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## Commander's Comments

Cdr Tom Dietrich, SN

## Commander's Report

In the 12 years I have been involved with our local squadron I find that we do a lot of things well. For example, we have very good social programs, excellent training, and a strong VSC program. One thing that we have not done very well is promoting our programs and club to the public. I think we need to change this if we are going to grow and continue be a vibrant organization. To do this we need some volunteers to run a public relations program. **Don Perrine** put together the following brief description and requirements for the role:

### What is the best kept secret in East Tennessee?

The answer is our squadron. So, what do we need to change that perception? We need either someone or several members to step up and lead promoting our social, educational and community service programs.

The job entails working with our own activity leaders as programs are ready to promote, both internally and publicly. For example, our website has been a successful tool for attracting new students and often, then, members. So, the promotional leader would work with Josh and John Farmer to timely and effectively get the information on our websites.

Another example is press a release for all Print, Radio and TV media for our classes and public events. John Farmer has a sample press release template and a list of contacts with email addresses. Also, Charlene Ellis has been able to get us TV coverage, so working with Charlene might be another media opportunity.

We have had success also with local "companion" organizations, such as the Tellico Cruising Club and T-BART. Contacting them with information about an upcoming activity is another example.

*(Commander's Report  
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The ideal person would have, above all, a desire to significantly affect the success of our programs and our own organization. Reasonable communication experience and skills would be sufficient and some market communications or development background would be helpful.

You might feel that you could do part of the job and that one or two others serving with you could do the rest – that could be an excellent way to address the need in lieu of one person doing it all.

In summary, if you are interested to do any part of what is outlined above, please contact Tom Dietrich either at [TDietric1@aol.com](mailto:TDietric1@aol.com) or call him at 865-657-9190.

I would like to welcome Mark and Deborah Symanski as the newest members to our club. Mark and Deborah just finished the ABC3 Class and we are looking forward to seeing them at future functions.

*Thanks,*

Tom



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## ABAFT LOOKOUT:

### Knoxville Overnight Cruise - August 15-16, 2019

**Walt and Robin Hanson** (Time After Time), **Ron and Kim Hill** (Whiskey Girl), and **Tom and Marbeth Dietrich** (Soul Mates) did an overnight at Volunteer Landing in Knoxville on 8/15. Time After Time locked up from Watts Bar on 8/14. The Hansons docked and dined with the Hills at Calhoun's at Lenoir City Park.

They both departed Fort Loudon Marina at 10 AM 8/15 and rendezvoused 10 miles upriver for lunch with the Dietrichs at Cheers at Choto Marina. Everyone agreed that the new dock, restaurant, service, and food are excellent. Because Volunteer Landing Marina does not take reservations for transient slips, we called at lunch to confirm our slips and power requirements for later that day. After docking, we used the free trolley to cross town and surprise **Chuck and Vickie Smith**, who had only a week before moved into their new apartment on Depot Ave. It wasn't meant to be a surprise in that they knew we were coming on the 15<sup>th</sup>; it just wasn't September 15<sup>th</sup>. Chuck and Vickie graciously adjusted their day and we all dined at Emilia's on Market Square (a 5-star meal).

The next morning we did the half-hour walk from the marina to Pete's Coffee Shop for an awesome breakfast, then trekked back to the waterfront via Centennial Park's nature walk to enjoy its shade and beauty. We were all underway by noon. The 86-mile roundtrip cruise ended back at Fort Loudon Marina for Whiskey Girl and Time After Time at 4 PM. It was enough time for some of us to attend Ed and Jean Armes' Dock and Dine at Lenoir City Park, but that is another story.



# **ABAFT LOOKOUT CONTINUED:** Knoxville Overnight Cruise - August 15-16, 2019



## ABAFT LOOKOUT CONTINUED:

### Boat Rides 4 Vets Supported

Some of our members were part of the 30 boats that took 140 people on lake excursions to fish, swim, ski, sightsee, etc. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> annual "Boat Rides 4 Vets" coordinated by the Tellico Village VFW Post 12135. Boaters arrived starting around 9 AM at the transient slips next to the fuel pier at Wind River Marina to sign in and meet prospective riders. Boats departed as vets and boaters were matched.

The VFW Post permitted us to handout literature to the arriving boats and promote ABC Knoxville classes and membership. A special thank you goes to **Bill Brumit** for getting the trifolds to the event and to **Charlene and Danny Ellis** for lending their own ABC Knoxville shirts to our dock walkers.

Members like **Robin and Walt Hanson** (Time After Time) and **Cheryl and Rand Henke** (Cheryl Ann) participated.

