

# Anchor



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## Commander's Message Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

The April 2026 ASPS general membership meeting was held at Maggiano's in the Annapolis Mall. It was a great time all around. The food was served family style and was very tasty. The service was exceptional. Everyone went home with containers of food to feed themselves for the next few days. Everybody got into Georgiana's (aka Batman) few rounds of nautical trivia which nearly created an unruly mob. We were happy to have the America's Boating Club Baltimore (Dundalk) Commander Barbara Lash and her mother, Reatha, join us this month. I encourage everybody reading this to come out to any of our meetings. Everyone is welcome. Our May meeting will be at the Chesapeake Baysox game (formerly the Bowie Baysox) on May 10th,

Mother's Day. We have rented out an entire Suite and catered the food. If you haven't seen a ball game from a Suite, this is your chance to feel like a big wig! And bring your Mother.

Lorrie and I got a new boat at the boat show last October. We are scheduled for our two-day orientation over the last week of April and will take it to our home port by Cantler's Restaurant on Mill Creek in early May. At the monthly meeting, Jeff McKinney reminded everyone that as you commission your boat for the season, getting a vessel safety check should be on the to-do list. Contact Bill Eldridge or any of our certified vessel safety examiners.



ASPS usually is near the top in the District for vessel exams. For individual stats, Bill Eldridge himself received a District 5 certificate for the 4th most vessel exams last year. Bill has a very long and fascinating boating history. He has owned 6 cruising boats over his long career on the water and every one of them was named Kathy El!

It all started in 1962. He, his wife Kathy and his family lived in NJ. He got a flier in the mail advertising "non-buildable" lots for sale at a place called

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Chesapeake Bay Ranch Club (now Chesapeake Bay Ranch Estates) in Lusby, MD. The resort had a beach on the bay, a freshwater lake (no nettles), a club house, and a marina. So they bought a 1959 26' Chris Craft and named it Kathy El. He thought he knew a little about boating, but soon realized he ONLY knew a little about boating.

In November 1962, he signed up for an eight-week boating course with an outfit called United States Power Squadrons, held in a government building cafeteria in Washington, DC. In January of 1963, he joined the third oldest squadron in USPS, the Potomac River Power Squadron. USPS became a big part of their lives. The squadron held rendezvous around the 200-mile-long Chesapeake Bay, with his home port near Solomons, right in the middle. This provided them with many cruising experiences: Annapolis, Baltimore, and C&D Canal, to the north, and Potomac River, Crisfield, Windmill Point, Rappahannock River, James River, and Norfolk to the south. In 1965, the boat owners of the Ranch Club marina formed the Chesapeake Ranch Yacht Club (now the Spring Cove Yacht Club).

As Fleet Captain, Bill planned and led the Yacht Club cruises. As a printer by trade, he produced the bylaws and rosters for many years. (In 2023 he presented the owner of Spring Cove Yacht Club the original copy of those bylaws. He framed it and it hangs in the marina office to this day.) Kathy and Bill also produced the YC burgees. She sewed the pennant shaped flags and Bill silkscreened the bucking horse onto both sides and put in the grommets.

In 1967, eighty Virginia residents of the Potomac River Power Squadron formed the Northern Virginia Power Squadron. Bill was charter secretary. Then he advanced up the bridge, becoming commander in 1971. In 1987, he became Commander of District 5 of the USPS, which was formed by forty local squadrons from south New Jersey, Delaware, DC, Maryland and Virginia.

District 5 held one annual boating event, which would draw over a hundred boats. These District gatherings were held at: Atlantic City, Baltimore, Rock Hall, Annapolis, Crisfield, and Solomons Island. Many of the squadron and district rendezvous at that time included a navigation contest. The Kathy El participated in those contests from 1965 until 1990. Bill won his share of trophies, and one year, he, with Chuck Eby navigating, had a clean sweep, winning all 3 squadron contests and District 5's big one.

