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Commander's Report 3/3/2025

Please join me in thanking our officers, chairs and contributors who served in 2024. They were a great team to work with, and we accomplished as much as can be reasonably expected last year.

Specifically, Tom Dietrich served as our treasurer, John Farmer as our AO, Walt Hanson as our corporate secretary and NHT editor, Jeff Schmitt as our education officer and Bob Mattison as our executive officer who led the vessel safety checks. They were supported by Bonnie Fried as membership chair, Chuck Smith as VSC inspector and nomination committee chair, Joel Stern as VSC inspector, David Kimball as merit marks chair, Robin Hanson who published the mid-month blast and maintained our directory and all of the folks who helped out with our various activities. It's our members who are willing and able to contribute their knowledge, ability and time that enables us to enjoy the tangible benefits of our club.

We received an award for the NHT from national. In my opinion, Walt deserves the bulk of the credit for producing it each month as a top-quality document. Of course, every contributor deserves a share of the credit as well as Robin who is Walt's editor. More on this story is in this NHT.

We held elections on February 25; the officers from last year were nominated and elected to serve again in 2025. Everyone was impressed with how effective their campaigning was for these positions. In addition, Joel Stern will serve as the VSC chair and Robin will again put out the mid-month blast. On March 1, we planned the 2025 calendar and have event captains identified, but more support is needed for some. We also need a nominating committee chair and a promotions chair among other positions. Please let me know if you are interested in contributing some time and effort for the benefit of our club.

We have an exciting program for 2025 that is boating centric during the warm months and social centric during the cold months complemented by a well scheduled education program. The program is in this NHT, and I hope to see everyone enjoying these activities to the extent that they are able.

Don Perrine

Commander



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Mission Statement

"Join for the joy of boating and grow with knowledge, experience, skill and confidence"

Organization

GENERAL COMMITTEES – 2025

Audit

Chair: Lt/C Walt Hanson, AP-IN
2-Year: 1st/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

P/C Chuck Smith, P

Membership:

Lt Bonnie Fried, P

Merit Mark

P/C Dave Kimball, S

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

Lt Joel Stern

Member Invoicing

Some members may not have received their dues notices, and thus are in arrears.

Those who are in arrears are being reminded. If you choose to pay online, please try the following.

1. Open www.usps.org then click on "Membership Portal." It will take you to a "Sign In" page at <https://portal.americasboatingclub.org/ABC...>, which is where you will login to the iMIS system. Having logged in, your name will be in the upper right corner.
2. Click on your name and select the "My Account" drop down. This provides all data that USPS has in its iMIS system for you. Finding the dues invoice/statement requires more digging.
3. Click the link below your name to drill further down; again, you will need to dig farther.
4. On the page that opens, click on the "Participation" and the "Transaction" tabs to find payment information.

The numbered screenshots on the next page correspond to the above numbered steps. If you find that you can no longer login to the Membership Portal, please contact either our Club's Secretary or Treasurer for further assistance.



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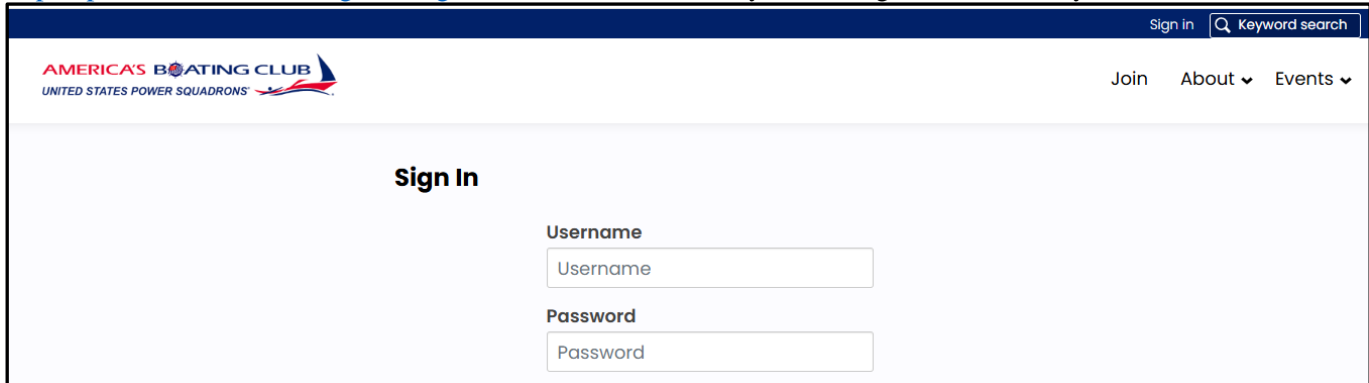
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Member Invoicing (continued)

