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## At the Helm



June 1st 2018

Sunrise 5:20 A.M.

Firstlight 4:00A.M.

Once again, these are the days we wait for all winter. The earliest sunrise will be approximately 5:17-18-19 A.M. in about a week.

A week after that the sunrises start getting later.

In the summer solstice, the sunrises turn before the shortest day. The sunsets turn after the shortest day. Midsummer as it's called in England. All this is just to say; let's enjoy it while we can.

We have a June rendezvous, a Live on the Lake, a Lobster bake and a Dock Party all in the works before the light fades again.

I hope to see you all at these events. Spring into Summer.

Respectfully,

David Trudeau

## **Editor's Note**

*David provided this input at the beginning of June, but I was unable to publish the LOG at that time.*

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**BSPS & USPS CALENDARS**

**July 16, Monday - Dock Party, 5:30 PM (see page 4)**

**August 8, Wednesday - Live on the Lake - 5 PM (see page 4)**

**August 12 to August 18 August -- National Fall Governing Board in Minneapolis Call Susan if interested**

**August 25, Saturday - Summer Lobster Picnic, 2 PM (see page 6)**

**September 11, Tuesday - BSPS Leadership Meeting, 7 PM at Zucco's, Dinner at 6**

**mid-late September - Fall Rendezvous (if interested, call David Trudeau)**

**October 9, Tuesday - Squadron Social Event**

**Next District Meeting: last weekend in October or first weekend in November**

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***Please Remember...***

All members are requested to notify our commander or editor of the death of any other member or a member's family as soon as possible. We want to express our condolences in a timely manner and we need the help of all our members to this end.

## Get Your Feet Wet with Seminars

<https://americasboatingclub.org/education-matters/in-person-boating-education/seminars/>

Round out your knowledge or discover something new by taking one of our brief, boating education seminars led by experienced volunteer instructors.

- **Boat Handling**
  - Boat Handling Under Power
  - Advanced Powerboat Handling
  - Anchoring
  - Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes
  - Sail Trim and Rig Tuning
- **Navigation**
  - Using GPS
  - How to Use a Chart
  - Basic Coastal Navigation
  - Mariner's Compass
  - Mastering the Rules of the Road
  - Marine Radar
- **Facing the Environment**
  - Basic Weather and Forecasting
  - Hurricane Preparation for Boaters
  - Tides and Currents
- **Safety**
  - Emergencies on Board
  - Fuel and Boating
  - Partner in Command
  - Man Overboard
  - Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio
- **Techniques**
  - Knots, Bends, and Hitches
  - Paddle Smart
  - Trailering Your Boat
- **Cruising**
  - Crossing Borders

**Skills:** Short, focused training to boost your boating confidence

**Time:** 2 hours

**Cost:** Varies; members get a discount

## June 26 ` – 28 Spring Rendezvous in Rhode Island (report not yet available)

Plans were in place for a great rendezvous at the end of June. We are looking forward to a report from some of the attendees in the next issue of the LOG. We hope you all had a great time.

## Webinars -- Learn Online with an Instructor

<https://americasboatingclub.org/education-matters/online-boating-education/webinars/>

Live webinars let instructors and students meet in a virtual classroom. Because the sessions are live, instructors can deliver the most up-to-date information available. We record most sessions for students to review, and in case they can't attend the live session. Preregistration is required.

### Previously Offered

- Crossing Borders
- Emergencies on Board
- GRIDs and GRIBs: Computer Forecasting and Navigation
- Marine Weather Forecasting
- Thunderstorm/Severe Weather Forecasting

### Upcoming

- Oceanography: Ocean Currents and Computer Navigation—Sign up today!
- Updated 500Mb Chart Forecast
- Communication Equipment Onboard to Secure Weather Information
- Forecasting Weather Conditions for Running Inlets and Passes

**Skills:** Computer navigation, marine weather forecasting and more

**Time:** 2 hours including Q&A

**Cost:** \$20–30

## Apps for Boaters

<https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/13000/13000-apps-for-boaters>

or

[http://www.darcy-systems.com/squadrons/berkshire\\_Full\\_List\\_Apps\\_for\\_Boaters.pdf](http://www.darcy-systems.com/squadrons/berkshire_Full_List_Apps_for_Boaters.pdf)

Mariners may find the following listing of boating related apps for smartphones, iPods Touches, and tablets useful in their boating activities. Many are free but not all. Note that this listing does NOT suggest endorsement by USPS of any of the apps. See the USPS Disclaimer page for information.

There may be different versions of an app, depending on the device you're using. For instance, there may be a unique app download for an iPad that's different in size and possibly function from an app for an iPhone or iPod Touch.

iOS (iTunes Store) or Android (Google Play Store and/or Amazon Appstore)



## Dock Party - July 16

Join us for a Dock Party, on Monday, July 16, at Onota Boat Livery. We'll be meeting at 5:30 PM.

