

Anchor



Watch



Official publication of the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron
District 5, a unit of United States Power Squadrons®



Oct 2025

Annapolis, Maryland

Volume 84, Number 10



Commander's Message

Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

What an excellent time we had at the first general membership meeting of the 2025-26 season! The Golf Club of South River was our venue. The meeting space was beautiful, the food was tasty and the membership turnout was excellent. We plan on going back there in February. We have some excellent meeting venues set up for this coming year. Our October meeting will be a catered picnic at Selby Bay Yacht Club. Most of our meetings will be Saturday lunchtime meetings so that we won't have to drive at night anymore. Be sure to look at the schedule elsewhere in this Anchor Watch. I encourage everyone to join us. You will absolutely enjoy it.

ASPS is so much more than picnics and excellent social gatherings. We offer fantastic boating education and free vessel safety inspections. It is imperative that we get the word out to the boating public. Reaching out to the public would be an overwhelming effort for a few of us to accomplish. But if every single one of us participated, we could make a huge improvement in boating safety. Our ASPS Marketing Committee has set us up for success. They have updated the ASPS fliers, put together packets of information to be displayed at boating venues and scoured the map for places frequented by boaters such as chandleries and marinas. I am asking every member to pick up a packet or two, look on the map for venues near them and go drop off the fliers. David Tower has even written a short script that we can use to introduce ourselves and our mission of safe boating. David has gone to a few places already and has found that the managers are excited to allow him to display our fliers. They see the need for educating boaters regarding safety on the water. Contributing to the ASPS mission doesn't get any easier than that. Each of us should do our small part in contributing to this mission.

The Fall Boat show season is upon us. For all ASPS and District 5 members, please go online via the links available in this newsletter and on aspsmd.org to sign up to get into the boat shows for FREE (in exchange for a few hours of handing out our beautifully updated fliers and speaking to passing boaters about the benefits of USPS/America's Boating Club.)

Now it's time to splice the main brace. Be safe and stay healthy.

Table of Contents

Commander's Message	1
Boat Show Sign Up	2
Ladies Lunch Ad	3
Educational Officer	4
Administrative Officer	5
September Dinner Pics	6
Exec Officer	10
ASPS October Picnic	11
Become a VSE	12
Boating Links	13
Membership recruitment	14
Planning for Emergencies	15
Brunch Meeting Nov 1	16
Meeting Plan Calendar	17
Notices	18
Calendar of Events	19
Leadership	20

Fall Boat Shows October 2025



**Volunteer for the Booth
America's Boating Club
Reserve Your Spot Now!
Volunteers receive
free admission to the boat show
for the day they work.**

**Volunteer Sign Up Sheet
for the Powerboat Show
October 02 - 05, 2025**
[Click Here for Powerboat Show](#)

**Volunteer Sign Up Sheet
for the Sailboat Show
October 09 - 12, 2025**
[Click Here for Sailboat Show](#)

**Having problems signing up? Click the
reload page symbol on your browser.**





Ladies! Let's Do Lunch!



When: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

11:30 AM

Where: Broad Neck Grill

1364 Cape St. Clair Road

Annapolis, MD 21409

Menu: <https://www.broadneckgrill.com/>

R.S.V.P. to

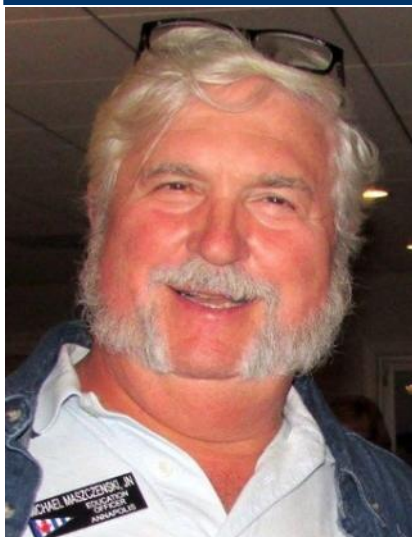
Georgiana Maszczenski at gmaszczenski@hotmail.com or (410) 739-7799

by Monday, October 13 at 4pm.

