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2023 CALENDAR

CAPCA Zoom meetings are open to the public.

Jan. 23: ABYC Marine Technician Maciej Rynkiewicz will discuss electrical safety from a delivery captain's perspective, including a special note on lithium batteries that are finding their way aboard more and more vessels.

Feb. 27: Captain Louis Novak is returning with a personal account of a rogue wave. He will share the science behind such occurrences as well as his own reflection on the experience.

Mar. 18: [Captain's License Renewal class – OUPV to Master 100-tons](#). 7:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Mar. 27: Captain Jen Kaye and her father, Captain Ken Kaye, from schooner *Woodwind* will present "Dream to Reality, the Making of the Woodwinds." The [Woodwind schooners](#) will have their 30th anniversary in 2023.

April 15: [CPR/AED class for Boaters](#). 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Apr. 24: Captain Sarah Lawrence from [TowJamm Marine, Kent Narrows](#), will join us to discuss their marine towing and salvage business on the Bay.

May 15: Jeff Gumport, The Liberty Ship, SS *John W. Brown*

June 26: Thomas Guay: "Health of the Severn: Roadmap to the Future"

July 24: Todd. D. Lochner, Maritime Attorney: "Legal Considerations for Licensed Captains"

August No Meeting

September 18: TBA

Oct. 23: TBA

Nov. 27: Annual General Membership Meeting (details TBA)

December – no meeting, enjoy the holidays!

The CAPCA calendar, with details of all CAPCA speakers, courses, and events, is available on the website on the CALENDAR menu tab. It's updated as new information becomes available.

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View from the Helm

By Captain Vicki Saporta, CAPCA President

Happy New Year! Hope you all enjoyed the holidays. I felt very fortunate to start 2023 by sailing on New Year's Day with friends on the Chesapeake Bay. We sailed again a couple days later and enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather!

Your Board has been hard at work since our last membership meeting. You should have received notices about our License Renewal Class being held on March 18 and our CPR/AED First Aid class being held on April 15. Please [register for these classes online](#) if you need either certification.

I'm happy to announce that CAPCA's membership continues to grow. We surpassed 300 members as we entered the new year! Please continue to spread the word about CAPCA membership and benefits to captains you know.

I hope you will join us on Monday, January 23 for our monthly meeting starting at 7 pm. ABYC Marine Technician, Maciej Rynkiewicz will discuss electrical safety, including lithium batteries, from a delivery captain's perspective. You'll receive a Zoom link to join prior to the meeting and the link will be posted on the website one week prior to the meeting. See you there in your Zoom box!

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Captain Saporta is the 2022 SpinSheet Volunteer of the Year

SpinSheet Announces the Volunteer of the Year 2022

After accepting nominations through the fall, the staff at SpinSheet has voted for our 2022 Volunteer of the Year: Vicki Saporta, Sail Beyond Cancer Annapolis's (SBCA) president and lead captain.

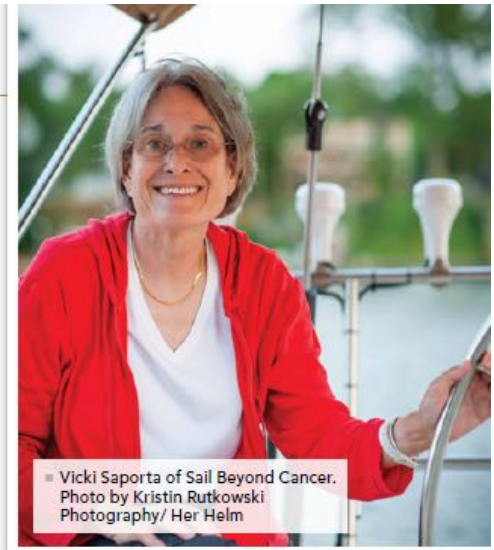
Suzanne Johnson, SBCA's executive director, says, "Vicki has been instrumental in getting the Annapolis chapter started—from putting together the board of directors and conducting monthly board meetings, to conducting outreach and fundraising activities and recruiting and training captains and crew. She has also personally conducted seven of our 24 sails this year for cancer patients and their loved ones aboard her Sabre 402 and raced her boat in the three charity races "Sail Beyond Cancer" banners to raise awareness for SBCA.

"Vicki is also a key volunteer with other maritime organizations in the Chesapeake Region. In 2022, she qualified as a coastal skipper with the U.S. Naval Academy and

instructed midshipmen in part of their July and August blocks. She was also recognized by Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB) as a skipper who volunteered more than 25 hours this year to take their clients on sails, including coaching a woman veteran to victory on her all-women team in the Recovering Warrior Sailing Regatta. Additionally, in 2022 Vicki served her first year as president of Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association (CAPCA) and commodore of Chesapeake Bay Sabre Association. She is also a Clean Water Captain and raises oyster spat off her dock for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF).

