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Commander's Message

Cdr Jeffrey Short, JN-IN

Happy New Year! We are beyond the halfway point of winter. We are closer to spring commissioning than we are to last Fall's winterizing. Its been hard to get anything done on my boat so far this winter due to the miserable cold. I am trying hard to memorize this chilly feeling in order to bring back this memory in August when the temp breaks 100 and you can cut the humidity with a knife.

Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron has done a wonderful job this winter supporting community charities. Our toy drive supporting the Marines' Toys for Tots at our December dinner meeting was fantastic, and our food drive at the January dinner meeting netted 256 pounds of food for the Anne Arundel County Food Bank! Thank you, ASPS members, for your generosity.

In the spirit of community service, I would like to encourage members to consider becoming Vessel Safety Check Examiners. The dead of winter is a great time to read over the VSC rules and take the certification quiz. A few ASPS examiners have retired or moved on and we are in real need of building our team for the Spring VSC season. It's not difficult and it's a lot of fun. Please contact D/Lt Homer Sandridge, N, (sherrysand@hotmail.com) or myself (jshortmd@yahoo.com) and we will get you certified in no time.

Our next membership meeting is our Founders' Day celebration at Renditions Golf Club. In order to save members from forking out the money for two meetings in March, the general membership meeting and the Change of Watch, the Executive Committee has voted to have the annual general membership business take place at the Founders' Day brunch. That business includes voting on both the budget and the new slate of officers and committee members for 2018-19. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding either, and be sure to attend the Founders' Day event to cast your vote.

Please check on you boat often this winter. And, if you are going out on the docks, always wear a life jacket. Take a minute to find the nearest ladder before going about your business. Slipping on an icy dock or boat and going into the water at these temps is rapidly lethal. You do not want to be frantically looking for a ladder AFTER you've already fallen in.

I hope to see you all at Founders' Day and the upcoming Change of Watch.

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Executive Officer

Lt/C Anthony Martin, JN

The Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron Food Drive was an unqualified success. We had several members step up and provide food and drink for the less fortunate in our community. I hope to report next month that ASPS demonstrated that same spirit in helping to staff the **Baltimore Boat Show; which is scheduled to begin Thursday, 25 Jan through Sunday, 28 Jan 2018.** Signing up to help is easy. The point of contact is Lt/C J. Street Broadbent, AP of the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron. He can be reached at 410-598-0833 or by email at: Streett@EasyStreett.com. Before doing so you should click on the link at <http://www.uspsdundalk.org/boatshow/signup.pdf> to see which slots have not been filled.

During our January Membership Dinner Meeting, a show of hands suggested that we participate in the **Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show**. That show is scheduled for **20-22 April 2018** (Friday – Sunday). Please volunteer to help with that exposition. By so doing, ASPS can take advantage of the opportunity to introduce *America's Boating Club*® to many in a one on one setting.

You may recall my reference to the new *United States Power Squadrons*® *Marketing Guidebook* during the January Dinner Meeting. Everyone is urged to take a look at this short discussion on efforts to be identified as not only the *United States Power Squadrons*® but *America's Boating Club*®, as well. It is only thirteen (13) pages in length and appears in the January 2018 *United States Power Squadrons*® News Letter. It explains both the reasons for the additional name and the recommended methods for marketing it. In the coming months our executive committee will be reviewing all printed material, including: tri-folds; banners and flyers to make sure they comply with the national directive.



Having said that, please remember that promoting *America's Boating Club*® is every member's responsibility. We have a lot to offer in the way of great courses, social interaction and an opportunity to engage in community service. If you are not comfortable "selling" there are other things that you can do to help with promotion. As an example, please consider who you would like to appear as a speaker at one of our dinner meetings or what events would interest you and/or some of your boating friends. The executive committee is open to all ideas and will advertise these ideas to promote interest. Thanks for your attention; it's much appreciated.

