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# 2020 Captree Boosters

"Thalassa"  
Charlie, Fran & Gus Cooper  
Digi + Joe

Anna & Victor

Steve  
& Linda

Tom & Pam  
Melengha Blue

Sandra  
"Jack & Mary Ann"

Bob & Judy

"Currently Boatless"  
John & Linda  
"Un-Cooked"  
Kathy & Frank

"Eleanor Lee"  
George Tracy

Jenny

"Lady Diana"  
Diane & Michael Richter

Camille & Mike  
Boatless but still  
"Sailing"

Carol & Gene  
"Kristin Ann"

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I do solemnly pledge to:

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DECEMBER	02 TBA TBA TBA	<p style="color: red;">Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge</p> <p>Ladies' Holiday Luncheon</p> <p>Men's Holiday Get-together and Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner</p> <p>Members' Holiday Party</p>

### 2021

JANUARY	20 TBA 22	<p style="color: blue;">2019-20 Captree Nominations' Slate Due</p> <p style="color: blue;">D-3 Fall Educational Conference – (rescheduled from Nov. 7) – Melville Marriott</p> <p style="color: blue;">D-3 Orientation Meeting – Melville Marriott</p>
FEBRUARY	02 03 14-21 17	<p style="color: blue;">USPS 107th Anniversary (Founded 02 February 1914)</p> <p style="color: red;">Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge</p> <p style="color: blue;">USPS National Convention – Ponte Vedra Beach, FL</p> <p style="color: red;">Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge</p>
MARCH	03 05 12-13 17 19	<p style="color: red;">Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge</p> <p style="color: blue;">D-3 Council Meeting – Melville Marriott</p> <p style="color: blue;">D-3 Spring Conference, Luncheon &amp; Change-of-Watch – Melville Marriot</p> <p style="color: red;">Captree Annual General Membership Meeting – <u>ELECTIONS</u> – Moose Lodge</p> <p style="color: red;">Captree's 70th Anniversary (Founded 19 March 1951)</p>
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MAY	05 19 29-31	<p style="color: red;">Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge</p> <p style="color: red;">Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge</p> <p>Memorial Day Weekend Raft-ups – Oak Island</p>
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JULY	03-05 Wkends 07 TBA	<p>July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Daily Raft-ups – Captree Cove, Oak Island</p> <p>Wkends Impromptu weekend Raft-ups – Locations TBA</p> <p style="color: red;">Captree Executive Committee – Location TBD</p> <p>Captree Summer Picnic – Robert Moses Boat Basin, Field 3</p>
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# COMMANDER'S REPORT

**Cdr. Carol Johnson, AP**



Here we are into September which sadly means that our 2020 boating season is coming to an end. This always saddens me even though there are more good boating days ahead.

On August 12, Mike and Dianne Richter hosted a General Meeting/Barbeque at their home which could not have been nicer. Everything was done to perfection. The yard was set to accommodate the crowd in a safe and social distancing manner. Members were seated 4 to a table and although masks were donned when we walked around, we were able to relax at our small intimate tables without them, if desired. Everyone's temperature was taken upon entering insuring no one was unwell.

The barbeque was a great opportunity to honor the new Bridge Officers and their Assistants with the presentation of their flags-of-office in a live forum. The presenters of each flag always bring beautiful insight to the work and dedication of the individual Bridge Officer or Assistant from a friend's point of view.

Captree would like to thank District Commander Betsy Mandara and her husband Joe for taking the time to join us at our Meeting/Barbeque. With all the events that had to be canceled this year, it gave everyone a chance to meet and get to know Betsy.

We also swore in new member Moataz (Mo) Ramadan at the Meeting/BBQ. Mo docks his boat next Linda and John LaDez, who explained the benefits of joining USPS/Captee. Thank you, Linda and John and, once again, we welcome Mo to Captree.

