

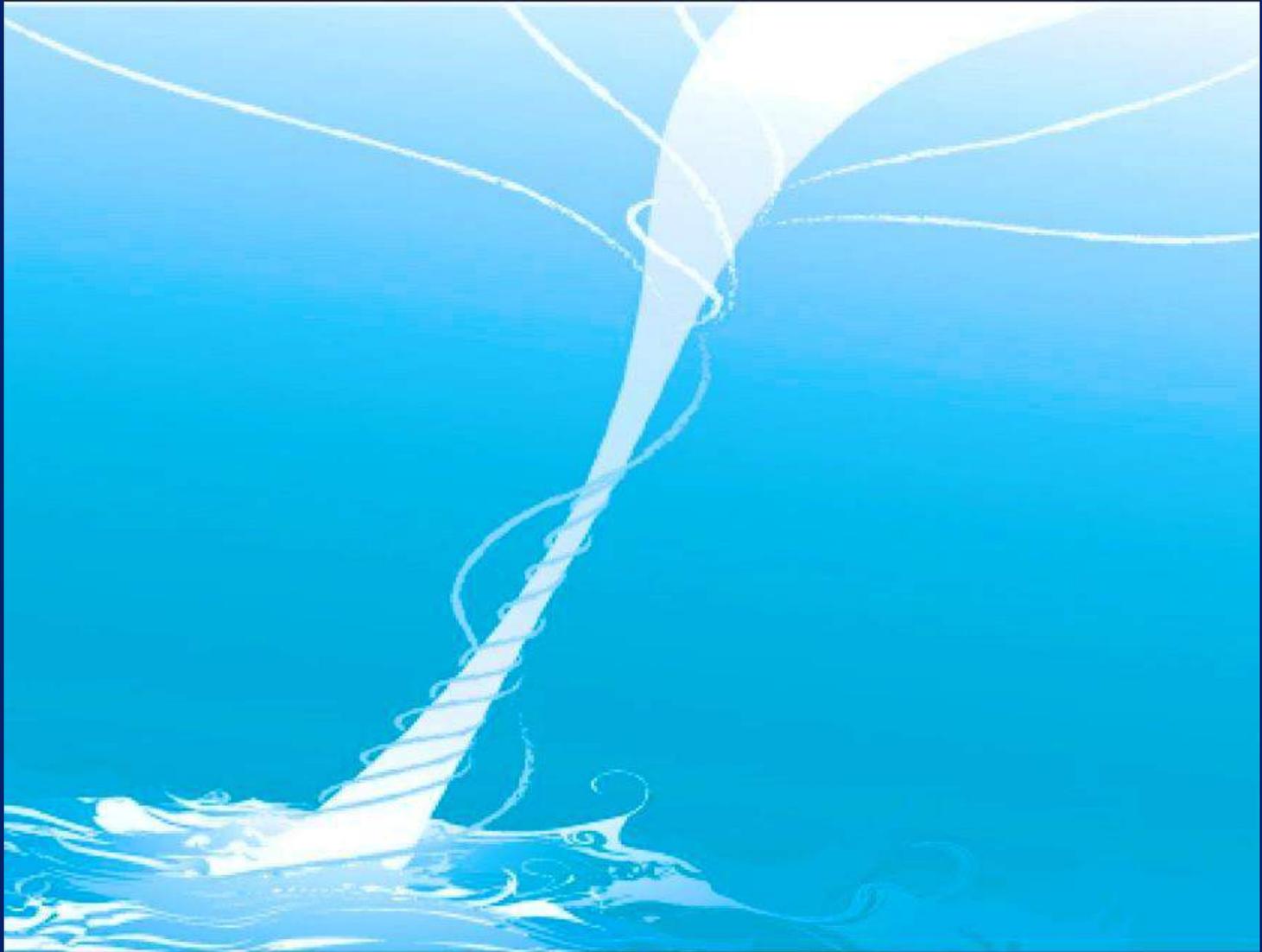


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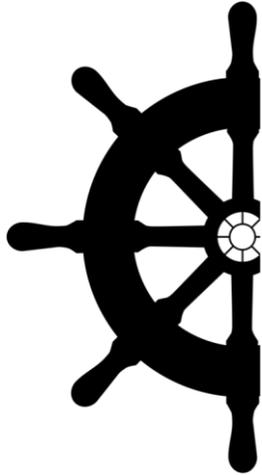
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## View From The Bridge

