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2026 CALENDAR – in progress

April 8, 2026, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Class: [Spring Seamanship/Rules of the Road Refresher](#)

April 11, 2026, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Class: [CPR/AED for Boaters](#), [Selby Bay Yacht Club](#).

April 17 – April 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., CAPCA booth at the [Bay Bridge Boat Show](#). Two shifts each day: 10:00 – 14:00 and 14:00 – 18:00. Sign up [here](#).

April 24 – April 26, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. CAPCA booth at the [Annapolis Spring Boat Show](#). Two shifts each day: 10:00 – 14:00 and 14:00 – 18:00. Sign up [here](#).

April 27, 2026. 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Speaker: [Regulations and Procedures for Inspected and Uninspected Passenger Vessels](#), [Hybrid - Annapolis Elks Lodge and online on Zoom](#). Zoom link will be posted one week before the event.

Remember to always check the [CAPCA calendar](#) to see events for which CAPCA is either a participant or is hosting.

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PUSSEY'S LANDING

Carrying the Torch: From Annapolis to Baltimore

Pusser's became a Chesapeake Bay icon when Pusser's Caribbean Grille opened along Annapolis's 13th Alley nearly 30 years ago. Over those decades, it evolved into a beloved dockside gathering place for locals, boaters, and visitors—where crab cakes and tropical cocktails met waterfront views.

When Pusser's Annapolis faced a lease not-renewed, longtime general manager Chris "CT" Townsend and veteran employee Jim Iapley stepped in and purchased the brand's U.S. rights in the region. Their vision: to carry forward the soul of Pusser's into a new chapter—bold, fresh, yet unmistakably familiar.

In July 2025, their vision became reality with the grand opening of Pusser's Landing at Lighthouse Point Marina in Baltimore's Canton neighborhood. This new space—spanning more than 8,000 square feet, seating over 250 guests, with a floating dock bar—combines the charm of island dining with Chesapeake waterfront hospitality.

They even moved key design elements from Annapolis—such as the bar built in Wake and mirrored back bar walls—preserving the physical links to the original venue. Boaters can now dock directly to dine or enjoy the floating bar, reinforcing Pusser's identity as a marina-friendly destination.

\$50 gift certificate to Pusser's!

Thank you Pusser's Landing for donating April 27th door prize!

Location: 2780 Lighthouse Point E, Baltimore, MD 21224.
Adjacent to Lighthouse Point Marina.

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CAPCA has a new Instagram account (@CapcaOfficial), and we're seeking volunteers to contribute! If you are IG savvy and eager to help us grow, please email communication@capca.net. You can also follow CAPCA on Facebook @ [facebook.com/capca.net](https://www.facebook.com/capca.net), and on X @CapcaTweet.

View from the Helm: Focus on Safety This Spring



By Captain Cheryl Duvall, CAPCA President

The birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and the halyards are clanking. Spring is finally here and more people will be out on the water. The postings on the CAPCA job board are starting to pick up and positions are being filled quickly. As captains, our to-do lists are lengthy as we plan to splash our boats or help others launch theirs

To stay safe on the water, now is a good time to shake off the brain cobwebs and refresh some skills that may have grown stale over the winter. Last month on March 11, I attended CAPCA's [Winter Navigation Refresher](#), taught

by Continuing Education Director Captain Tate Westbrook. He covered a wide range of topics from chart reading anomalies in ENCs (Electronic Navigation Charts) to the risks of navigation apps and auto-routing. Lively discussion and questions ensued, with attendees expressing appreciation for the breadth and depth of information.

Many of the same attendees (including me) have signed up for Tate's next class on **April 8**, [Spring Seamanship/Rules of the Road Refresher](#), where he will share real-world collision case studies, firefighting and flooding, interior and external communications (including changing VHF rules) and more. Consider joining us at the Elks for another excellent CAPCA course and the opportunity to engage in rich dialogue with other captains. And bring your friends – this class is open to non-members.

Then on **April 11**, CAPCA will sponsor [CPR/AED for Boaters](#), offered by Captain Alan Karpas and Safety Institute of Maryland. This is a unique CPR class because Alan and his team of American Heart Association Certified Instructors are all experienced boaters. Their curriculum includes how to anticipate and handle emergencies at sea, where first responders take significantly longer to reach those in need. After I took this course three years ago, I made significant changes to the medical provisions I keep on board our recreational sailing vessel, and I continue to adjust according to trip duration and distance from shore. Emergencies at sea are very different from those on land, and this course will increase your ability to keep your crew safe.

These safety-focused classes were top of mind when I opened the April issue of [SpinSheet](#) magazine and read Molly Winans' Editor's Note on page 16, about risk tolerance and trusting your instincts. If you haven't read it, I hope you will. Molly summarized a few key takeaways from Sara Boilen's *New York Times* article about the deadly Sierra Nevada avalanche that occurred on February 17, 2026. A psychologist, safety researcher, and outdoor enthusiast, Sara offered key insights about experienced skiers making risky decisions. Molly felt that many of Sara's points hit home

Don't miss CAPCA's ad on page 25 of the *Spinsheet* April issue and on page 45 of this month's *PropTalk*. Both advertisements encourage readers to request a captain through our "Hire a Captain" form, and to visit us at the Annapolis Boat Shows.

