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2025 CALENDAR - in progress



- Feb. 24** **Meeting: 6:45-8:30 p.m. “Taking Action to Protect the Chesapeake Bay.”**
(virtual via Zoom). See <https://www.capca.net/calendar-public/speakers> for details.
- March 15** **Class: [CPR/AED and First Aid for Boaters](#)**, 8:00 AM – 5:00 p.m. Selby Bay
Yacht Club, Edgewater, MD. See <https://www.capca.net/classes> for details.
- March 19** CAPCA **members** will have a unique opportunity to tour two historic ships in
Baltimore: *SS John W. Brown* and *NS Savannah*. Due to space limitations,
attendees will be limited to a maximum of 35. The cost is \$15. [Register](#)
on the member side of the website.
- March 24** **Meeting: 6:45-8:30 pm: Pilot Perspective: A View from the Helm with Captain
Elizabeth Christman** (in-person at the Elks Lodge and on Zoom). See
<https://www.capca.net/calendar-public/speakers> for details.

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: Winter is Here



By Captain Tony Tommasello, CAPCA President

The Log calendar lists dates and titles of upcoming classes and programs. We should keep in mind that programs arranged by Cheryl Duvall and classes, now under the direction of Mike Dhillon, are available to the public (with few exceptions) as well as members. These are opportunities to show the boating community that CAPCA serves their interests beyond being a source of captains for deliveries, charters, on-board instruction, etc. What can the Board of Directors (BOD) do to provide better service and to offer programs and instructional classes that are strong attractions to boaters?

I ask members to please contact me or any member of the BOD to share ideas for topics to cover in future programs and classes.

It's the dead of winter. The middle to end of January gave us day after day of temperatures below freezing. We may be concerned that our marina could freeze and threaten the hull of our boat in the slip. However, those who were around in years gone by may recall the winter of 1977. This *Chesapeake Bay Magazine* report offers this recollection:

It goes down as the Chesapeake Bay's biggest freeze on record. In the winter of 1977, ice over a foot thick virtually shut down the Bay—except for the pilots bringing ships in and out of port. That year, Bay pilots faced nonexistent channel markers, anchors that wouldn't break through the ice, and precarious helicopter landings on ships.

Read [“Ice Heroes: A Maryland Pilot’s Firsthand Account of the Historic 1977 Bay Freeze.”](#)

This headline may be important to some members: “Annapolis Liveaboard Boaters Fight City Task Force That Could Impose More Regulations.” The full story, written by Meg Walburn Viviano in *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*, Jan. 14, 2025, can be found [HERE](#).

I don't live on my boat. During the cold months the boat is in its cradle. During the winter I think about making the next boating season a better experience. To improve cooperation between the person on the helm and the crew on the bow I obtained, with the recommendation of a colleague, two-way communication headsets. I anticipate less confusion when setting and securing the anchor and pulling into a slip. Hand signals, at times obscured by the mast, will no longer be necessary. Also, broadcasting a voice from bow to helm on a 42-foot boat can be difficult, particularly in windy conditions when communication is most important. I also purchased an “H2Out” unit that, when installed in the diesel fuel tank air vent, prevents water from coming in and allows water vapor to be expelled. In an effort to do more cruising with my family on our boat, I will coordinate my teaching schedule and social calendar with my wife.

In closing, please consider serving as a volunteer to staff our booth at the upcoming boat shows. We will need multiple CAPCA members to assist in these efforts. See the details below on p. 5.