"Vicki has turned volunteering into a full-time job and has made a difference in the lives of so many in the Chesapeake region."

Vicki says, "After I retired, I wanted to continue to make a difference, so I chose to share my passion for sailing with others who could benefit from this special experi-



■ Vicki Saporta of Sail Beyond Cancer.
Photo by Kristin Rutkowski
Photography/ Her Helm

ence. Sail Beyond Cancer Annapolis allows me to give the memorable gift of sailing to patients struggling with cancer and their loved ones. I've experienced firsthand what an incredible difference these respite sails make in the lives of the wonderful people we take sailing."

As a token of our appreciation to Vicki for making our waterfront community better, SpinSheet will make a donation to Sail Beyond Cancer (sailbeyondcancer.org).

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CAPCA Member Cheryl Duvall Volunteers

Captain Cheryl has volunteered for more than seven years as a Clean Water Captain (CWC) for the [Chesapeake Bay Foundation \(CBF\)](#). She first became involved with the CBF as a member of their Speakers Bureau more than twenty years ago when confronted with the ailing health of the Chesapeake Bay. Determined to make a difference in the watershed that she has called her home since birth, Cheryl joined the CWC program to advocate for implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Blueprint to restore the Bay's health by 2025—a milestone that is quickly approaching.

In her CBF captain's role, Cheryl attends monthly captains' calls, contacts elected officials to advance clean water initiatives, writes letters to the editor of local publications, offers personal testimonies, participates in annual CWC retreats, and educates the public at occasional CBF events.



Cheryl Duvall at the Maryland State House in 2018 with her son Jean-Luc Duvall, lobbying elected officials to protect our forests to save the bay.

Cheryl also volunteers for other local non-profits. She is a board member of [Camp Attaway](#), helping children with emotional and behavioral problems, and is a recent past president of the [Annapolis Watercolor Club](#).

Cheryl urges all CAPCA members to become more knowledgeable about ways we can all help clean up our local waters and protect our state's most valuable resource, the Chesapeake Bay.

For more information:

How can I get involved to help save the bay?

<https://www.cbf.org/about-cbf/locations/maryland/offices/annapolis/volunteer.html>

What is the Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Blueprint?

<https://www.cbf.org/how-we-save-the-bay/chesapeake-clean-water-blueprint/state-of-the-blueprint/>

What is a Clean Water Captain?

<https://www.cbf.org/how-we-save-the-bay/programs-initiatives/maryland/clean-water-captains.html>

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Safety Snapshot - Damar Hamlin's Cardiac Arrest

By Alan Karpas
Safety Coordinator

Everyone has heard about the catastrophic event that was covered live on national TV during the January 2, 2023 Monday night football game. Damar Hamlin, a 24-year-old Buffalo Bills professional football player, assumed to be in perfect health, went into cardiac arrest following what appeared to be a very typical tackle.

The events of that night demonstrated the critical importance of knowing what to do when someone experiences sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). An awareness of the signs and symptoms of SCA, the need for an emergency action plan and the importance of rapid implementation of both CPR and an AED were demonstrated beautifully that evening. What we all witnessed that night was a plan of action that saved Hamlin's life.

As professional boaters, we all were required to have taken a CPR course to get our license. Keeping those skills current by staying certified in those skills is just the first step in saving a life.

CPR is nothing but a holding system to keep us alive by circulating oxygenated blood to the brain and other critical organs. But no one can perform high quality CPR for very long before becoming exhausted. Then the quality of CPR deteriorates, the victim's blood pressure drops and the oxygenated blood flow will drop to a point where it can no longer sustain life. Further, no matter how good the CPR provider is, CPR will not restart a heart. The only way for a lay person to restart a heart is through defibrillation.

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a device that can be operated by an untrained bystander. It delivers a shock to a heart only when it detects erratic electrical activity that can be brought back to a normal rhythm.



According to the American Heart Association, **if a victim of SCA is provided high quality CPR and an AED is used within four minutes of the attack, the chance of survival is 74%. The chance of survival diminishes by 10% for each minute of delayed response.**

Having an AED on board your vessel and at your marina is critical to saving lives. CAPCA provides CPR and AED training twice a year for our members and the public and the Safety Institute of Maryland will provide significant discounts to CAPCA members wishing to purchase an AED. The next CPR class is scheduled for April 15, 2023. This class is open to the public. [Register for this class on the CAPCA website.](#)

For further information on CPR and/or purchasing an AED, please contact the [Safety Institute of Maryland.](#)

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Meet Captain Tom Kirwan



I grew up in Maine, spending summers sailing the Maine coast. My father was a sailor and started me on boats when I was three weeks old, despite my mother's objections. Since then, I've done everything from windsurfing to square-rigged sailing.

