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## Commander's Message

Cdr Anthony Martin, JN

On 5 January 2019, members from across D-5 met at the home of P/C John Hall, AP, and Mary Hall, P, in Towson, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to coordinate our boating activities for CY 2019. Attendees came with calendars, notepads and cruising guides. Amongst those in attendance was the incoming District Commander; D/Lt/C Walter Neese, SN-IN, Past Squadron Commanders, at least one past District Commander and the ASPS Bridge. Despite its informal nature, the meeting proved to be both fun and productive.

I am happy to report that the schedule of activities runs the entire boating season and includes events on or near the waters of the Northern Chesapeake Bay. Given the number of squadrons that have committed to coordinating boating activities, we expect a healthy turnout for each event. It is our hope that you will not only join us on the water for some of these events, but will bring a friend. You don't even have to behave; as long as you wear a life jacket and allow us to take pictures of any foolery.

However, even before the boating season, next up was our squadron's twelve-day cruise out of Baltimore Harbor to the Caribbean. The fun began on 12 January 2019, despite a forecast calling for two low pressure systems threatening the Northeast Coast. Nevertheless, in keeping with their reputation as "The Dauntless"; the ASPS members were not deterred. As a result, you will not want to miss next month's *Anchor Watch*. It promises to include more than just a farewell from your outgoing commander. We'll present photos and sworn statements from unassailable sources of the good times that were had by all in attendance.

Speaking of attendance, we began the year with our Dinner Meeting on 3 January 2019, and had more than fifty present. We will follow that with our **Founders Day Brunch on 3 February 2019**. If you have not already done so, please sign up for the brunch. A hotline has been set up to take your reservation. You can call (410) 263-USPS to reserve your spot. **We have to submit a final headcount on 27 January 2019**. In addition to registering for Founders' day, please mark your calendar and register for the Change of Watch (COW), which is scheduled for 16 March 2019.

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### Administrative Officer

Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S

It's hard to believe that it is already February. Of course, in honor of Valentine's Day, I want to send out love, hugs, and kisses to all of you who have volunteered for Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron. Even the smallest thing that you did – thinking it meant nothing at all – helps make our squadron a great organization.



Even though it is still too early for us bay boaters to get back out on the water, we can still spend quality time together. Be sure to join your fellow members at our events in February and March. We hope to see you soon.

**3 February** – It's time for our annual Founders Day Brunch. Be sure to register now. We need the final count on 27 January, so it's never too early to let us know you will be there.

**10 February** – Some of our members will attend a Sunday Brunch at Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia. After a wonderful brunch, they will to see the play, "Gypsy."

**16 March** – Change of Watch. Our new Bridge and all the members needed to run this organization will officially take over at this event. Be sure to get your reservations in early. Sign up information is in this issue.

As always, if you have any ideas for activities that you would like to see offered or would like to organize for us, just let me know. We're always open to new ideas!

### Speaker for the Founders Day Brunch Bob Gilbert, Photojournalist

Bob Gilbert is one of the fortunate individuals who knows how to tell a story - in words and pictures. Bob was able to turn that talent into a successful and award winning career in photojournalism. Starting as a photographer with The Capital, he eventually rose to hold the position of Photo Editor.

Now in retirement, Bob still finds stories with his camera. In fact, you might remember his great photos of the Blue Angels raft-up in the June issue of the Anchor Watch!

Join us at our Annual Founders Day Brunch to see more of Bob's great photos -- and to hear some stories behind these great shots.





## Executive Officer

Lt/C Ron Ricketts, S

Now that we have all turned at the mark called the “Holidays and New Year,” it is time to set a new course and direction to head toward the destination called “Summer.” I know that is hard to think about warmer weather when it has recently snowed, and the temps are below freezing. However, as seasoned mariners we know that in order to ensure we get to our final destination we must plot an accurate course.