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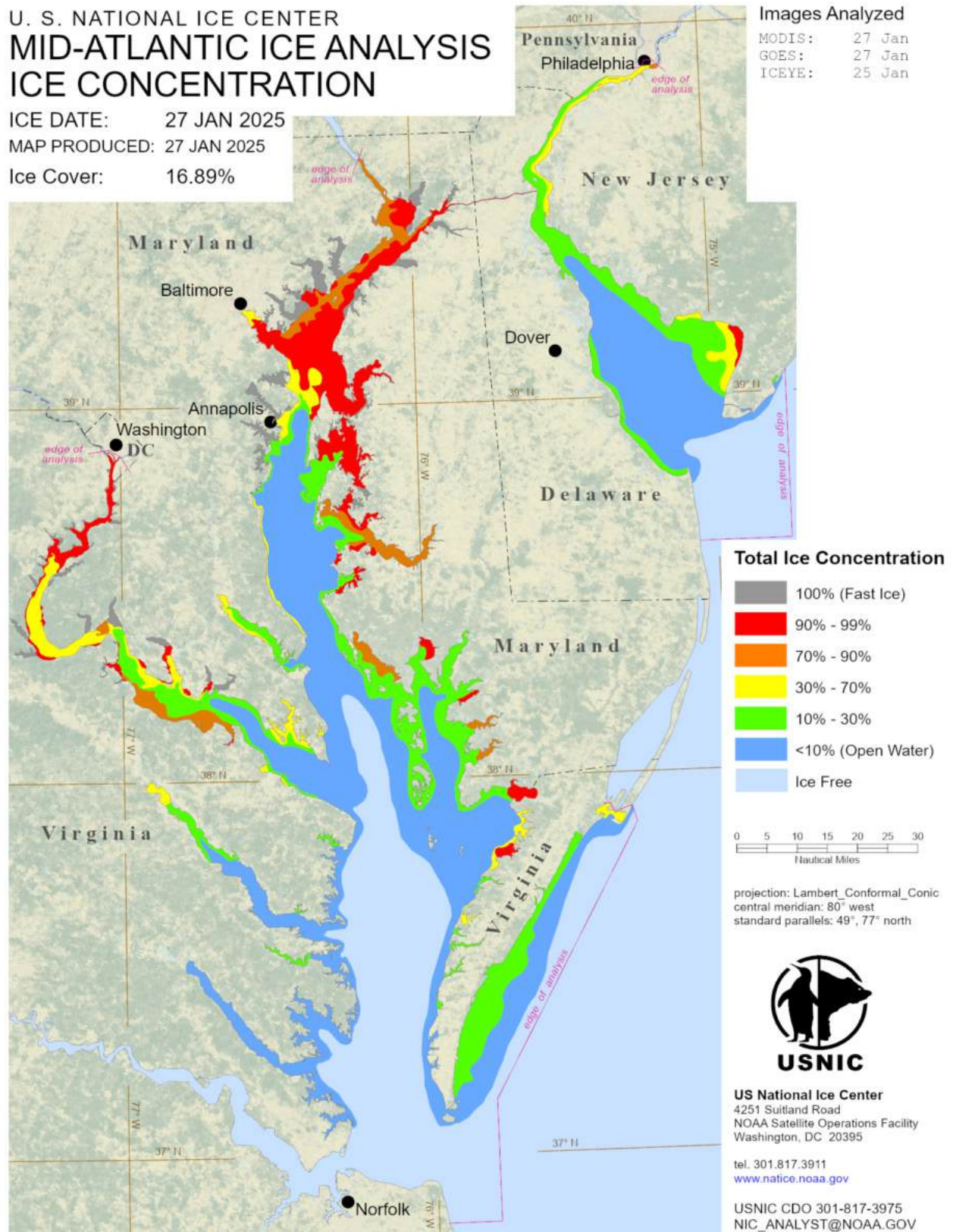
Winter Port Condition One Set as Ice Builds Up in Bay Tributaries

The Captain of the Port Sets Winter Port Condition One. The Coast Guard issued a safety broadcast Notice to Mariners on Jan. 10, 2025 announcing several locations experiencing 40% ice coverage up to two inches thick, including the C&D Canal, Welch Point to Nine Foot Knoll, and Turkey Point. Further south, Quantico to Alexandria, Virginia, and the D.C. Harbor and Anacostia River were experiencing 30% coverage of packed ice one inch thick. The Nanticoke and Wicomico rivers had 15 percent ice coverage one inch thick.

