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Commander's Message

Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

I kept my boat on the hard over the winter at the Pocket Yachts dealer on Crab Alley Creek, which is on the south side of Kent Island. I like to get my boat out of the yard in March so that I don't have to pay the increased fees that begin 1 April. I'm beginning to think this is being penny wise and pound foolish. Over the years, I have had many horrible if not dangerous deliveries in March due to bad weather. Additionally, there is nobody out on the bay to come to the rescue should something go bad, which has a higher likelihood of occurring after sitting on the hard for so many cold months.

I wasn't going to let that happen this time. I had delayed the launch for three straight days until the winds had died down. On this day, the sun was up and the Bay was flat. It was spectacular as far as the weather goes but turned out to be very costly just the same.

The growth on the hull was horrendous last Fall. Fuel efficiency was so low that I couldn't afford to do anymore boating. So, I crossed the bay in October and put the boat up. Consequently, I needed gas just to get home. After leaving Crab Alley, Lorrie and I headed to Piney Narrows Marina along Kent Narrows to get gas before heading across the bay to our slip on Mill Creek up from Cantler's Restaurant. While the boat was fueling, I decided to take out my wallet and get out a tip for the dockhand. Just then the fuel hose uncoiled and started sliding off the dock into the water. I made a lunge for the nozzle to keep it from getting pulled overboard while discharging gas. In slow motion I watched as my wallet sailed out of my hand, over the side of the boat and disappeared into the muddy water. Oh, shoot!! There goes my driver's license, my military ID, my computer CAC card and my credit cards.

We tried a magnet on a string that had been used to recover pliers and other tools lost overboard. No luck. Then a dock hand showed up with oyster tongs. Unfortunately, the wallet went over in the deepest possible area right next to a piling. Only a few inches of the handles were out of the water and the mud on the bottom was so thin that literally nothing was brought up. Tonging for my wallet did not work. The lesson for me is to never take my wallet out when on my boat. Get on land before going for tip money or the

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credit card to pay for the fuel. I have never lost my wallet in my life, and I reason that I did not lose it this time either. I know exactly where it is. I just can't get to it.

The following weekend was the D5 Spring Conference and Change of Watch. The Spring Conference in Ocean City is one of my favorite weekends. We had good attendance from ASPS members. I was called up nearly half a dozen times to accept awards for ASPS.



VSC Awards - John Wesley Nash took 3rd place in the District with 113 VSCs. John also received the Century Club Certificate for completing over 100 VSCs.

Cooperative Charting - Dick Radlinski was the only D5 member to receive recognition for his Coop Charting efforts.

Communication - Thanks to John Wesley Nash, the ASPS website received recognition for Distinctive Performance for Websites. Thanks to Georgiana, Carol, Peggy and the entire team of Anchor Watch contributors, the ASPS newsletter was recognized for Distinctive Performance for Publications. Well done, ASPS.

The D5 Summer Council at Smith Mountain Lake is up next in July. I am really looking forward to it.

On a sad note, we mourn the passing of PDC and good friend Kay Simpkins from Patuxent River SPS. Celebration of Life is May 16, 11 AM, Rausch Funeral Home, Lusby, MD. Lunch following.

Let's get back out on the water. Be safe and stay healthy.



Executive Officer
Lt/C Ralph Leasure, AP

Now that Spring has arrived we can start to focus on boating and boating activities. We're scheduled to pick ours up from storage early in May.

The Spring Conference in Ocean City was a fine event. It was especially nice to have all the attendees from Annapolis meet for dinner on Friday night with a few guests joining in on the fun. A special thank you to John and Betty Wilmot for their hospitality for the weekend. Also, thanks to District 5 for their Hospitality Suite on Friday night and to the other squadrons that had suites. Congratulations to the new D/5 Commander, Bill Hammett, JN, from the Virginia Beach Sail & Power Squadron.

As part of my job at the District level, I was fortunate to represent the District at both the Dundalk Change of Watch and the Valley Forge COW. Both locations were wonderful and the programs and the food were excellent. Valley Forge has been in existence continually for 109 years. Amazing!

