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Commander's Message

Cdr Ron Ricketts, S

We are already off to a quick start for the season. As I write this message we have just reached the first **21** days since our Change of Watch (COW). Our squadron members have been actively engaged in gearing up for a terrific summer of 2019!

March 27th: The Executive Committee Meeting

This was the first 'official meeting' of the 2019 Bridge and Executive Committee. The focus was on summer activities and planning. In addition, a Budget Planning Committee was established with the charge of bringing back to the membership ideas and recommendations on future investments and priorities. Stayed tuned for more information as we move through the season.

Weekend of March 30th: The District 5 Conference

Many of our members traveled to Ocean City to participate in the District 5 Winter Conference. The weather was spring like with three days of great activities and educational sessions.

Friday evening, ASPS hosted a 'Hospitality Suite' where attendees were challenged to demonstrate their boating knowledge or suffer the consequences.

At the General Meeting on Saturday, ASPS was recognized for our outstanding Anchor Watch publication and also for our continued support of the District 5 Education Scholarship.

A big shout out to our Past Commander Jeff Short, JN-IN. Jeff was elected to be the District 5 Executive Officer for the upcoming year. Congratulations Jeff... we all know they are lucky to have you.

April 4th: ASPS Dinner Meeting

What a great turnout! Over 60 members attended this event. The featured guest speaker, Dr. Tuck Hines from the Smithsonian Environment Institute detailed his 40 years of research on the blue crab. Originally from California where he studied aquatic life near Monterey in the cold Pacific,

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Executive Officer
Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S

April finished up with us at the Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a success. The event gives us the opportunity to meet with potential new members. It also serves as a reminder that boat season is in the air!

As we head into May, I know that all of you are anxious to get back into boating. I encourage you to start the season off right. Sign up to get your Vessel Safety Check before you spend time on the water. Our VSC team, led so ably by P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN, will help you make sure your boat meets all local and national safety requirements. The VSC examiner will review all items with you, and that information stays confidential. The best result, though,

is that you will feel confident that you have done all you can to make sure you can provide not only happy but safe experiences aboard your vessel.

Our first Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron® VSC Day and Membership Drive will happen on 4 May. If you are near Herrington Harbor North Marina, stop in and visit with our examiners. If your boat is there, sign up early for a VSC visit! No matter when you plan to do it, email Kathy now at kmnash1@verizon.net to arrange for that safety check soon!

Speaking of safety, 18-24 May is National Safe Boating Week. The week actually kicks off on 17 May with the annual Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. This annual event, sponsored by the National Safe Boating Council, is a fun way to educate your fellow employees about the importance of personal floatation devices. You are encouraged to snap a picture while at work to submit to the Anchor Watch for next month's issue. Retired now? Wear your pfd to anything you might be doing on that day. Again, send those pictures to us! Email the Anchor Watch at gmaszczenski@hotmail.com.



We would like to do more than this for Safe Boating Week, though. So, send me some ideas to help us come up with other activities that could help us spread the word about the importance of safe boating. Contact me at peggy@ccci.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

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“Tuck” told of his journey to the very different Chesapeake Bay and how researchers have unlocked many mysteries on the lifecycle of the blue crab.

April 12th – the Bay Bridge Boat Show

Our fellow squadron at Kent Narrows sponsored a booth at this spring's boat show on Kent Island. Our Executive Officer Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S, was there early to help the Kent Narrows members in the setup prior to show opening. The Kent Narrows Squadron appreciated the turnout and assistance from all of those from our squadron who helped out over the weekend.

All of this activity in just three weeks since the COW. So, what's next? I hope that each of you take a look at this season's calendar to take advantage of the upcoming activities.

At our April 4th dinner meeting I mentioned that ASPS is 158 members strong. I believe that we could easily be at 200 members by years end. So how can this happen? I would like to challenge each of our members to help achieve this goal. If only 25% of our current members bring one new member into our squadron, we could make this goal a reality. Let's make expanding our membership one of our collective efforts for this season. Looking forward to a great boating season ahead.



Administrative Officer

P/C Bruce Arey, JN

May is finally here. It seemed to take forever to get out of winter and to begin to feel like spring. If you are like me, you are looking forward to getting out and spending time on the water. Even if you can't get out on a boat, it's still wonderful to have the opportunity to spend time with your boating friends in Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron. We have great events scheduled. Be sure to add them to your calendar.

Our May meeting will feature Paul Cora of "Historic Ships in Baltimore", who will speak about the preservation of the historic US Coast Guard Cutter TANEY. Don't forget that we will also be collecting pet food and supplies to be donated to our local ASPCA. If you missed the reservation deadline but still want to attend, please contact our Lorrie Short at aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com. Also, please remember to contact Lorrie if you have to cancel as well.