The Hansons hosted a Vietnam-era Army veteran and his wife. They were from Norris; he was also a TVA retiree and his wife was a Sea Ray retiree. They had not been on Tellico Lake before. The Hansons planned a cruise with picnic to Historic Fort Loudoun Park. By the time it was over, the four had discovered much in common and the Hansons convinced their guests that boating might be a good next step in retirement along with an ABC Knoxville membership and boating course.



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### ABC-Knoxville members Dock & Dine - August 16

On August 16 at Lenoir City Park pavillion #1. This event was held in conjunction with the August Lock thru exercise being held the following day. 18 Squadron members and 1 guest enjoyed a delicious dinner of pork tenderloin that was prepared by **Ed Armes** along with delicious side dishes and deserts prepared by our members.

BLACK JACK and R-EDJE II belonging to the Richardsons & the Armes arrived at the dock early afternoon to find **Bob Mattison** had been over that morning to install 8 badly needed cleats to the dock having purchased & donated them. Thanks Bob! It certainly made docking much easier for our boating events.

Pleasant breezes, good friends, and interesting conversation made for a very enjoyable evening



# ABAFT LOOKOUT CONTINUED:

## Lock-Thru Event 2—August 17

Americas Boating Club-Knoxville hosted their second lock thru of 2019 on August 17 at Lenoir City Park pavilion-1. There were 5 boats participating in this event with a total of 15 non-members and 6 experienced boating members taking part in the locking-thru exercise.

The event started at 9AM with all being welcomed by **Commander Tom Dietrich**. The lock-thru procedure was given by **Ben Birdwell** who explained the process from start to finish. The lock-thru leader, **Ed Fendley** then gave boat assignments, lock bollard (pin) assignments, and explained the way they would proceed with the exercise.

The lock-thru went smoothly and was greatly enjoyed by all participating.

After the successful lock-thru experience all boats returned to pavilion-1 for a picnic of hamburgers, hot dogs, and side dishes furnished by ABC-Knoxville members.

Commander Tom Dietrich explained the workings of ABC-Knoxville and some of the events that we hold or participate in for the safety & understanding of the public as well as for our members boating enjoyment.

A total of 30 people then enjoyed a delicious picnic in spite of the hot weather.

Our many thanks to all who participated, gave of their time & energies, provided boats, expertise, food, and great fellowship to make this a very successful, enjoyable, and great learning experience.



# ABAFT LOOKOUT CONTINUED:



**Fort Loudon  
Lock-Thru  
Event**



# ABAFT LOOKOUT CONTINUED:

## Ice Cream Social - Saturday August 24th

The Ice Cream Social on August 24th was sandwiched inside a weekend of great company and food! Thanks to everyone that brought more ice cream, toppings, and treats than we could imagine!

We had 12 people for dinner on Friday night, 25 people for the social on Saturday afternoon, and 12 people for the cookout on Saturday night. In between meals we enjoyed playing cards, cornhole, and Mexican Train dominoes. A Sunday cruise to Chilhowee Dam wrapped up the fun event.

Here are the awards from the weekend:

**Linda Sundstrom** for being the Hostess with the Mostest.

**Kim and Ron Hill** for using the Most Modes of Transportation to attend.

**Marbeth Dietrich** for being the Longest Walker.

**Ed Armes** for bringing the Favorite Ice Cream Wine.

**Christie Carrion** for being an A+ Star Co-ordinator.

**Tom Dietrich** for the Most Bowls of Ice Cream Eaten.

**Jean Armes** for Checking the Most Mini M&M's.

**Rand and Cheryl Henke** for the Best Homemade Chocolate Sauce.

**Walter and Robin Hanson** for the Best Homemade Fudge Sauce.

**Ed and Jean Armes'** strawberry ice cream was the 2019 ABC-K Favorite Flavor, followed closely in voting by **Ben and Sharon Birdwell's** delicious peach ice cream and **Larry and Jo Ellen Campbell's** just churned vanilla.



# ABAFT LOOKOUT CONTINUED:



**WELCOME  
TO THE ABC-KNOXVILLE  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Thanks to everyone  
that brought more  
ice cream, top-  
pings, and treats  
than we could  
imagine!



# CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

*September 20*

## PRE SALMON ROAST GATHERING

Come by boat, plane, train, or automobile!

America's Boating Club - Knoxville's AO team, **Ed & Jean Armes**, are inviting any interested parties to meet at Calhouns Tiki Bar on **Sept 20 at 5:30 PM** for a casual gathering on Salmon Roast eve. Come earlier if you want to be sure of a seat. No reservations, no prepaids, you play-you pay!

