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## Commander's Message

Cdr Anthony Martin, JN

It's hard to believe that summer is gone, but the good news is that autumn in the Chesapeake region is arguably the best season for boating, sailing, or fishing. The weather is still warm, the nights tend to be cool, and the days are not as short as they will be in November. Even if you don't have a boat, go out with someone who does. If that doesn't work for you, then find a nice restaurant with a dock. Whatever you do, don't stay home.

The passing of summer also means colder water and the risk for hypothermia. If you didn't read the recent article on this danger by P/C Jeff Short, JN-IN, you would be wise to do so and share it with your fellow boaters. Aside from being a harbinger of cold, the fall promises opportunities to take a course or seminar. It is

easy to forget lessons learned and to lose skills not practiced. Hence, take a look at the schedule planned by our Education Officer; Lt/C Mike Maszczenski, N, and join us for instruction on being safe while having fun. What's more, consider becoming an instructor. There is no better way to learn than having to explain a concept to someone else. Moreover, it is a great way to "give back."

If those suggestions don't work for you, then join us for our monthly dinner meeting. We have had some great speakers recently, thanks to the effort of Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S, and P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN. In fact, our speaker for the October dinner meeting will be William D. Pinkney. "Captain Bill" is a solo circumnavigator, who did it the "hard way"; under the five great capes. He will share with us the reasons for making the trip, the hardships endured, and the satisfaction of facing the challenge of twenty-two months at sea.

Speaking of challenges, the Annapolis Boat Shows start on 4 October 2018 and will run through 14 October 2018. As always, the Annapolis Chapter of *America's Boating Club*® is on the point. As such, we are sounding the call for all hands on deck, not only to our chapter but to all of District 5. Please, log on to the link that appears on page 4 and sign up for a time slot for each show. You not only get a free pass for entry, you will be helping to promote the best Boating Club in America! Should you be in need of information on what to

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### Administrative Officer

Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S

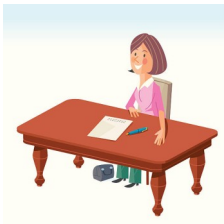
And...just like that...it's October. Of course, we like to think of October as our second spring. The weather gets cooler. It's a great time to get in a few more days on the water. I'm hoping you will take the opportunity to spend those last few fun days out on your boat. But, there's also plenty of volunteer activities available!



**4-8 October** finds us working the United States Power Squadron® booth at the United States Sailboat Show in Annapolis.

**11-14 October** finds us working the United States Power Squadron® booth at the United States Powerboat Show in Annapolis.

**26-28 October** finds us volunteering at the District 5 Fall Educational Conference right here in Annapolis at the DoubleTree hotel. For registration and information, go to <http://www.uspsd5.org/squadrons/6243/mark5.pdf>.



If you just can't volunteer at any of these events, perhaps you have something nautical that you could donate for the silent auction at the conference. Our own P/C Lee Myers, AP and Aide/CC Carole Tulip, JN-IN are in charge of putting together this fundraiser as well as manning the registration desk for the District 5 event. If you can help, please contact Lee at [seaurging@comcast.net](mailto:seaurging@comcast.net), or Carole at [c2lip@aol.com](mailto:c2lip@aol.com).



**12-24 January 2019** Looking ahead, there's still time to arrange for a January event! 12-24 January 2019 will find some of our membership cruising the Southern Caribbean aboard the Royal Caribbean ship, the Grandeur of the Seas. See page 17 for information about how to join in.



**10 February 2019** You can also consider Sunday brunch at Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia. You will enjoy a lovely meal, and you will get to see the play, "Gypsy." Information and sign up are on page 15.

Finally, don't forget that we continue to plan and do things throughout the entire year. We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to share your time and skills with us, we want to hear from you.

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do and how to report, feel free to contact Lt/C Ron Ricketts, S, at [ron.ricketts1@gmail.com](mailto:ron.ricketts1@gmail.com) or P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN at [kmnash1@verizon.net](mailto:kmnash1@verizon.net)

Well that's all for now. Thanks for your attention. As always, I hope to see you soon and look forward to sharing time with all of you.

A.D. Martin, Cdr

Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron





**Executive Officer**  
**Lt/C Ron Ricketts, S**

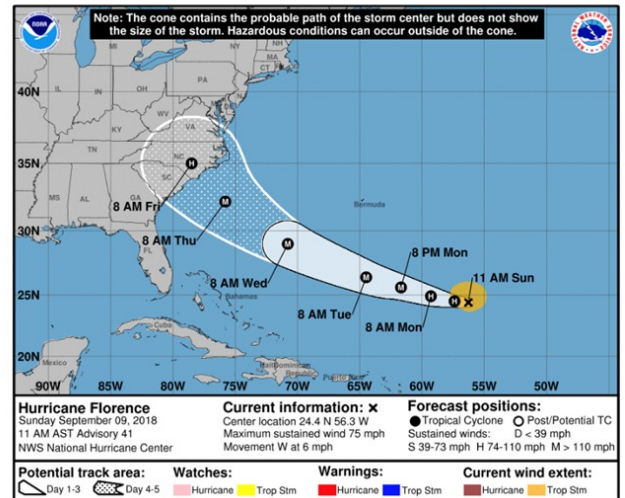
September – Autumn leaves are on the way. Autumn arrived Saturday, 22 September at 2154 EDT. At a precise moment each September, the sun appears directly above the equator, marking the exact time of the autumnal equinox here in the Northern Hemisphere.

