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2026 CALENDAR - in progress

February 23, 2026, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm: “Key Bridge Rebuild.” We all woke up in amazement on March 26, 2024 to the sight of the Key Bridge falling into the Patapsco. As mariners and citizens of the area, we have experienced the destruction of this critical piece of infrastructure. The Key Bridge Rebuild team will be joining us to talk about their progress for the bridge reconstruction. Major topics will include the planning, demolition, and construction progress to date. Hybrid - **Annapolis Elks Lodge and online on Zoom.** See door prize below. Zoom link will be posted one week before the event.

March 23, 2026, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. “Colonial Chesapeake Maritime History,” with Annapolis author Thomas Guay. Hybrid - **Annapolis Elks Lodge and online on Zoom.** See door prize below. Zoom link will be posted one week before the event.

Watch for updates to the calendar on the [CAPCA website](#). It’s updated as new information becomes available.



Be sure to attend our Feb 23 and Mar 23 programs at the Elks to have a chance at winning a \$50 gift certificate door prize, generously donated by Bacon Sails & Marine Supplies.

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\$50 gift certificate to Bacon's!

When you see Stevie Reeves at Bacon's, tell him CAPCA says thank you!

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View from the Helm: CAPCA'S North Star



By Captain Cheryl Duvall, CAPCA President

On January 11, 2026, sixteen CAPCA board members and board assistants convened for a half-day goal-setting retreat to identify CAPCA's North Star, establishing a framework to define our top priorities and measurable goals for the next two years.

Our agenda was aggressive for a four-hour session, but we had 100% participation with a pre-retreat assignment that enabled us to hit the ground running. After briefly reviewing some tactical but necessary board matters (e.g. Roberts Rules, bylaws), we focused most of our time on identifying and developing five goals, forming small groups to further deliberate each:

- **Increasing Value of Membership:** Developing or refining what should be available "for free" to non-members vs. what should be reserved for CAPCA members only, including potential new services.
- **Developing Strategic Partnerships:** Developing strategic partnerships with other maritime organizations or businesses, for mutual benefit.
- **Clarifying Marketing Efforts:** Clarifying Marketing vs. Communication, and whether we need to add a marketing position to the CAPCA board.
- **Revitalizing Continuing Education:** Identifying classes that our members need or want.
- **Ensuring Leadership Succession:** Establishing a path to develop future CAPCA leaders to ensure long-term organizational stability.

Since the retreat, CAPCA leaders have been refining each goal and creating action plans, using SMART goal criteria (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-Based). We are reserving agenda time during our February and March board meetings to review proposed action plans and agree upon next steps.

A few new ideas resulted from our goal setting. If any of the following excite you, **please reach out and volunteer to assist, or let us know your thoughts.**

- **Associate Membership:** We are considering adding a new member category for those who are actively working on obtaining their MMC. We will be developing membership criteria and dues structure, and have discussed including a mentoring component.
- **Marketing Director:** With the recent addition of exhibits at local boat shows and the new goal of developing strategic partnerships, we expect to add a new position to the board: Marketing Director. We've had a Communication Director position on our board for many years, but marketing tends to be a different role than communication. We are still developing a position description and would love to hear from CAPCA members with related experience.
- **Assistants or Committees:** To facilitate leadership succession, we will be recruiting assistants or committees for each officer or director position. This will also help to engage more members, spread the workload, and help us accomplish all our goals.

So what does this goal setting mean for you as a CAPCA member? Just a few examples:

- **Added benefits:** Within a few months, you should enjoy more member benefits, with added services, continuing education, and discounts that you can use.
- **More jobs:** As CAPCA extends our reach through strategic partnerships and marketing efforts, our job board postings will increase, providing ample opportunities for captains to answer requests for occasional, part-time, or full-time employment, in the Chesapeake region and beyond.
- **Meaningful networking:** CAPCA will continue to expand networking opportunities at maritime events and boat shows in addition to CAPCA tours, in-person programs, and through our mentoring program.

None of the above would be possible without the dedication of our board, board assistants, committees, and member volunteers.