Our first boating event of the season will take place over the weekend of 17 -19 May with a cruise to Horn Point Harbor Marina on Back Creek in Annapolis. After your arrival on Friday, join us for dinner at Wild Country Seafood which is located right next to the marina. On Saturday, the Annapolis Maritime Museum will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On Saturday evening, we will fire up the grills at the barbeque area of the marina. Bring your own meat and something to share.



Whether or not you stay in the Back Creek area for a couple of days after the weekend, be sure to join us for a raft-up to watch the Blue Angels rehearsal on Tuesday, 21 May on the Severn River. Don't forget to bring a treat to share. Want to go but don't have a boat? Contact us, and we will work to get you matched up to a boat willing to take extra passengers. Have a boat? Volunteer to take on some of your fellow boaters! Check out the ad in this issue for more information on our raft up location and contact information.

Finally, just another reminder. Our squadron is volunteer driven. We want all of our events to be successful, so we ask you to consider volunteering. With your help, we can have another great year having fun both on and off the water.



Vessel Safety Check 04 May at Herrington Harbor North

Please email P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN,
at kmnash1@verizon.net to arrange
a vessel safety check for your boat.





Membership Dinner Meeting
2 May 2019 Elks Lodge
2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037

1800 Social Hour - Cheese & Veggie Platter

1900 Dinner Buffet

Buffet Selections:

Sliced Roast Beef Au Jus or

Baked Tilapia with Mango Salsa

Dinner includes Veggies, Salad, Dinner Roll, and Dessert

RSVP by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, 30 April 2019

By email to aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com

or call Lorrie at 410-305-0232.

**If you want the vegetarian choice (Pasta Primavera),
please so indicate when making your reservation.**

**Dinner Cost: \$27/ per person
payable by cash or check at the door.**

**Our speaker will be Paul Cora, Curator of
Historic Vessels and Collections for Historic
Ships in Baltimore.**

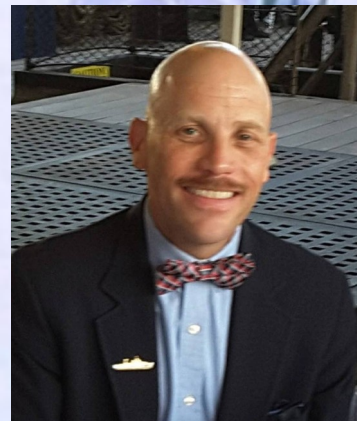
**Paul will be talking about the preservation of
the historic US Coast Guard Cutter TANEY.**

Check out the Homepage here:

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

Read about the TANEY here:

<http://www.historicships.org/taney.html>



Change of Watch Renditions, Davidsonville 24 March 2019

The color guard starts off the evening.



Folks enjoy the fruit and veggie bar before dinner.

A review of program details.



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



Susan sells 50/50 tickets to the Vosburghs.



Ron and Karen with friends and guests.



Ron presents Tony with a lovely print for his service.

Georgiana receives Member of the Year Award.



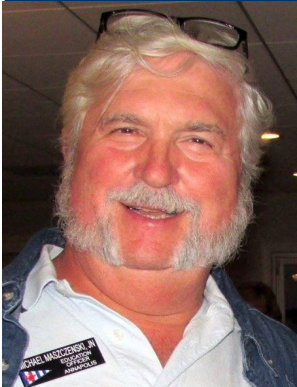
Lee Myers receives the Commander's Award.

Chuck Welles swears in Ron Ricketts as the new commander.



The incoming bridge.





Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

The formal education year is winding down in anticipation of being on the water. It is very important to remember that now is when the second part of the winter courses come into play:

practice, practice, practice and practice. While the process of leaving and approaching a dock is easy to read about, nothing beats doing it. On the early calm days, be sure to practice some or all you have read about. Make sure you try something new when the need isn't critical to do it, so you can when you do need the skill. Knots are also important. What better way to know them than by doing a new knot each trip out.

Junior Navigation - The Junior Navigation course is still being planned, although I still do not have a definite set of dates. The instructor is lined up, and we will be getting the course together soon. If you are interested, make sure you have registered so I can contact you with the information as soon as it becomes available. The course is online, and 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 start this spring and finish up during the early summer. If you are interested, use the registration link for ASPS courses.

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. We will be using the newest version 5.

Sponsor: ASPS and Kent Narrows Sail and Power

Location: Kent Island Yacht Club

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

Dates: Wednesdays, 1 May 2019 to 22 May 2019

Cost: Free to all

OpenCPN has launched a new version with a few major changes and enhancements. The 5.0 Version is now available for Windows and Macintosh, and we will be doing the class with it. The Android version will also be used.