CAPCA is also promoted on pages 14 and 55 of this year's *PortBook*, and mentioned on other pages throughout the digital and physical copies of this annual resource.

regarding boaters, including “group think” and “newcomers deferring to experts.” As I read her Editor’s Note, I remembered situations when I didn’t listen to my gut, I didn’t speak up, or I convinced myself that I was safe because I was on home waters—all points that were underscored in the article. I feel that Molly struck the right tone of caution, as she encouraged boaters to “question our illusions of safety” and trust our instincts.

So as captains, let’s approach safety this spring with refreshed knowledge as we listen to our gut. Both are necessary skills that keep us and our crew safe on the water.

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Please Help Us Market CAPCA!



In addition to rack cards for promotion at marinas and businesses, CAPCA now has **generic business cards** that fit easily into your wallet for that opportune moment to promote our Association.

Depending on the situation, you can offer a business card to refer an acquaintance to our website for our Hire-A-Captain form, or to encourage a licensed captain to join us. You may also use the card to refer contacts to our website for other resources found on the non-member side, like our program calendar and the current issue of *The Log*.

We encourage our members to grab a few business cards at our next in-person program. You'll be helping to promote the value of CAPCA to the public as well as to other licensed captains!

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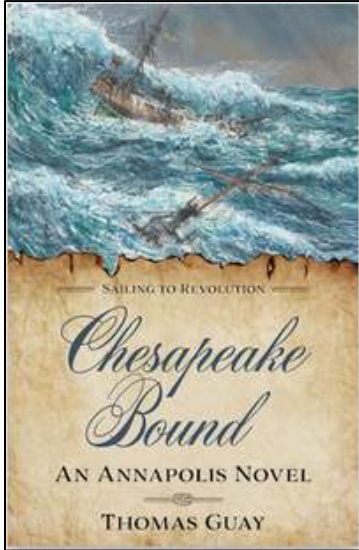
Speaker Summary, March 23: Thomas Guay, “Colonial Chesapeake Maritime History”

By Captain Bob Thomson, CAPCA Secretary



Our monthly educational programs cover a variety of topics about our work and life in the Chesapeake region. Turning toward history and culture this month, our speaker opened the evening with live fiddle music, such as might have been heard in a colonial seaport.

A sailor, musician and colorful personality, Thomas Guay is a familiar local sight. You may have seen him walking through Annapolis as a colonial tour guide, interpreting history at Charles Carroll House, or performing with the Eastport Oyster Boys. His latest accomplishment is the publication of his novel *Chesapeake Bound*, set in the years leading up to the American Revolution



The story begins in 1763 when a young man, Michel Shea, flees difficult circumstances in London and sails for the colonies to become an indentured servant, ending up in Annapolis. Shea confronts many hazards on the sea voyage, from sickness to storms to pirates, and still more challenges upon his arrival. Emigrating to America offered the prospect of a better life, but many still faced daunting struggles in the new world.

Guay set the stage for the novel by walking us through the economic, political and cultural history of the colonies and their inhabitants in the decades leading up to the Revolution, helping to explain what motivated these early Americans to risk armed conflict for the sake of achieving a level playing field for commerce. See the author's [website](#) for more information about his engaging book, including where to buy it locally.

If you enjoyed Thomas Guay, don't miss *SpinSheet's* recent interview with him about his passion project to save the Chesapeake Osprey. The article link is [here](#). He wants CAPCA members to know that he'll be kicking off the **2026 osprey campaign** in a couple of weeks and would "love to have some help on the South River. Last year we started tracking osprey nests from the Rt. 2 bridge down to the mouth, and we charted most of them." Tom offered to put together simple data sheets and walk anyone through the observation protocol, saying "it's pretty straightforward, and it's always more fun with company on the water." You can email Thomas about your interest in assisting at ecoedendeavors@aol.com.



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Program Director Report for March 2026

By Captain Hilary Howes, Program Director



Last month's events

After a tough winter (well, for our events anyway), we really got rolling in March. First, on March 19, with a tour of the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Study in Linthicum Heights. We took a tour of 19 members to see how they go about training the next generation of merchant mariners.

Chuck Thompson wrote an excellent description of what we did that appears on p. 8 of *The Log*, so definitely read that.

I'll say that it was a spectacular demonstration of the very realistic training that can be had on a complete simulation of the bridge of a ship, where they can alter your location and the ships dynamics so that without bumping things with a real ship you can learn the controls. With crews and individual students attending from across the country the first impression is a hotel or modern dorm when you arrive and a trip to the cafeteria afterward had a vibe that took me right back to junior college.

Besides the interesting instructional capabilities that we saw at the school it's inspiring for me to see the diversity of the future mariners being trained to fill our ranks. Many thanks to Chuck Thompson for coordinating this tour for us. We could only take 20 as that is all that can fit in the simulator. If you missed out and want another tour this year **let us know**, they are happy to have us.

Then on March 23 we had a fun-filled evening of "Colonial Chesapeake Maritime History" by local author Thomas Guay who shared music and stories of the human side of sailing to the Colonies in the 18th century. There is a complete review on p. 4 above, so check that out and look for the future video on our [YouTube channel](#) at a later date if you missed it.

Holly Vrotsos won the 50-50 and Will Fink won the \$50 gift certificate from Bacons on March 23

Often as Captains for charters, tour boats, or even instruction we are expected to offer a little color and history to the area surrounding us and this evening provided that. I was happy to be the program committee member coordinating this and to be able to be there in-person for the evening.

