

BWI Speakers Bureau

Looking for a speaker for your next nautical meeting or event? Boating Writers International (BWI) serves as a clearing house to link members with experience with groups or organizations requesting speakers. Many members of BWI have expertise and a journalistic perspective on boating and related topics, some of which are listed below. Find a topic of interest, review the Speaker Profiles posted below, then contact the speaker directly to make arrangements. BWI only serves to connect the two parties involved, does not endorse any speaker, and assumes no liability in connection with any resulting engagement.

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Topics: Last names of speakers noted by topic; refer to profile of speaker below

Buying, Selling & Testing Boats

Gilbert, Jennings, Kearns, Knox, Marshall, Rudow, Smith

Destinations & Cruising

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Schlichter

Fishing

Rudow, Schlichter

Industry Issues or Concerns

Kearns, Knox,

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Brown, Gilbert, Jensen, Kearns, Knox, Launer, Marshall, Mundy, Rudow,

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Media Relations, Public Relations & Advertising

Janssens, Jennings, Jewell, Malcolm, Smith

New Products, Electronics & Gadgets

Jennings, Jensen, Launer, Marshall, Rudow, Smith

Personalities & Humor

Brown, Campbell, Janssens, Jennings, Jewell, Malcolm

Photography & Art

Gilbert, Knox, Janssens, Jensen, Malcolm, Schlichter, Smith

Seamanship & Navigation

Bree, Brown, Cordova, Jennings, Jensen, Launer, Marshall, Rudow

Writing & Books

Bree, Brown, Campbell, Gilbert, Jewell, Kearns, Malcolm, Marshall,

Schlichter, Smith

Other

Cordova, Gilbert, Janssens, Jennings, Kearns, Malcolm, Rudow, Smith,

Sorum

Speaker Profiles

Bree, Marlin

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Experienced in Sail
Fees & Expenses Charged: Varies
Topics - Area of Expertise:
 Cruising; Seamanship; Writing & Books

Biography:

Marlin Bree is an award-winning boating journalist and a best-selling author. A former magazine editor with the Minneapolis Star Tribune, his writings have appeared in numerous boating publications including Cruising World, Soundings, The Ensign, Sailing, Northern Breezes and Small Craft Advisor. His books include Wake of the Green Storm, In the Teeth of the Northeaster, Call of the North Wind, the Boat Log & Record, and his latest Broken Seas: True Tales of Extraordinary Sailing Adventure.

He built, maintains and sails his own twenty-foot wood and epoxy sloop, Persistence. His solo adventures on Lake Superior have been widely chronicled. His craft has been honored as a Great Boat in an article in Cruising World and the subject of a major feature in Small Craft Advisor. Bree has a special feeling about his boat: "Wooden boats are like family and friends. They don't get older, they only get better."

He is the recipient of numerous writing awards including the 2004 BWI – West Marine Writer's Award, the highest honor Boating Writers International can bestow upon a writer. He won the award for his Ensign magazine article about his survival on Lake Superior while caught in the grips of a rare, progressive derecho, with downbursts estimated at 130 mph.

He has appeared widely at various boating organizations, including the Southwest Yachting Club, San Diego, and, Strictly Sail, Chicago. He has presented numerous topics at the Minneapolis Boat Show as well as at various boating clubs including the St. Paul Sail and Power Squadron.

Brown, David G.

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Experienced in both Sail and Power
Fees & Expenses Charged: Varies
Topics - Area of Expertise:
 Destinations, Cruising, Maintenance, Technical, Training, Humor, Seamanship, Navigation, Books.

Biography:

David G. Brown is an engaging public speaker who has appeared before yacht clubs, Power Squadron meetings, and national conventions of surgeons. He has been a guest on Fox TV News, the George Noory radio program, and on radio stations in 36 American cities. An internationally-recognized expert on the *Titanic*, Brown has consulted with the History Channel and published *The Last Log Of The Titanic* (International Marine, McGraw-Hill). He is a noted Great Lakes historian, having published *The With Hurricane* about the 1913 "big blow" on the lakes that sank a dozen ships and killed 250 sailors.