**NAVIGATION SOFTWARE
OF CHOICE FOR ALL
USPS COURSES...**



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.

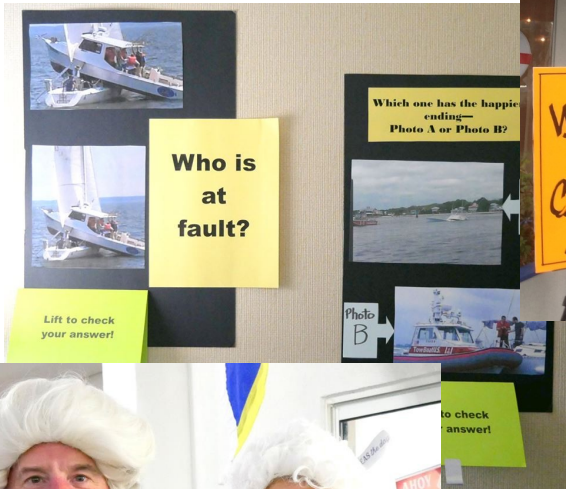
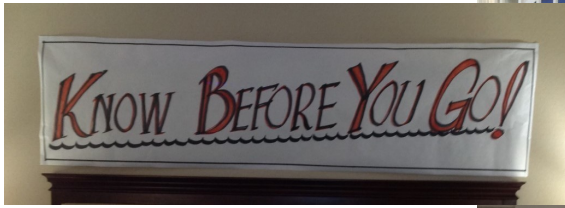
If you do not get an answer, please leave voice mail with contact information. When registered, you will receive an email conformation. Other information and directions will be emailed as the start date for courses or seminars approaches. As always visit our website for more details on ASPS events www.aspsmd.org.

Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron - The Newsletter, Tidelines, can be accessed at KNSPS WEB Site: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-kn>

Dundalk Sail and Power <http://www.uspsdundalk.org/> is offering the ABC course at two locations on 4 June 2019. The course will be 4 sessions long.

Contact John Hall at SEO@uspsdundalk.org to register and get more details.

D/5 Spring Conference Ocean City, Maryland



Kent Narrows and Annapolis collaborated on the hospitality suite with a theme of maritime law.



Jeff Short and Peggy Slattery are in character for the hospitality suite.



Lee Myers and Denise Lindenhall worked the raffle table.



John Wilmot was part of the honor guard at the D/5 dinner on Saturday evening.

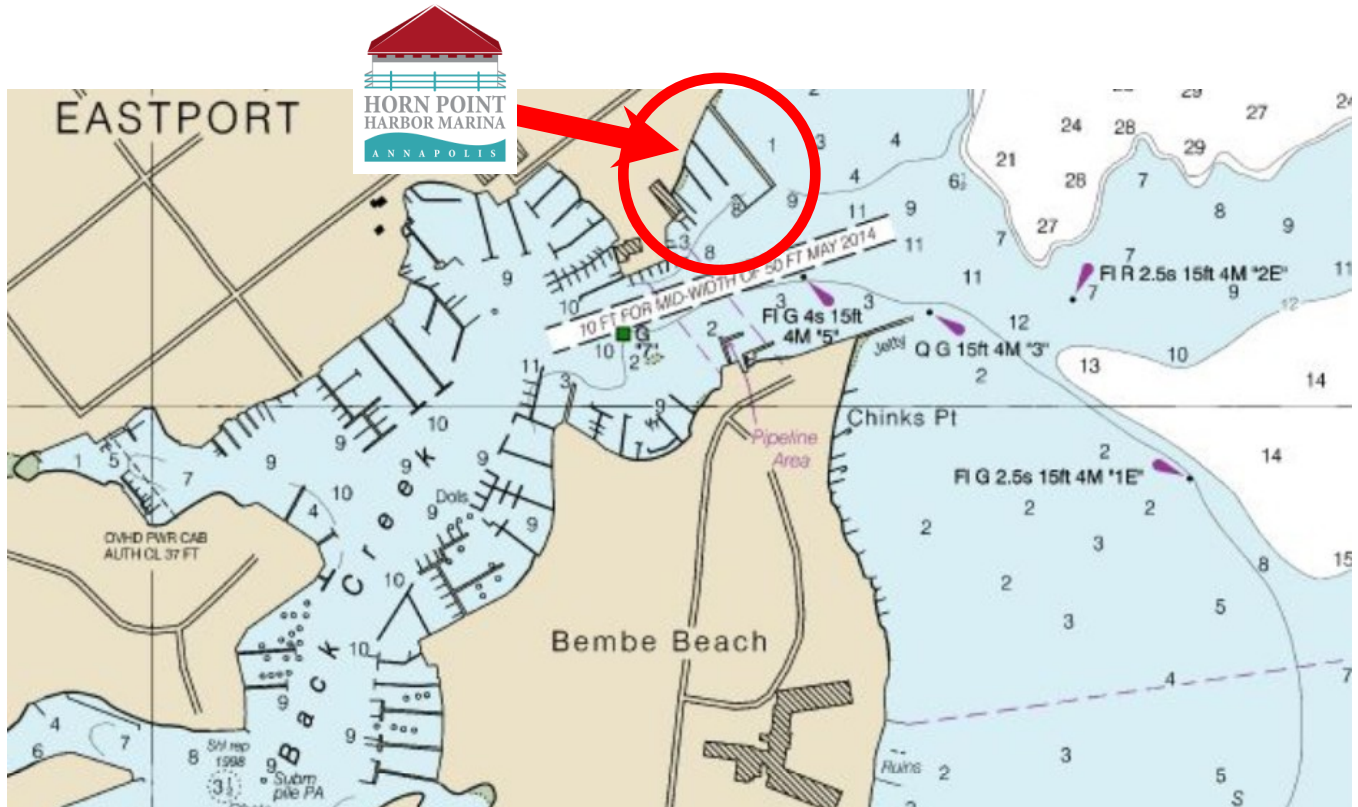
Jeff Short was sworn in as the new Executive Officer for D/5.