U. S. NATIONAL ICE CENTER MID-ATLANTIC ICE ANALYSIS ICE CONCENTRATION

ICE DATE: 27 JAN 2025
 MAP PRODUCED: 27 JAN 2025
 Ice Cover: 16.89%

Images Analyzed
 MODIS: 27 Jan
 GOES: 27 Jan
 ICEYE: 25 Jan



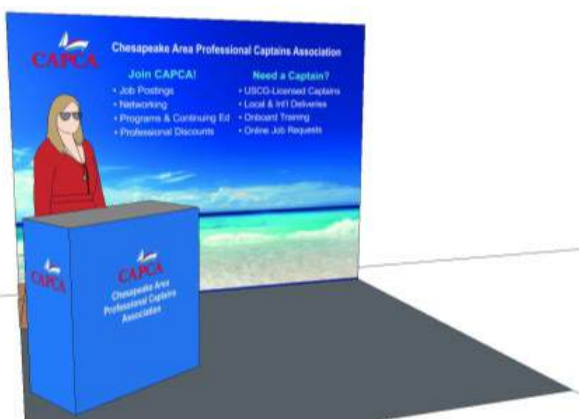
Ice breaking continues as dozens of navigational aids are destroyed and boats are trapped. [Read this article](#) in *Chesapeake Bay Magazine* for more details.

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Annapolis Spring Boat Shows Volunteers Needed – Members Only

Calling Volunteers for the Spring Boat Shows!

Bay Bridge Boat Show: Friday, April 11 – Sunday, April 13
Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show: Friday, April 25 – Sunday, April 27



Bay Bridge Boat Show
April 11-13, 2025
Safe Harbor Narrows Point, Kent Island

Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show
April 25-27, 2025
Annapolis Harbor

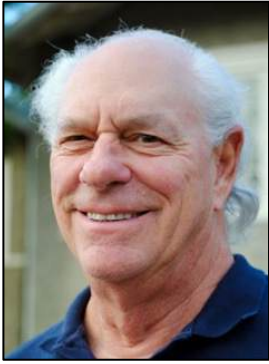
Members volunteering to staff the booth will have free entry for the day(s) they help.

We will have two shifts for each day of each show: 10:00 – 14:00 and 14:00 – 18:00.

Members, please email Alan Karpas to request your shift.

Email Alan@SafetyInstituteOfMD.com

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Continuing Education

By Captain Alan Karpas

[CPR/AED and First Aid for Boaters](#)

CAPCA is pleased to sponsor a CPR/AED and First Aid Course designed especially for boaters.

This course meets the CPR and First Aid requirements for USCG Captain's License. The certification has a two-year expiration date. The program is taught by American Heart Association Certified Instructors who are all experienced boaters.

Date: Saturday, March 15, 2025

Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Selby Bay Yacht Club 1116 Turkey Point Rd. Edgewater, MD 21037

Cost: \$100* for CAPCA and Selby Bay Yacht Club members; \$115* for all others.

To register for the class contact Capt. Alan Karpas – Alan@SafetyInstituteOfMD.com

* An AHA-approved CPR face mask is required for this course. If you do not have one, a mask will be available for purchase at the class for \$15.00.

* American Heart Association Course Completion Certificate is available for an additional \$20.00

Please send suggestions for courses or seminars you would like to education@capca.net.

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Speaker Summary: Jan. 27 “Running Your Captain Business”

By Captain Bob Thomson, CAPCA Secretary



With forty-six CAPCA members and guests in attendance at the Elks Lodge in Edgewater, and another fifty-two participating remotely via Zoom, we had a full-capacity audience eager to learn more about using our captains' licenses productively. This program was presented in a panel format, with accomplished maritime business professionals representing key areas of expertise.

Captain Davis Jones, the owner of Shardana Sailing Charters (and CAPCA's vice president), spoke from the perspective of starting up and running a successful charter and instruction operation. April Balech, a Gallagher - Charter Lakes account executive with a long career in marine insurance, helped attendees understand important concepts and practices in covering business and personal risk. Chase Eshelman, an associate attorney with Lochner Law Firm, P.C., rounded out the panel with

legal aspects of business planning and operation. Captain Bob Thomson served as the moderator for the conversation.

We learned that one of the first things to think about is whether to offer our professional captain services as an individual person, or to operate within a legal entity organized for this purpose. A common entity type is the limited liability company (LLC), which is inexpensive to establish and has the important advantage of shielding its organizer (that is, you, the captain) from personal risk. For more complex business operations, including ownership of property and hiring of workers, some form of corporation may be appropriate. A good way to approach this decision is to have a conversation with a financial professional qualified to advise small businesses on getting started.

