



# America's Boating Club® - Knoxville

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A Unit of District 17 of the United States Power Squadrons, Inc. ®

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### Commander's Report 7/16/2025

For a long time, your bridge has been working on options for our squadron's future. Options included merging in some way with the Chattanooga Squadron, dissolving and offering members to join with either another squadron or the cyber squadron, and/or continuing with a skeleton leadership team.

At our July bridge meeting we discussed all of the options and concluded that the best, although not a perfect one, is to continue with a "skeleton" leadership team. Captain John Farmer, who has been a passionate advocate for your squadron and the district and the national organizations, will be the next commander either at some point before my term is up or he'll stand for election in January.

John will determine in the coming month who would serve with him in officer positions, and he'll look into other issues to have a complete picture of how it will work under his command. The transition to a new leadership team will be decided when it's clear we have a workable plan ready to implement. John envisions continuing with vessel safety checks, some education programs and some social programs.

We'll inform the membership when we have the complete picture related to how this new structure will work and when we will make the transition. Your bridge thanks you for your patience and understanding as we've worked through the issues of a limited leadership team this year, and the anticipation of more limited leadership prospects in the future. This past year, our ability to do many social, boating and education programs were constrained by both limited personnel and a loss of insurance for about 5 months after Chubb dropped us in November 2024. Chubb's coverage was then replaced by an insurance carrier that imposed significant restrictions and limitation on us.

Please feel free to contact either John or me if you have questions or comments.

See you on the water,

*Don Perrine*  
Commander



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## Organization

### GENERAL COMMITTEES – 2025

**Audit**

Chair: Lt/C Walt Hanson, AP-IN  
 2-Year: 1<sup>st</sup>/Lt Beth Fendley, S  
 3-Year: **Vacant**

**Nominating**

Chair: **Vacant**  
 2-Year: Ed Fendley, S  
 3-Year: **Vacant**

**Rules**

Chair: Wayne Baker, S  
 2-Year: **Vacant**  
 3-Year: **Vacant**

### APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND OFFICERS – 2025

**Chaplain**

**Vacant**

**Historian**

P/Lt/C Jeanette Farmer, P

**IT / Facebook Administrator**

D/Lt/C John Farmer, SN (**interim**)

**IT / Website Administrator**

Lt/C Tom Dietrich, SN (**interim**)

**Law Officer**

P/C Jim Barkley, SN

**Legislative Liaison**

Lt Joel Stern

**Membership:**

**Vacant**

**Merit Mark**

**Vacant**

**Newsletter Editor**

Lt/C Walt Hanson, AP-IN

**Port Captain - Fort Loudoun**

D/Lt/C John Farmer, SN

**Port Captain – Lower Norris**

Lt Bonnie Fried, P

**Port Captain - Tellico**

Dan Johnson, JN

**Port Captain - Watts Bar**

Ed Fendley, S

**Public Relations Chair**

**Vacant**

**Roster & Calling Committee**

Lt Robin Hanson, S

**Vessel Safety Check Chair**

Lt Joel Stern

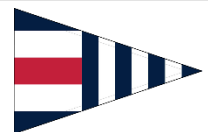
## Mission Statement

**“Join for the joy of boating and grow with knowledge, experience, skill and confidence”**

### ABC Along the Upper Tennessee River

There are three “active” clubs/squadrons along the Upper Tennessee: If you are planning on cruising the river, it's worth checking out what the neighboring clubs are up to. Information is periodically reported in the D17 News.

1. **Knoxville Power Squadron** has 40 members. See our roster of page 4. Our burgee is at the top of our newsletter's first page and our website and Facebook pages are at the bottom of each newsletter page.
2. **Chattanooga Sail and Power Squadron** has 38 members.  
 Visit its website at <https://www.usps.org/index.php/sss-home>.  
 Visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/357778805314406>.
3. **North Alabama Sail and Power Squadron** (Huntsville) has 77 members.  
 Visit its website at <https://www.abcnorthalabama.org/>  
 Visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/abcfnorthalabama>



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## Vessel Examiner Position Update

We are happy to announce that **Joel Stern** will assume the **Sr. Vessel Examiner** position to chair ABC Knoxville's VSC program. **Wayne Baker** has also volunteered to be a vessel examiner. We could use many more!!



