

New “South Bethany Boating and Marine News” Link

This new Link will provide periodic updates on news items, rules, and events to you who enjoy using our bays and canals.

Topics and events are coordinated with SBPOA, SB Committees as appropriate, and Town Management.

Don't get caught unaware of Boating Regulations for 2018:



Operator Rules/Licenses:

Watercraft/Motorized Vessels

If you were born after DEC 31, 1977 (ie., you are 40 yrs. or younger), you must have completed a State of Delaware Basic Boating and Safety Course to operate a motorized vessel in the State of DE. If you are stopped by a DNREC patrol, you must be able to show your Course Completion Card or you will be fined. This rule applies to all motorized vessels including small skiffs and PWC's.

Courses:

Each spring USCG Auxiliary offers a course **IN TOWN HALL**. Cost is \$10.00. BUT, if you missed it: you may enroll in an on- line course offered by <http://www.boat-ed.com>; cost is \$29.50

Or, take the **only FREE course**, offered by Boat US Foundation at <http://www.boatus.org>

Personal Watercraft (PWC)

You must be 16 yrs or older with a boating Certificate to operate a PWC/Jet ski. If 14/15 years, you must have a valid boating safety certificate and can only operate under adult supervision.

Kayaks and Standup Paddle Boards

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has determined that SUP boards operated outside a surfing, swimming or bathing area are “vessels” under USCG regulations.

So, each paddler 13 years of age or older must have a USCG-approved life jacket. It doesn't have to be worn, although that's certainly the wisest plan, AND, a sound device (eg., whistle). Last year fines were given for no whistle! If on water after sunset, you must have a flashlight or other running light as well.

This WEB is terrific for information on Paddle Boarding: <https://www.nrs.com/learn/uscg-regulations-for-sup.asp>

Handbook of Delaware Boating Laws and Responsibilities is available at <https://www.boat-ed.com/delaware>. It contains just about everything you'd want to know about boating safely, including info on emergencies, boating courtesy, environmental considerations, vessel speed, registration, etc.

First Annual Fishing and Crabbing Contest!



What better way to measure improvement in our canal waters than to “CATCH, MEASURE, RELEASE and REPORT” whatever fish OR crabs you might catch over the summer.

SBPOA and the Town Water Quality Committee have teamed to assess the “fishability” of our canals by sponsoring a fishing and crab contest this year.

Here are the simple Rules:

- Fish or crabs must be caught in our Town canals.
- When you catch one, take a PHOTO on a measuring device, release the Fish or crab, send your PHOTO with name of catcher, address and date to
- Period of contest is Memorial Day until September 15th

Prizes will be awarded at the Annual Bull Roast

- Biggest Fish
- Most Variety Caught
- Biggest Crab

4th of July Boat Parade



Continuing successes of past years, the Boat Parade will be held Sunday, July 1

The new Sponsor for the Boat Parade is SBPOA which has graciously contributed seed monies and prize support. Members of the **SB Boat Squadron** are assisting.

You can go all out and be judged for prizes OR just fly an American Flag, the SB burgee and dress in mostly red, white and blue.

Watch for a separate notice soon.

SB Boat Squadron News

Last year 55 boat owners bought the SBBS flag (burgee) for their boats! More will be ordered this year.



The Burgee uses the International Code flags for “S” and “B”

But, not everyone has a boat..... though many do have a “Land Yacht” !. Here is your way to show your South Bethany spirit, particularly, if you are from Delaware or Pennsylvania that don’t have front plate requirements.



We have an initial inventory of 15 plates. They cost \$10.00.

AND, if you just want a shirt embroidered with the SB Burgee



Buy your own shirt, and take it to “The T-Shirt Guy”. Dave is the proprietor and is located in the strip mall on Atlantic Avenue (Rte 26.), 2 doors down from Al Casapullas.

Dave will embroider your shirt for \$10.00

IF you wish to order either a Burgee (\$30.00) or license plate (\$10.00), send an email to eagle-68@msn.com. We have 15 plates in stock now. When we have enough to place an additional order, we'll do it and inform you that they are available for pick up.