The next key business consideration is insurance. We know how important this is when a high-value asset such as our own vessel is being used. However, even when providing services on someone else's boat, such as deliveries or instruction, captains may want to have insurance for professional liability and protection of their licenses. Carefully reviewing your business plans with an experienced marine insurance professional can help you select the policy types and coverages needed to provide adequate risk protection. But your work isn't done once you have the policy in hand. We learned how important it is to thoroughly understand your policy's terms and limits and to operate in accordance with them; otherwise, your coverage can be affected and even denied.

Our legal expert on the panel reviewed some key concepts important to working captains. While captain jobs are sometimes arranged on a handshake basis, a written agreement can better protect the interests of both parties by defining responsibilities and expectations. A qualified maritime attorney can help you create documents suitable for your business. This small investment can pay off in terms of preventing disputes down the line. Anyone who hires people to perform work must comply with labor laws, but the Jones Act places additional responsibilities on captains who hire crew members. You may be responsible for lost wages and medical bills in the event of an injury to a crew member. A legal consultation can help you plan how to hire crew while limiting your risks. Another important consideration in planning a captain job is to ask the vessel owner to add you to their insurance policy for the duration of the job, affording you a significant level of protection.

We hope that our captains in attendance came away from the discussion better prepared to do what they love to do on the water. You worked hard for many years to earn your merchant mariner credential. A small investment in talking to the right professionals can go a long way toward more rewarding days underway.

You can watch the video of the presentation on the [CAPCA YouTube channel](#).

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Program Director Report for February 2025



By Captain Cheryl Duvall

Ninety-eight people attended our **January 27th program, “Running Your Captain**

Business – Hear from the Experts.”

That’s right, we had 46 attendees at the Elks, and 52 on-line via Zoom, for a total of 98!



Our stellar panel included business owner Captain Davis Jones, attorney Chase Eshelman, and insurance representative April Balech. Captain Bob Thomson moderated the captivating discussion, which had been months in the making. If you missed it, or want to refresh your memory, you can find it [HERE](#) on our YouTube channel. You can also find a written summary on page 6 above.

Everyone who attended in-person at the Elks received a blue ticket that entered them into a drawing for a valuable door prize, donated by **Oasis Lighthouse Point Marina in Baltimore**, represented that evening by **Ben Sesselman**. Ben said a few words about the newly renovated marina and soon-to-open Pusser’s restaurant, before drawing the winning ticket. He happily awarded the “boater’s bag with one-night complimentary voucher” to **Dave Sire**, our Webmaster. Dave was both surprised and delighted, quipping “I was planning to visit there this summer anyway, so this is even better!”

Jan 27 Attendance: 98 total 52 on Zoom 46 in-person Of those in-person: 80% CAPCA mbrs 22% women
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Left Photo: L to R: Bill Washington, Tony Tommasello, Dave Sire, Lemart Presley, Jacqueline Presley

And we had another surprised attendee: new member **Steve Bradshaw**, who took home \$80 from our 50/50 raffle sales! Steve just joined a few days before our program, and it was his first attendance at any CAPCA event. What a way to welcome a new member!

Many attendees arrived early to order cocktails and dinner from the Elks bar, and most opted to have their dinners conveniently delivered to the ballroom. It was great to see so many people taking advantage of the opportunity to gather, socialize, and expand our captain network. We even had to ask the helpful Elks Lodge staff to set up another table to accommodate our record turnout! **Thanks to the program committee (Bob, Dave, and Hilary) who planned and supported this event, and to all of you who attended, either on Zoom or in the room.**

Don't forget to mark your calendars for these upcoming programs:

February 24, 6:45-8:30 pm: Taking Action to Protect the Chesapeake Bay (virtual via Zoom)

Join us for a briefing of key priorities that will impact Chesapeake Bay during the 2025 Maryland General Assembly legislative session.

- Matt Stegman, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Maryland Staff Attorney
- Johnny Shockley, Blue Oyster Environmental, Founder and Lifelong Waterman

Each year, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) supports more than 22,000 actions at the local, state, and federal levels, to help "save the bay." As captains whose work and livelihoods depend on a healthy Chesapeake Bay, CAPCA members are uniquely positioned to understand and take action to protect the waters that we navigate.

March 24, 6:45-8:30 pm: Captain Elizabeth Christman: Piloting ships between the C&D Canal and Cape Henry (in-person at the Elks Lodge and on Zoom)

Join us during Women's Awareness Month as we welcome back Captain Beth Christman, one of a handful of women pilots on the Chesapeake Bay. Captain Christman has risen through the ranks to Senior Pilot and has just completed a term as Vice President of the Association of Maryland Pilots.