Brown is also a nationally-recognized boating writer with standing columns about hands-on boat maintenance and repairs in *Boating World* and *Offshore* magazines. He has built boats, repaired boats, and cruised boat on all five Great Lakes, the Mississippi, Ohio, and Kentucky Rivers, the Trent-Severn Waterway, Long Island Sound, and Florida. He currently restores wooden boats during the winter months as a diversion from his writing.

Brown is currently working on a new book, *The Pontoon and Deckboat Handbook* for International Marine. This will be the definitive how-to book for this increasingly popular segment of the boating market (due out in 2007). A licensed captain, Brown operates a water taxi and excursion company in Toledo, Ohio during the summer months. He can tailor a presentation to meet the needs of your group or organization on topics ranging from small boat cruising and repairs to navigation, getting a captain's license, and repairing your ol' boat. And then, there is *Titanic...*

Campbell, Douglas A.

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Experienced in both Sail & Power
Fees & Expenses Charged: Yes
Topics - Area of Expertise:
 Personalities; Writing, Books

Biography

I claim no specific area of expertise other than great boating stories. My program involves sharing the stories behind the stories that I write for Soundings, pieces that cover the whole range of boating topics, and then trading stories with the audience in a question-and-answer session. I've been sailing since 1979. I retired from daily journalism in 2001 after 33 years. I took the job of Soundings senior writer in 2004 so I could talk boats with folks and get paid for it. I'm looking forward to more boat talk with both recreational boaters and marine professionals.

Cordova, Henry

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Experienced in both Sail & Power
Fees & Expenses Charged: Yes
Topics - Area of Expertise:
 Navigation; Other: Magazine Articles

Biography

Former US Navy Navigation Technician; college BA degrees in Astronomy, Mathematics, Master's in Geography, 30 years experience as a professional geographer. Author of celestial navigation software for HP pocket calculators. Experienced celestial navigator.

Currently employed as a computer mapping specialist for county government. Published with over a dozen magazine articles, including 5 in Good Old Boat magazine. 30 years experience as a recreational sailor on both Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

Gilbert, Brian

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Will Speak: Locally, Regionally & Nationally

Experienced in Sail

Fees & Expenses Charged: Will speak for travel expenses, food, and lodging

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Buying Boats; Cruising; Maintenance; Photography & Art; Writing & Books.

Other: Restoring fiberglass sailboats, inexpensive sailing, hurricane preparations.

Biography

Brian Gilbert began sailing around age 18, with Hobie Cats and Windsurfers, and was a liveaboard sailor for four years in Charleston, SC. Right about the time of Hurricane Hugo, in fact. He was aboard his 27' Catalina during the storm, and brought it through with no damage other than a bent anchor shaft. (Which, by the way, is a course of action that he does not advocate for others!)

Now living inland, he sails trailerable sailboats and has written *Fix It And SAIL: How to Buy and Restore a Small Sailboat on a Shoestring*, published by International Marine. Brian will speak about affordable sailing and the economies (and sometimes the lack of economy) of fixing up neglected sailboats.

Janssens, Cynthia Boal

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Will Speak: Locally, Regionally & Nationally

Experienced in Power

Fees & Expenses Charged: Varies

Topics - Area of Expertise: (x those that apply)

Destinations & Cruising; Media Relations, Public Relations & Advertising; Personalities; Photography; Other: Women in cruising, on-board cuisine.

Biography

Cynthia Boal Janssens is a life-long boater. She was on the sailing team and college and has cruised with her family for many years. Her husband, Chet, is the former present of Crusader Engines which provides gas power for Tiara, Carver and many other cruiser companies. She is based in Northern Michigan in the summers and Southwest Florida in the winters.

Janssens is the former travel editor and Sunday magazine editor of The Detroit News. In addition, she has worked for newspapers in California, Georgia, New York and Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Ohio University.

She has been active for many years in the Society of American Travel Writers and was national president of the 1,200-member professional organization in 1998. She specializes in writing about marine travel, golf travel and small ship cruising.

In addition, Janssens is a consultant for Resort & Golf Marketing, a public relations firm in Michigan. She is involved in all aspects of resort promotion, but primarily focuses on attracting leading travel writers and photographers to R&GM clients for leisure story and photo opportunities.

