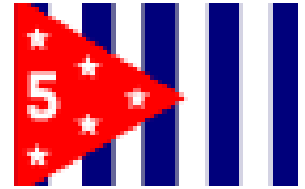




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## 2023 Summer Council

It is our pleasure to host the District 5 Summer Council Meeting this year. The meeting will be held 28, 29 and 30 July at the newly acquired Lankford Bay Marina.

Having recently changed hands, the new owners are busy updating and trying to upgrade the experience. It is located at the mouth of Davis Creek off Lankford Creek and the Chester River. The marina offers services for boaters including rigging for sailors.

The marina is close to Rock Hall and is a short drive to Chestertown. Both are charming small towns with tons of history. A wide variety of shops will keep you busy browsing while waiting to sample award winning Eastern shore cuisine including the staple blue crab.

Georgiana Maszczenski and Peggy Slattery have been busy planning for activities that will keep you busy and engaged. It's not their first rodeo, so expect to find interesting and fun things to do. There is also a very nice pavilion if the weather decides not to cooperate.

Make your reservations early so as not to miss this opportunity. The reservation form is located in this issue.

We are looking forward to it.

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## Commander's Message

D/C Joseph P. Gibson, AP

I sincerely thank you, the members of District 5 Squadrons, for electing me as District 5 Commander. It is an honor I will treasure into the future.

Our district identified several initiatives last year that we continue to pursue: 1) A centrally managed Instructor Certification class for all USPS members. Our squadrons need more certified instructors! They must be prepared to represent America's Boating Club® in the classroom with full USPS® support; 2) An ongoing advertising campaign in the Chesapeake Bay Magazine, funded by the Henry E. Sweet Trust, to reach boaters in our neighborhood has started. We must be prepared to meet people who respond and attract them to become squadron members; 3) An update to our Bylaws! They currently demand a large rigid bridge structure. They will be updated to correspond with recent USPS® initiatives to allow the possibility for a smaller and more streamlined district organization; and 4) A district-wide Operations Training class. Our squadrons have asked for help to enable newer members to learn details of our complex volunteer organization.

We expect members and officers, as they evaluate daily challenges, will identify other initiatives that should be implemented to help all squadrons. Thus, we must be prepared to help evaluate and act. I know that we will step up. We are DISTRICT 5! We possess foundation assets which are the officers and members of our 28 squadrons. We will work together to 'Build for the Future' during and beyond our 2023-2024 Bridge year.

We begin our 2023-2024 bridge year with the District Cruise and Summer Council and Rendezvous. Look for more information in this issue. The cruise agenda was also sent to all squadron members and the summer cruise information is available at [https://abc-midatlantic.org/events/2023/22593\\_description.pdf](https://abc-midatlantic.org/events/2023/22593_description.pdf).

Our Summer Rendezvous and Council will occur at the Lankford Bay Marina on July 28-30. America's Boating Club® of Annapolis, the host squadron, provides weekend details in other newsletter articles. Members arriving by land will access the conference from Rock Hall hotels, bed and breakfast inns and AirBnB homes. Many are available. We look forward to seeing each of you during the weekend conference.

Joe



**America's Boating Club – Mid-Atlantic**

2023 Summer Council

RESERVATION FORM

28-30 July 2023

Lankford Bay Marina, Rock Hall, Maryland



**MEMBER:** Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_ POSITION \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER? \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:**

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST TIMER? \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE** # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY ENTRÉE CHOICES:**

Chef Zach's Famous Pulled Pork w/ House Made BBQ Sauce # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roast Chicken w/ Garden Grown Herbs # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Portobello Caprese (grilled Portobello, tomato,  
 Lettuce, basil mozzarella, with a creamy  
 Italian Spread – this is a COLD sandwich) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Selections served with Garden Fresh Salad, Mac and Cheese, your choice from the Dessert Bar,  
 Lemonade, Tea & Water

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Reservations must be received by 13  
 July 2023!**

Make Checks Payable to: ASPS  
 Send to:  
 Georgiana Maszczenski  
 103 Little Neck Road  
 Stevensville, MD 21666

Recommended Dress for Saturday Dinner: Casual

MAKE SLIP RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH  
 MARINA – Call Candy at 410-778-1414. Please  
 mention that you are with Annapolis Sail and  
 Power Squadron to make sure you get one of the  
 reserved slips. Our reserved block of slips expires  
 on June 9.