In 1987, Bill Seldon became the USPS Chief Commander. Bill Seldon was from Richmond. It was customary back then to have the National Annual Meeting in the CC's home town. During Bill Seldon's two-year command, Bill and Kathy Eldridge spent a lot of time and effort helping to put on the three national meetings that were held each year. They even had a national cruise up on Puget Sound. Everyone would fly in and charter a boat. All the chartered boats were in excellent condition. They cruised from Seattle to Bremerton, where the flotilla and other civilian boats escorted the battleship USS Missouri into its slip at the Bremerton Navy Yard. Then they cruised to Poulsbo, Port Ludlow, and back to Duwamish Yacht Club, their home base.

Regarding cruising, Bill had a rule that I really like: the 4 W's. They leave the dock only if: the Wind is 15 knots or less, Waves are 3 ft or less, Weather is not pouring, and WIVES are agreeable. Another interesting fact about Bill is that he served as an educator at Chapman's School of Seamanship in Stuart, FL, from May 1995 - March 2004. He had many high dollar clients, including doctors, VPs of Ford, and even movie stars. Gene Hackman brought his 72' yacht to Chapman's for some training. But, Bill will tell you that the most rewarding part of his job was teaching young people how to be safe on the water. That is where he really made a difference.

Bill was also the first commander of the Diva Duck from November 2002 to February 2004. It's a boat, it's a bus. It was the first amphibious tour bus out of Palm Beach, FL. It looked a lot like those old WW2 amphibious vehicles that were repurposed as tour buses in many cities along the water. Bill had to have both a 50-ton Captain's License AND a Commercial Driver's License (CDL.)

Bill has an incredibly long and illustrious USPS history. Sixty-two years of squadron participation included:

- ★ Joined Potomac River Power Squadron, Jan 1963
- ★ Charter Secretary Northern Virginia PS, May 1967
- ★ Cdr NVPS, 1971-72 (after being Secy (3 years), Adm, & Exec)
- ★ Editor & Publisher of NVPS newsletter for 10 years (1967-1977)
- ★ District 5 Cdr, 1987 (after being Secy (3 years), Adm, & Exec)
- ★ Editor & Publisher of D/5 newsletter for 9 years (1976-1987)
- ★ National Rear Cdr of the Ensign Committee (1985—1988) (10 yrs on committee)
- ★ National Flag & Etiquette Committee (>10 years)
- ★ SEO Palm Beach Power Squadron 1992--2005
- ★ Taught monthly Public Boating course, 1998-2018
- ★ Editor & Publisher of PBPS newsletter for 12 years (2007—2019)
- ★ Cdr Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron 2015 (after SEO, Adm, & Exec)
- ★ National Chapman Award (National's Teacher of the Year), 2015
- ★ Gov Board Member Emeritus (50 merit marks), 2015 (2025– 60 Merit Marks)
- ★ Now a member of Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron (2019--present)
- ★ At ASPS, chairman of Vessel Safety Checks.

62 years later, Bill remains an active USPS member, currently serving as Chair, ASPS Vessel Safety Examiners. Contact him to have an ASPS examiner come to your location for an exam.

Be safe out there.



P/R/C Bill Eldridge, SN

## Vessel Safety Check

To arrange for a  
VSC for your boat,  
contact Bill at  
[vsc@aspsmd.org](mailto:vsc@aspsmd.org).





**Kathy Burke SN-IN**  
**Administrative Officer**

As we move into the busy spring and summer season, I'd like to start by extending a sincere thank you to my Assistants, Georgiana and Peggy, for organizing a wonderful April membership meeting. Everything was thoughtfully planned and seamlessly executed before I even stepped into the Administrative Officer role—truly a great job by both of them!



Looking ahead, our next membership meeting will take place on Sunday, May 10th at the Chesapeake Baysox game. It should be a fun and relaxed way for everyone to connect and enjoy some baseball together.



Our Ladies Lunch in May is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th at the Jetty. We hope to see many of you there for good food and even better company.