I moved to Philadelphia for college, eventually went to law school, and settled uncomfortably into the corporate world. One summer day, I was on the Cape May Ferry with my family and noticed a three-masted ship tied up at the ferry terminal. It was the *Kalmar Nyckel*, the Tall Ship of Delaware, a replica of the 1638 ship that brought the first permanent settlers to Philadelphia. I eagerly

signed up for a public sail and spoke with Captain David Hiott. He urged me to sign up for their crew training program, and I did!

I loved my time on the *Nyckel* and learned from talented people. However, I couldn't afford to be away from family for several weeks. Then I got this crazy idea that if I bought my own schooner and sailed in my own home waters with my own license, I could sleep in my own bed each night. In 2007 I gave up the corporate world to go sailing every day.

I found *Summer Wind* on the hard in Virginia. A 48-foot steel-hulled Tom Colvin Gazelle schooner, she had been neglected and needed attention. I initially based *Summer Wind* as a six-pack out of Philadelphia, with up to five public sails per day.

Morning sails were historically focused, with maritime narratives and sea shanties. Afternoon harbor sails featured beach music from Jimmy Buffett and others, while evening sunset or moonlight sails enjoyed the classics like Frank Sinatra.

After amassing a large collection of music, I created SummerWindRadio.com, distinguishing *Summer Wind* as the only schooner in the world with its own internet radio station and mythical island called Wananuki.



After six years in Philly, I moved [Summer Wind to Baltimore](#) due to increasingly silted and shallow waters in the Delaware River, especially at marina docks. *Summer Wind* has since become a regular feature of the Baltimore Harbor. She regularly sells out and has carried more than 25,000 passengers and covered more than 75,000 nautical miles.

For years I wrestled with the idea of adding a second schooner to the business to increase capacity. On one hand, I hate turning people away because we're sold out, but on the other, two boats seem like actual 'work.'

But I got an opportunity to rescue another old schooner, a 32-ft. Ted Brewer-designed Lazy Jack schooner that needed more love and attention. It seems a pattern has emerged! We shipped her north from Florida, renamed her *Unforgettable*, and started restoring her. So now we have a 'fleet' and we're ready for the next 25,000 passengers!



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Continuing Education Director Report



By Captain Alan Karpas

As your new Education Director, I am pleased to let you know that we will be holding two of our standard courses this spring.

Captain's License Renewal is on the list for March 18, 2023 at the Elk's Lodge in Annapolis. You can register on the CAPCA website [HERE](#).

CPR/AED and First Aid for Boaters will be held on Saturday, April 15 at Selby Bay Yacht Club in Edgewater. You can register on the CAPCA website [HERE](#). CAPCA members must log in to the member side of the website and register there to get the discount price. **Please read the Safety Snapshot column, p. 5 above, if you need encouragement to take this class.**

CAPCA is always looking for educational topics of interest to our members. Please let me know if there are any subjects that you would like us to present. We will be sending a member survey about what courses or seminars you would like CAPCA to offer.

One of our challenges is to find another location for our in-person courses. Please let me know if you are affiliated with any facility where we can hold them. We need a place that can accommodate up to 24 students and either provide lunch or is close to a place where lunch can be ordered and brought in.

If you know about low-cost or free classroom spaces in the Annapolis area, please e-mail education@capca.net with your suggestions.

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Programs Director Report: 2023 Speakers



By Captain Yvonne Brandt

We are working on filling out the 2023 speaker schedule for the year. See the [Calendar](#) on the website for the confirmed speakers..

We also expect to hear from a USCG Search and Rescue office on Marine Distress Communication Devices and a meteorologist from the National Weather Service to give an overview of their services for the mariner, including discussing [SKYWARN](#) and the [Weather Ready Nation Marine](#)

[Ambassador](#) programs.

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“Ahoy” from Your Membership Director



By Captain Phil Gauthier

Current active membership stands at 299. Please help spread the word to all the non-member captains that you know about the professional development opportunities and benefits, including numerous discounts that come with a

CAPCA membership. Recruiting rewards also apply!

An updated list of the new members for the calendar year is available on the member side of the website on the menu item Member Directory, dropdown New Members.

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**By Captain John Wesley Nash
ABYC Coordinator**

| 2023 SUR/TECH Virtual Conference

ABYC has announced the agenda and opened registration for its 2023 SUR/TECH Virtual Conference scheduled for February 7 & 8, 2023. The Conference will be offering continuing education for marine surveyors, technicians, and other marine industry professionals.