The slip rate is \$2.25 per foot, single electric is  
 \$8.00, and double electric is \$16.00

# 2020 Spring Conference

The 2023 District 5 Spring Conference was a successful weekend of classes, fellowship, and, of course, our yearly Change of Watch. About 150 of our members and friends attended all or part of the weekend. There were many classes offered with information presented to help us keep our squadrons moving forward successfully. Several of these presentations are available on our website if you were unable to attend in person by clicking on the D/5 resources link at the top of the webpage.

The Princess Royale has been refurbishing its 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rooms for many months now, but many of our Hospitality Suites were able to get into them at the last minute to use them for their amazing rooms on Friday night. As usual the hospitality rooms provided us with education, entertainment, and a chance to catch up with friends.

This year we were also joined by a representative from the Sea Scouts both days in the Exhibit Hall. Many of our squadrons were able to discuss working with the Sea Scouts in their area, which will bring new members to our squadrons. I would like to thank Walt Witucki for spending his weekend informing our members about this great opportunity.

Saturday night's Change of Watch was as spectacular as always. One hundred members were in attendance as P/D/C Stephanie Ward, AP was relieved of duty and D/C Joseph P. Gibson, AP was pledged as our new commander.

Congratulations to P/D/C Stephanie Ward, AP for an amazing year of accomplishments filled with fun and educational events. It was a pleasure working with you this year! I know that you will all welcome and support new District Commander Joseph P. Gibson, AP in the coming year to help him make this year all that he hopes, while having fun with friends doing so.

A special thank you to all the committee chairpersons who helped make this conference successful!

Cdr Kathleen Nowroozani, SN



# 2023 Spring Conference Awards

## Snyder Award

SNYDER AWARD FOR THE BEST NEWSLETTER IN District 5

1st	America's Boating Club Lehigh Valley	Delhighlights
2nd	America's Boating Club Smith Mountain Lake	The Signal
3rd	America's Boating Club Nansemond River	Nansemond Light

## National 2022 Distinctive Communicator Awards for Newsletters

Annapolis – Anchor Watch  
Delaware River - The Barometer  
Delhigh – DELHIGHLIGHTS  
Kent Narrows – TIDELINES  
Main Line – The Pilot  
Nansemond River – Nansemond Light  
Northern Neck – The Lighthouse

Northern Virginia – of TARS & TERNs  
Patapsco River – The Bilgewater  
Smith Mountain Lake – The Signal  
Virginia Beach - Cape Henry Flashes  
Wilmington – THE LUBBER'S LINE  
District 5 – Mark 5

## National 2022 Distinctive Communicator Awards for websites

Absecon Power Squadron  
Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron  
Cambridge Sail & Power Squadron  
Colonial Sail & Power Squadron  
Delaware River Sail & Power Squadron  
Delhigh Power Squadron  
Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron  
Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron  
Main Line Sail & Power Squadron  
Nansemond River Power Squadron  
Nanticoke River Sail & Power Squadron

Northern Neck Sail & Power Squadron  
Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron  
Patapsco Sail & Power Squadron  
Patuxent River Sail & Power Squadron  
Richmond Sail & Power Squadron  
Rockville Sail & Power Squadron  
Smith Mountain Lake Sail & Power Squadron  
Virginia Beach Sail & Power Squadron  
Wilmington Power Squadron  
York Sail & Power Squadron  
District 5

### Life Members (25 Merit Marks)

Name	Squadron
Sandra Barends, JN	Susquehannock
Peter Fox, AP	Ocean City (dec'd)
Thomas Metcalf, AP	Virginia Beach
Cathleen Sheffield, AP	Northern Virginia
Richard Williams, Sr, P	Patapsco River

### Governing Board Emeritus Members (50 Merit marks)

Name	Squadron
Robert Blevins, AP	Patuxent River (rec at Annual)
Brent Rhoads, SN	Delhigh
Alexi Zuk, JN	Dundalk

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## Vessel Safety Checks NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL

4th Place Edward P. Furst      York  
5th Place: Frank Brown      Nansemond River

### Century Club

Frank Brown, 9th Year  
William Eldridge, 4th Year  
Edward Furst, 8th Year

### DISTRICT

2nd place individual: Frank Brown, Nansemond River  
1st place individual: Edward Furst, York Sail & PS

3rd place Squadron: Smith Mountain Lake	225
2nd place Squadron: Nansemond River	338
1st place Squadron: York	432

### Squadron Growth

Six squadrons in District 5 achieved positive net membership growth in the 2022 year.  
1st Place Membership Growth: Northern Neck excelled in 2022 by attracting 29 new members growing by 48%.  
2nd Place Membership Growth: Richmond grew by 7%  
3rd Place Membership Growth: Cambridge Grew by 6%

Honorable Mention.

