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Commander's Message

Cdr Anthony Martin, JN

This year, the United States Power Squadrons®/America's Boating Club® annual meeting was held in Orlando, Florida from 18 to 25 February 2018. More than five hundred members from around the country were in attendance. The atmosphere was positive, as evidenced by the greeting of new friends and comradery shared by old ones. Several awards and recognitions were bestowed on deserving members, squadrons and districts. In terms of business, the round table discussions were both frank and informative. The common concern was declining membership and participation. There was a running discussion amongst squadron officers on how best to attract, retain and regain members. As a result, National has declared marketing *America's Boating Club*® as job one, in terms of

promoting the *United States Power Squadrons*®.

America's Boating Club® is more than a name change. It is a signal and recognition that change is needed. The name change is one factor transforming the image of the organization to make it more attractive to a new generation of potential members. The second part appears to be a movement away from some of the more military attributes that were adopted when the organization was first founded. That is not to suggest that there is anything wrong with the armed forces or the men and women who serve so bravely therein. Instead, it is an acknowledgment that if we are to successfully compete for boating club membership, it might help to look more like a club than a navy reserve unit.

Hence, your bridge is strongly encouraging each member to think of ways to market and exploit different media and events to increase our numbers. **Please consider giving your time on a Saturday to host an exhibit table and introduce your club.** We have a number of opportunities in the near future to get the word out. As mentioned in last month's *Anchor Watch*, we have the **Annapolis Spring Boat Show** scheduled for 20—22 April 2018. If you have not already done so, please sign up. In addition we have been invited to participate on **5 May 2018 at Herrington Harbor North's Annual Yard Sale**, as well as the **Maryland Natural Resources Police 150th Anniversary Celebration** on **12 May 2018** at the **Sandy Point State Park**. Each of these present a great opportunity to do some "fly fishing." Our collective participation, is vital to the continued growth and viability of the squadron.

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Administrative Officer

Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S

It's spring! For those of us boating on the Chesapeake, the budding trees and blooming flowers tell us it's time to get back on the water. 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. This year, P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN, has volunteered to find us speakers. His knowledge of the boating community assures me that you will enjoy each of our meetings, and you will also be sure to learn something new each time.



The warm weather also brings out people looking to buy boats. As always, we will be hosting booths, and we will need volunteers. Later this month, look for us at the 20-22 April Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/SpringASPS> District 5 will be setting up a booth at the 27-29 April Bay Bridge Boat Show, so you can also expect a request to help out there as well.



Our May dinner meeting will have an added attraction – we will be collecting pet food and supplies to be donated to our local ASPCA. Look for an article in this newsletter with details on what you can donate. If you cannot make that meeting, you can still make a donation. We can always arrange to pick up your donation before the meeting.



May also offers a land cruising event. We are planning an ASPS evening at the 11 May Bowie Baysox game. We'll have great seats, and we plan to enjoy an evening that starts with baseball and ends with fireworks.



Finally, our first boating event is also planned for May. Once again, we will be out to watch the Blue Angels practice on 22 May. We will raft up early. All participants are asked to bring snacks to share as we visit from boat to boat. This is always a fun time. And, it's a great way to spend the day on the water with friends.



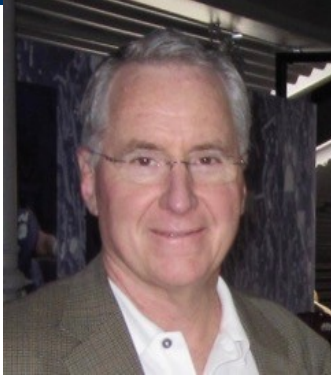
Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron is a volunteer driven non-profit. What that means is that nothing happens unless someone volunteers. We want all of these events to be successful, so we ask you to consider volunteering. You do not need to make a year commitment. Just take on one activity! Or, volunteer to work at one activity! With your help, we can have another great year having fun both on and off the water.

Life provides the wind. You control the set of the sail.

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In closing, the membership is reminded that in our quest to make new friends, we cannot overlook the ones we already have. If you have not seen or heard from someone in the squadron in a while, please call them and let them know that they are missed. If someone is not feeling well, let our *Sunshine Lady* know and she will send that person a card.