I'm proud to announce that we have staffed up the programs committee with 2 new volunteers this month. Davis Jones will serve on the committee as well as being the Vice President for CAPCA's Board of Directors. Having recently sold his charter business in Rock Hall and living in DC he has a range of contacts in the industry that should help us to maintain the diverse programs for our members to enjoy. Dave LaMay is joining us as well to help organize these events. Besides his captain work he is involved with the USCG Auxiliary and the Sea Scouts in his Virginia area so he can also bring diverse contacts into our member events. Thank you to you both for stepping up and volunteering.

Upcoming Hybrid meetings:

April 27 "Regulations and Procedures for Inspected and Uninspected Passenger Vessels," by CWO2 Christopher Clark, Marine Inspector, USCG.

CAPCA members typically work on uninspected passenger vessels carrying not more than six passengers for hire or small passenger vessels under 100 gross tons operating under a Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection. This presentation will help you understand how the rules are organized in the Code of Federal Regulations and how to know which rules apply to the vessels you may work on. You

will learn about rules for vessel construction, stability, lifesaving equipment, fire protection, and other safety and compliance requirements. This framework will also be valuable for those operating passenger vessels over 100 gross tons or inspected vessels not carrying passengers.

May 18 Curtis Creek Ship Graveyard Zoom presentation

We started researching the suggestion of a tour of the ship graveyard and found that the real expert on it has retired from being the Maryland's State Underwater Archaeologist, directing the **Maryland Maritime Archaeology Program** for more than 25 of its 30 years. She now lectures internationally and is only available via Zoom. Dr. Langley is an adjunct professor at several colleges and universities, where she teaches underwater archaeology and the history and anthropology of piracy. She also taught maritime archaeology in Thailand for several years through UNESCO. She is a Master SCUBA diver instructor, judges Maryland's History Day competition, and lectures and leads expeditions for [Zegrahm Expeditions](#).

So we are very happy to have her as a speaker in May, and, if schedules permit, maybe a tour in the near future once we hear about the treasures that lie there.

June 22 Safety on the water with DNR and Fireboats

A Hybrid meeting at the Elks Lodge about the co-ordination of services during emergencies with representatives from the Maryland DNR, USCG, and local Fireboat Captains.

Please note your personal calendars accordingly! And stay tuned for our topics and speakers.

In the works for the future we are looking at presentations on:

Satellite Communications at Sea expert Russ Maijevich on Starlink and everything else

Digital Local Knowledge what can we learn from Argo and other apps

Captain Volunteer Opportunities with local non-profits

Saving the Bay with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Caribbean Charter Opportunities with brokers, charter bases, and captains doing it.

Oyster Farming –Tour an oyster hatchery and learn about conservation efforts.

We are always on the lookout for speakers that can present topics our members are interested in that might fall into one or more of our categories: Safety and Seamanship, Conservation, Business Aspects, Non-Profit, Technical, History.

Big thanks to Program Committee members Captains Bob Thomson and Chuck Thompson, (no relation), **Davis Jones**, and **Dave LaMay** who make these programs and tours possible. And thanks to **Will Fink** for assisting with A/V for our hybrid programs.

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Meet Captain Ray “Busta” Jenkins

By Captain Jenkins Himself



Growing up – having spent a somewhat “exposure to little” beyond inner city Baltimore, MD – the light-bulb, being me, appeared to begin to shine as a student and top 7% graduate of the “*Castle on the Hill*” – Baltimore City College High School – and it certainly was a joy being across the street from the “*famed*” Baltimore Orioles Memorial Stadium... ya might say, my pathway came straight-way from the corners of those two legendary landmarks known to generations, at 33rd and The Alameda !!

And who “woulda thunk” that as a high schooler, I’d even get exposed to flying small aircraft – as a member of Civil Air Patrol, as I rose through some non-commissioned ranks, I even got to some R.H.I.P. (rank has its privileges) taking the yolk co-piloting Cessnas and Piper Cherokee Single-

Prop airplanes.

A graduate of the Univ. of MD, College Park, my professional career got its start with Sperry Corp, now Unisys, as I was transferred to Oklahoma City, OK – in the Mainframe IT arena (Cobol, key punch / card-reader) – LOL !!

Oddly enough, my first exposure to boating occurred there in Oklahoma, back in the late 1970s, on a **17-foot O'Day** on the rather expansive Lake Hefner and crewing on regattas at Lake Eufala, in Tulsa – considered the “mini Great Lakes” as the state boast that it has more shoreline than the non-tidal coast of the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico.

Over the years I've owned a 25-ft MacGregor sailboat and a 1960 Owens 28-ft Express-Cruiser twin-screw powerboat. I served as a Director of Youth Sailing Programs at the Westriver Methodist Retreat Center – teaching 13–17-year-olds safe boating on 24-ft Rainbows (for ~33-years).



I've also served as a volunteer instructor teaching the DNR Safe-Boating Course for Power Boating; and in 2023, I completed a life-interest of becoming a licensed USCG Certified Captain.



Possessing several decades of seafaring experience, I harbor a deep love for the picturesque waters of the Chesapeake Bay, and the myriads of tributary rivers and creeks that weave through scenic landscapes, such as Kent Narrows, South River, Rhode River, West River Annapolis, Maryland, Ego Alley, to name a few!!

I have enjoyed exposing the young and “young-at-heart,” to include exposing my three daughters to the joys of sailing and power boating, leisurely exploring numerous marinas and ports along the Chesapeake Bay from 1981 to the present.

I depart from this *land-lubber* moment with my everyday **“Busta-query:” “Are we having Fun Yet” ??**

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Event Summary: March 16 Tour of MITAGS

By Captain Chuck Thompson

A group of CAPCA member captains recently stood a challenging watch on a ship’s bridge, with situations including vessel traffic in a congested harbor, high winds, reduced visibility in a rain squall, night navigation, and even an encounter with an iceberg!