Jennings, Bill

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Will Speak: Locally & Regionally

Experienced in Power

Fees & Expenses Charged: Varies

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Buying & Testing Boats; New Products (Selected); Advertising; Humor;
Seamanship; Other, Safety.

Biography:

Bill's talks are tailored to each occasion and range from 10 to 25 minutes in length. While informative and interesting, they are sprinkled with a wry sense of humor.

Bill got hooked on performance boats in the sixties, after marinizing auto engines for use in professional ski school boats. He joined the Canadian Boating Federation and campaigned in two outboard classes, eventually winning a 3rd place in National Points. To help increase awareness for the sport, Bill looked for major sponsors and in 1970, signed Benson and Hedges as sponsors for a full season of race sponsorship, including one picked up by "Wide World of Sports" marking the first boat race to be televised.

With boat race injuries growing directly proportional to the increasing speeds, Bill took his case to the University of Michigan where with the help of the naval architecture department, utilized their wind tunnel to study hull aerodynamics. The resulting changes to hull design and construction have undoubtedly saved many lives.

Adding to his credentials, Bill completed a Certified Marine Surveyor course. He joined both the Canadian and American Power and Sail Squadron, a platform from which he presently lectures and instructs,

Turning up the heat on safe boating, Bill provides practical driving instruction as well as group classes. His website is, "www.SafeBoater.com". Using his own boat, he quarterbacks a paramedic team in Florida for search and rescue operations and travels to all APRA events as the dedicated "Safety Boat".

After becoming a regular contributor to Canadian Boating, Canadian Yachting, Pacific Yachting, Sea and Go Boating magazines, he began an ad-free website, WeRateBoats.com. Today Bill is a monthly contributor to Power Boating Canada magazine and the US book, *Poker Runs America*. With over 1,240 published boat tests and articles to his credit, Bill claims to be the most prolific boat tester in North America.

Jensen, Niels

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Will Speak: Locally, Regionally & Nationally

Experienced in Sail

Fees & Expenses Charged: Yes

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Destinations, Cruising; Maintenance, Technical; Electronics; Photography; Seamanship, Navigation.

Biography:

Speaking in front of audiences is second nature to me. I have been a presenter at boat shows, yacht clubs, and professional conferences, and have also taught college classes. I can speak on a variety of boating subjects, including sailing Viking ships, but especially enjoy presenting information about cruising the Great Lakes, and Lake Superior in particular. Those programs have sailing directions, harbor details, human-interest stories, and high quality photography. The emphasis is on how wonderful the area is to cruise. It's always an adventure.

I'm a life-long sailor, who has sailed in various locations, including the Great Lakes, Danish waters, the Bahamas, California, etc. Most of my sailing experience is cruising in monohulls. Together with my wife, Vicki, I own Freelance, a 1981 Pearson 36 Cutter. We have kept it at Bayfield, Wisconsin, by the Apostle Islands, Lake Superior, since 1991.

While I'm originally from Copenhagen, Denmark, I have lived in the Midwest for about 35 years. I find the Great Lakes are an exotic and reasonable substitute for the ocean, although they still don't smell right to me. They should smell of salt. A journalist by trade, I've had sailing pieces published in the SAIL, Northern Breezes, and GLCC Lifeline magazines. I'm a member of the Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC), serving on its Log Book Committee, and the Bayfield (Wisconsin) Yacht Club.

Jewell, Karen

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Will Speak: Locally & Regionally

Experienced in Sail & Power

Fees & Expenses Charged: Varies

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Media Relations, Public Relations, Advertising, Personalities, Humor, Books.

Biography:

One of my current writing projects is a weekly column titled "Water Views" which is in its' 6th year of publication for The Norwalk Hour newspaper in Norwalk, CT. "Water Views" is a result of many years working along the waterfront, during which time I ran a yacht cleaning business for 4 years, was employed as a dockmaster for 6 years, dabbled in yacht charters for 2 years, yacht sales for 3 years, and even worked for 1 year in a sail loft...all of which I thoroughly enjoyed and would do again in a heartbeat.

One of my most recent writing ventures is a new section for The Norwalk Hour that will be completely focused on events, happenings, and people along the area's shoreline. This is a project that I spear-headed and is, so far, turning out to be well-received and anxiously awaited.