The Squadron will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks.

Attendees should bring a salad or dessert to share, and your own beverages.

You should also bring chairs, and some should bring a card table or two

RSVP to Kevin Dinan (413-637-4595 or [kjdi-nan@aol.com](mailto:kjdinan@aol.com)) by July 9.

## Dive Deep with Courses

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Beginner, intermediate or advanced — whatever your skill level, our in-depth boating education courses will boost your knowledge and confidence on the water.

- **America's Boating Course** gives you the basics you need to get out on the water safely, and it meets most states boating education requirements. Now available in Spanish.
- **Seamanship** builds your competence and confidence on the water with an in-depth look at the practical boating skills.
- **Piloting and Advanced Piloting** give you the skills you need to get where you're going using charts and marine electronics as well as a knowledge of winds, currents and tides.
- **Junior Navigation and Navigation**, a must for oceangoing captains, teach you about planning and monitoring your voyage using modern marine electronics and how celestial observations can help you estimate your vessel's position with confidence.
- **Cruising and Cruise Planning**
- **Engine Maintenance**
- **Marine Electronics**
  - Marine Electrical Systems
  - Marine Communications Systems
  - Electronic Navigation
- **Sail**
- **Weather**

**Skills:** In-depth, real world skills to boost your boating confidence

**Time:** 6–8 weeks

**Cost:** Varies; members get a discount

## Live on the Lake - August 8

Join us for a Live on the Lake event, on Wednesday, August 8. The performing band is Whiskey City, who has an excellent reputation.

We'll be meeting at 5 PM at Onota Boat Livery, and leaving the dock promptly at 5:30, to be well positioned for the 6-8 PM show.

Attendees should bring food (hors d'oeuvres) to share, and your own beverages. It should be a great event.

RSVP to John Holden (413-441-3769 or email [fokusjch@roadrunner.com](mailto:fokusjch@roadrunner.com)) by Sunday, Aug 5, so we reserve enough spaces on boats.

(Rain date is one week later, on Wednesday, August 15, with a performance by Remedy)

## Fire Extinguisher Recall

The recall involves 134 models of plastic handle Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017, including some models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and in February 2015. The extinguishers were sold in red, white and silver, and are either ABC- or BC-rated. The model number is printed on the fire extinguisher label. For units produced in 2007 and beyond, the date of manufacture is a 10-digit date code printed on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled models manufactured from January 2, 2012 through August 15, 2017 are 00212 through 22717. For units produced before 2007, a date code is not printed on the fire extinguisher. See the recall list on the next page.



Plastic handle models produced between January 1, 1973 and October 25, 2015		
2A40BC	Gillette TPS-1 1A10BC	Sams SM 340
6 RAP	Home 10BC	Sanford 1A10BC
6 TAP	Home 1A10BC	Sanford 2A40BC
Ademco 720 1A10BC	Home 2A40BC	Sanford TPS-1 1A10BC
Ademco 722 2A40BC	Home H-10 10BC	Sanford TPS-1 2A40BC
ADT 3A40BC	Home H-110 1A10BC	Sears 2RPS 5BC
All Purpose 2A40BC	Home H-240 2A-40BC	Sears 58033 10BC
Bicentennial RPS-2 10BC	Honeywell 1A10BC	Sears 58043 1A10BC
Bicentennial TPS-2 1A-10BC	Honeywell TPS-1 1A10BC	Sears 5805 2A40BC
Costco 340	J.L. 2A40BC	Sears 958034
FA 340HD	J.L. TPS-1 2A40BC	Sears 958044
FA240HD	Kadet 2RPS-1 5BC	Sears 958054
FC 340Z	Kidde 10BC	Sears 958075
FC Super	Kidde 1A10BC	Sears RPS-1 10BC
FC210R-C8S	Kidde 2A40BC	Sears TPS-1 1A10BC
Fire Away 10BC Spanish	Kidde 40BC	Sears TPS-1 2A40BC
Fire Away 1A10BC Spanish	Kidde RPS-1 10BC	Traveler 10BC
Fire Away 2A40BC Spanish	Kidde RPS-1 40BC	Traveler 1A10BC
Fireaway 10 (F-10)	Kidde TPS-1 1A10BC	Traveler 2A40BC
Fireaway 10BC	Kidde TPS-1 2A40BC	Traveler T-10 10BC
Fireaway 110 (F-110)	KX 2-1/2 TCZ	Traveler T-110 1A10BC
Fireaway 1A10BC	Mariner 10BC	Traveler T-240 2A40BC
Fireaway 240 (F-240)	Mariner 1A10BC	Volunteer 1A10BC
Fireaway 2A40BC	Mariner 2A40BC	Volunteer TPS-V 1A10BC
Force 9 2A40BC	Mariner M-10 10BC	XL 2.5 TCZ
FS 340Z	Mariner M-110 1A10BC	XL 2.5 TCZ-3
Fuller 420 1A10BC	Mariner M-240 2A40BC	XL 2.5 TCZ-4
Fuller Brush 420 1A10BC	Master Protection 2A40BC	XL 2.75 RZ
FX210	Montgomery Ward 10BC	XL 2.75 RZ-3
FX210R	Montgomery Ward 1A-10BC	XL 2-3/4 RZ
FX210W	Montgomery Ward 8627 1A10BC	XL 340HD
FX340GW	Montgomery Ward 8637 10BC	XL 4 TXZ
FX340GW-2	Quell 10BC	XL 5 PK
FX340H	Quell 1A10BC	XL 5 TCZ
FX340SC	Quell RPS-1 10BC	XL 5 TCZ-1
FX340SC-2	Quell TPS-1 1A10BC	XL5 MR
Gillette 1A10BC	Quell ZRPS 5BC	XL 6 RZ

