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2024 CALENDAR - in progress

Jan. 22: ON ZOOM. Speaker: Captain Scott Berg: Avoiding Surprises at Sea: What a Boat Survey Does and Doesn’t Tell You. 6:45-8:30. **Log-in instructions will be posted on the CAPCA website a week before the event.**

Feb. 26: ON ZOOM. Speaker: Austin D. Mansfield, Meteorologist, NOAA/NWS: "Update on Marine Forecasting and Modeling." 6:45-8:30 p.m. **Log-in instructions will be posted on the CAPCA website a week before the event.**

Watch for updates to the calendar on the [CAPCA website](#).

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 Tony Tommasello, CAPCA President

December 21st is my favorite day of the year. The winter equinox heralds longer days and the promise of spring. Although the temperature is cold and winter doldrums persist, the future is bright and thoughts of floating our boats and considering what boating adventures to pursue fill our minds. Most likely, if you own a boat, these are your thoughts too.

Winterizing the vessel is a sorrowful time knowing that the boating season is officially over when we put antifreeze in the water lines to the impeller and the engine. Everything that must be done is on our checklist that we must go through step by step to ensure that we don't overlook a critical action.

As the days get longer, we initiate plans to address issues that arose during the last season so the upcoming boating expeditions are safe for everyone who comes aboard. What products to purchase, how much time will projects take, should the yard handle it or is it something we can do ourselves?

Captain Michael Dodd's book [Chesapeake Bay Odyssey](#) lets us share with others some appealing harbors that would be attractive destinations on a week (or longer) cruise. It's been said that one can spend a lifetime on the bay and not run out of new harbors and gunkholes to visit. We are fortunate to be professional captains on one of the world's best boating environments.

When destinations we will visit are set, we then consider who we can invite onboard and which of our boating buddies can meet us on the water in their boat. Linking up with others is a fine way to share stories, discuss new techniques, and deepen a friendship.

During the planning I have to consider my professional responsibilities, my teaching schedule, outings with customers of Windspeed Sailing, and now duties as president of our Association. I am eager to greet the new boating season and look forward to serving the Association.

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Rescue Swimmer Awarded DFC for Daring SAR Response



Aviation Survival Technician Second Class Spencer T. Manson received the Distinguished Flying Cross Award at Coast Guard Sector/ Air Station Humboldt Bay on December 12, 2023.

Manson received the award for his heroic efforts during a rescue operation on June 19, 2021, which occurred 70 miles offshore from the California–Oregon border, resulting in all six persons lives aboard a disabled 79-foot schooner being saved.

The prestigious Distinguished Flying Cross Award is the highest honor that can be achieved in aviation and is awarded to any Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard personnel who distinguish themselves for heroism or outstanding achievement while participating in aerial flight.

Original press release from the June 19, 2021 incident

MCKINLEYVILLE, Calif. —On the afternoon of June 19, 2021, Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay received a VHF distress call from the crew of the yacht *Barlovento*, a classic 79-foot schooner with a storied pedigree. In a severe storm off the Oregon-California border, the wooden vessel was disabled and taking on water. One of the six crewmembers had sustained injuries to her head and arm.

The situation was urgent, as the conditions on scene were rough, with winds of 60 miles an hour and seas of 20 feet. Watchstanders launched a fixed-wing aircraft out of Air Station Sacramento to provide overwatch and a Sector Humboldt Bay Dolphin helicopter crew. The Dolphin crew arrived on scene and deployed their rescue swimmer, Petty Officer 3rd Class Spencer Manson.



The yacht's motion and the running seas were too severe to land Manson on deck, so the crew picked an unusual course of action: they dropped him in the water downwind of the *Barlovento*, knowing that the yacht would blow past him at speed. It did, making nine knots, and Manson grabbed hold of a trailing line in the water. In a scene ready-made for Hollywood, he pulled himself

hand over hand against the current and climbed aboard the yacht from the stern. The motion slammed him into the water multiple times.