I especially want to thank the participants of our goal-setting retreat: *In-person* (at the Selby Bay Yacht Club, a no-cost venue thanks to Alan Karpas): Davis Jones, Greg Pabst, Tony Tommasello, Bob Thomson, Will Fink, Philip Gauthier, Hilary Howes, Dave Sire, Alan Karpas, Rob Doolittle, Chuck Thompson, Bill Washington; *On Zoom:* Laura Olsen, Priscilla Travis, Tate Westbrook; *Absent due to travel, but submitted pre-retreat assignment:* Carl Bart, Adam Yearwood.

We want to hear from you. Please offer your feedback and raise your hand to volunteer!

Click on the **Suggestion Box** on the members' home page. CAPCA is your organization and the Board is here to serve it.



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Program Director Report for February 2026



By Captain Hilary Howes, Program Director

February 23: Key Bridge Rebuild, with a speaker from RK&K, one of the bridge engineering consultants. Hybrid: at the Annapolis Elks Lodge and online on Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted one week before the event. See p. 9 below, for the Key Bridge rebuild website.

March 23: Colonial Chesapeake Maritime History, with author Thomas Guay for local history from the colonial days and learn about the famous (whose names we see on streets and towns), as well as the unknown indentured servants (who paid their way to this new world with seven years of their lives.) Much of their stories are contained in his latest novel "Chesapeake Bound: An Annapolis Novel." Pick up a copy and get it signed by the author that night; copies will be available to purchase at the event. I have read it and let me tell you it's exciting adventure that I stayed up way past my bedtime because I needed to finish those last chapters. His command of local history as well as fiddle playing should make for a grand night of stories and sea shanties. Hybrid: at the- Annapolis Elks Lodge and online on Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted one week before the event.

Our committee will be meeting to decide on future presentations and tours based on just what interests YOU! And of course who is available to do a presentation or tour. If you have a contact with an organization that would make a great in-person or Zoom presentation, please let any committee member know, or email me at programs@capca.net.

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Jobs Program Report for January 2026



By Captain Laura Olsen, Jobs Program Director

6 total requests
3 sail/power
1 power
1 sail

Thank you, Captains!

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CAPCA's 2026 Boat Show Program

By Rob Doolittle & Chuck Thompson, Boat Show Co-Chairs

CAPCA's participation in regional boat shows is a very important element of our outreach to the Chesapeake boating community. Last year, CAPCA's presence at shows generated more than 90 leads for potential new members and several postings to the Job Board.

In 2026, we're planning to exhibit at the following shows:





Trawlerfest Baltimore (late September)
Annapolis Powerboat Show (October 8-11)
Annapolis Sailboat Show (October 15-18)

Sign Up Now for the CAPCA Booths at the Spring Boat Shows

Boat shows are important sources of new members and job-board leads for existing CAPCA members, and we rely heavily on volunteers to staff our booths.

Please consider signing up now for a shift at the two boat shows coming up this spring: the Bay Bridge Boat Show, April 17-19, at Safe Harbor, Narrows Point Marina in Grasonville, or the Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show, April 24-26, at Annapolis City Dock.

Use the links below to sign up for the shift of your choice:

Bay Bridge Boat Show, April 17-19:

<https://www.signupgenius.comgo/10C0449ACAD2BA0F8C43-61977507-baybridge/>

Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show, April 24-26:

<https://www.signupgenius.comgo/10C0449ACAD2BA0F8C43-61979726-annapolis>

Volunteers receive free one-day admission to the show and will be reimbursed for parking fees on request. We'll provide tools to enhance your experience and effectiveness in the booth, so please don't hesitate to sign up even if you've never done it before.

This is a great way to get to see the newest boats and marine products on the market while talking about being a captain and spending time with other CAPCA members. CAPCA needs your support to be successful, so please sign up now.

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Roundup Inspections 2026

U.S. Department of
Homeland Security

United States
Coast Guard



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04 Feb 2026

Dear Sir or Ma'am:

Consistent with previous years, Sector Maryland-National Capital Region (NCR) will hold a "Round Up" starting March 17, 2026. Our goal is to perform as many inspections as possible in areas with high concentrations of certificated passenger vessels. This is an efficient approach to aid in preparations for the upcoming fishing and tourist season and minimizes the need to take vessels out of service during this busy period.

