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2024 CALENDAR - in progress



September 9: CAPCA women's networking cruise on the Severn on a member's boat. 5:00 p.m. RSVP required. Click [HERE to RSVP](#). See p. 4.

September 23: (in person at the Annapolis Elks Lodge and on Zoom). "What Offshore Racing Can Teach Us: Three USCG licensed captains share recent experiences." Panelists: CAPCA members Captain Lynn McClaskey, Captain Dave Tabor, and

Captain Jayne Durden. Moderator: Captain Cheryl Duvall. See p. 7.

October 19: [Captain's License renewal - OUPV & Master up to 100-tons.](#)

October 28: (in person at the Annapolis Elks Lodge and on Zoom). CAPCA member Captain Bob Schwartz will present "Occoquan River: Working Together to Keep the Waters Safe." See p. 7.

November 2, 2024: [CPR/AED and First Aid for Boaters](#), Selby Bay Yacht Club.

November 19, 2024: [Leadership for Captains](#), Elks Lodge, Annapolis.

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

The CAPCA calendar, with details of all CAPCA speakers, courses, and events, is available on the website on the CALENDAR menu tab. It's updated as new information becomes available.

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View from the Helm: It's Nomination Time - Volunteer!



By Captain Tony Tommasello, CAPCA President

As an organization that serves the maritime industry and recreational boaters, CAPCA is a valuable asset to the boating community. We are over 300 members strong, providing opportunities to communicate with other captains and having conversations that broaden our understanding of the numerous roles we play. New members join an association that opens doors to benefits from their

captain's license that they may not have envisioned, and seasoned members can provide guidance and inspiration as regards pursuing those options.

The glue that holds us together is laid out in our Code of Ethics and Bylaws posted on our webpage for members to read and appreciate. Our Board of Directors (BOD) is largely responsible for evaluating those documents and proposing modifications as the environment around us changes.

The BOD is comprised of CAPCA members who volunteer their service. The board consists of the following five officers and six directors, who are elected to the BOD by the members: President, Vice President, Assistant Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors of the Jobs Program, Continuing Education, Programs and Events, Communication, Membership, and Webmaster. This year, three new Members at Large will be added to the BOD. These were created to give new people a chance to learn about what CAPCA does and perhaps stand for election to other board positions in future years.

Names are put forward by the Nominating Committee and members who choose to nominate people at the September meeting. Elections take place at the Fall Annual Business meeting. Serving on the BOD deepens one's appreciation of CAPCA's value to East Coast boaters through the services we provide.

A pool of volunteers from which nominations are made is necessary for the BOD to function effectively providing replacements to those who have served. As a BOD member you will have a voice in the programs we provide, the courses we teach, the budget we plan, and the modifications made to our Code of Ethics and Bylaws. We are at the time of the year when board members are reaching the end of their term.

Positions are opening up, allowing others to become volunteer BOD members and derive satisfaction from serving the public and CAPCA members through our efforts on the board. **In early September, we will send members notice of what positions are becoming vacant and how you can nominate yourself or someone else (with their permission).**

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Ahoy Female Captains!

By Captains Erin Manor and Jenifer Fritz

We had a great turnout on Tuesday, August 20 at the Eastport Yacht Club, with about one third of our female CAPCA members attending! Everyone had such a positive vibe and there was so much camaraderie.

In fact, because of conversations that evening, **a few of us are planning to enjoy a Severn River cruise on a member's sailboat on the evening of September 9.**



L to R: Suzanne Acevedo, Julianne Fettus, Erin Manor, Vicki Saporta, Cindy Flowe, Laura Olsen, (front row) Lauren Anthonie

Due to limited space, members are asked to respond to SignupGenius so we can make sure we don't have too many on the boat.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BAAA72DA5F58-50842236-women>

Then later this month, **on Monday, September 23, we are planning to meet in person at the Annapolis Elks Lodge**, just prior to our regular monthly program. We are especially delighted that two of the three program panelists that evening are female captains and it would be great to show our support of Captain Jayne Durden and CAPCA member Captain Lynn McClaskey.

At 7 pm, they will begin their presentation, "What Offshore Racing Can Teach Us," with third panelist Captain Dave Tabor and moderator Captain Cheryl Duvall. **So let's plan to gather as early as 5 pm!** The Elks has a nice bar with plenty of nearby seating for all the CAPCA women who want to arrive early and continue networking. In addition to beverages, we will be able to order dinner to eat in the bar area, or have it delivered to the meeting room.

When: September 23, 2024

Time: 5pm - 7pm

Where: Bar at Annapolis Elks Lodge, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater MD 21037

No RSVP needed.

If you have any questions, please reach out to either of us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Erin and Jenifer

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It's Boat Show Time – Please Volunteer!



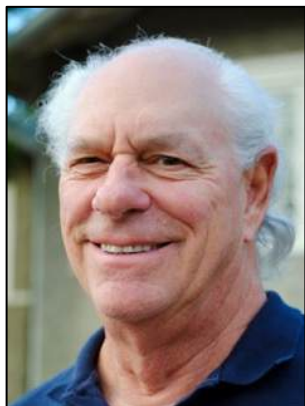
The Annapolis Power Boat Show (10/2–6) and Sailboat Show (10/10–14) are just around the corner. This will be CAPCA's first Fall Boat Show, and we are excited to show off our organization, recruit new members and get jobs for our members. The Boat Show Committee has designed a booth that will attract those walking by. All that is needed is volunteers to staff the booth.

