

ACBS Mid-Atlantic Chapter

Bi-Monthly Zoom Meeting

September 8, 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
Bill Murphey	Director
Brian Gagnon	
Mark Marsilio	
Robert Meseck	



President Dave Bernard called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report – Austin Berndlmaier

July Action Item Review

- Standing inventory of chapter swag to be stocked before M&S 2027
- Nautical Mile development on schedule
- Georgette looking into hiring someone to revamp the website
- Strategic planning for the 2027 Membership Campaign continues
- Logo discussion ongoing

The July Meeting Minutes were approved.

Membership Report – Austin Berndlmaier

As of September 8, 2026:

Total Membership	77
MAC primary members	53
MAC secondary members	24
Expired in last 12 months	26
Expired in last 30 days	0
Expiration in 60 days	5
Renewed in last 30 days	1
New members in last 30 days	1

Treasurer's Report – Carmen DeLeo

As of September 8th, the chapter's assets were not with LPL and had not yet been invested. Jack provided a timeline (through Carmen) that they would be activated before the next meeting in November.

Carmen provided a snapshot of the 2026 Chapter Officer renewal schedule.

Brian requested a statement from LPL be added to each Treasurer's report going forward.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

President's Report – Dave Bernard

- Dave has recruited two new members, his son-in-law and father-in-law, both of whom have recently purchased boats

Show Chair – Carmen DeLeo

- The Barnegat Bay show was cancelled as the venue was unwilling to host it this year. Brian added that they may have changed hands in ownership.
- Brian recounted numerous efforts to keep the Barnegat membership engaged with the chapter, to little success. The point being that support from them will be limited at best.

Advertising Chair – Robert Tabas (not present)

- No new updates

Vice President – Steve Ingraham & Bill Murphey

- Bill stated that the Barnegat show has been an opportunity for the Sea Scouts to find sponsors in the past and he would like to help bring the show back in the future if we can find a new venue.

Media

Website

- Georgette will continue revamping the website when time allows

Nautical Mile

- Under development

Facebook

- No new updates

New Business

- Bristol Historic Day & Somers Point Historic day both **OFF** this year

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM EDT.

The next chapter meeting will be on November 10th @ 7:00 PM EDT.



Action Items (UPDATED ON SAT-10/03/26)

- Bill Murphey & Ed Andrews to discuss the future of the Barnegat Festival
- Georgette continuing website revamp efforts
 - Needs to hire a developer
- Austin stocking chapter swag inventory before M&S 2027
 - Mark Marsilio potentially overseeing online store
- Logo update discussion ongoing
- Carmen DeLeo setting up Holiday dinner at Luna Rossa in Turnersville
- Mullica River cruise & lunch well attended
 - Potential new members Denise DeLeo & Mike Straubmuller
- Chapter **not** attending Bristol or Somers Point Historic Days
- Mays Landing Halloween Parade upcoming (10/30/26)
- Bristol Christmas Parade upcoming
- LPL to invest assets by November meeting
- Pat Ahearn finalizing Nautical Mile Fall Issue