Attendees can attend online for one or both days. Topics include:

Feb. 7 - Surveyor Training Day

- Industry briefing from ABYC President John Adey
- Basic engine surveys
- Yacht brokers and surveyors – how to work together for a happy customer
- Surveyor's best defense – writing reports citing ABYC standards and SAMS/NAMS
- Surveying electrical systems
- Training new marine surveyors and continuing education for veterans

Feb 8 - Technician Training Day

- Selection and installation of lithium batteries utilizing new ABYC standards
- Advanced electrical – electrical diagnostics, control circuits, three phase and more
- DC systems – analysis, troubleshooting and tools
- Power and wiring considerations in new electronic gear installations
- Insurance coverages – how to choose wisely

During breaks there will be optional bonus micro-courses on electrical, corrosion, and engine service.

To learn more and register visit www.abycsurtech.com.

To access the members-only side of the [ABYC website](http://www.abyc.org) you need the ABYC member ID and password. First, log in at www.capca.net and click on menu tab "Members Kit," submenu

“Discounts.” The ABYC username and password are in the ABYC listing at the top of the page. For security reasons we don’t put this information in *The Log*.

For any questions or additional information, you can contact Captain John Wesley Nash at jwn54@outlook.com or 703-887-1836 (C).

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After Grounding, Maryland Bans Marine Pilots from Using Their Phones

[The Maritime Executive](#), Jan 8, 2023

“After a distracted pilot ran the boxship *Ever Forward* aground in Chesapeake Bay last March, the Maryland Board of Pilots has decided to enact a rule change that forbids on-duty pilots from using their phones. . . .

Investigators reviewed the vessel’s Voice Data Recorder and found that the pilot talked on the phone for about half of the 126-minute time period between leaving the berth and running aground. He had also been seen texting and writing an email on his phone (and he was writing an email when the turn was missed). . . .

In October, the Maryland Board of Pilots [suspended](#) the license of the pilot involved, though it offered him an opportunity for a hearing to appeal the decision.

The Association of Maryland Pilots and the Maryland Board of Pilots did not have cell phone policies at the time of the grounding. The U.S. Coast Guard does not have formal regulations on cell phone use, though it ‘strongly recommends vessel owners and operators to develop and implement effective operational policies.’”

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Coast Guard Finds “Distracted Driving” by Pilot of the *Ever Forward*

Published Dec 6, 2022, by [The Maritime Executive](#)

“The U.S. Coast Guard completed its investigation into the [grounding of the *Ever Forward*](#) in Chesapeake Bay finding a clear case of human error with a pilot that was distracted as the vessel was due to make a critical turn. The Maryland pilot who was guiding the vessel on its voyage from Baltimore has had his license suspended and is potentially facing civil liabilities for causing the grounding.



The Coast Guard identified the key issues in the grounding as ‘the failure to maintain situational awareness and attention while navigating, and inadequate bridge resource management.’ The report highlights the actions of the pilot but also the failure of the bridge team to directly alert the pilot to his error possibly preventing the grounding.

Investigators reviewed the vessel’s Voice Data Recorder, which was archived by the second officer moments after the grounding,

as well as other data and interviews. They found that the pilot placed or received five phone calls from his personal cell phone lasting in total approximately 61 minutes of the 126-minute voyage up to the grounding as well as being observed texting and writing an email. The pilot was writing an email when the turn was missed.

The Coast Guard issued two recommendations based on the finding of the *Ever Forward* case. First concerns vessel owners and marine operators developing and implementing effective policies outlining the use of cell phones and other portable electronic devices.

The second recommendation applies to the vessel’s operators. The investigators found that the third officer, a Chinese national, did not directly alert the pilot when he believed they were missing the turn. The recommendation is for owners and operators to ensure and promote crew awareness of policies regarding the duties and obligations of officers on watch for the safety of the ship, even when a pilot is embarked.”

The U.S. Coast Guard released the [full report \(27 pp.\)](#). Full detail, maps, and images from the bridge instrumentation. **See pp. 4–6 in the report for the calls made by the captain.**

Read more details about the accident [HERE](#) in the *Maritime Executive* article.
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Captain Charged with Operating Illegal Charter Cruise



By Mike Shuler, gCaptain, Dec. 14, 2022

“A 65-year-old boat captain is facing up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for operating an illegal charter cruise near Houston, Texas and lying to U.S. Coast Guard personnel.

Gordon Johnson of Seabrook, Texas was taken into custody this week on violation of a U.S. Coast Guard captain of the port order, making a false statement, obstruction of a proper compliance inspection and forgery of ships papers, announced U.S. Attorney Alamdar S.

Hamdani.

Johnson allegedly operated the *MV Spanish Princess* without complying with an order of the highest-ranking U.S. Coast Guard officer in the Houston-Galveston area, the Department of Justice said in a statement. The indictment further alleges he made false statements to USCG personnel, claiming he did not to have paying passengers on his vessel, when he actually did, and instructed passengers to lie by telling personnel they were not paying passengers. He also forged the signature of the seller of the vessel on a USCG bill of sale, according to the charges. . . .

