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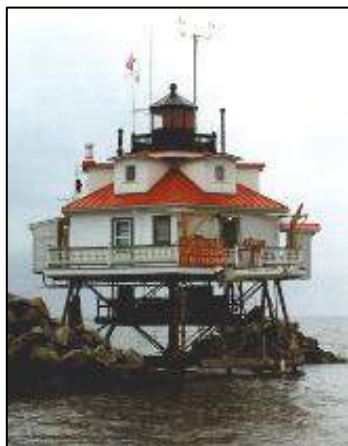
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2025 CALENDAR - in progress



March 15 Class: [CPR/AED and First Aid for Boaters](#), 8:00 AM – 5:00 p.m. Selby Bay Yacht Club, Edgewater, MD. [Details and registration](#).
Registration closes March 8.

March 19 Members only Tour of SS *John W. Brown* and NS *Savannah*. 9:00 a.m. [Log in to register](#). Registration closes March 12.

March 24 CAPCA Female Captains Gathering 5:30 p.m. Elks Lodge.

March 24 Meeting: 6:45-8:30 pm: Speaker: Captain Elizabeth Christman. [“Piloting ships between the C&D Canal and Cape Henry.”](#) In-person at the Elks Lodge and on Zoom.

April 28 Meeting: 6:45-8:30 p.m. Speaker: David Gendell: [“Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse: A Chesapeake Bay Icon.”](#) On Zoom.

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: “Beware the Ides of March”



By Captain Tony Tommasello, CAPCA President

Shakespeare’s language about the coming of the middle of the month of March is considered an ominous warning (Julius Caesar). However, in the lives of boaters it’s the time when we anticipate the warmth of spring and perhaps begin planning excursions and lengthy cruises. As these plans are being made, we will certainly select our ports of call, gunkholes in which we will seek shelter and good

anchoring, consider the courses we will sail, and verify the tides and anticipated currents we will encounter.

The recent appointment of RFK, Jr. as the new secretary of Health and Human Services brings his concern about the quality of our meals and the risks associated with highly processed food. The HHS secretary’s policy recommendations will be based on his desire to minimize the health risks related to our overconsumption of processed food and under consumption of whole foods. The galley will be well stocked for our multiday cruise. As we shop for groceries for the cruise, I’m sure he would recommend more fruit, raw vegetables, fresh meat, eggs and bread and less prepackaged ready-

to-eat food and snacks. At the stove we can avoid bean oils (soybean, canola, avocado, sunflower) and use instead olive oil, coconut oil, and real butter.

Drink more water and fewer beverages loaded with artificial sweeteners and coloring agents. I welcome a hot cup of coffee in the morning. It may even be required to get my brain working. Years ago, I stopped adding cream and sugar. Now my preference is for black coffee. This has simplified my life considerably.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable recreational boating season. For those teaching, particularly courses that involve overnight stays, our captains can encourage these principles of galley management.

I remind everyone that we need volunteers to staff the boat show booths. Contact Alan Karpas. Also, we will be doing a presentation at the Bay Bridge Boat show; Friday, April 11, 2025 at 1400 hours.

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CAPCA Female Captains' Gathering – March 24

By Captain Erin Manor

The women of CAPCA have been meeting for cocktails almost monthly, usually at the Eastport Yacht Club thanks to Vicki Saporta's membership and invitation. Our last two gatherings were January 22 and February 26, but we keep forgetting to snap a photo!

For March, we will be changing our location to the Elks Lodge, in recognition of Women's Awareness Month and in support of Captain Elizabeth Christman being our featured speaker on Monday evening, March 24. [See the article below.](#)

Let's plan to gather in the Elks Bar at 5:30 pm. We'll reserve a few tables, with appropriate CAPCA signage. We will be inviting Captain Beth to join as our guest, if she is able to arrive early.

Join us! Let's have a great turnout to support Pilot Captain Beth Christman and do some networking during Women's Awareness Month!

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CAPCA Meeting March 24

[Hybrid - Annapolis Elks Lodge and online on Zoom.](#)

[Captain Elizabeth Christman: "Piloting ships between the C&D Canal and Cape Henry."](#)
March 24, 2025 6:45 pm -8:30 pm.



Captain Elizabeth A. Christman grew up in central New York. She attended SUNY Maritime College and graduated in 1987 with a BS in Marine Transportation, an Unlimited Third Mates License from the U.S. Coast Guard and a Commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

She sailed on merchant vessels after graduation, working on tankers, tugboats, training ships and cruise ships. She passed her Unlimited Masters license in 1992. Soon after, she returned to SUNY Maritime College to take night classes in their Graduate Program, while she worked on the Training Ship *Empire State VI*, ultimately graduating in 1995 with an MS in Transportation.