This special members-only tour visited the Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies, known as MITAGS, where they experienced first-hand how professional mariners are trained on a bridge simulator.



During our simulated voyage out of Baltimore’s Inner Harbor in a Coast Guard Cutter (at 20 kts!), A group of CAPCA member captains stood a challenging watch on the ship’s bridge, with situations including vessel traffic in a congested harbor, high winds, reduced visibility in a rain squall, night navigation, and even an encounter with an iceberg!



A technician located outside the simulator controlled the simulated conditions so we never knew what was coming. Even though the simulator is stationary, the sense of motion and surroundings is very real.

It was so realistic that many people said they were glad we had lunch *after* the tour (if you get my drift)

For those who might attend a future tour, we won’t give away how the tour ends.

To get a sense of our experience in the bridge simulator, watch [this video](#) by CAPCA member Dave LaMay.



MITAGS, located near Baltimore, was established by the International Organization of Masters, Mates, and Pilots to provide advanced technical and safety training to professional mariners. The bridge simulator we visited was just one of a wide array of training resources at the Institute. There are also simulators for engine room and radar training, facilities for firefighting and emergency medical training, research labs, and extensive classroom capacity for professional education to help mariners progress through their career paths. The diverse range of courses covers topics such as ship handling, construction and stability, cargo handling, towing, meteorology, license advancement preparation, and many more. MITAGS also operates a West Coast training center in Seattle.

To learn more about MITAGS, visit mitags.org and monitor the CAPCA calendar for more learning opportunities at our monthly programs and special tours of unique locations in our Chesapeake region.

The MITAGS team was incredibly gracious and welcoming. If there appears to be sufficient interest, we'll try to arrange another tour in the fall. Let us know! Email us at programs@capca.net.

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Jobs Program Report for March 2026



By Captain Laura Olsen, Jobs Program Director

Total requests: 7

Request Type:

Towboat 1

Delivery 3

Charter. 2

Instruction 1

Vessel types

Power 6

Sail. 2

Note: The Job Board is still seeking a volunteer to serve as Assistant Job Program Director!

The job entails minimal time (honest!) each month but it serves a very important function for our members. Please contact Laura Olsen if you want to consider assisting. See article below for details.

Thank you, Captains!

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Jobs Program Seeks an Assistant Director

By Laura Olsen, Jobs Program Director

Ahoy! The Jobs Program Director is seeking a member to volunteer as the **Assistant Jobs Program Director**.

This position was recently identified as part of our January board retreat and supports the goal of building a solid bench among our positions and succession planning.

The timeframe is to identify, interview, and select by May.

The job mostly entails assisting the Director (on an as-needed basis) with the receipt, review, and posting of the "Hire a Captain" form submitted by clients. This is all done in a simple fashion via email and very occasional follow up with requesting clients to clarify before a final post goes up on the website.

The Director will remain primary in this function; however, as CAPCA continues to grow, it is important to develop redundancy in positions for various reasons (periods of Director absence, illness, succession). Development of articles for inclusion in the monthly *Log* newsletter is also part of our growth plan.

Interested members can submit an email of interest to the Director (Capt. Laura Olsen) at email:

imcaptainlee@gmail.com

PLEASE use the Subject heading: Asst Jobs Program Director

Include in your email:

-Name

- preferred email
- best phone number
- CAPCA member how many years?
- brief description of boating/captain background (power, sail, both)
- Do you actively work your license? If yes, please indicate in what capacities (e.g. delivery, training, charter, other)
- Reason(s) for your interest in the position

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National Recreational Boating Safety Survey

Survey findings aim to inform future boating safety programs, education, and habits

Survey Expires 2/28/2029

Boaters interested in volunteering are encouraged to sign up and participate by visiting, https://norcfed.gov1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ezfBlrTYxLdG4e.

For more information about the survey, visit <https://uscgboating.org/statistics/national-recreational-boating-safety-survey.php>.

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Job Board Redesigned



By Captain Dave Sire, Webmaster

The Job Board page has been redesigned to show additional columns of information. Remember, the listings can be sorted by clicking on a column heading.

Sorting might become more useful as the list grows.

How it works

People who want to hire a captain (or crew member) fill out the Hire-a-Captain form by clicking the HIRE A CAPTAIN tab on our public-facing home page. This generates a Job Board listing and an e-mail alert to our members. Captains who are interested must contact the employer directly to discuss the conditions of employment. CAPCA neither assumes nor accepts any responsibility in these proceedings, but merely acts as a conduit for interested parties.

Click the magnifier icon for a detailed listing. Click the PDF icon to download the detailed listing.