Plastic handle models with date codes between January 2, 2012 and August 15, 2017			
AUTO FX5 II-1	FA5-1	AUTO FX5 II-1	FX10K
FA10G	FA5G	FA10G	FX5 II
FA10T	FC10	FA10T	H110G
FA110G	FC110	FA110G	H5G
FA5-1	AUTO FX5 II-1	FA5-1	M10G
FA5G	FA10G	FA5G	M10GM
FC10	FA10T	FC10	M110G
FC110	FA110G	FC110	M110GM
AUTO FX5 II-1	FA5-1	FC5	M5G
FA10G	FA5G	FS10	M5GM
FA10T	FC10	FS110	RESSP
FA110G	FC110	F55	

# Summer Lobster Picnic

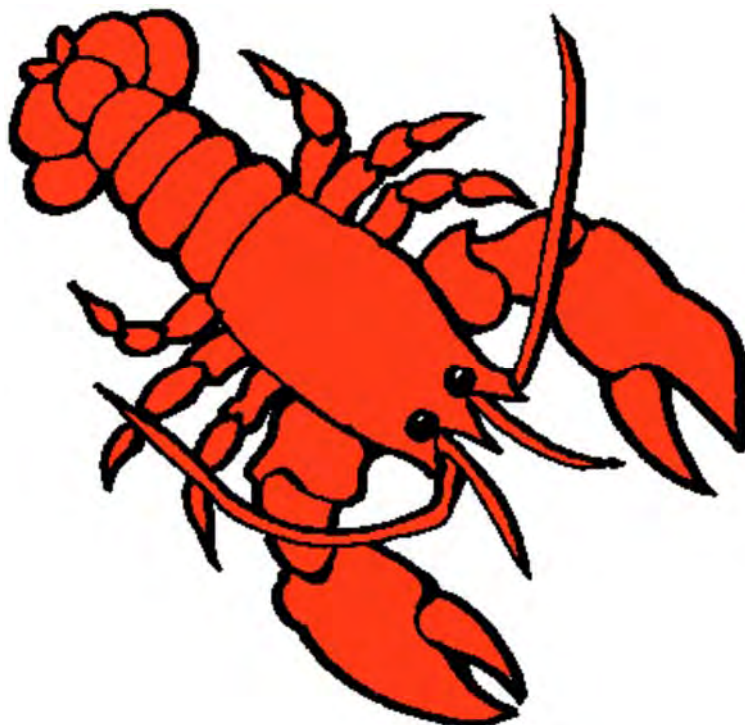
**Come to our Lobster Picnic  
on Saturday, August 25th**

The menu is:

- ◆ 1 1/2 Pound Maine Lobster w/Broth
- ◆ Or a Steak instead of a lobster
- ◆ Clam Chowder
- ◆ Soda, water, ice tea, and coffee

All attending are to bring a salad or dessert to share and your own alcoholic beverages if you would like them.

You also need to bring lawn chairs and crackers and picks (if you have them) to eat your lobster. If you have extra crackers & picks please bring them also.



**When All Else Fails, Eat Lobster!**

All BSPS members and one guest are invited. Cost: **FREE**

**Location:** George Reynold's Home, 45 Fred Mason Road, Cheshire, MA

**Time:** 2:00 pm

RSVP to Cdr David Trudeau at **413-717-4012** or [omdavia@gmail.com](mailto:omdavia@gmail.com) with the number of people attending **no later than August 18th**

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST**  
**NO RESERVATION, NO FOOD!**