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Commander's Message

Cdr Anthony Martin, JN

Let me end where I began - by thanking you for giving me the honor of taking the helm for a year. There were challenges for sure, but none that had not been previously seen or dealt with by the membership. Indeed, whenever an issue came up, there was always someone, if not several, to offer advice and guidance. It is that collective knowledge and experience that ensures our chapter of *America's Boating Club*®, will endure and grow in the coming years.

I was asked at the Founders Day Meeting what was most enjoyable about being commander. Without question, it was the strengthened friendships amongst the bridge and executive committee members. I was most fortunate in having that particular group to work with. Having said that, I am certain that many of my predecessors felt the same way about their teams.

In addition to the formal coterie, there were the "helpers." These are the members who take it upon themselves to do the scut work. They do the mundane and thankless tasks that have to be done and trudge on despite unkind comments or criticism. These folks are the foundation of our squadron. To a person, they have left an indelible impression upon me and will be forever appreciated.

A special thanks is owed to my predecessors. Their continued presence and availability were reassuring. I particularly want to thank P/C Jeff Short, JN-IN and P/C Joel Hilden, P, for being there when I needed them. Like most men, I am slow to ask for help. But, both knew from their time as commander when I would need assistance, and came without my asking. I recognize their help as an example of what will be expected of me as a past commander.

Aside from being available to my successor, I intend to do more in the way of outreach. It is my hope and expectation that in so doing, I will inspire each of you to do the same. Consider bringing a friend to one of our boating activities or dinner meetings. You may both feel better for having done so. Remember, membership recruitment and retention are everyone's responsibility.

In closing, I want to thank those who have stepped up to fill the ranks of

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Administrative Officer

Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S

The month of March is that special time between winter and boating season. It tends to be a slow time for activities at our squadron, but I am sure you are filling it with lists of activities to prepare for boating season. Hopefully, you are also planning to join us on Sunday, 24 March, at the annual Change of Watch. Be sure to get your reservation and money in by 11 March. Information on the event can be found on page 14. At that event, I will become Executive Officer. However, I have already started on the responsibilities due to the timing. The Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show will be held on 26-28 April. Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron has the lead on manning the America's Boating Club® booth. We need

volunteers to talk to participants about the benefits of belonging to our organization! It could be you! Look for the ad in this issue, and sign up soon.

Meanwhile, I have the pleasure to welcome P/C Bruce Arey, JN. He will be stepping up to take over as Administrative Officer. I am pleased to welcome him aboard. I asked Bruce to tell us a little about himself. Here's what he had to say:

What brought you to become a member of Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron?

In 2008, I purchased my first sailboat after teaching myself to sail in 2007. The owner of the sailboat was a past District 12 Commander and was instrumental in my joining the Worcester, MA Squadron of USPS in 2009. My daughter and her family moved to Odenton, MD in 2014. At this stage of our lives, Debbie and I decided it was time to move from MA to MD to be closer to one of our daughters. In November of 2016, we moved to Odenton, and soon after I transferred my membership to ASPS.

What do you like best about boating?

Debbie and I share a passion for sailing. We love to have guests on our boat, especially those new to sailing.

Tell us about your boat.

After having our first sailboat, a Bristol 27 for five seasons, we were on the 2012 Columbus Day weekend cruise with the West Bay Yacht Club of East Greenwich, RI. The cruise destination was Wickford Marina on the Narragansett Bay. At the Sunday morning brunch, I noticed that a Beneteau 361 was for sale, and being shown to a prospective buyer. Debbie and I had often discussed our dream to have a larger boat for more serious cruising. We just thought that would happen someday in some unnamed future year. We introduced ourselves to the broker, and in a couple of weeks, our dream was realized.

Do you have any special hopes or plans for this year?

I look forward to the opportunities this coming year to get more involved with ASPS through my responsibilities as Administrative Officer. By planning the activities of the squadron, with the help of the Assistant Administrative Officer, Elizabeth Donohoe, I hope to strengthen my friendships with the members for years to come.

