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Commander's Message

Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

I am honored to be serving a second term as commander. We had a wonderful Founder's Day and Change of Watch ceremony at Pirate's Cove at the very end of the road in Galesville, MD on a sunny day in early March. Thank you to Georgiana and the crew of Lux for securing the venue and putting the entire ceremony together. Lorrie Short did a wonderful job once again as the MC. Thank you to Georgiana for putting together a wonderful slide presentation for Founder's Day. It is very interesting, and I encourage you to look at it if you get a chance. Maybe it will be posted on the website.

Congratulations to Michael Mazczenski for being awarded the ASPS Member of the Year Award for 2023! It was an honor to have Michael representing National

and District 5, to preside over the Change of Watch.

Thank you, Ralph Leasure, for holding down the fort for the last two years. Thank you to all those who have served and are now stepping down from the Bridge, the Executive Committee, all the elected and assigned committees and all the other assigned staff officer roles. Every one of you is appreciated and your service has made the last few years fun and successful for ASPS.

Welcome and thank you to the new ASPS Bridge, which for the first time that I can remember, consists entirely of members from the old Bridge. Thank you, Michael, Carol, Lorrie, Pat, Linda and Terry, for staying

on in your jobs. Thank you, Past Commanders Bruce Arey and Ralph Leasure, for volunteering to fill the Bridge for the coming year. ASPS is fortunate to have such experienced leadership for the coming year. We are looking forward to getting new ideas, and new perspectives from new folks stepping up to serve ASPS next year and the years to come.

I believe I am the second person to serve two, non-consecutive terms as Commander of ASPS, the first being Charlie Tulip Jr in 1994 and 2008. I am taking over from Ralph Leasure, who is only the second person in over 30 years to do two consecutive terms as Commander, the other being Marianne Ponzio in 2012 and 2013. ASPS is a special organization with very dedicated members who are motivated to serve. That is why it has taken so long for ASPS to have to begin recycling leaders. Until this year, there has always been somebody new to step up. Most other USPS squadron commanders have been doing two-year terms, or longer. Many squadrons have had

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motivated volunteers alternating as commander and in other officer positions for many years now. Recycling officers provides experience and institutional knowledge for the squadron. But relying on the same people year after year is not sustainable in the long run. When the nominating committee approaches you next year, or the year after, strongly consider volunteering a few hours per month for the benefit of the organization we all enjoy.

Stay healthy and be safe out there.

Jeff







Executive Officer Lt/C Ralph Leasure, P

It seems real that Spring is around the corner since we have scheduled a day to pick up our boat after winter storage. Of course, you never get your first choice, but there are lots of things to do and you never know if the weather will cooperate. So we'll be patient and wait for the beginning of the boating season.

We are signed up for the Bay Bridge Boat Show. Please take a look at the schedule, and if you are able, volunteer to cover one or more time slots. A link to the sign-up sheets are on page 2. The dates are April 12, 13 and 14, 2024. It will be at The Bay Bridge Marina and is a fun show to cover. We will be in tent A-1, which is a great location and if history is an

indicator, the weather should be great. Don't forget you get free admission to the show on the day you volunteer to work the booth.

The Annapolis Sailboat Show is Friday, April 26 to Sunday, April 28. Please sign up for that, too. Again, links to the sign-up are on page 2 of the Anchor Watch.

Also on the schedule is the District 5 Spring Conference. There is a new venue this year as the meeting moves to The Holiday Inn, 6600 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842. The dates are March 21-24, 2024. We will host a hospitality suite, which is always a good time. I hope to see you there.

I want to thank all of our members who were involved in making our change of watch at the Pirates Cove such a success. Special thanks to our Member of the Year, Mike Maszczenski, who represented D5 at the ceremony. Also, special thanks to Lorrie Short for acting as the Mistress of Ceremonies. Of course, without Georgiana Maszczenski there would have been no agenda. Thank You. I thank Jeff Short for all the gifts and kind words. I wish you all the best for your year as Commander. Let's all continue to do our part to grow the Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron. Thank you all for your help.

Ralph Leasure, P, Executive Officer







Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN

As I write this article in the middle of March, it seems that Spring is finally here with the temperatures outside reaching almost 80 degrees! For the past few months, boaters everywhere have been dreaming about being back on the water, and March is the month where many of us start preparing our boats for all the great boating activities that we have been looking forward to. As your new Administrative Officer, I'm looking forward to offering a calendar that entices you to go boating, as well as encourages you to spend time with people who love boating.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at the monthly dinner meetings. Our knowledgeable dinner speakers will entertain you as well as teach you

something new each time.