America's Boating Club® Annapolis - 1 Member  
America's Boating Club® Delaware River - 1 Member  
America's Boating Club® Wilmington - 2 members

### Coop Charting

Our district had a good year, placing four members and one club on the Honor Roll.  
They are, in order:

Dick Radlinski, Kent Narrows, ranked 10th nationally  
John Locke, Kent Narrows  
Ron Ricketts, Annapolis  
Chuck Wells, Kent Narrows

For clubs:

Kent Narrows, ranked 9th nationally.

### SQUADRON

### TIMES ON HONOR ROLL

Absecon Island	10 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR
Annapolis	9 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR
Cambridge	10 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR
Colonial	8 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR
Delaware River	20 <sup>th</sup> year
Delhigh	34 <sup>TH</sup> year
Delsea	24 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR
Dundalk	16 <sup>th</sup> year

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Elizabeth River	11 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR
Hampton Roads	9 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR
Kent Narrows	22 <sup>ND</sup> year
Main Line	15 <sup>th</sup> Year
Nansemond River	12 <sup>th</sup> year
Nanticoke River	6 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR
Northern Neck	9 <sup>th</sup> year
Northern Virginia	18 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR
Ocean City	17 <sup>th</sup> year
Patapsco River	27 <sup>th</sup> year
Patuxent River	16 <sup>th</sup> year
Potomac River	7 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR
Richmond	9 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR
Rockville	18 <sup>th</sup> year
Salisbury	10 <sup>th</sup> year
Smith Mountain Lake	10 <sup>TH</sup> year
Susquehannock	23 <sup>RD</sup> Year
Virginia Beach	17 <sup>th</sup> year
Wilmington	2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR
York	6 <sup>TH</sup> YEAR

**100% PARTICIPATION BY DISTRICT 5 SQUADRONS**



# 2023 Spring Conference Awards





# 2023 District 5 Cruise

It's spring time! Many squadron members are preparing boats for the upcoming season with the goal of participating in family and club on-the-water events. As you plan your summer, we hope you will set aside time to participate in our annual United States Power Squadrons® District 5 Summer Cruise and rendezvous.

This year the cruise begins at Anchorage Marina in Baltimore Harbor on 21 July. Boats to arrive on 21st or 22nd. The marina is close to Baltimore's Inner Harbor with many restaurants and shopping areas nearby. An easy walk into Little Italy for fantastic Italian meals.

On 23 July boats will depart for the Bay Bridge Marina, a 23 nautical mile journey. An easy cruise for both power and sail. Fantastic facilities. A pool and restaurant on site and a nearby hotel. This could be the location where boats coming from the south would join the main cruise.

On 25 July the cruise will depart for St. Michaels Maryland. This 24 nautical mile journey enters the Eastern Bay south of Bloody Point and near the man-made Popular Island to the south. A beautiful cruise! Once in the Eastern Bay the cruise will veer south on the Miles River to the quaint St. Michaels town's marinas and anchorages. A specific cruise marina will be identified for gatherings. This charming town has many shops and restaurants. Also, a nautical museum and working wooden boat yard for tours.

On 27 July the cruise will depart for Lankford Bay Marina. A 23 nautical mile journey through the Eastern Bay and Kent Narrows channel. Some may want to stop for lunch at one of the many boater friendly water-side restaurants before entering the Chester River. Langford Creek is on the river's western shore. The Lankford Bay Marina, located near the creek's entrance, is the site for our Summer Rendezvous and Conference.

A dockside cocktail party will be held each evening during the cruise. V/C Ralph Bernard is cruise chair. Captains should contact Ralph at [rb3513@comcast.net](mailto:rb3513@comcast.net) or 609.226.6773 to register.

We will post additional cruise details to the description document at [https://abc-midatlantic.org/events/2023/22593\\_description.pdf](https://abc-midatlantic.org/events/2023/22593_description.pdf).