Once aboard, Manson got the injured crewmember prepared for hoisting. It was still not possible to hoist someone off the deck of the pitching yacht, so both the rescue swimmer and the victim had to jump into the water. Once clear of the *Barlovento*, Manson helped the victim into a rescue basket, and the aircrew hoisted her up and flew her to shore.

Manson returned to the *Barlovento* and helped safely hoist three more people, using a "sliding-deployment technique" of his own devising that let him hang off the boat to help the survivors into the water for retrieval. Another aircrew and rescue swimmer flew out to get the last two survivors. The *Barlovento* was left to drift in the storm.

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Coast Guard Uses VHF Direction-Finding to Rescue Two Fishermen

Published Dec 20, 2023 7:24 PM by [The Maritime Executive](#)

"On Tuesday, December 19, the U.S. Coast Guard safely rescued two fishermen off the coast of Charleston, South Carolina after their vessel capsized and sank.

At about 2030 hours on Tuesday night, Coast Guard Sector Charleston received a mayday call over Channel 16 from a crewmember aboard the vessel, a 30-foot fishing boat. The boat was taking on water and going down, the caller reported.

The Coast Guard dispatched a boat crew and a helicopter crew to help, and watchstanders used bearings of the vessel's last VHF transmission to triangulate the location of the casualty. This direction-finding technique is a classic search method, less used in the age of the satellite EPIRB but still relevant - and accurate. The helicopter aircrew transited to the triangulated position and immediately spotted a life raft with two survivors on board.

In a statement, Sector Charleston said that having a VHF marine radio was a critical factor in the positive outcome of the SAR mission. "The mariners were able to provide us with a chance to find them by using their marine grade radio and we utilized our search and rescue technology to pinpoint their last known location that was provided to our aircrew," said Lt. Michael Allen, Coast Guard Sector Charleston's search and rescue mission coordinator.

The aircrew deployed their rescue swimmer, who brought the two men aboard safely. The survivors were delivered to Medical University South Carolina for evaluation and further care."

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USCG New Online "Launch and Recovery" Charting App

Provided by Hans Hoffman, CAPCA Vice-President

Captains, indeed, all mariners planning a DELMARVA circumnavigation or cruises to points south, will soon have an additional charting tool available. This charting app will provide space launch and re-entry information off the east coast, including Wallops Island, Virginia. This is how the U.S. Coast Guard has recently announced the new app:



COMING SOON: NAVCEN will be releasing our new Space Operations Launch and Recovery (SOLAR) geospatial visualization tool in the near future. The initial build of this tool will be available in the Coast Guard Seventh District with further expansion in 2024.

SOLAR will offer a practical solution for mariners and the shipping industry to access real-time, geospatial information about space launches and reentries. This information is critical for navigating safely in areas affected by space operations. The tool will be available online at www.navcen.uscg.gov, providing an accessible platform for users to stay informed.

Key features of the tool include:

1. Interactive Display: A visual format for easier understanding of restricted navigation areas.
2. Updated Information: Timely data on space launches and reentries to help mariners make informed decisions.
3. Online Accessibility: The tool is readily accessible on the NAVCEN website.

This tool will align with NAVCEN's goals to modernize maritime communications and provide relevant, up-to-date information to mariners and other stakeholders.

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Joint Effort to Explore New Wind Energy Areas Off MD Coast

[gCaptain, December 11, 2023](#)

Members of the Biden Administration, along with various departments and officials, have announced a joint commitment to evaluate additional areas off the coast of Maryland that could potentially support offshore wind energy projects.

The collaboration includes the Department of the Interior, Department of Defense, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Coast Guard, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as well as U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, and Maryland Governor Wes Moore.

Under the joint commitment, the administration and the State of Maryland will work together to advance the review of these areas, aligning with the goals of Maryland's Promoting Offshore Wind Energy Resources Act. They will also consider how federal and state efforts can address any necessary mitigation related to existing offshore activities. These efforts are part of the broader plan by the Biden administration to boost the American offshore wind industry, aiming to deploy 30 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind energy capacity by 2030.