Star Gazers and Navigation Students:

- ★ **Celestial Tools V 5.6.4** includes feature enhancements and is available on the United States Power Squadrons® website. Click this link: [ONCom Software and Tools web page](#).
- ★ The link above will take you to the United States Power Squadrons® web page. You will need your **user name** and **password** to log in.
- ★ After you have logged in, copy this URL, <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/13000/13000-educational-committees/13260/13260-software-and-tools> and paste it into the box at the top **replacing** the USPS home page URL with this one. (Do not put it in a new tab.) **Read this page.** Then,...
- ★ Scroll down to the **ALL USES** section and download the **PDF Document**, the zipped copy of **Celestial Tools**, and the **Revision History PDF file** if you need it.
- ★ Email [Stan Klein](mailto:Stan.Klein@usps.org) with any questions.





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Noni Rondeau, JN

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! I seem to say this a lot but that's because you are a great squadron with big hearts! Another record has been set with a donation of 256 pounds of food to the Anne Arundel County Food and Resource Bank. There are over 30,000 residents of Anne Arundel County living below the poverty line. Our donation helps assist these families out of crisis by providing a costly basic necessity: food.

Unfortunately, the food bank director was unable to attend our January meeting, but has extended an invitation to be their guests for lunch and a tour. Please mark your calendars and try extremely hard to make this luncheon and

learn more about how the AACO Food and Resource bank helps families. The date is Saturday, 17 March. Details are being worked out, so watch for the ever important Lunch Hook.

Even after changing our January Membership/Dinner meeting due to weather, attendance was great. Chief Curator, Pete Leshner, from the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum offered an illustrated talk on Early Yacht Cruises on the Chesapeake. Simply amazing are the boating pioneers that came before us. Be sure to read "Dinner Delights" by Georgiana Maszczenski for more about early cruisers.

The next two months our Membership dinners are replaced by Special Events:

- ★ Sunday, 11 February is Founders Day and our annual meeting when new officers are elected
- ★ Saturday, 10 March - Change of Watch
- ★ Both events are being held at Renditions Golf Club in Davidsonville. Please see the special inserts. Specific questions and any last minute changes to attendance should be directed to P/C Lee Myers, AP, at 410-647-4793.

Unless you're a snow and cold lover, you probably dream about getting your boat back out all winter long.

Even though going to a boat show isn't quite as glorious as going out on the water, it can still satisfy your boat junkie cravings. Go to a boat show and drool over the shiny new boats and futuristic new technology while hanging out and chatting with other boat lovers:

- ★ The Baltimore Boat Show is 25-28 January at the Baltimore Convention Center.
- ★ If you miss the Baltimore Boat Show, here's a fairly comprehensive list of other boat shows: <http://www.boatshows.com/calendar.aspx>

We are averaging approximately 30% more attendees at each dinner/membership meeting, which includes new and prospective members. If you know someone interested in learning more about the United States Power Squadrons® and the benefits of membership in the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron, please have them contact our member chair, Lt Kathy Slattery, AP. She is reachable at kslatteryasps@gmail.com or 410-280-5468. Fraternal, educational, and civic service - we have it all!

Spring is 20 March 2018 and we will be boating before long! Cheers.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

OPERATIONS TRAINING – Saturday, 17 February 2018

This will be conducted by D/Lt Stu Myers Jr., AP, Rules Chair

It is recommended that all members take the Operations Training Program at least once every 5 years. Considering the organizational changes being made within United States Power Squadrons®, perhaps it would be a good idea to attend.

Details on location and time are being worked out. Please watch for the ever important Lunch Hook.



Report From the Nominating Committee

P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the Slate of Nominees for the 2018-2019 Calendar Year. The Nominating Committee thanks all those who accepted and/or considered

positions for the coming year. We are very pleased to present this great slate of nominees.

Bridge:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Commander | Tony Martin, JN |
| Executive Officer | Ron Ricketts |
| Administrative Officer | Peggy Slattery, S |
| Asst Admin Officer | Georgiana Maszczenski, S |
| Education Officer | Mike Maszczenski, N |
| Asst Educ Officer | Patrick McGeehan, P |
| Secretary | Carol Rechner, SN |
| Asst Secretary | Lacey Davidson, S |
| Treasurer | Terry Slattery, S |
| Asst Treasurer | Jonathan Jacobs, P |

Executive Committee Members at Large

- Lorrie Short
- Bruce Arey, JN
- Purnell Delly
- Lee Mayer, N
- Linda Sweeting, JN
- Larry Groce
- Frank Slattery, N
- Jon Evans