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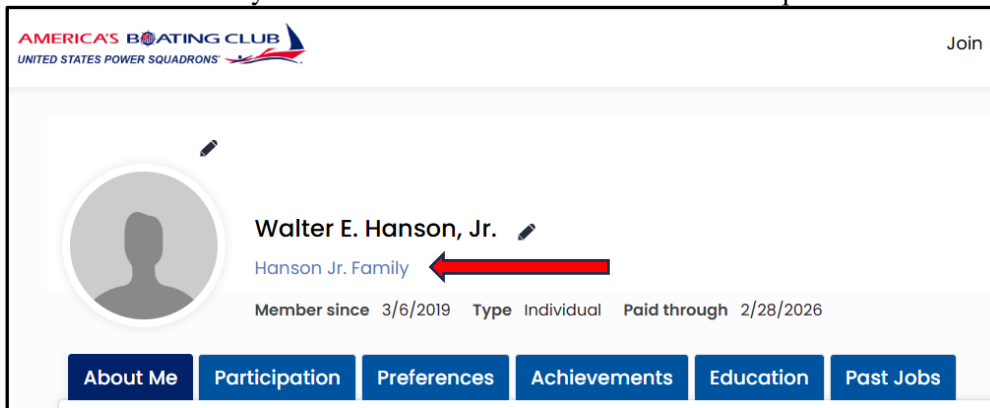
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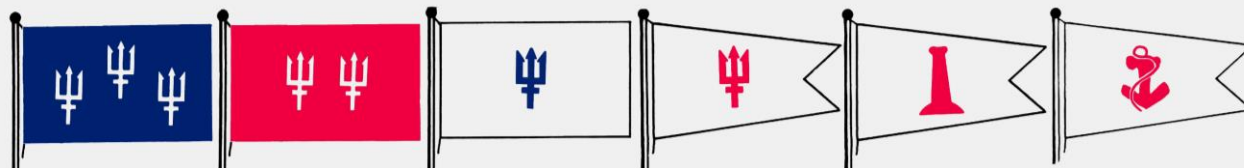
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Change of Watch – 2/25/2025



The Club again hosted its Change of Watch at the Bluetick Tavern in Maryville. We had 16 members in attendance for a social hour, pizza buffet with salad and cold beverages. We thank John Farmer for making the arrangements.

Because inclement weather postponed our January election, the evening opened with our election of the Bridge officers. Nominations were encouraged from the floor, but no one was willing to change the proposed slate. So, the current officers were very quickly elected to another term for the 2025 watch year. Serving as the District 17 representative, D/Lt/C John Farmer did the honors of reinstalling the Bridge. The four officers in attendance are pictured below from left to right: John Farmer as Administration Officer, Don Perrine as Commander, Walt Hanson as Secretary, and Jeff Schmitt as Education Officer. Tom Dietrick was unable to attend, but will again be our Treasurer.



John also presented a certificate of appreciation to Don for steering the Club through a difficult year of change and making important course corrections to benefit our members.

The evening concluded with a presentation of lessons learned from 50 years of boating by Jeff and Barbie Schmitt. They provided us memorable moments from the many boats they have owned, which are described on the next page.