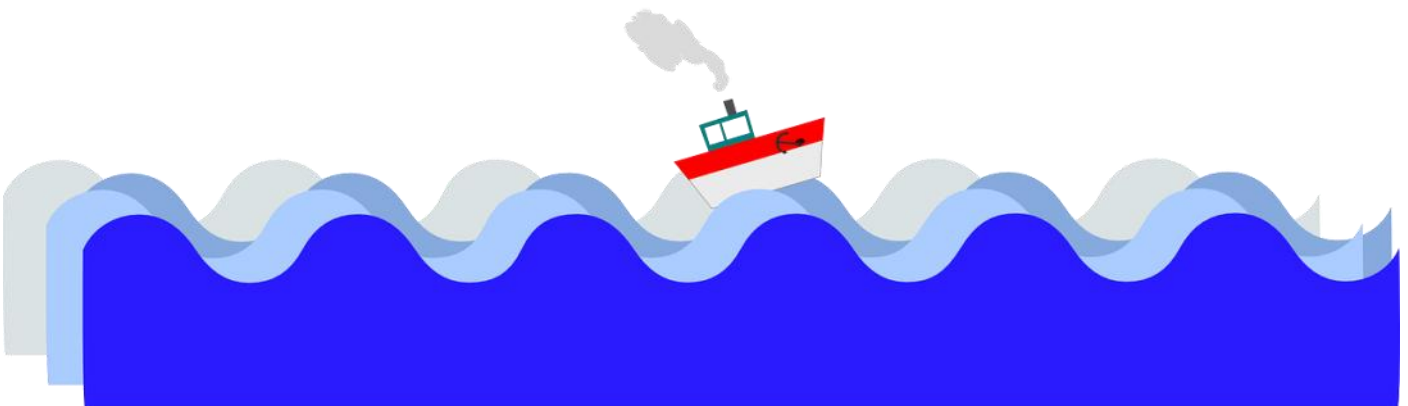
To pass the time while waiting for the boat, we have been watching the series "The Americas." It is narrated by Tom Hanks and it covers various areas of the Americas from the East Coast to Patagonia and the Wild West. The photography is the most stunning photography you will ever see, including on-the-water and underwater shots. The documentary follows many species as they deal with the rigors of life in some not very hospitable places.

You may remember that we follow the stars of "Distant Shores," Paul & Sheryl Shard. They have been cruising with their new Enksail 49 aluminum custom boat in the Caribbean and have moved on to the Bahamas. They have new video out about their latest adventures. From here, they go to Cape Verde and then another Atlantic crossing. You can follow them on You Tube. The videos are very well done and explore every area they visit.

Thanks to those who helped with the Bay Bridge Boat Show. Friday night and Saturday may have been the coldest Boat Show on record. We did have some interest and took a full page of contacts for follow up. The next show is the Spring Annapolis Sailboat Show. You don't have to be a sailboater to sign up to help. The dates are April 25 - 27, 2025. You can sign up through our website, under useful info. Go to Boat Shows.

Thanks in advance.

Ralph Leasure, AP...Executive Officer





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN

The speaker for our May dinner meeting will be LTJG Alejandro Carriazo of the Seamanship and Navigation Department at the United States Naval Academy. He will be speaking about his passion for sailing and how it led to a career in the Navy.

I can certainly understand the passion for sailing, and I miss it a lot since selling my sailboat at the end of 2023. Sailing is more than a hobby—it's a way of life. It's

the harmony of harnessing the wind's power and the sea's rhythm. It's the exhilaration of setting sail with the horizon as your only limit and the satisfaction of navigating nature's vast expanse using your own skill and intuition.

There's a deep sense of connection—feeling the wind tug at the sails, the hull slicing through the waves, and the salt spray kissing your face. It's a mix of challenge and serenity: the adrenaline of racing against the wind, paired with the quiet moments watching the sunset reflect off calm waters.

For many, sailing represents freedom, exploration, and a profound respect for the natural world. Whether it's charting new courses, mastering the art of navigation, or simply finding solace in the open water, sailing becomes not just a passion but a reflection of one's soul.