To be a vessel examiner requires some effort, but nothing our members couldn't achieve with self-instruction and guidance from our chairperson. You don't need a boat to be a vessel examiner. You don't need to be a sage either. The training provides you adequate knowledge to do your job and we have USPS resources and our members to grow your knowledge.

***Do you like engaging local boaters?*** The VSC offers a great segway to learn about your boating neighbors as well as help them to better understand what it is to be safe on the water.

There is discipline to being a vessel examiner. ***Are you willing to follow guidelines and handle accountable government documents?*** Sometimes boats are not fully compliant and might not be made compliant while you are doing a VSC. Would you sign-off something that isn't true? VSC decals have to be safeguarded and only issued when a boat you examine passes. How disciplined are you? Would you give them to any of us members simply because our boats are known to you – or – would you honor us by making the time to check our boats?

## Legislative Liaison Update

**Joel Stern is also stepping up to be our Legislative Liaison.** This is also an important role that can be greatly improved by having other members assisting him. It is both being aware of what is happening and helping our club express a unified message for action. We have plenty of concerns as boaters: invasive species, dilapidated infrastructure and unenforced laws and regulations, etc. ***Members are welcomed to step forward to help him.***

## USPS National Commander Acknowledges John Farmer's Life Achievement

For 111 years, America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons has continued as the leading organization for boater education, community service and an enhanced social life for its members. This would be impossible without the dedicated support of our membership. In fact, I am constantly amazed at the number of members who consistently volunteer their time and resources to further our mission and make all this possible.

This past year we have faced many challenges with the cancellation of our insurance policy, the transition to a new computer system, iMIS, and the competition from other entities that teach a safe boating course. As in the past, John has stayed the course with the organization. His continued support has allowed us to move forward with exceptional and affordable boating education, a new insurance policy (although that is still a work in progress) and the continuation of the Marine SEO program, which has been successful with a growing number of squadrons participating, and squadrons are gaining members.



With his exceptional volunteerism and support, we have been able to maintain a respected, nationally recognized organization on a limited budget. John has allowed us to expand our educational offerings, put us into this century with our new computer system, and put us on the front page of Facebook, which is targeted to the demographics of people who would likely join our organization.

Last year the number of life members increased by ninety-five, bringing our community of valued life members to 2,376. I am personally proud that John is part of this important community that has supported our organization, physically and financially, for the last 111 years.



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## Treasurer's Report by Tom Dietrich

### FINANCIALS –

- Year to date our income has been \$6,043 and our expenses are \$4,802.
- Total in savings is \$12,511.



## Dues Renewal Guidance from USPS

You can now pay dues by logging into the [member portal](#) and going to “My account” under your username in the top bar. You will either see a button or hyperlink to renew dues. Email [hilly@hq.usps.org](mailto:hilly@hq.usps.org) if you don't have a log in or if you don't see a link to renew. You can also call headquarters at 888-367-8777 ext. 219 or 229 and our membership staff will renew your dues over the phone. Invoices will go out soon, but renewing online or by phone is the easiest way to pay dues.

## Current Rosters

ABC Knoxville maintains two lists for its membership.

**MEMBERSHIP ROSTER** – The below list is the 40 members who have current dues as of July 10 as reported by USPS. Names are as they appear in the USPS membership directory.