The premise of the presentation is that we own boats for the joy they bring us: we are transported to calm warm weather, see beautiful sunsets and rainbows, we have the comfort of our accommodations, and gain peace from the worry-free getaways. We like it best when all boat systems work!



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Dinner Presentation by the Schmitts – 2/25/2025



Jeff's and Barbie's tale of boating began in Nashville on Percy Priest Lake with a 14-ft sailboard carried in the back of their Camaro. They soon graduated to a Rainbow 25 to accommodate the kids and then a Bayfield 25 [all 3 pictured at left].



Over time they traded up to larger boats for cruising (a Camper Nicholson 30 "Wanderahr" and then to the Endeavour 40 "Valhalla" [pictured below].



As their cruising expanded so did the capability of their crafts.

What followed were a Gale Force Tug / Sloop 25 "LilToot" [at left] and then a Mariner PH 38 "Cynosure" [at right].



And then came the powerboats, which were important in their quest to complete the Great Loop, which they completed this last year. They had the trailerable Ranger Tug 25 "Aisling," then the spacious Endeavour TrawlerCat 36 "Aisling Gheal" and now the Rosborough 25 "Aisling Nua." All are pictured on the next page.



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Dinner Presentation by the Schmitts – 2/25/2025 (continued)

In reality the joys that bedeck cruising come with hard lessons. Boats and Mother Nature are ruthless teachers. Windy cold weather challenges our readiness to be at sea. Dangerous lightning and breaking waves (and big wakes) kindle our natural desire to survive. Failing or faulty equipment turn us into technical sleuths. But those uncomfortable or stress-filled situations give greater perspective as to what is joy.

Some takeaways that were punctuated with pics were:

- Stow everything to be ready for those waves and wakes
- Storm management includes deciding when it's best to ride it out at anchor
- Use more dock lines to secure your boat when high winds are forecast – but also remember to not trip over them. Ouch!
- Know your bottom when running aground; you might be able to free your boat yourself.
- Know your air draft and the tide and be very cautious to avoid adorning bridges with your stuff.
- Attach your state decal; let the marine police pursue other boaters.
- Be aware that you could be boarded, you might need assistance at sea and you could be medevac'd.
- Never tell friends that you will meet them on a particular date or place. Weather will get in the way.
- Carry ALL required safety equipment (and a lot more).
- Know the state of the tide and resulting current
- Even sailboats need fuel; double check that you are topped off before departure
- When chartering, be prepared to handle possible engine issues. Are there spare parts aboard? Could you install them?
- Do you know your boat's power consumption rate and is your system adequate?
- Are you prepared to safely navigate in fog and at night?
- Have you adequately prepared your boat for freezing conditions?
- Did you file a float plan and did you contact the loved one who is tracking your progress, so that the authorities aren't looking for you?

Of course, this presentation served only as a “primer” [At right Barbie works on bottom paint]. As SEO, Jeff is taking orders for USPS elective courses!



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Next Port of Call – Mimi's Café, Farragut – Monday 3/10



Consider gathering March 10, for a social, dinner and presentation at Mimi's Café. March 10 is a Monday. Mimi's is at 10945 Parkside Dr, Knoxville, TN 37934. We will rendezvous at 6:00pm (1800 sailor time). The presentation will be "Our Caribbean Charters" by John and Jeanette Farmer. If you liked the Schmitt's presentation, then don't miss the Farmer's.



If you are planning or just considering to come, then please let John Farmer (CaptFarmer@gmail.com) know as soon as possible, ideally by Thursday March 6.

Annual Vessel Safety Checks – Volunteers Needed!