For those boating in, dockage is available at pavillion 1 (no amenities) or limited free dockage in front of the Tiki Bar (also no amenities). Perhaps some will want to arrange for transient slips at Fort Loudon Marina to have power, etc. R-EDJE ll will be docked at pavilion-1 early afternoon for those wanting to dock there & walk over to the Tiki Bar with Ed & Jean.

SEE YOU THERE!

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## *September 21 – Salmon Roast*

**"Rain or Shine"**

America's Boating Club-Knoxville will be holding their annual salmon roast on September 21 at the Lenoir City park, pavillion 1. Gathering time is 3:00 PM and we will eat at 4:00 PM. Ed Armes will once again be preparing the salmon for our dining pleasure. As usual, the salmon roast is a free event.

Bring a dish to share and your own drinks.

All tableware, napkins, & plates will be furnished. Plan on joining us for another fun ABC-Knoxville event.



## FORWARD LOOKOUT

**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. 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 will be accepting donations for the auction up to & including the night of the meeting & 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 [redjel@hotmail.com](mailto:redjel@hotmail.com).

**Oct 31st - Nov 3rd - District 17 Tennessee River Cruise**

**Dec 9th 1800 hrs—KPS Holiday Gala **SAVE THE DATE - MONDAY, DEC. 9, 2019****

This is the date of the Holiday Gala to be held at Country Kinfolk in Lenoir City.

### GOOD FOOD & FUN, FUN, FUN

On August 13 our Holiday Gala co-event coordinators **Elaine Mattison and Barbara Richardson**, along with assistant AO **Jean Armes**, met at Country Kinfolk for a ladies luncheon and Holiday Gala planning session. A delicious menu has been decided on, some fun games have now been organized, and they are very pleased to announce that Art Mercurio & Jane Lincul will once again be presenting music & dancing for our pleasure. Those attending last year can certainly attest to the fun we all had with them. Watch "Now Hear This" for future details on a fun event.

Coming in December. Hope to see you there...(see next page)



# FORWARD LOOKOUT

America's Boating Club, Knoxville, TN  
2019 Holiday Gala At  
Country Kinfolk Marketplace, "Event Barn"  
270 Hickman St., Lenoir City, TN 37772



**Date: 12/09/2019**

**Time: 1800 hrs**

**Evening Meal:**

Boneless Pork Chop w/Dressing  
Green Beans & Corn  
Mashed Potatoes  
Roll  
Desert Table  
Coffee, Tea & Water  
**BYOB**

**Entertainment:**

Music:: DJ Art Mercurio playing the oldies  
Dancing w/ Jane Lincul (Dance Instructor)

**HOSTS: John & Barbara Richardson**

**Deadline On Checks is November 30th !!!!**

**Send Check (\$30.00 per person) to:**

**Jean Armes—508 Engel Rd., Loudon, TN 37774**

## FUN FOR ALL

**DANCING**



**GAMES**



# NAUTICAL NOTES

## Merit Mart recommendations

Jeanette Farmer

It is time to start finalizing Merit Mark recommendations for the 2019 squadron year (November 2018 – October 2019). If you are an officer or committee chairman please go to:

[goo.gl/1vn66w/](http://goo.gl/1vn66w/) , log in and under “**Members Only**” look at the two pages on “Merit Marks”. This will help you formulate your recommendations. The general guidelines I have seen are 12 hours plus those shown in the document above. If you have done independent squadron work, such as webmaster, etc. please submit your time and a description to your committer chairman. Officers and Chairmen please send all recommendations to **P/Lt/C Jeanette C. Farmer, P**, at [matejeanette@gmail.com](mailto:matejeanette@gmail.com). If you have questions please email or call 865-235-7204. Recommendations should be turned into me by October 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. Any significant work done after that can be submitted as a “Supplemental” (hard to get approved) or added to next year’s submission.



## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT CORNER 19-9

We just concluded a very successful, ABC3 boating class, including a practical on-water day. All students passed the final exam easily and one missed only one out of 61 questions. I want him with me on my next cruise! Thanks to AO **Ed Armes**, AP, **Don Butler**, Cdr. **Tom Dietrich**, SN and DEO/ASEO **John Farmer**, SN, for instructing and proctoring. this course. A big thanks also to **Jean Armes**, AP, for cookies and lemonade for the final night to help encourage students to join our group.