Immediate Past Commander

Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

Nominating Committee

- John Wesley Nash, SN-IN, Chair
- Joel Hilden, P
- Gary Antonides, AP
- Phil Rondeau, N
- Jeff Short, JN

Audit Committee

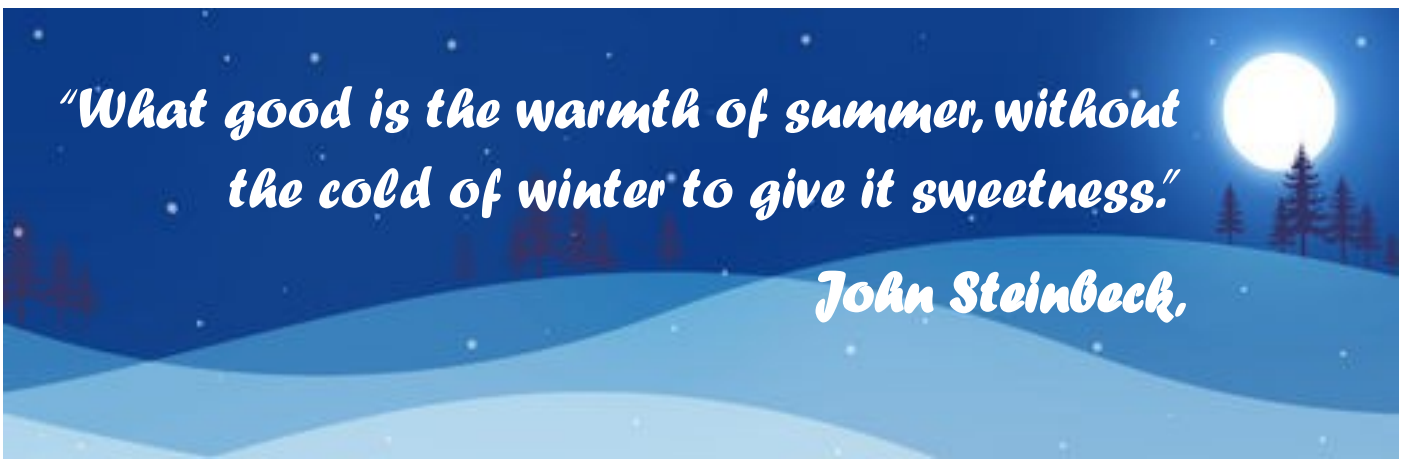
- Bill Museler, AP, Chair
- Ralph Michaelson, AP
- William Klepczynski, JN

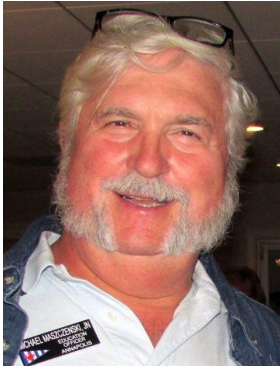
Rules Committee

- Stu Myers, AP, Chair
- Sandrine Hilden
- Frank Slattery, N

This is a qualified list of nominees with any waivers necessary being obtained from the commander of District 5. I wish to thank the Nomination Committee for their hard work in making this slate possible.

Sincerely,
 P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN, Chair
 P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN
 P/C Joel Hilden, P
 P/Lt/C Gary Antonides, AP
 Art Pine, AP





Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

We just wrapped up the Weather Course and the Piloting Course. Some congratulations are in order.

P/C Bruce Arey, JN, Ron Burkemper, Lt/C Michael

Maszczenski, N, and Ron Roth, P, passed Weather. Sjoerd Beck, P, Peter Jacobsen, P, and Ron Roth, P, passed Piloting and are taking Advanced Piloting.

The next round of courses and seminars are here. Advanced Piloting and Marine Electricity have started. The America's Boating Course will start February 13th. If you or anyone you know needs a Boating Safety Course Card, here is the opportunity. Register now. Upcoming, we have a wonderful variety of seminars. Please take advantage of them. Share our course offerings with friends. We are open to all.