America's Boating Club and the USCG Auxiliary are the only volunteer organizations that provide free voluntary vessel safety checks. The work saves lives! We need more vessel examiners! Several vessel examiners have aged out or moved away. We used to have six, now we have few and we lack coverage in Knoxville. All we need are members willing to learn and do about 10 examinations a year. **To become an examiner**, you must take an on-line class, pass a 60-question test and inspect 5 boats over-seen by a certified examiner. To volunteer or ask more questions, contact our VSC Chairman, Lt Joel Stern (oldseadog100@gmail.com).

By the way – It's a new year and all red 2024 VSC decals are out-of-date. Plan now when you want to have your examination done. Contact Joel to schedule it.



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Over The Horizon – Rossini Festival – April 11-13

Consider coming to the Rossini Festival by boat or car April 11-13

The Rossini Festival is Knoxville Opera's annual International Street Fair that celebrates the global impact on the music, food, art, and culture of East Tennessee. Throughout the festival, the public is treated to non-stop entertainment on four outdoor stages showcasing opera, classical, jazz, gospel, ethnic music, ballet, modern, and ethnic dance. Attendees can purchase from scores of food vendors and more than 75 artisans throughout the day, while The Y FunZone keeps children entertained. More than half a million residents of Knox County and the surrounding area have enjoyed the Rossini Festival over the years.

Fun and family-oriented.
Admission is always free.
For more information about the festival, go to <https://www.knoxvilleopera.org/rossini-festival>.



The core program is to arrive by boat at the Vol Navy dock on Friday afternoon, April 11 for docktails and a group dinner at a nearby restaurant. Saturday offers music, crafts and food at the festival activities followed by docktails and dinner on our own either on our boats or on shore. Sunday offers more festival events and the opportunity to return home Sunday afternoon. Note that there is no power available at the Vol Navy dock.

Options to consider are for those coming by boat are to stop at Perrine's dock for a potluck dinner at our home and stay overnight at our dock. Then Friday mid-day, leave to cruise to Knoxville. An option for all on Saturday is the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra's performance of the music of Fleetwood Mac. It will be at the Civic Auditorium starting at 8 pm. Tickets are available from the KSO website. One final option for boaters is to return home on Monday rather than Sunday afternoon. For more information about the KSO concert, go to <https://www.knoxvillecoliseum.com/events/2025/knoxville-symphony-orchestra--landslide-a-symphonic-tribute-to-the-music-of-fleetwood-mac>.



If you are planning or just considering to come by boat or by car, then please let Don Perrine (DAPerrine@tds.net) know by March 10. He needs to make appropriate dinner reservations, which will be adjusted close to the dinner date when everyone has confirmed.



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Visiting Knoxville by Boat – How to Cheaply Get Around



Consider using the Kiss Caboose (865-722-0779 / www.kisscaboose.com) to get around downtown Knoxville. The owner, Gina, operates a small Japanese-looking little van that carries about 4 people as a tip-only ride service. Our members have used her many times.



2024 Distinctive Communicator Award



To the Staff of

Now Hear This
Knoxville Power Squadron



In recognition of Distinctive Performance
for Publications in 2024



Catherine Anderson

12/21/2024

Communications Chair

Date

Our club again received recognition for its monthly newsletter. The editor, Walt Hanson, is pictured above.

Thank you to all who contribute articles and especially my wife Robin who grammar checks. In the very near future the newsletter format with the permission of the Bridge will be simplified to reduce editing hours. I end my term at the end of the watch year. A replacement editor is needed or this form of communication will likely end.



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Treasurer's Report

Lt/C Tom Dietrich reported that the final amounts for Watch Year 2024 were:

\$5,742 was our total income;
\$3,953 was our total expenses; and
\$12,338 is our checking account balance.

The Treasurer's files were audited January 10 and passed the review.