The warm weather also brings out people looking to buy stuff for their boats and take courses that will increase their boating knowledge. Please consider volunteering at the Americas Boating Club booth at the April 12 to 14 Bay Bridge Boat Show at Bay Bridge Marina on Kent Island, and at the April 26 to 28 Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show.

Our April dinner meeting speaker will be Scott Berg and his presentation will be on "Working with a Marine Surveyor as a Buyer or Seller." I wished that I had the information that Scott will present to us when I hired a marine surveyor for the purchase of my first boat. That surveyor definitely did not have my best interests in mind.

Always remember that giving back to an organization like ASPS through volunteering will provide you with many fond and fulfilling memories for years to come. Please let me know what activities you would like to volunteer for, or activities you would like to lead.



Scott Berg has been sailing, racing and cruising for the past 50 years and has experience on a range of power and sailing vessels from an El Toro Pram to a 135' Baltic Trader. Scott operated Chardonnay Boatworks, a full-service marine electrical and systems company for 34 years before selling to his partners in order to focus on marine surveying and consulting. He enjoys sharing his decades of experience in the evaluation and repair of sail and power boats of all sizes with his classes.

Scott is a Commodore and past president of the Seven Seas Cruising Association (SSCA), as well as a member the Ocean Cruising Club (OCC), the Capital Yacht Club, the American Boat and Yacht Council

(ABYC), and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). A graduate of the Chapman School of Seamanship as both a Surveyor and Professional Mariner, he is an active member of the USCG GDMSS Task Force and is an operator of FCC Licensed Public and Private Coast Stations. He holds a USCG 100T Masters license, a Marine Radio Operators Permit, an Amateur Extra Ham License (Call Sign WAØLSS), and a Marine Coast Station License (Call Sign KCQ). When not sailing aboard his 60' Seaton Ketch, CHARDONNAY, he lives in Baltimore, MD.



ASPS Dinner Meeting Thursday, April 4, 2024

Elks Lodge - 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour

7:00 PM - Dinner

7:30 PM - Speaker - Scott Berg

"Working with a Marine Surveyor as a Buyer or Seller."

Meal will include: Salad, Honey Ham, Hand Carved Turkey, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, 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, 01 April, 4 PM to aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com or call Lorrie at 410-305-0232.

\$25.00 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.

















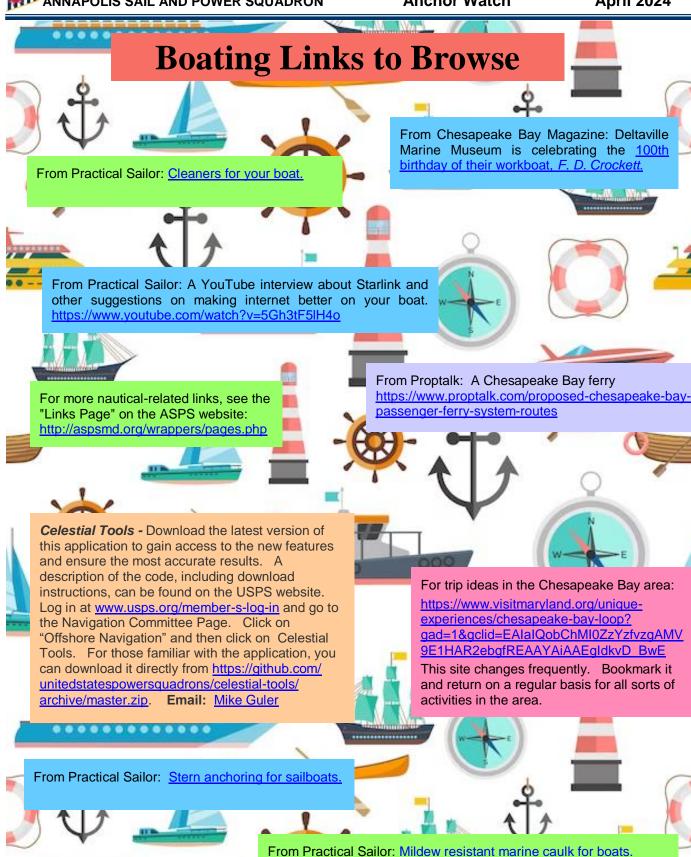






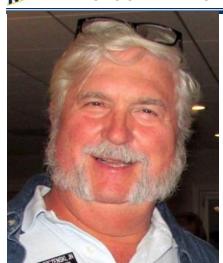








From Practical Sailor: What should go into your first aid kit.



Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

Spring is coming early this year. ASPS will offer two spring educational opportunities: Emergencies on Board and OpenCPN GPS driven charting. If you think you would like to take these, please register! In addition, three other courses have been rescheduled.

ABC Kent Narrows is merging with Annapolis Sail and Power. We welcome all to the squadron. Please watch the Anchor Watch and the website for new offerings and seminars on both sides of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and on Zoom for all our members.

America's Boating Channel is now featuring YOU THINK NOTHING CAN TAKE YOU DOWN from Sea Tow Foundation's Sober Skipper video series. It makes a compelling case against boating

under the influence (BUI) by portraying a group of young boaters whose perfect day on the water turns into the tragedy of a lifetime in an instant due to the effects of BUI. This program from America's Boating Channel can be accessed as a free smart TV app on Apple TV, Roku, and Fire TV, as well as AmericasBoatingChannel.com. It is also available on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social networks. You may also access the program via bit.ly/WSGonTV, or the whole catalogue at https://americasboatingchannel.uscreen.io/catalog.

Emergencies on Board: Preparation for Handling Common Problems

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 **Time:** 6:45 pm - 9:15 pm

Where: ZOOM - Login information provided after registration

Materials: Provided through emails

Cost: ASPS Members - \$10.00, Non-Members - \$20.00

Instructor: Lt Kathy Nash, AP-IN

No one wants to think about it, but emergencies happen on boats. Be prepared for a variety of boating mishaps, medical emergencies, and other crises. Prevention and preparation make all the difference. This seminar will prepare you to handle common emergencies that can happen when you are on your boat and away from the dock, whether you venture out for the day or are leaving on a longer cruise. You will learn how to deal with them as they occur and especially when the skipper is unable to respond.

Upon completion of this seminar, you will have gained an understanding of the most common types of vessel emergencies and how to deal with them, how to handle onboard fires, how to recognize and prepare for medical emergencies and how to communicate with crew, other boats, and first responders.

Register for this course: Register Here.

OpenCPN GPS Driven Chart Plotting

Dates: Part 1 - Tuesday May 21, 2024, and Part 2 - Tuesday May 28, 2024

Time: 6:45 pm - 9:15 pm

Where: ZOOM - Login information provided after

registration

Materials: Provided through emails

Instructor: Stf/C Michael J. Maszczenski Jr., N

Cost: Free





OpenCPN is an open source, free application for Windows PCs, MacIntosh, Android phones, and tablets. It is GPS driven. The charts are free from NOAA as downloads. It is the core application used by USPS to teach all the navigation courses. Its skills are immediately transferable to most other navigation apps including chart plotters. This seminar will cover installation and basic operation. Part 2 will cover simple navigation and a review of other apps that do similar tasks, such as Aqua Maps, InavX, Argo and more, as time permits.

Register for this course: Register Here

AIS Electronics for Boaters

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024

Time: 6:45 pm - 9:15 pm

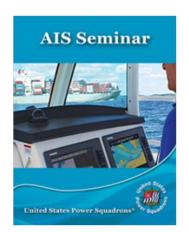
Where: ZOOM - Login information provided after registration

Materials: Provided through emails

Cost: ASPS Members - \$10.00, Non-Members - \$20.00

Instructor: P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

Automated Identification System (AIS) provides ID information and location data for all commercial boats and many recreational boats. The cost of the transmitters and receivers has gone down in cost and are now affordable. This system will put an ICON for a vessel on a chartplotter, and will give potential collision data as well as position, speed, etc. It also can be used to place virtual marks on the water for navigation.



With AIS for marine vessels, you can avoid collisions in crowded waters by knowing the name and locations of other boats and ships, how close they will come, and when to act. Many AIS systems also broadcast your boat's information to other boats so they can also make better, safer boating decisions.