In addition, we used this venue to choose the winner of this year's Commander's Big Fat 50-50 raffle. D/3 Commander Betsy Mandara picked the winning chance which belonged to my husband, Gene. That \$5 chance brought him the winning prize of \$585. He'll no doubt use it towards repairs for our boat which sustained damage from Tropical Storm Isaias. And, once again, Michael Richter sold the most chances and received a \$100 gift certificate from me.

I would be remiss if I didn't once again thank Mike and Dianne Richter for their hospitality and hosting our August meeting/BBQ. It could not have been more perfect, and all the food was YUMMY! Check out the pictures in this **LOG**.

AO Linda LaDez announced the decision of the Executive Committee to cancel our Fall Rendezvous at Cedar Beach. As an alternative, Linda urged members to meet for raft-ups at Captree Cove on both Saturday and Sunday of that weekend (Sept. 12 & 13). Rules for social distancing are followed at our raft-ups and they have proven to be safe for all. Linda also discussed upcoming traditional events for Captree explaining how each event would have to be taken on a day-to-day basis due to the ever-changing atmosphere we are in due to Covid-19.

We have received notification that the annual In-Water Tobay Beach Boat Show, which was to be held the weekend of September 18-20, 2020, has been canceled.

Our D3 Youth Poster Coordinator, P/C Chris Smith, JN, is asking for your help supporting this year's Poster Contest. Children need adults to

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help focus on the positive. The Poster Contest is a positive way to do it and bring generations together working on something creative and fun. District 3's deadlines for entries is September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a child who would be interested in participating in the Poster Contest, please contact me and I will provide you with the necessary information.

The Moose Lodge has reopened which allows us to meet there in person. As you know, the room is very large, thereby enabling adherence to social distancing regulations. As such, we plan to hold our October Executive Committee meeting there on October 7<sup>th</sup> and I am hopeful we can start to hold our General Membership meetings there as well. All attending must wear a mask and sanitizer will be available. Extra tables will be arranged for social distancing.

As reported above, our Fall Rendezvous will be replaced by Captree Cove Raft-ups on September 12 & 13, and in addition, I will be hosting a Sunday Brunch at my home on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM where our famous bacon, egg and cheese sandwiches, usually served at our Cedar Beach Rendezvous, will be cooked up by our highly skilled grill masters, Charlie Virga and Gene Johnson. Fruit salad, Mimosas, Bloody Mary's and a few desserts will also be served. An email will be sent out to members in the coming weeks.

At this time of virtual meetings and activities, email has become a necessary means of keeping our Squadron informed. Please watch you email daily for updates and information to help you stay informed.

Lastly, our USPS Chief Commander, Mary Paige G. Abbott, SN-IN, recently distributed two items to all Districts and Squadrons to be shared with all members.

Page 8 of this **LOG** contains a reprint of a letter she sent to the NY Times as a result of a misguided "The Boating Industry is Booming" column they recently published. In that letter she cites various boating statistics and stresses the need for all boat operators to take a certified boating class, something that should have been included in the column.

The second item is included on pages 9 – 12 and provides highlights of some actions and activities that the USPS Board of Directors and headquarter have recently completed and/or are working on. I have highlighted instructions on replacing your USPS Boating Cards. Remember, all boaters must carry these cards while operating their vessels and in NY State it will be mandatory starting January 1, 2025.

Be well and stay safe!

*Carol*



## COPY OF LETTER TO THE NEW YORK TIMES

09 July 2020

To the Editor,

I was pleased to learn that you have received thoughtful responses from Non-Profit Outreach Grants Director for The Water Sports Foundation Inc. Jim Emmons and Boating Industry Magazine editor David Gee and others regarding Courtney Rubin's misguided "The Boat Business is Booming" column in your July 2nd issue.