A. Wayne Baker	John C. Farmer	Dan F. Johnson	William S. Murdoch
Peter Barile	Elizabeth H. Fendley	Kathleen Kayatin	Donald A. Perrine
James C. Barkley	Harold E. Fendley, Jr.	David A. Kimball	John Sanseverino
Robert R. Bray	Bonnie H. Fried	William E. Knapek	Barbara C. Schmitt
Stephen Wayne Brumit	William T. Hall	Maureen Leavitt	Charles J. Schmitt
William C. Brumit	Robin C. Hanson	Edgar N. Lockett, III	Joel R. Stern
David Crowden	Walter E. Hanson, Jr.	Sue G. Lockett	Richard H. Woodlee
Peggy Crowden	Cheryl Henke	Robert M. McConnel	Ivan Yanasak
Tom Dietrich	Randolph R. Henke	Gary Millington	Nadia Yanasak
Jeanette C. Farmer	Chris L. Johnson	Judy B. Millington	Nancy Yanasak

**SOCIAL ROSTER** - This next list is the 26 members who desire to be informed of upcoming private boating/social events. As Roster & Calling Committee Chair, Robin Hanson ([robin.c.hanson@gmail.com](mailto:robin.c.hanson@gmail.com)) maintains this social roster. Given the club's insurance situation, all events are private and by invite only. The social roster communicates details of these events. To be added/removed from the list, please contact Robin.

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Tom Dietrich	Robin C. Hanson	Edgar N. Lockett	Charles J. Schmitt
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## Are You, a Family Member or a Boating Friend on Facebook?



When was the last time did you or others that you know visited our club's page?

**Your willingness to check out ABC Knoxville**

**AND "like" us makes a difference in the digital world.**

It costs but a moment of your time and it shows support for both our club and the volunteers who make an effort to keep the page current.

Please like us at <https://www.facebook.com/AmericasBoatingClubKnoxville/>.



## Revitalization and Improvement (R&I) Initiative

A new special project will soon be underway spearheaded by the Executive Committee under the direction of John Farmer. The project is an initiative permitted by USPS HQ and consistent with our by-laws. It empowers the Commander (or designee(s)) to make major decisions, financial or otherwise, during a crisis of membership. The special project has several parts. The first will be website improvement followed by outreach to public who previously participated in USPS boating education and were enrolled in the USPS University. The QR code provides quick access to our website.



## Public Outreach – Part of the R&I Initiative

**LEVERAGING BOAT SALES TO MAKE NEW BOATERS AWARE OF US** – ABC Knoxville is reaching out to dealers and yacht brokers as a means to communicate with their boating customers. Below is the text of the letter signed by John Farmer. As you shop, please make businesses aware of our club. If they display our flyers, please thank them!!

*"You are in the business of selling larger new and preowned boats. There is a group in the Knoxville area that I believe can help you increase sales and increase customer satisfaction. Americas Boating Club- Knoxville hosts informative on-water events, teaches classes to obtain the TWRA wallet card, and more. We also offer free vessel safety checks to ensure boaters have all the required and recommended equipment. We are a group of trained and experienced boaters. I have boated both power and sail for over 50 years inland, offshore, and in the Caribbean and am a retired riverboat captain. I served as captain aboard THE STAR riverboat here for fifteen years. Our club would be happy to assist new boaters so they can enjoy boating more and potentially move up to a larger boat purchased through you.*

*Our vessel safety check program, in collaboration with the United States Coast Guard, is particularly beneficial for new boaters. A certified vessel examiner boards the boat and uses a checklist and a 40-page manual to inspect it, providing a report only to the owner. Once the boat passes, the owner is given a decal, like the one shown here, which indicates to everyone, including TWRA, that the boat is properly equipped.*

*We are dedicated to helping people make the most of their boating experience!*

*I would like to visit your brokerage and encourage you to display the enclosed rack card in your offices. If there is any other way we can assist you, I, as the club administrative officer and the district educational officer, will be happy to discuss that with anyone at your convenience. I will call for an appointment. Thanks in advance for your consideration of this offer of assistance.*

*Also, would you like to be a speaker at one of our meetings? I can discuss this with you. If not, do you have a 15-to 30-minute video presentation that we can use at one of our meetings to increase your marketing reach? Some of our members don't have boats yet. "*



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**Public Outreach – Part of the R&I Initiative (continued)**

**WHAT IS BEING SAID OF US** – The flyers being distributed through boat dealers will have the following text. We encourage members to be aware of this messaging so that you can reinforce it whenever you have an opportunity.

