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FEBRUARY	02	USPS 107th Anniversary (Founded 02 February 1914)
	03	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	14-21	USPS National Convention – Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
	17	Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge
MARCH	03	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	05	D-3 Council Meeting – Melville Marriott
	12-13	D-3 Spring Conference, Luncheon & Change-of-Watch – Melville Marriott
	17	Captree Annual General Membership Meeting – ELECTIONS – Moose Lodge
	19	Captree's 70th Anniversary (Founded 19 March 1951)
APRIL	07	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	11	D-3 Memorial Service – United Methodist Church, Port Washington
	21	Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge - COW Ceremony
MAY	05	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	19	Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge
	29-31	Memorial Day Weekend Raft-ups – Oak Island
JUNE	02	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	16	Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge
JULY	03-05	July 4 th Weekend Daily Raft-ups – Captree Cove, Oak Island
	Wkends	Impromptu weekend Raft-ups – Locations TBA
	07	Captree Executive Committee – Location TBD
	TBA	Captree Summer Picnic – Robert Moses Boat Basin, Field 3
AUGUST	Wkends	Impromptu weekend Raft-ups – Locations TBA
	04	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	18	Captree General Membership Mtg – Moose Lodge
SEPTEMBER	01	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	04-06	Labor Day Weekend Daily Raft-ups – Captree Cove, Oak Island
	TBA	Basket Making for Fall Rendezvous
	TBA	Captree Fall Rendezvous – Cedar Beach Marina
	15	Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge
OCTOBER	TBA	D-3 Council Meeting
	06	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	20	Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge
	TBA	Captree End-of-Season Brunch – Captain Bill's, Bay Shore
	TBA	Captree Oktoberfest or Halloween Party

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COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr. Carol Johnson, AP



It being November, most of us have winterized or made arrangements to winterize our boats and store them safely away for the season. This is also the time of year we usually start gathering together on shore for various holiday celebrations and activities within the Squadron, but unfortunately the COVID-19 crisis continues, and these special holiday happenings have been canceled this year. This does not mean that we are unable to celebrate together, as small groups of Captree members could get together and celebrate safely in private settings, so reach out, make plans and enjoy smaller gatherings together this year if at all possible.

November is a special time of Thanksgiving and Captree members have a big reason to give thanks this year as no member of Captree has succumbed to the Covid-19 virus and our Squadron has continued to work together safely. With the continued cooperation of all our members, Captree will prevail, as always.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to our Bridge Members for their time and patience during this pandemic and for embracing the many new ways we had to work together. We have managed to conduct elections, a Change-of-Watch, an Awards Ceremony, educational classes and seminars, whether virtual or in person, all while maintaining safe and healthy environments. We plan to continue much of the same, on a limited basis, until the time comes for us to resume normalcy.

To our members who plan to escape the cold New York winter and follow the warmth of the sunny south, please enjoy safe travels. We look forward to hearing from you during the

winter months. Maybe some virtual happenings can bring us together this year.

Please join me in thanks and prayer during this special time of the year.

*"O God,
We gather together separated by life-saving distancing, but united more than ever in spirit;
We know we are in a war against COVID-19 together, and the more together we are, the better and stronger we will emerge.
We give thanks for those who are on the front line taking care of those who are not well;
We give thanks for the researchers who are working at breakneck speed to find cure and vaccine;
We give thanks for our leaders, federal and local, for their dedication to all of us;
We give thanks for the providers of our daily needs who go to work in spite of the risk;
We give thanks for those who have ramped up their ability to produce life-saving supplies.
We pray for the well-being of all our life savers; For those who are not well, that they recover fully;
We pray that a cure and vaccine will soon be available,
And that we all – family, friends, Americans and the entire world may be healed in body and spirit."*

May you and your family have a Happy, Healthy & Blessed Thanksgiving.

Carol



Chief Commander

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20 October 2020

MEMBERSHIP IS JOB ONE!

Following are highlights of some of the actions and activities that your Board of Directors and headquarters have completed and are working on for you. Please share this information with your committee members, districts, and squadrons.

BOD and HQ Updates:

1. Membership Is Job One!
 1. Membership as of Oct 1: 21,356. Highlights include New members: 196; Late Renewals: 170; Reinstatement: 16; Non-Renewals: 266; Deaths: 29; Net Gain: 87. This is the second month for net gains (August had a net gain of 237).
 2. Kudos to Districts 4, 11, 14, and 20 had zero non-renewals this month and Districts 1, 23, 28, and 30 had only one non-renewal. Keep up the good work! The BEST renewal method is personal contact as VC Ralph Bernard has emphasized. Districts are stressing Renewals to the squadrons because they *know* their members. Please continuously review the squadron member dues status, make contact with members in arrears and those coming up for renewal. Need help? Search the national website, check out the National Membership Committee pages, and more.
 3. We are investigating automatic dues renewal and other ways to simplify the renewal process for our members.
2. Treasurer's Report for period ending August 31 (unaudited): Net Operating Deficit (\$114,386.95). The two main sources for revenue are down: New Member & Renewal Dues by approx (\$80k) and Net Sales from Educational & Ship's Store by approx (\$46k). A 'positive' is that unspent Travel Expenses are approx \$67k. The outlook for year-end (only 6 weeks away) is darn close to breakeven.
 1. We need everyone's help in increasing membership renewals and to support the Ship's Store.
 2. Regarding educational sales, we look forward to squadrons adapting to using blended learning techniques as offered through the EDU Dept, continue with the NASBLA-approved ABC3 virtual classroom extension and helping return educational course sales to 'normal' levels.
3. Online Courses Update: These do not compete with squadrons, but complement the squadron offerings and serve the online Cyber Squadron members. Online offerings have kept our members and the public engaged in our educational programs during the pandemic as national, state, and local health safety guidelines limited F2F and group contact. Expansion of the offerings is in process.

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1. ABC3 online courses sold as of Oct 4: 1818 nationally (998 full year 2019). NOTE: squadrons conduct approx 6,000 ABC3 classroom courses annually. The total national market for a basic boating course is approx. 500,000 with about an even split between online and in-classroom delivery methods. There is significant opportunity for expansion of teaching students by the squadrons.
2. BoatUS Online Seminars sold as of Oct 4: 755 (455 estimated full year 2019)
3. Virtual Classroom: new in 2020, first offered week of May 17. Sales as of Oct 4: 383
4. SBA PPP Loan Status: We qualified to use the EZ Form to apply for full PPP/SBA Loan forgiveness. The forms have been completed and submitted to our bank; we are seeking 100% forgiveness. The bank will review the completed forms, verify that we have fulfilled our obligation to the bank and then send the paperwork to the SBA for their review and decision. While it would be great to take this obligation off the books by November 30th, our fiscal year-end, that may be unrealistic given we are working with the government. You will be kept informed!
5. 2021 Budget: The National Treasurer and the Budget Director have completed the 2021 Budget. The Finance Committee will review the budget, make recommendations, and present it to the BOD for acceptance. I have been asked why all the steps? The Budget is sent to the Finance Committee before presenting it to the BOD for acceptance then to the Governing Board for approval. Consider it this way: the Budget Committee collects information on the intended *expenses* of the national organization whereas the Finance Committee projects forecasts for *revenues*. Thus the Budget Committee submits the 'wish list' and known expenditures for the upcoming year and Finance tells them whether or not there will be income to cover it. Make sense? This process may be different from the way the squadrons and districts develop budgets. Check the Operations Manual for more information on organizational procedures.
6. Insurance Items:
 1. Communicable Diseases have not been covered in our policy and that translates to the current COVID 19 pandemic. If held in person, all squadron classes, activities, and meetings must follow all local, state, and national guidelines for health safety. Participation is an option and everyone should feel free to choose what is best for them. Be diligent!
 2. National insurance coverage: annual insurance rates will be increasing for 2021. National bears the expense in order to protect all members, squadrons, and districts when conducting USPS/ABClub approved business and educational classes. At this time, we have no plans in the 2021 Budget for a dues increase to cover the additional costs. We will update you at the 2021 Annual Meeting.
7. Websites: Please verify that your squadron and district websites are ADA-compliant. If not, then you have the potential for a lawsuit. The IT Committee created templates which are compliant: Standard Squadron Site (SSS) and the Standard District Site (SDS). Contact ITCOM for assistance or more information.
8. SAVE THE DATES:
 1. Tuesday, December 1: Giving Tuesday, A worldwide non-profit fundraising event. The United States Power Squadrons/America's Boating Club will participate this year!
 2. 2021 Annual Meeting & Governing Board: February 14-21, 2021. Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Marriott Sawgrass Resort.
 1. Hotel reservations may be made from the National Meetings site: https://www.usps.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&layout=edit&id=1310 The room rate is the same as last year: \$174/night plus a discounted daily resort fee of \$12.50 which includes self-parking (regularly \$25/day).
 2. Meal and event information is being finalized this week.
 3. 2021 Fall Conference & Governing Board Meeting: August 29-September 5, 2021. North Hills Raleigh Hilton Hotel.

9. Kudos to the National Meetings Committee for renegotiating both 2021 national meetings contracts. With their persistence USPS/ABClub has zero room night commitments and no Food & Beverage requirements to meet. Thank you R/C Arlene Anderson and V/C Ralph Bernard for outstanding work!
10. Learning Centers Update: Florida is Open for Business. We are gearing up for a "re"start Oct 30-31 with weekly OTW Classes at Harris Chain of Lakes in Tavares, FL. Cost is \$395 per student for the course. The BOD approved spending \$1000 for Facebook advertisements at \$100/week for 10 weeks. This effort is coordinated through the HQ Communications Director. The funds are an allocation from the BOD Restricted Fund which supports special projects and more.
11. Ship's Store: a new procedure is in place for ordering logo items by the Certified Instructors and Vessel Examiners. Four times a year there will be a two-week window for ordering shirts directly from our supplier through a link on the Ship's Store webpage. This will allow better pricing because of batch ordering plus the order will be drop shipped to the purchaser's address thus saving inventory costs and shipping & handling fees. Thank you, R/C Claire McDonald!