As Chief Commander for the 25,000 members in 335 squadrons of the United States Power Squadrons-America's Boating Club (incidentally located throughout Canada, Japan and the world), I was greatly dismayed by the inaccurate and frankly dangerous message inherent in the story- that there is "surprisingly little to learn" in piloting a boat. For 106 years our organization has prided itself in promoting safe boating through education, on the water training, and member support. Chief among our teaching is the fact that safe boating can only come from a well-trained pilot with a wealth of knowledge about the nautical rules of the road in our always unpredictable waterways.

The USCG annually releases its comprehensive summary of Recreational Boating Statistics for the 11,878,542 recreational vessels in America's waterways; and they tell a decidedly different story than Ms. Rubin suggests. Alcohol was the cause of 283 related accidents in 2019 or 14.8%; but failure to pay attention and inexperience caused 1510 accidents - a whopping 36% causal factor. A certified boating class teaches proper lookout tactics. It doesn't come naturally- it has to be taught to you.

Drowning was the cause of death in 79% of instances, yet 86% of the victims were not wearing a life jacket. Wearing a life jacket doesn't come naturally- it has to be taught to you. Nearly 18% of accidents were the result of navigation rule violations. Understanding navigational aids doesn't come naturally - it has to be taught to you.

To be safe on the water, you need to take a boating class. We conduct more than 700 basic boating courses across the nation and online, reaching more than 7500 students each year. To sign up for one of our classes visit [www.americasboatingclub.org](http://www.americasboatingclub.org). The USCG Auxiliary and local law enforcement agencies are also ready to provide excellent training at low cost to you. The data doesn't lie: you can reduce your risk of accidents injury or death by 80% by taking a certified boating class. It's a shame this information wasn't part of Ms. Rubin's story.

*Mary Paige Abbott*  
Chief Commander



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19 August 2020

## MEMBERSHIP IS JOB ONE!

*Happy 100th Anniversary, ladies, of the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving the right to vote to all women.  
(August 18, 1920)*

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.

**2020 FALL CONFERENCE GOES VIRTUAL!** Save the Dates: September 9-19.

The Schedule of Virtual Meetings, Workshops, and Seminars will be distributed soon. Information provided to participate in these departmental virtual sessions will include date, time, presenters, topics, delivery program (FreeConferenceCall, Zoom, GoToMeeting, other) and more. Live, recorded, and blended sessions will be available for you to attend virtually.

### **BOD and HQ Updates:**

1. SBA PPP Loan Status: We are nearing the completion of the program. We allocated 100% of the approved funds to payroll, thus keeping our headquarters staff employed. We will seek forgiveness of the full amount allowed, we have 10 months after the last day of our covered period to apply. Repayment, if needed, also starts after that 10 month period. Our bank has advised that there is potential new legislation that will simplify and streamline the forgiveness process and therefore we may want to delay the submission of the forgiveness application. We are proactively researching, collecting known materials, and discussing the best action for USPS/ABClub.
2. 2021 Budget: The BOD and HQ are actively working with the National Treasurer and the Budget Director to complete the 2021 Budget. Forecasting a moving target is not easy nor fun. As stated previously, change is coming and we will become more efficient and cost-effective. The Finance Committee will review the budget when presented, make recommendations, and present it to the BOD for acceptance.
3. Public Relations Briefs:
  1. Take a look at the Chief Commander's interview with Captain Steve of BoatTEST.com. Thanks to our national marketing team and advertising campaign for creating this opportunity to showcase our organization: <https://vimeo.com/402728786>