Primarily, "in water exams" (Inspections for Certification and Annual Inspections) will be conducted during the "Round Up" period. Dry-dock exams may be conducted if my office is given sufficient notice. Please keep in mind that an inspection to renew a Certificate of Inspection (COI) must be completed on or before the certificate's expiration date and an annual exam may be conducted within three months before or after the COI anniversary date (date of expiration).

The scheduled for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Round Up is attached within Enclosure 1: "FY 2026 Vessel Inspection Schedule and Guidelines", the standard schedule of inspection dates/locations where we attend throughout the remainder of the year. Each location is scheduled twice a month. Our office will try to accommodate your vessels within those dates. If your vessel's location is not listed below, we will still be able to schedule your inspection during this timeframe. Vessel operators that are interested in scheduling an inspection should email baltdvb@uscg.mil.

Please be advised that recently our office has been having phone issues which have had an impact on the proper scheduling of inspections. Due to this, our office **no longer** schedules vessel inspections via phone. Emailing our office for inspection requests and other domestic vessel-related issues is the only means of communication. In addition, please ensure that you provide your vessel name, official number, location of the inspection, and type of inspection request (ie. Annual, Drydock, or COI).

If you have any other questions, please contact the Sector Maryland-NCR Domestic Vessel Branch via email at baltdvb@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. M. Briggs".

C. M. Briggs

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection
By direction

See below FY 2026 Vessel Inspection Schedule and Guidelines

1 st & 3 rd MONDAY	1 st & 3 rd TUESDAY	1 st & 3 rd WEDNESDAY	1 st & 3 rd THURSDAY	1 st & 3 rd FRIDAY
BALTIMORE CHESAPEAKE CITY ESSEX FELLS POINT HAVRE DE GRACE MIDDLE RIVER NORTHEAST GIBSON ISLAND PASADENA	CHESAPEAKE BEACH DEALE LOTHIAN EDGEWATER SHADY SIDE	COLTON POINT DAMERON MECHANICSVILLE RIDGE SOLOMONS SOLOMONS ISLAND TALL TIMBERS	CRISFIELD DEALE ISLAND WENONA SALISBURY	TRAINING / CASE WORK ANY NON-STANDARD REQUEST FOR INSP
2 nd & 4 th MONDAY	2 nd & 4 th TUESDAY	2 nd & 4 th WEDNESDAY	2 nd & 4 th THURSDAY	2 nd & 4 th FRIDAY
ANNAPOLIS ARNOLD GALESVILLE GRASONVILLE KENT ISLAND KENTMOOR KENT NARROWS	CAMBRIDGE CHURCH CREEK EASTON HOOPERS ISLAND OXFORD SECRETARY ST MICHAELS TIGHLMAN ISLAND	ALEXANDRIA LORTON NATIONAL HARBOR WASHINGTON, D.C.	CHESTERTOWN GEORGETOWN ROCK HALL STILL POND OCEAN CITY	TRAINING / CASE WORK ANY NON-STANDARD REQUEST FOR INSP

USE THIS SCHEDULE AS A GUIDELINE FOR LOCATIONS THAT OUR TEAM WILL BE
IN YOUR AREA FOR INSPECTION. EMAIL: BALTDVB@USCG.MIL FOR ALL
INSPECTION REQUESTS

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Cheating To Get a Captain's License Is Too Easy

By [Peter Swanson](#), *Loose Cannon* on Substack

January 9, 2026

“The recent federal conviction of a sea-school operator and a separate Coast Guard internal investigation suggest that it is way too easy to game the system that awards six-pack and 100-ton captain’s licenses. . . .

[Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) Special Agent] Edward Songer and Special Agent Joshua Packer of the South Florida CGIS office sat down recently for an interview with *Loose Cannon* about lessons learned from an investigation involving Great Lakes Charter Training, a school that had been based at Algonac, Michigan. . . .

