

Absecon Light



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<p>Last week Absecon Island lost one of our members. Tim Schurig passed away due to complications from heart surgery. Unfortunately I never met the man. I have been involved with the squadron either as a member or with my parents for most of my life and there are many other members that I have not met. I know that people join organizations for many different reasons, discounts, education, etc. I personally join a group for the friendships and socialization that is involved. My mom used to say there are three types of members; 1) active members who attend meetings and get involved in the workings of the squadron; 2) social members who attend the social functions and catch up on what is going on that way and 3) obituary members (those who just want another or-</p>	<p>ganization to list in their obituary) Not my thoughts exactly but to some extent, very true. All members are keys to any organizations. We need active members to help run the squadron; we also need the ones who love to attend the social functions (I look forward to seeing many of these people at every function) and those who join for various other reasons as stated previously. Which category do you fit in? Which one would you like to fit in? Why not make plans to attend a meeting, come out to a social function or further your education through one of our many new seminars that can be offered if enough interest is expressed.</p> <p>Get the most out of your dues. Make it a family affair. As many of</p>	<p>you know, our family has been actively involved since my Dad joined in 1964. Five out of six children have been or are active in the squadron along with five grandchildren, and two spouses. None of us were dragged into this organization. We grew up with it and wanted it to be part of our lives. The Dougherty family has the same tradition. Frank and Tom's children are all members of the USPS. Bring your children, grandchildren, friend's children to social events and expose them to fun and friendships that can be made which will last them a lifetime.</p>
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AIPS CALENDAR

17 September
AIPS General Meeting
Absecon American Legion
1930

26 September
Canoe/Kayak Trip
Great Egg Harbor River
1030

9-11 October
D/5 Sail Regatta & Fall Festival
Herrington Harbor, Friendship,
MD

15 October
AIPS GWIE Dinner
Elk's Lodge
Brigantine
1830

6-8 November
D/5 Fall Conference
Rockville, MD

19 November
AIPS General Meeting
Absecon American Legion
1930



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Scoop from the Poop Deck

It's been a busy summer for many members of AIPS. WE geared up for the D5 Summer Rendezvous in Cape Charles, VA. Check out the report of page 5. Immediately following the Summer Rendezvous, a fishing tournament was held at the Trump Marina on 1 August. Unfortunately, only one boat attended, Breezin', captained by P/C Dave Bernard and his family. Also on board were new members Hector & Lisa Gonzalez. A lot of fish were caught, but no keepers. After the tournament, Dave & Nancy were joined by D/5 Commander Ralph Bernard and Nance, Commander Apryl Bernard, Jacki & Tony Carugno, Ashle & Britne Bernard, Lisa & Hector Gonzalez, Kristin Bernard and their children. They all attended the D4 Cocktail party held on "H" Dock at the Trump Marina. These guys really put on a great spread. It was great to meet other members from up North.

On Sunday, 2 August, the Bernard family met at the Absecon Lighthouse to take the climb to the top. Members who made it to the top were Ralph Bernard, Apryl Bernard, Dave & Nancy Bernard, Lisa & Hector Gonzalez, Tony Carugno, Ashle & Britne Bernard, Sierra Gonzalez, Matt Carugno, Ralph Carugno, Jason Gonzalez, Briana Pope, Bruce Beach, Mark Beach and his fiancée. Some members chose to stay at the bottom, Betty Byerly, Nance Bernard & Kristin Bernard. This climb was done on what would have been Bette Bernard's 80th birthday. At the top of the lighthouse, we posed for a picture and sang a happy birthday to Bette.



AIPS members pose at the top of the lighthouse



Jason Gonzalez gives a salute to the AIPS burgee during the fishing tournament

Executive Officer
 Jaelyn C. Carugno, D

As I travel with D/C Ralph Bernard, AP to other squadron's, I can't help but truly appreciate the camaraderie the power squadron offers. To each of the events, each member is asked to bring one person who is not part of the squadron. We were in Virginia Beach a few weeks ago, only to find out one member brought 8 people to witness the FUN of the squadron.