# 2023 Spring Conference Thursday



# 2023 Spring Conference Friday



# 2023 Spring Hospitality Suites



# 2023 Spring Conference Crafts



# 2023 Spring Conference Saturday



# 2023 Spring Conference Cocktails



# 2023 Spring Conference Pre-Dinner





# 2023 Spring Conference Honor Guard

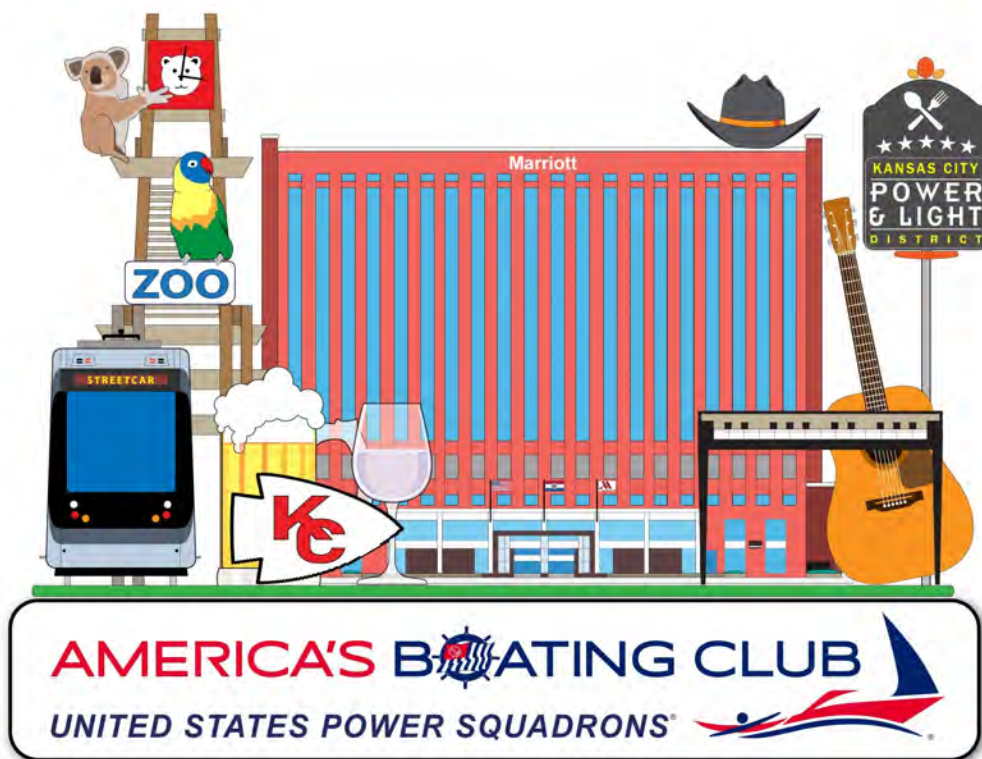


# 2023 Spring Conference Change of Watch



# 2023 Spring Conference Sunday Reception





Fall Governing Board  
August 27 - September 4, 2023  
*Kansas City, Missouri*

Thinking about a getaway? Why not consider merging business with pleasure? The Kansas City Marriott Downtown is extending its room rate discount for the 2023 Governing Board Meeting to include pre-meeting dates starting on August 27 and including Labor Day, September 4, for your visit to Kansas City.

The Marriott Downtown is within walking distance to many of the area's well-known destinations: the Kansas City Power & Light District, Kansas City Music Hall and T-Mobile Center as well as the City Market of Kansas City, the Missouri River and the Arabia Steamboat Museum. Love Baseball? We have tickets for the 29 August MLB Kansas City Royals vs. Pittsburgh Pirates game!

Take a look at all Kansas City has to offer and consider making the 2023 Governing Board Meeting your family destination—with time for both business and pleasure! Other fun-filled theme nights are also planned. Hope to see you there!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

2023

National Safe Boating Week		20-26 May
D/5 Summer Cruise	Baltimore to Langford Bay Marina	21-27 July
D/5 Summer Rendezvous & Council	Langford Bay Marina	28-30 July
USPS Governing Board	Kansas City, MO	27 Aug-3Sep
D/5 Fall Conference	Maritime Institute Lithicum Heights, MD	2-5 Nov



### 2023-2024 D/5 Bridge

**L-R:** Ralph Leasure, Robert Blevins, Penn Hess, John O'Reilly, Mike Maszczenski, Joe Gibson, Apryl Bernard, Bill Hammett, Gene Danko, John Linsenmeyer

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