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leadership. As I have said before, we cannot ask or expect the same people to do the same tasks year after year. I encourage all of you to become a member of a committee, assistant, or aide for an event. We don't have a paid staff at the squadron level. Your club lives or dies based on the willingness of its membership to take an active role in its development. So here is the question I leave you with, "Do you think your club is worth some of your time?" If so, then step forward and guarantee its continued existence. Finally, I wish fair winds to you and yours in the coming season. It has been a pleasure being your commander.



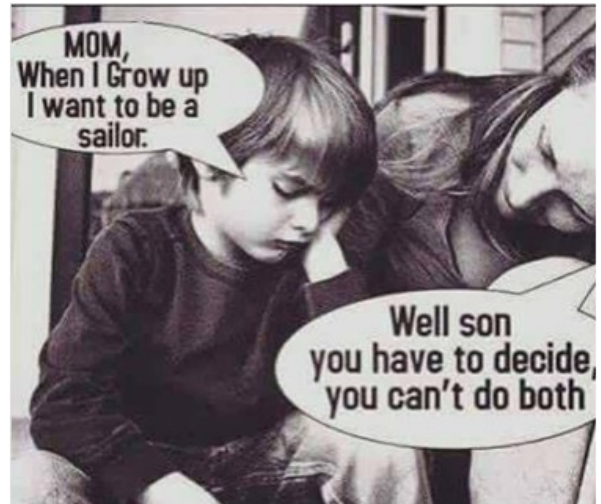


Executive Officer

Lt/C Ron Ricketts, S

The days are getting longer and we are now beginning to see the early buds pop on the trees - all signs that Spring is on her way. Such good news!

As we begin to think of Spring and returning to our boats, I thought I would share this clip, as it really spoke to me. I, like the boy in the clip, was bitten by the boating bug at a very early age.



By the time I was 12, I had traveled the world with my parents. My father, a US Naval aviator, was transferred from one station to another. At one of those billets, my family was located right next to a marina. I spent many hours wandering the docks, studying the boats, and dreaming about how wonderful it would be to be on the water instead of being stuck on land. I felt that being on the water would be the *perfect* way to have a *perfect day*.

Fortunately, I was able “to grow up” and continue to follow my passion for boating, which grew into a love for both sail and power boating. Both then and now, I remain in a continual quest for another *perfect day* on the water. There is no other place I would rather be than out on the water with my family and friends!

Each of us has our own unique story about how we came to boating and what brought us together to be part of America’s Boating Club®. However, one common thread is the desire to enjoy the boating experience and share it with others.

When I joined the Annapolis squadron 3 years ago, I was looking to meet others that shared the same boating passion here in Annapolis. I was not disappointed. As a squadron member, it has been great fun getting to know so many of you who, like me, cannot get enough of boating, and continue to look for ways to be involved in this great outdoor sport. This past year, when I took on the role of the squadron’s Executive Officer, I learned a great deal about our squadron, gained a tremendous appreciation for its

mission, and have continued to learn more at every meeting and event that I have attended. I am amazed and humbled by the depth of boating knowledge that we have within our squadron membership; I am so grateful for the community and collaboration that ASPS provides.

When approached by the Nominating Committee for consideration to be the squadron’s commander, I was honored. I thank the committee for my nomination and for the membership’s confirmation at the Founders Day brunch. As we move into the 2019 boating season, it is my hope that our squadron can help all our members continue to find those *perfect days* on the water.





Caribbean Cruising

1st/Lt Patrick McGeehan, P

One of the nice things Linda and I enjoy about vacations is that we usually get to do things we would not normally do. The squadron cruise to the Southern Caribbean was no exception. Now, twelve nights is a long time to be away. While looking forward to the trip, it was hard to not think about all the emails, phone messages, and catching up on work that would need attention when we returned. However, that did not dampen the anticipation of spending time with good friends and experiencing a bit of island life.

Speaking of things we do not normally do, not only did we get out of town just ahead of the snow, but we had three full days at sea, a sizable block of unstructured time in which our only commitments and responsibilities were ... well, nothing! Nothing to do but relax, eat, read, take a nap, eat again, check out the on-board amenities, take another nap, maybe see a show, catch a breathtaking sunset, oh, eat again. Rarely is there time at home for three successive days with little to do but unwind, relax, and enjoy scenes like this.