Captain Christman will share her experiences as a pilot, navigating ships between the C&D Canal to Cape Henry in Virginia. She will answer questions that include "who is in charge of the ship" and how handoffs are made with Delaware and Virginia pilots. She will describe her career progression and offer advice to those who may be interested in the field. And she also has some pearls of wisdom for operators of smaller vessels.

Note: Because the investigations into *MV Dali* and *MV Ever Forward* are still ongoing, she cannot share 'insider' information about either of these incidents. However, she can speak about leading the association during the *Dali* incident.

Plus, we have a couple of tours to announce!

When the CAPCA program committee surveys our members, we take your suggestions seriously. **The top tour requests we have received include *SS John W. Brown*, *NS Savannah*, and *Thomas Point Lighthouse*.** We are making progress on offering all three in the next few months.

On Wednesday March 19, CAPCA members will have a unique opportunity to tour two historic ships in Baltimore: *SS John W. Brown* and *NS Savannah*. Due to space limitations, attendees will be limited to a maximum of 35. We will tour one ship in the morning, take a pause for a brown bag lunch, and then tour the next ship in the afternoon. The cost is \$15. **Out of respect for both ships needing to coordinate enough docents, we ask that you register for a full day of tours, meaning that you will tour both ships.** If there is enough interest in individual half-day tours of just one ship, the program committee will arrange follow-up tours later this year. Visit the member side of our website to [register](#).

To learn more about Project Liberty Ship *SS John W. Brown*, read [here](#). To learn more about the world's first nuclear powered merchant ship, *NS Savannah*, read [here](#).

And big thanks to Program Committee members Captains Bob Thomson, Hilary Howes, and Dave Ohler. They work hard as volunteers to provide valuable programs and tours to CAPCA members. Please thank them when you see them! *All photos by Cheryl Duvall.*

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Meet the Captain: Captain Lindsey Williams



An interview with Captain Cheryl Duvall

What did you do before getting into boating?

I'm originally from Massachusetts and moved down to Maryland with my mother in 1999. I went to Wells College in Aurora, NY but transferred to UMBC. My major was Environmental Science and GIS. After graduating I worked in the GIS field as a contractor before pivoting to teaching abroad. I taught in South Korea for four years which was a blast. After being home for a couple of years, I was feeling the itch to do something very different and chose yachting.

What got you interested in boating?

Below Deck, the reality series, got me interested in boating. I was working at a state park and figured it would be cool to try, since it's just like working in the park but on a boat. So in 2020 I packed up and went to Fort Lauderdale to take all of my classes and start getting work experience. It felt good to be on my own again and trying something totally different from what I was used to. Unfortunately, COVID brought me back home, however I lucked out and got a job on a yacht for seven months. The overall experience was... an experience. I got to see how the wealthy lived and met all kinds of crew from around the world, even a few from the TV series.

After my time in Florida, I moved back to Maryland and started working for Watermark as crew. Thanks to some awesome encouraging crewmates I decided to obtain my captain's license. Once I got the rest of my sea time experience, I jumped at the chance to take my captain's class.

What was it like getting your captain's license?

I was sooo jazzed to take my class and learn what I needed to get my license. As some would say, it was like a firehose worth of information all at once. I lived on coffee almost every day and studied every night. It was overwhelming but very rewarding.

What did you hope to do with your license?

I have now been checked off as a captain on the Crosby Tug *Miss Anne* boats with Watermark. I also drive a 38' Seawind catamaran for a small charter company in Baltimore. In the long run I hope to drive bigger boats and learn more about engines.

What do you do now?

During winter and spring, I work as a Squarespace web designer and substitute teacher in Washington DC. During summer and fall, I work as captain and crew.

When did you join CAPCA?

I joined CAPCA in the summer of 2024. At the moment, I haven't done much with CAPCA. Hopefully in the future I can expand my network, my knowledge, and my chances to volunteer as a member.

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Jobs Program Report for January 2025

By Captain Laura Olsen, Jobs Program Director



- 3 Jobs listed
- 1 Instructor
- 1 Tour Boat
- 1 "towing" boat
- 3 Power

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CAPCA Is Getting the Limelight in *SpinSheet* Magazine!