Vessel Examiner's Report

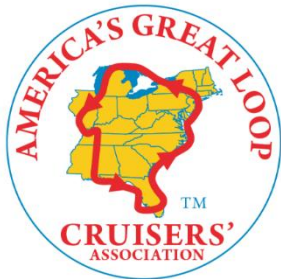


District 17 reports that the Knoxville Vessel Safety Check program concluded the 2024 Watch Year with the below-named examiners. **They collectively accomplished a total of 272 vessel safety checks and 89% of the boats they examined passed the voluntary safety check.**

- Ed Lockett in Johnson City
- Bill Hall in Loudon
- Joel Stern in Norris, appointed VSC Chairman for 2025
- Steve Brumit in Kingsport
- Bob Mattison and Chuck Smith concluded their service as examiners.

We thank them both for their many years of volunteer service.

Great Loop Cruiser Update



We congratulate members Will and Jackie Knapek, who just purchased their "Loop" boat in Carrabelle, FL. They are planning to bring her home to Knoxville starting on March 15th. They posted on the Great Loop Inland Rivers website that anyone else who is headed north during that timeframe should contact them (will.knapek@gmail.com). They have their homeport as Fort Loudon Marina. Bill is currently the Harbor Host for the area.



Get a 25% Discount on All Purchases



Educational Department
Online Education Committee

Online Education Store Coupon

Store ([uspsonline.org](https://www.usps.org)). The discount is applied to your shopping cart when you checkout. To get the discount, you must have a coupon code. **The code is case sensitive and the code will change periodically.**

To get the coupon code, go to <https://www.usps.org/departments/13000/13600-online-education-store>. This link will require you to login to www.usps.org first and then it takes you to a page in the Educational Department, which is where you can find the current code.

Are you interested in purchasing educational materials? Starting February 12, members now get a 25% discount on all purchases at the **Online Education**



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New Navigation App – Free Subscription thru USPS

Several of us subscribe to navigation apps and many have seen their subscription costs grow over the years. For example, Navionics used to be \$19, then it was \$25, and this year it is \$50. The increasing cost of subscription makes it important to check what is out there. Each year there is something new.

USPS recently announced (2/20/2025) a new partnership with [DITCH](#)—a smart navigation app for boaters. Here's how Ditch makes your boating experience better:

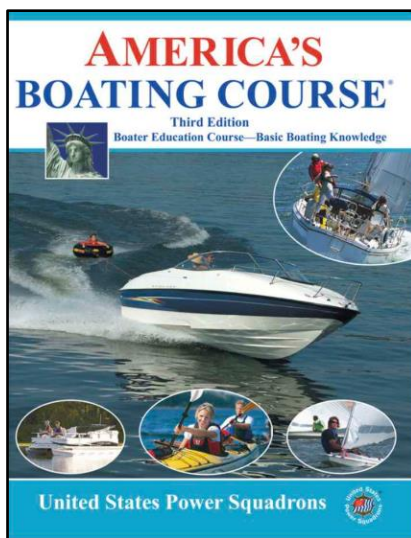
- **Route planning:** DITCH's Smart Path™ technology uses billions of recent data points to provide the optimal route for your journey. Use it as a planning tool or live on the water.
- **Local knowledge:** See where other boats have traveled with DITCH's innovative use of historical AIS data and to gain local knowledge directly as a layer on your chart.
- **Smart ETAs:** DITCH uses historical data to identify slower areas along your route and factors those into your ETA calculation. This means you get a much more accurate arrival time.
- **Ease of use:** DITCH is designed to be user-friendly with automatically updated charts and a simple interface.



Through this partnership, USPS can offer its members a FREE one-year subscription to DITCH! So, how do you activate your first-year free subscription?

1. [Download](#) the DITCH Navigation app.
2. Create a DITCH account.
3. Enter your exclusive members-only promo code: **BOAT2025**. The DITCH team is ready to help. Drop them an email at americasboatingclub@ditchnavigation.com.

America's Boating Course, 3rd Edition, Class Offerings



"Americas Boating Course" is the comprehensive NASBLA-approved public boating safety course that is produced by the United States Power Squadrons, Inc.