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2. In early July the New York Times printed an article, *The Boat Business is Booming*, that elicited a corrective call to action by a multitude of non-profit recreational boating organizations. One statement it contained: "In comparison to other big-ticket items like planes or even cars, there is surprisingly little to learn when driving a boat." I have attached a copy of the Letter to the Editor submitted on behalf of our organization. It was not published, but the content is current and meaningful for all of us. I thank P/C Robert Moro for his assistance.
4. **SAVE THE DATES:**
  1. 2021 Annual Meeting & Governing Board: February 14-21, 2021. Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Marriott Sawgrass Resort.
  2. 2021 Fall Conference & Governing Board Meeting: August 29-September 5, 2021 at the North Hills Raleigh Hilton Hotel.
5. **Replacement Boating Cards: Headquarters has seen an increase in demand for replacement ABC3 boating cards. Cost for a replacement card is \$25.00 and can be ordered from the ABClub website homepage. Click on "Learn" then scroll down to "Replacement Boating Card" and follow the directions.**
6. MMSI Update: We added a "Donate" box to the MMSI online requisition form and are generating voluntary donations since restarting the free program. More than \$400 has been collected to date to support our mission.
7. Membership Is Job One! = Renewals: Our membership renewal rate is poor. HQ sends out at least three (3) notices (electronic and hard copy), yet renewals are down. Squadrons know their members and should make contact regularly; it is the personal communication that works best. Please review your squadron member status, contact members in arrears and those coming up for renewal continuously.
8. New member kits and membership cards: The printing & mailing has been brought in-house for greater efficiency and cost reduction. The revised New Member pamphlet is delivered electronically and available to squadrons for downloading and printing as desired.

#### **Departmental News**

- o Basic Public Education: continuing communications with NASBLA and individual states to implement and provide information on the emergency virtual classroom project. Most states have extended their waiver to 30 September. The committee has provided individual state specifics to the DEO for each state in their district approved for squadron presentations.
- o Boat Operator Certification: updating material for use in a weather webinar in early winter. Also planning on four regional schools in 2021 due to the postponements of 2020 schools.
- o Online Educational Offerings: sales remain strong compared to 2019. As of August 2nd: ABC3 Online sales total 1465 compared to 2019 full year of 998. The BoatUS platform sales are 619 vs 450 in all of 2019. The Virtual Classroom sales total 278 to date; there was no program prior to COVID19 Stay-at-Home directives.
- o America's Boating Channel News: Watch now! Share now! Build an online discussion group with squadron members.
  - The service recently completed a six-episode flight of weekly online magazine shows called "America's Boating Channel LIVE," designed to help recreational

boaters cope with sheltering in place. The series can be viewed at [bit.ly/LIVEBinge](http://bit.ly/LIVEBinge).

- Season Four video titles include “Boater Education,” “Engine Cut-Off Devices,” “Life Jacket Care,” “Behavioral Consequences,” “Introducing ATONS” (aids to navigation), “Dispelling BUI Myths” (boating under the influence), “Life Jacket Labels,” “Electric Shock Drowning (ESD),” and “Social Distancing for Boaters.” Now accepting suggestions for subject matter to be covered in Season Five. Email: [INFO@AmericasBoatingChannel.com](mailto:INFO@AmericasBoatingChannel.com).
- Merit Mark Program: the new software is up and running. Tour this user-friendly (yes, you read that correctly) updated program. Note: Effective September 1st data can be uploaded; you may start entering data now, however. Kudos to the ITCommittee! Additionally, please refer to Chapter 16 of the Operations Manual for tips on submitting your 2020 Merit Mark recommendations.
- Marketing has developed a New App! The [America's Boating Club mobile app](#) will be available through both Apple and Google stores. Watch for this fabulous tool, download, use it, and share it. A press release will be announcing the official launch date...but it may be available on your platform now. Check it out.
- Online Advertising is Generating Results! The campaign started July 1st to drive online memberships and online educational sales for cyber squadron members during COVID 19 has recorded a 60% increase in website use over the previous month: 14,000 in July vs 8,800 in June. Best of all the users are staying on our site an average of 1 min 43 sec. 51% of users came from ad referrals. Ads are in electronic magazines such as *Boating* and *Cruising World*. Our advertising supports all of us; online students are encouraged to "Find a Squadron Near You". Be proactive and review the Cyber Squadron members in your area weekly; ask them to participate in your club.
- Marketing Tool Kits Update: two new promotional fliers and a professionally narrated PPT on "How2Sell" are now available for squadron and district use. Also, a revised boiler plate for websites, press releases, and all formal communications with the public is now available. An electronic signature template is available for all officers and members to add to their electronic communications, i.e. email.
- USCG Hispanic Grant status: a contract with the Hispanic Communications Network has been signed for marketing consulting, website consultation for existing Bienvenido page, and various PSAs are under way. We are collaborating in part with the Water Sports Foundation which is also reaching out to the Hispanic community.
- Cooperative Charting programs are active during social distancing mandates: squadrons should check out the member involvement opportunities with Geodetic Marker Recovery and Nautical verification with the ATON and Bridge status reporting.
- Vessel Safety Checks are morphing from virtual to live checks. The Safety Committee website has the most current information.
- UPDATE: The SeaTow-ARC (Automated Radio Check) System is winding down and the use of the ARC system and has requested all equipment to be returned (radio, power supply, and ARC box) to them. Additionally all associated decals should be destroyed. For more information please look at the Safety Committee website. Remember: Free 60-day SeaTow Membership Cards for all students who successfully complete ABC3 are