Word of mouth is the best way for our squadron to grow. Recently, a gentleman from our dock in Baltimore attended part of the D/5 Summer Cruise. He liked it so much, he is looking to join Dundalk Power Squadron. (Sorry I can't bring him to AIPS, but he lives in Baltimore.)

Don't only talk to boaters, invite non-boaters, too. The squadron is a not only an educational organization, it is a social organization. This organization is an extension of my family through which I have developed some amazing friendships.



Jacki & Tony Carugno at the D/4
 Cocktail party on 1 August



D5 Aides pose together before the cocktail party
 in Cape Charles, VA

Invite a friend! Bring them to the GWIE dinner or to the Christmas Party, let them see how much fun we have as well.

District/National News & Events

23-25 July, 2009, District 5 combined with District 27 to hold a joint summer rendezvous in Cape Charles, VA. What a great success! From the cruise southward to the seafood feast hosted by the fire department of Cape Charles to the many different activities, potato cannon contest, conch blowing contest, children's activities, the flag raising ceremony, and the Saturday night pig roast, the entire weekend was filled with something for everyone. Many of our members made the journey south, either by boat or by car. In total, over 300 people from D/5 and D/27 attended. It was great to meet our fellow squadron members from North Carolina and see how other districts do things. D27 is a little more relaxed than D5 when it comes to the flag raising formalities, but I kind of like our ways better. Thanks to P/D/C Arlene Anderson of Hampton Roads for her chair of this great event. She and her committee went the extra mile to insure everyone had a good time.



P/C Dave Bernard, AP, Cdr Apryl Bernard, P & D/C Ralph Bernard, AP at the Flag Raising ceremonies.

D/C Ralph Bernard at the Flag Raising Ceremonies in Cape Charles, VA



Group picture of District 27 and District 5 attendees in Cape Charles, VA

Educational Officer
Esther (Betty) Byerly, AP

It's unbelievable how fast time goes by. We still have some boating time left before we need to winterize the boats.

Since our last article we have had two classes. The class at The Aquarium had 8 students and all have received their Boat Safety Certificate. We would like to thank the Aquarium for asking Absecon Island to present this class.

Our next class was presented at the Brigantine Yacht Club August 11 & 18th. We had 7 students all of which are waiting for their Boat Safety Certificate. Commodore Jim Burns was very appreciative of our inquiry to use the facility and has made it available for future use.

I am now setting up a class At Ocean City High School in October. The dates to be announced.

NOTICE

It has been reported----

Anyone going to the Motor Vehicle Office to renew their drivers license and boat is also on the license must produce their Boat Safety Certificate to them or they will not renew your license. It's better to be prepared.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can verify your personal information on the USPS web page. Here's how:

Go to www.usps.org.

- ⌂ **Click on member stuff; a drop down menu will appear**
- ⌂ **Click on Logon**
- ⌂ **When the next page appears; put in your certificate #; then your zip code, hit Enter. (if you do not know your certificate number, look in your roster)**
- ⌂ **Click on manage your own profile from the menu on the left hand side of the page**
- ⌂ **Your profile should come up; check it for its accuracy.**

If there are corrections to be made; please e-mail Lynn Graiser at the following e-mail: lynn39@verizon.net. with changes that are to be made.

Check back in a week to see if it is correct.