Did you know that our Program Director, Captain Cheryl Duvall, is a monthly contributing writer for [SpinSheet](#) magazine? When possible, she spreads the word about CAPCA by interviewing and quoting our members. Presently, she's been assigned a 3-part series on safety, appearing in the January through March 2025 issues. CAPCA is well-represented in all three safety articles!

- The January 2025 issue features Safety Series #1: [What Expert Sailors Want You to Know About Onboard Safety](#), on pages 34-35. Her article includes statistics from the May 2024 USCG



presentation to CAPCA by Lt. Stasia Ellis, and a quote from Captain Alan Karpas, instructor for CAPCA's upcoming [CPR/AED and First Aid for Boaters class](#). Additionally, she authored *Tackling Winter Boat Projects* on pages 36-37 in the same issue.

- The current issue, February 2025, features Safety Series #2: [Lessons Learned From Onboard Mishaps](#), on pages 41-43. This article features stories and wisdom gleaned from interviews with four CAPCA members: Captains Priscilla Travis, Mary Ann DeGraw,, Doug MacNair, and Davis Jones.
- Next month's issue, March 2025, will feature an exclusive interview with CAPCA member Captain Bill White, a retired emergency physician, avid sailor, volunteer coach for USNA offshore sailing team, and offshore medical care lecturer for MTAM Safety at Sea seminars (in late March). The upcoming *SpinSheet* article, **Medical Challenges at Sea**, highlights stories and recommendations that can benefit all boaters, including telemedical subscription services, preventing burns, recognizing hypothermia stages, and battling seasickness.

Future assignments include a 3-part offshore sailing series, southbound cruising preparation, sailing to Philadelphia, and sailing to Oxford/Choptank River area. Should you have quotations or stories you think would be relevant, feel free to reach out to Cheryl via email, cherylduvall@mac.com.

SpinSheet is a monthly magazine for and about Chesapeake Bay sailors, and it's celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. *Spinsheet* is available free of charge at more than 800 establishments along the shores of the Chesapeake, including local marinas, yacht clubs, libraries, restaurants and retail establishments. Alternatively, you can always find current and past issues [online](#). Her sister publication, *PropTalk*, is targeted at powerboaters, and is also available at the same establishments or on-line. Both *SpinSheet* and *PropTalk* publicize CAPCA upcoming events and programs in their calendar sections, thanks to the efforts of CAPCA Communication Director Captain Mike Clark.

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“Ahoy” from Your Membership Director



By Captain Phil Gauthier, Membership Director

Current active membership stands at 329. Please help spread the word to all the non-member captains that you know about the professional development opportunities and benefits, including numerous discounts, that come with a CAPCA membership.

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

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

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

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ABYC Happenings

By Captain John Wesley Nash
ABYC Coordinator



What can ABYC do for Licensed Captains?

CAPCA maintains a group membership in the [American Boat and Yacht Council \(ABYC\)](#) for the benefit of our members, but apparently not too many of you have checked out the resources to see what might be useful to you.

Based in Annapolis, ABYC is a non-profit, member organization that develops voluntary global safety standards for the design, construction, maintenance, and repair of recreational boats. Some of ABYC's standards are incorporated into USCG regulations.

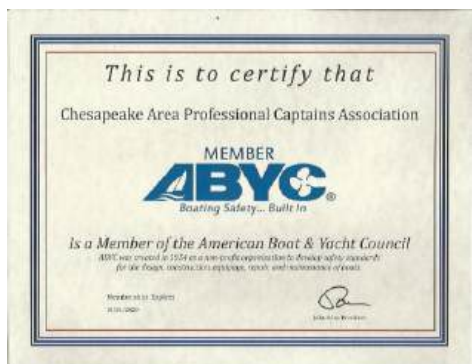
ABYC also has a long-established commitment to providing technical education, training, certification, and professional development. Their seminars, workshops and technician certification courses are instrumental in increasing the level of knowledge and professionalism throughout the boating industry.

If you have a boat of your own or operate vessels while working your license, ABYC information can be useful to you. Among the many topics we highlight in the CAPCA Log's ABYC column are articles about electrical systems and batteries, engines, winterizing, buying a European boat, crash investigations, marine law, ABYC Standards application and compliance, safety equipment, ABYC courses and seminars, joysticks, and towing vessel regulations. The ABYC website has much more for members on the "**Industry Site**" (top menu tab).