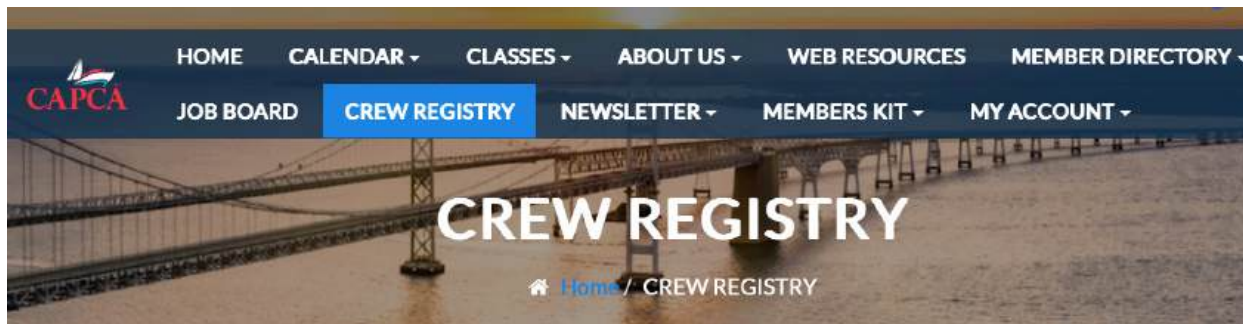
If you accept one of these jobs, *please* email jobs@capca.net so we can mark it FILLED.

Click a column heading to sort.

Date Submitted	Starting Date	Job Type	Availability	Length of employment	Type of vessel(s)	Length of Vessel(s) in feet	
02/24/2026	April 1,2026	Delivery	Full Time Part Time	2 days	Sail boat	29	 
02/13/2026	April 6th 2026	Tour boat	Full Time Part Time	6.5 Months	Both sail and power	44 ft	 
02/12/2026	3/31/2026	Part-time Captain	Part Time	Through November 2026	Sail	LOA 63'	 
02/12/2026	01 Mar 2026	Full time & Part time Captain	FT and PT	At Least 1 yr	Power	30'-60'	 

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Crew Registry Update



As reported in the March *Log*, the Crew Registry has been updated. Some questions and response options have been streamlined to help captains find crew.

Remember, only CAPCA members can see and be listed in the Crew Registry. That also means that everyone listed in the Crew Registry is a licensed captain. So, if you want crew from the registry, you will be getting a licensed captain. If you want to be crew and have a listing in the registry, it means that you will be crew, not the captain-in-charge (unless other arrangements are agreed upon).

So why would licensed captains want to be crew? Lots of reasons.

- “I’m seeking delivery opportunities for experience. I work part-time as small boat captain and crew on larger vessels in Annapolis.”
- “I’m seeking opportunities to gain experience on larger vessels.”
- “I have delivered boats on the Chesapeake but would like to experience multi-day coastal deliveries before offering my services as a delivery captain for coastal journeys.”

- “I teach sailing but have never delivered boats. Lately I’ve seen a couple of delivery postings on the CAPCA jobs board that were interesting. I’d feel more comfortable being crew before jumping in as captain.”
- “I’ve been a charter and tour boat captain but have never delivered a boat. I’d like to learn more about deliveries before doing one.”
- “I’ve been a recreational boater for over 30 years, and I occasionally teach. I’m looking to gain experience and knowledge.”

If you haven’t registered as crew, visit this [link](#). If you have already have a listing in the Crew Registry, now is the time to revisit it. Many listings are several years old, some as old as 8 years. Log in, click the tab CREW REGISTRY. To the right of your listing, you’ll find small icons, including those for edit and delete.

If you update your information or even validate that it’s still current, be sure to update the “Date Submitted” near the bottom of the form. Since the registry can be sorted by submission date, be sure to keep the same date format.

If you have any questions, reach out to webmaster@capca.net or jobs@capca.net

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Member Benefit Spotlight: 360 Coverage Pros



New to *The Log* each month will be a spotlight on one of our member benefits. This month’s spotlight is on **360 Coverage Pros**, one of the two marine insurance providers listed on our [member discount page](#).



Last month, on March 17, a free webinar “Peace of Mind” was presented by *WorkBoat*, with speakers from **360 Coverage Pros**, Berkley Offshore Underwriting, and Wilson Elser Attorneys. CAPCA promoted this free webinar to our members, and many members have commented that it was very informative. In case you missed it, we are attempting to obtain a recording of the webinar, but in the meantime, you may access the slide deck [here](#).

The presentation included three case studies involving USCG inspected vessels, and one case of an uninspected vessel. The speakers reviewed the facts of each case, the agencies involved in the investigations, the legal proceedings, and the outcomes. One of the key takeaways was that captains

holding 360 Coverage Pros insurance have a dedicated toll-free number available 24/7 to report incident and claims. An attorney is assigned to each case and will contact and cooperate with USCG in fulfilling all mandatory reporting requirements, coordinate various agencies, and prepare the captain for responses and next steps. Captains holding this insurance are assured they have personal representation, even if they work for a company that carries its own insurance.

As for costs, be sure to gather information from the various programs described [here](#). Some quick examples: monthly coverage for OUPV as low as \$22.67/month, and 100 Ton/Tug/Chief Mate as low as \$26.25/month. **CAPCA members receive a 15% discount.** Depending on the coverage you desire, your savings may equal or exceed your annual cost of CAPCA membership. **Be sure to use this link to apply for insurance and receive the CAPCA discount:** www.360coveragepros.com/capca.

Should you have questions before or during the application process, Chris Buseman is CAPCA's 360 Coverage Pros representative and can be reached by email: chris_buseman@ajg.com.

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Seeking an Assistant *Log* Editor



By Priscilla Travis, *Log* Editor

Planning for the future, we are looking for someone who can be the **Assistant Log Editor starting ASAP**, with an eye to continuing as *The Log* Editor beginning **January 1, 2027**. Send your interest or questions to pmtravis41@gmail.com. Read the details below

Requirements

- Word processing skills
- Formatting text
- Inserting, manipulating, and editing images
- Proofreading and editing to AP or similar & CAPCA style guide standards
- Familiarity with general copyright law and fair use standards
- Staying current with Chesapeake area and east coast marine topics of interest to captains and the boating public

Articles are submitted by Board members and assistants and other members who find items of interest.