Our squadron has so much to offer to fellow boaters – continuing education, safe boating surveys, community service, and great socializing! It takes all of us to spread the word about our organization!

Your executive board is developing ways for all members to assist in distributing promotional material to over 100 marinas and boating businesses in the greater Annapolis area. Members will have the opportunity to visit 3-4 sites in the early spring to drop off brochures and posters. The commitment is for no more than an hour.

Stay tuned for more information as we all pitch in to grow our exciting squadron!

ASPS Dinner Meeting

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Elks Lodge - 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour

7:00 PM - Dinner

7:30 PM - Speaker - LTJG Alejandro Carriazo of the Seamanship and Navigation Department at the United States Naval Academy. He will be speaking about his passion for sailing and how it led to a career in the Navy.



Meal will include: Soup,
Chicken Fajitas or Shrimp Fajitas w/ Flour Tortillas,
Spanish Rice, Fresh Cucumber Salad,
Dinner Rolls & Butter, Desserts.

Vegetarian meals will be plated and served.
Vegetarian Option: Pasta Primavera and Red Sauce.
Please indicate vegetarian
when you send your response.

RSVP by Monday, 28 April, 4 PM to
aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com

\$20.00 per person by cash or check at the door.
Make checks payable to Annapolis Elks.

Note: All no-show reservations are responsible
for the cost of the dinner.

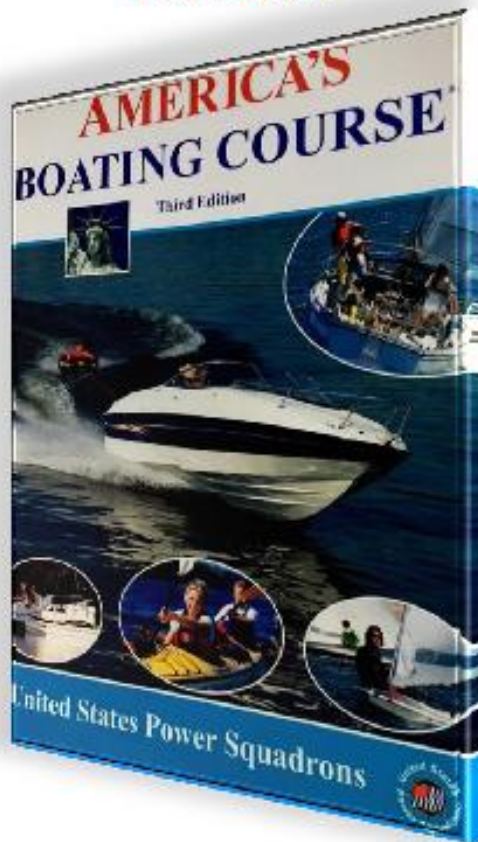
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Please register on ASPSMD.org, Click on link or by calling or emailing Dick Radlinski at 937-407-0106 or radlinskid@gmail.com.

Additional Information will be sent after registration.



WHEN

Sat June 21 & Sun June 22
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

WHAT

America's
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\$35 Adults 18+
No Charge 17 & Under
Members FREE

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below

For More Info
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WHERE

Two Sessions from 12 to 5 PM
June 21 & June 22 at
Epping Forest Clubhouse
354 Severn Road
Annapolis, MD 21401

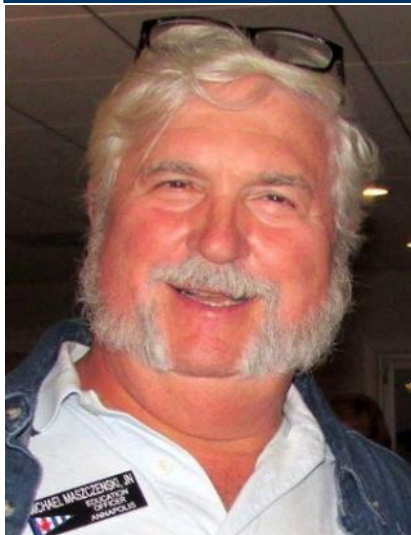
YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS

[Click Here to Register](#)

<https://tinyurl.com/kd8mabr7>

Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N



There is a new course search item from Americas Boating Clubs / United States Power Squadrons. The course search tool on the <https://americasboatingclub.org/index.php/americas-boating-course> page has been modified so we may find virtual classes around the country. These are usually over Zoom and are synchronous courses and seminars, so the location of the instructor is not an issue. Give it a try. You may be surprised that a course or seminar you want is available in an instructor-led form.