In 1996, she was selected by the Maryland State Board of Pilots and commenced training with the Association of Maryland Pilots on the Chesapeake Bay and C&D Canal. She completed her 5 years of training in 2001 and became an Unlimited Licensed Pilot with the Association. She was elected Secretary of the Board of Supervisors by the Association membership, charged with overseeing the Association business from 2006-2016. She was on the Maryland State Board of Pilots Incident Committee from 2006-2010. On July 21, 2020, she was elected to serve on the Board of Supervisors as 1st Vice President of the Association of Maryland Pilots and served in the position until June 18, 2024. Presently, she is an active pilot with the Association of Maryland Pilots.

She participates on the American Pilot Association NavTech committee, is the Vice Chair of the U.S. Coast Guard NMEDMAC committee and is on the Charitable Trust Board of the Propeller Club of Baltimore.

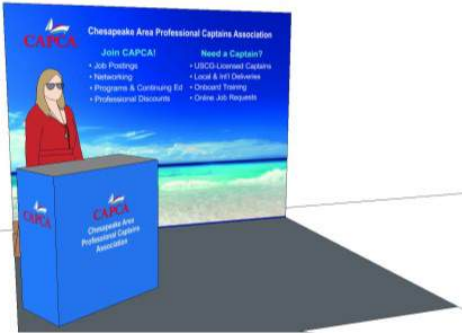
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Annapolis Spring Boat Shows

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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Speaker Summary February 24: Matt Stegman and Johnny Shockley, “Taking Action to Protect the Chesapeake Bay”



By Bob Thomson, CAPCA Secretary

All of us who make our living on the Chesapeake, as well as those who just take great pleasure in being on and around this extraordinary waterway, have a deep interest in efforts to sustain a clean, healthy, and welcoming bay. While population growth, development, and competition for resources have put pressure on the aquatic ecosystem, dedicated organizations and individuals are working diligently to balance these interests with a commitment to steadily improving the condition of the Chesapeake.

Our February program showed us how both very large and very small organizations can have a positive impact. Matt Stegman spoke on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. With 190 staff members across four states and over 200,000 members, CBF works to shape legislation, policies and education beneficial to the well-being of the Chesapeake. As the CBF Staff Attorney for Maryland, Matt focused on issues and outcomes of the 2025 Session of the Maryland General Assembly, which runs from January to April.

A dominant issue for this Session is reducing a \$3 billion deficit, with \$300 million potentially coming from agencies and programs essential to protection of the Bay. The uncertainty of federal support may affect some programs. Matt also highlighted key issues in the Virginia and Pennsylvania

legislatures. He encouraged people to get involved, noting that as few as ten calls to legislators on important issues may sway their vote. For more information, visit the Foundation at cbf.org, or contact Matt at 443-482-2158 or mstegman@cbf.org. You may also reach out to CAPCA's Program Director, Cheryl Duvall, who volunteers for CBF as one of their [Clean Water Captains](#).

On a smaller, but no less vital scale, is Blue Oyster Environmental (BOE). Founded by our co-speaker, life-long waterman Johnny Shockley, this operation seeks to restore the Chesapeake's historic oyster industry by pioneering methods of aquaculture to seed, grow, harvest, and market this important marine food source. It is estimated that through the late 1800's oysters were abundant enough to filter the Chesapeake every three days and provide about one-half of the world's demand.

A century later, overfishing, pollution and disease reduced the oyster harvest to about one percent of historic levels. Johnny and his team have developed equipment and techniques that offer the promise of restoring this once-thriving sector of life on the Bay. The Hoopers Island Oyster Company, a division of BOE, can harvest 17,000 oysters each day. Among BOE's other innovations are EcoDocks installations, offering waterfront property owners a means to grow their own local oyster habitats. In addition to boosting the shell-fishing economy, a restored oyster population can help mitigate nitrogen and phosphorus levels and also control the over-proliferation of phytoplankton, another pollution contributor. For more information, visit Blue Oyster Environmental at blueoysterenv.com.

Everyone in our maritime region can benefit from a cleaner, healthier Chesapeake Bay. Hopefully this presentation will encourage you to become more informed and find meaningful ways to make a difference.

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

Program Director Report for March 2025



By Captain Cheryl Duvall

Last week's program

On February 24, we heard an informative program **Taking Action to Protect the Chesapeake Bay**, presented on Zoom by two passionate stewards of the Chesapeake Bay: **Matt Stegman**, Maryland Staff Attorney, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and **Johnny Shockley**, Blue Oyster Environmental, Founder and Lifelong Waterman. 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 5 above. As captains whose work and livelihoods depend on a healthy Chesapeake Bay, CAPCA members are uniquely positioned to take action to protect the waters that we navigate. Note: the Maryland legislative session closes on April 7.

