



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB®
2026 ANNUAL MEETING & CHANGE OF WATCH
 Embassy Suites by Hilton Myrtle Beach
 Oceanfront Resort
 8 - 16 February 2026



Annual Meeting
 February 9-15, 2026
 Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Updated January 15 2026 for ROOM CHANGES

Table Exhibits, Cambridge Hall
OPEN Wednesday 11 a.m. -- 4 p.m. | Thursday 9 a.m. -- 4 p.m. | Friday 9 a.m. -- 4 p.m.

2026 Cary NC Fall Governing Board and Raffle; 2027 Tampa FL Annual Meeting

National Social Activities	Co-Op Charting
MuVIT Boating Simulator	Dawn's Travel Deals
Sea Scouts	Endowment Fund Committee

Legend:
 *Business - Closed to public
 * Open - Everyone is welcome
 * Pre-Registration/Invitation - Needs advance reservation/invitation to attend

FEBRUARY 9, MONDAY

Meeting Type	Time	Location	Name/Description
Open	7 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Coastal Grill	Wake Up to the Smell of Breakfast! The Coastal Grill & Bar will start your day with a complimentary* Full American Breakfast Buffet. Not a breakfast person? You may just turn into one! Stop in at the Coastal, if not for breakfast, for the ocean view! *Only for those staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel
Open	5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Coastal Grill	Evening Reception at the Coastal Grill & Bar. The Coastal Grill & Bar is a gathering place for not only the stunning view of the water, but a complimentary* glass of wine/nibbles awaits you. This is also an opportunity to socialize with your ABC USPS friends or find boaters amongst the other guests of the resort before dinner. *Only for those staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel

FEBRUARY 10, TUESDAY Attire: Squadron Shirts or Appropriate Attire

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Open	7 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Coastal Grill	Wake Up to the Smell of Breakfast! The Coastal Grill & Bar will start your day with a complimentary* Full American Breakfast Buffet. Not a breakfast person? You may just turn into one! Stop in at the Coastal, if not for breakfast, for the ocean view! *Only for those staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel
Pre-Registration Required	4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. dinner followed by a 7 p.m. show at the Carolina Opry Theater!	Black Drum Brewing Restaurant	Experience the distinct flavors and comfort of the Carolinas in one place—the Kingson Resort properties! We will meet for dinner and then travel to the famous Carolina Opry Theater. This entertainment venue is highly acclaimed and was named a "Top Attraction in Myrtle Beach" by CNBC. Featuring a cast of over 35 of the nation's most talented performers, this variety show spans all genres to bring you the best hits of yesterday, today and everything in between! The Carolina Opry is celebrating their 40 th Anniversary in 2026 so let's help them celebrate! Arrive by 6:30pm to be seated in time for the 7:00pm show. The theater is no cash for purchases at the gift shop and concessions. We will be seated together in section G for the original Carolina Opry Show.
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FEBRUARY 11, WEDNESDAY Day Attire: Squadron Shirts Evening: Friends Dinner: Blazer or Other Appropriate Attire			
Meeting Type	Time	Location	Name/Description
Open	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Cambridge Hall	Activities Registration Opens
Open	2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Cambridge Hall	HQ and Voter Information
Open	1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Pembroke	Ship's Store Open for Sales
Open	7 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Coastal Grill	Wake Up to the Smell of Breakfast! The Coastal Grill & Bar will start your day with a complimentary* Full American Breakfast Buffet. Not a breakfast person? You may just turn into one! Stop in at the Coastal, if not for breakfast, for the ocean view! *Only for those staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel
Open	7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.		Morning Beach Walk With Apryl. Join Apryl Bernard this morning for a brisk but short group morning walk on the beach right outside our hotel. Whether you wear your favorite walking shoes or you go barefoot to feel that fine South Carolina sand between your toes, this will be a great way to begin your day!
Open	9 a.m. to Noon	Eton	SECRETARY DEPT. Information Technology Meeting
Open	10 a.m. to Noon	Hampton	ADMIN DEPT. National Social Activities Committee Meeting
Pre-Registration Required	Noon to 1 p.m.	Oxford	Lunch for Everyone. Come meet and make friends at a casual lunch. Why eat by yourself? Join us for a quick casual lunch with a fun flair! National Meetings tries to add some games or other interactive activity while we enjoy a quick, easy low stress lunch.
Pre-Registration Required	3 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Tour	VIP Tour and Tasting at Twelve 33 Distillery. Experience a behind the scenes look at the operation of a craft distillery along with a tasting of six spirits of your choice at the Hidden Speakeasy. Great way to experience premium craft spirits unique to South Carolina!
Business	3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Kensington C	2024-2026 C/C Aides Meeting
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By Invitation	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Coastal Grill	1 st Timers Reception
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Open	6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Seaside Vista	Pre-dinner Reception. The bar will be open, so come join your friends, old and new, for a bit of pre-dinner socializing.
Pre-Registration Required	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Seaside Vista	Welcome Back! What better way is there to begin our conference week and reconnect with friends than with the Welcome Back dinner? This will be a great evening to relax and enjoy each other's company while being challenged and entertained with group activities. Oh, and don't forget the excellent meal - Firefly Grill Out - being served.
FEBRUARY 12, THURSDAY Day Attire: Squadron Shirts Evening: Awards Dinner: Blazer or Other Appropriate Attire			
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Open	9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Cambridge Hall	HQ and Voter Information
Open	7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Cambridge Hall	Activities Registration Opens
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Pre-Registration Required. Contact Ann Peltier at Peltier.abc@gmail.com to reserve a seat.	8 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.	Kensington E	ED DEPT. Instructor Recertification Seminar. Educational Department Certified Instructors can renew their Instructor Certification during our updated in-person Recertification Seminar. Join other instructors as we explore effective teaching strategies, ways to involve your students through questions and activities, and how to encourage fellow squadron members to join the educational team. We will share and exchange teaching experiences while learning about the teaching styles that researchers have proven to be effective for today's boaters. Enjoy a stimulating learning experience while renewing your Certification.