Weekend Rendezvous in Annapolis

Friday, 17 May to Sunday, 19 May

Horn Point Harbor Marina, Eastport MD



- ★ Contact Dockwa through the Horn Point Harbor Marina website (hornpointharbor.com) to make slip reservations. There is a *slips and reservations* button on the homepage. There are also anchorage areas just outside of Back Creek. I would recommend that slip reservations be made as soon as possible, certainly by 3 May. Say you are with ASPS.
- ★ Phone at Marina: 410-263-0550.
- ★ RSVP to Bruce Arey at: brucearey@hotmail.com by Friday, 10 May.
- ★ Friday dinner will be at Wild Country Seafood at 5:00. Reserve with Bruce by Friday, 10 May.
- ★ Annapolis Maritime Museum: 11:00 Sat morning. Let Bruce Arey know by Friday 10 May if your interested. We can also make a reservation for a guided tour.
- ★ Saturday dinner will be at the barbecue area at Horn Point Harbor Marina from 5:00 to 8:00. Plan on bringing your own meat, and a dish to share. A tent will be available if it rains!

**Membership Dinner Meeting
Elks Lodge, Edgewater MD
4 April 2019**



Lee Myers, Tom Richardson ,
and Charlotte Henry



Liz Donahoe and
Susan Gilbert



Sari and Marty
Lafferty



Howard Cupples, Sam Lyness, and Toni Hughes



Bill Museler and Rich Hughes



Chuck and Randi Chikedel and Tony Martin



Michael
Maszczenski
and Tuck Hines

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



May is National Pet Month!

Help Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron celebrate National Pet Month. We want to support those pets who have not found their forever home. We will have a drive at our May meeting for those animals currently living at the SPCA of Anne Arundel County. Plan now to bring something to donate. Please refer to the AACSPCA wish list below.

Pet Food

- Puppy & Kitten Food
- KMR Milk Replacer for Kittens & Puppies
- Dog & Cat Food, Dry & Canned (*Purina Pro Plan, Purina ONE, Science Diet, IAMS, & Friskies cat can food are favorites!*)
- Rabbit Food
- Small Rodent Food
- Fresh Veggies
- Timothy Hay
- Meat-based baby food

Necessities

- Cat Litter (*clumping or clay*)
- Doggie waste bags
- Martingale collars
- Leashes (*6ft, no retractable*)
- Soft Pet Beds
- Towels, Blankets (*no pillows*)
- Grooming Tools (*electric shears, combs, brushes, nail trimmers*)
- Go Pet Club Heavy Duty Mobile Metal Pet Cage (*info here: <https://sparkysspots.com/reviews/best-heavy-duty-dog-crate/>*)

Cleaning Products

- Bleach
- Simple Green
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Clorox Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Tissues

- Lint Rollers
- Dish Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Heavy Duty Garbage Bags

Toys & Treats

- Spray Cheez (*For Kongs*)
- Peanut Butter (*NOT low fat*)
- Cheese Singles
- Greenie® Pill Pockets
- Cat Toys
- Cat Scratchers for cages (*Order at stretchandscratch.com*)
- Cat scratching posts & trees
- Durable, Washable Dog Toys (*Buster Cubes, Kongs, Rope Toys*)
- Soft Dog Toys (*no bean-type fillers*)
- Durable Dog Bone Pools (*Order at onedogonebone.com*)
- Small Animal Chew Sticks