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Programs Director Report for January 2024



By Captain Cheryl Duvall

Happy New Year! It's time to launch our 2024 year of programs and we are off to a great start. A few of the suggestions I received from attendees at our November 27, 2023 annual meeting have been quite fruitful. We have filled our calendar through April and are actively working to lock subsequent dates for other speakers who have also committed. Additionally, we are considering more in-person meetings for 2024 as well as the possibility of providing hybrid meetings, where we can meet in person and host virtual attendees. Stay tuned!

Please plan to join us virtually on Monday January 22, 2024 as we kick off our year with an eye-opening presentation, **Avoiding Surprises at Sea: What a Boat Survey Does and Doesn't Tell You**, by **CAPCA member Captain Scott Berg**. Scott will share knowledge gleaned from countless deliveries and marine surveys, including what delivery captains and boat owners should know or ask before leaving the dock. His deep expertise with electrical, propulsion, fuel, communications, and miscellaneous onboard systems provides a credible foundation for his real-life stories about avoiding surprises at sea.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for these upcoming programs, but stay tuned for whether any may offer hybrid capability (both in-person and virtual attendees).

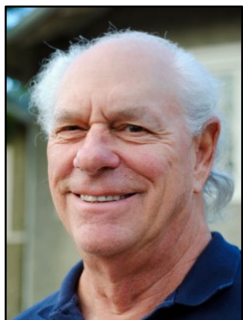
- Mon. Feb 26: **NWS Update by NOAA Marine Forecaster**, Austin D. Mansfield, Meteorologist, NOAA/National Weather Service
- Mon. Mar 25: (note: in-person meeting): **Take the Voodoo Out of Compass Headings**, Seamus Duffy, Annapolis Compass
- Mon. April 15 (note: third Monday): **Experiences aboard a Lightship**, Captain Rob Chichester

Additional 2024 Speakers and Topics include:

- **Emergency Services on the Water**: A panel discussion with USCG, MDNRP, DNR (presenters are still being confirmed)
- **Occoquan River: Working Together to Keep the River Safe**, Captain Robert Schwartz
- **Teaching Problem-Solving at Sea**: Captain Steve Maddox, SeaAffinity

And remember, CAPCA is always looking for topics and speakers of interest to our members and the maritime community. Feel free to email programs@capca.net and check the [CAPCA calendar](#) for schedule updates.

Continuing Education Director Report - New Courses for 2024



By Captain Alan Karpas

It has come to my attention that several CAPCA members have not registered properly for our classes and as a result they are paying the nonmember price to attend a class. If you want to get the discounted member price, you MUST go to capca.net and LOG IN as a member. Then click on "Classes" to register for your class. The reminder notice below is included with each class listing on the public and members' side of the website:

CAPCA MEMBERS MUST LOG IN TO THE MEMBER SIDE OF THE WEBSITE TO GET THE DISCOUNTED PRICE.

Here are the classes scheduled for spring 2024:

SKYWARN and Weather-Ready Nation Ambassadors training, presented by the National Weather Service (NWS)

Date & Time TBD

This course will help all of us get better at understanding the weather we are experiencing and partner with the NWS to keep them updated on our observations. **This training will be held at the NWS Baltimore/Washington Forecasting Station in Sterling, VA and will include a tour of their facility.**

Marine Radio Operator Permit Class with Optional FCC Certification and Exam

March 9, 2024 0900 - 1500

Selby Bay Yacht Club

Member Cost: \$115 wo/Certification - \$190 w/Certification

Minimum 6 students

This class is designed to learn VHF and HF radio operations and regulations for the Small Passenger Vessel (SPV) industry. This class will also prepare you to take and pass the FCC Element 1 exam which will earn you an FCC Marine Radio Operator Permit (MROP), which is required for most inspected SPVs.

License Renewal

March 10, 2024

Selby Bay Yacht Club

Besides being a fantastic review for all boaters, this course satisfies the professional requirement of attending an approved training course in lieu of the 360-sea day requirement as outlined in 46 CFR Part 10.227 (Requirements for Renewal). This renewal class is for MMC renewals for Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (OUPV) and 100-Ton Master for both Inland and Near Coastal waters. A certificate of completion will be issued to students who attend all required classroom training and who successfully pass the written proctored exam. The completion certificate will be

submitted with the MMC renewal application and will be in-lieu of the 360-sea day requirement for renewal. Course completion certificates will be valid for one year.