So, with charts in hand, it is time to plot new bearings so that when spring arrives, we are ready to embrace the boating season. As your Executive Officer, let me highlight a few examples of our squadron’s early planning efforts to make sure our summer is the best ever.

On 5 January, the Dundalk Power Squadron hosted an intra-squadron cruise planning meeting. ASPS, along with Kent Narrows, Rockville and other squadrons had a strong showing at this Saturday afternoon



event. The objective of this meeting was to provide an opportunity for the respective squadrons to share their event calendars for the upcoming season. This will enable each squadron to have events in which other squadrons may participate. It will decrease duplication of effort and increase attendance at each event.

P/C John Hall, AP, Dundalk’s Education Officer, opened his home, and together with the Dundalk Squadron provided refreshments and a buffet. After some great socializing, John facilitated a discussion and review of squadron event calendars. This was a great example of squadrons working closely together to share knowledge, experiences and great activity opportunities for our members. We are very fortunate in the mid-Chesapeake Bay

area to have so many squadrons in close proximity. It makes perfect sense that this kind of intra-squadron cooperation be encouraged at all levels of our organization.

I would encourage all of our ASPS members to keep abreast of what our other local squadrons are doing and help support their efforts. At the end of the day, we are all members of Americas Boating Club<sup>®</sup>, one organization with a common purpose to support safe boating.



Speaking of safe boating, one our most visible programs is the Vessel Safety Check (VSC). Our squadron has been very successful in administering this program in the Annapolis area. For the past 8+ years, the



committee chairman has been D/Lt Homer Sandridge, N. Homer and his wife, Lt Sherry Sandridge, AP, are both VSC certified and have provided wonderful leadership of this program over these many years.

When Homer approached me in early 2018 to say that he would be stepping down from the VSC Chairmanship, I knew I would have a real challenge finding his replacement. Homer has led this program with passion, enthusiasm and rigor, which has resulted in its D5 recognition on multiple occasions. Our program ranks in the top tier nationally. Thank you, Homer!

I am pleased to announce that, going forward, P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN, will assume leadership of this important program. As a former commander, Kathy recognizes the vital role the VSC program plays in our squadron outreach and is ready to take this program into the future.

Anyone who has an interest in the VSC program should reach out to Kathy so that you can understand what it takes to join our VSC team of certified examiners. This is a very rewarding program that brings great value to both the boaters it serves and the examiners who participate in the program.

I look forward to seeing you all in February at our Founders Day Brunch. In the meantime, stay warm and safe. Spring is on its way.



D/Lt Homer Sandridge, N, hands over the Vessel Safety Check program to P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN.



## Vessel Safety Check

Please contact P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN, at (410)–703-9559, or email [kmnash1@verizon.net](mailto:kmnash1@verizon.net) to arrange a VSC for your boat.

*"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?"*

*John Steinbeck*

*Travels with Charley: In Search of America*



## For Navigators and Other Starry Eyed Boaters

Celestial Tools V 5.8.0 ---- **YES! Updated again!**

The USPS Offshore Navigation Committee has issued a *another new version* of Celestial Tools, updated on **29 November 2018**. If you are interested in celestial navigation, this is a must have application.

Questions: Email: [Stan Klein](mailto:Stan Klein)

Read more: <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/13000/13000-educational-committees/13260/13260-software-and-tools>

Note: You will need to log in to <https://www.usps.org> with your user ID and password and then paste the above link into your browser.

## Boating Links to Browse

Planning on crossing the Gulf Stream?  
<https://theboatgalley.com/route-planning-cross-gulf-stream/>

And more.... Follow the links at the end of the article to get info on currents, weather maps and the Bahamas.

An interesting article about float plans and why you should have one. <https://theboatgalley.com/float-plans/>  
Contains a link to a PDF of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Float Plan - a very complete 3 page document with everything anyone needs to know.