In addition, I also have 2 book proposals in the works, spend some time creating press releases/advertising campaigns for local businesses, and enjoy fine tuning my amateur nautical photography skills whenever I can.

Over the years, I have been fortunate enough to have met many interesting, intriguing, and even wildly colorful characters along the way. Combined with just as expansive of an array of unique experiences to go along with the personalities, it has been fairly easy for me to fill the pages of my writing pursuits with some rather entertaining story lines.

Adventure, humor, knowledge, great friends, amazing vistas, and many, many great tales to tell...these are just a few of the reasons that continue to bring me back to the water's edge every day of the week.

Kavin, Kim

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Will speak: Anywhere worldwide

Experienced in Sail and Power

Fees charged: All travel expenses plus speaking fee based on event

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Charter, cruising

Biography

Kim Kavin is an award-winning writer, editor, and photographer who covers boating travel worldwide. Whether you want to cruise on your own hull or charter a vacation yacht, Kim can tell you where to go, how much to pay and what to expect on the water. She has cruised in 22 countries and countless harbors in the Americas, Europe and South Pacific. Her marine magazine credits include Power & Motoryacht, Voyaging, Yachting, Soundings and Offshore.

Kearns, Patricia

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Will Speak: Locally, Regionally & Nationally

Experienced in both Sail & Power

Fees & Expenses Charged: Local: no fees; Regional and national: expenses only.

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Buying & Selling Boats; Industry Issues or Concerns; Maintenance, Technical & Training; Writing & Books; Other: writing customized boat owners' manuals for small volume boat builders; business communication skills.

Biography

Pat founded RMEG (Recreational Marine Experts Group) in Naples, Florida, in 2002 on leaving ABBRA (American Boat Builders & Repairers Association) where she had been executive director since 1999. Prior to that, she was assistant technical director with the American Boat & Yacht Council (ABYC) for 6 years. She has been a NAMS certified marine surveyor since 1990.

In addition to a full range of marine survey services, RMEG focuses on special contractual projects including project management for boat repairs and refits; litigation support; safety and environmental standards compliance consulting; technical writing and editing, including boat and equipment manuals and educational materials. Pat

provides industry training program curriculum development and faculty services, organizational support to developing and expanding companies and marine industry organization projects and support. As the interim executive director of the Collier County Marine Industries Association, she produced the 2005 Naples Boat Show.

Pat is nationally recognized for her work as faculty for IBEX and teaches an online course in writing survey reports. She has authored and taught courses on surveying, standards compliance and technical writing, writes and edits for boating publications and appears as a speaker and seminar leader at marine events all over the country. She has conceived, produced and presented many original industry training programs and workshops.

As a working sailor, Pat has held a USCG 100 Ton Master's License with a sail endorsement. She is a U.S. Naval Academy Sailing Squadron "D" qualified senior sailing coach, where she served as a COIC (Civilian Officer In Charge) on Navy 44 sloops and she was the head adult and "pee wee" sailing instructor with the Corsica River Yacht Club in Maryland.

Knox, Steve

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Will Speak: Nationally

Experienced in both Sail & Power

Fees & Expenses Charged: Yes

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Buying & Selling Boats, Industry Issues or Concerns; Maintenance, Technical & Training; Photography.

Biography

Knox is a marine surveyor from Norfolk, VA. Knox Marine Consultants just celebrated their 18th business anniversary. He has worked in almost every aspect of the marine business, from the engineering department of a nuclear submarine to marine survey. He's also an accomplished writer and photographer. His work has appeared in Professional Boat Builder, Yachting, SAIL, Cruising World, Work Boat, Chesapeake Bay, and regional publications. Steve is also a pilot and frequently flies himself to assignments.

He teaches regularly, and offers a number of classes for the marine survey and insurance industries. He loves to teach, and is at his best explaining technical subjects to non-technical audiences in an interesting and humorous way.