CPR/AED and First Aid for Boaters

March 16, 2024

Selby Bay Yacht Club

This CPR/AED and First Aid Course is designed especially for boaters. The program is taught by American Heart Association Certified Instructors.

Upon completion of the training, students will receive an American Heart Association Course Completion Card in CPR & First Aid. This certification card is accepted by ABC for anyone needing certification for BOC and by the USCG for Captain's License requirements (Optional segments required). It has a two-year expiration date.

Leadership for Captains

April 6, 2024 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Selby Bay Yacht Club

Member Cost: \$140

Minimum 12 students

This program will be conducted by a professional leadership, team building and executive coaching consultant who has worked in over 150 private and public companies. More information on this class is included in the LOG.

Have you ever thought about your personal interaction with your crew and its impact on the efficient running of your vessel? It really doesn't matter if you are a recreational captain of your own boat, delivery captain with a crew of three or a captain of a 400-passenger tour boat, your communication and leadership skills will impact your crews' performance. This program focuses on recognizing and utilizing your talents and tendencies to flourish as a captain.

Should you decide to participate in the program, you will be asked to share some information about your perceived strengths and weaknesses. You will look at how the information shared relates to your job and be expected to discuss a challenge you recently faced or will need to address in your role as a captain.

Here is what you can expect to learn and be able to do by participating in the program:

- ✓ Identify and use your personal strengths
- ✓ Gain insight into your style of interacting with others and know when and how to tap others with different talents to get the job done
- ✓ Look at the roles and responsibilities of the captain and crew and recognize where there could be overlap or things could fall through the cracks and how you can make a difference
- ✓ Experience the impact of team performance
- ✓ Become familiar with a variety of leadership styles and know when and how they can be most effective
- ✓ Apply what you learn to situations you face on the job

Program Agenda

- Individual Strengths
- Interpersonal Styles
- Team Performance
- Leadership Styles
- Leadership Challenges

CAPCA member cost for this course is \$140. Please go to capca.net and log in to register at the member price.

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Jobs Program Report for December 2023



By Captain Rob Young, Jobs Program Director

December has some activity:

4 jobs posted:

Delivery, FT captain, PT captain, charter boat captain.

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“Ahoy” from Your Membership Director



By Captain Phil Gauthier, Membership Director

Current active membership stands at 301. 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/New Members](#).

Meet the Captain



Edited by Captain Cheryl Duvall

An Interview with Captain Mike Clark

How did you get into boating? That's a funny story. My dad was in the Navy and we were living in Japan at the time. My friend and I were nine years old, spied a boat, and took it for a spin. A nearby sailor saw us, yelled at us, got us back to the base, and then told my dad. I was in lots of trouble but it made for a memorable first boating experience!

What was your next boating adventure? After I graduated James Madison University, my girlfriend moved to the beach for a summer job. I followed her and got a job on a commercial fishing boat near Barnegat Light, NJ. When summer ended, she went back to JMU and I kept fishing. The work is dirty and dangerous but it's pretty cool to venture 200 miles offshore for up to ten days. I've always said, "it's the hardest job you'll ever love."



How long did you continue commercial fishing? After a couple of months, one of the crew learned that I had graduated college and quipped "most of these guys graduate from prison." It hit me that I was a college guy and it might be time to follow that woman again. So I did, and we've been married ever since.

Does your wife like the water, too? Yes! While we were working our careers and raising our family in Manassas, VA, we started a boat fund with loose change in a five-gallon jar. We set a goal to buy a boat when the jar was full. It was symbolic but also the trigger we needed to buy a 37-foot Egg Harbor sport fisher.

What other boats have you owned throughout the years? I partially restored a 1948 28-foot Egg Harbor, fixed up an Albin 27 sailboat that I got for free, and eventually bought a 44-foot ocean yacht sport fisher.