**Locate the Nearest
America's Boating Club
Courses or Seminars
by zip code**

Locate: The ABC Boating Course Seminars
 Classes

Select type of Seminar:

Select type of Course:

Enter your ZIP Code:

OR enter as many characters as you need to identify a city or town.
Note: Case doesn't matter.

City: Starts Name Part of Name

State:

Maximum Distance: 10 miles 20 miles 50 miles 100 miles custom
 Ignore Distance Show Virtual Classroom Offerings Only

Maximum Displayed: 5 10 20 50

Show Pending: Only applies to the ABC Boating Course

Note: You are not logged on as a USPS member and cannot register for Member-Only Items or get Member-Only discounts.

We have another ABC course being offered at the Epping Forest Clubhouse. It is a classroom course. Please spread the word. For students looking for their Boating Safety Card, this is a great venue.

Title: America's Boating Course (ABC III)

This course, when passed, earns you the Boaters Safety Course Card needed to legally operate recreational vessels in the state of Maryland. It covers the basic information needed for safe boating. It is a great review for boaters already with a card, or who were grandfathered in, as well as new boaters.

Where: Epping Forest Clubhouse, 354 Severn Road, Annapolis, MD, 21401

Cost: all non-members 18+ of age - \$35.00, Members and 17 and under - Free

Dates: Saturday - June 21, 2025, and Sunday, June 22, 2025, attendance at both required

Time: Noon to 5:00 PM

Instructors: Dick Radlinski

[Click Here to Register](#)

Title: Hurricane Preparations

In this short seminar, you'll learn how to select a location from which to weather the storm and prepare your boat for a hurricane.

Where: Zoom

Cost: Non-ASPS members \$35.00, ASPS members \$10.00 or \$25.00 if you want it listed in your Education certificate.

Date: May 15, 2025, Thursday

Time: 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM EDT

Instructor: John W. Nash

[Click Here to Register](#)

Courses and seminars from our neighbors:

Remember, you can also go to <https://www.abc-midatlantic.org> to find course listings from all the squadrons in the district.

Boating Links to Browse

Chesapeake Bay Magazine brings us an article about the fleet of boats at the Inn at Perry Cabin in St. Michaels.

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/inn-at-perry-cabin-holds-bays-most-luxurious-blessing-of-the-fleet/>

For trip ideas in the Chesapeake Bay area:
<https://www.visitmaryland.org/unique-experiences/chesapeake-bay-loop> This site changes frequently. Bookmark it and return on a regular basis for all sorts of activities in the area.

Practical Sailor tells us how to get the [best tasting water aboard our boats](#). Test results of different equipment are included.

Looking for a place to visit by car? Chesapeake Bay Magazine has a suggestion. Watch this video about Queen Anne's County and its history.
<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/retrace-kent-islands-surprising-history-as-one-of-nations-first-settlements/>

For a weekend road trip, try one of these destinations:
<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/the-great-chesapeake-bay-road-trip-five-special-stays-for-spring/>

For more nautical-related links, see the "Links Page" on the ASPS website:
<http://aspsmd.org/wrappers/pages.php>



Dinner Pics
April 3, 2025
Elks Lodge



Ladies! Let's Do Lunch!



**When: Tuesday, May 13, 2025
11:30 AM**

**Where: Julep Kitchen & Bar
2207 Forest Drive, Annapolis, MD
21401**

(410) 571-3923

Menu: julepannapolis.com



**R.S.V.P. to Kathy Burke
at kab2016dec@gmail.com or (410) 279-0818
by Monday, May 12 at 4pm.**

SAVE THE DATE for next lunch: Tuesday, June 10, 2025



Ladies Lunch

April 8, 2025

Fisherman's Inn, Kent Narrows



We had 13 folks attend.
Join on May 13 at
Julep in Annapolis.