Executive Officer

Lt/C Ron Ricketts, S

Hello and welcome to the new Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron (ASPS) calendar year! I am Ron Ricketts and I am pleased to be this year's ASPS Executive Officer (XO). I am looking forward to an enjoyable and productive year with all of you.

It was three years ago when my wife, Karen, and I first became members of the ASPS. We had just upgraded our boat and we were looking for others who shared a passion for boating. We found that in the ASPS, an amazing organization of experienced and welcoming boaters! Joining the ASPS has been a rich experience with warm friendships, terrific boat cruises and great education classes! I have had the pleasure of participating in both the Vessel Safety Program as an Examiner and serving as the ASPS Safety Officer. It has truly been a rewarding experience.

As many of you already know, there are countless organizations available for boating enthusiasts. In the Annapolis area alone, we have an abundance of yacht clubs, sailing associations, cruising associations; the list goes on and on. So, what makes the United States Power Squadron®, aka America's Boating Club®, a unique and valuable organization? It is our commitment to boater education!

The ASPS has a stellar reputation for delivering excellent and affordable boating education and for leading community outreach programs that extend to novice and veteran boaters alike. We deliver some of the most current and trusted boater safety materials available. From our VSC program to our comprehensive training courses, the ASPS is dedicated and committed to spreading the safe boating message to the public.

Fortunately, in recent years, there has been an upturn in boat sales which has brought many new and first-time boaters into our community. Of course, these folks can obtain their Maryland boater's license on-line, but what they cannot get is access to experienced and knowledgeable mariners. And, this is where our organization shines.

As I step into the XO role, I would like to highlight some near-term activities that I believe provide great experiences and comradery for our members.



First, it is that time of the year when I encourage the entire ASPS membership to spread the word regarding our Vessel Safety Check Program and to drive awareness to those you may know, so that everyone who is interested can take advantage of this great service. For those of you who are boat owners, we need to set the example and make sure that our boats are VSC certified for 2018, in addition to spreading the word about the VSC program. The schedule for upcoming VSC weekends will be published shortly. There are also links on both the USPS and Coast Guard websites which will allow individuals to schedule their VSC.

Secondly, please consider how you might serve our organization this upcoming season. Many of you already participate in one way or another, but, for those looking for an opportunity to lean in, we have many opportunities to join the fun! As your XO, I will be overseeing a number of ASPS committees that will assist in many aspects of our education and outreach. I am fortunate that after only 2 weeks in my role, I have already had a number of members come forward to volunteer their time and service.

I am pleased to say that we have been able to establish committee chairpersons for:

- ★ Fall Boat Show – P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN
- ★ Radio Technical - P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN
- ★ Safety - P/C Jeff Short, JN-IN
- ★ VSC - D/Lt Homer Sandridge, N.



We are off to a great start! My thanks to those who have stepped forward to take on these leadership roles. Please be aware, these leaders need volunteers to support their efforts. I encourage each of you to consider how you can join these committees to bring their initiatives to life and make them more effective and successful.

Upcoming Events:

In looking at the April calendar (Page 14), we have an activity or event almost every week including our monthly dinner, seminars, and the upcoming D5 Conference in Ocean City.

Of special note is the upcoming **Spring Sailboat Show on April 20-22**. This past winter we agreed to extend our boat show participation beyond the traditional fall shows, to the early season Spring show. We have been in contact with Annapolis Boat Shows and have our signed agreements and paperwork. We will be seeking volunteers from other squadrons to support our staffing efforts, but it would be terrific if the ASPS members could primarily staff this show, as our local members know Annapolis better than anyone else.

Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron
ASPS Volunteer Sign Up for 2018 Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show
 All volunteers please wear your squadron shirt and name tag. Bring your squadron burgee if you are from a squadron other than ASPS.
 Entrance logistics and other directions will be emailed to you.
 Questions? email boatshow@aspsmd.org



The sign-up sheets are now accessible via our ASPS website under Boat Shows. Please check your calendar and identify those time slots when you can volunteer. This is a great way to share your knowledge and build enthusiasm and excitement for our ASPS activities.

In closing, let me say again that I sincerely intend to work for you, the ASPS membership, and to support Tony in his role as the ASPS Commander. I know I am relatively new to the group and have much to learn.

Please contact me at anytime with concerns or suggestions on how we can help this organization continue to serve the boating community in the Annapolis area.