SAVE THE DATE for next lunch:

Tuesday, November 11, 2025



**Educational Officer****Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N**

ASPS has two seminars this month to expand your knowledge: How to use GPS Chartplotters, and Winterizing your Boat. Knowing how and what needs to be winterized is important for an undamaged boat in the spring. Understanding how to use the GPS chartplotter makes your navigation safe and easier to get to your destination. Please sign/up and spread the word.

How to Use GPS

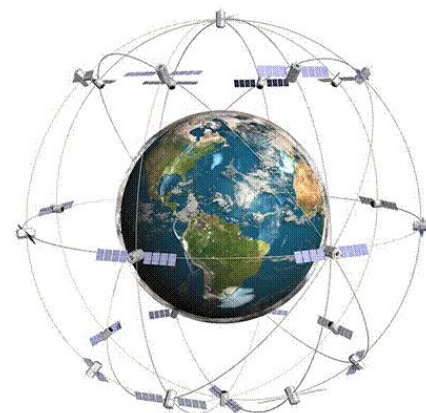
Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Zoom - 7-9 PM

Cost - \$15.00

Instructor - John Locke

Nearly everybody uses GPS in the car or on a smartphone. However, your marine GPS is a different animal. In this seminar, you'll learn how to choose a suitable GPS chartplotter if your boat doesn't already have one. More importantly, you'll learn how to make the best use of it: how to create waypoints, build and execute routes, and monitor your progress along the way. And, there's more! The seminar will explain how modern GPS chartplotters integrate with other electronic systems onboard, including VHF marine radio, radar, and autopilot. Your GPS will tell you where you are and how to find your destination. Start learning how to use your GPS today!

[Click Here to Register](#)**Winterization of Your Boat**

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Zoom - 7-9 pm

Cost - \$15.00

Instructor - Dick Radlinski

Are you ready?

Boating season in this part of the country will be ending soon, and it's time to think about putting your boat away until spring. This seminar covers those things that need to be done to protect your investment from wind, rain, snow and freezing temperatures and to make sure it is ready to go (with minimum effort) next season. It describes the proper way to winterize engines, generators, air conditioners and onboard water systems, and it addresses both inboard, outboard and I/O propulsion systems. Topics such as where to store and how to properly cover your boat are also included.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Education Cont on Page 5 at the bottom of the page





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN

As we move away from our traditional Elks Club venue, it may be of interest to the members to learn a little about the history of the location where we will be holding our activities. On October 4th, ASPS will have a picnic at Selby Bay Yacht Club.

Selby Bay Yacht Club began after World War II as a small, member-run boating club on Selby Bay (off the South River). It was founded in the late 1940s (commonly cited as 1947), grew into a 72-slip private yacht club with a clubhouse, pool and active social/cruising programs, and by 2008 was celebrating its ~60th anniversary.

Founding & early years

The club traces its origin to 1947, credited to Walter Podrog of Washington, D.C., along with local supporters (accounts name Dewitt Knickerbocker and others among the early figures). That 1947 date is repeated in club history documents for the Selby area.

Growth & facilities

Today (and for many decades) the club has been described as having about 72 slips (slip sizes from ~33' up to 80'), a clubhouse with party space and showers, a swimming pool, landscaped grounds, and dock utilities—features that developed as the club matured into a full-service small marina and social club. (Selby Bay Yacht Club)

Traditions & milestones

The club has a mix of power and sail members and an active social program (cruises, regattas, dockside gatherings). In 2008, the club was noted in local press celebrating a generational milestone: Bruce Oranburg became commodore following his father Burton — the first father-son commodore pairing noted in club coverage. That same era marked recognition of roughly six decades of club activity. (Bay Weekly)



Education Cont from Page 4

Let me know if you have an interest in a course or seminar, and we will investigate running it.

The next D/5 conference is in Lancaster PA, at the Hilton Doubletree on November 8 & 9. Saturday the 9th will be dedicated to seminars. There will be a **recertification** seminar. This is important for instructors whose certification needs to be extended for 4 years. It is also important for anyone teaching a seminar or course as it introduces new topics in instruction. There will be a seminar on **Virtual Instruction** (Zoom and other online apps), as well as a **fire extinguisher and electronic flare use** session. Other sessions will be developed. Visit the D/5 web site as the date approaches for more details.