***SO YOU BOUGHT A BOAT - - WHAT NEXT?***

*There is a local organization that can help you get more enjoyment out of your purchase.*



*We are a group of experienced boaters who host a range of events, from short afternoon outings to long-distance, multi-day cruises, as well as social gatherings. We invite you to an outing called a raft-up, where people gather on the water to share snacks and refreshments, as well as their boating experiences.*

*You have just made a significant investment in on-the-water enjoyment. Boats, like cars, require a certain amount of care and maintenance to increase the life of your purchase. Our members have been there and done that, so we can offer suggestions to help.*

*We suggest that you carefully read all the manuals and note the items that require attention, as well as those that require regular maintenance, such as oil changes, etc. We recommend keeping a record of all service actions. If you need a new part, keep a record of the part number and the dealer's contact information. Get to know the dealer's shop foreman, just in case you ever need them.*

*We invite you to contact our group, America's Boating Club – Knoxville, at [captfarmer@gmail.com](mailto:captfarmer@gmail.com) or 865-765-3407. We hope you will join one of our events, where you can enjoy the company of like-minded boaters, share snacks and refreshments, and exchange boating war stories to help enhance your boating enjoyment.*

*We also offer free vessel safety checks to ensure that you have all the required and recommended equipment and understand how to use it properly. The report is given only to you, and if needed, we can conduct a follow-up with you. Then you can be assured that your boat is adequately equipped, and you can proudly display the VSC sticker, which indicates to everyone, including TWRA, that your boat is safe and good to go.*



*We have very knowledgeable Port Captains on all local waters who can help you find fun places to visit and marinas for your use. They can offer suggestions to help you get started having more fun on the water.*

*If you have children who need a TWRA boater card, we offer free boating instruction and are authorized to give the TWRA boating exam. We want to help you ensure they know how to operate your boat safely. We believe educated boating is more enjoyable boating.*

*If you want to enhance your boating knowledge, we offer in-person and online classes to assist you. We recommend our Boat Handling course, which will help with docking, often considered the most intimidating aspect of boating. We also offer Inland Boating and Trailer courses, among others. See <https://www.americasboatingclub-knoxville.org/>*



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## Power of One Recruitment Campaign Continues



# The Power of

One

The Power of 1 is a national recruiting initiative that rewards members for bringing new boaters into America's Boating Club. Earn points for each referral and earn prizes, recognition, and squadron bragging rights!

### Highlights

- ★ National Recruiting Initiative Launches June 1st!
- 🕒 Open to all members of America's Boating Club / USPS
- 🏆 Earn points for every new member you recruit
- 🛍️ Redeem points for branded ABC/USPS merchandise and more
- 🏆 Top 5 individual recruiters nationwide win exclusive prizes
- 🚩 Top 2 squadrons recognized and rewarded
- 📅 Recruiting period runs June 1 – November 30, 2025
- 🏆 Top Recruiters honored at the 2026 Annual Meeting

Learn more on the **Membership Committee page at USPS.org**

Contact: R/C James M. Milton, JN  
JMilton040@gmail.com  
631-681-7650

Every member has the power to grow ABC by bringing in just one new member. When you bring in new members, you're helping strengthen our Club and can earn rewards from USPS. Whether it's a friend from the marina, a neighbor with a boat, or someone who just loves the water, now's the time to invite them in. Every referral strengthens our club and the entire organization. This is how clubs near us did for the first month of the campaign (through June 30).

- Music City (Nashville) – 7.4% growth
- Atlanta – 1.7% growth
- North Alabama (Huntsville) – 2.8% growth

Click [Power of One Campaign Overview](#) for details about the rewards offered.



## America's Boating Course Graduates in 2025

As mentioned in the June Newsletter, Jeff Schmitt had taught 4 classes this spring. Below is the list of the 21 graduates. If their tracks (paths) should cross yours, please encourage them to join the club.