**Ops Training
 3 March 2018
 Home of Jeff and Lorrie Short**

Several ASPS members received training on duties and procedures to help them with their jobs in ASPS. They were ably instructed by P/C Stu Myers, AP. When finding a venue became difficult, Jeff and Lorrie Short hosted the training at their home and provided snacks. Thanks to you both!



Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show 20-22 April 2018

Look at all of the great things to see and do at:

<https://www.annapolisboatshows.com/annapolis-spring-sailboat-show/>

Then, volunteer to work at the booth of
Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron.

Volunteer sign up sheet here:
[**https://tinyurl.com/SpringASPS**](https://tinyurl.com/SpringASPS)

Please type carefully ... the URLs are case sensitive!

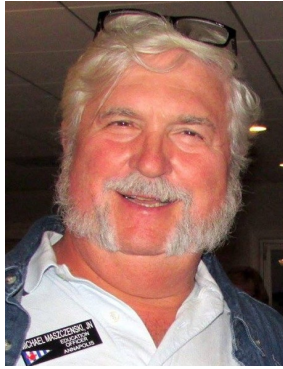
Please help your squadron.

Volunteers get free admission.

Questions?: boatshow@aspsmd.org

Reserve your spot now!





Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

There are still several spring seminars upcoming. Don't miss your chance to take one. Please register so I know you are planning to come. If attendance is not sufficient, the seminar will be cancelled.

We soon will be arranging for some summer seminars and planning the fall program. If you have a special request, please drop me an email. Michaelm_aacps@hotmail.com.

Congratulations to Lt/C Ron Ricketts, S for adding Seamanship to his educational accomplishments. Congratulations also to John Ayres, associate member, who passed Piloting.

Seminars

Tides and Current

Instructor: P/C John W. Nash, SN-IN and P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN

Date: Wednesday, 4 April

Location: Annapolis Senior High, Rm 130

Cost: \$35.00

The seminar deals with how the sun and moon create tidal patterns, sources of information about tides and tidal currents, simple ways to predict height of tide and current flow, and how to use both print and electronic tide tables. Each student receives a full color text booklet on the subject for future reference.

Anchoring

Instructor: Purnell Delly

Date: Wednesday, 11 April

Location: Annapolis Senior High, Rm 130

Cost: \$35.00 **Optional Quick Guide:** \$10.00

The new Anchoring Seminar has been prepared to assist boaters in understanding the issues and problems involving the theories of anchor weight, the methods used to anchor, and the choices of anchor types for the area of boating. The slides and notations on anchoring are intended to raise awareness of the need for correct anchor choices and the mechanics of proper anchoring techniques. The knowledge gained from completing this

seminar will increase the student's understanding of the conditions and situations involved in anchoring a boat and the need for a proper anchor choice. The kit comes with 6" x 8.5" color manual of the slides with documentation suitable to be kept on the boat or your bookshelf.

Introduction to Navigation (two sessions)

Instructor: P/C Richard Hughes, SN-IN, Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N, and Purnell Delly

Date: Wednesdays, 25 April and 2 May

Location: Annapolis Senior High, Rm 130

Cost: \$35.00

The Introduction to Navigation seminar replaces Basic Coastal Navigation, and presents information to enable beginning recreational boaters to practice safe passage using navigation charts with Global Positioning System (GPS) technology on devices such as chart plotters. This seminar introduces recreational boaters to navigation using charts in combination with GPS and the electronic navigation software, OpenCPN. Continued education on using OpenCPN software is provided in advanced courses such as Piloting and Navigation. Navigation chart and OpenCPN data is introduced through no-cost website access. (<https://opencpn.org>).

Knots, Bends and Hitches

Instructor: Lt/C Carol Rechner, SN and Lt Linda Sweeting, JN

Date: Wednesday, 9 May

Location: Annapolis Senior High, Rm 130

Cost: \$35.00 **Optional Book:** \$15.00

This seminar is a hands-on "learn how to tie knots" program geared to a wide range of audiences. Participants learn about knots and learn to tie a set of the most useful knots. The kit comes with a 6" x 8.5" color manual of the slides with documentation suitable to be kept on the boat or your bookshelf.

Visual Distress Signals with Flare Demo and Practice

Date: Saturday, 5 May 2018

Location: Kent Island Yacht Club

A joint seminar with Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron will be held at Kent Island Yacht Club.



