

Commander's Newsletter

It's hard to believe that the District 26 conference at the Sonesta Hotel was just a short time ago—it already feels like a distant memory! The Sonesta proved to be an outstanding venue, and their staff went above and beyond to ensure our event was a success. Of course, the real credit goes to our incredible squadron members and volunteers, whose hard work and dedication made it all possible.

A special highlight of the weekend was our Saturday cruises, expertly led by our boat captains. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and other squadrons are even looking to incorporate elements of our excursions into their own events. Behind the scenes, our volunteers at the registration table and hospitality room created a warm and welcoming environment for all attendees. Additionally, our members showed tremendous generosity in donating items and experiences for the silent auction.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Debbie Dion, Mary Ellen Witman, and Kathy Sturges, who put in countless hours organizing and managing the silent auction, along with stepping up wherever extra support was needed throughout the weekend. Because of everyone's efforts, we raised over \$4,000—funds that will directly benefit our squadron. The outpouring of positive feedback from attendees is a testament to the strength of our squadron community.

Boating Season is Here!

As the temperatures rise, boating season is officially underway, and our squadron activities are in full swing. Many of you have likely seen announcements for our upcoming boating courses—these are a fantastic way to sharpen your skills and connect with fellow members.

Our vessel safety check program is also off to a great start, with several successful events already completed. We're always looking for more vessel examiners to help perform safety checks—this is a rewarding,

low-commitment way to get involved and see a variety of boats. If you're interested, reach out to Linda Larson or me, and we'll be happy to get you started.

Another exciting event this month is the kickoff of our cruise program, beginning with the Underground Lunch led by Bob Newbert. If Bob includes words like “underground,” “hidden,” or “mystery” in the title, you know you're in for an unforgettable adventure—expect to explore places you may never have visited before! Be sure to check out our full schedule of upcoming cruises under the Activities section at ABCHH.ORG.

As always, I encourage everyone to get out on the water, enjoy the season, and most importantly—boat safely. See you on the water soon!