in stock and can be ordered from HQ by squadrons to distribute. The cards are good through December 31, 2021.

### **Did You Know?**

Boating as a social distancing activity has increased and just released information identifies the average boat buyer age has dropped: the under 40 year old group is currently purchasing more boats than the traditional 60+ year old market.

**Just for You:** I reached out to one of our members for tips to cope with these stressful times. Many thanks to P/D/C Ferguson.

*Here are some things I have been working with clients to try to incorporate into their lives during this time:*

- *Those who are still working, but at home*
  - *Keep a work schedule, ie when you start and stop. Have a stop time as the rule not the exception. With the use of computers, it is easy to do one more thing and soon it is well beyond the work hours.*
  - *Have your workspace in an assigned area if possible. When you are done, close the door. If there is no door, make a sign and put on your computer that says CLOSED.*
  - *Separation between work and non-work is crucial.*
- *Those working in the office - Keep a schedule. Remember that you are going to give your best but rest allows better productivity.*
- *Pay attention to your health - The thought of exposure at a doctor's office has kept folks from seeking health care. If there is a concern, call your medical provider. Most can do tele-medicine and if necessary can see you in person. Your providers are taking every precaution to protect you and themselves.*
- *Use caution with alcohol or other prescription meds for anxiety. If there has been an increase in use, contact your medical provider or counselor. Those products may help anxiety initially, but when they wear off, you get a rebound of the anxiety and it usually feels worse.*
- *Schedule- Keep one. Get up at the same time and go to bed at the same time. Regular schedules build in predictability, which decreases anxiety.*
- *Develop ways of unwinding: get exercise, pet your dog or cat, breathe deep breaths(when anxious, we breathe shallowly which decreases our oxygen levels), read, listen to music, go boating, learn relaxation techniques by YouTube, try adult coloringbooks...*
- *Isolation- this is a biggie. Face time friends and family, telephone folks, arrange gatherings that are in compliance with your location, attend your place of faith whether virtually or in person, find someone you feel safe with and talk about your feeling and fears. We often think "what have I got to complain about", so we keep it bottled up...over time, it will impact your physical health and mental health. These are times of uncertainty and it is ok to say how you feel.*
- *Tell yourself each day, that this time will pass. I will learn from this experience and come out a stronger person.*

I wish no harm to all who may be in the path of the approaching storms.

Please -Stay safe, smart, and healthy!

*Mary Paige Abbott*

Chief Commander

*"We must always have old memories and young hopes."*

Found on my sister's refrigerator; author unknown.

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# Good and Welfare



## **Congratulations to:**

Charlie and Madelyn Virga who welcomed their fifth great grandchild and first great grandson, River Elliot! River was born August 8<sup>th</sup> and weighted 6 lbs. 11 oz.

## **Enjoy the final weeks of boating season!**



Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please help keep us informed of any illnesses, deaths or happy moments of our members and their family.