CGIS effectively shut the school down with the arrest of proprietor Mel Stackpoole, who ‘knowingly altered and falsified records and documents with the intent to impede, obstruct, and influence the proper administration of a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Coast Guard...to wit: merchant mariner credential test results and course completion certificates.’

The case . . . came from a tipster: ‘There was a student that just didn’t feel right about receiving their credential.’ . . . That prompted CGIS to enroll an undercover agent in one of Stackpoole’s courses for people seeking a 100-ton license. This is what that agent learned from two weeks of attending classes in August 2020:

The defendant provided students enrolled in the course with less than 50 hours of classroom instruction, rather than the required 80 hours. Further, during the course the defendant instructed students to provide false information regarding their prior sea service, medical history and recreational drug use on their MMC (merchant mariner credential) applications. The defendant also improperly provided the students with answers to certain examination questions; changed students’ incorrect test answers into correct answers; and inflated the students’ test scores in order to reflect passing, rather than failing grades. . . .

Tate Westbrook is a retired Navy captain and serves on the Board of Directors of the **Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association**. Westbrook told *Loose Cannon* that under the current system it is nearly impossible to weed out the fakers.

‘One of our many objectives is to professionalize those who sail on those 50- to 100-ton licenses. However, they all walk in the door of our organization with a license in hand that they earned somewhere else. We have a robust continuing education program that elevates their skills... I am the director of continuing education, so we take that pretty seriously. But absent a similar of professional association, a yahoo who takes one of those multi-day classes online or in person and is a boat owner can easily fake their own credentials.’ . . .

The National Maritime Center, which is responsible for oversight of the licensing system, recently came under fire from the Coast Guard’s own Inspector General’s Office for scattershot enforcement.”

[Read the whole article](#) for interesting details.

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Key Bridge Rebuild on Facebook



Follow the progress of the Key Bridge rebuilding on Facebook. Photos and articles.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=key%20bridge%20rebuild>

CAPCA meeting February 23: Key Bridge Rebuild, with a speaker from RK&K, one of the bridge engineering consultants. See “Calendar” above.

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“Ahoy” from Your Membership Director



By Captain Phil Gauthier, Membership Director

Current active membership stands at **360**. 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.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association, (CAPCA) you must maintain a current Merchant Mariner Credential, (MMC) or Coast Guard Document of Continuity.

Don't put your CAPCA membership in jeopardy due to an expired license. CAPCA Bylaws allow members to remain active if their license expiration is within the renewal grace period prescribed by the Coast Guard, normally one year. The Coast Guard recently announced a temporary extension of the one-year grace period to six years. Since you are in this grace period, your membership remains active; however, **we don't know how long the Coast Guard will keep this temporary extension period.** As stated in the Coast Guard announcement, “the administrative grace period does not extend the validity of an MMC and a mariner may not sail under the authority of an expired credential.”

Once you have renewed your license, please be sure to log on to the CAPCA members page to update your license expiration date and upload a copy of your current license.

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The CAPCA Scuttlebutt Pop Quiz

Take this short quiz, worth 25 points and bragging rights at our next gathering! But no peeking at the answers!

But first, why this quiz? In preparation for the January Board Retreat, our president asked retreat participants to spend a minimum of 20-30 mins on the CAPCA website, including the “About Us” tab. Prior to engaging in goal-setting activities, she wanted attendees to be keenly aware of CAPCA benefits, resources, history, and service offerings. And what better way to test their knowledge than surprising them with a fun pop quiz! Haha! It was like going back to school, exchanging with a neighbor for accurate scoring. And this was NOT open book: no phones were allowed or peeking at the website.

However, prizes were given! 1st prize: Captain Rob Doolittle; 2nd prize: Priscilla Travis; 3rd prize: Bob Thomson. They all received miniature 3-D printed CAPCA boats.

So see how you do. Feel free to peruse our website **before** taking the quiz. Or maybe you'd prefer open book? Either way, we hope it's fun and that you learn something about CAPCA that you didn't know before.



How well do you know CAPCA?

