4-6 District Fall Conference

October 28 – Dinner Meeting—Auction

AUCTION PLANNED FOR ABC, KNOXVILLE

Mark your calendars for October 28 at Calhoun’s Restaurant in Lenoir City, Tenn. (Next to Ft Loudon Marina). We will be having our dinner meeting and your AO office will be sponsoring a silent auction fund raiser to help offset the cost of our Holiday Gala in December. We will be accepting donations for the auction up to & including the night of the meeting & auction. If you have any treasures to donate, please bring them to any prior club event for Ed & Jean to pick up, or bring them the night of the auction. We hope to fill everyone's wish list at this auction!

If you have any questions on this event, please contact Ed or Jean at 865-458-9624 or redje1@hotmail.com.

Oct 31st - Nov 3rd - District Tennessee River Cruise



EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT CORNER 19-8

Our next ABC boating class will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from August 6th until August 13th with a newly added on-water session Saturday, August 10th. The three class sections will run from 6:00 and 8:30 p.m. each night. They will be held in the Community Church, 130 Chota Center, Loudon, TN. The on-water session will be practical training at the Tellico Village Yacht Club, 100 Sequoia Rd, Loudon, TN.

Our Americas Boating Channel, at <https://americasboatingchannel.com/> is now releasing one new video per month on a Friday. They ask that we subscribe to the YouTube channel so we will be notified when new videos are released on our channel and on YouTube. National also asks that we like the Facebook page and follow the Twitter page. If all of our members did this it is estimated that we could reach ten million boaters!

FROM THE WATER 19-8

Forever, we have been preaching and teaching “wear your lifejacket” but how many members actually do? Have you discharged your inflatable to see how it functions and then recharged it as I have. Have you left your inflatable fully inflated for 24 hours to check it for leaks as suggested? If you get knocked overboard by some unexpected accident would your PFD be ready to assist you. We wore inflatable PFDs while sailboat racing and you should consider when you need to test and wear a PFD for YOUR protection!

“Try on your lifejacket”

Last boating season, the Coast Guard received an increased number of reports of incidents from recreational boaters where infant lifejackets did not perform as expected in the water. These incidents involved multiple models and manufacturers. Investigations were completed, and there were no findings of non-conformance or manufacturing defects. The products met Coast Guard requirements and applicable industry standards.

The investigations did highlight the importance of checking the fit and performance of lifejackets on users, especially infants and children, while floating in water. The Coast Guard recommends everyone try on their lifejacket in a controlled water environment to ensure proper fit and performance. However, the only way to ensure proper fit and performance on an individual is to try it on in the water. Select a lifejacket that is appropriate for your size, environment and activity.

Read the label. A lifejacket should fit snugly. In the water, if the user cannot maintain a relaxed “face-up” boating position after getting used to wearing the lifejacket, try another style until one is found that fits and performs properly.

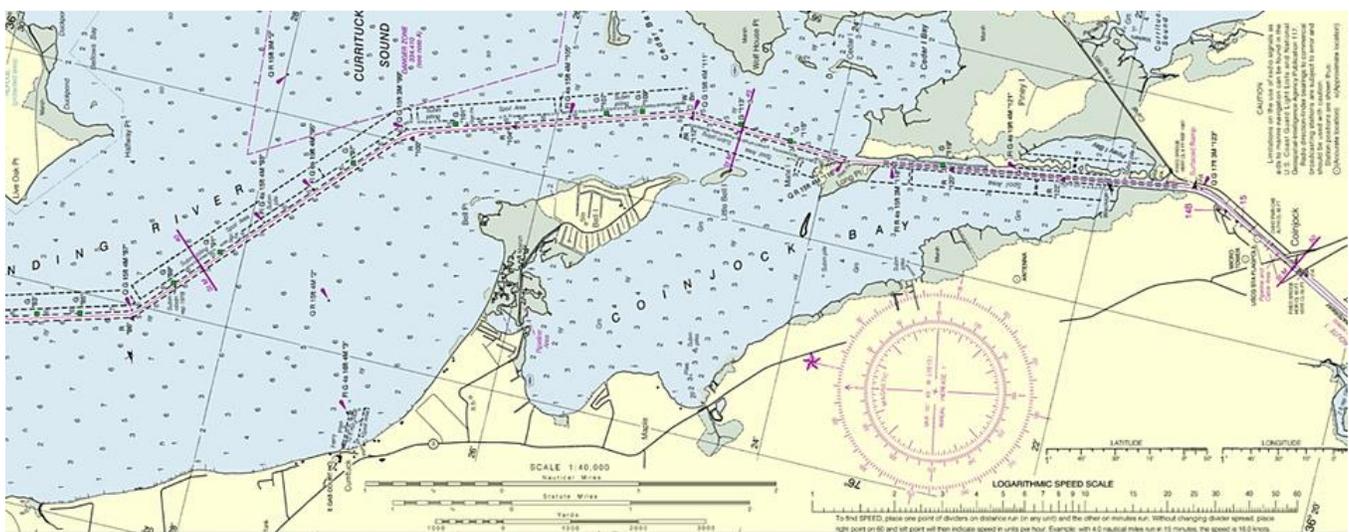
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TECHNICAL CORNER 19-8