The end of our second day at sea. Beautiful!

Linda and I did not book an excursion at St. Croix, our first port of call. Instead, we knocked around the island with Noreen and Tony Martin. It turns out Noreen knows some folks who live on St. Croix, and she arranged a driving tour of island sites.



The drive was capped with a stop for some really good pizza at Napoleon's Pizza and a stop at the Captain Morgan distillery. An unexpected bonus was running into several of our squadron mates who were also touring the distillery. By the way, don't let the picture fool you. Only a modest amount of rum was sampled.

On our next port of call, Antigua, we enjoyed some kayaking and snorkeling. A great weather day, we paddled around some bays, saw a few cormorants and other birds, some sea grasses, and a starfish. Then, a short boat ride to do a bit of snorkeling. The water was a bit chilly, but we quickly acclimated and got on to exploring the coral and colorful fish. On our next stop on St. Lucia, we resumed our out-of-the-ordinary activity by

taking in a volcanic mud bath and a dip in a hot sulphur spring. We painted each other with volcanic mud! The mud baths are supposed to make you look about ten years younger. I don't think we got quite that result, but it was truly a unique and, in one sense, a lasting experience. Three days later we were still washing off remnants of the volcanic mud. Sorry we don't have pictures of that event. We really did not want to risk the camera.

The excursions on our last two island stops, St. Kitts and St. Maarten, were a lot of fun. On St. Kitts, we tried zip lining for the first time. The drive to the site took us through the rain forest where we could hear and see some monkeys skylarking in the trees, some unusual vegetation, and the remains of an old rum distillery. The course was a set of four zip lines that sent us flying through the treetops. Here is Linda getting strapped in and ready to fly. By the



Do I really want to do this?



This was fun!

time we were on the third leg, true to form in the rain forest, it started pouring. Not to be deterred, we pressed on. After all, we once got caught in a hail storm while hiking in the Dolomites. A little rain on a zip line course just added to the fun.

On St. Maarten, we wrapped up our excursions on horseback. We started out over some winding rocky trails shared with lizards and iguanas, and ended with a walk through the water. Aside from the ride itself, we had a chance to interact with the local folks more than on the other side trips. They shared their experiences of getting through the devastation wrought by recent

hurricanes. There was evidence of hurricane damage on each of the islands we visited. Here, we learned of the personal hardships, the loss of some of their horses, their homes, and their efforts to rebuild. A resilient people.

After St. Maarten, a three-day trek home. We thoroughly enjoyed the cruise; the food, the on-board entertainment, the excursion, and of course, the company of our squadron mates. We usually met up for breakfast and dinner and otherwise went about doing our own thing. We celebrated two birthdays and an anniversary, shared a few adventures with some of our crew; on other days, we happened to just cross paths. So, we returned home with some fun memories, some nautical themed clothing, and a few family gifts and other souvenirs and a ton of email, phone messages, and two weeks of catching up on work! Can't wait for the next trip!

Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show 26-28 April 2019

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

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

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

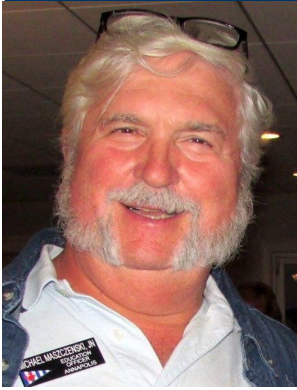
Volunteer sign up sheet here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2019SpringSignup>

Please type carefully ... the URL is case sensitive!
Please help your squadron. Volunteers get free admission.

Questions?: boatshow@aspsmd.org

Reserve your spot now!



Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

Educational opportunities abound in our area. End your winter blues and prepare for boating fun: take a course or seminar. The following list of courses is from our own squadron and neighboring

squadrons. Please check them out.

Junior Navigation, online, is being offered by District 5. Local squadrons with participants will be conducting face to face sessions to do sights and solve problems. It starts in April 2019 and will finish up in early summer. Use the registration link for ASPS courses.