1. **True or False:** CAPCA's first president was Capt. Bill Conklin in 1989-1990 prior to CAPCA's formal incorporation in March 1992. (1 point)
2. **Fill in the blanks:** CAPCA is a professional organization for Coast Guard-licensed _____ across the _____ Bay and along the _____ coast. Our captains operate _____ boats, tour boats, survey and tow vessels, and _____ - _____ ships. Some provide _____ for new boat owners. Others _____ boats between ports. We have more than _____ licensed captains available to assist boat _____ and dealers. (1 for each blank = 10 points)
3. **Multiple choice re. CAPCA mission:** CAPCA is dedicated to two primary missions. Circle the correct **two** from the following list (2 points):
 - a. Serve the maritime public
 - b. Be a trusted resource for USCG Maryland – National Capital Region
 - c. Promote the professional development of our members
 - d. Provide speakers at local boat shows and yacht clubs
 - e. Provide legal expertise for starting a captain's business
4. **True or False:** In 2015-2016, CAPCA launched a major rebranding program that included the creation of a new logo and a new website. (1 point)
5. **Multiple choice re. Member Benefits:** Which of the following is **not** a member benefit (1 point):
 - a. Individual CAPCA members can gain free access to all ABYC standards online (American Boat and Yacht Council).
 - b. Mariners Learning System offers CAPCA members a 10% discount, including its renewal course.
 - c. CAPCA members receive a 15% discount on 360° CoveragePros insurance.
 - d. Annapolis School of Seamanship offers CAPCA members a 15% discount on their 2-day license renewal course.
 - e. CAPCA members can save 20% on new PredictWind subscriptions and renewals.
6. **Multiple Choice:** Within 2-3 clicks, a CAPCA member can access which of the following links from the **Web Resources tab** of our website: (2 points)
 - a. up-to-date weather and tides information for local stations and beyond
 - b. dates of the upcoming Annapolis boat shows
 - c. real-time Bay Bridge traffic cameras
 - d. animated knots
 - e. all the above
 - f. none of the above
7. **Multiple choice re. member survey:** According to our Sept 2025 member survey about Captain Licenses (results were published in the last four issues of *The Log*), what percentage of CAPCA respondents claim that their primary income is earned "by working my captain's license" (1 point):
 - a. 42%
 - b. 33%
 - c. 18%
 - d. 9%

8. **Multiple choice re. member survey:** According to our Sept 2025 member survey about Captain Licenses (published in the last four issues of *The Log*), what percentage of CAPCA respondents hold a Master 100 Ton (1 point):
- 42%
 - 33%
 - 18%
 - 9%
9. **True or False:** CAPCA has been providing videos of speaker presentations for members and the public on our YouTube channel since 2021. (1 point)
10. **True or False:** Via our website, CAPCA provides archived speaker presentations available to members and the public dating as far back as 2008. (1 point)
11. **True or False:** Before applying for emeritus membership, a CAPCA member must have maintained continuous membership for 15 years or more and have reached their 72nd birthday. (1 point)
12. **Multiple Choice:** In recognition of their service and experience, emeritus members enjoy the full benefits of membership and do not pay membership dues. How many Emeritus Members does CAPCA currently have? (1 point)
- Under 20
 - 21-35
 - 36-50
 - Over 50
13. **Multiple Choice:** Which of the following guest speakers took advantage of our offer for free CAPCA membership for one year, given as thanks to licensed captains who participate as a speaker at our programs? (1 point)
- Captain Elizabeth Christman (March 2025 speaker)
 - Captain Dave Gendell (April 2025 speaker)
 - Captain Kate Hollingsworth (June 2025 panelist)
 - None of the above
14. **True or False:** Cheryl is CAPCA's 4th female president. (1 point)

Total possible points: 25

Answers on p.18. NO PEEKING!