FEBRUARY 12, THURSDAY, continued			
Meeting Type	Time	Location	Name/Description
Open	8:30 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.	Kensington C	ED DEPT. Online Education Committee
Open	8:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.	Oxford	ED DEPT. Basic Public Education Committee
Open	9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.	Kensington C	ED DEPT. Publishing Committee
Business	9 a.m. to Noon	Kensington F	Budget Committee Meeting
Business	9 a.m. to Noon	Winchester	Planning Committee Meeting
Business	9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Suite	Law Committee Meeting
Open	10:15 a.m. to Noon	Kensington B	EXEC DEPT. Public Affairs/Marketing Meeting. Join us for a focused discussion on promoting America's Boating Club® US Power Squadrons® and advancing our mission of safe boating through effective public relations and marketing efforts. We'll review current initiatives, share ideas, and explore opportunities to strengthen outreach, increase visibility, and support squadrons at all levels. All members interested in communications, outreach, public relations, social media, and marketing are welcome.
Open	10:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	Kensington E	ED DEPT. Navigation: Paddling Seminar. Preview a chapter from the new Inland Boating Course titled "Human-powered Boating." Topics include types of paddlecraft, appropriate waterways, weather conditions, recommended attire, training, and transport.
Open	10:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	Oxford	ED DEPT. On-Water Training & Certification Committee
Open	10:30 a.m. to Noon	Kensington D	Member Portal Workshop for Districts. In this session, we'll show you how your district bridge members and other district administrators can take full advantage of the Member Portal. We'll cover updating your OD in iMIS as well as creating events, emailing members, and working with reports. We'll leave plenty of time at the end for questions and feature requests. Bring your charged Laptop.
Open	11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	Kensington C	ED DEPT. Instructor Development Committee
Pre-Registration Required	Noon to 1:30 p.m.	Kensington G	Keynote Speaker Luncheon. America's Boating Club, the Go-To Boating Resource! Marjorie Young, author of Reputation Matrix™, shares how PR -- "the mega word of mouth"-- can amplify your squadron or district's message far beyond the reach of traditional advertising. With the right PR strategy, your good news can ripple through your community and attract new members, partners, and visibility. Digital Marketing.
Pre-Registration Required	Noon to 3 p.m.	Tour	Extraordinary Tour of Duplin Winery - home of America's favorite Muscadine wine! Rare opportunity to endgate in winte tasting along with a virtual tour of their state-of-the-art Rose Hill facility and the bottling of your own keepsake wine! Oh yes, the tasting also includes a gourmet cheese dip, homemade gourmet crackers and a glass of wine after the tasting is complete!
Business	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Kensington F	Finance Committee Meeting
Pre-Registration Required	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Kensington G	"Reputation Matrix" Workshop with Keynote Speaker Marjorie Young. During this interactive session, participants will: Learn 5 proven PR strategies for boosting visibility, credibility, and positive word of mouth. 1. Develop a tailored PR plan for their club. 2. Learn how to form a visibility team to sustain momentum. 3. Write a press release using AI. 4. Create a local media list. 5. Tips on media relations. By the end of the workshop, each participant will have the basics of being their club's publicist, equipped with a clear, actionable strategy — and the confidence to use it. Please bring your charged laptop.
Business	1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Kensington A	Endowment Committee Meeting
Business	1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Winchester	Rules Committee Meeting
Open	2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.	Oxford	ED DEPT. Boat Handling Committee
Open	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Kensington D	SECRETARY DEPT. Information Technology Committee Meeting.
Open	2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	War Room	National Meetings Committee Meeting