Timetable: Most of the work is done in the last week of the month and the first week of the succeeding month. The goal is to get *The Log* out before the 10th of each month (12 issues per year). A detailed *Log* preparation guide is available, and revising this guide as necessary is one of the editor's jobs.

Send your interest or questions to pmtravis41@gmail.com. Include the following:

- Name

- Preferred email
- Best phone number
- CAPCA member how many years?
- Brief description of boating/captain background (power, sail, both)
- Do you actively work your license? If yes, please indicate in what capacities (e.g. delivery, training, charter, other)
- Reason(s) for your interest in the position

Ed Note: In January 2017, I became The Log editor, succeeding Captain Jerry Friedman, who served for 140 issues over 11 years, guiding it from a brief, hastily-put-together postal mailing to an extensive digital newsletter that has become one of CAPCA's most-important communication channels, along with the new website, for its members. There's a nice profile of Captain Jerry on p. 7 of the [December 2016](#) issue of The Log.

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Women of CAPCA

By Captain Erin Manor



The models:
Vicki Saporta, Erin Manor,
Jennifer Fritz, Cheryl Duvall,
Lauren Anthonie

CAPCA Women at Pentagon Sailing Club Women on Water Event

On Saturday March 21, several CAPCA women attended the Pentagon Sailing Club (PSC) Women on Water event in Arlington VA. The theme for this year was "Expanding Horizons," encouraging female sailors to take their next bold step. Sixty women from PSC and other area clubs gathered to be inspired by a panel that included Capt. Amy Skillman, a sailing instructor and charter captain; Chloe Wawerek, PSC skipper, instructor and racer; and Capt. Cheryl Duvall, CAPCA's President.

Each panelist answered the following:

- Tell us about transitions in your sailing adventures that expanded your horizons.
- How have you helped others expand their sailing opportunities to increase their enjoyment and appreciation of the sport?
- How have you built sailing confidence and independence within a male-dominated community?

WOMEN ON WATER (WOW)
Celebrate the 2026 sailing season!

Meet Our Panelists: We inspired by female sailors' sailing stories and insights from their years of experience on the water. Meet female sailors, racing skippers, and former and current sailing professionals.

Cheryl Duvall: President, CAPCA Member, Dominion Hills Recreation Association	Amy Skillman: Instructor, Charter Captain Member, Dominion Hills Recreation Association	Chloe Wawerek: Skipper, Instructor, Racer Member, Dominion Hills Recreation Association
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Who: Women interested in sailing
When: Saturday, March 21, 2025, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Where: Dominion Hills Recreation Association Community Room, 6000 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA
Cost: \$10 for PSC Members; \$15 for Non-members
The cost includes lunch.
LIMITED SEATING / REGISTER TODAY: <https://pentagon.sailing.org/event-6527992>

PSC Pentagon SAILING CLUB AMERICAN SAILING SAILING EDUCATION SINCE 1988

- What recommendations do you have for WoW members looking to expand their sailing horizons?
- During Q&A, Captain Hilary Howes asked some poignant questions to the panel and Captain Laura Olsen offered a few words about CAPCA, why captains may want to join, and what non-members can enjoy as well.

PSC WoW is a community of women supporting women in sailing. WoW helps each member grow towards their personal sailing goals at any level while providing an opportunity to get to know one another through socials following WoW sails. This is an annual event so stay tuned for information about next year's spring event, open to non-PSC members too.



Photo by Julie Day



Photo by Toni Tucker

WoW panel being welcomed by PSC commodore Cheryl and Laura enjoying lunch with other sailors

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CAPCA's 2026 Boat Show Program Update



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

The Spring Boat Shows Are Almost Here!





CAPCA will have a significant presence at each of the two spring boat shows this year. First up is the Bay Bridge Boat Show at Kent Narrows (April 17-19), followed the next weekend by the Spring Sailboat Show in Annapolis (April 24-26). We'll have a booth at each show, plus three CAPCA-sponsored presentations by member captains at each show. Details follow - plan now to show up and support your fellow members!

Discount Tickets Still Available

All CAPCA members can now purchase discounted tickets for each show. Regularly priced at \$20 per day (incl. fees), CAPCA members are now eligible to purchase tickets for either show for just \$15 per day (incl. fees) -- a 25% discount!

To **buy discounted tickets** for the **Bay Bridge Boat Show**, click [Bay Bridge Show](#)

To **buy discounted tickets** for the **Spring Sailboat Show**, click [Spring Sailboat Show](#)

Booth Volunteers still get in FREE.

There are still a few opportunities for CAPCA members to volunteer to staff the CAPCA booths at either show - see the links below. Volunteers get **FREE** one-day admission to the show and parking reimbursement if requested. Follow the links below to find available slots and sign up - we can still use your help!

To **volunteer** at the **Bay Bridge Boat Show**, click [Bay Bridge Show Booth Volunteer](#)

To **volunteer** at the **Spring Sailboat Show**, click [Spring Sailboat Show Booth Volunteer](#)

Thank you for supporting CAPCA!

CAPCA Captains Presenting 6 Education Sessions

CAPCA-member captains will be presenting six separate education sessions at the spring boat shows this year. Presenters include President Cheryl Duvall, Program Director Hilary Howes, Membership Director Phil Gauthier and captains Lynn McClaskey, Vicki Saporta, Erin Manor, Alex "Wolf" Zahl and "Captain Boomies" (aka Kate Hollingsworth).