I assume that we all will have had an enjoyable afternoon feasting on CRABS at our annual crab feast on 22 September. As you recall, this was our rain date given we postponed it from 15 September due to the threats of bad weather and flooding from Hurricane Florence.



Recall that on Sunday, 9 September, it was not looking good for us in this area. Hurricane Florence, the strongest hurricane to date in the 2018 season, was barreling our way. A more typical hurricane track would have turned northward, putting us right in the top end path of this terrible storm. However, our good fortune took this weather event south. We were spared the worst of it, and we pray that all of those affected in the Carolinas will recover quickly.

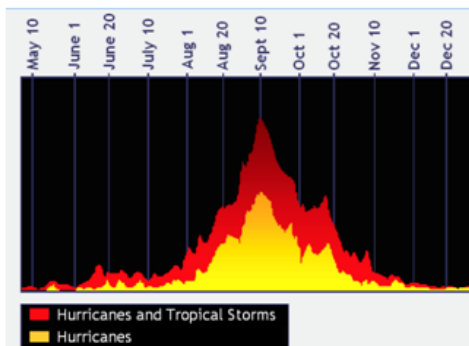
Noaa 5-Day Forecast



Seasonal statistics	
Total depressions	10
Total storms	10
Hurricanes	5
Major hurricanes (Cat. 3+)	1
Total fatalities	54 total
Total damage	> \$17.125 billion (2018 USD)

The hurricane season, which officially started on 25 May, will go on until 30 November. So, we still have a

way to go before we can say the season for these monster storms has ended. Statistically however, we are on the downward side of the season because September is the month with highest chance for a hurricane to fully develop.



I really hope for an October that has milder temps in the 70s coupled with fair weather so that Annapolis will have a banner Boat Show season and, **no hurricanes**. That would bode well for us since we sponsor booths at both the **Sail (4-8 Oct) and Power (11-14 Oct) Shows**. The theme at this year's show will highlight the USPS, America's Boating Club®, as a national organization which can offer boaters local activities to become involved in, no matter where they reside.

The boating industry is once again having a banner year, and there are many new boaters. This is the right time to educate all on the benefits and advantages of becoming actively involved in our organization. So, take advantage of the unique opportunity to share your knowledge and sign up to help this effort.

The boat shows take up a tremendous amount of time for us in October and are a great way to close out this boating season. I encourage you to look at your calendars and see when you might be able to help out. Signing up is easy! Click the link on the next page!



Regards,

Ron





# Fall Boat Shows October★2018 Reserve Your Spot Now !

**Volunteer Sign Up Sheet  
for the Sailboat Show  
4 October—8 October 2018**

**<https://tinyurl.com/SailSignUp2018>**

**Volunteer Sign Up Sheet  
for the Powerboat Show  
11 October—14 October 2018**

**<https://tinyurl.com/PowerSignUp2018>**

## Vessel Safety Check

Don't cruise without one!

Please contact D/Lt Homer Sandridge, N, at

(443)–831-0564, or email

[sherrysand@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrysand@hotmail.com)

to arrange a VSC for your boat.



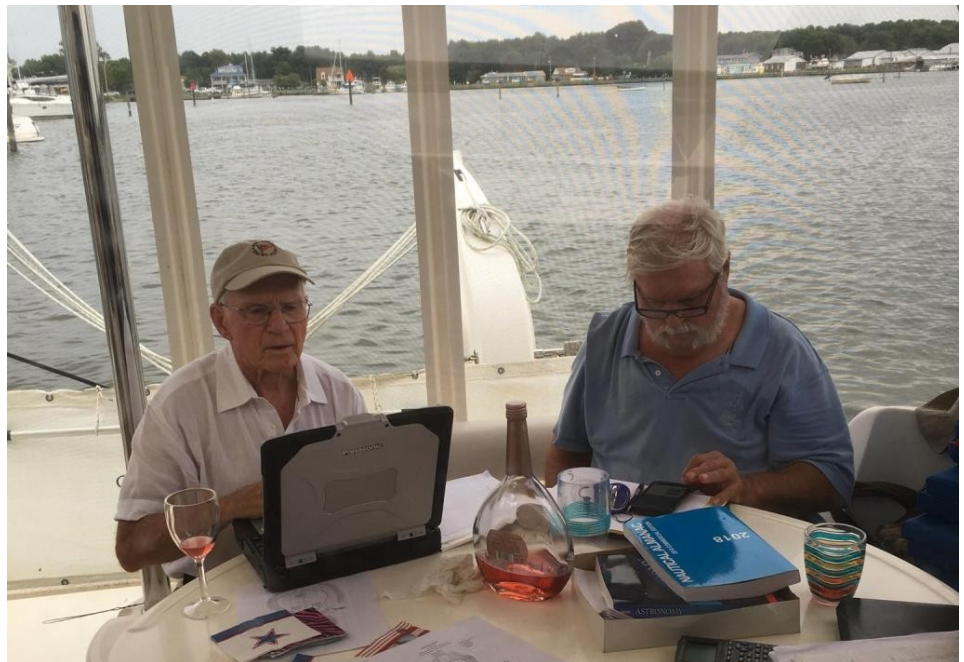
**Celestial Nav Weekend**  
**7 - 9 Sep -- Rock Hall**  
**North Point Marina**