When the new Marine Navigation course replaces Piloting you will have to use OpenCPN to do the electronic plotting exercises and the practice cruise. Some of your answers will actually come from the OpenCPN “Route Properties” printouts, etc. In Piloting you had to learn to use dividers and a course plotter while you were learning plotting skills. Marine Navigation will still require the use of dividers and course plotters for paper charts but most of the course is devoted to electronic navigation. OpenCPN, like any new piece of software, has a learning period. If you want to learn how to use electronic navigation tools (OpenCPN) now, ABC-K has a, free seminar for that. It is suggested that you already have a grade of Pilot before taking this practical, hands on seminar if you intend to use electronic navigation on your vessel. You can, however, take it before taking Piloting as a way to get a head start on the new Marine Navigation course itself.

I am working on a new video entitled “**The dangers of using GPS only marine navigation**”, with many direct quotes from the 2019 “*American Practical Navigator*” by the Defense Mapping Agency. One item from my video is, “Today things are **deceptively** simple. If you jump in your car and use your GPS, without reading the manual, you will probably get there even if you have to stop and ask for directions. If you jump in your boat and use a GPS chart plotter, without proper training, you may not realize the drawbacks of RNCs (Raster Navigation Chart: a scanned picture of a paper chart) and especially manufacturer generated, UNOFFICIAL, unverified charts and you may not even get there!” Stay tuned for more.



America's Boating Club - Knoxville



2019 EVENT CALENDAR

America's Boating Club - Knoxville mission statement:

"As America's Boating Club, our vision is to enhance safety and enjoyment for the local boating community through formal and informal education, social enjoyment and sharing of knowledge".

JANUARY

7 Bridge Meeting
28 Dinner Meeting (Elections-Hibachi Grill)

JULY

1 Bridge Meeting
13 Pool Party at the Perrine's
22 Winery Dinner Meeting -spkr-J. Smoot

FEBRUARY

4 Bridge Meeting
14-17 Downtown Boat Show
17-23 National Meeting-Florida

AUGUST

~~5 Bridge Meeting~~
17 Lock-thru
24 Ice Cream Social (Tellico Clubhouse)
6/8/13/15 ABC class (Chota Center , Loudon, TN)

MARCH

4 Change of Watch (Sullivans)
11 Bridge Meeting
14, 21, 28 Boat Handling online
25 Dinner Meeting (Mimis Café) - spkr-D. Perrine
29-31 District Spring Conference

SEPTEMBER

9 Bridge Meeting
11-15 Sept National Governing board meeting in Louisville, KY
21 Salmon Roast (Lenoir City Pavillion)

APRIL

1 Bridge Meeting
4, 11, 18, 25 Boat Handling online
12-14 April Cruise to Downtown- Rossini Festival
22 Dinner Meeting (Concord Sailing Club)- spkr-R/J Bray
23, 25, 27 (on water), 30 ABC class (Concord Marina)

OCTOBER

7 Bridge Meeting
4-6 District Fall Conference
28 Dinner Meeting (Calhouns)
31-Nov 3rd District Down River Cruise

MAY

2 Boat Handling online final exam
13 Bridge Meeting
18 Lock-thru & Picnic (Lenoir City Pavilion)
25 Dock & Dine (Tellico Village Yacht Club)
31-2 Jun Downriver Cruise (Terrace View)
ABC Class (Chota Ctr)

NOVEMBER

4 Bridge Meeting

JUNE

31-2 Jun Downriver Cruise (Terrace View)
ABC Class (Chota Ctr)
2-14 Extended Cruise to Joe Wheeler State Park

DECEMBER

9 Holiday Gala (Country Kinfolks)