Members volunteering to staff the booth will have free entry for the day(s) they help. Our goal is to have two members at the booth for two shifts – 9:30 – 2:00 and 2:00 – 6:30. That comes to 16 shifts for the Power Boat Show and 20 shifts for the Sailboat Show. A member of our Boat Show Committee will be at the show every day to set up and close the booth as well as help staff it. **Please consider coming out to help.**

Shift requests should be sent to Alan@SafetyInstituteOfMD.com.

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Continuing Education 2024 Fall Classes



By Captain Alan Karpas

License Renewal Class

October 19, 2024

Elks Lodge, Annapolis

This course is intended to satisfy the professional requirement of attending an approved training course in lieu of the 360-sea day requirement as outlined in 46 CFR Part 10.227 (Requirements for Renewal). This renewal class will be used for renewal of an MMC for Operator Uninspected Passenger Vessels (OUPV), and 100 Ton Master for both Inland/Near Coastal waters.

A certificate of completion will be issued to students who attend all required classroom training and who successfully pass the written proctored exam. The completion certificate will be submitted with the MMC renewal application and will be in-lieu of the 360-sea day requirement for renewal. Course completion certificates will be valid for one year.

The cost for the class is \$250.00 for CAPCA members and \$300 for nonmembers.

Register for the class on our website: <https://www.capca.net/classes>

CPR/AED and First Aid for Boaters

November 2, 2024

Selby Bay Yacht Club

This CPR/AED and First Aid Course is designed especially for boaters. The program, taught by American Heart Association Certified Instructors who are all experienced boaters. Upon completion of the training, students will receive an American Heart Association Course Completion Card in CPR & First Aid. This certification card is accepted by the USCG for Captain's License requirements (First time applications will require additional course segments). The course certificate has a two-year expiration date.

The cost for the course is \$115 for CAPCA members and \$155 for nonmembers. **To register for the class contact Capt. Alan Karpas – Alan@SafetyInstituteOfMD.com**

Leadership for Captains

November 16, 2024

Elks Lodge, Annapolis

This workshop focuses on recognizing and utilizing your talents and tendencies to flourish as a captain. This program will be conducted by a professional leadership, team building and executive coaching consultant who has worked in over 150 private and public companies.

Here is what you can expect to learn and be able to do:

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

A minimum 12 students are needed to conduct this program. The cost for this program is \$190 for members and \$240 for nonmembers. Register for the class at our website:

<https://www.capca.net/classes>

FYI: Similar in-person leadership courses would cost around \$500/PP.

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Program Director Report for August 2024



By Captain Cheryl Duvall

It's almost fall, and that means we are looking forward to two more programs before we close out 2024. Both our September and October programs will be offered in a hybrid format, meaning that you have a choice of attending in-person at the Annapolis Elks Lodge (2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater MD 21037), or attending virtually on Zoom.

If you are considering joining us in-person, these two fall programs will comprise a trial run to learn how many CAPCA members might be interested in gathering for in-person benefits such as networking with other captains, building CAPCA community, and personally interacting with our speakers. We encourage you to arrive early to drink and socialize at the Elks bar, which has very reasonably priced beverages as well as food. Additionally, we are resurrecting CAPCA's pre-pandemic practice of offering a 50/50 cash raffle (one ticket for \$3, 3 tickets for \$5). There's also a rumor that we might have a door prize or two! So please consider attending one or both of these programs in-person.

And remember that if you would like to dine at the Elks, you may order dinner prior to the program and eat it in the bar, or request that your meal be delivered to you in our meeting room after the program starts. Great options and enticements for joining us in person!

September 23, 6:45- 8:30 pm, at the Annapolis Elks Lodge and via Zoom

“What Offshore Racing Can Teach Us: Three USCG-licensed captains share recent experiences. “Three panelists: Captain Jayne Durden, Captain Lynn McClaskey, and Captain Dave Tabor, Moderator: Captain Cheryl Duvall.

Many of us follow offshore racing while some of us actually do it. This past June, CAPCA members Captain Lynn McClaskey and Captain Dave Tabor raced from Newport to Bermuda, and Captain Jayne Durden raced from Annapolis to Bermuda. Their combined experiences have much to teach us about planning extended passages, ensuring safety, inventorying spare parts, educating crew, preparing the boat, responding to weather, keeping watch, and anticipating medical needs. Oh, and of course, there’s the race strategy to be debated and executed!

For those who venture offshore, have the occasional delivery, or just enjoy hearing others’ adventures, don’t miss this program. These three captains will review good seamanship practices, even for captains who keep to inland waters. Our panelists will begin with brief descriptions of their boats and nautical experiences, followed by questions posed by our moderator and the audience.

And looking ahead, don’t forget to mark your calendars for:

October 28, 6:45- 8:30 pm, Occoquan River: Working Together to Keep the Waters Safe, at the Annapolis Elks Lodge and via Zoom. Presented by CAPCA member Captain Bob Schwartz.