Dig out those old flares before the boating season really gets underway. Complete details will be coming in the May Anchor Watch and on the aspsmd.org website.

Register now! Having your registration now lets us plan the future.

If you would like to add your name to a class list for any of the offerings, please use the ASPS registration link below to reserve a seat now. You may cancel your reservation at a later date, but putting in your name early gives me approximate numbers to facilitate ordering materials. To suggest an additional course or seminar offering, please contact me.

Register online

Go to: <http://bit.ly/qKN8ad>. You can also email me at michaelm_aacps@hotmail.com or aspsmd.class@gmail.com. Or, you can call 410-739-7800. Please include your full name, the class you want to sign up for, and a phone number in case further information is needed.

Location for all courses and seminars:

Annapolis Sr. High School, Riva Road, Room 130 or Room 132.

Please watch the website <http://www.aspsmd.org> for course and seminar updates.

Inclement Weather Policy:

Classes will be rescheduled if Anne Arundel County Schools are closed during a scheduled class or seminar. Please monitor the news or the <https://www.aacps.org/> website during times of inclement weather. If evening school activities are cancelled, the ASPS class will not be held.

America's Boating Course

4 consecutive Monday Evenings 6:30 to 9:30 PM
Starting 16 April 2018
At Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department
\$35.00 Free to anyone under 17 and under

Marine Navigation (Piloting)

7 Consecutive Mondays 6:30 to 9:30 PM
Starting 14 May 2018
At Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department
\$90.00 for USPS & Kent Island Yacht Club members
\$110 for non-members

For KNSPS Courses and Seminars, Contact:

Lt/C Joe Burke, SN at 410-279-0862 or KNSPS.SEO@gmail.com or burkejr2@atlanticbb.net or register on-line at www.usps.org.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/USPSKNSPS>

Help Wanted!

ASPS has an exciting opportunity for members to become vessel safety examiners for the 2018 season.

Conducting courtesy vessel safety checks is a critical component of the Power Squadron's boating safety mission. Being an ASPS examiner is a fun and personally rewarding activity that does not require a significant time commitment. You meet lots of boaters and see many interesting boats.

You do not have to be a safety expert. The combination of excellent USPS training materials and the help available from experienced ASPS examiners will mean that you can quickly become an effective examiner.

Please contact Homer Sandridge at (443)-831-0564, or email sherrysand@hotmail.com to get more information and to determine if this role is a good fit for you.

D/Lt Homer Sandridge, N





For Spring

ANNAPOLIS



ASPS Logo Clothing at
<http://asps.qbstores.com>



ASPS Pet Drive

Gretchen Cupples, S

So many of us are blessed with so much that enriches our lives: your house, your boat, your friends, family and your pets. Maybe your pet is an AKC registered pet, or a gift from a family member, or a stray you fell in love with at the SPCA.

Now, Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron is giving you the opportunity to share that love. The Anne Arundel SPCA needs your help. The SPCA, a non-kill shelter, takes in thousands of animals a year: dogs, cats, guinea pigs, mice, rats, gerbels, hamsters, bunnies, and ferrets. There is no national or state funding. The Anne Arundel SPCA is a private, non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

If you have the time, you can volunteer to walk dogs, socialize cats, groom hamsters, and more. But, even if you don't have time, you can still help. ASPS will be having a pet food and supply drive at our May meeting. You can donate unexpired pet food, cat toys, peanut butter, washable dog toys, and more. Check out the list on the next page, choose, and bring it with you to the May meeting. You will be sure to make some animal still in need of a forever home happy!

The ASPS can make a difference. Please donate generously at the May dinner meeting.



Please help by bringing something to the May meeting...



SPCA of Anne Arundel County

Our Wish List!