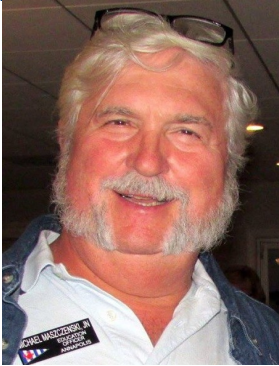
The last Weekend Rendezvous of the Summer was the Celestial Navigation Rendezvous in Rock Hall. This was an effort to do a joint rendezvous with Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron. Unfortunately, weather was not our friend. Only 2 boats made the journey. And, only 3 members came by car. But, those present were able to enjoy time spent learning about the stars or visiting the town.



Everyone was happy that one of our attendees was P/C Sam Lyness, SN. Sam gave an excellent talk on how to use an artificial horizon when taking sights. Lt Susan Rudy, SN shared a wealth of knowledge on basic skills needed to take sights and reduce them. Unfortunately, not many sights could be taken due to the weather. Regardless, everyone had a great time.







## Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron has teamed with Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron (KNSPS) to provide you with a variety of opportunities to expand your knowledge.

This year we will be using

Annapolis High School (2700 Riva Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401) on Tuesdays and Thursdays evenings 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM. We will also offer some things with KNSPS at Kent Island Yacht Club (117 Yacht Club Dr, Chester, MD 21619).

The next course is OpenCPN. It will be offered at the Kent Island Yacht Club where there is internet and good phone reception. We can be online when we need to be. We should have had the first session by the time you read this. If you have already installed the software and charts and would like to join us for sessions 2-4 please contact me at [michaelm\\_aacps@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelm_aacps@hotmail.com) or 410-739-7800.

After the boat shows, we will be offering Piloting and the new Boat Handling course in its beta version. You may sign up for the full course and get credit for Seamanship after passing the test, or you may take some of the individual seminars. Materials for this course will be the new e-book version.

Remember, please register so I can plan for your presence in a class. You will receive emails verifying registration along with needed information about your class.

The most current information can always be found at <http://www.aspsmd.org/education.htm>.



### OpenCPN: Sponsor ASPS

**Location:** Kent Island Yacht Club: 117 Yacht Club Dr, Chester, MD 21619 <https://kiyc.org/home>

**Dates:** 25 Sep, 2, 9, and 16 Oct 2018

**Time:** 6:45 to 9:00 PM

**Free to Member and Nonmembers. However, donations will be accepted.**

OpenCPN is the navigation software of choice for all USPS courses. Since OpenCPN is free and runs on a minimal system, it is perfect as a backup or main navigation system. This 4 session short course will cover:

- ★ 25 September: Installing and loading charts. Bring your PC or Mac laptop, or Android phone
- ★ 02 October: The getting to know the program - Menu Options
- ★ 09 October: Making waypoints and creating a route, then sharing that route
- ★ 16 October: Importing routes and waypoints, tides and currents, plug-in and other functions, GPS interfacing.

Click on this link to register : <http://bit.ly/qKN8ad>. Or, as an alternative, you can email me at [michaelm\\_aacps@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelm_aacps@hotmail.com) or at [aspsmd.class@gmail.com](mailto:aspsmd.class@gmail.com). Or, you can call me at 410-739-7800.



### Piloting: Sponsor ASPS

**Location:** Annapolis High School

**Dates:** 16 Oct to 29 Jan 2019

**Time:** 6:45 to 9:00 PM

**Member Fee:** \$90.00.

**Non Member Fee:** \$110.00

**A 4" X 15" plotter and protractor are included. Dividers need to be purchased separately,**

Piloting is the first of the navigational classes focusing on techniques for piloting a boat in coastal and inland conditions. The course emphasizes planning and checking, along with the use of GPS for determining position. It introduces digital charting along with traditional charting, compass and dead reckoning skills. Plotting, labeling, use of the compass, aids to navigation and a host of related topics are included in this all-new approach to coastal and inland piloting. This course uses the 4x15 plotter and protractor which are included in fee, and dividers which must be ordered separately. The Student Kit includes the Student Manual, the Plotting and Labeling Guide and instructions for downloading, installing and using OpenCPN, a marine navigation program that is state-of-the-art and in wide use by commercial and recreational boating enthusiasts.