Our AIS Electronics for Boaters seminar can help you decide if an Automatic Identification System is right for you, and show you how AIS and radar differ. AIS electronics are not just for commercial vessels. More recreational vessels are employing this technology for safer cruising.

What You Will Learn:

- ★ What does AIS do and how does it work?
- ★ Do I need an AIS System?
- * How is AIS different from Radar?
- ★ How do I use AIS to navigate more safely?
- * How do I integrate AIS with my existing electronics?

Register for this course: **Register Here**

Marine Navigation Course

Date: Tuesdays - October 1, 2024 to December 10, 2024

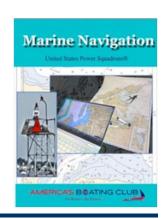
Time: 6:45pm - 9:00pm

Where: ZOOM - Login information provided after registration

Materials: Provided through emails Instructor: Mike Maszczenski

Fee: Member ASPS - \$80.00, Non-Member - \$90.00. Fee covers book and

plotter. Dividers can be provided for an additional \$15.00. Printed text orders needed to be in by September 1, 2024.





Marine Navigation, the replacement for Piloting, starts October 1, 2024. It presents the use of GPS electronic chart programs, as well a basic paper chart piloting. Even if you have taken the Piloting course, this is a great intro into electronic navigation.

Marine Navigation is the first of the navigational classes, focusing on techniques for piloting a boat in coastal and inland conditions. The course emphasizes planning and checking, along with the use of GPS and other electronic systems for determining position, and introduces digital charting along with traditional charting, compass, and dead reckoning skills. Plotting, use of the compass, aids to navigation, electronic tools and a host of related topics are included in this all-new approach to coastal, inland, and river piloting. This course uses the Bowditch Bay practice chart and local charts, the USPS 4"X15" plotter, and dividers. A computer with OpenCPN must be student provided.

The Student Kit includes the Student Manual, the Plotting and Labeling Standards Learning Guide, and instructions for downloading, installing and using OpenCPN. OpenCPN is a free marine navigation program that is state-of-the-art, and in wide use by commercial and recreational boating enthusiasts. OpenCPN runs on a variety of environments, including Windows, Android tablets and phones, and MAC OS, but not iPhones or iPads. (The larger screens of desktop or laptop computers work best.)

Register for this course: Register Here

Radar for Boaters

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024

Time: 6:45pm – 9:15pm

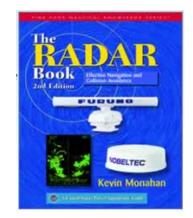
Where: ZOOM, Login Information Provided after Registration

Materials: Provided through Emails **Instructor:** P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

Fee: Member ASPS - \$80.00, Non-Member - \$90.00. Fee covers book and

presentation materials

Developed by the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, this course is up to date for radar technologies available now and into the near future. The course covers the different types of radar equipment, their capabilities and



limitations, as well as their features and how they apply to students' needs. It covers what you need to know about radar, from how and where to mount the antenna to how to interpret the displays, so you can use your radar for collision avoidance and for navigational purposes.

Students attending this course should have completed *America's Boating Course* (or another NASBLA-approved boating safety course), preferably have completed but not required, *Marine Navigation* and *Advanced Marine Navigation*, and have boating experience. Previously required for BOC-Offshore Navigation certification, as of May 4, 2019, *Radar for Boaters* is a required course for its BOC-Advanced Coastal Navigation certification pre-requisite as well.

Register for this course: Register Here



Registration for All ASPS-Sponsored Courses

Please register as soon as possible. If you are planning to have a printed text, shipping time is 3 to 4 weeks. So, early registration is mandatory to have your book in time. Materials must be ordered, and materials pick-up arranged for the virtual classes. <u>Click Here to Register</u> or email <u>seo@aspsmd.org</u>, or call 410-739-7800. If you do not get an answer, please leave voice mail with contact information. When registered, you will receive an email confirmation. Other information and directions for prep and fee payment will be emailed as the start date for the course or seminar approaches.



