

The ABC-R November 2020 eBlast

Mask It or Casket!!

Fall Boating

For those of us reluctant to pack away “your precious” (thank you Gollum) for the winter, this fall hasn’t been too bad from a weather perspective. Hopefully you’ve been able to take advantage of it, because it won’t be long now (said the monkey when he caught his tail in the fan).

And for you Land-lubbers

About the ONLY good thing you can say about COVID 19, it has really opened a plethora of opportunities to virtually attend other District and Squadron’s ABC programs. I can’t count the number of boating courses, seminars, and programs I’ve virtually attended during the last month, and I know I’ve missed many I really wish I had had the time to attend. I mean, District 5 alone had over 25 OUTSTANDING one-hour programs last week and over the weekend, several of which I’ve been wanting to catch for some time. But to look forward and not back, here’s some highlights available for the new few weeks:

- Wednesday, 11/11/20 (Happy Veteran’s Day). ABC Rockville will have our monthly Dine and Learn, watch for the Evite.
- Thursday, 11/12/20. Dr Jana Davis, Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Trust, will be speaking on “Chesapeake Bay: Its Uniqueness, Its Issues, and the Solutions.” For details and registration, see the ABC Annapolis newsletter at https://www.aspsmd.org/AnchorWatchArchive/AW_nov2020.pdf.
- Saturday, 11/14/20: Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron. "Review of New Life Jacket Labels" is going to be held via Zoom. This free seminar will discuss the new life jacket categories and compare the traditional to the new labels. Register for this event on the ASPSP website: www.aspsmd.org.
- Monday, 11/16/20. ABCKN. Mike Maszczenski will present a seminar "New Apps for Boaters" via Zoom from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. There are many applications available for boaters that will greatly enhance the on-the-water experience. Mike will introduce the viewer to the best ones. Register for this event by contacting Pattie Eney at eneym@aol.com.

Two More Casualties

Unfortunately, COVID has taken two more casualties; our annual Holiday Party and our Annual Pancake Breakfast. Our Holiday Party will now take place virtually on December 5th. And our annual Pancake Breakfast/Business Meeting too will also be virtual---it is now rescheduled for Wednesday, January 13th, from 7:30 pm – 9:00. I guess you can make and bring your own pancakes and sausage to both if you want.

Education

- Tomorrow night, Monday, Nov 9th, Grant Woodside will be conducting a AP using OpenCPN. He will demonstrate doing the AP Cruise problems using OpenCPN with the RNC 1210TR chart. You can use OpenCPN to do homework, the Cruise, and the Exam. If you are interested, send Grant an email to seo.abcr@gmail.com.

- And this upcoming weekend, on Nov 14/15, Jeff McKinney will again be teaching the DNR course. So far five have signed up, and another ten have expressed an interest. See details at ABCRockville.org.

Trivia. Last month's trivia question resulted in a LOT of discussion. As a reminder, the question was, "There are seven circumstances where a power boat has 'right of way' over a sailing vessel. Who can name all seven without looking them up?" Well, after considerable discussion, we sort of agree there are actually nine instances; with the most apparent being, "Whatever it takes to avoid a collision (IE, the Rule of Prudent Seamanship)."

So here is this month's trivia question, "What does it mean when a boat is underway, and it is displaying two red running lights?" This one should be easy (hint, it does NOT mean there is a brothel on board).

Safe Boating!!

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