Click on this link to register : <http://bit.ly/qKN8ad>. Or, as an alternative, you can email me at [michaelm\\_aacps@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelm_aacps@hotmail.com) or at [aspsmd.class@gmail.com](mailto:aspsmd.class@gmail.com). Or, you can call me at 410-739-7800.



**Seminar: Basic Weather and Forecasting**

**Sponsor:** KNPS  
**Location:** Kent Island Yacht Club  
**Date:** 20 Oct 2018  
**Time:** 10:00 AM to Noon  
**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** Joe Burke at either 410-279-0862 or [knsps.seo@gmail.com](mailto:knsps.seo@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

you attended the seminar. When registering, please indicate whether you intend to complete the entire course, or which seminars you plan to attend.

Click on this link to register : <http://bit.ly/qKN8ad>. Or, as an alternative, you can email me at [michaelm\\_aacps@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelm_aacps@hotmail.com) or at [aspsmd.class@gmail.com](mailto:aspsmd.class@gmail.com). Or, you can call me at 410-739-7800.

**For more information about Kent Narrows sponsored events and to register**

**Contact:** Joe Burke at either 410-279-0862 or [knsps.seo@gmail.com](mailto:knsps.seo@gmail.com) for more information and to register. Or access Kent Narrows Sail and Power Tidelines Newsletter at: <http://bit.ly/2Pk4Ki1>.



**Introduction to Boat Handling** (New taking the place of Seamanship):

**Sponsor** ASPS  
**Location:** Annapolis High School  
**Dates:** 8 Nov 2018 to 14 Mar 2019. Not consecutive

**weeks. Class will not meet every week.**  
**Time:** 6:45 to 9:00 PM  
**Cost:** Member \$70.00, non-members \$90.00 for the entire course

**Individual seminars: \$35.00 each**  
 Boat Handling is comprised of six two-hour sessions and a test:

- ★ 08 November: Rules of the Road – A Practical Approach
- ★ 15 November: Confidence in Docking and Undocking – Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- ★ 29 November: Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway
- ★ 13 December: Anchoring with Assurance – Don't Get Carried Away
- ★ 20 December: Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- ★ 10 January: Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know
- ★ 31 January: Test

For Students completing all the seminars and passing the test, the USPS grade of S will be awarded. If you would like to attend one or more of the individual seminars, it will be recorded that



**D-5 Educational Conference**

The District 5 Educational Conference is being held right here in Annapolis this year. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet with old

friends and learn something new.

**Location:** Doubletree Hotel Annapolis  
**Dates:** 26-28 October 2018

**Cost:** Free except for food events  
**Deadline for event registration:** 12 Oct 2018

Go to the D-5 website for the latest news and information <https://www.uspsd5.org/>



**“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”**

**Benjamin Franklin**



## Safety

P/C Jeff Short, JN-IN

Tips for Safe Autumn Boating... or anytime for that matter.

Autumn can be one of the most spectacular and comfortable times to go boating on the Bay. The days are warm, the leaves are beginning to turn beautiful colors along the banks, and the wind is fresh. But the temperatures can drop quickly in the Fall and the wind can pick up unexpectedly. Squalls can build up over the hot land and turn the Bay into a cauldron of short chop and spray in no time. Darkness falls earlier than expected and can catch a boater farther out than they had planned. Here are few tips you should consider before venturing out for a

beautiful Fall day on the Bay:



**Wear a PFD.** Boaters should always wear a PFD. But it's even more important when it's cold. During autumn, the days might be warm, but chilly nights mean the water is very cold. Wearing a PFD will help protect you from the initial shock if you go in the water. Falling overboard unexpectedly is always a surprise, but the initial cold water shock causes a gasp reflex that is hard to suppress. A properly fitted and worn PFD will greatly increase your chances of keeping your head out of the water when that urge to gasp takes control of you.



**Have Lights.** Darkness comes earlier each day during the fall, and boaters can easily get surprised by it. Be prepared with a waterproof headlamp and/or flashlight. You should also check that your navigational lights are working properly before leaving the dock. I have always kept a powerful, waterproof, handheld spotlight on my boat for picking my way through crab pots at night and seeing day marks and pilings that can only be seen at night due to their reflectors. One night I was caught out too far from my home port when darkness fell. I didn't worry because I had my light. But about 10 seconds after I turned it on, the battery died! Believe me, it is much harder to see crab pots with only three kids on the bow using their iPhones to light the way. Now I have THREE powerful, waterproof spotlights on board and I charge them regularly.