Office Supplies

- Boxes of Copy Paper
- Sharpies (*all colors*)
- Quality Pens
- Dry Erase Markers
- Plastic Clipboards
- Batteries (AA, AAA, 9V)



Chesapeake Cruiser Association Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron



A RAFT-UP & PREDICTED LOG CONTEST SATURDAY, 22 June 2019

WHERE: JOHN WILMOT'S DOCK – Come up the South River, turn to Port
At “G11”, look for Lighthouse in Glebe Bay
N 38° 55’ 40.7” W 76° 32’ 22.3”
Or **HOUSE: 3301 Leritz Lane, Edgewater, MD**

- SCHEDULE:**
- 1200** – Subway sandwiches, salad, beer, and wine
 - 1400** – Predicted Log contest - \$20 entry fee will be used to award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd closest predicted time for cruising down South River and back.
 - 1630** – Dinner: We provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and fixins, and beer, wine, and sodas

Please bring appetizer, salad, or dessert
Mark below what you will bring,
or call Betty Rouse Wilmot
Home: 410-798-7102 or Cell: 301-616-6609

- 1900** – Stay overnight at dock or anchor out nearby
Coffee on deck in the morning



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Name _____ Email _____

Boat Name _____ Predicted Log Contest ___Yes ___No

Cost for lunch and dinner @ \$25/person # _____ for a total of \$ _____

I will bring: Appetizer _____ Salad _____ or Dessert _____

RSVP by 17 June:

John Wilmot
3301 Leritz Ln.
Edgewater, MD 21037

Or
johncwilmot@verizon.net
301-873-0071

MORE ABOUT A PREDICTED LOG CONTEST

Here are all of the excuses as to why I shouldn't enter a Predicted Log Contest:

- ★ I don't have a boat.
- ★ I don't know anything about Navigation.
- ★ I just follow the little boat on my chart plotter.
- ★ I didn't take Piloting.
- ★ I need the \$20 entry fee to buy fuel.

We don't buy most of those feeble excuses, so let me explain how simple it is. You do need a boat, a stopwatch (your wrist watch), and a selected speed from your GPS. This might be 8.0 kts at 1400 rpm.

All I need to know is how long it will take to get from Green G"11" to Red R"4". So here is the basis for it all: $60D=ST$ where D= Distance, S= Speed, and T= Time. We want to know T, so $T= 60D/S$.

Let's try an example: from the chart you find that distance from G"11" to R"4" is 3.0 miles, your boat GPS gave you S as 8.0kts (1400rpm). Therefore, $T= 60 (3.0)/8.0= 22.5$ or 22 minutes, 30 seconds.

Wasn't that simple? So, now all you have to do is plop down your \$20, on June 22 at about 2pm, start your stopwatch as you head South from G"11", and have a leisurely trip down the South River and back. (As you leave G"11" you must give your observer your predicted time for the trip.) During the trip, if you think the wind or the current is causing your speed to change, you can speed up or slow down. When you come back to the dock, if your actual time is closest to your predicted time, you've just won a lot of money.

FOR SALE – TWO FOLDING BICYCLES

These two AMC Back Bay folding bikes are like new. They were bought at West Marine and used one season.

They were stored on our 47' Boat. Now we have a smaller boat, and no place to store them.

AMC Back Bay bikes have aluminum frames, hydraulic front forks, 7 speeds, folding pedals, and are complete with canvas carrying bags.