The Coast Guard can and does board boats anytime and anywhere. What about your Fourth Amendment rights? Guess what? You don't have any. This is a link to part 1. Parts 2, 3 and 4 link from that. Also, read all of the comments! Lots of interesting stuff here regarding maritime law!  
<https://www.sailfeed.com/2012/10/coast-guard-boardings-and-your-fourth-amendment-rights-part-1/>

What is it really like to take your cruising sailboat through the Panama Canal? Read about all of the details here with lots of pictures. Fascinating! References given for the truly DIY crowd.  
<https://www.sailfeed.com/2018/03/anatomy-of-a-panama-canal-transit/>





## Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

**Junior Navigation**, online, is being offered through District 5. All the local squadrons with participants will be conducting face to face sessions to do the sights and solve problems. It

will be offered starting in April 2019 and finish up during the early summer. If you are interested, use the registration link on page 7.

**Boat Handling** is being offered in February. If you need the S grade, this is a great time to get it! This replaces Seamanship. The course is now organized as a series of seminars. The materials will be supplied in electronic format. **We need at least 6 students committed to the whole course to offer it.** If the course runs, the individual sessions will be open to students who just want a few of the seminars.

### **Introduction to Boat Handling**

**Sponsor: ASPS**

**Location: Annapolis High School**

**Dates: Thursdays, 21 February 2019 to 09 May 2019 - Not consecutive weeks**

**Time: 1845-2100 (6:45 to 9:00 PM)**

**Cost: Member - \$70.00 Non-member - \$90.00  
Individual seminars \$35.00 each**

Boat Handling will be a single course, comprised of six two-hour sessions and a test:

- ★ 21 February: Rules of the Road – A Practical Approach
- ★ 28 February: Confidence in Docking and Undocking – Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- ★ 14 March: Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway
- ★ 21 March: Anchoring with Assurance – Don't Get Carried Away
- ★ 28 March: Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- ★ 11 April: Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know
- ★ 25 April: 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 you attended the seminar. When registering, please indicate whether you intend to do the whole course or which seminars you are planning to attend.

**Piloting** will be offered, if at least 6 students enroll. The course has been updated to include more work with GPS enabled devices and OpenCPN.

### **Piloting**

**Location: Annapolis High School**

**Cost: Member - \$100.00, Non-Member - \$115.00**

**Dates: Tuesdays, 26 February 2019 to 30 April 2019**

**Time: 1845-2100 (6:45 to 9:00 PM)**

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, and 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. The course fee includes the course book, Weekend Navigator, a 4"X5" course plotter and a circle protractor.

**Radar** - Seminar will be offered in March

### **Radar Seminar**

**Location: Annapolis High School**

**Date: Tuesday, 12 March 2019**

**Time: 1845-2100 (6:45 to 9:00 PM)**

**Cost \$35.00**

This seminar covers Radar functions, Radar selection, and operation of Radar under various conditions including setting of controls, display interpretation, basic navigation, and collision avoidance using Radar. The kit includes Student Notes with copies of slides.

**Other seminars are being planned for NEW LOCATIONS on Saturdays.**

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**OpenCPN** This course will be brought back in May for those who would like to take it again, or for new people who missed it the first time around.

**OpenCPN**

**Sponsor:** ASPS

**Location:** TBD

**Time:** 1845 to 2100 (6:45 to 9:00 PM)

**Dates:** Wednesdays, 1 May 2019 to 22 May 2019

**Cost:** Free to all

OpenCPN is the navigation software of choice for all USPS courses. Since OpenCPN is free and it runs on a minimal system, it is perfect as a backup or main navigation system. Bring your PC, Mac Laptop, or Android phone to all sessions. This four session short course will cover:

- 01 May: Installing OpenCPN and loading charts.
- 08 May: Getting to know the program - menu options.
- 15 May: Making waypoints and creating a route. Sharing that route.
- 22 May: Importing routes and waypoints, tides and currents, plug-ins and other functions, GPS interfacing.