Anthony E. Atchley

Gracie B. Barreira

Ashley B. Bolinger

Racheal H. Crass

Braden A. Daugherty

Austin A. Downey

Travis A. Downey

Savannah R. Fox

Michael C. Freeman

Ronald W. French

Terry D. Gilland

Garrett J. Grossman

Nathaniel A. Hale

Nicholas Johnson

Kamran M. King

Titus Loveday

Joshua E. Maples

Brock W. Nuchols

David A. Sink

William J. Sprout

Kellan B. Weleski



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## Educational Opportunities

**NEW ON-WATER TRAINING GUIDE** – The 2025 version focuses more on student boat operation. Not all elements are needed, and students and instructors decide from the included checklist which things to cover.  
[https://www.usps.org/images/eddept/b\\_files/ABC\\_2025\\_On\\_Water\\_Training\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.usps.org/images/eddept/b_files/ABC_2025_On_Water_Training_Guide.pdf)

**NEW ONLINE EXAM SYSTEM** – It is coming soon with online results. The system will have exams for *Boat Handling, Cruising Under Power and Sail, Engine Maintenance, Marine Communication Systems, Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Navigation, Radar for Boaters, Sail, and Weather*. Other courses like *Offshore Navigation* will still be hand graded.

**NEW INTRODUCTION TO MARINE BATTERIES SEMINAR** is available. Enroll at <https://uspsonline.enrolmart.com/courses/intro-marine-batteries>. This seminar was created to address these challenges and provide boaters with hands-on training in marine battery maintenance. By attending, participants will gain expert insight into battery selection, charging techniques, and proper marine battery installation to maximize performance and longevity.

- **Understanding different marine batteries' chemistries:** Learn the key differences between lead-acid, AGM, and lithium-ion batteries and determine which best suits your vessel's needs.
- **Battery lifespan and replacement:** Recognize when it's time for a new battery, the factors that shorten battery life, and how to test battery health before issues arise.
- **Proper charging and marine battery maintenance:** Discover best practices for charging marine batteries, how to avoid overcharging or undercharging, and strategies to extend battery life.
- **Marine battery installation and troubleshooting:** Gain insights into secure battery installation, proper wiring techniques, and how to diagnose and resolve common electrical issues.
- **Real-world scenarios and expert Q&A:** Participate in troubleshooting exercises and interactive discussions with industry experts to address specific concerns about your boat's marine electrical system.

**LAST CALL FOR JN and N COURSES** - USPS is "sunsetting" the JN and N courses and replacing them with two new courses on offshore navigation and celestial navigation.

To provide members with one last opportunity to take the legacy courses or for someone who has taken JN to take N and complete the sequence for the N grade, Buzzards Bay Sail & Power Squadron (BBSPS) is offering the JN / N sequence one last time. Pre Registration is required. Please contact: Richard Moore, education officer BBSPS; Email: [chmbrck@live.com](mailto:chmbrck@live.com) / phone: 508-888-8238.

BBSPS offers these courses with the help of the local squadron. JN will be offered starting in September 2025 and N start in February 2026. BBSPS will use ZOOM to present all the course materials and for break out sessions. The local squadron will be asked to handle the logistics of course materials and exams.

As an introduction, BBSPS is hosting a talk by Bob Sweet, nautical author, past USPS NEO, and boating consultant, on an "Introduction to Celestial Navigation". This is a national presentation to all squadrons. The presentation will be on line using ZOOM. It will be Wednesday, August 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. We will send all registered class participants the ZOOM link the day of the presentation. The introduction to Celestial Navigation presentation is FREE to all members and guests. For further information, please contact Richard Moore.