Remember, all CAPCA programs are free and open to the public, so please invite your friends and work colleagues to join us!

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Meet the Captain

By MTC Editor Captain Cheryl Duvall

We took a summer break from our Meet the Captain (MTC) series, but it’s almost autumn and time to get serious again. A few of our members have reached out to me about being featured, and my response is always “Yes please,” if they haven’t already been featured in a prior MTC column (the MTC archives can be found [HERE](#)).

Please let me know if you are interested in being featured and I’ll put you in the queue. Otherwise, as your editor, I’ll keep reaching out to our members, both new and seasoned, in the hopes of learning and sharing your inspiring stories. I have met so many of our members through this MTC editor role and am reluctant to concede this volunteer position to others because I enjoy it so much.

So what is required? Our MTC articles are approximately 500 words and typically include one or two photos of our member captains and their boat, or a boat they often work. The articles usually include how they first got into boating, what brought them to the Chesapeake, their prior or current work experiences (does not have to be captain-related), how they learned about CAPCA, and what

the future might hold. A few of our captains have appreciated being able to announce a new captain's position or business venture. We are quite happy to support our members with our MTC columns!

If this sounds like something you'd like to pursue, keep a few of these dates in mind. Initial drafts are needed no later than the 27th of each month so that I have time to make final edits prior to the 1st of the month newsletter deadline. Many captains prefer drafting the articles themselves, but if you don't like to write, I am willing to interview you and draft the article for your review and edits. Sometimes that takes the form of a Q&A interview, as it did with April 2024 issue of *The Log* which featured [Captain Doug MacNair](#). If you prefer the interview method, I can meet with you virtually by Zoom or by phone, ideally prior to the 20th of the month so that we both have time to review and make final edits.

I hope some of you will reach out to me about being featured in a future MTC column. If not, don't be surprised if you see my name pop up in your email feed. I'm infinitely curious and not bashful!

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Jobs Program Report for August 2024

By Captain Rob Young, Jobs Program Director



5 jobs (4 with one repeat advert)
2 known filled (50%)
Vessel lengths 36-51 feet
2 Delivery
1 Tour
1 Charter
2 Power, 2 Sail

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“Ahoy” from Your Membership Director



By Captain Phil Gauthier, Membership Director

Current active membership stands at 321. Please help spread the word to all the non-member captains that you know about the professional development opportunities and benefits, including numerous discounts, that come with a CAPCA membership. Recruiting rewards also apply!

Captains, two notices as noted below have been sent out to those that are listed with expired Merchant Mariner Credentials, (MMC). Please follow through and update your profile with your new MMC Expiration date and upload a copy of your new MMC or Letter of Continuity.

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. The bylaws also allow members to remain active if their license expiration is within the renewal grace period prescribed by the Coast Guard. **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. 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.” If you have renewed your license, please log on to the CAPAC members page to update your license expiration date and upload a copy of your current license.

An updated list of the new members for the calendar year is available on the member side of the website on the menu item Member Directory/New Members.

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ABYC Happenings

By Captain John Wesley Nash
ABYC Coordinator



ABYC Free Webinar

“Marine C&V Surveys - The Eyes and Ears of an Insurer”

Marine Condition and Value surveys, often referred to as C&V Insurance Surveys, have become commonplace when seeking insurance for higher-valued older or previously owned vessels. Insurance companies may also require C&V surveys periodically when renewing insurance for the same vessel. This helps the insurance company to know whether they should or shouldn't insure a particular vessel and at what value. Vessels should be insured at a high enough level to cover the cost of replacing or fixing any damage that could occur to the vessel.

A C&V Insurance Survey will evaluate the vessel's worth based on the condition of the vessel and its geographical location. It determines if the vessel has any existing damage and if it meets the proper regulatory requirements and appropriate safety standards.

On September 18 at 1:00pm, ABYC is presenting a FREE online webinar, “Marine C&V Surveys - The Eyes and Ears of an Insurer.” This webinar will provide useful information for marine surveyors, technicians, yacht brokers, and other industry professionals who play a crucial

role in assessing and maintaining vessel integrity. Representatives from the Chubb Recreational Marine insurance team will discuss the key components of creating thorough and accurate survey reports that meet the requirements of insurance underwriters.

The agenda for the free *Marine C&V Surveys - The Eyes and Ears of an Insurer* webinar includes:

- Assessing and reporting the overall condition of the vessel
- Identifying and documenting potential hazards
- Highlighting recent improvements
- Determining and reporting the current fair market value and replacement cost of the vessel
- Providing specific recommendations for repairs or improvements to address any deficiencies, with references to applicable standards

Pre-registration is required on the [ABYC website](#). The webinar will be presented via Zoom. Access will be emailed one week prior to the webinar date.

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To access the members-only side of the [ABYC website](#) you need the latest CAPCA ABYC member ID and password. First, log in at www.capca.net and click on menu tab “Members Kit,” submenu “Discounts.”

The ABYC username and password are in the ABYC listing at the top of the page. For security reasons we do not put this information in *The Log*.

