



The ABCR February 2020 eBlast

Otherwise known as a One Whistle Passing

Happy 2020! OK, I realize its still January, but I just made my reservation to have my spring commissioning. March 11th---only five weeks away!!!

Annual Pancake Breakfast and 2020 Election of Officers. We had 42 members and guests attend, and if you only came for the food you were in for a real treat. What a scumdidlyumptious feast, all for only eight bucks. Thanks to Chef Chris and all the hard-working (and significantly underpaid) crew!!

As for the Annual Meeting, the minutes are attached herein, but here's the highlights:

- Much to our chagrin, you unanimously voted in the full nominated slate of officers. Actually the election sort of reminded me of a way they used to vote in the Soviet Union; you either voted yay for the nominated slate, or you received a one-way all-expense paid trip to Siberia.
- Similarly, after some prodigious discussion, we also voted unanimously to keep the name America's Boating Club Rockville. The surprise of that discussion, more than half the attendees at the Annual Meeting were from outside Montgomery County, which I believe took all of us by surprise.

Paper Charts. So are paper charts going the way of eight-track players and tan M&Ms?? NOAA has announced "their intent" to phase out Raster Charts by 2025, so maybe, worthy of a debate.

<https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/publications/docs/raster-sunset.pdf>

For this reason, ABCR is looking to substantially modernize our navigation offerings and to concentrate more and more on Electronic Navigation. Our newly voted in SEO, Grant Woodside, is contemplating setting up a series of eight-two hour seminars, to be taught on-line (one a month), beginning this fall. These seminars will replace our standard Pilot and Advance Pilot curriculums. This is still in discussion, but here are his current thoughts for the seminars (much more to come):

1. Electronic Charting Software (ECS) Basics
 1. Measuring bearing and range between two points
 2. Creating and manipulating user assigned marks
 3. Setting range rings on marks and waypoints

4. Setting units, magnetic or true directions, manual or automatic variation
2. Waypoints and Routes
3. Instrument and Navigation Data Displays
4. Tracking while underway
 1. Vessel Icon Range Rings
 2. Check the Charted Position
5. Current Measurement
6. Current Predictions
7. AIS Target Display
8. Navigation Warnings
9. Route Optimization

Other Upcoming Events (please see our website for details): <https://www.abcrockville.org/>

- Feb 11-16. National ABC Annual Meeting. Ponte Vedra, FL. More info: <https://americasboatingclub.org/connect/national-meetings>
- Feb 12th: Dine and Learn. LA Mexicana. Speaker: Grant Woodside, Welcome Aboard!! How to welcome new passengers aboard your vessel. Details and RSVP: <http://evite.me/78QUqSgFT3>
- Feb 15th. Annual Vessel Safety Exam meeting. Young and old invited.
- Mar 14th. Change of Watch at Vasili's Kitchen. Come for the food
- Mar 21st. Annual Sock Burning at Paula's. Spring Solstice.
- Mar 26-29. D5 Spring Conference. Ocean City, MD More info: <https://abc-midatlantic.org/>

The D. Roger Picard Deserving Children's Fund is again sponsoring the participation of a deserving child at the Annapolis Maritime Museum Summer Camp. The Fund was created by Past Commander Roger Picard and welcomes additional tax-deductible donations. For details contact Jeff Cornish (admin@rspsonline.org).

This month's Trivia Question: Why did the sailor cross the road? Because he hasn't taken the new ABCR Electronic Navigation Course!!

Safe Boating!!

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