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Open	2 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.	Winchester	ED DEPT. Boat Systems: Direct Current Wiring and Circuits Seminar. This seminar will provide practical knowledge and skills for maintaining and upgrading a marine 12-volt DC electrical system. Topics include: · Wire type and size · Fuses and breakers · Making good terminations and connections · Troubleshooting
Open	4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Kensington D	SECRETARY DEPT. Heritage and Documents Committee Meeting.
Business	3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Kensington A	Educational Fund Meeting
Open	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Oxford	ED DEPT. Navigation Committee
Open	5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Coastal Grill	Evening Reception at the Coastal Grill & Bar. The Coastal Grill & Bar is a gathering place for not only the stunning view of the water, but a complimentary* glass of wine/nibbles awaits you. This is also an opportunity to socialize with your ABC USPS friends or find boaters amongst the other guests of the resort before dinner. *Only for those staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel
Open	6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Kensington G Foyer	Pre-dinner Reception. The bar will be open, so come join your friends, old and new, for a bit of pre-dinner socializing.
Pre-Registration Required	7 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Kensington G	Life Member and Awards Dinner. Join us to celebrate the accomplishments of all being honored this evening. We celebrate members who have earned 25 Merit Marks and acknowledge winners of the various department awards.
FEBRUARY 13, FRIDAY Attire: Patriotic in Support of Our Country During the Winter Olympics or Other Appropriate Attire			
Meeting Type	Time	Location	Name/Description
Open	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Cambridge Hall	HQ and Voter Information
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Open	8:15 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Eton	EXEC DEPT. Safety Committee.
Open	8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Somerset	ADMIN DEPT. IS YOUR SQUADRON ON LIFE SUPPORT? Join the Squadron Support and Development team along with other members to share strategies to help your squadron have a stronger " heart beat". This round table session will include squadrons sharing actions that have been helpful along with a review of resources available through our national organization. All are welcome to attend.
Open	8:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	Kensington A	Joint Educational Department
Open	9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Kensington B	SECRETARY DEPT. Information Technology Committee Meeting. New Features in the USPS Member Website.
Business	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Kensington C	DC/DXO Meeting.