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Sail Beyond Cancer Annapolis

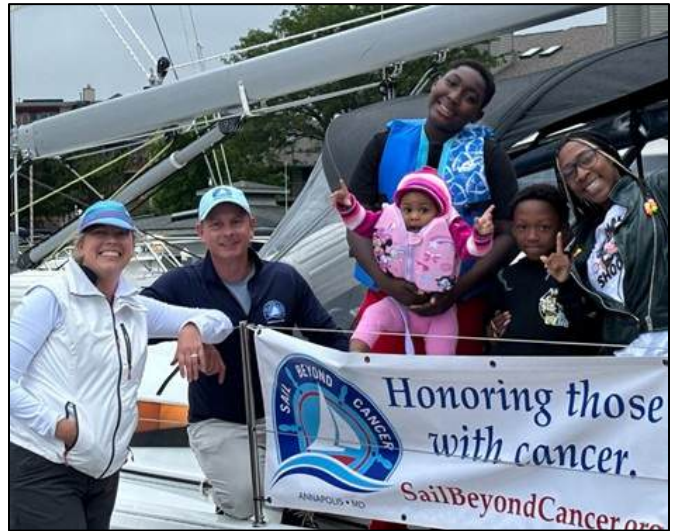
Provided by Sail Beyond Cancer Annapolis

Sail Beyond Cancer USA has chapters in Virginia, Annapolis, North Shore, MA; Newport, and Vermont offers free, private three-hour sailing experiences on the Chesapeake Bay for those currently in cancer-related treatment and their loved ones. Each "nominee," as participants are called, may invite up to five guests aboard, creating space for connection, reflection, and respite.

Last year, Sail Beyond Cancer Annapolis (SBCA) picked up a new skipper with Dr. John Wojcik taking over as Board Chair. “I’ve been volunteering with Sail Beyond Cancer Annapolis since 2022 and am looking forward to leading this amazing organization through its next transformation,” John said. The organization is deeply investing in strategic planning to enable SBCA to streamline to build a cadre of quality volunteers who make each sail a success. Matt Seidel, a member of the strategic planning team said, “Volunteers are the backbone of our organization. I’m excited to be working hard behind the scenes to make our volunteers feel engaged and heard so that we can continue to provide life-changing experiences.”

“We don’t just need volunteers to sail—we need ‘shore team’ members to coordinate the sails and call nominees, manage spreadsheets and forecast SBCA needs. You can do that from your kitchen table,” Wojcik said. SBCA is looking for volunteers to serve as nominee coordinators, fundraising, outreach and events, photo management, social media, and crew coordinators. Of course, if someone wants to go sailing, SBCA needs sailors too.

Rick Lober, a member of CAPCA, heavily endorses the SBCA: “every time I take a nominee and their family out on a sail I see them settle in when the wind hits the sails. You can see it. They’re letting cancer go and reading the wind in their own way.”



SBCA’s mission is captured in its motto: *Honoring Those Challenged by Cancer by Harnessing the Healing Powers of Wind, Water, and Sail.* What begins as a simple day on the Bay often becomes a powerful reminder of normalcy, dignity, and hope during an otherwise difficult chapter of life.

SBCA welcomes nominees of any age, any cancer type, and from any location. For mariners seeking to give back in a way that aligns professional skill with purposeful service, Sail [Beyond](#) Cancer Annapolis offers a uniquely rewarding opportunity. Anyone interested in volunteering (or nominating) someone for a sail can call John at 517-626-1283 or reach out to their website: sailbeyondcancer.org.

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Visit the Ships Store. Spring May be Coming.

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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ABYC Happenings



By Captain John Wesley Nash
ABYC Coordinator

ABYC's Social Media: A Great Resource

The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) is highly active across the social media community. With a presence on all major platforms, ABYC is able to quickly share boating safety tips, standards awareness, and best practices with boat owners, marine technicians, and the broader boating community. These platforms also highlight ABYC events, important updates, and essential marine industry news.

CAPCA members can benefit by following some or all of ABYC's social media channels. In addition to keeping members informed, these platforms serve as a valuable source of free educational content and practical safety insights.

For reference, below is a list of ABYC's social media platforms.