Owners and operators of illegal passenger vessels can face maximum civil penalties of \$60,000 or over for illegal passenger-for-hire-operations. Charters that violate a Captain of the Port Order can face over \$95,000.”

Read the details [HERE](#).

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The NMC Website Has Been Updated



NATIONAL MARITIME CENTER

Due to unusually high call volume, you may experience longer than normal hold times. For faster service, use one contact method at a time, either phone, email, or live chat and a Customer Service Agent will be with you as soon as possible. We thank you for your patience and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Check out the improved navigation and other changes that make it easier to find things. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the NMC website

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Comments Sought on the Chesapeake Bay National Park Proposal

Chesapeake Bay Magazine, November 15, 2022

“The Bay wide push to have the entire Chesapeake Bay designated a National Recreation Area is getting official now as two lawmakers from Maryland unveil their proposal. And you have a chance to weigh in on their plan starting now.

On November 15, Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD 3rd) released legislation for public comment that would create a unified [Chesapeake National Recreation Area](#) (CNRA) as a new unit of the National Park Service (NPS).

The lawmakers’ proposal would unite a series of NPS-owned and -operated park areas and visitor centers, plus iconic Bay properties contributed on a voluntary basis. The CNRA would provide more federal resources ‘to celebrate the Chesapeake’s diverse cultural and economic history, conserve this environmental treasure, and foster public access...while spurring economic growth.’

‘We are proud to present a proposal that will spotlight the Chesapeake’s unique story and historical significance, generate more prosperity for those who make their livelihood from it, leverage more federal investment, and encourage greater public access to the Bay’s beauty and cultural landmarks,’ said Senator Van Hollen.

The lawmakers are now accepting public comment on the proposed CNRA legislation. To review the draft legislation and provide feedback, visit vanhollen.senate.gov/cnra.”

To read the complete article, [CLICK HERE](#).

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Busy People Volunteer: What Are You Doing?



Licensed captains have many skills to share with others. Some of you provide welcome volunteer support for maritime activities, like the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Sea Scouts, Vessel Safety Checks, the U.S. Power Squadron’s Cooperative Charting Program, maritime museum programs, and environmental initiatives. One of CAPCA’s missions is to serve the maritime public.

We have started a series of short feature articles for *The Log* about the volunteer activities you are doing. The purpose of this is to (1) showcase the many worthwhile areas where captains can

volunteer their skills and knowledge, and (2) create an article that we can try to get published in one or more area boating magazines to increase CAPCA's visibility.

If you are doing any volunteer activity related to maritime or related interests, would you please send me

- a brief description of your activities
- link(s) to websites of organization(s) you volunteer with
- a photo or two you and the activity, if you have them

Let's help make CAPCA members aware of how and where to volunteer. Thanks very much.

Priscilla Travis, logeditor@capca.net

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The Speakers Bureau is Now Self-Service for Members and Clients



We've updated our Speakers Bureau website pages to be self-service. Clients who are looking for a speaker can now see who our speakers are and what each has to offer — and they can contact a prospective speaker directly by email.

Current Speakers Bureau members should review their listing as it's now available for public consumption. If you would like **to join the Speakers Bureau**, please [log in and fill out the form](#).

We display names, email addresses, availability, and topics - no phone numbers. Our website has a function that hides email addresses from collection by spammers. So, speakers' email addresses are safe.

Speakers can add, edit, or delete their listing by logging in to the [member pages](#) and clicking ABOUT US > Speakers Bureau Program > Speakers Bureau Members. There are icons to the right of each listing for viewing details, editing, deleting, and downloading a PFD version.

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The CAPCA Mentoring Program Is Now Self-Service

The CAPCA mentoring program is now self-serve! If **you previously signed up as a mentor, please sign up again** at: <https://capca.net/member-kit/mentoring>.

And we need more volunteers. CAPCA is bursting with maritime talent and experience — let's share some of it among ourselves.



Mentoring can be as simple as a phone conversation or as involved as a day on the water — on someone else's boat. There is no particular time commitment. It is up to you and the person seeking a mentor.

Access to the CAPCA mentoring program for volunteers to sign up and to find a mentor is under the MEMBERS KIT menu item at <https://capca.net/member-kit/mentoring>.

From here you can browse for a mentor on a specific subject (as soon as we get some posted) or sign up to share your own knowledge with other members.

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Earn rewards for recruiting new members!

Rewards are based on a rolling two calendar years

- Recruit 2 members within two calendar years - receive a CAPCA mug
- Recruit 3 members within two calendar years - receive a CAPCA ball cap
- Recruit 5 new members within two calendar years - receive a free one-year membership (Emeritus members receive a CAPCA shirt since they don't pay for membership.)

We'll keep track through the membership database, so **remind your recruits to include your name when asked, "How did you find CAPCA?"** in the online application. Rewards will be calculated after the first of each year.