Four classes will be held at Grace Lutheran Church (using the rear entrance), 131 West Gettysburg Ave., Oak Ridge, TN 37830. **Each class consists of three 2-hour sessions that are from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm**, including the final examination during the last session. The dates of the the sessions for each class are listed below. For questions, or to register, contact our SEO, Jeff Schmitt, by email at: tiavare@outlook.com or by telephone at 410-493-4395.

- Class 1: Sessions are March 14, 21 and 28
- Class 2: Sessions are April 4, 11 and 18
- Class 3: Sessions are April 25, May 2 and, 9
- Class 4: Sessions are May 16, 23 and 30

Students needing the TWRA wallet card must present their TWRA Form 600 at the exam. Form 600 can be purchased for \$10 at stores or online with the TWRA application. The course instruction is free of charge, but the student must purchase the 287-page PDF textbook for \$35 online at: <https://course.americasboatingcourse.com/ssl/enroll.cfm>.



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Spring Checklist – excerpt from BoatingCompass.org (USPS)

Using a spring checklist for boaters like the one below will help you start the boating season on a positive note.

- **Documents:** Review your license, registration, insurance and other important documents pertaining to your boat and trailer, and store them in a watertight bag or container.
- **Life jackets:** Make sure each person has a properly sized [life jacket](#) in good condition with no rips or missing parts.
- **Fire extinguishers:** Make sure onboard [fire extinguishers](#) are fully charged, properly mounted and the correct class for your vessel. Turn dry chemical extinguishers upside down to loosen the powder. Replace or refill expired units.
- **Visual Distress Signaling Device.** Make sure onboard .
- **Charts:** Review and update as necessary.
- **Plugs:** Inspect and tighten drain plugs. Make sure rubber seals or gaskets haven't cracked or dried out in storage.
- **Hoses and clamps:** Inspect and replace as necessary.
- **Propellers:** Inspect for dings, pitting, cracks and distortion. Damaged props can cause unwanted vibration and drive train damage. Make sure connectors such as cotter pins are secure, and move the prop back and forth to check for looseness. If the shaft is loose, consider replacing the bearing.
- **Inboards:** Examine the rudderstock to ensure it has not been bent or compromised.
- **Hull:** Inspect for blisters, distortions, cracks and compromised rivets.
- **Water intake strainer:** Make sure your strainer is secure, unobstructed and corrosion-free.
- **Large inboards:** Check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for looseness before and after launch. Make sure through-hulls don't leak.
- **Outboards and outdrives:** Inspect outdrive bellows for cracks, dryness or deterioration, paying careful attention to the folds. Replace questionable bellows.
- **Fluid levels:** Check all fluid levels, including engine oil, power steering and power trim reservoirs. Replace worn-out zincs.
- **Control cables:** Inspect the outer jackets, and replace cables showing cracks, swelling, corrosion or deterioration.
- **Fuel lines:** Inspect fuel lines, including fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking.
- **Fuel tanks:** Check your tanks and pumps, and replace filters annually. Consider using a fuel stabilizer.
- **Hoses:** Inspect cooling, exhaust and blower hoses and pipes for stiffness, rot and leaks. Make sure hoses are connected tightly; double clamp them if necessary.
- **Electrical connections:** Inspect for cleanliness and tightness. Corrosion, especially on battery cables, could indicate a poor connection. Remove the terminals, and wire brush them along with the cable ends.
- **Running and navigation lights:** Make sure all [running lights](#) work. Keep spare navigation bulbs on board.
- **Emergency lights:** Inspect emergency lights and signal devices, and make sure you have spare batteries.
- **Engine cutoff switch:** Ensure it's working properly.
- **Bilge pumps:** [Check](#) for leaks and corrosion, and make sure the float switch works.
- **Ropes and lines:** Inspect for damage, chafing and deterioration, and replace as necessary. Pay out and thoroughly inspect your anchor line. Keep lines untangled and coiled for ease of use.



This list should only be used as a starting point. Add or delete items to suit your boat and trailer requirements.