Safety Tips for Kayak and Paddleboard

Terry Slattery, Lord of the Electrons

It's spring and the warming weather is basically begging us to take the kayak or paddleboard out for a spin. Here are some tips to make your outings safe.



Clothing and PFD

Our first tip is to wear suitable clothing and a PFD/lifejacket. The air temperature can drop pretty quickly when the sun sets or is obscured by clouds, making it important to be aware of the conditions when you'll be out. I've occasionally had to stop paddling to shed a layer or, conversely, arrive back at the dock shivering because I underdressed.

It's also important to wear a PFD that's suitable for the conditions. In cooler weather, I'll use a solid shell PFD to add insulating value and to act as a windbreaker. As the weather warms, I'll transition to an inflatable PFD to stay cool. Paddleboarding in cooler waters implies the use of a wetsuit or drysuit to avoid hypothermia for those instances when you fall into the water.



Be Seen and Heard

It is frequently difficult for a fast boat's driver to see a lone paddler, especially if there are distractions on board, like passengers or pets. Some paddlers add a pole and flag to their equipment to improve their visibility. Waving your paddle can often help make you visible. But, I've found that the best policy is to stay out of the main channels that other boats are taking. This works out well because I find the shorelines much more interesting than open water. Admittedly, I'm not doing ocean swell surfing, which does require open water, but that's an entirely different safety discussion. If you'll be out after sunset, take some sort of light. A headlight is better than a hand-held flashlight. There are also battery powered LED boat lights that mount using adhesive or suction cups.

Carrying a whistle can literally be a lifesaver if you wind up in the water and need assistance, or find yourself in front of a larger vessel that doesn't see you. I have one of those shrill plastic whistles on my PFD's shoulder where it's out of the way but readily accessible.

Don't Cross in Front of Bigger Vessels!

Again, don't cross in front of bigger vessels! It's too easy to underestimate the speed of another (bigger) vessel. Don't count on the bigger vessel's captain seeing you. Simply parallel the path of the larger vessel until it is ahead, then cut across. You may occasionally deal with multiple vessels, especially on warm summer days, but you'll stay safe. Cross channels at right angles so that you're spending the minimum amount of time in the danger zone. On LUX, we once had a set of kayakers decide that they could outrun us and cross in front. We saw them and slowed, but they kept looking over their shoulders at us to make sure they weren't about to join Davey Jones in his locker. We were left wondering how they survived paddling in the ICW.

Pick the Right Weather

Spring and fall bring high winds that may make it exceedingly easy to paddle in one direction and impossible to make progress in the opposite direction. Given a choice, paddle upwind/upcurrent first, then the return trip will be much easier. Besides the wind, take into account the wave conditions. Paddling with the waves on the beam can put you at risk of falling into the water. Paddling into tall waves can be like paddling into strong winds, quickly exhausting you. If necessary, take the waves at an angle that's easier to paddle.

**Calling for Help**

Don't be embarrassed to go ashore and ask someone to make a call for help to get you home. In that respect, it's a good idea to take a cell phone (in a waterproof envelope) or a VHF radio that you can use to call for help. If you prefer a cell phone, make sure you're aware of where you're paddling so that you can direct someone to your location, should an emergency arise.

As always, stay alert, use your head, and be safe out there.

**Start out the boating season
with some new duds.**

ASPS Logo apparel
<http://asps.qbstores.com>

**Click on the Products menu
and select the type of clothing or
accessory that you are interested in.**





John Wesley and Kathy Nash recently returned from an extensive trip to Africa. They shared these pictures with us. They reported having an amazing and enjoyable trip.

Thanks to JWN and Kathy for sending them in.

Been someplace interesting? Share your photos!





Dinner Delights

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

Couldn't make our April meeting? You missed a very informative presentation – *Navigation Safety in Shared Waterways*. Our guest speaker was Bill Washington, a member of CAPCA - Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association. This organization is dedicated to promoting the professional development and enhancement of skills of its members. CAPCA also works to promote and support the needs of the maritime community. You can check them out at capca.net.