FEBRUARY 13, FRIDAY, Continued			
Meeting Type	Time	Location	Name/Description
Open	10 a.m. to Noon	Oxford	Endowment Fund. Securing Our Future. Securing Our Future. Did you know that a contribution to the Endowment Fund can help secure the future of America's Boating Club United States Power Squadrons? Your contribution to the fund principal provides a lasting source of income to support our mission of making the water a better place through education, civic service, and fellowship on the water. In this seminar we'll discuss the importance of supporting the ABC/USPS mission through our second century. Experts will present on the many possibilities of giving: recurring or one time gifts, multi-year pledges, Qualified Charitable Distributions, trusts, planned giving, and estate planning. We'll also introduce our new system for tracking and reporting tax information back to contributors. Come be part of the solution!
Pre-Registration Required	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Tour	Ripley's Aquarium of Myrtle Beach. Two different layers of pure entertainment. Lower level features the Ray Bay home to gentle giant rays; Sloth Valley where you can hang out with Rico and Cleo and finally the glass tunnel known as the Dangerous Reef where sharks, sawfish and a green sea turtle reside. You will enter the world of the Rio Amazon, the Tropical Rainforest, and Planet Jellies on the Upper level. And after all that travel, you have over 20 restaurants to quench your hunger and thirst!
Open	10:15 a.m. to Noon	Eton	EXEC DEPT. Co-op Charting USPS/ABC Updates. Interested in learning more about what's coming up in the world of Co-Operative Charting? This is the best place to be to learn about new aspects of this activity!
Open	10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Somerset	ADMIN DEPT. It's All About Membership. This workshop covers practical tools and strategies to recruit new members, retain existing ones, and engage both new and seasoned members of America's Boating Club United States Power Squadrons. It also highlights effective places and opportunities to find and connect with prospective members.
Open	10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	Kensington B	SECRETARY DEPT. Communications Committee Meeting.
Pre-Registration Required	Noon to 1:30 p.m.	Kensington F	DC/DXO Luncheon. Great opportunity to gather together to enjoy a delicious meal with the district commanders from other districts.
Pre-Registration Required	Noon to 1:15 p.m.	Kensington E	Educational Department Luncheon.
Pre-Registration Required	Noon to 1:15 p.m.	Kensington D	Everyone Lunch.
Open	1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Oxford	ADMIN DEPT. Sea Scout Roundtable. A strategic roundtable where Sea Scout leaders, ABC/USPS Liaisons and ABC/USPS Power Squadron members align efforts to support youth maritime leadership, seamanship education, and collaborative boating safety initiatives.
Open	1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Somerset	Member Portal Workshop for Squadrons. This session will demonstrate how your squadron bridge and other chapter administrators can take full advantage of the Member Portal. We'll cover updating your OD in iMIS as well as adding new members, emailing members, creating events and working with reports. We'll leave plenty of time at the end for your questions. Bring your charged laptop.
Open	1:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.	Kensington A	Educational Department - Breakout Session
Open	1:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.	Eton	Educational Department - Breakout Session 2
Business	1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Kensington B	Planning Committee
Open	2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Oxford	Governing Board Delegate Meeting
Open	4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Kensington A	Educational Department - Administration and Close
Open	5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Coastal Grill	Evening Reception at the Coastal Grill & Bar. The Coastal Grill & Bar is a gathering place for not only the stunning view of the water, but a complimentary* glass of wine/nibbles awaits you. This is also an opportunity to socialize with your ABC USPS friends or find boaters amongst the other guests of the resort before dinner. *Only for those staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel

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Open	5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Coastal Grill	District Meet and Greet is being combined with the Evening Reception at the Coastal Grill & Bar. Districts just enjoy this part of the evening!
Pre-Registration Required	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Topgolf Myrtle Beach	Looking for something to do after the cocktail party? Join us for a fun time at Topgolf Myrtle Beach, a entertainment destination for hitting balls in their driving range, playing games and/or eating finger foods. Golf is not required, but having a good time is!
FEBRUARY 14, SATURDAY Day Attire: Uniform G Evening : Uniform A with Bow Tie, or Business Attire. Ladies Formal Evening Wear			
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Open	8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Pembroke	Ship's Store Open for Sales
Open	9 a.m. to Noon	Kensington DEFG	Annual Meeting
Open	11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	Seaside Vista	Pre-lunch Reception. Whether your lunch plans are with the Social Activities or Members luncheons or you are off on your own, join us at this reception for a beverage with friends.
Pre-Registration Required	12:15 p.m. to 2 p.m.	Winchester	Social Activities Luncheon. The Reefs Beneath Your Keel. Saturday's Social Luncheon will feature a colorful and lively program of underwater photography presented by P/C Lee H. Ayers, SN-CN of America's Boating Club of Lake Murray who will share the wonders he has found beneath the sea. You will find Lee on the water every chance he gets. From captaining sunset dinner cruises on a 100-passenger tour boat to enjoying his lake cruiser to fishing from his center console, Lee has yet to find something he doesn't like about the water. And he doesn't limit that enjoyment to the top of the water – he's an enthusiastic diver and dive instructor.
Pre-Registration Required	12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Seaside Vista	Members Luncheon. Come and enjoy a deliciously prepared lunch. Take advantage of sitting with friends join the members at this time to enjoy lunch, visit with friends and new friends, as you share the learnings you have gained from this National Meeting!
Open	1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Kensington DEFG	Annual Meeting Re-convenes
Open	5 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Oxford	Ecumenical Service
Open	5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Coastal Grill	Evening Reception at the Coastal Grill & Bar. The Coastal Grill & Bar is a gathering place for not only the stunning view of the water, but a complimentary* glass of wine/nibbles awaits you. This is also an opportunity to socialize with your ABC USPS friends or find boaters amongst the other guests of the resort before dinner. *Only for those staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel
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Pre-Registration Required	7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Kensington ABC	Change of Watch Celebration for a New Bridge!