[District 5 Home Page](#)

Finally, if you find yourself with some downtime, be sure to check out the America's Boating Channel for boating entertainment and shows. [America's Boating Channel](#)

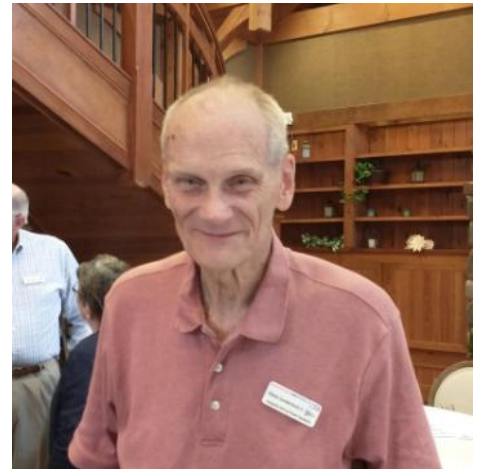








Pictures courtesy
of Carol Rechner
and Lorrie Short







Executive Officer Lt/C Ralph Leasure, AP

As we approach the Annapolis Boat Shows, I am reminded that there are more new boaters now than at any time since 2007. As the pandemic forced people to look for ways to safely get out of the house, boating provided the perfect answer, and there were about 415,000 new boaters then. That number in 2021 exceeded 420,000 new boaters. These numbers come from the National Marine Manufacturer's Association and a marine think tank. According to them, first time boat sales were 34% of all boat sales in 2021.

Think about the opportunity that provides to us. If we can reach these new boaters; the choice of their education in boating becomes easy. We offer so many things of interest to any boater, but especially to new boaters. Starting with the free Vessel Safety Checks, this is an opportunity to discuss how we can help the new user become more comfortable with the rules of the road, the required courses, the optional ones, and of course, with the boat itself.

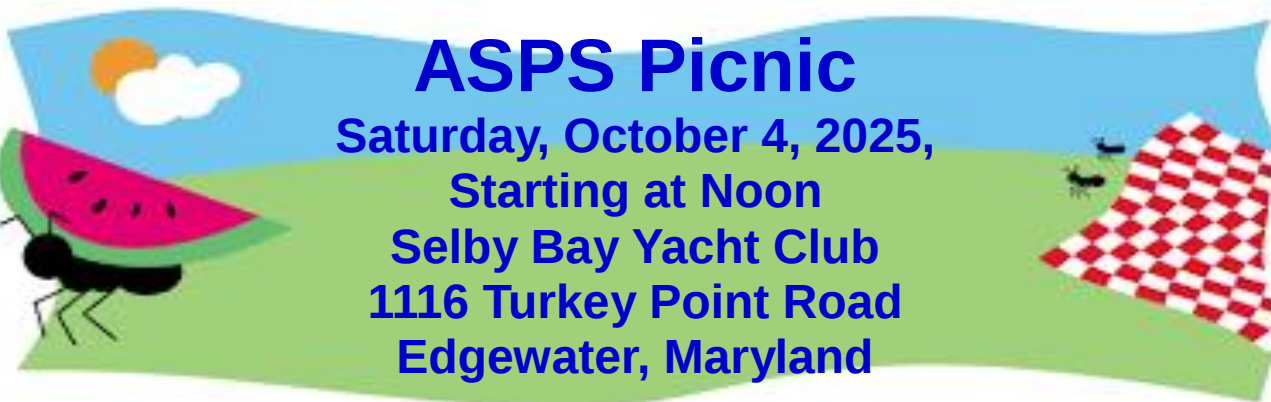
I think that our new marketing effort should help us get our message in front of this new group. As you all know, I believe that the boat shows are an excellent way to achieve this goal. We have some new brochures that direct prospects to us for the very things they know they need. It also allows us an opportunity to introduce America's Boating Channel and the wide variety of content that it offers. We will have it playing at the shows so folks can see for themselves just how much relevant information is available.

