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The ABC-R May 2020 eBlast

This Too Shall Pass (King Solomon)

When Can I Get Back Out on the Water?

If you live in Maryland, this is certainly a question on all of our minds. Well, Senator Steve Hershey stated, after having a conversation last week with Governor Hogan, "I feel comfortable saying recreational boating will be one of the first restrictions the Governor removes. Maybe as soon as May 1." I'm keeping my fingers crossed, I really want to get out next weekend (and I promise to keep my boat at least six feet away from yours).

Grant Needs Some Guinea Pigs.

Here's an opportunity to help keep you busy while you are stuck indoors, really help us out, and learn something! Grant Woodside, our Squadron Education Officer, is looking for ten student volunteers to take his newly developed Electronic Navigation Course Planning (ENP). ENP is not yet an official ABC course, so you will not receive credit towards any ABC course or grade. But you would really be helping us out in its development, while learning in the process. In order to volunteer, you must have completed ABC Piloting.

The new ENP course will be taught virtual using Zoom, and you will need to purchase a \$25 textbook. But there is no tuition fee. This course will be presented in two sessions per month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, beginning May 12th, beginning at 7pm each evening and lasting for two hours. The total number of sessions is unknown, but will be less than 10. Read more about the course here: https://www.gewoods3.org/wiki/doku.php?id=abcr:en_dev

And if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Grant directly: gewoods3@gmail.com

Its 5 O'clock Somewhere Virtual Happy Hour!

Our first Virtual Happy Hour was a HUGE success, we had thirty-something epicureans (counting those doubling up). And for those of you not-yet suffering from Zoom-Fatigue (a recently diagnosed disease that has been officially recognized by the American Association of Psychotherapists), our next virtual event is our regularly scheduled Dine and Learn on Wednesday, May 13th. Put it on your calendar and WATCH for the Evite with details!

Here's your chance to get certified.

ABC-R is offering a MD DNR [Maryland Boats](#) course online, plus the opportunity for those taking the course to become DNR instructors. The [Maryland Boats](#) course, or an approved equivalent, is required for all Maryland boaters born after July 1, 1972. The plan is for you to first take, or re-take, the course, and then become a DNR certified instructor by taking an additional two-hour session.

With the help of Julie Brown, DNR Boating Education Coordinator, our Alan Karpas will be presenting the eight-hour course via Zoom in four, two-hour segments. It has been suggested that we conduct the basic course twice a week, for two weeks. We are planning on starting the course in May. We would like to know from those of you interested in taking either the basic DNR course or those interested in becoming DNR instructors:

1. If you are interested in taking the Boat Maryland Course.
2. If you are interested in becoming a DNR Instructor.
3. When do you want to start the course?
4. What day(s) of the week are best for you?
5. What time period should the course run?

Please contact Alan by this coming Wednesday (29 April) at alanikarpas@gmail.com with your response to the above questions.

There is no charge for taking the course or for becoming an instructor. Please note that once we have a group of DNR instructors, we will be offering the course online to the boating public. Rockville will be the only organization to offer an instructor led online DNR course. In the past, when we conducted these courses at Walter Johnson High School, they were a great way to recruit new members.

This month's Trivia Question: In the North Atlantic, they're called hurricanes; in the Indian Ocean, cyclones, and in the Pacific typhoons. But what do the Australians call them (and it's none of the above)?

Safe Boating!!

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Kudos to Chris Smith for getting our virtual happy hour pictures in there