**Watch the Weather.** Autumn storms can form unexpectedly and often bring cold rains, winds, and significant temperature drops. Keep an eye on the weather before and during your trip so you're not caught by surprise.



**Dress Appropriately.** Fall days can bring significant fluctuations in temperature and conditions. Dress in layers so you can adapt if it gets warmer or cooler. Always bring rain gear and a change of clothes. Better yet, leave a set of foul weather gear and a change of dry clothes on the boat at all times. Being cold and wet can impair your judgment, and the last thing you need when bad weather catches you off guard is to be less than 100% focused on getting your boat home safely.



**Have a Float Plan.** Let someone know where you'll be and when you expect to be back. At this time of year, if you do get in trouble on the water, time is of the essence. I participated in a regatta one weekend at the end of September. It's a sailing race from Annapolis to Oxford on a Saturday and back to Annapolis the next day. On Saturday the wind was out of the north at a steady 15-20 knots with gusts to 25. We sailed, short handed with just two of us, on a downwind run, a reefed main and a following current. We made the trip in 4 hours with a boat speed of 8-10 and touched 13 knots surfing down 3 foot waves. It was wonderful!

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Immediately after crossing the finish line, we pulled out our smart phones and checked the weather for the next day. The wind was supposed to hold at 15-20 all night and then pick up the next day with gusts to 40 or higher. And it was predicted to rain, hard. We had finished the race so early, about 2PM on Saturday, that after a quick discussion between the two of us, we decided to avoid the bad weather predicted for Sunday and just head back to Annapolis immediately. Even if we skipped the race and just motored back home on Sunday, it was not going to be a fun Fall day on the water.

Everything started out fine and dandy, motorsailing on a reach down the Choptank River. But as soon as we rounded up into the Bay, things got dicey. The apparent wind was now up to 30 knots, and the tide had turned, going against the wind. This made for huge, white capped waves with a short period; the classic Chesapeake Bay short chop! My poor boat would rise up on a wave and dive into the oncoming wave with water rolling up over the cabin top into the cockpit. The prop would come right out of the water at every crest. The sails were over powered and we couldn't risk going on deck to reef so we dropped the main and sailed with genoa alone. The wind was howling and the rain was horizontal. We could barely make 2 knots of boat speed in our intended direction north. Within a few hours, there were no other boats to be seen on the Bay.

We decided to sail to the western shore in order to: 1) ensure that we were out of the main channel because 2 knots of boat speed would not get us out of the path of a freighter, 2) avoid the eastern shore's many fish traps that are difficult to see in the best of weather and virtually invisible in poor conditions, and 3) hope that getting into the shallow areas of the western shore would provide less current and, therefore, decrease the Bay short chop so we could keep the prop in the water more. It didn't work. Over on the western shore the wind picked up, and though the chop was less, we were still motoring against the wind and making only 2 knots, barely enough speed to keep steerage.

It was getting dark. At that point, it crossed my mind that nobody knew where we were! We threw all of our options on the table. We could duck into the West or Rhode Rivers. But what would we do once we got in there? Nether of us had ever been in there by boat and we had no idea where the crab pots and other obstacles were. The thought of anchoring all night if the wind increased as predicted, meant neither of us would get any rest. On the other hand, my chart plotter predicted that our arrival to the safety of Whitehall Bay would be 11 PM, AT NIGHT, IN A GALE! A good 6 more hours of bashing waves and howling winds! And nobody knew where we were!

In the end, we decided to put the genny back out, reefed to the size of a hanky, and tack up the Bay, past Thomas Point Light, to buoy R2 and then down the float free zone into Whitehall Bay. We had done that route before in the dark and figured that devil we knew was better than the devil we didn't know. With the genny back out, we bore off the wind slightly and were moving at 7-8 knots. The bashing decreased slightly and the prop stayed in the water... most of the time. By tacking up the bay with the assistance of a tiny headsail, we got to the slip at 2100, far sooner than if we had motored straight home.

Sunday wasn't as bad as predicted and it would have provided us with 12 hours of daylight if we had left Oxford first thing in the morning. Still, its one thing to get caught out in bad weather, and another to go out when you know its coming. I always try to avoid the latter. And now, I will always file a float plan with somebody responsible.

Let's have a safe and enjoyable Fall season on the Bay.



## Membership Dinner Meeting 4 October 2018

Elks Lodge, Edgewater, MD  
2 Pythian Drive Edgewater, MD 21037  
1800 Social Hour - Cheese & veggie platter  
1900 Dinner

Bill Pinkney will be the speaker for the evening.



William "Bill" Pinkney is only the fourth person in the world to circumnavigate the globe alone by boat. Pinkney was born on September 15, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois. Attending public schools in Chicago, Pinkney joined the U.S. Navy after graduating from high school in 1954.

After having served for eight years in the Navy, Pinkney became involved in the cosmetics industry. Then, Pinkney was a public information officer with the Chicago Department of Human Services, from which he retired in 1983.