Facebook: facebook.com/abycinc



Instagram: @abyc_boatsafety



LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/abyc



TikTok: @ABYC_BoatSafety



X (Twitter): @ABYC_BoatSafety

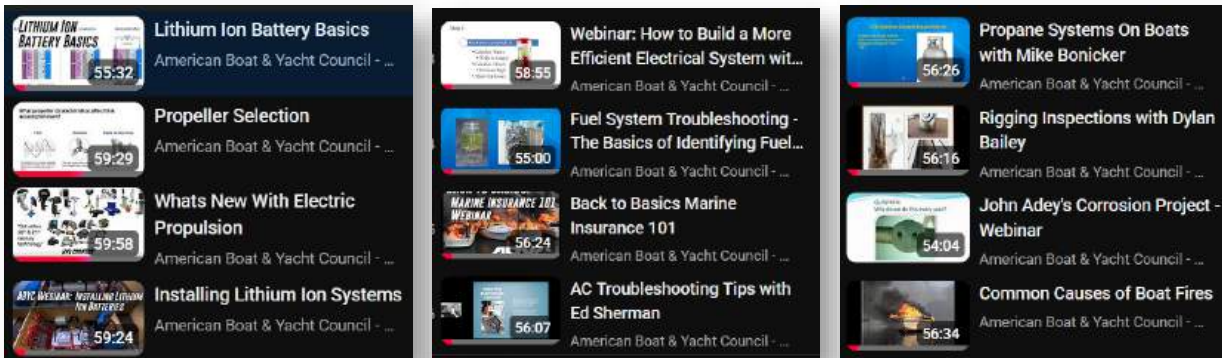


YouTube: @abyc_boatsafety

The ABYC YouTube channel features more than 80 free educational videos. These videos cover a wide range of topics and offer practical, easy-to-understand guidance for marine professionals and boat owners alike. Below are a few examples you may find especially useful and informative.

- [ABYC and NMEA Present Digital Switching Systems \(DSS\)](#)
- [Understanding Lithium Ion Batteries](#)
- [De-mystifying Basic Electrical Concepts and Standards](#)
- [Wiring Terminations: Terminal Types, Stripping, and Crimping](#)

- [Preventing Marine Corrosion](#)
- [Fuel System Troubleshooting - Identifying Fuel Related Engine Problems](#)
- [Propeller Selection](#)
- [Common Mistakes In Fiberglass Repair](#)
- [Common Causes of Boat Fires](#)



Ed. Note: Log Editor Priscilla Travis attended the February 2024 ABYC Marine Law Symposium. It was an all-day online or in-person event with excellent speakers. I appreciated the discount offered through CAPCA's group membership. Check out their online and in person classes.

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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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Reminder: CAPCA Has a YouTube Channel



We prefer that you join us for the presentations in person or on Zoom, but if you can't attend, you can catch up on what you missed or browse past presentations to find topics that may be of interest to you.

CAPCA has been providing videos of speaker presentations for members and the public on our website since 2021. Thank Captain Bill Washington, our video editor, for making these available so quickly after the presentation. Visit the [CAPCA YouTube Channel](#). Presentations prior to 2021 are listed [here](#).

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Your Nautical Knowledge Quiz

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

1. Which vessel is "underway"?
 - A. A vessel made fast to a single point mooring buoy
 - B. A purse seiner hauling her nets
 - C. A pilot vessel at anchor
 - D. A vessel which has run aground
2. You are fighting a Class B fire with a portable dry chemical extinguisher. The discharge should be directed _____.
 - A. over the top of the fire
 - B. to bank off a bulkhead onto the fire
 - C. at the seat of the fire, starting at the near edge
 - D. at the main body of the fire
3. The Master of a small passenger vessel must conduct sufficient drills and give sufficient instruction _____.
 - A. At each crew change
 - B. Every week
 - C. Every month
 - D. To ensure that all crew members are familiar with their duties during emergencies
4. If your bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone ceases to operate, you must _____.
 - A. immediately anchor your vessel and arrange for repairs to the system
 - B. moor your vessel at the nearest dock available and arrange for repairs to the system
 - C. arrange for the repair of the system to be completed within 48 hours
 - D. exercise due diligence to restore the system at the earliest practicable time

Answers on p.16. No peeking!

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Website Spotlight:



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 members' pages have more information than the public pages. Everything you are likely to need is on the member's side, but occasionally 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.

Check the CAPCA Web Resources menu tab for a list of internet resources that might be of interest to you.