**Registration for All ASPS Sponsored Courses**

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

If you do not get an answer, please leave voice mail with contact information. When registered, you will receive an email conformation. Other information and directions will be emailed as the start date for courses or seminars approaches.

**Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron**

**Intro to Navigation**

**Date:** Saturday, 2 March 2019

**Time:** 1000 to 1200 (10 AM to Noon)

**Location:** Kent Island Yacht Club

**Cost:** Free

Enables beginning recreational boaters to practice safe passage using navigation charts with Global Positioning System (GPS) technology on devices such as chart plotters.

**America's Boating Course ABC'S**

**Dates:** Mondays, beginning on 11 March 2019 - 4 sessions

**Time:** 1830 to 2130 (6:30—9:30 PM)

**Location:** Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department

**Cost:** TBD

This is the first course you need to get your Safe Boating Card, required to operate a recreational boat in Maryland waters. Contact Joe Burke for information.

**Radar for Boaters (New Course)**

**Dates:** Mondays, beginning on 15 April 2019 - 5 sessions

**Time:** 1830 to 2130 (6:30 - 9:30 PM)

**Location:** Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department

**Cost:** TBD

Developed by Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, this course is up to date for radar technologies available now and in the near future. The course covers the different types of radar equipment, their capabilities and limitations, as well as their features and how they apply to students needs. It covers what you need to know about radar, from how and where to mount the antenna to how to interpret the displays, enabling you to use the radar for collision avoidance and for navigation.

For more information about Kent Narrows sponsored events, contact: Joe Burke, (410) 279-0862 or email [knsps.seo@gmail.com](mailto:knsps.seo@gmail.com).

Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron's newsletter, Tidelines, can be accessed at

<https://bit.ly/2TgRJrv>.



## Fawcett Seminar Series

Fawcett Boat Supply is hosting their annual seminar series. Read about it here:

[http://www.fawcettboat.com/page.asp?p\\_key=3925E2511A4148B0BE5955AC932CDC86](http://www.fawcettboat.com/page.asp?p_key=3925E2511A4148B0BE5955AC932CDC86)

All Events Held In Store At 7:00pm  
919 Bay Ridge Road  
Annapolis, Maryland 21403  
In Case Of Inclement Weather, Call  
410-267-8681 To Confirm

### Tuesday January 29:

Jeff Leitch & Mike Montgomery  
Of Bay Shore Marine & Port Annapolis Marina  
The Care & Feeding of Your Diesel Engine Part I

### Thursday January 31:

Jeff Leitch & Mike Montgomery  
Of Bay Shore Marine & Port Annapolis Marina  
The Care & Feeding of Your Diesel Engine Part II

### Tuesday February 5:

Patrick Tewes  
Marine Electric Systems  
Energize your Electrical System with Lithium Ion Batteries?  
Updating your Electricals Too!

### Thursday February 7:

Jennifer Shea  
Tilghman Waterman's Museum, Film Maker, Writer  
Tilghman Tales: Building Boats, Lives & Memories on Chesapeake Bay

### Tuesday February 12:

Jan Miles  
Skipper Pride of Baltimore II  
The Pride of Baltimore II at 30

### Thursday February 14:

Rene Mehl  
US Naval Academy Offshore Sailing  
Preparing for an Offshore Sailing Passage

### February 15-25:

Fawcett's Annual  
Washington Birthday Sale  
The Best Deals on Everything at Fawcett!

### Tuesday February 19:

Teresa & Ben Carey  
One Simple Question  
Excerpts of Film, & Discussion

### Thursday February 21:

Jimmi Cockrell & Brad Clark  
The Rigging Company  
Sailboat Rigging Explained & Other Fun Stories

### Tuesday February 26:

Oakley Jones  
Harken Yacht Equipment  
Tame Your Main & Other Harken Sailing Stories

### Thursday February 28:

John Harris  
Chesapeake Light Craft  
Build A Better Boat Than You Can Buy!  
Paint & Varnish Tips from A Master!