Pictures from D5 Summer Rendezvous



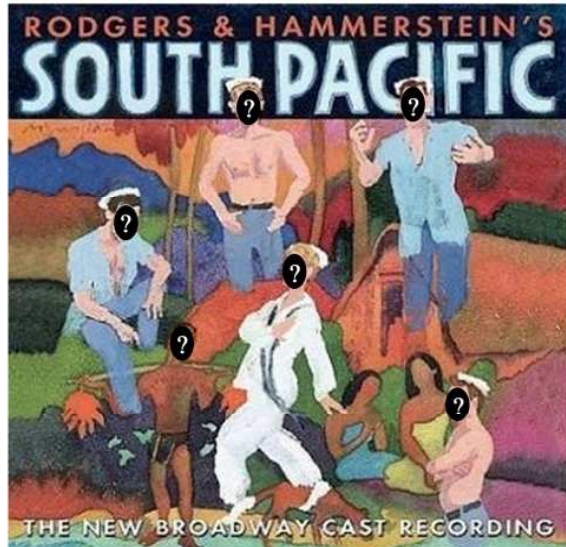
Administrative officer Lou Orth, P

Summer may be drawing to an end, but AIPS still has many activities into the Fall. On 26 September, the canoers and kayakers will meet at Sue Stiles house at 1130 to take a cruise on the Great Egg Harbor River, collecting trash along the way. See the flyer for more details. October brings the annual GWIE dinner at the Elk's Lodge in Brigantine. As usual, this dinner will bring much laughter and embarrassment to our members. Got any dirt on members, contact Sandy Wytoshek at (609) 264-9274. We also now have a date for the Christmas party in December. The party will be 12 December at the Carugno/Bernard residence in Mays Landing. Also, do not forget the Boscov's Day on 6 October. Contact Sue Stiles for discount coupons (609) 625-0555.

We want to welcome in our new member Carl Davis. Carl comes to us via the Brigantine Yacht Club class. Carl lives in Brigantine and was recommended by Ron Kline. Welcome aboard Carl! We also had some interest from a few other course takers and hopefully we will get a few more new members.

Who gets the G.W.I.E.?

AIPS Theater Company Presents



Come see the show to find out!

Playing one night only on 15 October

at the Elks in Brigantine on

400 W Shore Drive at 1800

For Tickets contact Sandy at

(609) 264-9274

\$27.50 for adults \$10 for children

"Absecon Island Power Squadron Annual (again) Canoe/Kayak Trip"

Date: September 26, 2009
(Saturday) *Rain or Shine*



Meeting Place: Susan Stiles (Residence)
1119 West Riverside Drive
Mays Landing, New Jersey 08330
(Weymouth Township-Just off Rt. 50)
(609) 625-0555

Time: Meet Promptly at **1130**
(We will depart as soon as we have enough water to float.)

Cost: None, but donations accepted

This will be approximately a 3-4 hour trip on the scenic Great Egg Harbor River. Pack and bring your own lunch and we will stop and eat some place along the river. It will depend on which way we all decide to go.

Bring your fishing nets to capture the litter and your plastic bags to clean up the river again!!

All Members can meet at my house, sometime after 3 PM, for fun, swimming in the pool, and conversation over cocktails. BYOB and food for dinner if you would like to stay.

YOU Must R.S.V.P. By 9/18/09 **Susan Stiles 625-0555**
(We need to know how many we need to borrow and if we have enough!)

Suggestions

Wear water shoes or old shoes. Do not leave anything loose in your pockets. Use waterproof bags for other items. Leave keys and additional extra clothes at the meeting place.

Absecon Island Power Squadron

Fund Raiser – Once again we are participating in this great program!

“Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends”

Ahoy AIPS Members:

We need your help! This is a great way to save money while you shop and help our squadron raise funds.

Contact any member of the executive committee to purchase a Boscov’s shopping pass for \$5.00. This will allow you to receive a 25%* discount on most purchases on the one day only *Friends Helping Friends* day, **Tuesday October 6, 2009** at all Boscov’s locations. These discount passes can be used by anyone so arrange for your friends to buy them also. Boscov’s will offer free refreshments and great door prizes.

*Some exclusions apply.

The entire \$5 goes directly to our organization.

The tickets will be available for purchase at all of our upcoming events.

Call a member today and support Absecon Island!!