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. Also, 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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Answers to the Nautical Quiz

1. B 3. D
2. C 4. D

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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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The CAPCA Scuttlebutt Pop Quiz Answers

How well do you know CAPCA?

- 1. True or False:** CAPCA’s first president was Capt Bill Conklin in 1989-1990 prior to CAPCA’s formal incorporation in March 1992. (1 point)
- 2. Fill in the blanks:** CAPCA is a professional organization for Coast Guard-licensed **captains** across the **Chesapeake** Bay and along the **Atlantic** coast. Our captains operate **charter** boats, tour boats, survey and tow vessels, and **ocean-going** ships. Some provide **instructions** for new boat owners. Others **deliver** boats between ports. We have more than **300** licensed captains available to assist boat **owners** and dealers. (10 points)
- 3. Multiple choice re. CAPCA mission:** CAPCA is dedicated to two primary missions. Circle the correct **two** from the following list (2 points):
 - a. Serve the maritime public**
 - Be a trusted resource for USCG Maryland – National Capital Region
 - c. Promote the professional development of our members**
 - Provide speakers at local boat shows and yacht clubs
 - Provide legal expertise for starting a captain’s business
- 4. True or False:** In 2015-2016, CAPCA launched a major rebranding program that included the creation of a new logo and a new website. (1 point)
- 5. Multiple choice re. Member Benefits:** Which of the following is **not** a member benefit (1 point):
 - Individual CAPCA members can gain free access to all ABYC standards online (American Boat and Yacht Council).
 - Mariners Learning System offers CAPCA members a 10% discount, including its renewal course.
 - CAPCA members receive a 15% discount on 360° CoveragePros insurance.
 - d. Annapolis School of Seamanship offers CAPCA members a 15% discount on their 2-day license renewal course.**
 - CAPCA members can save 20% on new PredictWind subscriptions and renewals.
- 6. Multiple Choice:** Within 2-3 clicks, a CAPCA member can access which of the following links from the **Web Resources** tab of our website: (2 points)
 - up-to-date weather and tides information for local stations and beyond
 - dates of the upcoming Annapolis boat shows
 - real-time Bay Bridge traffic cameras
 - animated knots
 - e. all the above**
 - none of the above

- 7. Multiple choice re. member survey:** According to our Sept 2025 member survey about Captain Licenses (results were published in the last four issues of *The Log*), what percentage of CAPCA respondents claim that their primary income is earned “by working my captain’s license” (1 point):
- a. 42%
 - b. 33%
 - c. 18%
 - d. 9%**
- 8. Multiple choice re. member survey:** According to our Sept 2025 member survey about Captain Licenses (published in the last four issues of *The Log*), what percentage of CAPCA respondents hold a Master’s 100 Ton (1 point):
- a. 42%**
 - b. 33%
 - c. 18%
 - d. 9%
- 9. True or False:** CAPCA has been providing videos of speaker presentations for members and the public on our YouTube channel since 2021. (1 point)
- 10. True or False:** Via our website, CAPCA provides archived speaker presentations available to members and the public dating as far back as 2008. (1 point)
- 11. True or False:** Before applying for emeritus membership, a CAPCA member must have maintained continuous membership for 15 years or more and have reached their 72nd birthday. (1 point)
- 12. Multiple Choice:** In recognition of their service and experience, emeritus members enjoy the full benefits of membership and do not pay membership dues. How many Emeritus Members does CAPCA currently have? (1 point)
- a. Under 20
 - b. 21-35**
 - c. 36-50
 - d. Over 50
- 13. Multiple Choice:** Which of the following guest speakers took advantage of our offer for free CAPCA membership for one year, given as thanks to licensed captains who participate as a speaker at our programs? (1 point)
- a. Captain Elizabeth Christman (March 2025 speaker)**
 - b. Captain Dave Gendell (April 2025 speaker)
 - c. Captain Kate Hollingsworth (June 2025 panelist)
 - d. None of the above
- 14. True or False:** Cheryl is CAPCA’s 4th female president. (1 point)

Total possible points: 25

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Visit the Ships Store. Spring May be Coming.

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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