When and why did you become a captain? After 30 years of coaching college swimming, I started to eyeball retirement because I knew I'd still be working at something. I got my captain's license and gained experience on a variety of boats. I ran charters, worked for TowBoatUS, taught for Freedom Boat Club, and did deliveries up and down the East Coast.



When and why did you join CAPCA? Six years ago I saw CAPCA's advertisement in *PropTalk* and joined to increase my delivery opportunities as well as my overall boating knowledge.

You recently started a new full-time position. How did you learn about it? From CAPCA's job board! I'm the Marina Captain for [The Tides Inn](#) in Irvington, VA. I take guests out for cruises on the inn's 22-foot Duffy or their pontoon boat. I'm having fun, which is how I feel about all the jobs I've held in my life.

Prior to this job offer, were you familiar with the Northern Neck? My wife and I fell in love with this area during weekend getaways in the 80s and 90s. Fifteen years ago one of my close friends moved here to start an oyster farm. My wife and I enthusiastically relocated three months ago and now have a waterfront home with beautiful sunrises and sunsets, and lots of boating options.

When you aren't working, what do you enjoy? I enjoy fishing, home renovations, teaching swimming, and spending time with our kids and grandkids. I'm also the new Communication Director for CAPCA and look forward to helping other captains learn about CAPCA.

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Safety Snapshot – The Importance of Safety Training in Maritime Work



**Provided by Alan Karpas
Safety Coordinator**

[qCaptain, Dec. 18, 2023](#)

“In the vast expanse of the world’s oceans and waterways, maritime workers face unique challenges that most land-based workers would never encounter. From weather conditions and treacherous seas to complicated machinery operations, maritime workers grapple with elements that require a specialized knowledge base. Safety training in the maritime sector isn’t just crucial—it’s a matter of life and death.”

It is essential to have a plan and practice for man overboard incidents, recognizing signs of fatigue, storm avoidance, hurricane preparedness and evacuation, and dealing with equipment failures.

“Maritime safety training shouldn’t be seen as just another checkbox on a compliance form. It’s [a captain and] employer’s moral and legal obligation to ensure their crew is prepared for any eventuality. Proper training can mean the difference between a close call and a tragedy.”

[Read the whole article.](#)

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ABYC Happenings



By Captain John Wesley Nash
ABYC Coordinator

No report for January. The ABYC 2024 calendar of classes and events is available [HERE](#).

To access the members-only side of the [ABYC website](#) 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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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.

I would like to do a series of short feature articles for *The Log* about the volunteer activities you are doing. The purpose of this is to (1) showcase to our members 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 boating magazines.

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 of 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](#).

From here you can browse for a mentor on a specific subject 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.

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Worldwide Port Information



noonsite.com

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.

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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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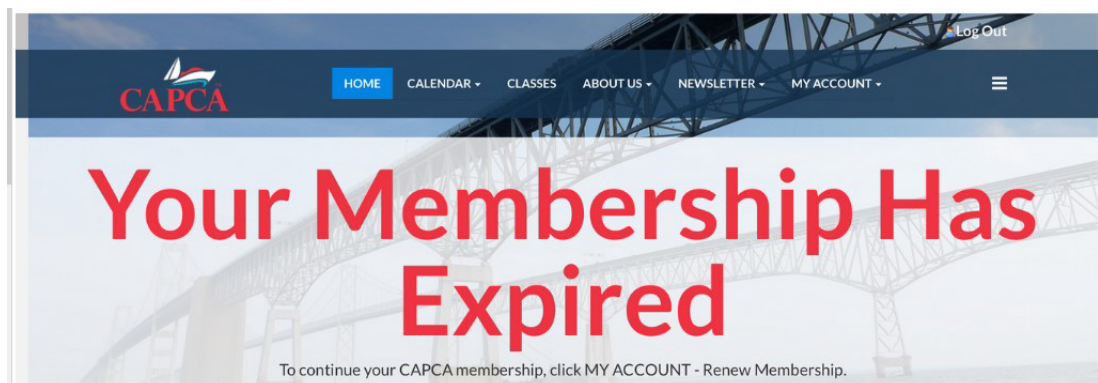
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Membership Renewal Reminder