Boat Handling started in February. If you are interested in attending one or more of the remaining sessions as a seminar, please register now so I can order seminar specific materials.

Location: Annapolis High School

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

Cost: Individual seminars \$35.00 each

- ★ **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

Your attendance at a seminar will be recorded in your USPS record.

Radar

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.

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

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 or 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. As always, visit our website for more details on ASPS events: www.aspsmd.org.

Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron**Intro to Navigation - seminar****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**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.

Note: This would be a great course to take after having attended the Radar Seminar.

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

Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron's newsletter, Tidelines, can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/2TgRJrv>.

Rockville Sale and Power Squadron**Boat Handling Simulator - hands-on demo****Date: Saturday, 9 March 2019****Time: 1000 to -1500****and Sunday 10 March 2019****Time: 1000 to -1500****Location: West Marine, Tracy's Landing (Herrington North)****Weather - seminar****Date: Saturday, 23 March 2019****Time: 1000 to 1200****Location: West Marine, Tracy's Landing (Herrington North)****Instructor: Kevin Witt from the National Weather Service****Marine Electrical Systems - course****Date: Tuesdays, 9 April 2019 for 8 weeks****Time: 1900****Location: Walter Johnson High School, Bethesda****AIS - seminar****Date: Saturday, 13 April 2019****Location: West Marine, Tracy's Landing (Herrington North)****Instructor: Alan Karpas****Basic Boating - course****Date: Monday 15 April 2019****Time: 1900****Location: Walter Johnson High School, Bethesda****Instructor: Dennis Krizek**

To register, email SEO@RSPSONline.org

Dundalk Sail and Power is offering the ABC course 5 times this spring:

4 February 2019, 2 April 2019, 30 April 2019, and 4 June 2019. The course will be 4 session long.

Contact John Hall at SEO@uspsdundalk.org.

Singles on Sailboats

Spring Training 16 March 2019 at Anne Arundel Community College: www.singlesonsailboats.org

Check www.spinsheet.com or www.Proptalk.com and visit their calendar page to see a list of more activities in our area.

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

All Events Held In Store At 7:00pm
919 Bay Ridge Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21403

Here are the remaining seminars:

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 of 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

Door knobs can be deadly! I would not touch them if I were you. Railings and banisters are the doorknobs' evil partners. Avoid touching railings and banisters at all costs!

Every year, on average, 30,000 to 50,000 people are killed in the United States by the flu. 80,000 people died of the flu in winter of 2017-18. I would bet that a majority of people catch the flu, and other viral diseases such as colds, sore throats and diarrhea, from touching doorknobs, railings, elevator buttons, computer mice and keyboards, counter tops, table tops, and faucets, etc.

Whatever you may be tempted to touch, hold or grab, just stop! Think about how many others have touched that same surface, and think of all the deadly germs they have left behind for you to pick up.

Avoid touching your face! All those germs, those viruses and bacteria, left behind by others on the surfaces that you touch, without you even thinking about it, are now on your hands. Those germs gain access to your body when you wipe your eye, or touch your nose or mouth. Keep your hands away from your face.

The best way to clean germs off of your hands is to wash them frequently with soap and warm water. You cannot wash your hands "too often." Technically, you should wash your hands long enough to sing a verse of "Happy Birthday" under your breath. In that length of time, hopefully you have covered all the finger surfaces and creases around the joints and finger nails. It is not necessary to wash with hot water. Water hot enough to kill germs would scald your skin. Wash your hands with water of a temperature that is comfortable for you. Just be sure to wash long and often.

The second best way to kill germs on your hands is to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Strongly consider carrying a small bottle of alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you at all times, and use it often. When you go to buy hand sanitizer, be certain that it is alcohol-based.

The simplest and most effective way to decrease your chances of catching a serious case of the flu is to get the flu vaccine every year. Colds and flus are caused by viruses. There are millions of viruses out there. The deadly flu viruses "travel" around the world in a somewhat predictable pattern on an annual basis. The flu shot is directed against the 3 or 4 flu virus strains most likely to make their way around the world to the United States. As the flu illness migrates around the world, the virus is constantly mutating and changing. Because of this constant mutation, sometimes the vaccine does not match up as well with the intended strain once the flu season finally arrives. This should make no difference to you. Get the vaccine! Even if the vaccine is not perfect, it is always close enough to greatly benefit you in the event you do get infected by the flu.