### Tuesday March 5:

Jerry Latell  
Ulmer Sails Chesapeake  
Sail Design, Construction, Care & Maintenance

### Thursday March 7:

Matt Rutherford  
Local Sailor, World Traveler  
Sailing Passages to Study & Document  
Plastics in The Oceans & Much More

### Tuesday March 12:

Stephan Abel & Jason Ruth  
Oyster Recovery Project  
The Effort to Save the Oyster in Chesapeake Bay

### Thursday March 14:

Chris Humphreys of Annapolis Yacht Sales  
Beneteau Figaro 3 Foil Assisted Sailboat...the First Series Built Production Monohull with Foils

### Tuesday March 19:

Mike Lehman, Rolph Townshend, & Barbara Vosbury  
The Alberg 30 Story after 55 years!

### Thursday March 21:

Capt. Ed Farley  
Skipper & Owner Skipjack H. M. Krentz  
Salty Skipjack Tales

### Tuesday March 26:

Pam Wall  
Sailor, Writer, Cruising Consultant, Keynote Speaker,  
West Marine Alumnae of 20+ Years  
1. Transatlantic Passage on Sea Cloud: A 4 Masted Bark  
Come and see what it is like to sail across the Atlantic Ocean aboard a luxury square rigged ship  
2. Find Out About: Cool Products No One Knows About!  
Get Pam's recommended list of products, while she explains why & how they are unique!

### Thursday March 28:

Dawn Riley  
Veteran of Whitbread & Americas Cup, Author, Executive Director of Oakcliff Sailing Center  
Sailing Stories

### Tuesday April 2:

John Cosby  
Annapolis Sailing School  
Getting your Bearings  
Basic Navigation and Charting Skills... Without Electronics!

### Thursday April 4:

Open Microphone for Amateur Singers & Musicians  
Beer & Wine Tasting Night  
Microphone & PA Provided For Acoustic Guitar (no house guitar available)  
Food and Drink Provided & Bring to Share!







## Safety

### P/C Jeff Short, JN-IN

With our boats put away and the cold weather at hand, many of us are planning a trip to some warm destination to scratch that boating itch until Spring arrives. But what would you do if you got sick while you are away from home? I have some suggestions on how to prepare for such an event BEFORE you leave.

One of the best things you can do to prepare yourself for an illness while traveling is to pack an effective travel health kit. To be effective your kit should satisfy the following objectives:

- ★ **Comprehensive.** It should be capable of treating as many of the common illnesses and small injuries that you may have to deal with.
- ★ **Small.** Ideally you should be able to pack your health kit in your carry-on bag so that it is available during the flight and in the unfortunate event that your checked bag is lost or delayed. That being the case, this is not a kit that you can count on to treat every malady or emergency.
- ★ **Inexpensive and easy to maintain:** The items in your kit need to be easily obtainable and replaceable when they reach their expiration. There are hundreds of pre-made first aid kits, of every size, purpose and price, available on the market. I have found it easier and cheaper to make my own kit from over the counter (OTC) medications and items I can buy in the department store. When a medication expires, I can easily replace it. Most of the items in the expensive pre-made kits have to be replaced as well, so you might as well make your own to begin with.

I created my kit by first listing the conditions that I may encounter and then listing the easily obtainable OTC therapies for those conditions.

- ★ **Prescription meds:** Most importantly, pack your prescription meds. Also pack paper copies of the prescriptions in case you need to replace the meds while you are away. It is best if you keep your meds in their original bottles, particularly if they are controlled meds (sleep or pain meds) and you have to go through Customs. Prescription bottles take up a lot of room, so I frequently will count out the exact number of doses I need for the trip and add a few more pills in case a few go down the sink accidentally. I package them in tiny ziplock bags labeled with the dosage instructions and expiration date.