In the meantime, here are some of the interesting facts from that meeting:

- ★ Bill pointed out the important 3 C's of boating – Common Sense, Courtesy, and Communication.
- ★ Common Sense includes being sure to take care of any pre-cruise inspections. Being sure your vessel is in optimal operating condition is an important step *before* you leave the dock.
- ★ You should also check all the conditions before leaving – the water, weather, currents, and the tides.
- ★ If you are cruising on other people's boats, you might want to consider carrying your own first aid kit – one that includes items specific to your needs.
- ★ The internet offers a wealth of apps that are great for navigation. Some really work well on your cell. You might want to have your own navigation device with you.
- ★ After leaving the dock, be sure that you stay aware of your surroundings.
- ★ Courtesy on the water means that you know the 'rules of the road' as they apply to vessels out cruising, and that you use them!
- ★ Communication means that you should be sure that your boat has a working radio on board. Also, all navigation lights onboard should be fully functional.



If you were unable to join us, you missed a presentation packed with great information and great advice for staying safe on our waterways. As always, we are able to offer dinner meetings that bring together friends who love boating. We also always offer informative speakers so you can learn something interesting about boating on the Chesapeake Bay and beyond. We look forward to seeing you soon.



2025 D/5 Cruise and Rendezvous - Smith Mountain Lake Details and Reservation Information

You are invited to join us at Smith Mountain Lake for a two-part event this summer during the week of July 14-20, 2025.

Part 1 - The Cruise

Join us as we cruise the 20,000 acres of SML on house boats. Enjoy the live-aboard life in fully equipped boats as we take in the sites and rendezvous locations around the lake. We'll board the rented boats on Monday, 14 July, and cruise together for 4 days and return ashore Thursday, the 17th. If house boats are not your thing, bring your boat, or rent a runabout of your choice, and sleep ashore.

Part 2 - The Rendezvous

On Thursday, 17 July, our activities will move to Mariner's Landing in Huddleston, Va. This will be the center of our activities, hospitality and banquet. Mariner's Landing is a lake front condo and residential community that includes swimming and fishing areas, docks, tennis & pickle ball courts, fitness and game rooms, indoor and outdoor pools, eateries, golf and more.

The Call to Action

July is a busy season on SML. Vacationers will soon be booking home and boat rentals and we need to get there before them. So, make the decision to join us for this event now. Then, book reservations for your choice of boats and rooms before availability becomes difficult. **Sooner is better.** Details of activities are still being developed and will be communicated as they come together. Rendezvous registration will also follow later. Sharing of boats and condo / housing is encouraged.

Parrot Cove Boat Rentals
16441 Booker T. Washington Hwy
(540) 721-5363

www.parrotcove.com

House Boats: 53' boats sleep up to 10. 39' boats sleep up to 6.

Mariner's Landing
12263 Smith Mountain Lake Pkwy
Huddleston, VA
marinerslanding.com

To make reservations: Use AirBnB or VRBO. In the search line, use the address for Mariner's Landing. This will return the condos that are available plus nearby houses.

Have questions or need additional information?

Contact Randy Stow, SMLstow@gmail.com or (540) 588- 0270.



Changes to your phone number, address, e-mail?
Please contact P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN
at roster@aspsmd.org or 410-703-9559



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P/R/C Bill Eldridge, SN

Vessel Safety Check

To arrange for a
VSC for your boat,
contact Bill at
vsc@aspsmd.org.



Calendar of Coming Events

United States Power Squadrons® Events

District 5 Events

- 15-20 Jul Summer Rendezvous at Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia
 6-9 Nov Fall Educational Conference at the Doubletree Hilton in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Squadron Events for Annapolis

- 01 May ASPS Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge - Annapolis
 15 May Hurricane Preparations - Zoom
 22 May ASPS Executive Board Meeting

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

<http://www.aspsmd.org/calendar/month.php>



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please contact our sunshine lady.

Betty Rouse Wilmot
sunshine@aspsmd.org



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