We will also be able to introduce our web site and the wide variety of topics available there. After all this, we will be able to begin conversations about why they might want to become a member. This is, after all, a group of liked-minded people mostly just wanting to have some fun on and near the water. The fact that we have a long history is also enticement. We sometimes forget to mention the benefits of membership, but the list is long and of much value. Don't forget that although DAN Boater is no longer a benefit, it is still available at a reasonable price. It could be a lifesaver if you got sick overseas and needed to get home.

Thanks for the journey.

Ralph Leasure, XO





ASPS Picnic

Saturday, October 4, 2025,

Starting at Noon

Selby Bay Yacht Club
1116 Turkey Point Road
Edgewater, Maryland

Menu - Catered by Bayside Bull:

Open Pit Sliced Top Round of Beef

Slow Smoked Pulled Pork BBQ

Seasoned Chicken Pieces

Steakhouse Tossed Salad w/ Parmesan Peppercorn & Balsamic Vinaigrette

Western Style Baked Beans

Home Style Potato Salad

Crisp Creamy Cole Slaw

Fresh Baked Kaiser Rolls

Condiments

Cookies

Iced Tea & Water

(Guests may bring other beverages of their choice.)

RSVP by Monday, September 29, 4 PM to
aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com

\$20.00 per person by cash or check at the door.

\$25.00 for non-members

\$10.00 for children under 12

Make checks payable to ASPS.

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

There will not be a formal speaker. Instead, the three groups participating will have a short presentation about their organizations - ASPS, Selby Bay Yacht Club, and Sailing Club of the Chesapeake.





Become a Vessel Safety Examiner – We Need You!

By Lt. Dick Radlinski, AP-CN, Vessel Safety Examiner



Vessel Safety Examiners are those USPS and US Coast Guard Auxiliary members who are qualified to perform Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs). A VSC is a voluntary examination of a vessel performed in accordance with US Coast Guard regulations. If the vessel passes all of the requirements, the owner is awarded a sticker (good for the current year) that they can display on the port side of their vessel. While it won't necessarily keep the boat from being stopped and inspected by the DNR Marine Police or the US Coast Guard, it does give the boat owner peace of mind that they have all of the required safety equipment on board if and when the boat is stopped and inspected by the authorities.

The Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron currently has several members qualified to perform VSCs but we definitely need more.

There are thousands of boats out there on our local waterways and we can only inspect a small percentage each year. Please help us raise that percentage by becoming a qualified Vessel Safety Examiner. It is not difficult to qualify. You just review the inspection criteria, take and pass a multiple choice test (both can be completed on line) and then perform two inspections under the watchful eye of a qualified examiner. You then perform three more inspections on your own and you are qualified for the rest of the calendar year. Each year you must perform at least five inspections to stay qualified.

It's fun and you would be helping to improve boating safety. You get to meet other boaters, discuss boating activities, board and take a close up look at many different types of boats, and visit various marinas and backyard docks. It also keeps you current with US Coast Guard safety regulations. Why not start the process now and be ready to go this coming boating season. For more details contact Bill Eldridge at wmce99@gmail.com or 561-254-5609 or Dick Radlinski at radlinskid@gmail.com or 937-407-0106.



ASPS Commander Jeff Short receives his Vessel Safety Check sticker after successfully passing a thorough exam of his boat conducted by VSC chairman Bill Eldridge



Boating Links to Browse

PropTalk magazine has a link so that you can [read it online](#).



The latest District 5 newsletter, the Mark 5, is available at <https://www.uspsd5.org/squadrons/6243/mark5.pdf> And contains information about the Fall Educational Conference in Lancaster, PA.

Practical Sailor has suggestions on [how to fight urine odor](#) in the head. They have tested a lot of additives. Good info for anyone who owns a boat.

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

Proptalk has an article on [cruising in the Netherlands](#).

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.

Chesapeake Bay Magazine tells us everything you want to know about the upcoming [Power Boat Show](#).





Membership Recruitment Update

David Tower, AP

Whoopee!

Terrific progress has been made in spreading information about our Power Squadrons and its Vessel Safety Check program in the Annapolis area!

Members have stepped up to deliver material to 37 marinas and businesses, 34% of our goal!