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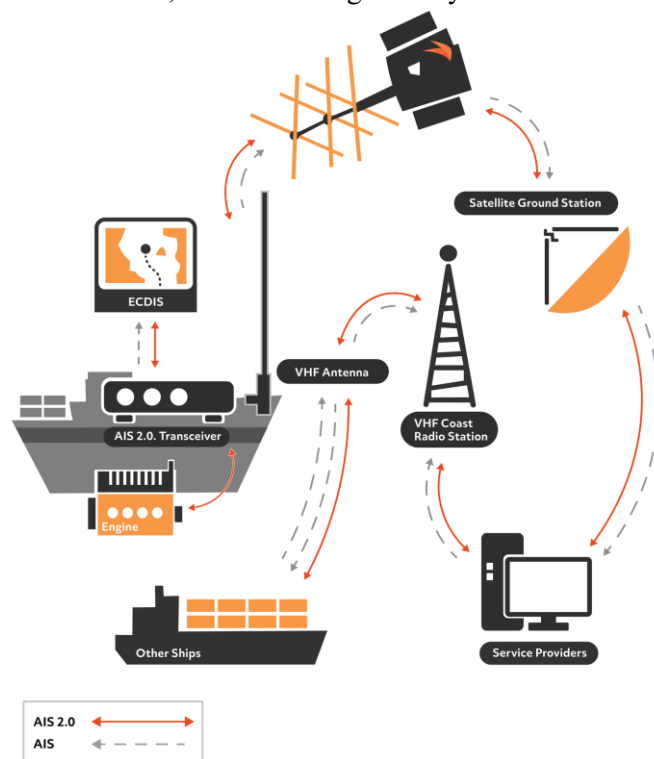


## New AIS Technology In Development – by John Farmer

The Automatic Identification System (AIS) is a maritime navigation safety system that broadcasts and receives vessel information, including location, speed, and course, to enhance situational awareness and collision avoidance. It allows ships to "see" each other and shore stations, improving safety, especially in crowded or low-visibility conditions. With the increasing volume of marine vessels using AIS for collision avoidance and other novel uses, growing demand has led to an overload of the two AIS channels currently used for communication, which challenges the system. To address this issue, international organizations including the International Telecommunication Union, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities, have been developing standards for the next generation of AIS.

Known as the **VHF Data Exchange System, or VDES**, this advanced maritime communication technology is designed to support the IMO's electronic navigation goals. Using terrestrial and satellite radio communication links in the VHF maritime mobile band, VDES enables global interoperable digital data exchange between ships, between ships and shore, and between ships and satellite. VDES builds upon the original capabilities of AIS, addressing the increasing requirements for data exchange between ships and shore and using the VHF radio spectrum more effectively and efficiently.

- VDES (VDE-TER) offers increased capacity for data communications, up to 32 times the capacity of AIS, making it more suited for handling the ever-growing volume of marine vessel data and communications.
- VDES (VDE-SAT) provides extended coverage, including the Arctic, ensuring seamless communication in remote, hard-to-reach regions.



Besides operating on the four AIS channels, it will provide 12 additional digital communication channels—two for ASM, four for VDE-TER, and six for VDE-SAT—greatly increasing marine VHF-FM data communications. It provides forward and backward compatibility with legacy AIS.

- VDES retains original AIS channels primarily for collision avoidance and remains compatible with existing AIS systems.
- VDES adds two new channels for application-specific messages (ASM), providing additional bandwidth for data exchange between ships, and between ships and shore.
- VDES introduces a high-speed terrestrial data exchange channel using VDE-TER, which provides faster and more efficient data communications between ships and shore stations.
- VDES also includes a satellite data exchange component, using VDE-SAT channels for global interoperable two-way communication between ships and satellites and satellites and shore stations.
- VDES can enable advanced maritime cybersecurity measures, helping protect maritime communications from malicious activities such as hacking, spoofing, and jamming. This can help ensure the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of maritime communications, which is essential for maintaining maritime safety and security.



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**Event Update – July, August and September**

**POOL PARTY AND FIREWORKS** – The pool party held at Don and Brigitte Perrine's home was attended by 10 people. It was a "pot luck" event, and the Perrine's provided the main course of barbecued pork loin. Everyone either enjoyed being in the pool, socializing or competing in the Cornhole contest.