For any questions or additional information, you can contact Captain John Wesley Nash at jwn54@outlook.com or 703-887-1836.

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Safety Snapshot: Recreational Boating Classes and Vessel Safety Checks



Provided by Alan Karpas Safety Coordinator

As licensed mariners, CAPCA members practice and promote boating safety, and here are two important things you can do to help build a safe boating community.

First, tell your clients, your students at a boating school, or your boating friends about the courses they can take to improve their skills and safety awareness. As you know, the United States Power Squadrons (now known as [America’s Boating Club](#)) and the [U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary](#) offer a range of courses and programs designed for recreational boaters. Each state has varying requirements for boaters before they may legally operate certain motorized vessels on their respective waterways, and all have *some* requirement for a safe boating class.

Direct boaters to [America’s Boating Club in-person and online boating education](#). (website in English)

and Spanish), or help them find a [Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Education Class by zip code](#).

Secondly, encourage boaters to get a free Vessel Safety Check (VSC) each boating season. The vessel safety check usually takes 30 minutes or less, and it can save a life. The United States Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary are partners in this valuable program offered to the boating public.



Boaters can [schedule a safety check on this U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary website](#), which schedules examiners from both the Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

If you are not currently volunteering your time as a vessel safety examiner and would like to find out more about this worthwhile public service activity, contact [America's Boating Club](#) or the [Coast Guard Auxiliary](#).

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Coast Guard Foundation Activates Emergency Disaster Relief Program

[gCaptain](#)

August 15, 2024



A Coast Guard Air Station Houston MH-65 Dolphin helicopter. (U.S. Coast Guard photo Petty Officer 2nd Class Jessica Fontenette)

The Coast Guard Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to strengthening the Coast Guard community and service by supporting members and families, announced that its emergency disaster relief program is providing vital assistance to Coast Guard members and their families impacted by Hurricanes Beryl, Tropical Storm Debby, and glacial flooding in Juneau, Alaska.

In response to these natural disasters, the Coast Guard Foundation has activated its emergency disaster relief program to provide immediate assistance to Coast Guard members who have been directly affected. The program offers a financial grant to help cover the costs of basic essentials, home repairs, replacement of household goods, temporary housing and emergency travel, and insurance deductibles.

To apply for assistance, visit coastguardfoundation.org/emergency-relief-grant.

To support the Coast Guard Foundation's emergency disaster relief program, visit coastguardfoundation.org/disaster-relief.

To learn more about the Coast Guard Foundation, or to help support its work, please visit www.coastguardfoundation.org or call (860) 535-0786

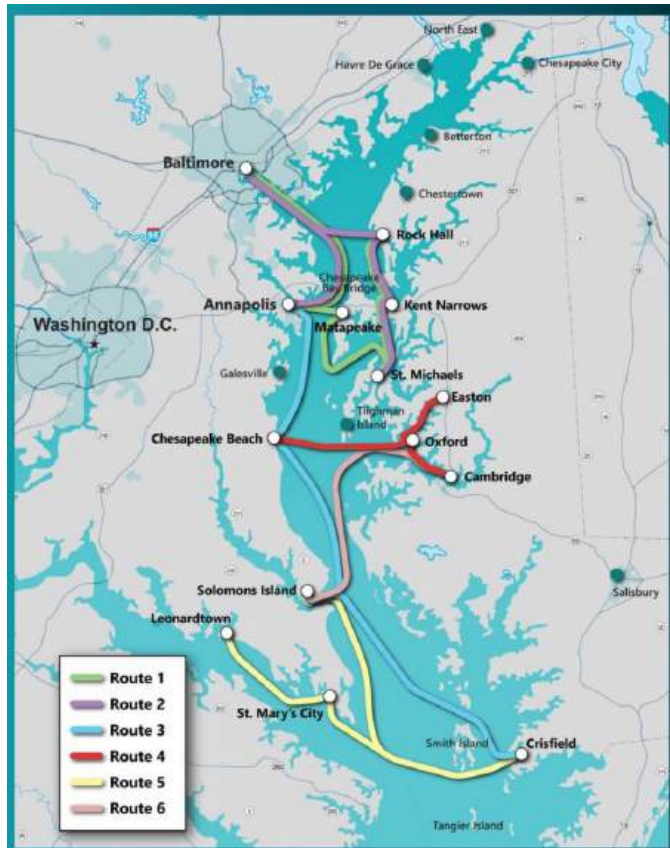
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Details of Proposed Ferry System for Chesapeake Bay

By Meg Walburn Viviano

August 19, 2024

Chesapeake Bay Magazine



“A group of five counties has just completed a [year-long study](#) looking at the feasibility of a ferry system for recreational passengers. The study looks at recreational ridership, not commuters.

The result? A ‘promising opportunity’ to improve transportation and grow the economy across 21 coastal communities in Maryland. The Chesapeake Bay Passenger Ferry Consortium includes the western shore counties of Anne Arundel (in which Annapolis has been a leading voice in calls for a ferry system), Calvert, and St. Mary’s, along with the Eastern Shore counties of Queen Anne’s and Somerset.

