

ACBS Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Bi-Monthly Zoom Meeting

July 14, 2026

Attendance

Dave Bernard	President
Steve Ingraham	Vice President
Jack Brooks	Treasurer
Austin Berndlmaier	Secretary
Pat Ahearn	Director
Ed Andrews	Director
Carmen DeLeo	Director
Georgette Luna	Director
Robert Tabas	Director
Brian Gagnon	
Mark Marsilio	
Robert Meseck	
Joe Gartner	
Richard Hughlett	
Nick Rosa	



Action Items

- Ed will update Walter Rybas' membership to include registration with the Mid-Atlantic Chapter
- A quantity of shirts/hats/etc. needs to be held in standing inventory for chapter events
- Georgette is brainstorming a new chapter event in Penn's Landing; details to come
- Ed will send Robert the contact info for his prop guy to spur an ad purchase
- Bill, Steve, & Pat will collaborate on an article for the Sea Scouts in an upcoming issue of the Nautical Mile
- Details on the new chapter website will be discussed at the September meeting
- Dave will send Pat his President's Message for the next issue of the Nautical Mile
- Mark offered to help oversee a digital chapter apparel store
- The simplification of the chapter logo will be discussed at a later meeting

President Dave Bernard called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report – Austin Berndlmaier

May Action Item Review

- Brian has initiated the process of marketing the new grant request form
- The Executive Committee has tabled the AJ Meerwald for now
- Strategic development for the 2027 Membership Campaign continues
- Carmen has been in regular communication with the Bristol Borough
 - A survey will be sent out gauging interest in the Christmas parade
- Ed sent over the relevant contact information to Robert Tabas
- Development of the Chapter website is on hold for the summer
- Members are encouraged to share their summer activities on the Facebook pages
- Dave produced maps of the waterways for the Chesapeake day trip

The May Meeting Minutes were approved.

Membership Report – Austin Berndlmaier

As of July 8, 2026:

Total Membership	76
MAC primary members	53
MAC secondary members	23
Expired in last 12 months	28
Expired in last 30 days	1
Expiration in 60 days	9

Renewed in last 30 days	4
New members in last 30 days	0

Treasurer's Report – Jack Brooks & Carmen DeLeo

A full balance sheet for the Chapter's expenses was presented. Jack explained the final steps of the Fulton Bank transfer. LPL will be able to deploy the Chapter's finances as soon as access to the funds is granted. The MAC will be using the same investment advisor as ACBS International.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

President's Report – Dave Bernard

Mahogany & Steel

- Dave recapped the show; lots of boat rides for the public
- The video from Joe Murphy Productions can be viewed on the website- it is very high quality
- Carmen gave an overview of the attendees and show finances
- The Bristol Borough wants the MAC to return next year for the sixth anniversary of Mahogany & Steel
- The cigarette boats were an exciting addition to the show this year

Chesapeake City Day Trip

- The group went on a nice cruise southward on the Bohemia River
- The food and atmosphere on the docks were great
- The meetup with Chesapeake Bay Chapter members was fun

- Inter-chapter interest in the 2027 Sunnyland southbound cruise is developing

Show Chair – Carmen DeLeo

- Suggestions for events to fill out the 2026/27 calendar are welcome from all members
- The chapter has not been invited to Somer's Point Historic Day this year
- The Mullica River cruise is not set yet, but will likely take place in early October

Advertising Chair – Robert Tabas

- Robert is continuing to communicate with local businesses
- Ed will put Robert in touch with his prop guy

Vice President – Steve Ingraham

- Bill is planning a week-long cruise for the Sea Scouts
- Three new scouts have joined
- The scouts were dispatched to recover an overturned boat (successful retrieval)
- The scouts intend to bring two vessels to the Barnegat Bay show this year

Media

Website

- Georgette will continue revamping the website when time allows

Nautical Mile

- Pat will make changes to the event calendar pictures
- Georgette helped Pat to set up his access to the chapter drop box

Facebook

- All members are encouraged to post their summer activities on both pages

New Business

- Bristol Christmas Parade discussion
 - Chris & Georgette want to attend the parade with 'Oliver' and 'Penny'

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM EDT.

The next chapter meeting will be on September 8th @ 7:00 PM EDT.