After dinner, when it was dark, the Perrine's neighbor across the lake, Randy Boyd, did his annual fireworks show. It lasted about 15 minutes, and it was a spectacular ending to an enjoyable day. It was impressive to see how many boats showed up in front of us to watch fireworks.



**CUMBERLAND LAKE OVERNIGHT** – In mid-August only two couples were available to commit for this resort stay and joint pontoon boat rental. They agreed to forego this outing with the expectation of doing more boating closer to home in conditions that might be less hot.

This outing is worth future consideration by members wanting a family/couple getaway. To access reservations at the Lake Cumberland State Park Resort, go to: <https://parks.ky.gov/parks/find-a-park/lake-cumberland-state-resort-park-7795>. The resort is at [5465 State Park Rd., Jamestown, KY 42629](https://parks.ky.gov/parks/find-a-park/lake-cumberland-state-resort-park-7795). With more than 60,000 acres of water and 1,225 miles of shoreline, Lake Cumberland is one of the finest fishing and boating areas in the eastern United States. The park has rooms, cottages, camping and an indoor pool.



The 63-room Lure Lodge overlooking Lake Cumberland offers full amenities. Wireless internet access is available in the lodge and in all 29 cottages. The marina offers 100 open slips, rental fishing boats, pontoon boats, houseboats, and ski boats. Contact State Dock - [www.statedock.com](http://www.statedock.com), or 1-888-782-8336 (888-STATE DOCK). Open April through October.

**HIWASSEE RIVER CRUISE** – The next big event is the cruise to the Hiwassee River off of Chickamauga Lake in late September. If you are not on the private invitation list, created due to our squadron's insurance limitations, please let Robin Hanson know that you'd like to be on the list. The Hansons and the Fendleys are leading this cruise, which will be at the ideal time of the year for cruising.



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## Event Calendar - 2025 Watch Year

Date	Time	Location	Event	Leader	Comments
February 25	6:00pm - 9:00pm	Bluetick Tavern in Maryville	Dinner, Election, Change of Watch, "Lessons Learned" Presentation by Schmitts	John Farmer	15 attended
March 1	9:30am - 12:00pm	Perrine's home	2025 Event Planning, Special Bridge Meeting	Don Perrine	12 attended
March 10	6:00pm -	Mimi's Café Turkey Creek	Dinner & "Our Caribbean Charters" Presentation by Farmers	John Farmer	Canceled
April 4-11	Weekend Outing	Knoxville Volunteer Landing	Rossini Festival, FRI docktails, SAT festival then docktails & dinner	Don Perrine	12 attended
May 24	Weekend Outing	Lenoir City Park Pavilion 1	Private Pot-luck Picnic	Jeff Schmitt	15 attended
June 20-27	Week-long Outing	Clinch & Emory River Cruise	Destinations might include Oak Ridge & Harriman	Jeff & Barbie Schmitt	canceled
July 3-5	Holiday overnight	Jackson Bend	7/3 pool party @ Perrine's home, then fireworks at Jackson Bend on 7/3	Don Perrine	10 attended
August 13-15	Weekday overnight	Lake Cumberland	Stay at cliff resort overlooking the lake & either trailer or rent boat(s)	Tom Dietrich	canceled
September 24-29	Weeklong overnight	Watts Bar Lake & Hiwassee River Cruise	Explore tributaries taking advantage of cooler weather, fewer boats	Walt Hanson & Ed Fendley	Private Event, not sponsored by ABC-K
October 13-14	Weekday overnight	Ish Creek	Star Anchor	John Farmer & Tom Dietrich	Private Event, not sponsored by ABC-K
November					Nothing scheduled
Early December	Gathering	Hanson's home (Loudon)	Social and catered dinner	Walt & Robin Hanson	Private Event, not sponsored by ABC-K
January '26			Planning Meeting		To be determined
February '26			Change of Watch		To be determined



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