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# ***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 on September 1, 2020. If there are any additions or corrections that need to be made, please notify me by email at [fverderber@optonline.net](mailto:fverderber@optonline.net) or phone (516-799-1778).

## **New Captree Members - 2020**

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[moataz.b.ramadan@gmail.com](mailto:moataz.b.ramadan@gmail.com)  
Boat Name: Mo-Tivation

## **Associate Members - 2020**

John & Maria Allison (Great So Bay)  
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Boat Name: Fanta-Sea

Laura Gill, AP & John Gill, AP (Jones Beach)  
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[lollygil@aol.com](mailto:lollygil@aol.com) Boat  
Name: Livin The Dream

P/C Henry Lynn, JN & Arlene (Hempstead Bay)  
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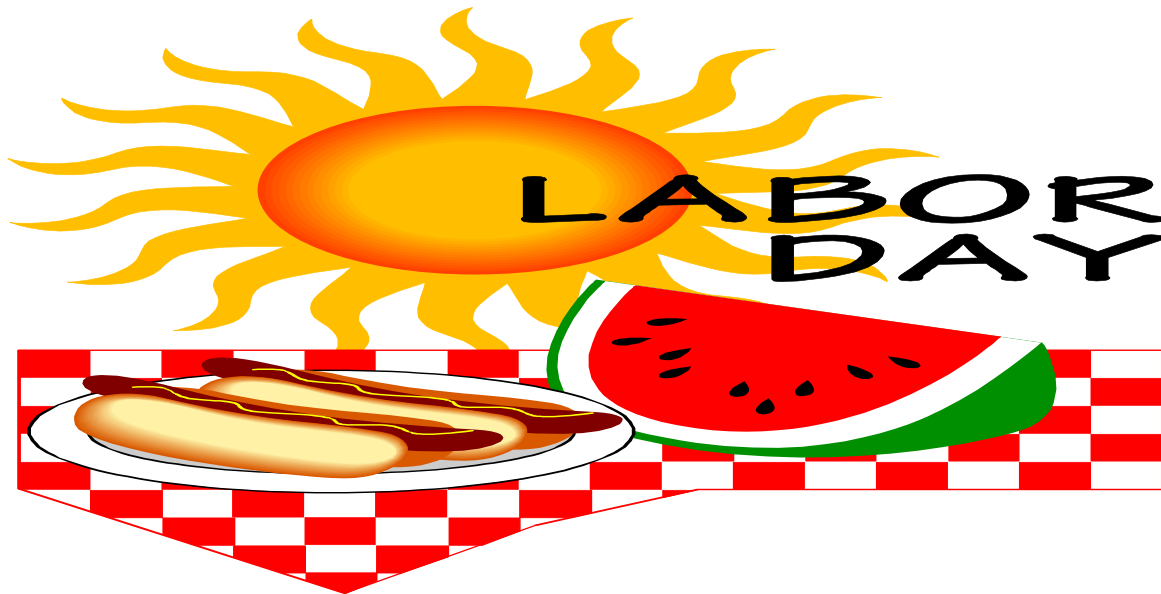
# SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

## BRITHDAYS

09-17 Carol Johnson  
09-20 Mike Mercurio  
09-23 Gene Johnson

## ANNIVERSARIES

09-01 John & Maria Allison (Assoc. Members)  
09-13 Michael & Dianne Richter  
09-14 Ron & Linda Linhart  
09-26 Michael & Vivian Scalia



Captree members and spouses that wish to have  
Birthday & Anniversary dates recognized should send that  
information to Madelyn Virga at [nanavirga@aol.com](mailto:nanavirga@aol.com)



# MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

As September arrives, we look back at the six months prior which have been hugely different for all of us. I ask myself, what is the norm now and what will it be in the future? Right now, it has been standard procedure for Madelyn and me to wear a mask as soon as we leave our home and go somewhere where we are not familiar with the location or the individuals we will be seeing. The one salvation has been having our boat, escaping to Captree Cove, and relaxing by ourselves or with our friends from Captree. Because we stayed in Florida until June 24, our boating season was cut short, however, we took advantage of the great weather in July and August by getting out of the house and going boating. Having such good weather in those two months made up for the lost time in June. In addition, the water in the Cove was in the 80's so all of our Captree bathing beauties were out floating on their tubes while soaking up the sun.