Pinkney's real passion is sailing. Having sailed the Great Lakes and oceans for more than thirty years, Pinkney decided to embark on a solo trip around the globe via Cape Horn in 1990. Upon successfully realizing his dream, he was honored as the Chicago Yacht Club's Yachtsman of the Year in 1992, and *Chicago Magazine* named him Chicagoan of the Year in 1999.

Pinkney's next adventure was aboard the Freedom Schooner Amistad. Pinkney teamed up with PBS and several corporations to create a television special.

Pinkney also wrote a first-grade textbook, *Captain Bill Pinkney's Journey*, which appeared in more than 5,000 schools across the country.

Pinkney was honored by senators, former President George Bush, and foreign dignitaries for his dedication to education and his numerous other accomplishments. Pinkney was a trustee of Mystic Seaport, a museum devoted to the history of America's interactions with the sea; and currently serves as a director of the American Sail Training Association.

For a more complete bio, go to:

<http://www.thehistorymakers.org/biography/capt-william-bill-pinkney-39>

<https://www.nytimes.com/1992/06/10/us/sailor-makes-solo-voyage-around-globe.html>

Entrée choices:

- ★ Stuffed Pork Chop, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots
- ★ Baked Tilapia w/ Fresh Mango Salsa, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas & Carrots
- ★ Penne Pasta Primavera, Peas & Carrots

All dinners served with Salad, Dinner Roll, and Dessert (Carrot Cake)

**RSVP by 1600 on Tuesday, 2 October 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.





We note with sorrow the passing of  
P/C Richard Romer, AP,  
a valued friend and  
a 18 year member of the  
Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron.



## Boating Links to Browse

### The secret life of anchors

Every time your anchor drops into the water and disappears, you wonder what happens. Does it flip around? Does it sink into the seabed or does it grab something? What happens when the wind shifts? Does the anchor hold in the previously set position or does it move and reset? How does YOUR anchor fare?

See GoPro underwater film of actual anchor tests:

<https://youtu.be/I59f-OjWoqQ>

How to anchor for heavy weather – Skip Novak's Storm Sailing | Yachting World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYfoki6vW-M>





**Dinner Meeting  
6 Sep 2018**



Gretchen Cupples, S, takes money and sorts out dinner choices at the door. P/C Lee Myers, AP and Terry Slattery keep her company.



P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S, and P/C Howard Cupples, JN chat.

Find Additional Pictures at <https://tinyurl.com/2018ASPSpix>

Beverly McGowan, Noni Rondeau, JN, Phil Rondeau, N, and Charlotte Lubbert, S.



P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN, signs up Elizabeth Donohoe for the boat show.



Charlotte Lubbert, S, and Judy Michaelsen, AP, toast their late husbands. They both brought photos of their husbands for the group to see. Charlotte presented Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, N, with a teaching aid used by Bob when he taught Seamanship.







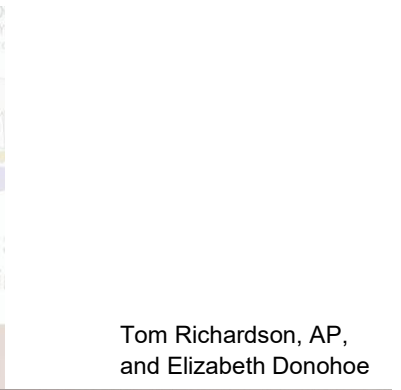
Tom Unger, Cdr Tony Martin, JN, and Tom Campbell, JN



P/Lt/C Gary Antonides, AP, William Vosburgh, and Susan Vosburgh



Cdr Tony Martin, JN, swears in new members Monica Maynard, Jan Wilson, William Vosburgh and Susan Vosburgh



Tom Richardson, AP, and Elizabeth Donohoe



Visitors from Rockville: P/D/C Jeff Mckinney, JN-CN, P/Stf/C Alan Karpas, JN-CAN, P/C Julian Hofberg, JN-IN, P/R/C Paul Mermelstein, SN-IN, and new member Jan Wilson





## Dinner Delights

P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

Our first meeting for this fall started with a toast to the members we lost over the summer. We raised our glasses in remembrance of Ralph Michaelson, AP and Robert Lubbert, AP.

After dinner, our speaker, **Scott Berg**, told us all about electricity on boats. We certainly learned a lot from him. Here are some of the things you might have heard if you attended this meeting:

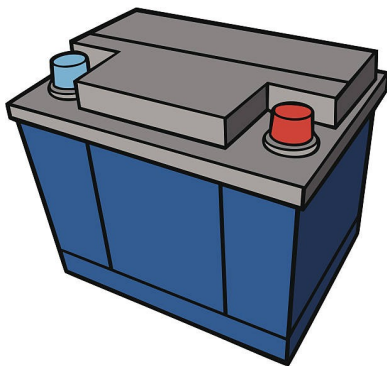
- ★ Did you know that 90% of the fires on boats are electrical fires?
- ★ Soldering is never the correct way to put wires together on a boat.
- ★ You cannot avoid lightning. It's best to work to minimize the effects of a lightning strike.
- ★ Electricity can and does trickle out from boats and into the water. Did you know that it only takes 20 milliamps in fresh water to kill you?
- ★ Batteries should be in a box that can contain any acid leaks.