**Jack L Draper, Sr.**  
*Squadron Commander*



## Bridge News

**Hello Everyone,**

I hope the Holidays were good for you and your family and now the New Year is beginning for us. We had a very nice Christmas party and I want to thank Greg for organizing all of our dinner meetings this year. We had a great turn out and many people brought in gifts to pass on to the children's home and we all had fun doing the gift exchange too.

I want to stress to all members we are looking for people to volunteer for leadership roles for the upcoming year. I think new blood and ideas will really be helpful and I know all of us in leadership will be more than willing to help the people who accept a leadership position.

We will be working on upcoming summer events and dates so please keep looking for them in the next few Waterspout issues. Please read your Waterspout for the next few dinner meetings times and dates. Greg has some very good speakers lined up and we don't want them to come to a empty room so your attendance is really appreciated.

I hope you all have a safe month and remember spring is right around the corner along with the 2020 boating season.

Sincerely,

**Jack**



## View From The Bridge

Lt/C Greg Heath

Squadron Administrative Officer



## Administrative News

### January Dinner Meeting

**Date:** Jan 9, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 PM - social time  
6:30 PM - order dinner

**Place:** Uccello's - Grandville  
3940 Rivertown Pkwy, Grandville, MI 49418

**Speaker:** Scott from Great Lakes Marina - Scott will share stories of boaters, good and not so good, during both summer activities and winter storage.



**Don't miss this great party!**

If you would be interested in helping with this party, please contact Marcia Thompson at [marcia@virtually4you.us](mailto:marcia@virtually4you.us)



## January 2020



Terry Grotemat ~ Jan 9  
Marcia Hammerslag ~ Jan 11  
Martha Walkington ~ Jan 16  
Monica Kurland Herman ~ Jan 20  
LeeAnna Geiger-Stehouwer ~ Jan 27



*“I know you’re new to boating, so I’ll give you some friendly advice...the boat goes in the water, not your SUV.”*



## View From The Bridge

**Lt/C John Colley**  
Squadron Education Officer



# Educational News

## FAMOUS SHIPS AND BOATS

Can you name the ships from the clues given? *(answers at the end of the newsletter)*

1. Prime Minister Ted Heath's yacht.
2. Captain Ahab's ship in "Moby Dick".
3. Raft used by Thor Heyerdahl in 1947.
4. The flagship of Christopher Columbus.
5. Captain Pugwash's ship.
6. Tea clipper moored at Greenwich.
7. Liner sank by German U-Boat in 1915.
8. Cruise ship in "Carry On Cruising"
9. The ship that bought Dracula to England.
10. The ship captained by Captain Smollett in Treasure Island.
11. Nelson's flagship at Trafalgar.
12. James Onedin's first ship in "The Onedin Line"
13. Sunk by French Intelligence in Auckland in 1985.
14. Carried the first pilgrims to the US.
15. The ship that took Shackleton to the Antarctic.
16. Ship Francis Drake sailed around the World
17. Ship Francis Chichester sailed around the World single-handed.
18. Ship that carried Darwin on his expeditions.
19. The ship that Jason sailed to hunt the Golden Fleece.
20. Boat that Quint used to hunt for Jaws.
21. Henry VIII's warship that sunk in The Solent.
22. Captain Hook's ship in Peter Pan.
23. Tanker that sank in Alaska in 1989.
24. Ship built by King Caspian X of Narnia.
25. Light cruiser berthed in the Pool of London.