Launer, Donald

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Will Speak: Locally & Regionally

Experienced in both Sail & Power

Fees & Expenses Charged: Varies

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Cruising; Technical; Electronics; Navigation

Biography

I have held a USCG license for over 25 years, and written more than 300 magazine articles for: Cruising World, SAIL, Soundings, Offshore, Chesapeake Bay, Nor'easter and others. For 15 years I was field editor of the yearly Waterway Guide and I am currently Contributing Editor for Good Old Boat Magazine. I am author of the book, A Cruising Guide to New Jersey Water (Rutgers Press). I have given hundreds of lectures throughout New Jersey. I am also listed in the BoatUS Speaker's Bureau.

Malcolm, Jill

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Website under construction

Will Speak: Locally, Regionally & Nationally

Experienced in both Sail & Power

Fees & Expenses Charged: Yes

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Destinations (Chesapeake Bay) & Cruising; Media Relations, Public Relations & Advertising; Personalities & Humor; Photography; Writing & Books; Other: boating columnist with 5 years of material on family boating and the Chesapeake Bay.

Biography

Boating and the Chesapeake Bay go hand in hand. But try and mix power boating and sailing, then you may really have something unique, like self proclaimed bi-boater Jill Malcolm. A freelance writer, photographer, and boating columnist for regional publications including Nor'easter Magazine, Chesapeake Bay, BoatUS, and more, Jill brings her unique perspective to the boating forum through her column *Bay Reach*.

Born along the shores of Middle River on the Upper Chesapeake Bay, Jill learned to fish aboard her Dad's wooden cruiser. Her love of the water was born the first time she took the wheel aboard the Kay C., named for her Mom who just hated boating. Water skiing, day-long treks around the Bay aboard party boats, and just hanging with friends anchored off of Hart Miller Island was all part of growing up Chesapeake.

While studying Journalism at the University of Maryland, Jill fell in love with a rugby player who just so happened to be a sailor. The transition from power to sail began and today the couple share sailing with their young family aboard the sloop *Rugby Queen*. Though she looks for a way to sneak in some power boating every chance she gets.

Jill's book, *Bay Reach- It's All About the Boats* is due out in the Fall of 2005 and along with a power point display of photos taken along her journey, meeting the characters that make the Chesapeake their home, Jill tells the stories that are her life.

A fun and dynamic speaker, Jill Malcolm brings a lively talk complete with photos that gets folks to laughing while learning more about the great Chesapeake Bay. Jill has spoken to hundreds of groups through her charity work to benefit children and now brings her personality to life in *Bay Reach-* a multi-media presentation.

Marshall, Roger

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Will Speak: Locally, Regionally & Nationally

Experienced in both Sail & Power

Fees & Expenses Charged: Yes

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Buying, Selling & Testing Boats; Technical; New Products, Electronics & Gadgets;
Seamanship & Navigation; Writing, & Books

Biography

Roger Marshall is editor for *Boatbuilder* magazine and technical editor for *Dockwalk* and *Boat International*. In 2004 he won first place in the technical writing category in *Boating Writers International* writing competition adding to his five other awards in this competition.

His work has appeared worldwide: in the *New York Times*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Maxxim*, *Sail*, *Yachting World*, *Seahorse*, *Kazi (Japan)*, *Yachting*, and other newspapers and magazines. Marshall is the author of twelve marine related books, two of which were translated into Italian and Spanish. His last book *All about Powerboats* was published by International Marine in 2002. *Rough Weather Seamanship* is due in 2005 and he is working on *Elements of Powerboat Design*.

Marshall is also a designer of sailing and powerboats. After completing a program in small craft design at Southampton College in England, Marshall moved to the United States in 1972 to join Sparkman & Stephens, Inc. in New York. He worked there as a designer for 5 1/2 years and then established his own yacht design studio. He has designed many boats, both sail and power. He was project manager for the *Courageous Challenge* for the 1987 America's Cup campaign in Australia.

Marshall has extensive sailing and boating experience. He has sailed at all levels including 12 meters and many world championships including the Admiral's Cup (with the British team on *Quailo III*, aboard Prime Minister Heath's *Morning Cloud*, and once with the Japanese team).

He is chairman of the Innovation Awards committee that judge new and interesting products at the National Marine Manufacturers Association boat shows, and a judge for the Dame Awards held at the METS show in Holland. He is a member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, Storm Tysail Club, and President of Boating Writers International.

