



Happy Holidays!!!

It can't be 2020!! I swear it was only yesterday we were celebrating the turn of the century!!

But We Are Off and Running----Sailing Faster Than the Wind

Annual Pancake Breakfast and 2020 Election of Officers. Saturday (Jan 11th). 1000-1200.

Where: Creekside Community Room
2901 S Leisure World Blvd
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Please RSVP to julienp@comcast.net so that your name will be on the list at the gate.

Enter Leisure World, at any of these three gates:

- Connecticut Ave: Turn right on Leisure World Blvd, right into Creekside, right towards building B
- Georgia Ave: Turn right on Leisure World Blvd, right into Creekside, right towards building B
- Norbeck Road: Turn left on Leisure World Blvd, left into Creekside, right towards building B

As a reminder, here are our 2020 ExCom Nominees:

Commander: Paula Sind-Prunier
XO: Chris Smith
AO: Jeff Cornish
SEO: Grant Woodside
Sec: Bill Stuart
Treas: Mike Joyce
Immediate Past Commander: Gil Rose
Members-at-Large:

- Mary & Joe Ferrante
- Jon Griffin
- Red Fehrlé & Suzan Humphrey

Education Department Needs Your Vote-Please Vote by January 6th

The education department was off to a slow start this fall but is looking good now. We have held a first ever fiberglass seminar where a half dozen of us made a sticky mess mixing resin and applying fiberglass mat patches. We are also halfway through our first online Piloting class with about five students.

There are many pro's and a few con's to the online class format, but we believe with traffic in the DC area, the balance sheet is way on the positive side. I can personally attest, I took a couple of my JN courses while on a business trip to Europe a couple years ago. So expect to see more of these in the future. We've also got a couple of our Club members attending the D5 JN class, which is also being done online for the first time.

But where do we go from here? Remember it is our intent is to cater to the needs of our current members, and we are looking for the next class or seminar ideas for winter/spring 2020. We have heard some support for the following 2-hour seminars (in one or two sittings) or in full eight session classes:

- How to get a USCG Captain's license (seminar)
- Chartering requirements and expectations (seminar)
- Maryland DNR instructor certification (seminar)
- Advanced Piloting (full online class)
- Sail (full official class or unofficial class with on-the-water)
- Navionics demo (seminar)
- AIS Marine Traffic Tracking (seminar)
- Rules of the Road (seminar)
- <insert your idea here>

PLEASE send us your votes or ideas on what class or seminar you would like to attend, and the two or three with the most votes will be our winter/spring education department offerings. Also, if anybody has an 8+ hp outboard, Brian will offer a tune-up of plugs, zincs, and impeller replacement if we can do it as a seminar format----what a deal!! E-mail SEO@rspsonline.org not later than January 6th to place your vote and/or additional class/seminar suggestion.

Other Upcoming Events (please see our website for details):

- Jan 14th. Happy Hour Social. Grilled Oyster on Cabin John.
- Jan 22nd. Monthly ExCom. Doubletree Gaithersburg.
- 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.
- Feb 15th. Annual Vessel Safety Exam meeting. Young and old invited.
- Mar 14th. Change of Watch.
- Mar 21st. Annual Sock Burning. Spring Solstice.
- Mar 26-29. D5 Spring Conference. Ocean City, MD More info: <https://abc-midatlantic.org/>
- National Conference.

Hope you are having a wonderful Holiday Season!!! Happy New Year!!

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