Priced to sell: \$300 o.b.o. for both bikes

Call Betty Rouse, Oakland, MD 301-616-6609
or

John Wilmot, Edgewater, MD, 301-873-0071
or

Email to: johncwilmot@verizon.net or
bcnu123@gmail.com





ASPS Raft Up

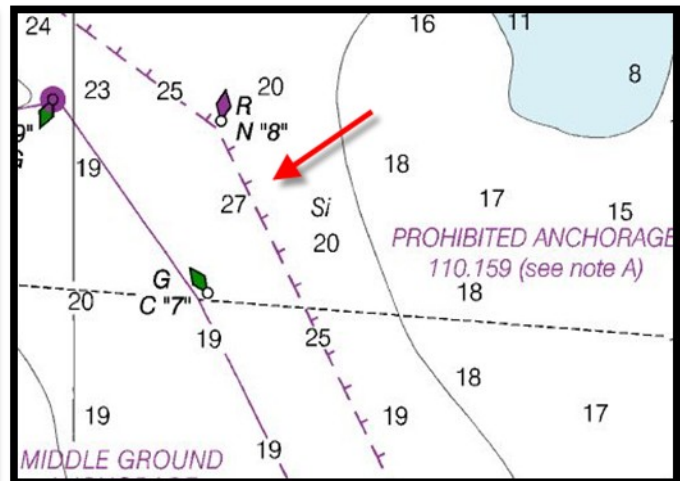
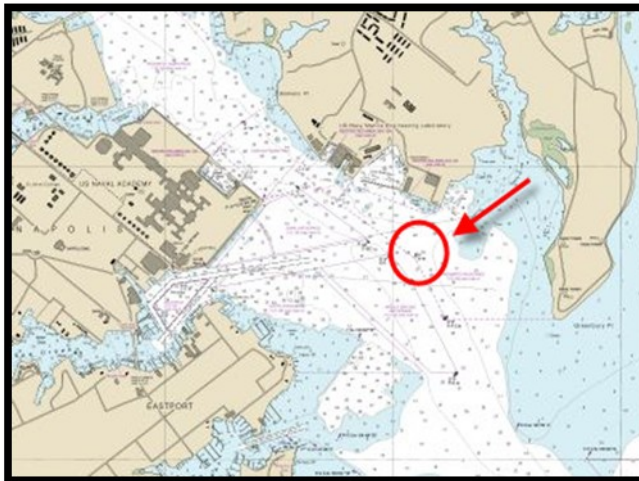
The Blue Angels Rehearsal Day

Tuesday, 21 May 2019

Severn River – Annapolis

38° 58.660' N - 76° 27.875' W

There is no better way to see these elite Navy pilots perform than on the water.



Boats will begin rafting-up at 1000 between Greenbury & Horn Points.

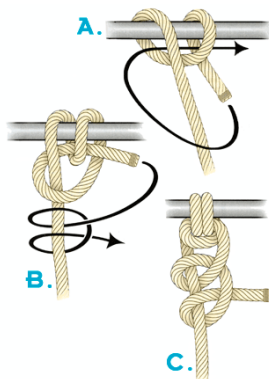
(Outside of Air Show Flight Safety Box - West End)

Plan to bring your own lunch and drinks.

Please plan on bringing a treat—appetizers, dessert, or snacks to share with other boats.

RSVP attendance only to admin@aspsmd.org

By Saturday, 18 May



Got a few minutes to spare?

Practice your Anchor Bend so you will be ready for boating season!

Review other knots at:

<http://www.theensign.org/uspscompass/marlinespike.html>





Safety

D/Lt/C Jeff Short, JN-IN

Spring is here! Time to get our boats back in the water and start the boating season. First thing I'm going to do is head back to all the sights and sounds of Annapolis Harbor. If you are thinking the same thing, please consider the challenges facing the captains of the commercial vessels.

How would you like to have to go do your job in the middle of a children's playground? I mean, take your computer, desk and chair and go do your current job while on a playground with dozens of kids running around. Well, I imagine that must be how it feels to run a commercial vessel in Annapolis Harbor or Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Whether it be the tour boats, water taxis, cruise ships, tugs or tankers, those captains are trying to get their jobs done with a bazillion recreational boaters darting in and out all around them. It's CRAZY out there.

Those commercial captains are on the clock. They are trying to get their payload safely to their destinations. The rest of us are generally out for a joy ride. Yes, we have the same right to be on the water as the commercial boats do, but I ask you to please consider that we are out there for fun, and they are out there trying to make a living.

When I go into Annapolis Harbor or Baltimore's Inner Harbor, my stress level is sky high. In Baltimore's Inner Harbor the stress is due to the larger ships, tugs, and other large commercial vessels that could run me over if I'm not paying attention. In Annapolis, my concern is avoiding the larger commercial vessels such as the tour boats and taxis. But most of all, I worry about running over the dozens of kayaks and stand up paddle boarders that transit the area as if they have a force field around them. They seem oblivious the fact that their lives are in danger. Boats do not have brakes, and can not stop on a dime. Boats can't even turn to avoid them unless they are moving forward and have some way on.

Recreational boating in crowded waterways with commercial traffic is like driving on the highway along with trucks and buses. Those trucks and buses are working. They are making a buck. Nothing I have to do is as important as them getting their job done. They can't stop quickly if you cut in front of them. They cannot turn quickly. When a truck gets into an accident with a car, regardless of who is at fault, the car loses every time.

Therefore, I yield to trucks and buses. I give them a wide berth. I stay out of their blind spot. I give them space to make those WIDE turns at the intersection. And I avoid driving next to trucks and buses on the highway. Have you ever seen a truck tire blow up at 65 mph? The energy in those flying pieces of tire is incredible. It will definitely leave a mark on you and your little car.