Plan now to attend and support your fellow CAPCA captains.

Bay Bridge Boat Show:

“Safety Equipment, Rules of the Road (Collision Avoidance) and Boating Courtesy.” – April 17, 1100

Captain Phil Gautier will present about these important topics for all boaters. Captain Gauthier holds a 50-Ton Master’s license with Auxiliary Sail and Towing Assistance Endorsements and has been sailing the Chesapeake Bay since retirement 2002. A National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) Certified Instructor, his insights on preparing for and maintaining safety while boating are essential knowledge for all boaters.

“You Bought a New Boat, Now What?” – April 18, 1100

Considerations from a Professional Delivery Captain

Captain Boomies is a 200-ton Master with over 15 years of experience as a professional delivery captain and instructor, specializing in helping new owners transition smoothly into life aboard. From safety gear and docking to navigation and passage-making, she shares dozens of hard-won lessons with infectious enthusiasm and deep professionalism, ensuring you learn something new and have fun doing it. Not a first timer? She also specializes in helping seasoned boaters step up to bigger vessels and gives tips on the process!

“Women: How to Build Your Boating Skills and Confidence” – April 18, 1200

Are you interested in getting up to speed for safe and fun boating? Would you like to feel more comfortable behind the wheel or handling the dock lines? Do you know what to do in an emergency? Nothing takes the place of actual practice on the water but attend this session to learn what you need to know to build your skills and confidence. Attendees will leave this introductory session knowing where they need to focus their follow-up education and training. Join Captains Vicki Saporta and Erin Manor for an interactive presentation.

Spring Sailboat Show:

“Cruising to New England via Long Island Sound” – April 24, 1300

Are you curious about cruising to New England? Have you ever wondered how it would feel to sail past Lady Liberty? Do you doubt that lobster pots really outnumber Chesapeake crab pots? Join us for a candid presentation by Captain Cheryl Duvall as she shares highlights and a few lowlights from a recent 101-day cruise from Annapolis to Maine and back. Her image-rich slide deck features 42 destinations along the 1,820 nautical mile journey, through Long Island Sound, the Cape Cod Canal, and across “Down East” Maine. She will share recommendations for anchoring, mooring, and docking between here and there. And she even has detailed latitude and longitude coordinates for those who are interested. Spare parts, tools, and safety measures will also be reviewed. From dodging ferries near the Statue of Liberty to redefining “lobsters rolls,” her sea tales are sure to inspire your future maritime adventures.

“Women’s Panel: Ask Expert Women Sailors Your Most Pressing Boating Questions” – April 25, 1300

Join Captain Hilary Howes and a panel of other expert women sailors as they respond to audience questions about their most pressing boating questions. Do you want guidance on how to build your

boating expertise? Do you know what to do as a crewmember if the captain is incapacitated? Sailboat racing is an excellent way to build skills: learn how to get involved in the local racing community. What are the most critical factors in effectively planning a Chesapeake Bay or coastal cruise? Bring the topics you most want to learn about for honest answers in this supportive, judgement-free zone.

“Gunkholing: Seeing the Best of the Chesapeake Bay” – April 25, 1400

The Chesapeake Bay has nearly 12,000 miles of shoreline, characterized by hundreds of shallow creeks with undeveloped coves and hideaways ripe for exploring by sailboat. Captain Alex “Wolf” Zahl has been exploring those precious anchorages for more than 30 years and will share his thoughts on “the best of the best” in this illustrated presentation. He’ll discuss why, where and how to enjoy the unique settings for anchoring out — including several dog-friendly destinations — that help make Chesapeake Bay such a valuable resource for sailors.

CAPCA to Display at EYCF-sponsored Marine & Maritime Career Expo

CAPCA also will have a display table at the Eastport Yacht Club Foundation’s Marine & Maritime Career Expo event at the Bert Jabin Yacht Yard on Thursday, April 30. Several hundred high schoolers are expected to attend.

See article below.

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CAPCA to Display at the Marine & Maritime Career Expo April 30

CAPCA will have a display table at the Eastport Yacht Club Foundation’s Marine & Maritime Career Expo event at the Bert Jabin Yacht Yard on Thursday April 30, 9:30 a.m. – noon. More than one hundred high schoolers are expected to attend. Our table will be staffed by Captains Joe Ruzzi, Kevin Wikar, Rob Doolittle, and Cheryl Duvall. This will be the first time that CAPCA has exhibited at this event since before the pandemic. We look forward to engaging with the students as well as other maritime organizations who will join us in encouraging careers on the water.

Since 2010 the Marine & Maritime Career Expo has been educating Anne Arundel County high school students about the marine and maritime world and inspiring them to discover and pursue careers in the industry. The event connects local 11th and 12th graders with marine and maritime service and retail companies, trade schools, higher education institutions, military and government organizations. More information is available at <https://eycfoundation.org/marine-maritime-career-expo/>

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The Growing List of 2026 EXHIBITORS

BUSINESS	WEBSITE
Military Sealift Command	www.sealiftcommand.com
Maine Maritime Academy	www.mainemaritime.edu
Apex Marine Service	www.apexmarineservice.com
Anchor Yacht Basin	www.anchoryachtbasinmd.com
Cecil College	cecil.edu/skilledtrades
CAPCA-Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Assoc	www.capca.net
Full Keel Marine Services	www.fullkeelmarineservices.com
Automotive Training Center	www.autotraining.edu
Chesapeake Sailmakers	www.Chesapeake-Sailmakers.com
Burr Yacht Sales	www.burryachtsales.com
Watermark Journey	www.watermarkjourney.com/
Logistec	www.logistec.com
Chronic Sailing	www.chronicsailing.com
Chesapeake Dockside Services	www.chesapeakedockside.com
Ferry Cove Oyster Hatchery	www.ferrycove.org

MTAM Update



CAPCA is a member of the Marine Trades Association of Maryland ([MTAM](#)). Rob Doolittle is our MTAM liaison and welcomes others to join him at upcoming MTAM events. On March 2, he and Cheryl Duvall attended MTAM's 2026 Legislative and General Membership Meeting at the Fleet Reserve Club.