As a reminder, there will be no membership meetings during June, July, and August. Be sure to keep up with the Anchor Watch throughout the summer for updates and information on additional activities and gatherings.

August is already shaping up to be a particularly busy and exciting month! Plans include Wilmot's Fun Weekend at Deep Creek Lake from August 14–16 (details on page 11), our Annual Ice Cream Social on August 20 at Peggy & Terry's, and the D5 Summer Rendezvous at Lankford Bay Marina in Rock Hall from August 28–30. These events offer great opportunities to stay connected and enjoy time together on the water and ashore.

We're also beginning the process of planning next year's meetings. One highlight to look forward to is our October Membership Meeting, which will be a Hawaiian-themed picnic, once again held at Selby Bay Yacht Club. More details will be shared later this summer.

Finally, we always welcome your input. If you have suggestions for future meeting locations or activity ideas, please don't hesitate to let us know. Your feedback helps make our events enjoyable for everyone.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable start to the summer season!







## Boating Links to Browse

May 16 - 22 is National Safe Boating Week. For more information on how you can participate click here:

<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/>



Cup of Joe  
Rigging  
90%  
Ditty bag

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.

From the Boat Galley, a guide on cruising the Intracoastal Waterway. It's a great read, even if you are not planning to do the trip. It also links to other valuable sources of information.

<https://theboatgalley.com/icw-first-time/>

For more nautical-related links, see the "Links Page" on the ASPS website:

<http://aspsmd.org/wrappers/pages.php>

If you are following what is happening with the collapsed Key Bridge, click here:

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/md-settles-with-m-v-dali-owner-in-key-bridge-collapse/>

Like Rockfish? Scientists are bringing cutting-edge research to the Bay as the Striped Bass Initiative deploys advanced tagging technology to better understand fish movement and behavior.

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/striped-bass-initiative-visits-the-chesapeake/>

Sailors everywhere! Beware of those overhead power lines! This includes a cautionary tale from someone who had a boat fire by getting too close.

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/danger-watch-those-overhead-powerlines/>

Lithium batteries are becoming very popular. In this video, Practical Sailor will tell you how to install and use them safely. It includes lots of comments from folks who have been there, done that.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKtebo90p-I>

Participate in Dolphin Watch and report findings to the study of these marine mammals.

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/dolphin-watch-sighting-season-has-begun/>





# Please Read

## Important Changes to Our Event Pricing

For the past year, our bridge instituted a new membership perk - \$20 to attend any event. During this trial year, we allowed all attendees to benefit from this perk. The intended purpose was to not only boost participation, but to hopefully encourage new members to join and attend.

After further investigation, it was discovered that we needed to clarify and align this benefit to our bylaws and budget. This year, the \$20 will become a membership benefit. Yes, you must be a member. **Attendees who are not USPS members will be charged \$40.**

If your spouse is not a member, you can easily change your membership to a family membership. Contact Lorrie Short, our Treasurer, to make this quick and inexpensive change. It's only an additional \$25! You'll get it back at the first meeting you attend.

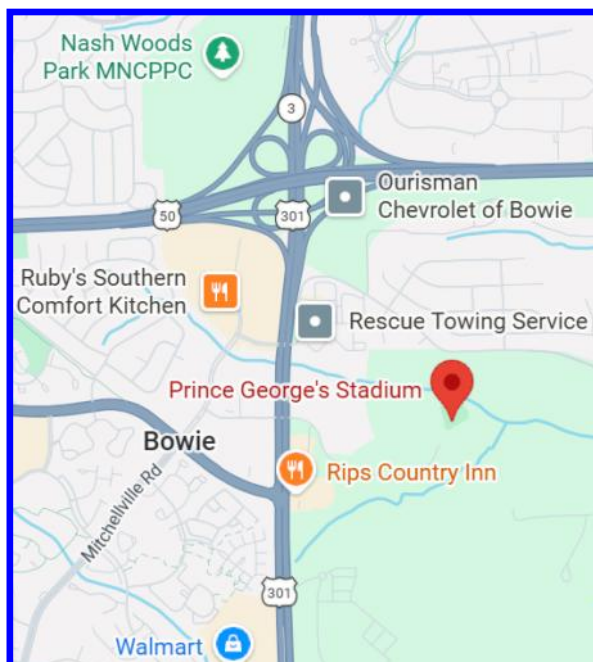
Keep in mind that we still encourage you to bring potential members as guests. Any potential member can be our guest at no charge for that first meeting. Please continue to look for boaters who would enjoy spending time with us!