Everyone should get the flu vaccine. There are almost no contraindications to getting the flu vaccine anymore. You cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine. Granted, some people will feel a little achy for a day or two after getting the flu shot as their immune system ramps up in response to the vaccine. But it is not the flu they are suffering from. That achiness can usually be avoided by taking acetaminophen or ibuprofen for a day or two after the vaccine is given. Additionally, getting the flu vaccine will not prevent you from getting a cold or a flu not addressed by the current flu vaccine. Most of the illnesses you suffer from during the winter are colds and minor flus.

If you do catch a cold or the flu, do not go to the doctor to ask for antibiotics. Antibiotics only work on bacteria. Most of upper respiratory infections with cough, stuffy nose, sore throat, and body aches are due to viral infections. The body will mount an immune response, and kill the viral infection on its own. But this takes time! Sometimes these viral infections can last 10 to 20 days. There is no cure for the common

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cold! You can treat the symptoms individually with decongestants, cough medications, acetaminophen, and ibuprofen. Drink plenty of fluids, and get rest. And give your body the time it needs to heal. Antibiotics are only needed if a secondary bacterial infection sets up on top of the viral infection. This might be the case if you suddenly get worse or are not seeing some improvement by day 10 or so.

The most important thing that you can do, to prevent spreading your illness when you catch a cold or the flu, is to **STAY HOME!** Nobody wants to share in your misery. The difference between a cold and the flu? With the flu, you feel so bad that you will have to stay home in bed. With a cold, your coworkers will feel so bad, due to your constant coughing, sniffing and sneezing, that they wish you were home in bed.

The second most important thing you can do to prevent spreading your illness is to sneeze and cough into the crook of your elbow or a disposable tissue. Never sneeze or cough into your hand. You are sure to spread your disease to many other people by coughing into your hand and then pulling on the doorknob or holding on to the hand rail. Use only disposable tissues to blow your nose in. Carrying a handkerchief is very unsanitary and loaded with contagious viruses.

The winter is almost over, but viruses are **ALWAYS** present in the air we breathe and the surfaces we touch. Use these tips for a safer, healthier and happier spring.



Editors' Note: The Grandeur of the Seas was a very healthy ship. Everywhere there were hand sanitizer stands for passengers to use liberally. In addition, ship personnel were stationed outside each dining area to dispense hand sanitizer. We all stayed healthy, and returned home well rested.

**Founders Day Brunch
Renditions Golf Club
3 February 2019**



P/C Bruce Arey, JN
and Debra Arey



P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP
enjoys the buffet with
others in line behind him.



Diane Ecklund,
Jim Ecklund,
Joy Lyness and
Gretchen Cupples, S



P/Lt/C Judy
Michaelsen, AP at
the carving station



Liz Donohoe,
Tom Richardson, AP
and Harun Kazaz

The Pats won and Lt/C Ron Ricketts', S, name was drawn for a free dinner.



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



P/C Sari Lafferty, AP &
P/C Lee Myers, AP

P/Lt/C Betty Rouse, P, won the 50/50 which she donated back to the squadron.





Dinner Delights - at Brunch P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

Our February meeting was the annual celebration of Founders Day. It was held at Renditions in Davidsonville. It is always fun to mix things up, and having a brunch instead of dinner was a special treat. If you missed this meeting, you missed much more than just great food!

Commander Tony Martin, JN started the meeting with some facts from our past:

- ★ Roger Upton was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States Power Squadron. At the time, most boaters were sailors. They tended to gather at yacht clubs. Upton bought a 35 foot power boat – to be a tender for his schooner! He envisioned a club that would support the new power boaters.
- ★ In 1932, there were 15 squadrons with over 1400 members.
- ★ The organization continued to grow. Sailors started joining the group. The name was changed at the local level to reflect this. That's how we came to be Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron.