- ★ **Upper Respiratory illness:**

*Congestion:* Decongestant tabs such as phenylephrine and Afrin spray. If you have a cold or sinus congestion while on the plane, be sure to have these handy and use a half hour before beginning descent to prevent a sinus block. These are also great to use before scuba diving to ensure that you can clear your ears.

*Cough:* Cough medicine usually comes in bottled liquid form. It is too bulky for my kit and none of them have been shown to be effective. Instead, I pack cough drops.

*Sore throat:* Ibuprofen, Cepacol throat lozenges, salt water gargles. Not much else works.

*Fever, headache, body aches:* Ibuprofen, naproxen or acetaminophen.

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★ **Gastrointestinal conditions:**

*Heartburn:* Antacids such as Tums or Mylanta tabs along with ranitidine or similar acid reducer.

*Upset stomach and nausea:* Pepto-Bismol tabs or Alka-seltzer tabs

*Diarrhea:* loperamide (Immodium AD)

*Constipation:* Dulcolax or other mild laxative.

★ **Allergies and hives:** Over the counter allergy meds such as Zyrtec, Claritin or Benadryl.

★ **Motion sickness and dizziness:** Bonine, meclazine or diphenhydramine (Benadryl). These meds are notorious for causing drowsiness so they can also be used to help with short term insomnia (the hotel A/C is too loud, or your room is just above the Tiki Bar). For the real minimalist, Benadryl can be used for multiple purposes -sleep, allergies, motion sickness, dizziness and hives.

★ **Sprains, muscle strains and bruises:** I carry OTC ibuprofen or naproxen. Acetaminophen (Tylenol) doesn't have the anti-inflammatory effect, so I don't pack it.

★ **Sunburn:** Ibuprofen. Aloe gel is bulky, so I don't carry it.

★ **Blisters and hot spots:** A small sheet of moleskin to cover hot spots and prevent blisters, and a sewing needle for after a blister has formed. Sterilize the needle with a flame, pop the blister with a needle poke or two, drain the fluid, keep the overlying skin intact and tape it down. This will prevent accidentally unroofing the blister which can lead to infection.

★ **Skin rashes:** I carry the smallest tubes I can find of hydrocortisone cream, anti-fungal ointment and an antibacterial ointment. I also carry a small tube of oral benzocaine such as Anbesol or Orajel for temporary, but welcome, relief of tooth, gum or lip pain.

★ **Dry eyes:** Small bottle of artificial tears is especially handy to have on the plane.

★ **Very basic first aid:** Band-aids, a small amount of gauze, an ace wrap, tweezers, a small round tipped scissors (TSA compliant), and a small roll of tape. If you think you need a more robust first aid kit that includes large items such as splints, slings, large gauze packs, more tape, then pack a separate first aid kit in your checked baggage.

This kit is not designed to cover your entire vacation or if you are going into the wilderness or to a Third World country. This is designed to cover you through the night or until the store opens on Monday. Most of these medications can be purchased in blister packs. Carry just a single card of each medicine and pack them together into a ziplock bag. Consider cutting out the dosing instruction label from the box to include with the blister card.

I keep my kit in my carry-on bag at all times. Before each trip I take it out and replace those items that are beyond their expiration dates or that will expire before my trip is over.

Hopefully you will never get sick while traveling. But in case you do, you will be happy that you packed your travel health kit. Send us a post card!



**Dinner Meeting  
Elks Club, Edgewater  
3 January 2019**



P/Lt/C Jerry Rapkin, Judy Michaelsen, AP, P/C Lee Myers, AP, P/C Stu Myers, AP



Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S, Lt/C Michael Maszczenki, N, Linda Serf McGeehan, S, and P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenki, S, discussing their upcoming cruise to the Caribbean



Leyla Kazaz, S, and Harun Kazaz

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



P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN, P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN, Chuck Chidekel, S, and Randi Chidekel, S



P/C Jeff Short, JN-IN, Lorrie Short, and P/Lt/C Vivian Werner, AP



Cdr Tony Martin, JN presents our speaker for the evening, Rachael Dickey Gilde, with a "thank you" gift from ASPS.