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Uninspected Passenger Vessel Exams



CAPCA member Bruce Johnson is a USCG Licensed Master, as well as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary designated as a UPV examiner. Captain Johnson is available to do Uninspected Passenger Vessel exams for those who want them. Members can request UPVEs or ask questions any time by emailing him at bruce.johnson@cgauxnet.us or calling 410.707.1682 and leaving a message.

Voluntary UPV examinations are available to assure that owner / operators comply with federal regulations. If the vessel passes a UPV exam a decal is issued. Since this is a voluntary dockside exam, it is not a law enforcement action, and no citations are issued. On the

other hand, passing a UPV exam does not absolutely guarantee that the vessel may not be boarded when it is underway.

Uninspected Passenger Vessels (UPVs) are vessels not subject to Coast Guard inspection that are less than 100 gross tons with 6 or fewer passengers, including at least one passenger for hire. UPVs may also include vessels over 100 GTs but less than 300 GTs that carry not more than 12 passengers, with at least one being a passenger for hire. All UPVs must be under the direction and control of an individual credentialed by the Coast Guard. The original license or Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) must be aboard and available for immediate presentation to CG officials whenever passengers are being carried for hire. There are additional equipment and performance requirements for UPVs.

Bruce Johnson

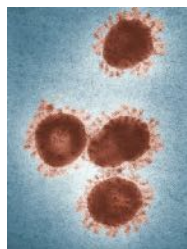
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COVID-19 Port Closures Are Changing



The worldwide pandemic has affected everything on land and sea, commercial and recreational maritime operations included. Commercial operators are usually aware of port limitations and recreational mariners, including delivery captains, must stay up to date with fast-changing conditions. [Noonsite](#) is an excellent resource and it's updated DAILY as conditions change. Follow [the links in this report](#) to stay updated on restrictions on your cruising route so that you can plan accordingly.

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BOATU.S. East Coast Alerts - Free to BoatU.S. Members

BoatU.S. East Coast Alerts Email Signup

Receive via email FREE "BoatU.S. East Coast Alerts," published every two weeks by long-time liveaboard authors and cruisers, Tom and Mel Neale. Get the latest Coast Guard and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers updates and late-breaking news about things that you need to know if you're boating along the East Coast, ICW, Chesapeake and in the Bahamas. Interim updated Special Alerts are emailed as they happen. Includes Districts 1,3,5 and 7 and General Announcements.

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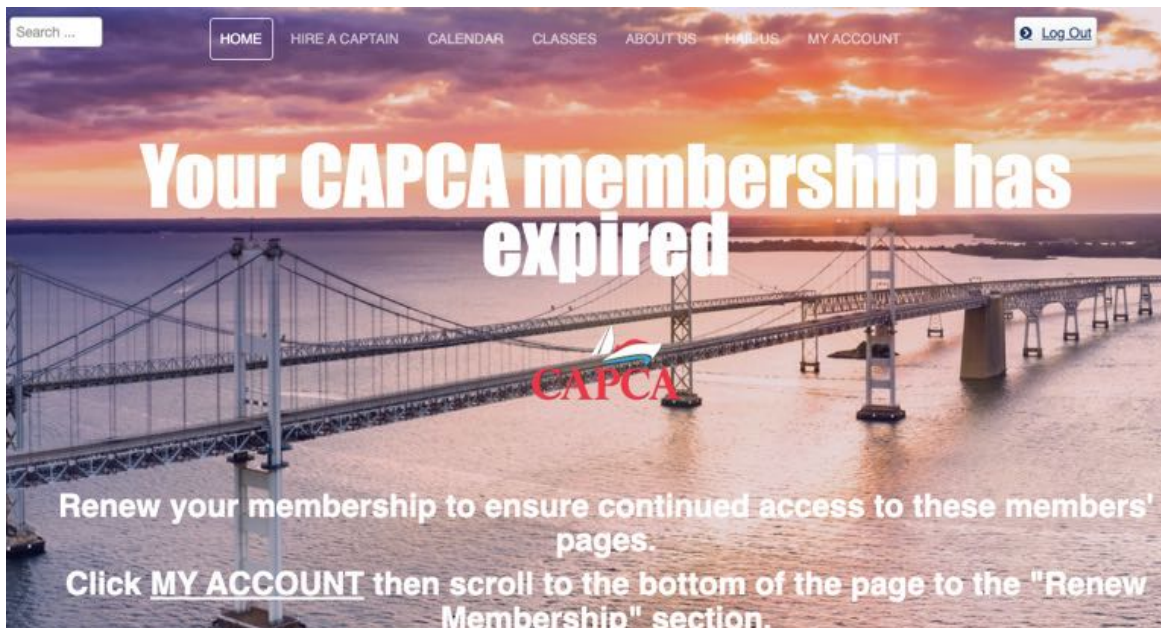
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Membership Renewal Reminder

When you renew your membership, the renewal is tacked on to the end of your current year. For example, if your subscription expires on June 4, and you renew any time before that date, your new subscription will start on June 4 and run for another year.