# ASPS Membership Meeting

## Sunday, May 10, 2026

Join us for an adventure at the  
Chesapeake Baysox Ballgame  
Prince George's Stadium  
4101 Crain Highway  
Bowie, MD 20716



RSVP by Monday, May 4 at 4 PM to  
[aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com](mailto:aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com)

**\$20.00 per USPS member,  
\$40.00 per nonmember or guest  
by cash or check at the door.  
Make checks payable to ASPS**

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

**Game time is 1:05 p.m.**

Be there early to participate in the Mother's Day Celebration.  
We have an air conditioned box— **Skybox 4**. You can watch the game inside, or  
there are outside seats for that old time baseball feel.

Menu:

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans,  
Fresh Baked Cookies, Peanuts, Popcorn, Fried Green Beans

Be prepared to buy your own beverages!

Once you have let us know that you will attend, we will send you  
the information about parking and picking up your tickets.



# Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron – America’s Boating Club Presents a Fun Weekend at Deep Creek Lake

Join Betty Rouse Wilmot and John Wilmot at  
Deep Creek Lake, 104 Hawthorne Lane, Oakland, MD 21550



### Friday, August 14

- ★ Drive to Deep Creek Lake (about 200 miles from Annapolis)
- ★ Arrive at Betty’s house by noon if you would like to try WHITE WATER RAFTING  
Call **Betty @ 301-616-6609** to arrange a reservation
- ★ Come to Betty’s house by 5 pm for burgers, hot dogs, and drinks on the back deck

**Dinner- # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$20.00=\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### Saturday, August 15

- ★ Morning - Arrive at Betty’s house about 11 am
- ★ Paddle boards or kayak till noon or sit on the deck and relax **Lunch - by the Host**
- ★ Afternoon – water skiing, boat rides, and yard games
- ★ If you would like a water ski lesson, we can arrange a lesson with Greg Rouse (Betty’s son who owns the water ski school) or
- ★ Betty will take you for a ski ride behind her Malibu ski boat or
- ★ John will take you for a tour of Deep Creek Lake on the pontoon boat
- ★ Late afternoon: Barbecue Ribs with drinks and all the trimmings, and a little singalong with John and Ralph on the harmonica and guitar

**Dinner- # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$20.00=\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### Sunday, August 16

- ★ Coffee and donuts on the deck by the Host
- ★ Hike at Swallow Falls State Park or leave for home

### **WE HAVE RESERVED 6 ROOMS AT THE GARRETT INN, OAKLAND, MD 301-387-6696**

Friday (August 14) and Saturday (August 15) 2 nights - (price \$330 for both nights- incl. taxes)  
2 Q beds/room. Motel has 30-day cancellation policy, therefore **July 14, 2026** is room  
deadline.

If you want a House rental, call Railey at 301-387-2000 or Taylor-Made at 301-387-5999.  
Some houses have 5 bedrooms, rent for 3 days only.