Pet Food

Dog and Puppy Food (Wet & Dry; unexpired)
(Purina ProPlan, Purina ONE, Science Diet, IAMS preferred)
 Cat Food (Wet & Dry; unexpired)
(Purina ONE, Science Diet, IAMS, and Friskies Mixed Grill preferred)
 Kitten Food (Wet & Dry; unexpired)
(Science Diet and Royal Canin Baby Cat preferred)
 KMR Milk Replacer for Puppies & Kittens
 Prescription Dog and Cat Food
 Rabbit Food
 Small Rodent Food
 Fresh Veggies
 Timothy Hay (Oxbow)

Toys & Treats

Cat Toys
 Cat Scratchers for Cages (*StretchandScratch.com*)
 Cat Scratching Posts & Trees
 Milk Bones, all sizes
 Spray Cheese (for Kong's)
 Peanut Butter
 Durable, Washable Dog Toys (hard balls, rope toys)
 Soft Dog Toys (no bean-type fillers)

Necessities

Cat Litter (Scamp, Yesterday's News)
 Clean Litter Pans
 Cat Beds (both opened and closed)
 Cat Carriers
 Doggie Waste Bags
 6' Nylon Leashes
 Martingale Collars
 Dog Harnesses (Step-in and Easy Walk)
 Dog Crates and Baby Gates
 Care Fresh Bedding
 Bed Linens (no stuffing, down, feather, or pillows)
 Bath Mats
 Towels, all sizes
 Pee Pads
 Pill Pockets
 Animal Medicine and Medical Supplies (unexpired)

Cleaning Products

Bleach
 Simple Green
 Clorox Wipes
 Dawn Dish Soap
 Wet Swiffer Refills
 Powdered Laundry Detergent
 Antibacterial Hand Soap
 Hand Sanitizer
 Lint Rollers
 Glass Cleaner
 Paper Towels
 Toilet Tissue

Office Supplies

White Copy Paper (8 ½ by 11)
 Orange & Red File Folders
 2 pocket folders
 Large Post-It Notes
 Quality Pens
 Dry Erase Markers
 Highlighters
 Paper Clips, all sizes
 Plastic Clipboards
 Batteries (9V, AA, AAA)
 Green Garbage Bags, all sizes
 Zip Lock Bags, all sizes

NOTE: We appreciate all you do for our animals. For health and safety reasons, we do not accept expired food or medicines, nor do we accept bed clothes with any type of stuffing, e.g., pillows, down or feather comforters, mattress pads).

WAGS, PURRS, & THANK YOU!

SPCA of Anne Arundel County
 1815 Bay Ridge Road, Annapolis, MD 21403
 410-268-4388 / www.aacspca.org





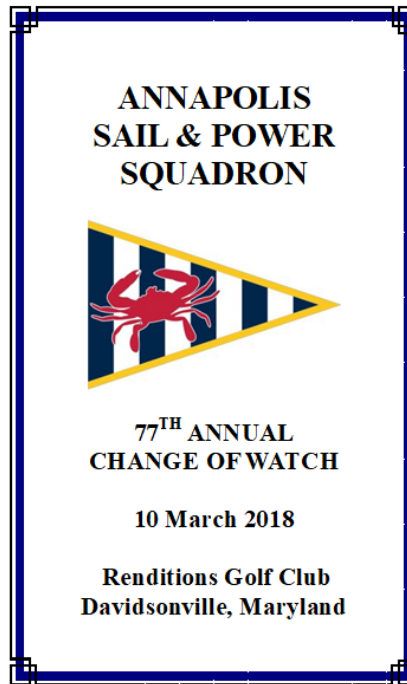
Master of Ceremonies, Lorrie Short, welcomes all to the event.

Here are a selected few of the pictures from the meeting. Linda has made a permanent folder in a dropbox for all of them at : <https://tinyurl.com/2018ASPSpix>
Your editors, Georgiana, Linda, and Carol



P/C Sari Lafferty, AP, shares a picture with Noreen Martin, and guests of the Martins, Ingrid Mazique, Randa Mudaris. Other guests not pictured were Thomas Unger, Robert Groshon. Also, P/D/C Joseph McCarthy, SN, and Leslie McCarthy who traveled from New York to be here.

Bob Lubbert, AP, and Charlotte Lubbert, S. Bob later won the 50-50.



Nina McGarry and Tom Richardson, AP, share a laugh before dinner.



Gretchen Cupples, S, and MarySue Burgess



Barbara Locke, KNSPS, attended with her husband Cdr John Locke, SN-ACN, (not pictured). Other guests from afar included Susan Rudy, SN, and Cdr David Blades, SN, from Dundalk Squadron.



Linda Serf McGeehan, S, and 1st/LT Patrick McGeehan, P.

P/C Joel Hilden, P, tells soon to be P/C Jeff Short, JN-IN, how much he will enjoy stepping down.