Our guest speaker was Bob Gilbert. Bob, husband of member Susan Gilbert, has been a photojournalist for many years. He retired from the Capital newspapers here in Annapolis. He shared a wealth of photos from his career. It was simply a visual feast accompanied by some really great stories.



**Spring requires a warm new jacket
or cap with the ASPS logo.**



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



AND HERE IS THE GROUP THAT WENT
TO SEE *GYPSY* ON 10 FEBRUARY...



Boating Links to Browse

The replica eighteenth-century sloop *Providence* will make Alexandria her new home. The 110-foot *Providence* represents the Continental Navy's first warship—and John Paul Jones' first command. Tours will be available.

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2019/2/4/pirates-of-the-caribbean-starring-ship-to-make-alexandria-home>

Considering a water maker for your boat? See this new product.

https://theboatgalley.com/rainman-watermakers-2019-models/?mc_cid=c1f1a9c248&mc_eid=b99145eb7a

Blue Spring State Park in Florida is literally a hot spot for manatee watching in the winter. These gentle aquatic giants gather in warm springs around the state. There are live webcams for you to watch along with videos of manatees when the live action is slow.

<https://www.savethemanatee.org/manatees/manatee-webcams/>

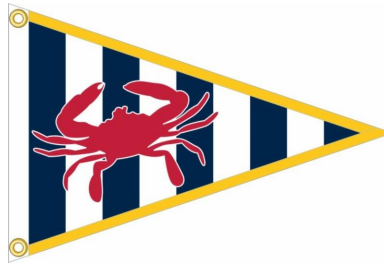
Active Captain & Garmin Charts withOUT a Wifi Chartplotter

<https://theboatgalley.com/active-captain-garmin-charts-without-wifi-chartplotter/>

So where should a new bay bridge be located? This map shows **FOURTEEN** possibilities.

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2019/2/12/maps-reveal-possible-locations-for-a-new-bay-bridge>





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
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Sunday 24 March 2019

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News From National and D5

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Details from District 5

The District 5 Spring Conference is fast approaching. Think about joining other squadron members on 28-31 March 2019 in Ocean City, Maryland. Everyone will be at the Princess Royale hotel for meetings, meals, and great times. As usual, there will be hospitality suites Friday night and a banquet Saturday night. You will have the opportunity to win prizes at the raffle. You can learn more about the different positions on our Bridge. For more information, be sure to visit the District 5 website at www.uspsd5.org for details and registration forms. Don't wait – reservations are due by 7 March 2019.



Become a Vessel Safety Check Examiner!

It's Fun, Extremely Rewarding, and Has Flexible Time Commitments!

I'm P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN, chair of the ASPS Vessel Safety Check Program. I invite all ASPS Members to become more involved with the Squadron's VSC program. Doing a Vessel Safety Check is one of the most rewarding activities I have done within the squadron. It's NOT hard, nor do you need to know about boat engines, electronics, or navigation. It does involve seeing some gorgeous vessels, being outside meeting interesting people, helping others be safer on the water, all while promoting our mission of Safe Boating and Boater Education.

Come to a meeting to learn about the details of the program. We will discuss the process of conducting a Vessel Safety Check and review what squadron members need to learn to become certified as a Vessel Safety Examiner, which requires self-study, passing an online test, and shadowing another examiner.

If you aren't interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner, but still want to contribute to your squadron's VSC efforts, we welcome your assistance at VSC events. Come to the meeting to learn how.



ASPS Vessel Safety Check Program Orientation Meeting

Monday, 04 March at 7:00 pm

The Nash's Home, 2805 White House Road, Riva, MD 21140

Please email Kathy Nash, at kmnash1@verizon.net if you plan to attend.





St Lucia and More...