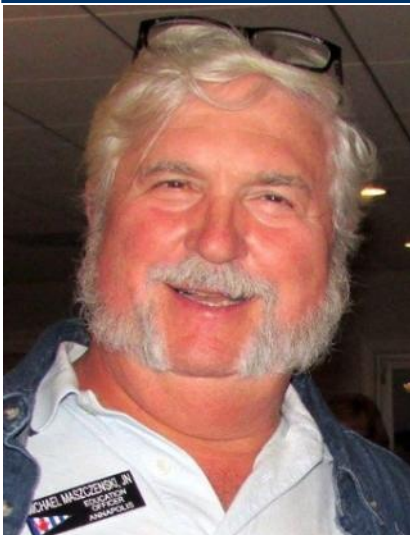


Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Please RSVP to Betty by Aug 1 if you plan to come on Friday \_\_\_\_\_ or Saturday \_\_\_\_\_  
Make my Dinner **Reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ people for both days \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Bring a covered dish, an appetizer, or a dessert if you wish.

Mail check for **dinners** to Betty Rouse, 104 Hawthorne Lane, Oakland, MD 21550 301-616-6609

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

A big thank you and congratulations to Joe Burke, with help from John Locke, for conducting the ABC course at Bosun's Marine. A family of 4 got their certificates indicating completion of the Boating Safety course.

For all who would like in-person instruction, our next ABC course is May 2nd and 16th at Bay Ridge Pool Assoc., see listing below.

**Summer Fun**

D5 will have its summer rendezvous at Lankford Bay Marina from August 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be preceded by a cruise. There will be several educational events including marlin spike and line handling games, a trivia contest, a navigation contest, and possibly a poker run.

**Your help is always needed!!**

Use your membership to benefit you children, grandchildren and friends. Share our course information. Your SEO realizes that most of our membership doesn't need more coursework, but your family and friends may. So, please help us spread the word! Getting the ASPS course news out to those people who need it depends on our members. Resend our course ads to people on your contact list. Share with your Facebook friends. Get the word out so we can have safer, educated boaters!

**Title: America's Boating Course (ABC III)**

This course, when passed, earns you the Boaters Safety Course Certificate (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:** Bay Ridge Pool Association, 2 Herndon Ave, Annapolis, MD, 21403, - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference room.

**Cost:** USPS Members, Bay Ridge Community Members and students under 18 - Free; all others - \$35.00

**Dates:** Saturday – May 2 and May 16, 2026

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Instructors:** Ron Ricketts, Mike Maszczenski

The URL to use is <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?C-14670>.

You can try the link here: [go to registration page](#). Or scan QR Code

**Registration for All ASPS-Sponsored Courses**

For all official USPS courses and seminars, you now can register directly at USPS.

Please register as soon as possible. If you are planning to have a printed text, shipping time is 4 weeks. So, early registration is mandatory to have your book in time. Materials must be ordered, and virtual classes will use an E-book you will download.



Email [seo@aspsmd.org](mailto:seo@aspsmd.org), or call 410-739-7800 if you have a problem or question. 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. All zoom class start times are for Eastern US time; our instructors are on the east coast.

There is also a limit of 20 participants and we would like no less than 5 to run, so please let us know you would like to participate soon! Don't put off registration.

### Educational news from D5

Look for more details on the summer events in the coming Mark 5.  
For more information and events go to <https://Abc-midatlantic.org>



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<http://asps.qbstores.com>





## Dinner Delights

### Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

If you were unable to attend our April meeting at Maggiano's in Annapolis, you missed a wonderful lunch. The food and the service were outstanding! Everyone enjoyed the event.

After lunch, I led the group in several rounds of trivia about the Chesapeake Bay, boating, and Maryland. It seems that the questions covered enough so that everyone had the opportunity to learn something new – or to review something they may have forgotten.

Here are four trivia questions from this meeting. The answers can be found in this issue of the Anchor Watch. Just don't go looking for the answers before you try the questions!

1. The days of rum, beer and officers' personal wine supply dried up with the appointment of Josephus Daniels as Secretary of the Navy. In 1914, this Methodist prohibitionist banned all alcoholic beverages from navy vessels, yards, and stations! Stewards tried to compensate by ordering more of this beverage for sailors. Supposedly, disgruntled sailors gave us the nickname sometimes used for this beverage today. What is that nickname?
2. What is the proper term for the system of ropes, cables and chains which support a sailing ship or sailboat's masts?
3. What percentage of fires on boats are electrical fires?
4. What is the name of that sack you use for personal items on a boat?