To access the member side of the ABYC website, log in to www.capca.net with your user name and password and click on MEMBERS KIT, Discounts. The second item in Discounts list is ABYC, with **the login information for the ABYC website**. We keep that information there for security reasons.

On the “Industry Site” tab of the ABYC website you’ll find:

- The [standards and online Standards Library](#), with enhanced search functionality. You also can call their Technical Department with questions and get free advice.
- [Online referral directories](#): You can look up a business or list your business. Directories include: ABYC Members, Certified Technicians, Manufacturers, and Surveyors.



- [Educational videos and webinars](#) to learn more about marine electrical, marine corrosion, marine systems, diesel and gas engines and support systems, composite boat building, etc.

- [ABYC Certification courses](#), most of which are discounted up to 30% for members vs. non-members. If you are a Master Marine Technician these savings add up fast!

The [ABYC Recreational Boaters](#) side of the website (tab in upper right) is open to the public. There you can find lists of certified technicians and marine surveyors, watch DIY videos,

see boat systems checklists, and see how ABYC standards apply to recreational vessels.

Please check out the ABYC website and see what may help you continue to operate your vessels professionally and safely. And keep reading “ABYC Happenings” in the CAPCA Log.

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

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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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Coast Guard Foundation Activates Emergency Disaster Relief Program

August 15, 2024



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 and Helene, 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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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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You have an [option](#) to upload a photo of yourself. It's nice for others to be able to put a face to your name, but it's [not](#) required.

Code of Ethics

CAPCA members abide by a code of ethics.

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CAPCA Membership - 1 year	05-19-2017 To 05-20-2025	Active	Download

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Your Nautical Knowledge Quiz

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

- If your bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone ceases to operate, you must _____.
 - immediately anchor your vessel and arrange for repairs to the system
 - moor your vessel at the nearest dock available and arrange for repairs to the system
 - arrange for the repair of the system to be completed within 48 hours
 - exercise due diligence to restore the system at the earliest practicable time
- The visible range marked on charts for lights is the _____.
 - minimum distance at which the light may be seen with infinite visibility
 - minimum distance at which the light may be seen based on a 12-mile distance to the visible horizon
 - maximum distance the light may be seen restricted by the height of the light and the curvature of the earth
 - maximum distance at which a light may be seen in clear weather with 10-mile visibility
- A Certificate of Inspection issued to a small passenger vessel describes _____.
 - the minimum fire extinguishing equipment, lifejackets, survival and rescue craft she must carry
 - the name of the managing operator
 - any special conditions or restrictions on her operation
 - All the above
- After extinguishing a fire with CO₂, it is advisable to _____.
 - use all CO₂ available to cool the surrounding area
 - stand by with water or other agents
 - thoroughly ventilate the space of CO₂
 - jettison all burning materials

Answers on p. 18. No peeking!

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Website Spotlight: Licensing and MMC



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 look at the public side, to see what the rest of the world sees.

The display on your device may not look exactly like this, but the menu tabs are the same.

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



This is the Licensing-MMC Listing:

- [License Exam Practice Questions. Free and paid access](#)
- [License Exam Practice Questions from National Seafarers Academy](#)
- [License Exam Practice Questions from the NMC - all license grades including OUPV](#)
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If you have a website that you use and like, please send the URL (website address) to webmaster@capca.net and we'll add it to the category list for others to use.

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

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Answers to the Nautical Quiz

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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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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.

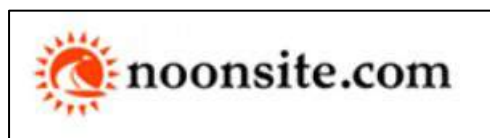
Uninspected Passenger Vessels (UPVs) are vessels not subject to Coast Guard inspection that are less than 100 gross tons with 6 or fewer passengers, including at least one passenger for hire. UPVs may also include vessels over 100 GTs but less than 300 GTs that carry not more than 12 passengers, with 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.

Bruce Johnson, Division Chief, Youth Programs (DVC-SY)
bruce.johnson@cgauxnet.us 410.707.1682 (mobile)

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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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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 Winter.

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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