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Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes Seminar Offerings

Learn the locking, boat handling, and navigation skills you need to boat on major inland waterways.

Our rivers can be hazardous. Confidently boat by developing the special skills you need to deal with currents and shallows, knowing how to maneuver through locks, and learning the correct ways to maneuver in the presence of commercial vessels on major inland waterways. What's included?

- Special navigation rules for rivers
- The Western Rivers System of buoys and marks
- River currents
- "Reading" a river
- Jetties and wing dams
- Intricacies of locking through
- Communicating with lockmasters and bridge tenders



This seminar is offered with online course materials and with in-person instruction at two locations. Following the seminar, join us for an on-the-water exercise on May 24, actually transiting the Fort Loudoun Lock.

- **Saturday May 10 - 9:00-Noon; Lenoir City Park, Pavilion #1**, 6707 City Park Drive, Lenoir City, TN 37772
- **Saturday May 17 - 9:00-Noon; Grace Lutheran Church** (rear entrance), 131 W Gettysburg Ave, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

To register, contact Jeff Schmitt (tiavare@outlook.com / 410-493-4395). Course tuition is free. Online course materials are available online for \$24.95 (25% discount for our members!) Go to:

<https://uspsonline.enrolmart.com/courses/boating-on-rivers-locks-and-lakes>

Fort Loudoun Dam Lock-through – On-the-water Training Opportunities

Join us for an exercise in locking your own boat, or observing on a boat captained by a Club member. (PS, We need members and their boats!).

WHEN AND WHERE: Saturday May 24 – 9:00-3:00pm; Lenoir City Park Pavilion 1, 6707 City Park Drive, Lenoir City, TN 37772

9:00 AM – Everyone arrives at Pavilion 1, Lenoir City Park. All sign-in and sign liability release forms. All will find the captains of their boats. The public will turn in their forms to the captains and introduce themselves. Members will help the public find their captains.

9:30 AM – Introduction to America's Boating Club; Lock-through overview.

10:00 AM – Embark boats. Ensure all have means of communicating with each other and have a guide who can safely direct the boat during the on-the-water event.

Noon (or soon thereafter) – Moor and debark boats. Post lock-through will be a lunch and meeting to award certificates of completion. The club will provide drinks, grilled brats and buns, so bring an appetizer/side/dessert/etc to share with others. Donations will be encouraged to help the Club offset expenses.



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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	RSVP ASAP, see page 7
April 4-11	Weekend Outing	Knoxville Volunteer Landing	Rossini Festival, FRI docktails, SAT festival then docktails & dinner	Don Perrine	RSVP SOON, see page 8
May 23-25	Weekend Outing	Lenoir City Park Pavilion 1	FRI cookout, SAT lock-through & pot-luck lunch	Jeff Schmitt	Many members needed to help; see page 13
June 20-27	Week-long Outing	Clinch & Emory River Cruise	Destinations might include Oak Ridge & Harriman	Jeff & Barbie Schmitt	
July 3-5	Holiday overnight	Jackson Bend & Knoxville downtown	7/3 pool party @ Perrine's home, then fireworks at Jackson Bend on 7/3 & at Knoxville on 7/4	Don Perrine	Need co-captain to plan mooring arrangements for the "Festival on the Fourth" in Knoxville
August 13-15	Weekday overnight	Lake Cumberland	Stay at cliff resort overlooking the lake & either trailer or rent boat(s)	Tom Dietrich	
September 24-29	Weeklong overnight	Watts Bar Lake & Hiwassee River Cruise	Explore tributaries taking advantage of cooler weather, fewer boats	Walt Hanson & Ed Fendley	
October 13-14	Weekday overnight	Ish Creek	Star Anchor	John Farmer & Tom Dietrich	
November					Nothing scheduled
Early December	Gathering	Hanson's home (Loudon)	Social and catered dinner	Walt & Robin Hanson	
January '26			Planning Meeting		To be determined
February '26			Change of Watch		To be determined



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