If you were unable to join us, you missed a great deal of fun playing trivia. As always, we are able to offer meetings that bring together friends who love boating. We also offer informative speakers and activities so you can learn something interesting about boating and life on the Chesapeake Bay and beyond. We look forward to seeing you soon.

*"My soul is full of longing  
for the secret of the sea,  
and the heart of the great ocean  
sends a thrilling pulse through me."  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*





## Spring Commissioning Terry Slattery, Lord of the Electrons

It's spring, and time to commission your boat. It's a good idea to use a checklist so that you don't forget to do anything during the spring rush to get ready for that first trip. Here are some things that are on our checklist.

**Clean water tanks.** Healthy drinking water is at the top of my list. For winterization, we empty the water tanks and use pink non-toxic antifreeze for the water system. It makes sense to use a water system treatment in the spring to kill any residual bacteria. Some people use a quarter cup of bleach in their tanks for this purpose, and once that is purged from the system, use one or two tablespoons of bleach per tank full as continuous treatment. Just make sure to flush the water system thoroughly after such treatment.

**Battery health check.** Do the batteries accept a charge and hold it for an acceptable length of time? The duration depends on battery chemistry, and whether there are any active loads that might be depleting the charge. There are numerous guides online that help you in evaluating the type of batteries on your vessel.

**Exercise and lubricate through-hulls.** If possible, apply lubricant acceptable to the type of sea cock you have. (If the boat is in the water, this may not be possible.) Work the valve open and shut multiple times to guarantee that if a hose ruptures, you'll be able to staunch the water ingress. Check that you have an acceptable size plug located near each through-hull in case the fitting fails and you need to manually plug the hole.

**Hoses and clamps.** Check for cracked, brittle, or chaffed hoses. Any hose on board is fair game, including fresh water system hoses as well as raw water hoses. Look for corrosion on hose clamps. I talked specifically about hose clamps in the 2024 August Anchor Watch—go to the archives at <https://aspsmd.org> to find the issue. Examples of hose problems are in the 2026 January issue of PropTalk: <https://www.proptalk.com/dangers-ignoring-marine-hoses>

**Bilge pumps.** Verify that your bilge pumps work, that they pump water, and that there's some indication that they are running. Check diaphragm pumps for stiff valves and bellows. Clear the strainers on the pickup hoses. It's good to make sure that all crew knows how to use the manual bilge pumps.

**Raw water filters.** While you're checking hoses, make sure the raw water filters are in good condition and don't need cleaning. Most filters use either glass or acrylic (plastic) for the filter bowl, both of which are subject to freeze fractures if they weren't adequately protected by antifreeze.

**Engine prep.** Check the oil and cooling water systems. Are both at acceptable levels? If you can capture a bucket of engine exhaust water, measure the gallons of water over 15 seconds and multiply by four to get gallons per minute of flow. This allows you to detect when there are blockages in the cooling water system. We've had shellfish and jellyfish block our engine water intake, which would have led to engine overheating if we'd not identified it.

**Check anchoring systems.** Has the chain corroded to the point of needing replacement? Refer back to the 2025 November Anchor Watch for guidance on when the chain should be replaced. If you have a combination of chain and rope rode, check for chafing along its length and especially where the rope attaches to the chain.

**Review electronics and their operation.** Is the chart plotter functioning correctly? Are up-to-date charts loaded? Are there any outstanding software updates? Is the depth sounder functioning correctly? Does the

VHF radio, fixed and hand-held, have sufficient range? Is AIS functioning? Does the radar work? And, for radar, do you know how to use it to identify and track vessels and buoys and shorelines? There are online courses if you need refreshers on any of these safety electronic systems.