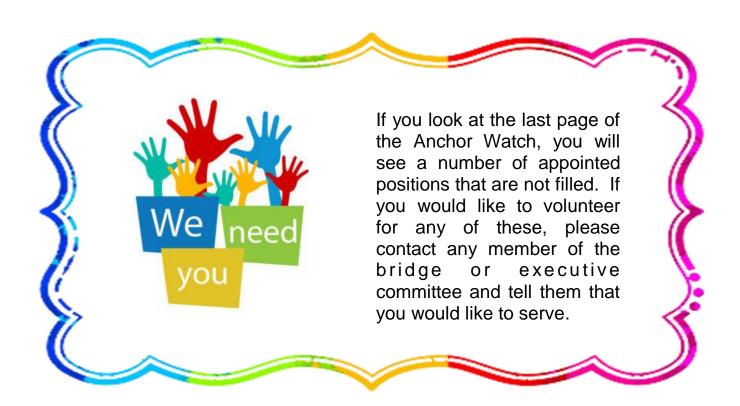
Courses and seminars from our neighbors:

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

ABC-Baltimore (Dundalk Sail and Power)

- **★ Advanced Piloting course April 2, 2024**
- **★ Boat Handling course April 2, 2024**

Send name, phone #, email, and if USPS member, squadron to: seo@uspsdundalk.org or Susan Rudy 410-971-9199.



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America's Boating Channel Warns of Electric Shock Drowning Lord of the Electrons, Terry Slattery, Safety Officer

The following article is a reprint.

Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) is a littleand often-unidentified severely injuring and killing people every year. It occurs when faulty wiring sends electric current into water, which passes through the body and causes muscle paralysis that can result in drowning.



Faulty wiring or the use of damaged electrical cords and other devices on docks and boats can cause the surrounding water to become "energized," with no visible warning. Avoid getting in the water within 150 feet of where AC power is in use and learn how to test if dangerous electrical currents are in the water around your boat.



To help boaters understand the danger of Electric Shock Drowning (ESD), Season Four of America's Boating Channel offers the video, "Electric Shock Drowning (ESD)." The video shows how ESD causes deaths and injuries at marinas nationwide, including many undetected incidents. Viewers also will learn about ESD prevention and how to install ground protection on docks and boats. Also featured are differences between ESD dangers in saltwater and freshwater.

Follow the above link or visit https://www.youtube.com/ @AmericasBoatingChannel to find these and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership.

Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced highdefinition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. America's Boating <u>Channel</u> is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.







Ladies! Let's Do Lunch!







When: Tuesday, April 2

11:30 am

Where: Bridges



https://bridgesrestaurant.net

There were 6 of us last month for lunch at "Alibi Gastropub" oh no... they were closed until 4PM! We walked to the Creamery and had great meals. We missed those of you that were unable to attend.

We would love you to join us at our April lunch! Please R.S.V.P. to Kathy Burke at kab2016dec@gmail.com or (410)279-0818 by Monday, April 1, 2:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: May Lunch will be Tuesday May 7

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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 William C. Eldridge, SN

Vessel Safety Check

To arrange for a VSC for your boat, contact Bill at

vsc@aspsmd.org.















America's Boating Club at **Kent Narrows** Web Page

America's Boating Club/ Baltimore/ Dundalk Web Page

Calendar of Coming Events

United States Power Squadrons® Events

District 5 Events

25-28 Jul Summer Rendezvous and Council -Spring Cove Marina, Solomons, MD

Squadron Events for Annapolis and Nearby Squadrons

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	02 Apr	ASPS and KN Ladies Lunch
	04 Apr	ASPS Dinner Meeting
	09 Apr	Seminar - Emergencies on Board
	25 Apr	Executive Board Meeting
	02 May	ASPS Dinner Meeting
	07 May	ASPS and KN Ladies Lunch
	21 May	Seminar - OpenCPN GPS Driven Chart Plotting - Part 1
	23 May	Executive Board Meeting
	28 May	Seminar - OpenCPN GPS Driven Chart Plotting - Part 2

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

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

SUNSHINE LADY

If you know of anyone sick or in the hospital, please contact our sunshine lady.

> Betty Rouse Wilmot sunshine@aspsmd.org





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ASPS Squadron Leadership 2023 -2024

Bridge

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Chaplain: P/C Howard Cupples, JN **Flag Lieutenant:** P/C Stu Myers, AP

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Law Officer: P/C Anthony Martin, JN **Executive Officer:** P/C Ralph Leasure, P

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Safety Officer: 1st/Lt Terry Slattery

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Administrative Officer: P/C Bruce Arey, JN

Asst Admin Officer:

Membership Chair: Lt/C Lorrie Short

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Diane Leasure

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