We have just received word that Cdr **Tom Hamilton**, SN-CN, our Assistant Regional BOC Director (Huntsville), is organizing BOC on-water certification in Pensacola, Florida, March 26 – 29, 2020. I know that is a long way off in time and about 7.5 hours away by car but this should be a good opportunity for us. We may even be able to get some people trained and approved to be certifiers for us. We could even get a chance to see my old boat (TRACE 1) while we are there. If anyone is interested in Boat Operator Certification please email me at [captfarmer@gmail.com](mailto:captfarmer@gmail.com) and I can look at what courses, seminars and practical training you already have. We have time to help you complete some of these requirements before the March practical on-water training. The on-water part is always the most difficult to schedule and complete. The other classroom requirements can be completed at any time, if needed.

The Marine Navigation Course (Piloting replacement), as of this month, is complete and will be submitted to the National Publication Committee after the September Governing Board meeting. The home work exercises, that we are calling practicums, have all been completed and checked. We have not written the course exam questions yet but we are now switching to working on the new Advanced Marine Navigation Course so stay tuned.

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## FROM THE WATER 19-9

### More illegal operations and closer to home this time:

*“Coast Guard terminates voyages of charter vessels operating illegally in Florida DESTIN, Fl. -- The Coast Guard terminated the voyages of eight charter vessels operating illegally near Destin, Florida, during boardings that took place July 17 to July 22, 2019. The eight vessels were operating outside the regulations set forth by the Vessel Passenger Safety Act. ‘Every charter vessel is required to meet safety standards set by the Coast Guard,’ said Ensign Trevor Vallet, from Sector Mobile. ‘We enforce these standards with local agency partners to ensure charter passengers have safe options to enjoy our nation’s waterways.’*

### The following violations were noted during boardings for all eight of the vessels:

- Violation of 46 C.F.R. 176.100 (a) for not having a valid Certificate of Inspection*
  - Violation of 46 C.F.R 15.515 (b) for not having a credentialed mariner in control while operating a small passenger vessel*
  - Violation of 46 C.F.R. 170.120 for failure to have a valid stability letter*
  - Violation of 46 C.F.R. 16.201 for failure to be enrolled in a drug consortium*
- Additionally, one vessel operator was found to be boating under the influence and was arrested.*



## FROM THE WATER 19-9 CONTINUED

*Law enforcement personnel from Coast Guard Sector Mobile, Coast Guard Station Destin, and Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office participated.*

*Owners and operators of illegal charter vessels can face maximum civil penalties of more than \$50,000 for illegal passenger-for-hire operations."*

### Fatal boating accident in Alabama:

Kelsey Starling, of Troy, Alabama, was riding in a wake boat at 10:00 p.m., July 4<sup>th</sup> on Smith Lake (between Decatur and Birmingham, in North Alabama) when the boat collided with a pontoon boat. The person driving the wake boat was booked on charges of BUI. As of this writing, searches for Kelsey's body have been suspended and she has not been found. Please encourage everyone you know to get training, avoid alcohol and wear a PFD while on the water.

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## TECHNICAL CORNER 19-9

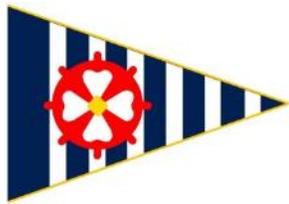
I am very concerned that people are becoming overly dependent on GPS only for marine navigation. It is not a question of if your device will fail but when! One of our very knowledgeable, Assistant National Educational Officers, just got back from a cruise on the Great Lakes. While encountering three to four foot seas his multifunction display (his primary navigation device) failed, because of a bad electrical connection. The failure was probably caused by the vessel movement in the seaway. He had a backup GPS, on a VHF radio (Do you have a backup?), in the cabin but didn't want to leave the helm to go get it. He was with another boat so it led the way to safety, with calmer seas and a chance for repairs. This failure was easy to find and fix but some are no. It may take extended amounts of time to resolve the issue at sea or replace damaged electronics ashore.

Inland, on familiar waters, with aids to navigation (including daymarks, with mileage boards) you are probably OK during daylight and in clear weather. I hope you know the river mile for your dock and your destination. When your GPS chart-plotter quits, if you stay between the buoys and keep track of the mileage from the daymarks you should probably be able to get there and back. You can use your piloting skills (reading the water and monitoring depths) plus enhanced situational awareness to navigate safely.

If you are offshore, in unfamiliar waters, heavy weather or at night things can easily become much more problematic! I have developed a PowerPoint presentation entitled "*The problem with using GPS only marine navigation*". I hope to share it at a future meeting to give you some sound reasons for taking our newer, advanced marine navigation courses. They will teach you how to use your electronic chart-plotters and all of their capabilities effectively as your primary. They will also teach you the underlying navigational procedures and the use of paper charts. Lightning strikes and high waves don't affect paper charts!



# 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 Pavillion)  
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)