As the owner of Chardonnay Boatworks, Scott has had years of experience repairing and re-engineering sail and power boats. He shared the above facts and more including true horror stories of things seen while surveying boats. He could have easily spent hours instructing us on electricity on boats.

If you missed this meeting, you missed the opportunity spend time with fellow boaters and learn something about electricity as well. Remember, our meetings offer more than just food. Our speakers always have great things to share. Join us and see for yourself at our next meeting. We look forward to seeing you then.



Scott Berg



Lithium-ion batteries may be banned on planes because of the possibility of fires, but they are increasingly used on boats.

For an informative discussion on their proper and safe use, check out *The Holy Grail*, by famed sailboat guru Nigel Calder in the October 2018 issue of *Sail Magazine*.

In this article, Calder discusses preventing fires, selecting the proper battery, additional equipment needed to maintain safety, cost comparisons, chemistry choices, continuing development and uses.





Patrick McGeehan has a friend with a boat to give away. He wanted ASPS folks to know of this opportunity. Here is the information.

Dear Friends,

Have we got a deal for you (actually maybe for your friends or family).

We have the dubious pleasure of having acquired a 1975 Cape Dory 25 in need of some TLC and a new home. It would be a great starter boat for an individual or couple willing to put in a little time and effort, and a little money. It would also be a nice boat for someone who no longer wants to cruise but would still like to day sail. It is basically sound but needs a jib and outboard motor. Bacons estimates a jib would cost about \$300; not sure what a new/used outboard would cost.

The boat is a good design and well made; large cockpit, tiller steering, outboard well (instead of hanging off the transom), roller furling gear and basic interior (cushions seem to be O.K.). Oddly someone has removed the head, probably to use a porta-potty. However the plumbing is still there.

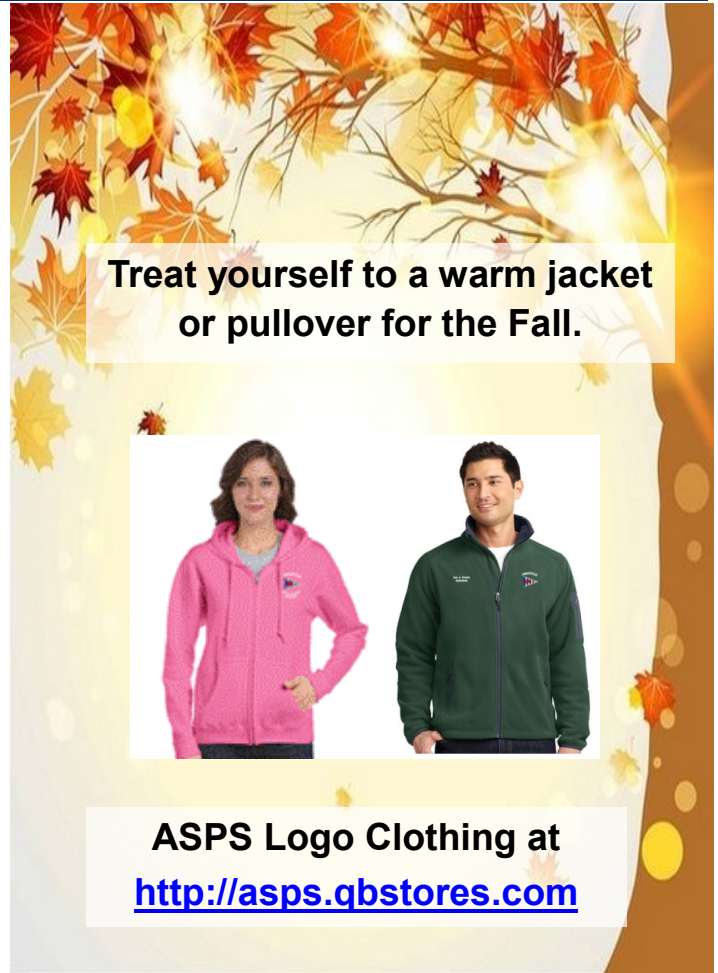
I've gone on line to see what the value might be. Asking prices vary from \$2-3k up to \$7-9k. Average seems to be \$5-6k. The condition of this boat would put it at the low end but that's a moot point since it is free.

If you or a prospect is unfamiliar with the boat, there are lots of pictures and information on line.

There are no strings attached to this offer except that I would like this to go to someone who wants to use it, not flip it. If you know someone who might be interested, have him/her call me at 410-437-1870.