As you all are aware, due to Covid-19, we had to cancel our Change-of-Watch (COW) live ceremony on April 15, our Summer Picnic at Robert Moses Marina on July 19, and this month's Fall Rendezvous scheduled for September 11-13 at the Cedar Beach Marina, in addition to several Exec and membership meetings. However, we did ultimately hold Captree's Change-of-Watch ceremony via Zoom on May 20th, several Exec and membership meetings, including elections, also via Zoom, and hold our August General Membership/BBQ meeting live on August 12 in Mike and Dianne Richter's lovely backyard.

For those who do not know what the Change-of-Watch ceremony is, it is the official passing of the responsibilities of our existing Bridge Officers and their assistants, and elected committees, including the Executive Committee, to those individuals who have been elected for the new year. As an FYI, Captree's new year started May 1, 2020 and runs through April 30, 2021. Part of the ceremony is to present incoming Officers and their Assistants their Flags-of-Office. Because we could not accomplish this at our virtual COW meeting back in May, we conducted this live at the August 12th meeting/BBQ. May I note here that one flag that was presented was to our new Assistant Administration Officer Maria McSweeney who recently volunteered to serve in that important position. Thank you, Maria! I would be remised if I did not mention that I

was asked to present our Commander Carol Johnson her flag-of-office, which was a great honor to me. Carol has been gracious in being Commander for more years than any other Captree Commander, not so much that she likes the job, but primarily to help Captree. We all thank you again, Carol!!!

As part of the official business portion of the evening, we swore in new member Mo Ramadan and picked the winner of our annual Big Fat 50/50 Raffle. Congratulations to winner Gene Johnson!

I wrote above that the COW was held in the Richter's backyard; however, I did not mention that after the swearing-in ceremony, we had a BBQ prepared by Mike and Dianne. For those who attended, I am sure you did not go home hungry. Mike's son, Mike Jr., grilled 12oz New York strip steaks to perfection, Mike Sr. grilled many pounds of marinated shrimp, and Dianne cooked an abundance of string beans, pan-roasted potatoes, and other delicious sides. To complete the meal, we had crumb cake and pastries. Before I forget, we also thank Mike's other son Matthew for assisting with setting up the backyard.

I want to thank those who attended the COW/BBQ: District 3 Commander Betsy Mandara and her husband Joe, Garry Biggs, Steve Katsur and Linda Faust, Carol and Gene Johnson, Linda and John LaDez, Maria and John McSweeney, Camille and Michael Mercurio, Bob and Judy Silz, Cathy and Ed Starling, George Tracy, Kathy and Frank Verderber, Pam and Tom Zimmer, Madelyn and me, Mike & Dianne's neighbors and possible future members Tina and Phil, new member Mo Ramadan and Sophie Meshnef, and of course all of the Richter's. Check out the pictures in this *LOG*.

Remember our Labor Day weekend daily Raft-ups at Captree Cove, weather permitting. Plan to join for the day or just pass by and say hello to those at the raft-up.

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*Charlie Virga*

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# Captree's Change of Watch Ceremony / BBQ 2020







Maria McSweeney accepts her flag as  
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New Member, Mo Ramadan, sworn in by CDR Carol Johnson, AP



Distinctive Member Award to 1st Lt. Jack Stange, AP for Exemplary Service and Selfless Acts of Time and Dedication.



National Membership Committee award to Captree —2nd place for outstanding Membership Growth and Retention.



District 3 Commander, Betsy Mandara, N-IN, selects the winning ticket for the Commander's 50-50 raffle.















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