Please volunteer to visit a small group of 3-5 adjacent sites to distribute our brochures and posters. It will take no more than an hour and it's enjoyable! Our outreach is universally welcomed by the sites we've visited!

Packets of material with specific instructions are available at our monthly dinner meetings or by e-mailing Dave Tower at dhtower@comcast.net. Contact him to choose specific sites and arrange for supplying you with the material.

As we've often been reminded, seeking new members is the responsibility of all of us. A growing membership is a healthy membership!



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





Planning for Emergencies - Part 3

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

In the last 2 issues of the Anchor Watch, we covered technology and documents that you need if you ever have to evacuate your home. If you still don't think you have to worry – I recently received an email from the Arbor Day Foundation with details focused on the loss of trees. There was one fact that was particularly scary – in the last 12 months, 61% of Americans have experienced a natural disaster. In fact, Americans face more frequent natural disasters and extreme weather events than ever before. Once again, I ask this question – Are you prepared to evacuate your home?

Now that you know the documents you need and the technology that will help you, let's focus on the specific things you should prepare if it looks like you might have to leave your home.

- ★ Get a good sized backpack or tote. You want something you can store and easily access. No longer able to carry a heavy bag? Consider a bag with wheels! You might already have luggage with this option.
- ★ It's always a good idea to have some granola or protein bars in your home. They are easy to grab, and they are a good source of protein.
- ★ Pack for 2-3 days. That gives you enough to be able to do laundry. Since emergencies in our area usually require just a few days away from home, you can afford to pack light. Be sure to have a jacket or raincoat.
- ★ MEDICATIONS! Be sure to have your medications readily accessible. If a big storm is coming and you are running low, consider asking your doctor or your pharmacy for an emergency refill. You can also consider where you might go if you evacuate. Your pharmacy might have a branch there, making it easier to get your medications.
- ★ Go to the bank and get some extra cash. You never know when it might just be easier to pay cash.

Again, emergencies in our area rarely require a long evacuation. Still, it helps to be prepared. Speaking of being prepared, you cannot forget another possible family member – you need to consider your pet in your planning (if you have one). The same rules apply. Your pet needs food, water, and bowls for both. That pet might also need medications. You should consider taking pictures of your pet if a storm is coming. Unfortunately, pets can get upset as well. If your pet runs away, you need ways to find your fur baby! A microchip is a good idea. Even better, consider a GPS tracker that will broadcast to your phone. This is an expensive option, but you might want to consider it if your pet has a history of bolting when scared!

In the three articles in this series, I have tried to offer ideas to consider when thinking about having to evacuate your home. There are many things I have surely left off this list. The important thing is to consider what you and your family would REALLY need if you had to leave your home in a hurry. The big ideas fit all of us. The details are up to you!





Save the Date

ASPS Brunch Meeting

**Saturday, November 1, 2025,
10 am - 12 pm**

**Park Tavern in Severna Park
580 Ritchie Highway
Severna Park, Maryland**

**Menu - You will be invited to order
from a limited item menu.
Any extras and alcohol
will be your responsibility.**

**There will not be a formal speaker at this meeting.
This intimate setting will provide us with
the opportunity to chat with friends.**

**RSVP by Monday, October 27, 4 PM to
aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com**

**\$20.00 per person by cash or check at the door.
Reserve early to secure your spot.
Seating is limited.**

Make checks payable to ASPS.

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





Meeting Plans for 2025-26

You asked.
We listened.
Join us this year
on a culinary voyage!

We're trying something new this year. Members have asked for different food offerings as well as the addition of some daytime meetings. Here's a tentative proposal for our meetings for the coming year.

- ☆ October 4 — a daytime picnic on Saturday, October 4, starting at noon at Selby Bay Yacht Club. We plan to have the food catered from Bayside Bull in Edgewater.
- ☆ November 1 — a Saturday brunch from 10-12 at Park Tavern in Severna Park. You will be invited to order from a limited item menu. Seating is limited, so you will need to remember to reserve early.
- ☆ December 6 — our holiday brunch party will be at Pirate's Cove.
- ☆ January 10 — Saturday the 10th—a lunch meeting at Maggiano's restaurant at the Annapolis Mall.
- ☆ February 7 — A brunch meeting on the 7th at the Golf Club at South River.
- ☆ March — our Change of Watch. We are looking at returning to Carrol's Creek Café, but we are open to suggestions!
- ☆ April — We're still thinking about this one! Send in your suggestions!
- ☆ May — We're still thinking about this one! Send in your suggestions!
- ☆ June — Our bylaws do not require a formal June meeting. No decision has been made about a meeting or activity in June.