Mundy, Jan

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Will Speak: Locally, Regionally, Nationally

Experienced in both Sail & Power

Fees & Expenses Charged: Yes X

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Maintenance &, Technical

Biography

Jan Mundy is an experienced sailmaker, boatbuilder, speaker, author and co-owner, editor and publisher of *DIY boat owner*, a magazine dedicated to the maintenance, repair and troubleshooting of boats and engines, and installation of equipment. An accomplished sailor, she has raced dinghies and yachts in club and offshore races. Over the years she has been involved with building and repairing aluminum, fiberglass and wood boats. She built *Nutcracker*, a cold-molded Chuck

Payne-designed Frances 26 from plans and launched it in 1982. During her varied career, she has been co-owner of North Sails Toronto, manager of Amco Canada (a large marine distributor) and editor of two Canadian magazines *Boating Business*, a marine trade journal, and *Boat Guide* a powerboat directory.

Of building and maintaining boats, Jan finds the former easy. Maintenance is the real dilemma and she knew other boat owners were as frustrated as she was with product quality and installation problems. Her experience was the inspiration for *DIY boat owner*, launched in 1995. Whether you are doing some basic maintenance or a major refit, Jan's seminars supply the information and proper techniques needed to simplify routine maintenance and easily fix or upgrade boats with professional results. Learn how to restore dull and faded gelcoat to a like-new finish, paint topsides like a pro, easily repair fiberglass cracks and dings, refinish teak, remove scratches from Plexiglas hatches, ports and windows, remove bottom paint and graphics, properly install hardware, maintain equipment, survey electrical and plumbing systems and much more.

Rudow, Lenny

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Will Speak: Locally & Regionally

Experienced in Power

Fees & Expenses Charged: \$300/day local; \$500 day if overnight stay required, plus all expenses.

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Buying & Testing Boats; Fishing (Saltwater inshore and offshore); Maintenance & Technical; Electronics; Seamanship & Navigation (Modern, electronic and basic traditional; Other: Specific areas of expertise (fishing) include Maryland/DE/VA inshore and offshore fishing, Chesapeake Bay fishing, bluewater trolling and chunking, striped bass fishing. Technical expertise includes modern sportfishing boats and their construction and design, modern electronics and safe recreational seamanship.

Biography

Lenny Rudow, now Senior Technical Editor and Fishing Editor for *Boating Magazine* for a decade, was labeled the "Ultimate Angler" when his first book *Boating Magazine's Ultimate Guide to Sportfishing* hit the stands. Author of hundreds of how-to/where-to articles for *The Fisherman* over the past fifteen years, Rudow lectures on fishing at events and boat shows and has appeared in such venues as the Baltimore Boat Show, The Fisherman lecture tour and on several radio shows. This expert's latest book, *Rudow's Guide to Fishing the Chesapeake Bay*, includes the culmination of thirty years of experience and research and eighteen years of documented catch records and tabulated fishing reports. Rudow is also the boating editor for Texas Fish & Game Magazine, and has authored articles for many other publications including Saltwater Sportsman, Sport Fishing, Maryland Fish & Game, The In-Fisherman, and Maxim Magazine. He has won 11 writing awards from BWI and two from OWAA, and has graduated Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology's Yacht Design Lite, Detroit Diesel's Captain's Course and Sea School's Captain's Course.

Schlichter, Tom

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Will Speak: Locally, Regionally and Nationally
Experienced in Power
Fees & Expenses Charged: Yes
Topics - Area of Expertise:
Destinations; Fishing; Photography; Writing, Books

Biography:

Since beginning his journalistic career nearly 30 years ago, outdoor writer Tom Schlichter has penned more than 3,000 articles and columns for a wide array of prestigious magazines, newspapers and websites, including Offshore Magazine, The Fisherman, Sports Afield, Salt Water Sportsman, Boating, Newsday, Sea Tow Life Lines, New York Outdoor News, Fire Island Tide Newspapers, and New York Hunting and Fishing Magazine.

An award-winning author, Tom's fishing and boating columns from Offshore Magazine have taken first place in the New York State Outdoor Writer's Excellence In Craft Awards Program in three of the past five years. He has also garnered many awards in the annual Janice Keesler Memorial Photography Contest.

