

APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH!



AUTISM SPEAKS™
IT'S TIME TO LISTEN

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the brain, impacting development in the areas of social interaction and communication skills. Both children and adults with autism typically show difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities. One should keep in mind however, that autism is a spectrum disorder and it affects each individual differently and at varying degrees - this is why early diagnosis is so crucial. By learning the signs, a child can begin benefiting from one of the many specialized intervention programs.

Autism is one of five disorders that falls under the umbrella of Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PPD), a category of neurological disorders characterized by "severe and

pervasive impairment in several areas of development".

The five disorders under PDD are:

- Autistic Disorder
- Asperger's Disorder
- Childhood Disintegrative Disorder (CDD)
- Rett's Disorder
- PDD-Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS)

Prevalence of Autism

Autism is the most common of the Pervasive Developmental Disorders, **affecting an estimated 1 in 150 births**. Roughly translated, this means as many as 1.5 million Americans today are believed to have some form of autism. And this number is on the rise!

Based on statistics from the U.S. Department of Education and other governmental agencies, autism is growing at a startling rate of 10-17 percent per year. At this rate, the ASA estimates that the prevalence of autism could reach 4 million Americans in the next decade.

Autism knows no racial, ethnic, social boundaries, family income, lifestyle, or educational levels and can affect any family, and any child.

Happy Anniversary:

Jim Clark '02
Steven DeJesus '06
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General Boating Information and Safety Class

ALL NEW MEMBERS
PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING

We will be reviewing boating basics, including:

- Proper use of the radio
- How to read the charts
- What to do if you find yourself in trouble
- How to properly set your anchor
- How to properly tie up the boats
- What you can try if you have an engine failure
- How to avoid running aground

Thursday April 26th
5:30 pm at the office

Please RSVP - phone or email

See you on the water
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Captain Howard G. Levy
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