Courses:

America's Boating Course 16 hrs

Instructor: P/C Bruce Arey, JN & Patrick McGeehan, P

Tuesdays, 13 February to 10 April 2018, 1845 to 2100 (6:45 PM to 9:00 PM)

Cost: \$50.00

This is the first course you should take as a boater. The following will be covered:

- ◆ Types of boats and their use
- ◆ Boating laws—both federal and state
- ◆ Safety equipment—both required and recommended
- ◆ Finding your way and adverse conditions
- ◆ Communications
- ◆ Trailering, knots and water sports
- ◆ Intro to piloting and electronic charts and GPS

Upon passing the test you will get a proof of passing a boating safety course, satisfying the Maryland State requirements to operate a recreational vessel. As a bonus, the United States Power Squadrons® will be offering 18 month membership for the price of one year to all who pass ABC.

Seminars:

Most seminars are one session each. They will be offered **Wednesdays** starting 14 February 2018 at Annapolis Senior High School. Check the ASPSMD.org website and the next Anchor Watch for additions or changes.

Knots, Bends and Hitches

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

Date: Wednesday, 14 February

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.

How to Use a Chart

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

Date: Wednesday, 21 February

Cost: \$35.00 Optional items: Chart symbols- \$20.00 and Plotter- \$8.00

The NOAA Chart No. 1 is the quintessential reference to chart details, but is difficult to understand. This seminar walks you through what you really need to know in an entertaining and interesting fashion. In addition to showing you all about your chart, this seminar takes you through the essentials of laying out a safe course, and the steps to measure a course with the United States Power Squadrons® plotter.

Man Overboard

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

Date: Wednesday, 28 February

Cost: \$35.00

This seminar is designed to teach boaters how to react, and then, how to recover a crew member or passenger who accidentally falls overboard. The seminar covers vessel set-up and MOB equipment, maneuvering to keep the rescuer close to the MOB, the responsibility of the MOB in this emergency



situation, and methods of recovering the MOB.

VHF/DSC Radios

Instructor: Ron Ricketts

Date: Wednesday, 7 March

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

VHF radio is the mainstay of coastal communication and essential for emergency communications. Digital Selective Calling (DSC) is rapidly becoming a reality as more Coast Guard Rescue 21 System operations go live. This seminar explains basic VHF operation along with the operation of the new DSC radio, MMSI numbers, making emergency calls, and radio selection.

Trailing Your Boat

Instructor: P/Lt/C Gary Antonides, AP

Date: Wednesday, 14 March

Cost: \$35.00 Optional Book: \$15.00

This seminar was updated in 2014. It explains how to select a tow vehicle, discusses the correct towing hitch for the intended use, and has information to aid in choosing a trailer that has the features that meet your needs. It explains how to safely trailer your boat, why you must match the trailer hitch ball to your trailer hitch, the need for and types of trailer brakes, and the importance of correct electrical connections.

Tides and Current

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

P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN

Date: Wednesday, 4 April

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

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

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, Open CPN. Continued education on using Open CPN software is provided in the follow on advanced courses such as Piloting and Navigation. Navigation chart and Open CPN data is introduced through no-cost website access. (<https://opencpn.org>).

Visual Distress Signals with Flare Demo and Practice

Date: April (exact day TBD)

A joint seminar with Kent Narrow Sail and Power Squadron will be held in April just in time for everyone to be digging out those old flares before spring commissioning. The site will be at the Kent Island Yacht Club. Complete details will be coming in future Anchor Watches 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.

Check Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron for additional courses. If ASPS doesn't have the course you need, check with our friends across the Bay Bridge. Access "Tidelines", Jan/Feb Newsletter at (<http://bit.ly/2Cuxorg>).

KNSPS will be offering **Junior Navigation.**

Date: March 2018

For KNSPS Courses and Seminars, Contact:

Joe Burke, 410-279-0862 KNSPS.SEO@gmail.com or register on-line at www.usps.org.

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



Help Wanted!

ASPS has an exciting opportunity for 4 or 5 ASPS members to become vessel safety examiners for the 2018 season.