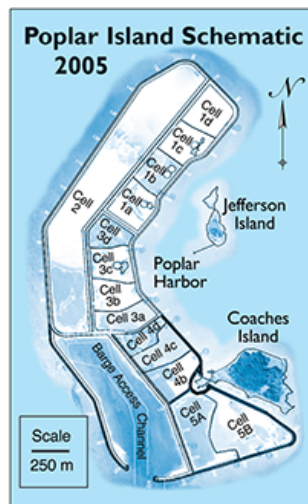
## Dinner Delights

P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

Have you ever wondered about what is going on at Poplar Island? Our January dinner meeting gave us the opportunity to learn all about the project for taking Poplar Island from less than 5 acres back up to a unique and thriving wildlife habitat with more than 1,000 acres. Our guest speaker was **Rachael Dickey Gilde**, an Environmental Specialist with the Maryland Environmental Service. Here are just a few of the facts she shared with us.

★ The project's history actually starts with the need to maintain the channel for large cargo ships to get into the port of Baltimore. The channel is continually dredged in order to maintain a consistent depth of 50 feet up to the harbor.

- ★ Maintenance dredging requires the removal of approximately 5 million cubic yards of dredged materials from the Chesapeake Bay each year. These dredged materials need to be relocated.
- ★ In 1914, Poplar Island was large enough to support homes, farms, a post office, and more. By 1969, it was almost all washed away. In fact, over 400 islands have disappeared in the Chesapeake Bay region due to erosion and sea level rise.
- ★ In 1990, work was begun to restore Poplar Island. It was seen as not only an opportunity to restore a natural habitat, but a good use of dredged materials.
- ★ The goal is to rebuild Poplar Island so that it consists of 1,715 acres. The end date currently for the project is 2024. In the process, the island will be turned into natural habitats that support nesting sites, aquatic nursery areas, as well as safe stopovers for migratory birds.
- ★ Already the island has been able to support many nesting birds. It has been so successful that the largest nesting colony of Common Terns in Maryland (a bird currently on the endangered list) can be found there.
- ★ Yes, there are some mammals on the island. It is believed that the current group of deer got there by swimming over from the Eastern Shore.
- ★ Poplar Island has a large Diamondback Terrapin education program. School classrooms are encouraged to adopt hatchlings, raising them for one school year. This process actually allows the terrapin to gain up to 2 years in growth, thereby making it safer from predators when released back into the wild.



★ Tours are given from early April through the end of October. Only 24 people are allowed on each tour. No tours are offered on the weekends.

This presentation was packed with information. You can learn more at: [www.poplarislandrestoration.com](http://www.poplarislandrestoration.com). It's worth a visit – both to the website and to the island itself!



# Founders Day Celebration

- ★ *Fresh Fruit Display*
- ★ *Breakfast Breads with Assorted Jellies*
- ★ *Scrambled Eggs*
- ★ *Maple Sausage Links and Hickory Smoked Bacon*
- ★ *Campfire Potatoes*
- ★ *Crème Brulee French Toast*
- ★ *Maple Syrup and Butter*
- ★ *Crab Cake Benedict*
- ★ *Omelet Station*
- ★ *Carved Baked Ham*
- ★ *Gourmet Coffee, Decaf Coffee and Herbal Tea*

Join Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron  
for Brunch

3 February 2019 at 1100 hours  
Renditions Clubhouse  
1380 West Central Avenue (Hwy 214)  
Davidsonville, MD 21035

Buffet—\$27 per person  
Payable by check or cash at the door  
Please Sign Up Now!