I view my boating around commercial vessels in the same light. The best option is to avoid the areas where commercial vessels are working. Let them get their job done safely and with the least amount of effort. Give them room. Anticipate what they are going to do next and stay out of their way. Consider that they are going to have to avoid other recreational boaters as well. Give them extra room to do so.

Do not cross in front of them even if you think you have plenty of time. You do not. It can take a large container ship or tanker up to two miles to stop. Trying to judge the speed of a commercial vessel is fraught with error. Even the speed I see on the AIS is not accurate enough to stake my life on. When I am boating out on the bay, from the time I see a large vessel on the horizon, I consider that it will be on me within 20 minutes and I immediately begin evasive maneuvers.

Stay out of the shipping channel. Most recreational boats have plenty of water outside the shipping channel. Commercial vessels may not. When crossing the shipping channel, cross it perpendicularly so

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that you are in the channel for the least amount of time. Consider what happens if your engine dies while in the channel, or if the wind dies while you are sailing across it.

I was out sailing east of the shipping channel on the Chesapeake Bay off Kent Island once when I saw a large tanker heading south approaching the Bay Bridge. I figured I had twenty minutes but I wanted to get to the other side of the channel and head home. I took up a heading so that I could cross the channel perpendicularly in order to get across in the least amount of time. Just as I entered the channel, my steering cables snapped. Thankfully I could continue to go straight ahead. I immediately dropped sails and motored straight across and out of the channel just in time.

Before crossing a channel, consider the current which will likely be stronger in the deeper water of the channel. Consider that some large commercial vessels do NOT stay in the channel. This is particularly common in the southern part of the Bay where tug traffic frequently comes up the western side. Anticipate this.

Most importantly, take a boating class or two. Learn the rules of the road. Know what it means when a boat blows its horn. No, it is not a greeting. Those tour boats do not expect you to stop what you're doing and wave back at them. Those horn sounds mean something. The captain is telling you his intentions. Sadly, she may be the ONLY boat on the water that you know exactly what she is going to do.

Spring is here! Let's get back out there and make boating safer.



News from National & D/5 P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

News from National

Are you interested in learning more about our organization on a national level? Plan to attend the 2019 Governing Board in Louisville. The dates are 8-15 September. The plans include more hands on seminars. Keep an eye on this location on the web for developing information on this meeting: https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=35

District 5 Developments

The annual spring conference in Ocean City is now in the rearview mirror. Some exciting things did happen. The Anchor Watch was given the Distinguished Communicator Award. Even more exciting was that our own P/C Jeff Short, JN-IN is now Executive Officer for District 5. Be sure to congratulate him when you see him. We all wish him a successful year.





In Search of a Catamaran

Noni Rondeau, JN

Buying a used boat need not be stressful and actually can be fun. You may end-up with a dog instead of a cat, but hey, execute your due diligence with a passion and there should be less disappointment! Don't rush the experience, enjoy it.

The first question to ask yourself is how exactly do you intend to use the boat and where. Are you a day-boater or overnighter? If over-night, will you anchor out or be in a marina? Where do

you boat: inland waters, coastal, or off-shore?

Second, establish a budget then add 10%. Every boat is a compromise, so in that first year there will be planned improvements AND that ultimate boat gremlin full of surprises. Plus there will be insurance and dockage.

If you are financing the boat, I strongly suggest you get pre-approved. It is important to know the guidelines for down-payment, age and type of vessel the lender will finance, and terms of the mortgage. You may have your heart set on a catamaran built in the 1980's, which isn't old by mono-hull standards, only to find there is no financing available. Now this becomes a cash purchase. Are you prepared to do this? Buying a boat is a big purchase decision. But, it does not have to be a hole in the water where one dumps money. You can control and minimize the outflow of cash.

I equate buying a yacht to buying real estate, something I know a great deal about. You have a budget, a needs analysis of what you must have and what you would like to have. You've determined how much time, money and sweat equity you are willing to put into your investment. You need to consider condition & brand (much like location with real estate). Brand is obviously a very important factor to consider when thinking about depreciation and resale. As long as new construction costs keep soaring, used boats will depreciate less and a lot more slowly. And just like houses, supply and demand help establish Fair Market Value.

I've been tagged a left-brained person because of my analytical and methodical thinking. In yacht broker terms I'm a spreadsheet type of person, which in my opinion is a good starting point. What is important to me may not be as important to you, but I think we all agree the boat has to move the family safely and comfortably from point A to point B.