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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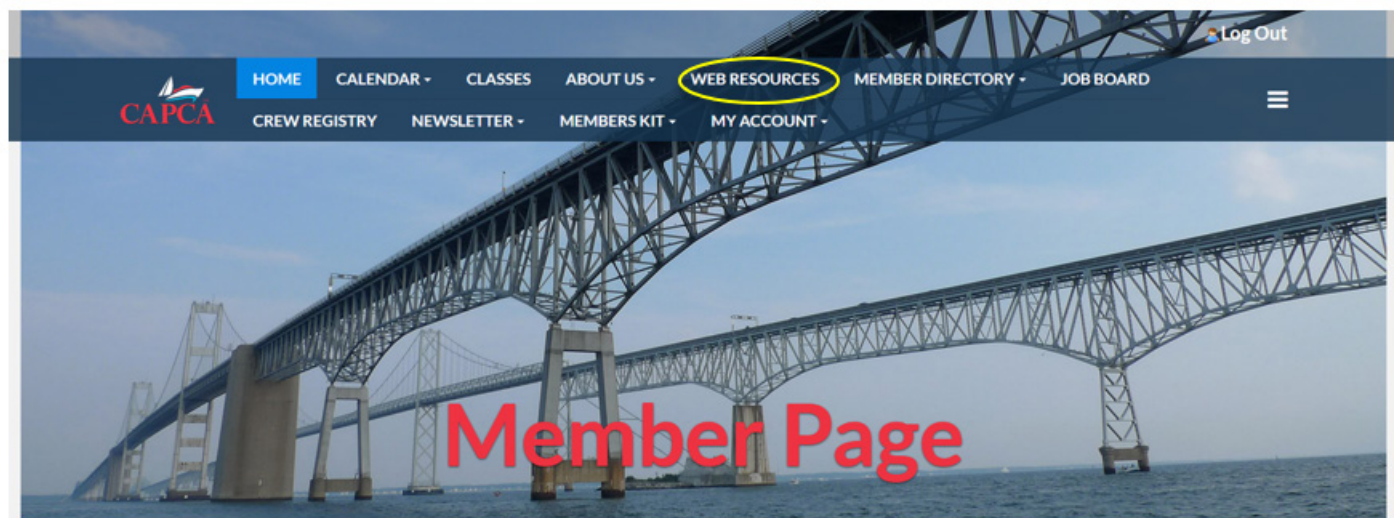
Website Spotlight



You may have noticed that the CAPCA public and members' web pages have a new look: the website update shows new headers and page appearance but with the same information.

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's features.

Please **bookmark** the **member login page** on all your devices so you can go right to the member side of the website. The member's pages have more information than the public pages. 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. Smaller screens may have a “hamburger menu.”



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 of your website.

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.



All links A to Z	Chesapeake Bay	Government Agencies
Intracoastal Waterway	Laws and Regulations	Licensing - merchant mariner credentials
Miscellaneous	Mobile Apps, Individual	Mobile App Lists
Navigation Resources	Organizations - non-government	Recall Notices
Safety	Small Passenger Vessels	Vendors & Services
Weather & Tides		

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.

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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. 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

2. When does the rule regarding lookouts apply?
- A. in restricted visibility
 - B. between dusk and dawn
 - C. in heavy traffic
 - D. All of the above
3. Which statement is true concerning a vessel equipped with operational radar?
- A. The Master of the vessel must be on the bridge when the radar is in use.
 - B. The radar equipment is only required to be used in restricted visibility.
 - C. The use of radar excuses a vessel from the need of a look-out.
 - D. This equipment must be used to obtain early warning of risk of collision.
4. A Certificate of Inspection issued to a small passenger vessel describes _____.
- A. the minimum fire extinguishing equipment, lifejackets, survival and rescue craft she must carry
 - B. the name of the managing operator
 - C. any special conditions or restrictions on her operation
 - D. All the above

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