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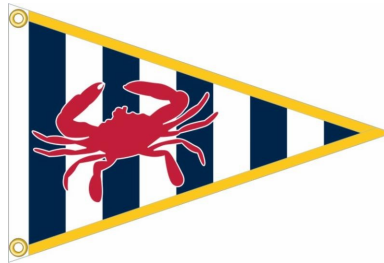
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**You must have a reservation to attend this event.**

We have to submit an initial headcount no later than 20 January 2019.

**Final headcount on 27 January 2019.**





**ANNAPOLIS SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**  
**Cdr Anthony Martin, JN, & Noreen Martin**  
**Request the honor of your presence at the**

**78th Annual**  
**CHANGE OF WATCH**

**Renditions Golf Club**  
**1380 West Central Avenue**  
**Davidsonville, MD 21035**

**Saturday 16 March 2019**

**1800 Cash Bar**  
**1900 Dinner**  
**1945 Ceremony**

**Meal will include salad, rolls, butter, vegetable and potato.**  
**You have your choice of the following entrees and desserts:**  
**Grilled Rib Eye or Chicken Piccata or Mushroom Risotto**  
**and**  
**Carrot Cake or Chocolate Mousse Parfait**

**Please send an email to [aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com](mailto:aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com) by 28 February 2019**  
**With your choice of entrée(s) and dessert(s).**

**\$45.00 per person**  
**Make Check Payable to ASPS and Mail to:**

**ASPS**  
**Attn: Lorrie Short**  
**1630 Stream Valley Overlook**  
**Severn, MD 21144**

**Dress: Blue Blazer & Grey Slacks /Skirt or Appropriate Attire**





## **News From National and D5** P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

### **News From National**

Even though the timing grows shorter, you can still consider attending the annual meeting for the United States Power Squadrons®. Members from all over will gather in Orlando the week starting 18 February. During this event, you can attend seminars and meetings to help you learn all about the organization and the different positions. You can also learn about the latest happenings in the boating world. For details, check the national meetings page on <http://www.usps.org/>.

If you can't make it to warm Florida, you can still get a head start on the boating season by visiting America's Boating Channel on YouTube. National has created lots of great videos on boating and boating safety.

### **Details From District 5**

Plans for the annual Spring Conference are well underway. Join fellow boaters at the Princess Royale in Ocean City, MD on 28-31 March 2019 for this event. The evening of 29 March will feature educational activities dosed with a great bit of fun during the hospitality suites tour! Of course, there will be the classes for officers as well as seminars. And, you won't want to miss the silent auction. Finally, you might want to attend the Change of Watch on Saturday night. Details are available at [www.uspsd5.org](http://www.uspsd5.org).

**Your valentine needs a warm new jacket with the ASPS logo.**

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# Calendar of Coming Events



### United States Power Squadrons® Events

18-24 Feb [USPS National Annual Meeting](#) -- Rosen Center, Orlando, FL

### District 5 Events

28-31 Mar Spring Conference -- Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD

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



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



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### Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron Events

- 03 Feb Founders Day Brunch**
- 10 Feb Gypsy at Toby's Dinner Theater
- 21 Feb Introduction to Boat Handling Course
- 21 Feb Mastering the Rules of the Road Seminar
- 26 Feb Piloting Course
- 28 Feb Boat Handling under Power Seminar
- 28 Feb Executive Committee Meeting—Annapolis Sr. High
- 12 Mar Radar Seminar
- 14 Mar Advanced Powerboat Handling Seminar
- 16 Mar Change of Watch**
- 21 Mar Anchoring Seminar
- 28 Mar Emergencies on Board Seminar
- 28 Mar Executive Committee Meeting—Annapolis Sr. High
- 04 Apr ASPS Dinner Meeting**
- 11 Apr Knots, Bends, and Hitches Seminar
- 25 Apr Executive Committee Meeting

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

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

Changes to your phone number, address, e-mail?  
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## Anchor Watch

Deadline for March Newsletter:  
**Tuesday, 19 February 2019**

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