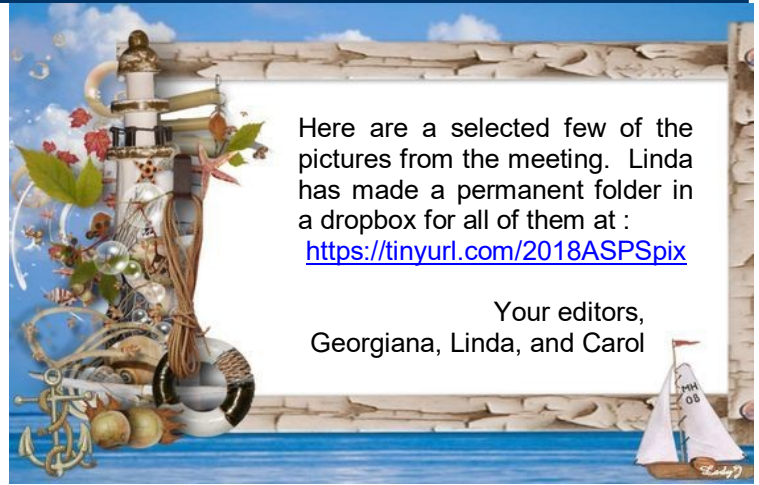
Conducting courtesy vessel safety checks is a critical component of the Power Squadron's boating safety mission. Being an ASPS examiner is a fun and personally rewarding activity that does not require a

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

Membership Dinner Meeting 11 January 2018 - Elks Lodge



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



Lt Peggy Slattery, S, and P/Lt/C
Denise Lindenhall



**DONATIONS FOR
THE FOOD DRIVE**

Alex Alikhani and
Angela Mickalidid



Judy Michaelson, AP,
P/C Sari Lafferty, AP,
and P/C Lee Myers, AP



Judy Michaelson, AP, and
Ralph Michaelson, AP



1st/Lt Ron Ricketts, P/Lt/C Gary Antonides, AP,
Karen Ricketts, and P/C John Wilmot, AP



Lt Sherri Sandridge, AP and Toni Hughes



Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, N, Ron Ricketts, and P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP



Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN, inducts new members Cheryl Medlin and John Medlin



Chief Curator CBMM Pete Leshner, and Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN



P/Lt/C Jerry Rapkin and Lt/C Tony Martin, JN



Lars Lindenhall, P/Lt/C Denise Lindenhall, and P/C Lee Myers, AP



Phil Rondeau, N, and Lt/C Noni Rondeau, JN



P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP and P/C John Wilmot, AP



P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN, and D/Lt Homer Sandridge, N



Tom Campbell and Sherri Sandridge, AP



Lt/C Carol Rechner, SN,
Ed Sunderland, JN,
Angela Mickalidid and
Alex Alikhani



Dinner Delights

Lt Georgiana Maszczenski, S

If you did not have the opportunity to join us for the 11 January dinner meeting, you missed an amazing trip back in time! First, though, members and guests started with appetizers and conversation. After dinner, Pete Leshner, the Chief Curator of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM), took us all on a trip into the past.

Pete started at CBMM in 1991. Now, as Chief Curator, he oversees exhibits, programs, the restoration boatyard, and all the collections. Pete's research specialty is the history of wooden shipbuilding on the Chesapeake Bay. His article on this subject won the Marion Brewington Prize in Chesapeake maritime history and was published in Maryland Historical Magazine. His contributions also appear in The Northern Mariner, Sea History, and The Chesapeake Log, a publication of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Outside of work, he is a sailor, taking particular pleasure in his role as jib tender on one of the Chesapeake Bay sailing log canoes, the 1882-built Island Bird.

On this night, Pete took us back in time to the beginning of pleasure boating on the Chesapeake. If you missed the meeting, here are some of the interesting facts he shared:

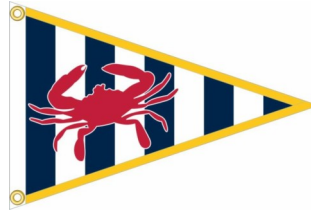
- ★ Had you gone out boating 100 years ago on the Chesapeake, you would have found very little support for pleasure crafts. Instead, the emphasis was on commercial boating.
- ★ Cruising did not become popular until the early 20th century.
- ★ The C & D canal once had locks!
- ★ In the late 1800s, the fastest way to travel in the region was by boat.
- ★ Joseph Rothrock, an early boating enthusiast, said this about boating on the Chesapeake – “Learn the rudiments, go slowly, and learn your own craft.” This lesson is still true today!
- ★ At the beginning of yachting on the Chesapeake, those who chose to travel without a captain or crew were called Corinthians.
- ★ One of the Barrie brothers (another early yachting pair) reminded us of something also still true today – “The best of cruisers are doleful when only canned goods are aboard.”
- ★ Early in the recreation cruising years, a waterman had to rescue a boater who ran aground. The waterman chastised the boater. “You been looking at your map. They ain't right.” It's just a reminder that sometimes you do need local knowledge!
- ★ Recreational boating truly took off after World War II.
- ★ If you have the time, visit CBMM before April 8 for the opportunity to view the exhibit called Robert de Gast's Chesapeake. His photographs of the late 1960s and 1970s documented the last days of the Chesapeake's maritime golden age.



Pete Leshner

If you missed this meeting, you missed so many pictures of the past of the Chesapeake Bay as well as many, many interesting historical tidbits. Our meetings give you the opportunity to enjoy time with others who love being out on the water. And, we always have a speaker willing to share knowledge or adventures about being out on the water. Be sure and join us at our next meeting!





Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron
Commander Jeffrey E. Short, JN-IN, and Lorrie Short
Request the honor of your presence at the
77th ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH
Saturday, 10 March, 2018

Renditions Golf Club
1380 West Central Avenue
Davidsonville, MD 21035

1800 Cash Bar 1900 Dinner 1945 Ceremony
\$45.00 per person Cutoff for reservations: Friday, 23 Feb 2018

Meal will include salad, rolls, butter, vegetable, potato, and a surprise dessert

You have your choice of the following entrees:

Grilled Rib Eye or Chicken Piccata or Mushroom Risotto

Dress: Blue Blazer and Grey Slacks/Skirt or Appropriate Attire



Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

of reservations ___ @ \$45.00, totaling _____

Please enclose a **check to ASPS** with this slip and mail to:

Lee Myers
860 Mill Creek Road
Arnold, MD 21012
Questions? 410-647-4793

Cutoff for reservations:
Friday, 23 February 2018

Please fill in the name and entrée choice for each member of your party.

Name _____
 Rib Eye Chicken Risotto

Name _____
 Rib Eye Chicken Risotto

Name _____
 Rib Eye Chicken Risotto

Name _____
 Rib Eye Chicken Risotto

Name _____
 Rib Eye Chicken Risotto





Safety Officer

1st/Lt Ron Ricketts

Big News! You can say you saw it here first: the 2018 Vessel Safety Check **STICKER** is bright orange this year.

To the boating public, the Vessel Safety Check is one of the United States Power Squadrons® most visible programs and is a service that is invaluable to help promote safe boating. We are very fortunate that **Lt Homer**

Sandridge, N, has led this program in recent years and continues to provide leadership for us. The Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron currently has 9 certified VSC examiners in the squadron.



But the VSC program needs more help! For those that might be new to our squadron, this is a great way to become more involved in the ASPS in a fun way that helps you reinforce your own boating knowledge, meet other boaters and enjoys seeing a wide variety of recreational boats up close! VSC examiners come from a variety of backgrounds, however their common link is their passion and love of boating.

This month I want to spotlight one of our VCS examiners, P/Lt/C **Gary Antonides, AP**. Gary spent his entire career working around the US Navy in many capacities. He took the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron plunge some 18+ years ago and joined the squadron. Early in that journey he became acquainted with the VSC program.

Gary would then go on to lead the VSC program for a number of years and was a driving force in making the program a success. What is even more intriguing is what Gary accomplished with all his Navy background and his boating knowledge.