Coming up this month

Members Only Tour: Wednesday March 19, 9 am – 3 pm: 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, then 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.** Visit our website to [register](#). At press time, only 14 spots remain. If we don't fill all spots by March 7, we will open registration to non-members. **Registration closes March 12.**

Program: March 24, 6:45-8:30 pm, in-person at the Elks Lodge and on Zoom:

Captain Elizabeth Christman: Piloting ships between the C&D Canal and Cape Henry. 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. Captain Christman 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.

All are invited to arrive at the Elks early! Don't wait until 6:45 pm. Come as early as 5 pm to:

- Order drinks and/or food at the bar and have it delivered to the room (or hang in the bar)
- Make new friends
- Network with other captains
- Get a seat (last month seats filled quickly and we had to get more)
- Meet the speaker prior to the presentation

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

Coming up in April

Program: April 28, 6:45-8:30 pm, via Zoom: **Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse: A Chesapeake Bay Icon**

Join Annapolis sailor and author **David Gendell** as he unpacks the story of the historic Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse. The beloved screwpile-style lighthouse at Annapolis celebrates its 150th birthday this year and has been remarkably preserved. David wrote the first and only book specifically devoted to the lighthouse, *Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse: A Chesapeake Bay Icon*, published in 2020. His presentation is packed with images, maps, and history, including a 2020 lighthouse visit with Jimmy Buffett!

Big thanks to Program Committee members Captains Bob Thomson, Hilary Howes, and Dave Ohler who help to make these programs and tours possible.

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Meet the Captain: Joanne Keazer



An interview with Captain Cheryl Duvall, Program Director

Where did you grow up? I was born in Kittery, Maine, so from a very early age I loved being on the water. My dad worked for U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, which back then was part of the U.S. Treasury department. By the time I was 15 years old, I had lived in several different places including Texas multiple locations, Louisiana, and Florida. We moved to Naples, FL when I was a sophomore in high school, and I can't imagine a more energizing place to spend my teenage years. It was loads of fun on the water in the hot sun.

Did you play sports in high school and college? I was a serious swimmer. And I mean serious. I swam before AND after school during high school. There were lots of early mornings! After graduating high school, I attended college in Grand Rapids, MI for two years to focus on my swimming and receive an associate's degree. Then I finished my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Florida International University in Miami so that I could apply for my dream job.

Your dream job? What was that? From an early age, I wanted to work for the Secret Service. Actually, it was my dad who inspired me. He was a boat captain for U.S. Customs Service in the 80s, and his job was catching drug dealers on the water. He regaled my two younger sisters and me with exhilarating stories where no two days were the same. He talked about the eclectic lives of Secret Service agents, because they must be physically fit and able to do a variety of sports to keep up with those they protect. Even as a young girl, I loved being active, and I thought a job that included horseback riding, scuba diving, hiking, and long runs, would be an exciting life.

Isn't it difficult to be accepted into the Secret Service? Oh yes! And my dad was concerned that I'd get my heart set on it and then be disappointed. So when I was 11 years old, I wrote a letter to the Secret Service and asked lots of questions. And I got a reply! I continued to pursue the studies and skillsets I needed and was accepted. I enjoyed a long fulfilling career in the Secret Service, spanning twenty-five years. I retired in 2020 from my position as Deputy Assistant Director so that I could spend more time with my son and daughter who were entering their middle and high school years. I knew they'd be off to college soon, and I wanted to spend more time with them before time slipped away.

Did you acquire your boating experience as part of the Secret Service? Actually, an early part of my boating experience occurred in Miami during my college years. I began racing sailboats and couldn't get enough! I sailed J24s, J30s, and 40-foot Js as well. Later, I sailed small performance catamarans. But yes, eventually I expanded my boating skills with the Secret Service through their rescue swimmer and boat training programs. Because they were adding vessels to the Secret Service fleets, they needed to train captains and crew. One of the merchant marine schools came

to Fairfax, where I lived, and I was able to complete their program in 2005. Combined with the sea time from years of sailing, I was able to get my 50-ton captain's license that same year.

Do you work your captain's license now? Yes! I now live half-time in Severna Park with my husband Steve and half-time in Fairfax. I absolutely love Annapolis! I decided that I wanted to "work something at the Annapolis City Dock." So last year, I joined Watermark, working initially as crew on their big boats before being minted captain of the *Miss Anne*, their 22-passenger Crosby tugboat that does tours from the harbor and along Spa Creek. I'm really enjoying working for Watermark and look forward to expanding my captain positions on their other boats.