Known for his friendly and informative style, Tom has penned four books and contributed to several more. His own titles include: Long Island's Best Freshwater Fishing, Coastal Angling Guide, Northeast Party Boat Fishing, and How to Catch Clams By the Bushel!

Through his writing, photography, lectures and seminars - all of which emphasize a strong conservation ethic - Tom continues to introduce thousands of people, young and old, to the pleasures of fishing, hunting and the great outdoors. He currently lives in Southold, NY, where he enjoys spending time with his family while covering everything from the hottest trout, largemouth, fluke and striper fishing to outwitting suburban whitetail monster bucks.

Smith, Scott "Sky"

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Will Speak: Locally, Regionally & Nationally
Experienced in both Sail & Power
Fees & Expenses Charged: Varies
Topics - Area of Expertise:

Buying & Selling Boats; Maintenance; Media Relations, Public Relations & Advertising; New Products, Electronics & Gadgets; Personalities & Humor; Writing & Books; Other: Marine insurance

Biography

Scott "Sky" Smith, a nationally recognized writer and speaker, continues his successful educational seminars with the latest in the series, "Ultimate Boat Maintenance Projects". This seminar will highlight owner maintenance procedures, tips and tricks and discuss the relationship of maintenance to safety, operation, insurance claims, and the resale market. Good maintenance will improve user safety, reduce operating costs and the risk of insurance claim rejection and at the same time improve the appearance and resale of your watercraft. The seminar will explore claims and how

preventative maintenance items, winterizing tips, operating tool recommendations, could have prevented them.

Participants return year after year to hear Smith's enthusiastic, humorous, and fast-paced information packed presentations. After attending his seminars, participants can keep up with Smith's tips and advice by reading his monthly columns, "Dock Talk Q & A" in Yacht Trader, "Hangar Talk Q & A" in AeroTrader or "Affordable Flying" in Private Pilot. His columns are also available on his website, www.skysmith.com.

Smith is not only a columnist/writer for numerous national magazines, he is the author of "Ultimate Boat Maintenance Projects" and "How To Buy A Single-Engine Airplane", (published by Motorbooks International and available at bookstores across the country or direct from SkySmith, Inc.). Smith and Jeanne Westbrook Smith are the owners of SkySmith, Inc., which is a nationally recognized aviation and marine insurance agency.

Sorum, Alan

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Will Speak: Regionally & Nationally

Experienced in both Sail and Power

Fees & Expenses Charged: Yes

Topics - Area of Expertise:

Training; Other: Harbor/Marina Operation and Maintenance, Clean/Green Boating Practices, Recreational Boating Safety, Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety

Biography

Alan Sorum is port director for the City of Valdez, Alaska. The Port of Valdez operates a container facility, public dock, and small boat harbor. The Port of Valdez is host to large ship activity, with cruise liners, oil tankers, and ferries, as well as charter operations, naturalist cruises, commercial fishing, and recreational boaters. Valdez offers the primary access point to Prince William Sound for Interior Alaska. Alan has been with the City of Valdez for six years and has also worked for the ports of Wrangell and Whittier, Alaska.

Alan has been extensively involved with port and harbor planning efforts. The most recent projects are development of a marine center concept for the City of Valdez and a port operations plan for the Native Village of Eyak. Publications include an *Evaluation of Alaska's Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Program* presented at IFISH II, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Sitka, Alaska, 2003; *Community Discovery in Chukotka* presented at the 55th Arctic Science Conference, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Anchorage, Alaska, 2004; and *Northern Harbors & Small Ports: Operations and Maintenance* published by Alaska Sea Grant in January of 2006.

Alan is immediate past president of the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators, member of the Board of Directors for the National Harbormasters Association and Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, division captain for the Alaska Coast Guard Auxiliary, and vice-chairman of the Prince William Sound Area Maritime Security Committee. Alan holds a bachelor of aeronautical science degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, a master of public administration from the University of Alaska Southeast, and a master of arts in rural development from the

University of Alaska Fairbanks; and was recently designated a certified marina manager by the International Marina Institute.