The Baseline Passenger Ferry System would include an initial 14 communities that are expected to be most successful within one to three years, while also ensuring geographic diversity, the study’s authors say. The map below identifies the six key routes that would serve the 14 communities.

So what’s the next step? The consortium must conduct ‘readiness assessments’ in all 14 of the Baseline communities and identify partners to champion each community. A ferry operator must be identified to run the system. And a financial plan must be made. The study estimates the ferry Baseline System will cost \$5 million in expenses during its first year of operation, plus \$4.8 million in station improvement costs to support the initial operation.”

[Read the detailed study results \(included proposed routes for the additional 7 destinations\) here.](#)

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Hampton Roads Considers High-Speed Ferry

By Kendall Osborne,

September 3, 2024

Chesapeake Bay Magazine

“The proposed high-speed ferry running between locations in the Maryland stretch of the Bay is [evoking strong opinions](#), with a feasibility study just released. Further south, the Hampton Roads area is considering its own high-speed ferry to alleviate traffic.

Even with multiple bridges and tunnels, crossing the water by car is often delayed between the peninsula (Newport News and Hampton) and the south side. That is why Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) is considering ferry service between specific locations in Newport News, Hampton, and Norfolk. A preliminary feasibility study was just presented to the city of Newport News.



The plan is a work in progress and is being continuously updated. At some point the plan will also be presented at additional cities such as Norfolk and Hampton.”

Read the complete article [HERE](#).

Sinking of the Superyacht *Bayesian*

Supplied by Priscilla Travis, Log Editor

Seven people died when the 184-ft. luxury yacht, *Bayesian*, owned by British tech tycoon Mike Lynch, capsized off the coast of Sicily, Italy, after being hit by a sudden, violent storm in the early hours of August 19. The incident resulted in the loss of seven lives, with investigations currently underway to establish if Captain James Cutfield, British sailor Matthew Griffiths, and engineer Tim Parker Eaton did enough to alert guests and crew. Investigators are currently scrutinizing whether any of the hatches were left open and whether the keel was partially raised during the incident, which would have made the yacht less stable.



Seven dead after superyacht sinks off Sicily. Was the crew at fault? Or the design?

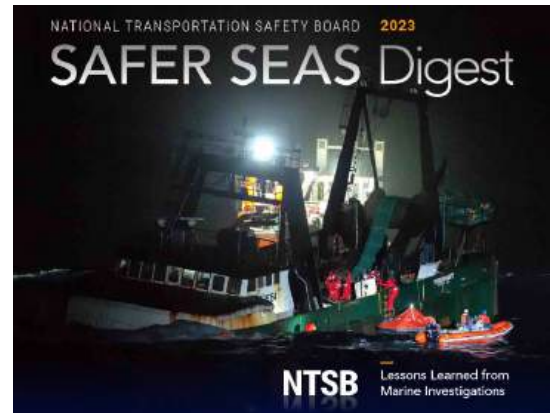
Bayesian sank off the coast of Italy leaving a lot of questions. Was it her retractable keel being up and stowed? The freak weather event – a tornado, waterspout, or downburst? Was the crew to blame or the designers? The tallest aluminum mast in the world may have played a role. In this video, a naval architect comments on righting angles, angle of vanishing stability, and down flooding angle from Perini Navi, the builder of the vessel.

[Watch the 11-minute video](#) on YouTube.

NTSB Safer Seas Digest 2023

“This report covers 31 investigations completed by the NTSB Office of Marine Safety in 2023.

It contains lessons learned that can help prevent harm to property and the environment, both of which occurred following the release of 588 barrels of crude oil into San Pedro Bay. The cause? An anchor strike on an underwater pipeline 8 months earlier. The NTSB called on the Coast Guard to restructure federal anchorages in San Pedro Bay, among other measures, in the wake of this disaster.



Some investigations followed events that threatened the lives of passengers and crew. The *Spirit of Norfolk* engine room fire is one such investigation; thankfully, all 108 people on board evacuated safely. We determined that the lack of an engine room fire-detection system delayed detection and allowed the fire to grow, burning for 4 days before it was extinguished. As such, we recommended the closure of regulatory loopholes that allow some small passenger vessels—like the *Spirit of Norfolk*—to operate without engine room fire-detection systems.

The most sobering investigations we conduct involve the loss of human life. In 2023, we completed our investigation of the fatal collision between the Coast Guard cutter *Winslow Griesser* and the center-console boat *Desakata*, which took the life of one *Desakata* crewmember and seriously injured the other. We found that neither vessel’s crew maintained a proper lookout, and we issued a Safety Alert encouraging small-vessel operators to improve their vessels’ detectability.

While each marine casualty is unique, there are some commonalities among the cases outlined in this digest. Our investigators identified the following broad safety risks and challenges:

- Small vessel detection
- Effective communication, including the proper reporting of chart changes and hazards
- Proactive equipment inspection
- Timely hull maintenance and repair
- Proper maintenance and repair of equipment and machinery
- Fatigue
- Anticipation of fire hazards, including those presented by lithium-ion batteries
- Firefighting training
- Effective watchkeeping
- Nonoperational cell phone use
- Lack of appropriate planning
- Excessive speed during bow-to-bow harbor-assist operations

- Reporting potential anchor strikes

The Coast Guard is integral to all NTSB marine investigations. Our relationship with them is a shining example of government collaboration focused on saving lives and improving safety. My sincerest thanks go out to every one of the men and women of the Coast Guard who assisted us.