You don't have to wait to renew until you receive one of the **three automated reminder e-mails** we send you (30 days and seven days before expiration, and five days after expiration). Renew early!

If you do not renew **during the 60-day grace period**, you will see this header on the website when you try to renew. After 60 days you are no longer a member so you can't log in, and **you'll have to join as a new member**.



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UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS and OTHER INFORMATION

If your e-mail address or other information has changed, please update your information on the **member side** of the CAPCA website. **Log in**, click on "MY ACCOUNT," make your changes on your profile form, **scroll down and click on UPDATE** at the bottom of the screen when you're done.

If you change your email address on Your Profile, also please email webmaster@capca.net. We use Constant Contact for CAPCA announcements, which is a separate email list.

You're in control of your data! CAPCA relies on accurate information to communicate with you and to administer your membership.

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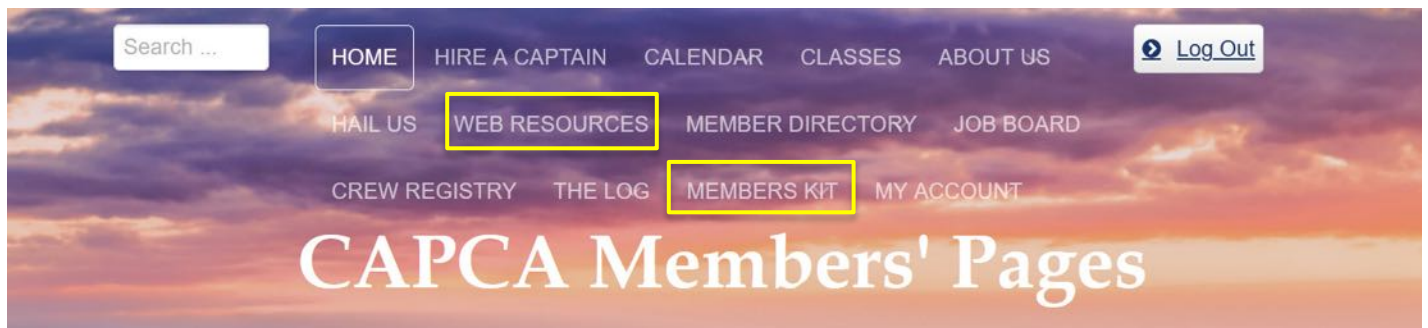
Website Spotlight for the Members' Pages



You may have noticed that the CAPCA public and members' home page have a new look: same information but arranged in small sections for quick access.

The web team works to make your website a timely resource that's both informative and useful. It's kept up to date and new material is added to keep the site current. This column will help you get familiar with some of the website features. Please e-mail webmaster@capca.net if you find broken or outdated links.

Please **bookmark** the [member login page](#) on all your devices so you can go right to the member side of the website. Everything you are likely to need is on the member side, but occasionally take a look at the public side, to see what the rest of the world sees.



The display on your device may not look exactly like this, but the menu tabs are the same.

Members, please use the CAPCA “Web Resources” menu tab for quick access to websites you may need. No Googling to find a website or keeping a lot of bookmarks on your devices. This menu tab is one of the most useful features for members.

Some of the lists on the Web Resources tab have more items than can be shown on one page, so we recommend that when you go to a category list, you select “All” in the small box on the right with the down arrow.



This month's spotlight is on members' Web Resources – Chesapeake Bay menu tab:

Annapolis Boat Shows - sail and power
Annapolis Maritime Museum
Bay Bridge Traffic cameras - from US 50 at I-97 to US 50 at MD 611
Chesapeake Bay Cruising Guides
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Chesapeake Bay Guide marina directory
Chesapeake Bay Guide - Maryland boat dealers
Chesapeake Bay Magazine
Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum - St. Michaels
Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating
Potomac River Guide
Potomac Riverkeeper Network
PropTalk Magazine
ShoreRivers Riverkeepers: Mills-Wye, Sassafras, Choptank, Chester
Spinsheet Magazine
Waterkeepers Chesapeake - coalition of 19 independent groups, Chesapeake and coastal bays
U.S. Naval Academy Museum
Waterkeeper Alliance - worldwide and local

NOTE: the links you see in this screenshot are not “live,” but they are live on the website.

If you have a website that you use and like, please send the URL (website address) to webmaster@capca.net and we'll add it to the category list for others to use.