As you can see, we are still in the planning stages. We hope to offer a variety of venues, speakers and activities to encourage members to participate.



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



Check out our website at <http://aspsmd.org/>



Follow the ASPS facebook page at
www.facebook.com/aspsmd.org.

Forward information and comments to
facebook@aspsmd.org.



P/R/C Bill Eldridge, SN

Vessel Safety Check

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



www.usps.orgwww.uspsd5.orgwww.aspsmd.org

America's
Boating Club/
Baltimore/
Dundalk
[Web Page](#)

Calendar of Coming Events

United States Power Squadrons® Events

9-15 Feb USPS Annual Meeting - Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

District 5 Events

2-5 Oct Annapolis Power Boat Show

9-12 Oct Annapolis Sailboat Show

6-9 Nov Fall Educational Conference at the Doubletree Hilton in
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

26-29 Mar D/5 Spring Conference - Ocean City, Maryland

Squadron Events for Annapolis

04 Oct Picnic - Selby Bay Yacht Club

14 Oct Ladies Lunch

21 Oct Seminar - How to Use GPS

22 Oct Seminar - Winterization of Your Boat

23 Oct Exec Board Meeting

01 Nov Brunch - Severna Park Tavern

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





ASPS Squadron Leadership 2024 -2025

Bridge

Commander: P/D/C Jeff Short, JN-IN

Chaplain: Phyllis Radlinski, AP

Flag Lieutenant: P/C Stu Myers, AP

Merit Mark Chairman: P/C Lee Myers, AP

Law Officer: P/C Anthony Martin, JN

Executive Officer: P/C Ralph Leasure, AP

Vessel Safety Chair: P/R/C Bill Eldridge, SN

Safety Officer: 1st/Lt Terry Slattery

Communications Chair: P/C Anthony Martin, JN

Coop. Charting Chair: P/C Ron Ricketts, AP

Administrative Officer: P/C Bruce Arey, JN

Asst Admin Officer:

Membership Chair: Lt/C Lorrie Short

Boating Activities Chair:

Educational Officer: St/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

Asst Educ Officer: 1st/Lt John Locke, SN-ACN

BOC: 1st/Lt John Locke, SN-ACN

Operations Training: P/C Stu Myers, AP

Secretary: Lt/C Carol Rechner, SN

Asst Secretary: 1st/Lt Linda Sweeting

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

Historian: P/C Peggy Slattery, S

Newsletter Editor: P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

Treasurer: Lt/C Lorrie Short

Asst Treasurer:

Executive Committee:

Susan Gilbert, S

P/Lt/C Diane Leasure

P/C Anthony Martin, JN

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

P/C Kathy Nash,

P/C Peggy Slattery, S

Edwin Sunderland, JN

David Tower, AP

P/C John Wilmot, JN-IN

Immediate Past Commander:

P/C Ralph Leasure, P

Audit Committee:

William Klepczynski, JN

Homer Sandridge, N

Nominating Committee:

P/C Ralph Leasure, AP, Chair

P/C Bruce Arey, JN

Diane Leasure

P/C Peggy Slattery, S

P/C John Wilmot, JN-IN

Rules Committee:

P/C Stu Myers, AP, Chair

P/D/C Jeff Short JN-IN

P/Lt/C Diane Leasure

Budget Committee:

P/D/C Jeff Short, Chair

Lt/C Lorrie Short

P/C Ralph Leasure, P

Roster Contact:

P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN

Information Technology Contact:

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

ASPS Facebook Editors:

P/C Kathy Nash, AP

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

Anchor Watch
Deadline for November Newsletter:
Sunday, October 19, 2025
Direct all material to:
Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S
anchorwatch@aspsmd.org