The NTSB will advocate tirelessly for our safety recommendations because we know from our investigations what's at stake. Our work teaches us how fragile and precious life is."

Jennifer Homendy
NTSB chair

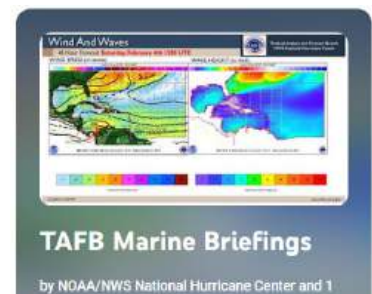
Read the interesting 92-page report [HERE](#).

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Tropical Atlantic Weather Briefings on YouTube

The National Hurricane Center provides [weekly tropical Atlantic weather briefings on YouTube](#). Scroll through the playlist.

Graphs and analysis extend north to include the sub-tropical western Atlantic where CAPCA captains might operate. These reports may help you with route planning.



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Planning Tool for Bluewater Transits



By Hans J. Hoffmann, CAPCA Vice President

Mariners, especially the sailboat community, about to head north from warmer waters, have a useful planning tool available. Since January 2023, the Tropical Atlantic Forecast Branch (TAFB) of the National Hurricane Center (NHC) is providing Blue Water mariners with helpful, twice weekly Weather Briefings of the southwest Atlantic, including the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. (See below.) The forecast in text, graphical and gridded formats is available via the [NHC YouTube Channel](#).

While the focus is on the tropical south, it will also cover developing weather trends off the Virginia and North Carolina coasts that may influence southwest Atlantic waters. So, if you're planning for a day of deep-sea fishing offshore and want to know about, say, the swell pattern out there, a look at the TAFB Briefing may add to what we've learned from the NWS forecast and what we can expect.

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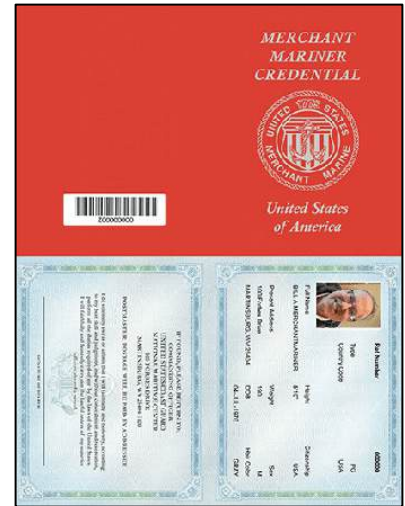
U.S. Coast Guard Changes MMC Format

By Mike Schuler, [gCaptain](#), February 26, 2024

“The U.S. Coast Guard introduced a new merchant mariner credential (MMC) format on March 1, 2024. The current MMC passport-style booklet will be replaced with a single-page certificate.

Mariners currently holding the passport-style credentials do not need to worry as these will not be replaced immediately. The new MMC will be issued during their next application process with the Coast Guard.

The new credentials will be printed on 8.5" x 11" waterproof synthetic paper from the Government Printing Office (GPO). The updated MMC will include improved security features, such as anti-copy measures, micro-printing, foiling, and intricate patterns.



The redesign comes as the Coast Guard National Maritime Center’s existing passport style credential printers have become outdated and need to be replaced.

Looking ahead, the Coast Guard also plans to introduce an electronic credential or E-credential, which will meet all domestic and international requirements. Mariners will also have the option to obtain paper or other non-electronic versions.

For more information about the new MMC, visit the National Maritime Center’s [website](#).”

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Print Your Membership Card

CAPCA membership cards are now self-serve. If you would like a new membership card, you can download and print one yourself – anytime.

Log in to the CAPCA Members’ pages (<https://www.capca.net/member-pages>) from a PC or tablet. (This feature isn’t available for smartphones.)

1. Click MY ACCOUNT and “View/Edit Profile”.
2. Click the “My Subscriptions” tab.
3. On the right, under “Member Card”, click “Download.”
4. Open the downloads folder on your PC or tablet. Find the file that begins with your CAPCA username, open and print. The membership card will be wallet-size when cut out.

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Your Nautical Knowledge Quiz

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

1. On small passenger vessels, life jackets shall be _____.
 - A. kept locked up at all times when underway
 - B. stored in convenient places throughout the accommodation spaces
 - C. inaccessible to passengers
 - D. on the topmost deck of the vessel at all times
2. For a vessel to be classified as a fishing vessel that is "engaged in fishing" she must be _____.
 - A. underway
 - B. using gear which extends more than 50 meters outboard
 - C. using a seine of some type
 - D. using gear which restricts her maneuverability
3. If your bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone ceases to operate, you must _____.
 - A. immediately anchor your vessel and arrange for repairs to the system
 - B. moor your vessel at the nearest dock available and arrange for repairs to the system
 - C. arrange for the repair of the system to be completed within 48 hours
 - D. exercise due diligence to restore the system at the earliest practicable time
4. After extinguishing a fire with CO₂, it is advisable to _____.
 - A. use all CO₂ available to cool the surrounding area
 - B. stand by with water or other agents
 - C. thoroughly ventilate the space of CO₂
 - D. jettison all burning materials

Answers on p. 23. No peeking!