Please send us suggestions for other features you would like to see on your website, or if you spot a problem, such as a broken link. E-mail webmaster@capca.net

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CAPCA’s Crew Registry Program

Captains: *Looking for licensed crewmembers for a delivery job, an assignment as an instructor, or any other on-the-water venture?*



Crewmembers: *Looking for a slot as a crewmember, either for pay or to gain experience?*

Either way, CAPCA’s **CREW REGISTRY** program can help you. **Here’s how it works:**

1. If you’re a CAPCA member who’d like to **serve as a crewmember** for another CAPCA member, fill out and submit the crew registry sign-up form on the member side of the website.

Your name and the information about your interest and qualifications will appear on the Crew Registry list.

2. **IMPORTANT: Note these two questions** on the signup form, “Currently enrolled in a U.S. Coast Guard-recognized random drug screening program?” and “Name of drug screening program.”

Your answers to these questions should **reflect your current status**. You DO NOT have to be enrolled in a drug screening program unless your work as a captain requires it. If you’re **not** in a screening program, answer “NO” and “NONE” to the questions. If you **are currently** enrolled in drug screening program, answer “Yes” and enter the name of the program in the box.

A captain seeking crew may need a crewmember who is currently enrolled in a drug screening program, so it’s important to indicate if you are or are not in a screening program.

When you renew your license (and in some other employment situations), a drug *screening test* is required, as the Coast Guard specifies: “[A drug test is required](#) for all transactions EXCEPT documents of continuity modifications (increases of scope), duplicates, and International Endorsements (STCW).”

However, a number of captains do the drug screening test just for license renewal, and if their employment as captains does not require enrollment in a drug screening program, they do not enroll after the test.

3. Captains **looking for crew**, log in to the member side of the CAPCA website and examine the crew registry list to see the available crew listings. The most recent postings appear at the top of the list.
4. If a captain is interested, he or she can contact you directly and you two can work out arrangements for duties and pay.
5. The list of members who have signed up for crew duty will remain available indefinitely. The list will form a crew registry to which captains can refer time after time.
6. **Editing your information:** If any of the information you filled out on your registry form changes, or if you no longer want to be included on the Crew Registry list, you can edit or delete your listing yourself. Log in with your member username and password, click the CREW REGISTRY menu item and the blue "Edit Your Listing" button. You will see four icons to the right of your listing for viewing, editing, deleting, or downloading. You can hover your cursor over each icon to see what it does.
7. If you are on the Crew Registry, this might be a good time to **review your listing**. If any of your information has changed, you can update it with immediate results. If you are no longer interested in being listed on the Crew Registry, please delete your listing.

For further information, contact the Jobs Program coordinator at jobs@capca.net.

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Visit the Ships Store. It's Winter!

Log in to the member side of the CAPCA website. Click on menu tab "Members Kit," "Ship's Store" to read the [Ship's Store general information](#).

To go to the Queensboro store from the Ship's Store page "CLICK HERE TO ORDER."

The ship's store offers various discounts from time to time (see the colored band in the middle of the [store's register/sign in page](#)). Check frequently and remember to use the discount code when you check out.

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Your Nautical Knowledge Quiz

Provided by Captain Rick Perri, [National Seafarers Academy](#)

1. Which situation would be a "special circumstance" under the Rules?
 - A. Vessel at anchor
 - B. More than two vessels meeting
 - C. Speed in fog
 - D. Two vessels crossing
2. When do you use your FCC call sign when transmitting on channel 16?
 - A. Only at the beginning of a transmission
 - B. Only in an emergency
 - C. Only if asked by the U.S. Coast Guard
 - D. Always at the beginning and ending of a transmission
3. Unless the COI is endorsed for adults only, there shall be provided a number of approved life-jackets suitable for children equal to at least ____ . (small passenger vessel regulations)
 - A. 20% of the passengers carried
 - B. 10% of the total number of persons carried
 - C. 10% of the passengers carried

- D. 20% of the total number of persons carried
4. To prevent the spread of fire by convection you should _____.
- A. shut off all electrical power
 - B. remove combustibles from direct exposure
 - C. cool the bulkhead around the fire
 - D. close all openings to the area and block small holes

Answers on page 25—no peeking.

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This Month in Naval History

January in U.S. Naval History

Jan. 1, 1950 - Mary T. Sproul commissioned as first female doctor in Navy.

Jan. 5, 1875 - CDR Edward Lull begins expedition to locate best ship canal route across Panama. Route followed 30 years later.

Jan. 10, 1917 - Navy places first production order for aerial photographic equipment.

Jan. 14, 1863 - Navy General Order 4, Emancipation Proclamation.

Jan. 15, 1865 - In largest amphibious operation of war, Union forces capture Ft. Fisher, Wilmington, NC, by joint amphibious force.

Jan. 19, 1840 - LT Charles Wilkes, USN is first American to discover Antarctic coast.

Jan. 26, 1913 - The body of John Paul Jones is laid in its final resting place in the Chapel of Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

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Nautical Knowledge Quiz Answers

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