Lt Susan Stiles, Chair, 609/625-0555

Safety First

How to prepare your boat for a hurricane.
By Capt. Vincent Daniello

Unfortunately, I've had too much experience with hurricanes. The 2004 season started when Hurricane Charley's 150 mph winds battered my wife's grandparents' home in Pine Island, Florida. Weeks later I was securing clients' boats ahead of Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. In 2005, I moved to Miami in time for Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Add Hurricanes Isabel in Washington, D.C. in 2003, Floyd in the Bahamas in 1999, Bob in North Carolina in 1991 and many more. I took away valuable lessons from each.

Of the three damaging elements of hurricanes — wind, rain and storm surge — wind is the most underestimated. Windage increases by the square of the wind velocity. Five square yards of flat surface generate about 10 pounds of pressure in a 10-knot breeze. At 30 knots, the same five yards create 90 pounds of force and at 100 knots, 1,000 pounds. With that much force, surviving 120 mph winds or more — a direct hit from a solid category-three hurricane — is as much about luck as preparation. But avoiding damage in a glancing blow or lesser storm is likely with proper preparation. "The area of serious destruction is pretty small," says Frank Atlass, CEO of South Florida-based Atlass Insurance Group. "If you're within a mile or so of the eye, you're going to have a lot of damage. But if the winds stay under 120 mph, it's possible to survive without too much damage."

Atlass' experiences with customers' claims back up my three-part philosophy:

- ✦ Prepare well for a near-miss;
- ✦ assemble and check all gear at the beginning of the season;
- ✦ and keep preparations, and later dismantling, as simple and quick as possible.

Once a major hurricane is imminent, there are (or should be) far bigger concerns than the boat.

Consider my suggestions as an overall strategy. Each boat, dock and storm is unique and requires different tactics. For example, if a minor storm with lots of rain is forecast, I'll leave shore power connected to keep batteries charged. But if a major blow is coming, I'll disconnect power cords and run a portable battery charger using a heavy-duty extension cord from the dock. (Running the generator is another option, but storm debris will likely clog sea strainers.)

Take photos of your preparations and those of neighboring boats before the storm. (Film is easier than digital to prove authentic in court.) It's also wise to have tarps, tie wraps and duct tape handy to mitigate additional damage after the storm, but be careful when returning to the boat. Hurricanes cause broken planks with protruding nails and live, exposed electrical wires. I've also run into confused and displaced spiders and snakes.

Most importantly, never risk life or limb. "We don't want anyone to get hurt," Atlass says. At some point boat owners should say: "I've done my best. It may not be good enough, but it might be. I've got other possessions to tend to, and my family, which is most important." After witnessing so many hurricanes' destructive powers, I couldn't agree more.

Dry Stack

While many insurance companies will pay to have boats hauled, dry stack storage facilities often aren't built to withstand hurricane winds. A few facilities are, however, and may earn you reduced insurance premiums as well as save your boat.

Boat Lifts

Boat lifts are not a sure bet, either. If your lift seems like the safest option, raise the boat high, above storm surge. To keep the boat and lift from moving, secure the boat to the lift and tie both to the dock. Then raise the lift a few inches to cinch everything tight.

Canvas Cover

Removing canvas reduces windage, and most insurance companies will pay only a depreciated value for damaged canvas. On the other hand, bridge enclosures protect electronics in a near-miss with perhaps only 30 or 40 knots of wind but hours or days of torrential rain. I'd rather repair or replace canvas than worry about soggy electronics that might fail weeks or months later while offshore. Either way, tape covers down and even add a tarp to protect electronics from water. Duct tape is secure but will leave a mess. Painters' tape is easier to remove. Plastic shrink-wrap tape is strongest and fairly easy to clean, but hard to find on short notice.

Dry Box

Both setting and stowing hurricane lines is much quicker when everything is assembled in one place ahead of time.

Chain Piling

Chain and thimbles are the best guarantee against chafing, particularly on concrete pilings. A fire hose will protect pilings from the chain. This rig will slide up and down most fixed pilings that hold floating docks in place, too. Tie wraps prevent shackle pins from unscrewing, and they are easy to remove later.

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