Phil Burgess, MarySue Burgess and P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN.



P/C Howard Cupples, JN, Lars Lindenhall and P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN.

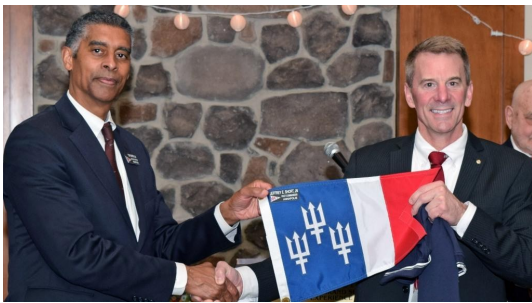


The outgoing bridge:
1st/Lt Ron Ricketts, S,
P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN,
Lt/C Carol Rechner, SN,
Lt Kathy Slattery, AP,
Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, SN,
Lt/C Jonathan Jacobs, P,
1st/Lt Lacey Davidson,
Lt/C Noni Rondeau, JN,
Lt/C Tony Martin, JN, and
Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN.



P/D/C Ralph Bernard, AP, representing D5, initiates Lt/C Tony Martin, JN, as commander for 2018.

Cdr Jeff Short presents Lt/C Noni Rondeau, JN, with the Member of the Year award for her wonderful work on all of the ASPS activities.



Cdr Tony Martin, JN, presents P/C Jeff Short, JN-IN, with the past commander's flag and a lovely print of a racing sailboat. Now that he is no longer commander, perhaps Jeff will have more time to race his sailboat, *Endurance*.



The newsletter staff presents P/C Jeff Short, JN-IN, with their own special award, including ping pong cannon balls.

Lorrie Short presents Noreen Martin with a tiara and a rose as the wife of the incoming commander.



P/D/C Ralph Bernard, AP and the incoming bridge: P/Lt/C Jonathan Jacobs, P, 1st/Lt Lacey Davidson, Lt Georgiana Maszczenski, S, 1st/Lt Patrick McGeehan, P, Lt/C Terry Slattery, Lt/C Carol Rechner, SN, Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, SN, Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S, Lt/C Ron Ricketts, S, and Cdr Tony Martin, JN.



Safety

P/C Jeff Short, JN-IN

It sure was a frigid March. The wind chills made it difficult to think about putting the boat back in the water. But April 2017 was one of the warmest Aprils on record. So the time is at hand to prep the boat for the coming season. I have chosen a few items on the spring commissioning checklist that I would like to highlight. I chose these few items because they have caused me grief in the past.

There are many checklists available online that you may want to printout and take with you to your boat to assist in your spring commissioning. Here is one from Boat US Magazine and a very thorough checklist from Lake Norman Sail and Power Squadron.

<https://www.boatus.com/magazine/2013/April/spring-checklist.asp>

<https://www.usps.org/lakenorman/Spring%20Commissioning%20Suggestions2012.pdf>

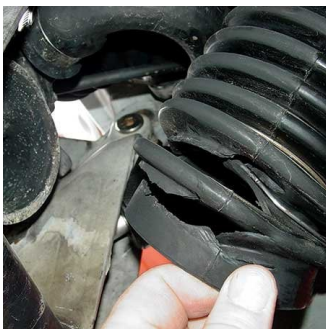
Take a look at your thru-hulls, particularly if your boat is on the hard or on a trailer where you have easy access to them. Plastic thru-hulls can deteriorate, crack and come loose. Put your finger on them and push



to be sure they are solid. Ensure that they are not clogged with barnacles, insect nests or other debris. While my boat is on the hard, I even run a plumbers tape or small drain snake into my above the water line thru-hulls to be sure they are not clogged. Last year my AC would not function due to a mud wasp nest in the AC output thru-hull. I also like to work my seacock handles every week or so, year round, to ensure that they are operating smoothly. If a hose attached to an open seacock fails, the last thing you want to discover is that your seacock is frozen and can't be closed.

Inspect your zincs. Even if you just repacked them last fall when you winterized, take another look at them. If they are corroded to about 50%, you need to replace them. It is cheap insurance against corrosion of the metals in your seacocks, prop and drive shaft.