Gary set his mind to find a boat that he could take to all corners of America, one which he could live on for short periods of time, and would be small enough to trailer. Gary wanted a boat that could go on oceans, rivers, lakes and creeks in a **SAFE**, comfortable and economical manner. That is a big ask. Given Gary's background, he concluded the best way to get what he wanted was to build his own boat. Gary started with a kit design hull plan and used this garage as his dry dock to complete his pride and joy, which he named, **PERSISTENCE**. Like any good naval architect might do, he made a model (left), and then built the real thing. It took a total of **5 years** for him to complete this project. So, I believe Gary took to



heart Ben Franklin's famous quote, "*Energy and Persistence conquer all things.*"

The finished product is impressive. This compact cruiser of 23 feet has a gas sipping 90 horse power outboard that allows her to cruise easily at 8-10 knots. Oh, and this boat easily passes its VSC every year. *You read that correctly.* Gary



*makes sure he has a current VSC every year as he takes **PERSISTENCE** far and wide across this great country.*

Last year's adventure included one trip up the Chesapeake, down the Delaware Bay, up to New York City, around Long Island (into the Ocean) and back down the Jersey Coast in three weeks. *Wow!* That was a relatively quick trip compared to many of the adventures Gary has taken over recent years cruising this little gem.



To the left is Gary's map, which is marked with dark lines outlining the various trips he has made: east coast, west coast, Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi ... there have been no limits - over 1700 hours of cruising all over and around the continent. The combination of his well-

designed craft, which also easily fits on a trailer, has provided Gary the ability to go far and wide with **PERSISTENCE**.

Recently, I met with Gary and asked him what things still raise an eyebrow regarding safety and boating on his distant travels. He came up with three really quick responses:

- ★ Never guess what the other Captain is thinking. Be ready to take evasive action. This picture is of a craft *slightly larger* than **PERSISTENCE** which should have been turning to port to stay in the main shipping channel. As it continued to proceed out of the channel and directly toward **PERSISTENCE**, Gary quickly concluded it might be better to move further to port - even though the cargo ship should have been turning to port.
- ★ When you are in areas that you are not familiar with, remember to check the tides and currents of that area. While cruising in Puget Sound, Gary saw this captain who may have forgotten to check the local conditions. Just outside of the channel, this boat went aground on an outbound tidal flow and will obviously have a long wait for the tide to come back in to lift the boat back up.
- ★ Also, Gary recommends when cruising, never go it alone. Make sure you have someone along as crew who fully understands your craft and can back you up. Wise words for sure, no matter how accomplished your boating skills may be.



Two take-a-ways for this month:

- ★ *Get more involved with your squadron, for you never know where that adventure may take you;*
- ★ *No matter how seasoned you are, get a VSC every year and set the example for all other boaters.*

The next time you are at one of our ASPS social events, seek out Gary and ask him about his build of **PERSISTENCE**. It is an amazing story.

Fawcett Boat Supplies Lecture Series

In the past, several of our members have attended and enjoyed this free lecture series. You may too. Here is this year's line up.

Fawcett Boat Supplies
919 Bay Ridge Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21403

All events begin at 7:00 pm. In case of inclement weather, please call 410-267-8681 to confirm.

Thursday February 1: John Cosby
Annapolis Sailing School
Basic Navigation Skills and Celestial Navigation Demystified

Tuesday February 6: Dave Gendell
Spinsheet co-founder, lifelong Annapolis Sailor, Licensed Captain
Annapolis Stories including the Demise of Schooner America,
Wooden Boatbuilding in Annapolis in WWII & more

Thursday February 8: Brian Barone
Eastport Yacht Club
Annapolis to Bermuda
Six Days to Paradise

Tuesday February 13: Tucker Thompson
Sailor, Sailing Commentator
America's Cup 35 Update

Thursday February 15: Don Snelgrove
Local sailor, Former Fighter Pilot
Annapolis to Bermuda & Annapolis to Newport Veteran
Preparations for Offshore Sailing... Including Transatlantic

Tuesday February 20: Gary Jobson
Local & World Sailor, Sailing Commentator & Writer
The Beguiling Secrets of the America's Cup
Sailing Stories With a Message of Inspiration

Thursday February 22: John Swain
Boat Builder
Building Schooner Sultana in Chestertown MD
A Small Town Builds a Tall Ship

Tuesday February 27: Andrew Fegley
Yacht Electronic Systems
Energy Independence and Much, Much More!