James Jordan, President of MTAM, made several remarks before introducing the evening's guest speaker, Kate Charbonneau, Assistant Secretary of Aquatic Resources with Maryland's Department of Natural Resources. Kate gave an overview of DNR's services and fielded several questions about the [Abandoned Vessel program](#). Additionally Chad Tokowicz and Mike Sayre from the Marine Retailers Association of the Americas ([MRAA](#)) provided an update regarding legislative activity in our region and beyond.



L to R: Cheryl Duvall, Matt Sansbury (Yacht Brokers of Annapolis), John Stefancik (MTAM Executive Director), Rob Doolittle

“Ahoy” from Your Membership Director



By Captain Phil Gauthier, Membership Director

Current active membership stands at **361**. 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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Visit the Ships Store. Summer is 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 Certifications Exams Approved for GI Bill Reimbursement

Many members of CAPCA have served in the military or have close connections to veterans. I want to share an important update that may benefit those transitioning into or advancing within the marine industry.

The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) recently announced that the cost of several ABYC certification exams is now eligible for reimbursement through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs under GI Bill education benefits.

This approval expands access to valuable marine industry credentials, helping veterans build careers as marine technicians, electricians, and other skilled professionals.

Veterans can now use the Post-9/11 GI Bill to offset the cost of these certification exams, making it easier to gain industry-recognized qualifications and transition into high-demand technical roles. I encourage you to share this information with any veterans, colleagues, friends, or family members who may benefit from this opportunity.

For more details, please refer to the ABYC press release below:



ANNAPOLIS, Md. (March 9, 2026) — Veterans can now use U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs education benefits to receive reimbursement for nine American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) certification exams, supporting veterans who are entering the marine industry or advancing their technical skills.

“This marks a historic step forward for veterans who want to turn their skills into meaningful careers in the marine industry,” said Casey Bates, ABYC certification manager. “Veterans bring valuable technical experience and leadership, and we’re proud to support their next chapter through access to ABYC certifications.”

The certifications were approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission as the State Approving Agency and accepted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, where they are now listed in the VA’s Web Enabled Approval Management System (WEAMS). Veterans may seek reimbursement for approved ABYC certification exams taken on or after Dec. 10.

GI Bill® education benefits help veterans, and in some cases their dependents, offset the cost of education. Active-duty service members also may be eligible to use these benefits.

The recreational marine industry continues to seek skilled technicians as boats become more technologically advanced and service demands grow. ABYC certifications are widely recognized as a benchmark for technical knowledge and professionalism, demonstrating a technician’s understanding of nationally accepted safety standards and industry best practices.

The approved ABYC certification exams include:

- Advanced Marine Electrical
- A/C Refrigeration
- Marine Composites
- Marine Corrosion
- Marine Electrical
- Marine Engines and Fuel Systems
- Marine Standards
- Marine Systems
- U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boat Regulations

Veterans seeking reimbursement can learn more and submit claims directly to the VA using VA Form 22-0803 by visiting <https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>.

Additional information about ABYC certifications and exam requirements is available at <https://abycinc.org/va-reimbursement/>.

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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: Chesapeake Bay



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 members’ side, but occasionally look at the public side, to see what the rest of the world sees.

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



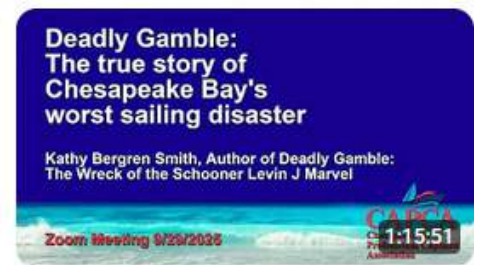
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- [Bay Bridge Traffic cameras - from US 50 at I-97 to US 50 at MD 611](#)
- [Chesapeake Bay Cruising Guides](#)
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- [Waterkeepers Chesapeake - coalition of 19 independent groups, Chesapeake and coastal bays](#)
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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. The Rules state that vessels may depart from the Rules when _____.
 - A. there are no other vessels around
 - B. operating in a narrow channel
 - C. the Master enters it in the ship's log
 - D. necessary to avoid immediate danger

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. Which of these approved lifesaving devices must a small passenger vessel carrying passengers for hire carry for each person on board? (small passenger vessel regulations)
 - A. Buoyant cushion
 - B. Life jacket
 - C. Ring buoy
 - D. Buoyant vest

4. You are fighting a fire in the electrical switchboard in the engine room. You should secure the power, then _____.
 - A. use a portable foam extinguisher
 - B. use a low-velocity fog adapter with the fire hose
 - C. use a portable CO2 extinguisher
 - D. determine the cause of the fire

Answers on p. 26. No peeking!

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Answers to the Nautical Quiz

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