Do you still swim? I currently swim with Maryland Masters out of Severna Park Community Center. I have competed in the 4.1-mile Chesapeake Bay Swim and the 2.1-mile Freedom Swim in the Choptank. If I am not on the water, I will be in it!

How did you find out about CAPCA, and when did you join? Several captains at Watermark are members of CAPCA and encouraged me to consider membership. I joined in October 2024 and was able to attend the December General Meeting in-person. I'm looking forward to meeting more members at CAPCA events, including Women of CAPCA happy hours.

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Jobs Program Report for March 2025

By Captain Laura Olsen, Jobs Program Director



7 Jobs listed

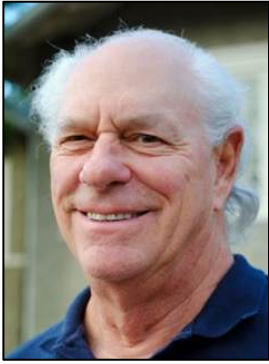
3 Sail (2 delivery, 1 passenger cruise)

3 Power (2 passenger cruise, 1 pump-out/patrol boat)

1 position at a cruise company to support operations

2 captains reported jobs they filled – Thank you, captains!

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Continuing Education

By Captain Alan Karpas

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

Registration closes **March 8 at 11:00 p.m.**

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 P47M

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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“Ahoy” from Your Membership Director



By Captain Phil Gauthier, Membership Director

Current active membership stands at 333. 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



ABYC - Revised Gasoline Fuel Systems Standard

The American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) published the H-24 Gasoline (Petrol) Fuel Systems standard, introducing new requirements for in-tank fuel pumps and their associated fuel hoses.

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has issued a policy accepting the H-24 standard's requirements for in-tank fuel pumps as equivalent to federal regulations found in 33 CFR 183.566. This policy permits builders to use in-tank fuel pumps located beyond 12 inches from the engine without obtaining an exemption from the USCG. The policy does not require any additional compliance labeling on the boat.

"Our new policy allowing fuel pumps to be placed in fuel tanks in compliance with ABYC H-24 (2025) provides flexibility to boat manufacturers to incorporate the latest fuel system technology," said Jeff Ludwig, chief of the USCG Office of Auxiliary & Boating Safety's Recreational Boating Product Assurance Branch. "The policy would not have been possible without the extensive testing conducted by ABYC and the hard work of the Fuel & Ventilation Systems Project Technical Committee."

"This standard paves the way for manufacturers to safely solve the challenges associated with supplying gasoline in high-horsepower applications without getting exemptions from the USCG," said Brain Goodwin, ABYC



standards and compliance director. “This is a significant step forward for the industry, supporting both efficiency and the highest safety standards.”

Advantages of pump-in-tank installations include increased pump life due to a continuous, laminar supply of fuel to the pump and an environment that facilitates lubrication and heat dissipation.

H-24 published in January 2025 is now available in the ABYC online library. The standard includes a recommended compliance date of Aug. 1, 2027, allowing manufacturers time to integrate the changes into their production processes.

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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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Owner Gets Prison Term in Fatal Capsizing of Passenger Vessel

USCG Press release Jan 31, 2025.

NEW YORK — The owner of the vessel *Stimulus Money*, Richard Cruz, was sentenced to 18 months in prison January 25 after pleading guilty for his role in the July 2022 capsizing of the vessel while underway on the Hudson River that resulted in the death of two passengers, a seven-year-old boy and 48-year-old woman.

Cruz was arrested in March 2024 along with the operator of the vessel, Jaime Pinilla Gomez, and charged with one count of misconduct and neglect of a ship officer resulting in death, which carries a maximum sentence of ten years in prison.

Coast Guard Sector New York and the Coast Guard Investigative Service investigated the incident into suspected illegal passenger operations, finding the vessel did not possess the required Certificate of



Inspection and the operator did not have the required Coast Guard-issued merchant mariner credential to operate a passenger vessel. The Coast Guard referred the case to the U.S. Attorney’s

Office for the Southern District of New York for further consideration in potential criminal prosecution.

The Coast Guard urges the public to be on the lookout for illegal charters to ensure their safety and the safety of others. If a vessel is carrying six or more passengers, with at least one paying for the charter, it must have a valid [Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection](#). Passengers can and should ask the captain of the vessel to verify their license and the inspection status of the boat. All passengers should check the boat's maximum capacity plate, if equipped. There should not be more passengers or weight on the boat than it is equipped for.