I change the impeller in my seawater pump every Spring. Some do it while winterizing but I am not comfortable letting it sit in one position in antifreeze all winter long. Impellers can last a few years, but the last thing I want to do is to change a failed impeller while bobbing around out on the bay with an overheated engine. If you don't know how to change your impeller, or what it even does, take the ASPS engine maintenance course.



If you have an inboard outboard motor and a drive leg, take a very close look at your bellows. Look for cracks or signs of dry rot. This piece of corrugated rubber is susceptible to UV deterioration much like the tires on your car. On my boat, the bellows contains gear oil for the drive leg and a crack or tear results in oil leaking out into the water. Visual examination of the bellows is free and the cost of replacing a deteriorating one is nothing compared to the cost of clean up and the fines associated with your gear oil getting into the bay, much less the cost of rebuilding your drive leg gears.

Be sure to inspect your shore power cord, plug and receptacles. Look for blackened spots where a bad electrical connection is causing sparking and leaving a small charred spot. This is a sure sign of impending failure of your shore power system and could cause a disastrous fire.



Inspect your PFDs. Be sure that the belts have not corroded, clips have not rusted and that the float vest or collar has not rotted. Inspect your inflatable PFDs to be sure the CO2 cylinder has not been fired off and that the hydrostatic device is not expired.

Lastly, check the date on your flares. It's astonishing how fast those flares that you could swear you just bought last season are reaching their expiration. I am not even going to remind you to be sure the drain plug is in when you launch. Get a vessel safety check first thing this season. ASPS vessel safety examiners will help you ensure that all of your safety equipment is serviceable and current. Let's get our boats in the water and be safe out there.

Membership Dinner Meeting

12 April 2018

Elks Lodge, Edgewater, MD

2 Pythian Drive Edgewater, MD 21037

1800 Social Hour - Fresh cheese & veggie platter

1900 Dinner



Our speaker, Jack Shaum, author, retired print and broadcast journalist

CHESAPEAKE BAY STEAMBOATS

Chesapeake Country by Steamboat. This program focuses on the many relatively small passenger and freight steamboats that traveled the Bay and its rivers daily for many decades, providing a lifeline between the rural areas of the Chesapeake Bay country and the metropolitan areas of Baltimore and Norfolk.

For Dinner, choose from:

- ★ Fresh Fried Chicken, Red Bliss Potatoes, Sauteed Asparagus
- ★ Baked Tilapia w/Mango Salsa, Red Bliss Potatoes, Sauteed Asparagus
- ★ Penne Primavera (add asparagus)

RSVP by 1600 on Tuesday, 10 April 2018

<http://tinyurl.com/ASPSdinner>

or ASPS Voicemail at 410-263-8777, Option 4.

Be sure to include your dinner choice.

Dinner Cost: \$27/ per person

payable by cash or check at the door.

Please bring something for the Pet Food Drive.



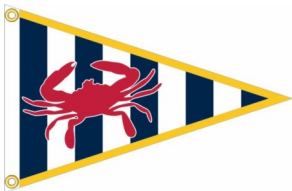
Calendar of Coming Events



<http://www.usps.org/>



<http://www.uspsd5.org/>



<http://www.aspsmd.org/>

United States Power Squadrons® Events

District 5 Events

- *5-8 Apr D5 Spring Conference—Date Changed from 3/22
Ocean City, Maryland
- 27-29 Apr D5 Bay Bridge Boat Show

Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron Events

- 04 Apr Tides and Currents Seminar
- 06 Apr Hospitality Suite, D5 Conference, Ocean City
- 11 Apr Anchoring Seminar
- 12 Apr Membership Dinner Meeting—Date Changed from 4/5
- 20-22 Apr Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show
- 25 Apr Introduction to Navigation Seminar—Part 1
- 26 Apr Executive Committee Meeting
- 02 May Introduction to Navigation Seminar—Part 2
- 03 May Membership Dinner Meeting
- 05 May VSC Day & Membership Drive—Herrington North
- 05 May Flare Shoot and Demo—Kent Island Yacht Club
- 09 May Knots, Bends, and Hitches Seminar
- 11 May Bowie Baysox Baseball Social
- 22 May Raft Up - Blue Angels
- 24 May Executive Committee Meeting
- 02 Jun Annual Picnic
- 07 Jun Membership Dinner Meeting ADDED TO CALENDAR
- 28 Jun Executive Committee Meeting

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