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Website Spotlight: Government Agencies



The web team works to make your website a timely resource that's both informative and useful. It's kept up to date and new material is added to keep the site current. This column will help you get familiar with some of the website's features.

Please **bookmark** the **member login page** on all your devices so you can go right to the member side of the website. The member's pages have more information than the public pages. Everything you are likely to need is on the member side, but occasionally take a look at the public side, to see what the rest of the world sees.

The display on your device may not look exactly like this, but the menu tabs are the same. Smaller screens may have a "hamburger menu." 

Use the CAPCA "Web Resources" menu tab for quick access to websites you may need. No Googling to find a website or keeping a lot of bookmarks on your devices. This menu tab is one of the most useful features of your website.



WEB RESOURCES menu tab: Government Agencies

- [Application for Vessel Inspection PDF - CG 3752](#)
- [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) licensing](#)
- [Federal Maritime Commission](#)
- [International Telecommunication Union \(ITU\) Maritime mobile Access and Retrieval System \(MARS\)](#)
- [Maryland Department of Natural Resources \(DNR\)](#)

- [Maryland DNR—Boating](#)
- [Maryland DNR—Eyes on the Bay \(water quality\)](#)
- [Maryland DNR Regulations - Title 08 state documents](#)
- [Maryland Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Maryland Port Administration \(DOT\)](#)
- [National Maritime Center Home Page](#)
- [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#)
- [National Transportation Safety Board \(NTSB\)](#)
- [National Vessel Documentation Center](#)
- [NOAA EPIRB Registration](#)
- [U.S. Department of State travel website](#)
- [United States Coast Guard \(USCG\)](#)
- [USCG Boating Safety Division](#)
- [USCG Sector Maryland-NCR](#)
- [USCG Light Lists Online](#)
- [Virginia Boating Guide - Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries](#)

Each of the underlined titles is a clickable link **on the members' side of the website**. Go explore.

If you have a website that you use and like, please send the URL (website address) to webmaster@capca.net and we'll add it to the category list for others to use.

Also, please send us suggestions for other features you would like to see on your website, or if you spot a problem, such as a broken link. E-mail webmaster@capca.net.

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USCG New Online “Launch and Recovery” Charting App

Provided by Hans J. Hoffmann, CAPCA Vice-President

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



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

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

Key features of the tool include:

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

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

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Busy People Volunteer: What Are You Doing?



Licensed captains have many skills to share with others. Some of you provide welcome volunteer support for maritime activities, like the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Sea Scouts, Vessel Safety Checks, the U.S. Power Squadron's Cooperative Charting Program, maritime museum programs, and environmental initiatives. One of CAPCA's missions is to serve the maritime public.

I would like to do a series of short feature articles for *The Log* about the volunteer activities you are doing. The purpose of this is to (1) showcase to our members the many worthwhile areas where captains can volunteer their skills and knowledge, and (2) create an article that we can try to get published in one or more boating magazines.

If you are doing any volunteer activity related to maritime or related interests, would you please send me:

- a brief description of your activities
- link(s) to websites of organization(s) you volunteer with
- a photo or two of the activity, if you have them

Let's help make CAPCA members aware of how and where to volunteer. Thanks very much.
Priscilla Travis, logeditor@capca.net

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The Speakers Bureau is Now Self-Service for Members and Clients



We've updated our Speakers Bureau website pages to be self-service. Clients who are looking for a speaker can now see who our speakers are and what each has to offer — and they can contact a prospective speaker directly by email.

Current Speakers Bureau members should review their listing as it's now available for public consumption. If you would like to **join the Speakers Bureau**, please [log in and fill out the form](#).

We display names, email addresses, availability, and topics - no phone numbers. Our website has a function that hides email addresses from collection by spammers. So, speakers' email addresses are safe.

Speakers can add, edit, or delete their listing by logging in to the [member pages](#) and clicking ABOUT US > Speakers Bureau Program > Speakers Bureau Members. There are icons to the right of each listing for viewing details, editing, deleting, and downloading a PFD version.

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The CAPCA Mentoring Program Is Now Self-Service

The CAPCA mentoring program is now self-serve! **If you previously signed up as a mentor, please sign up again** at: <https://capca.net/member-kit/mentoring>.



And we need more volunteers. CAPCA is bursting with maritime talent and experience — let's share some of it among ourselves.

Mentoring can be as simple as a phone conversation or as involved as a day on the water — on someone else's boat. There is no particular time commitment. It is up to you and the person seeking a mentor.

Access to the CAPCA mentoring program for volunteers to sign up and to find a mentor is under [the MEMBERS KIT menu item](#).

From here you can browse for a mentor on a specific subject or sign up to share your own knowledge with other members.

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Earn rewards for recruiting new members!