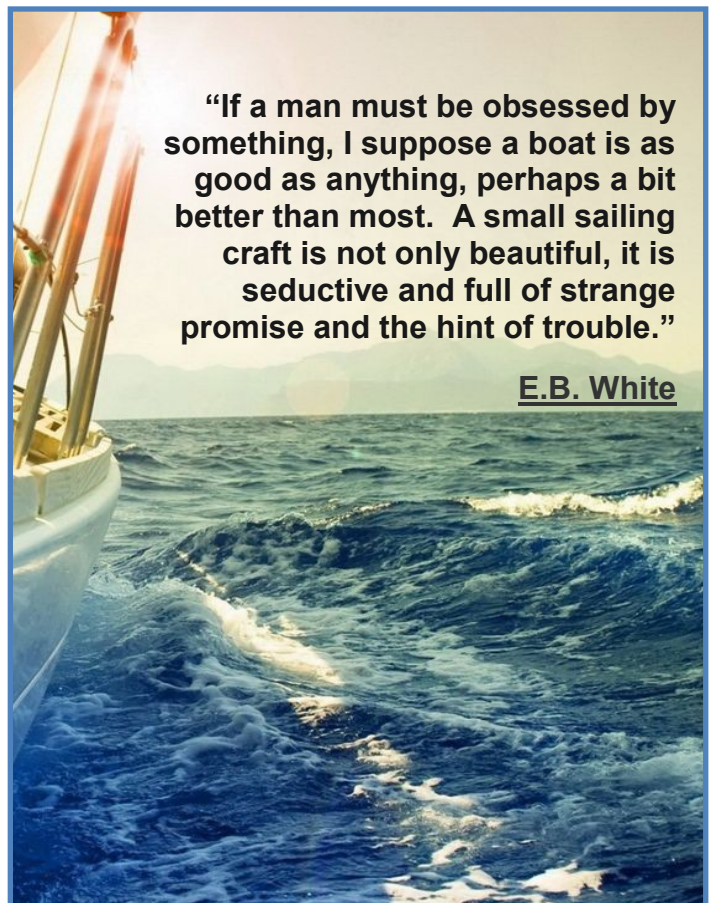
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**E.B. White**



**Join ASPS at 1030 for Brunch on 10 February 2018  
Tobys Dinner Theater in Columbia Maryland  
Performance Starts at 1230**

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**Or 410-268-0005**



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**Click on the Southern Caribbean trip for ASPS.**

Please note that unlike online offers, price includes just about everything.

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**Carol Rechner at 410-757-3421**

**You can still join the group. Bring your friends. Please call for pricing.**

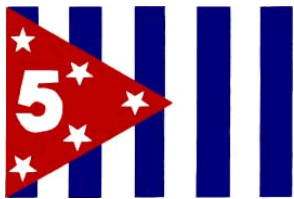
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Saturday, January 12	Baltimore, MD
Sunday, January 13	At Sea
Monday, January 14	At Sea
Tuesday, January 15	At Sea
Wednesday, January 16	St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands
Thursday, January 17	Antigua
Friday, January 18	St. Lucia
Saturday, January 19	St. Kitts
Sunday, January 20	St. Maarten
Monday, January 21	At Sea
Tuesday, January 22	At Sea
Wednesday, January 23	At Sea
Thursday, January 24	Baltimore, MD



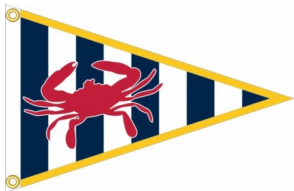
# Calendar of Coming Events



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## United States Power Squadrons® Events

17-23 Feb USPS National Annual Meeting -- Orlando

## District 5 Events

26-28 Oct D5 Fall Educational Conference  
—Doubletree Hotel—Annapolis

## Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron Events

04 Oct ASPS Dinner Meeting  
 04-08 Oct United States Sailboat Show  
 11-14 Oct United States Powerboat Show  
 25 Oct Executive Committee Meeting—Annapolis Sr. High  
 01 Nov ASPS Dinner Meeting  
 10 Nov Wine Tasting  
 29 Nov Executive Committee Meeting—Annapolis Sr. High  
 06 Dec Holiday Party  
 20 Dec Executive Committee Meeting—Annapolis Sr. High  
 03 Jan ASPS Dinner Meeting  
 12-24 Jan Southern Caribbean Cruise  
 24 Jan Executive Committee Meeting—Annapolis Sr. High  
 03 Feb Founders Day Brunch  
 10 Feb **Gypsy at Tobys Dinner Theater - Note the Date Change**  
 28 Feb Executive Committee Meeting—Annapolis Sr. High  
 16 Mar Change of Watch  
 28 Mar Executive Committee Meeting—Annapolis Sr. High

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

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## Anchor Watch

Deadline for November Newsletter:  
**Friday, 19 October 2018**

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