

**Presented to:** 

## **Barefoot Sailing Club** Who and What is ABCA?

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## What is ABCA?

America's Boating Club Atlanta: unit of the United States Power Squadron, a/k/a America's Boating Club; 501(c) 3 non-profit.

ABCA now has about 190 members, including singles and families.

USPS was founded in 1914 to focus on three fundamentals:



- Self Education
- **Civic Service**
- Fraternal Boating Club





# **ABC Self Education**

CLASSES OFFERED TO PUBLIC ANNUALLY – AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE (our basic "Safe Boating Course" overview)

CLASSES OFFERED PERIODICALLY – (open to members and nonmembers)

> Boat Handling Engine Maintenance Marine Communications Marine Electrical Systems Sail Weather Instructor Development

Marine Navigation Advanced Navigation Offshore Navigation Celestial Navigation On-The-Water Classes Cruising & Cruise Planning





## **Civic Services**

#### NATIONAL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

- Vessel Safety Checks
- Co-op Charting
- Boating Safety Seminars (usually to new boaters)

#### LOCALLY SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES/CHARITIES

- Calvary Children's Home
- Atlanta Ronald Mc Donald House Charities
- Lake Lanier Association



## **Fraternal Boating Club**

#### HAVING FUN WITH OUR FELLOW BOATERS

Social activities – member meetings Social activities – on-the-water raft-ups Social activities – parties and recognition gatherings Short boating trips (long weekends) Longer boating trips/charters





### **COVID-19 IMPACT ON ABCA**

No mask or vaccination mandates, to date (members choose for themselves to participate or not)

Many activities changed from in-person to zoom (member meetings and board meetings) Some activities canceled altogether (boat show, boat excursions like leaf tour) Some activities held in-person at outside venues Some activities happened as planned – attendance varied





# **Civic Service/Outreach**







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Lake Lanier Association-- Shore Sweep and Annual Membership Meeting





## **Socializing and Eating!**

#### We boaters sure know how to eat and be merry! YUM!





### **MORE Socializing and Eating!**



Specializing in breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and ...

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## **Charity Support**



Ronald McDonald House, on-site visits and charity auctions, plus Calvary Children's Home youth activities

#### Join the fun of helping others!



## More civic and charity support





## **Boating Education** Boating classes, seminars and hands-on







# **Boating Education**

#### And, yes, sometimes we 'test'





## **Boating Education BONUS!**



Local members were instrumental in developing the USPS High-tech Boating Simulator as part of a national program of boating education and safety. We use ours at boat shows, safety presentations and community events.

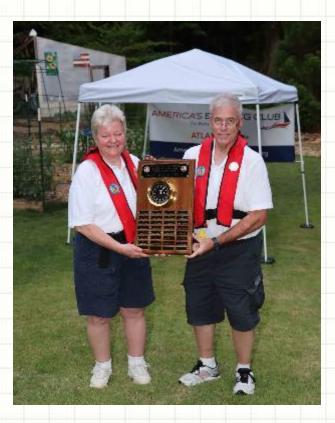


# **Free Vessel Safety Checks**

#### Got your required – and suggested -- equipment?



### **Awards and Recognitions**







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### More fun than you can imagine!







#### More food than you can imagine!



## For more information:

#### Visit our website:

www.americasboatingclubatlanta.org

Come join in the fun! We'd love to have you with us!