Rewards are based on a rolling two calendar years

- Recruit 2 members within two calendar years - receive a CAPCA mug
- Recruit 3 members within two calendar years - receive a CAPCA ball cap

- Recruit 5 new members within two calendar years - receive a free one-year membership (Emeritus members receive a CAPCA shirt since they don't pay for membership.)

We'll keep track through the membership database, so **remind your recruits to include your name when asked, "How did you find CAPCA?"** in the online application. Rewards will be calculated after the first of each year.

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Uninspected Passenger Vessel Exams



CAPCA member Bruce Johnson is a USCG Licensed Master, as well as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary designated as a UPV examiner. Captain Johnson is available to do Uninspected Passenger Vessel exams for those who want them. Members can request UPVEs or ask questions any time by emailing him at bruce.johnson@cgauxnet.us or calling 410.707.1682 and leaving a message.

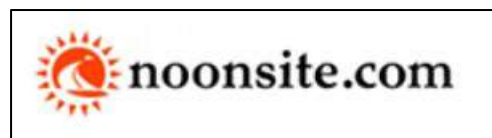
Voluntary UPV examinations are available to assure that owner / operators comply with federal regulations. If the vessel passes a UPV exam a decal is issued. Since this is a voluntary dockside exam, it is not a law enforcement action, and no citations are issued. On the other hand, passing a UPV exam does not absolutely guarantee that the vessel may not be boarded when it is underway.

Uninspected Passenger Vessels (UPVs) are vessels not subject to Coast Guard inspection that are less than 100 gross tons with 6 or fewer passengers, including at least one passenger for hire. UPVs may also include vessels over 100 GTs but less than 300 GTs that carry not more than 12 passengers, with at least one being a passenger for hire. All UPVs must be under the direction and control of an individual credentialed by the Coast Guard. The original license or Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) must be aboard and available for immediate presentation to CG officials whenever passengers are being carried for hire. There are additional equipment and performance requirements for UPVs.

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Worldwide Port Information



Commercial operators are usually aware of port limitations and recreational mariners, including delivery captains, must stay up to date with fast-changing conditions. [Noonsite](#) is an excellent resource and it's updated DAILY as conditions change.

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UPDATE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS and OTHER INFORMATION

If your e-mail address or other information has changed, please update your information on the **member side** of the CAPCA website. **Log in**, click on "MY ACCOUNT," make your changes on your profile form, **scroll down and click on UPDATE** at the bottom of the screen when you're done.

If you change your email address on Your Profile, also please email webmaster@capca.net.

We use Constant Contact for CAPCA announcements, which is a separate email list.

You're in control of your data! CAPCA relies on accurate information to communicate with you and to administer your membership.

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Answers to the Nautical Quiz

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

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CAPCA's Crew Registry Program

Captains: *Looking for licensed crewmembers for a delivery job, an assignment as an instructor, or any other on-the-water venture?*

Crewmembers: *Looking for a slot as a crewmember, either for pay or to gain experience?*



Either way, CAPCA's **CREW REGISTRY** program can help you. **Here's how it works:**

1. If you're a CAPCA member who'd like to **serve as a crewmember** for another CAPCA member, fill out and submit the crew registry sign-up form on the member side of the website. Your name and the information about your interest and qualifications will appear on the Crew Registry list.

2. **IMPORTANT: Note these two questions** on the signup form, "Currently enrolled in a U.S. Coast Guard-recognized random drug screening program?" and "Name of drug screening program."

Your answers to these questions should **reflect your current status**. You DO NOT have to be enrolled in a drug screening program unless your work as a captain requires it. If you're **not** in a screening program, answer "NO" and "NONE" to the questions. If you **are currently** enrolled in a drug screening program, answer "Yes" and enter the name of the program in the box.

A captain seeking crew may need a crewmember who is currently enrolled in a drug screening program, so it's important to indicate if you are or are not in a screening program.

When you renew your license (and in some other employment situations), a drug *screening test* is required, as the Coast Guard specifies: "[A drug test is required](#) for all transactions EXCEPT documents of continuity modifications (increases of scope), duplicates, and International Endorsements (STCW)."

However, a number of captains do the drug screening test just for license renewal, and if their employment as captains does not require enrollment in a drug screening program, they do not enroll after the test.

3. Captains **looking for crew**, log in to the member side of the CAPCA website and examine the crew registry list to see the available crew listings. The most recent postings appear at the top of the list.
4. If a captain is interested, he or she can contact you directly and you two can work out arrangements for duties and pay.
5. The list of members who have signed up for crew duty will remain available indefinitely. The list will form a crew registry to which captains can refer time after time.
6. **Editing your information:** If any of the information you filled out on your registry form changes, or if you no longer want to be included on the Crew Registry list, you can edit or delete your listing yourself. Log in with your member username and password, click the CREW REGISTRY menu item and the blue "Edit Your Listing" button. You will see four icons to the right of your listing for viewing, editing, deleting, or downloading. You can hover your cursor over each icon to see what it does.

7. If you are on the Crew Registry, this might be a good time to **review your listing**. If any of your information has changed, you can update it with immediate results. If you are no longer interested in being listed on the Crew Registry, please delete your listing.

For further information, contact the Jobs Program coordinator at jobs@capca.net.

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Visit the Ships Store. It's Fall.

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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