## The luxury yacht that turns into a submarine

Tamara Hardingham-Gill, CNN • Updated 13th December 2019

(CNN) — It looks like something straight out of a James Bond movie, but this concept might just signal that the future of superyachts is sub-aquatic.

Dreamed up by Italian-based naval architect Elena Nappi, the hybrid vessel can travel on both the surface of the sea and underwater.



Known as the "Carapace," it submerges to a depth of 985 feet for up to 10 days at a time, offering amazing views of marine life.

Nappi, who came up with the innovative concept after years of nautical experimentation research, says it represents a "new class of mega yachts," bringing together the cosiness

of luxury yachts and the "privacy" of immersion navigation.

### Hybrid vessel

"The world of luxury submarines is one of the last frontiers in the field of experimentation, and perhaps the hybrid will be the language of the future," Nappi says in a statement.

"Very often yacht owners are looking for original solutions to be able to offer their friends and their family something special, and certainly that of a diving cruise of this type is something unprecedented in the super yacht market."



Carapace, which would be powered by a diesel-electric and fuel cell system, is designed to have a light aluminum superstructure that measures 256 feet in length.

It would hold three deck levels, with VIP cabins, a lounge, a spa, a bar and health club among the onboard amenities.

### Pioneering design



Nappi envisions it being hired for private trips, as well as business meetings that require "complete secrecy."

Although there's no indication of a price as yet, it's thought the vessel will set buyers back some hundreds of millions.

But anyone hoping to get their hands on this mega yacht should sit tight.

At present, the Carapace is merely a concept, and Nappi predicts it will be a long while before anything like it hits the waters.

"If we make a comparison with the automotive sector, it is not hard to understand that the road to this type of boat is still very far away," she adds.

"The first electric car was built in 1884 and is only on the market today, so it is impossible to think that a harness like this could be put on the market before 100 years."

Nappi is currently a designer for Italian shipyard Fincantier, but the company is not involved in the Carapace project.



Source: <https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/luxury-yacht-submarine-carapace/index.html>



# Savvy Boater



## FUNNY BOATING STORIES

(Taken from IBOATS Forum)

In 1994, I bought a brand new Stratos 257. Boy was I proud. 😊 The wife and I had always made a yearly trip to Dale Hollow in Dec. to fish a small mouth tourney they put on ever year.

Now remember, this is a brand new boat.

We get there and I load up stuff and am walking around, my head about 2 sizes bigger than normal. 😊

Now this is a widely fished tourney with a 100+ boats in it.  
Buddy style.

Well, we wait our turn to back in and unload and I am in boat, head still swelled up looking around at everyone else and could see they were real jealous 🍷 and then it was our turn.

Wife does her best job backing me in water, I fire the black boy up, she eases me into the water and proceed to back on out to get around to our slip when I noticed that she was a sitting a little low in the rear and the auto bilge pump was on pumping some water out. I then thought to self, "Self, me thinks you left the plug out and you are in 50' of water". 🤔

Yep and you should have seen me getting around that dock to my slip.

Got in slip, grabbed plug from transom area and bailed in.

Man did I feel stupid and my head quickly got about 4 sizes smaller all of a sudden. 😊

Not only that, we are talking Dec. and the water was cold. 🥶

Everyone is still looking at me, but it's not the look of jealousy this time.

### FAMOUS SHIPS AND BOATS ANSWERS

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. MORNING CLOUD     | 14. US. MAYFLOWER |
| 2. PEQUOD            | 15. ENDURANCE     |
| 3. KON-TIKI          | 16. GOLDEN HIND   |
| 4. SANTA MARIA       | 17. GYPSY MOTH IV |
| 5. BLACK PIG         | 18. HMS BEAGLE    |
| 6. CUTTY SARK        | 19. ARGO          |
| 7. RMS LUSITANIA     | 20. ORCA          |
| 8. SS HAPPY WANDERER | 21. MARY ROSE     |
| 9. DEMETER           | 22. JOLLY ROGER   |
| 10. HISPANIOLA       | 23. EXXON VALDEZ  |
| 11. HMS VICTORY      | 24. DAWN TREADER  |
| 12. CHARLOTTE RHODES | 25. HMS BELFAST   |
| 13. RAINBOW WARRIOR  |                   |