Not only do illegal charter operations potentially constitute a violation of federal law, but owners and operators of vessels may also be subject to civil penalties of \$60,000 or more for illegal passenger-for-hire operations. Charters that violate a Coast Guard Captain of the Port Order may also be subject to civil penalties of \$117,608 per violation.

Some potential civil penalties for illegally operating a passenger vessel are:

- Up to \$9,624 for failure of operators to be enrolled in a chemical- testing program.
- Up to \$5,996 for failure to provide a Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection for vessels carrying more than six passengers for hire.
- Up to \$20,468 for failure to produce a valid Certificate of Documentation for vessels over 5 gross tons.
- Up to \$14,988 for failure to have been issued a valid Stability Letter prior to placing a vessel in service with more than six passengers for hire.

Mariners suspecting a passenger vessel is operating illegally should immediately contact Coast Guard Sector New York by using VHF-FM channel 16, call (844) NYC-USCG, or contact CGIS TIPS at <https://www.p3tips.com/878>.

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Reminder: CAPCA Has a You Tube Channel



February 2025 Meeting



CAPCA Meeting January 2025



December Business Meeting

We prefer that you join us for the presentation in person or on Zoom, but if you can't attend, you can catch up on what you missed or browse past presentations to find topics that may be of interest to you.

CAPCA has been providing videos of speaker presentations for members and the public on our website since 2021. Thank Captain Bill Washington, our video editor, for making these available so

quickly after the presentation. Visit the [CAPCA YouTube Channel](#). Presentations prior to 2021 are listed [here](#).

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Safety Snapshot: CPR Masks Offer Inexpensive Protection



**Provided by Alan Karpas
Safety Coordinator**

CPR Masks Offer Inexpensive Protection

Members of the public may be concerned about the risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 or another disease if they perform CPR.

Always use a CPR mask. Keep a pocket mask in your boat, car, and home.

The American Red Cross is one of many online sources for CPR masks:

<https://www.redcross.org/store/training-supplies/cpr-masks-and-face-shields>.

Masks are also available at many local stores and pharmacies.

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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.

Plan	Active Time	Status	Member Card
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](#)

1. You are informed of changes in navigation aids by _____.
 - A. Local Notice to Mariners
 - B. Weekly Notice to Mariners
 - C. Marine broadcasts
 - D. All of the above

2. What is the expected range of a VHF radio transmission from a vessel to a shore station?
- A. about 20 miles
 - B. 50 - 100 miles
 - C. 100 - 150 miles
 - D. 150 - 200 miles
3. The Coast Guard determines how many passengers are permitted on a "T-Boat" by applying the _____.
- A. "Length of Rail" criteria, allowing 30 inches of rail space along the vessel's sides and transom for each passenger
 - B. "Deck Area" criteria that permits one passenger for every 10 square feet of deck space available for passenger use
 - C. "Fixed Seating" criteria that allocates 18 inches of space for each passenger to rest his/her buttocks upon
 - D. Any or a combination of the above criteria
4. To prevent the spread of fire by convection you should _____.
- A. shut off all electrical power
 - B. remove combustibles from direct exposure
 - C. cool the bulkhead around the fire
 - D. close all openings to the area and block small holes

Answers on p. 18. No peeking!

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Website Spotlight: Navigation Resources



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.

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



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- [NOAA Nautical Chart Viewer](#)
- [NOAA Raster Chart Products free downloads](#)
- [U.S. Chart No. 1 free PDF download of nautical chart symbols](#)
- [Time and Time Zone Converter - world](#)
- [United States Coast Pilot from NOAA Office of Coast Survey](#)
- [USCG Local Notice to Mariners - main page](#)

<https://www.capca.net/web-resources2/66-navigation-resources>

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, former 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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Answers to the Nautical Quiz

1. D 3. D
2. A 4. D

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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.

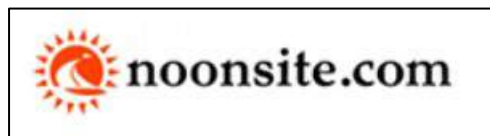
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410.707.1682 (mobile)

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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. Spring is Coming.

Log in to the member side of the CAPCA website. Click on menu tab “Members Kit,” “Ship’s Store” to read the [Ship’s Store general information](#).

To go to the Queensboro store from the Ship’s Store page “**CLICK HERE TO ORDER.**”

The ship’s store offers various discounts from time to time (see the colored band in the middle of the [store’s register/sign in page](#)). Check frequently and remember to use the discount code when you check out.

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