P/C John Wilmot, JN

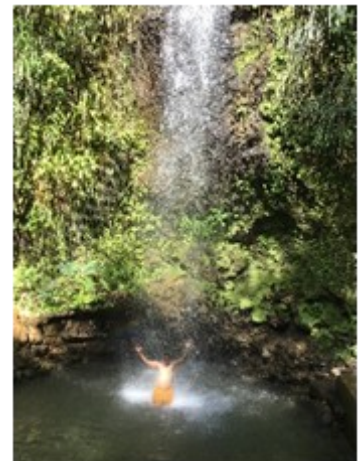
Our January cruise to the Caribbean and warm weather was a great choice. Carol Rechner organized this great adventure through the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line in the perfect time of the year. Our group of 11 cruised to five different islands with day trips from each port. Carol ordered no rain and 80-degree temperatures throughout the week. Thanks, Carol, for that. It was great. One of our favorite side trips was a tour around the island of St. Lucia. Tony Martin and Noreen invited Betty and me to tour St. Lucia with them, after he bargained with a cab driver for a reasonable fee.



St. Lucia is so green and beautiful. In one area, we could see four different kinds of fruit on various trees and vines.

Another great view was the twin peaks of the Piton Mountains. Only a few people have managed to climb these peaks.

We were presented with another unusual view when we visited the famous Island Waterfall. Would you believe that your commander would take a shower under the waterfall? Noreen ran to get the bathing suit and luckily they had a changing room.



After a short stop for lunch, we headed back to the ship. The cab driver and Noreen were excellent tour guides. It was a very memorable trip.

Editors' Note: Yes, there are LOTS of pictures and stories. Lest we tire you out with this issue, we will print some more about the cruise in the next issue.



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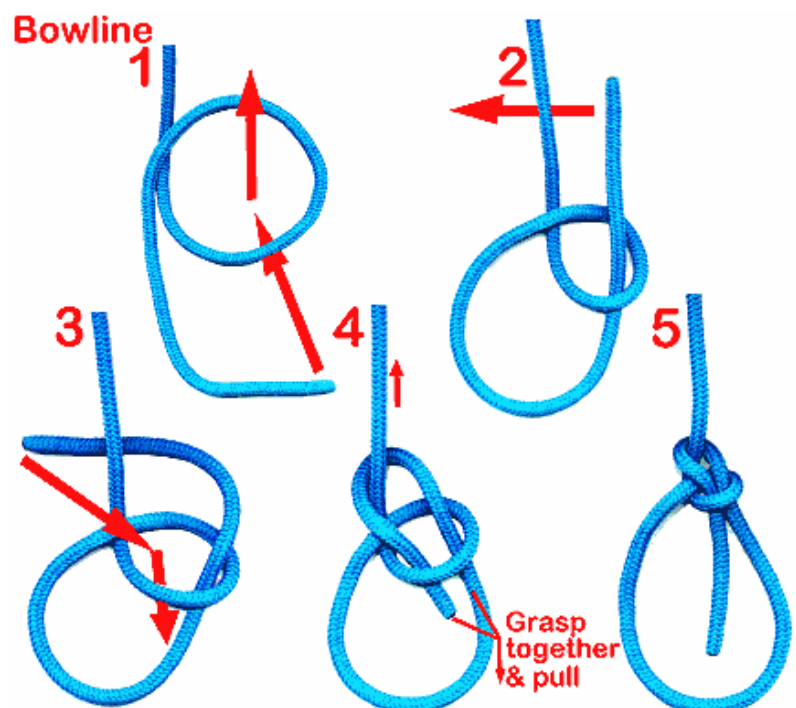
Editor's Note: Having attended this event on multiple occasions, I can attest that it is an enjoyable, instructive day, and well worth the \$75 registration fee. - Carol Rechner

Got a few minutes?

Practice your bowline so you will be ready for boating season!

Review other knots at:

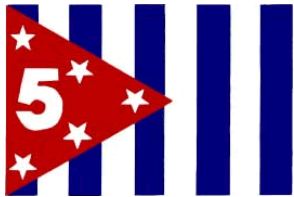
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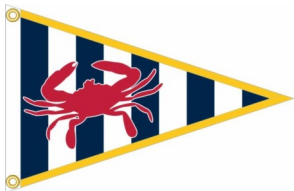
Calendar of Coming Events



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United States Power Squadrons® Events

District 5 Events


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

Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron Events


12 Mar Radar Seminar
 14 Mar Advanced Powerboat Handling Seminar
 21 Mar Anchoring Seminar
24 Mar Change of Watch
 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>



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