Source: <https://www.kensquiz.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/SHIPSA.pdf>



# Savvy Boater



## New Year's Resolution Ideas for Boaters

Do you have a New Year's resolution? Most of us have them, but not all of us stay committed to them. Heading into [2019] 2020, here are five New Year's resolutions for boaters to consider.

By Kim Kavin  
December 17, 2018

Face it: You're never going to spend time ashore in the kitchen cleaning out the junk drawer, and with all the potato chips in the cabinet right next to it, that dream of losing 15 pounds is about as realistic as the one you have about walking on water. To get you started, here are five goals for next year that you have a much better chance of actually being able to keep.

### FIVE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR BOATERS AND SAILORS

#### Attend a Boat Show

New York City in January. Miami in February. Palm Beach in March. Newport in September. Fort Lauderdale in November. If you throw in smaller—but still quite sizable—boat shows at places including St. Petersburg, Chicago, Baltimore and beyond, you have dozens of chances to attend a boat show in [2019] 2020. These shows of course are chock-a-block with great new models to check out, and they're also lined with vendors offering the latest and greatest gear and safety equipment.



You never know what might help improve your time on the water until you see it at a boat show. Be sure to check out the upcoming dates for events run by [Show Management](#) and the [National Marine Manufacturers Association](#).

#### Reread Chapman's Book

Chapman Piloting's [Seamanship and Small Boat Handling](#)—first developed in 1917 by *Motor Boating* editor Charles F. Chapman—has gone through dozens of editions during the past century. Today's version not only outlines the rules of the road, maritime regulations and emergency procedures, but also digs into electronics equipment, satellite technology and more.

Illustrations make Chapman's a must-have reference book on any bridge, and its glossary of boating terms is a must-read for any new skippers (or young members of the family crew). Boating schools nationwide use this book to help boaters be smart and safe on the water. You should, too.

## Learn About Your Helm Electronics

The great thing about today's multifunction displays, fish finders, radars and autopilots is that they have more features than ever before in boating history. And in a lot of cases, the units are more intuitive than ever, too, making them easier to learn.



Even still, most of us fail to go through the full tutorials that reveal the true power of all the gadgets and gizmos whose screens blink back at us from the helm's dash. Don't worry if you've lost the paper manual or guide; many manufacturers have digital versions now that you can call up online for free. Even if you learn just one or two more functions that you have, but didn't realize were there, you'll be getting more for your money while boating in 2019. To get started, read [How to Basics: Using Your Fishfinder](#).

## Set a Course for Someplace New

The beauty of boats, at least compared to villas or hotels, is that the boats move. Their deep-V hulls and diesel power plants are meant to take us to exciting new destinations up and down the coasts and throughout the islands.

When was the last time you cruised beyond your normal haunts? Even setting the plotter for a town or two farther up the Intracoastal Waterway can lead to interesting adventures, new restaurants to enjoy, unusual shops to explore and more memories to last a lifetime. Begin charting your next adventure by reading [How to Navigate a Boat](#).

## Start Planning for the Big One

You've always dreamed of taking that big cruise—maybe all the way along the Intracoastal Waterway, or up the Pacific Coast to Alaska, or across the Gulf Stream from Florida to the Bahamas, or beyond the Bahamas to the Virgin Islands and Caribbean.

Trips of that magnitude require a few things, including outfitting and/or refitting the boat, making sure things are organized ashore for the long period of time you'll be gone, and having your day-to-day itineraries well thought out with paper charts and cruising guides (nicely dog-eared and highlighted). If a bucket-list cruise is part of your dreams, then spend 2018 working toward making it a reality.



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**George and Carol Mandigo**

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