**Emergency signaling devices.** Are all signaling devices up to date? Check flares (smoke, meteor, hand-held), and replace those out of date. For electronic flares, check batteries for corrosion, and that their voltages register “full”. You may need to check online resources for the specific batteries in use. Are all signaling devices easily accessible and the location(s) known to all crew? Are PFDs and the helm equipped with whistles? Review the condition and usage instructions for crew over-board systems. Don’t forget to check all flashlights. If it’s not reliable, replace it.

**Yourself and crew.** And finally, are you mentally and physically prepared for the season? Balance, mobility, and mental acuteness are all important in boating. Take care of yourself, and you can take care of your boat, which in turn takes care of you.

Stay safe on the water!



LUX on a raft-up on the Chester River in May 2022.



**Ladies  
Lunch  
Double-T Diner  
April 14, 2026**



Carol Tulip received her certificate for educational achievement as a Senior Navigator.



Lee and Stu Myers received a commemorative watch and compass for all of their work and dedication to ASPS.

# Ladies! Let's Do Lunch!



**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

**11:30 AM**

**The Jetty**

**201 Wells Cove Road**

**Grasonville, MD**

R.S.V.P. to Kathy Burke at  
[kab2016dec@gmail.com](mailto:kab2016dec@gmail.com) or (410) 279-0818  
by Monday, May 11 at 4pm.

**SAVE THE DATE for the next lunch:**  
**Tuesday, June 9, 2026**





**D5  
Spring Conference  
Ocean City,  
Maryland**



## Americas Boating Club - Delaware Valley

# JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER



Enjoy a Narrated Cruise and  
Buffet Dinner Aboard the Benjamin Franklin Yacht

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Boarding: 1800 (6 PM)

Departure: 1830 (6:30 PM)

Rain or Shine

Traditional and electronic methods of navigation will be presented.

During this trip you will enjoy a delightful dinner on the lower dining deck of the Ben Franklin. The informative and exciting narration will focus on aids to navigation, piloting, and chart work using a hand-held compass, GPS, and plotting our position on Delaware River Chart 12312. On the return trip you will see lighted aids, ranges and navigation lights on the big ships.

### **Bring your neighbors and friends**

DRSPS has made the decision to totally subsidize this important event so that everyone can attend. Please RSVP to P/D/C Stephanie Ward, 1202 Wilmont Ave, Somers Point, NJ, 08244 (484-684-4837) or [wardleap@comcast.net](mailto:wardleap@comcast.net), so we have a count and know you are attending. List the name of each guest and their e-mail address.

Directions: The Ben Franklin departs from 101 S. Columbus Blvd. which is just south of the Ben Franklin Bridge. South on I-95: take exit 20 for S. Columbus Blvd and follow to Walnut Street. The yacht is docked slightly North of the Independence Seaport Museum.

**.Sponsored by Americas Boating Club --Delaware Valley**



Changes to your phone number, address, e-mail?  
Please contact P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN  
at [roster@aspsmd.org](mailto: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](mailto:vsc@aspsmd.org).





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[www.uspsd5.org](http://www.uspsd5.org)



[www.aspsmd.org](http://www.aspsmd.org)



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

## Calendar of Coming Events

### United States Power Squadrons® Events

16-22 May National Safe Boating Week

### District 5 Events

28-30 Aug D5 Summer Council at Langford Bay Marina

### Squadron Events for Annapolis

02 May ABC course - Part 1 - Bay Ridge Pool Assn.  
10 May Membership Meeting - Chesapeake Baysox - PG Stadium  
12 May Ladies' Lunch - The Jetty - Grasonville, MD  
16 May ABC course - Part 2 - Bay Ridge Pool Assn.  
28 May ASPS Exec Board Meeting - ZOOM  
09 Jun Ladies' Lunch - TBD  
14 Aug-17 Aug Weekend at Deep Creek - Hosted by the Wilmots  
20 Aug Ice Cream Social - Slattery Pool House

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](mailto:sunshine@aspsmd.org)



Remember -  
our fallen heros.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.



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