Thursday March 1: Pam Wall
Sailor, Writer, Cruising Consultant
West Marine Alumnae
A Family Sails Around the World

Tuesday March 6: Russ & Allison Nichols
Sailing Adventurers
High Latitude Sailing

Thursday March 8: Rachael Miller
CEO/Exec Director
Rozalia Project
Microfiber Pollution of the Seas

Tuesday March 13: Nate Horton
Horton Marine Services
Making Water at Sea!
How To, Installation, Maintenance

Thursday March 15: Dave Skolnick
Local Communications Maven
Communications Alternatives for Cruisers

Tuesday March 20: Peter Isler
Professional Sailor
"Sailing for Dummies"
"Little Blue Book of Sailing Secrets"

Thursday March 22: Chuck Hawley
Transatlantic Sailor
US Sailing Safety at Sea Committee Chairman
Former West Marine VP
1. Sailing Transatlantic (Quickly) on Playstation
And
2. Cruising the French Canals

Tuesday March 27: Fawcett Beer & Wine Tasting Night
Beer Tasting Courtesy of Atlas Brew Works
Open Microphone Entertainment
Amateur Singer/Songwriters Encouraged To Sign Up Early!
Sign Up Sheet At Store Front Counter
Questions? Contact Mark or Bill
Microphone & PA System Provided For Acoustic Guitar & Vocals
(no house guitar available)

Thursday March 29: Scott Noyes
Fawcett Staff
Care of your Outboard Motor...
So she will be there when you need her!

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**Join Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron
for Brunch**

Sunday, 11 February 2018 at 1100 hours

Renditions Clubhouse

1380 West Central Avenue (Hwy 214)

Davidsonville, MD 21035

Buffet—\$27 per person



Have not signed up YET?

Call P/C Lee Myers, AP, 410-647-4793

To make arrangements to attend.

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Tuesday April 3: Nigel Calder
Sailor, Writer, Storyteller
Introduces His New Book:
"Shakedown Cruise"

Thursday April 5: Niall O'Malley
Sailor & Maritime Historian
Tall Ships & Baltimore's Maritime History
PowerPoint Presentation Followed by Conversation

Tuesday April 10: John Kretschmer
Sailor, Writer, Storyteller
From His Upcoming Book...
"Sailing to the Edge of Time,
The Promise, Challenge, & Freedom of Ocean Sailing"

Thursday April 12: Kent Mountford
Estuarian Ecologist
Environmental Historian
La Bohème
A Bahama Dinghy History





**Wondering what to give your sweetie
for Valentine's Day?**



Try a polo shirt, cap, or waterproof jacket
embroidered with the logo of the
Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron.

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

In July, Jon and Bonnie Evans, both Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron members, helped a fellow boater in need by towing him back to the dock with only kayak paddle power. The boater was in a Boston Whaler with an engine that had quit. Luckily, Jon and Bonnie happened by in their kayaks and gave him a tow out of harm's way and back to safety.

Read the whole story in the current issue of the Ensign:

<http://theensign.org/not-so-lucky/>

Kudos to Jon and Bonnie!

Your Editors



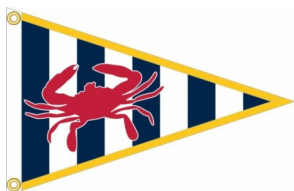
Calendar of Coming Events



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



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



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

United States Power Squadrons® Events

18-25 Feb USPS National Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida

District 5 Events

*5-8 Apr D5 Spring Conference—Date Changed from 3/22
Ocean City, Maryland

Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron Events

- 11 Feb Founder's Day Brunch—Renditions
- 13 Feb ABC Course begins
- 14 Feb Knots, Bends, Hitches Seminar
- 15 Feb Executive Committee Meeting
- 17 Feb Operations Training
- 21 Feb How to Use a Chart Seminar
- 28 Feb Man Overboard Seminar
- 01 Mar **ASPS Dinner Meeting— CANCELLED**
- 07 Mar VHF/DSC Radio Seminar
- 10 Mar Change of Watch
- 14 Mar Trailing Your Boat Seminar
- 17 Mar Luncheon and Tour of AACO Food Bank
- 22 Mar Executive Committee Meeting
- 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
- 03 May Membership Dinner Meeting
- 7 June **Membership Dinner Meeting ADDED TO CALENDAR**

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

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

Changes to your phone number, address, e-mail, etc.?
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Sunday, 19 Feb 2018

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