Did You Know?

1. Some squadrons and districts are dipping into their savings and either paying their members' dues at renewal or reimbursing them for this past year. One squadron commented that they did not provide anything for their members that cost anything thus they didn't need the dues monies.
2. Life Members, those who don't pay annual dues, have contributed more than \$25,000 to the organization thus far this year. We thank you!
3. 2020 FALL CONFERENCE WENT VIRTUAL! If you missed attending the sessions offered by the departments and committees, you can access the recorded sessions [here](https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=36): Or copy and paste this address into your browser https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=36

Wishing you fair winds and calm seas as the journey together continues.

Mary Paige

Mary Paige Abbott
Chief Commander

"The impediment to action advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way."

Marcus Aurelius

WELCOME ABOARD

A note from Frank Verderber - Roster Publication Editor

Welcome to our newest Captree Members and our 2020 Associate Members. All are asked to check their information listed in the Roster issued again on October 1, 2020. If there are any additions or corrections that need to be made, please notify me by email at fverderber@optonline.net or phone (516-799-1778).

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NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

11-02 George Tracy
11-03 Margie Ross
11-05 Katie Fisher (Member's Spouse)
11-11 Judy Silz (Member's Spouse)
11-14 Shane McSweeney
11-21 Laura Gill (Associate Member)
11-24 Pat Klein (Member's Spouse)

ANNIVERSARIES

11-20 Frank & Kathy Verderber



Please send Birthday & Anniversary information to:
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MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

Unfortunately, November 2020 will be like the rest of this past year, a wash out for Captree's activities. In fact, December's annual holiday activities have been scrubbed as well. Meetings will continue via Zoom based on the latest recommendations from District.

On the brighter side, we did hold our first "in-person" Executive Committee meeting since February at the Moose Lodge on October 7th. Seven out of twelve committee members attended. All followed CDC recommendations by wearing masks and sitting approximately six feet apart. It was great to see those attending in person rather than in a little square on a laptop.

One order of business discussed was recommendations for 2020 Merit Marks that were due to District by October 15 from Captree Cdr. Carol Johnson, who also serves as our Merit Mark Chairperson. As Chairperson, she compiles all the support submitted by our various committee chairs regarding individual member efforts in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, District and Captree during the year. Only one Merit Mark can be earned in a year, no matter how extensive a member's contributions are that year. Further, a large number of hours involved is not in itself sufficient to earn a Merit Mark. In addition, merely being on a committee does not qualify one for a Merit Mark. When a member has earned twenty-five or more Merit Marks, they are considered a "Life" member and no longer have to pay dues. Consider stepping up to the plate next year to earn a Merit Mark.

At the meeting, Mike Richter, our Secretary and Marketing Committee Chair, discussed the benefits of USPS membership. He also stressed the need for our members to be ambassadors in telling people about what we do. Mike has been promoting Captree through many means including Facebook groups and information sessions held at West Marine and other venues. As a member of one of these virtual groups, you can gain a lot of very useful boating information. If you need more information about this, contact Mike at m.richter@azteclight.com.

After months of not having any "in-person" General Membership meetings at the Moose Lodge, we did conduct our October meeting there on the 21st, again adhering to CDC recommendations regarding masks and separation spacing. Seventeen members attended, all wearing masks and maintaining the social distancing required to be safe at the meeting. Unfortunately, as noted above, based on recent communications from District, similar "in-person" meetings will be replaced with Zoom meetings until January 2021.

November marks the conclusion of Vessel Safety Check (VSC) inspections until January 1, 2021. During the months leading to next year, it would be great if those interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Inspector review the VSC instructional material on Captree's website. If you go to the website, click on the "Education" tab on the upper right. This provides links to "VSC Manual", an in-depth study guide from the US Coast Guard, and "VSC Power Point Presentation", a review developed by me and others from Captree. Studying both will help you prepare for the VSC test that you can take on-line. Once you pass the test, you are required to conduct your first five inspections with one of Captree's inspectors, and then you are on your own. We need additional inspectors so please consider taking the time to study the material and then take the test. If you have any questions, email me at cmvirga@aol.com. Put "VSC Information" in the subject matter so I will not think it is spam.

Remember, Tuesday, November 2nd, is Election Day. It is a very important day, and it is our duty to vote as an American. We are lucky we have this privilege; use it. In addition, Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 26th. Enjoy the day with your family and be thankful for all you have.

I hope that we again achieve normalcy as the months go by so we can again be together enjoying our events.

Charlie Virga

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