My spreadsheet is geared to manufacturer info and the different models. A good source for this is <https://sailboatdata.com/>. I then researched carefully the differences between construction. I looked for warranty issues with manufacturers. At the onset there were 6 manufacturers ruled out due to price, safety issues and design. Boat shows used to be a great resource, even if looking for used boats. But, not all manufacturers are exhibiting. Then, there are orphan boats (an entirely separate topic).

After compiling a list of possible boats, take to the internet. Look at places like www.yachtworld.com/ to see if there are boats in the price range you initially established. Read review articles in the various boat magazines. Look for an owner's forum.

Armed with what you think are the boats of interest, it's time to find a buyer's broker. Choose this person carefully. Is he/she knowledgeable, and do you feel comfortable with this person representing you? This process can be long and arduous, so make sure the team you put together is a good one. Brokers network with their peers and can get insider information about a particular boat. They know the current market.

Editor's Note: As the story goes, Noni and Phil went on a multistate search for a catamaran, and came home with a new pet rescue dog.

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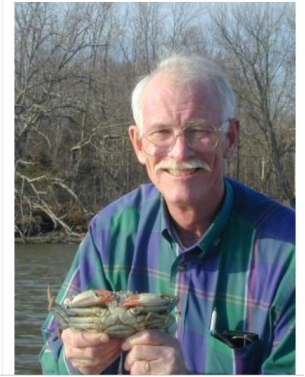


Dinner Delights

P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

Our April meeting featured Dr. Anson “Tuck” Hines, the director of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater. Dr. Hines is especially interested in the Maryland blue crab. He shared a wealth of information about them. Here are some of the interesting things about the life of the blue crab that he shared.

- Blue crabs make up 29% of the harvest from the bay.
- Crabs can molt 16 to 20 times as they grow to adulthood.
- We learned a new word – megalops. A megalop is a larval stage in the development of most crabs.
- Crab eggs are released in the ocean down at the mouth of the bay. The tide carries them back into the bay.
- Juvenile crabs stay in shallow waters. Adult crabs stay out in deeper waters. Why? Research has found that 95% of the mortality rate among young crabs is due to adult crabs eating the younger ones. Yes, they are cannibals! Staying in shallow water protects the young from the adults.
- What do crabs like to eat the most? Clams! 60% of their diet is made up of clams. 15% to 20% of their diet comes from eating smaller crabs.
- Crabs have declined by 80% over the past 12 years. A major part of the problem was overharvesting. 94% of females were being harvested before they could reproduce.



If you missed this meeting, you missed the opportunity spend time with fellow boaters. You also missed the opportunity to learn more about our own Maryland blue crabs. 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.

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They are a valuable resource from beginning to end.

We talked with three brokers before choosing one. We then reviewed our spreadsheet with the buyer broker and explained our thought process. He added a boat manufacturer we initially ruled out!

Next, our broker arranged for us to get on some boats. As a result, four additional boats have been ruled out. Choose beds you can sleep in, galleys that function, and living spaces that lend themselves to a higher quality of life experience, both at the dock and underway. These things can only be determined by physically getting on the boat! In case you are wondering, we are still looking but are down to three possible manufacturers. Our broker is our eyes and now previews boats of interest.

Just remember that in yachting, everything is a compromise. Along the way you may need to modify your needs. There is no perfect boat, and the best you can do is seek to find the boat that best suits your needs and agenda in a price point you can afford.

Boating Links to Browse

Aqua Map - A new set of interactive charts for the Bahamas, US, and Caribbean. For Android and IPAD. Read the review from the Boat Galley here. App is free. Pay to download selected charts. Overlay Active Captain and Waterway Guide information. Possible replacement for Navionics.

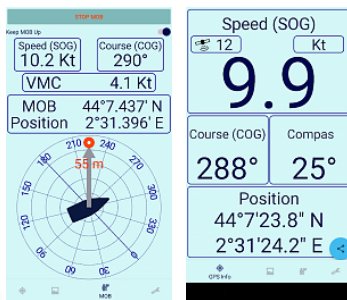
https://theboatgalley.com/aqua-map/?mc_cid=be24e95796&mc_eid=b99145eb7a

How could anyone think bad things about blue crabs? Well, they are showing up in the Mediterranean where they are considered an invasive species, and a nuisance.

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2019/4/1/blue-crabs-an-invasive-menace-in-spain>

May is National Pet Month. How do you get your big dog aboard your boat?

https://theboatgalley.com/boarding-steps-for-a-big-dog/?mc_cid=bb56503901&mc_eid=b99145eb7a



Sail Free GPS - A brand new FREE Android app for sailors. Requires Android 4.4 and up. Great reviews! Shows position, COG, SOG, etc.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.frederic.sailfreegps>

Kayak and canoe people need to see this! Paddle Dorchester - has links to multiple water trail maps.

https://visitdorchester.org/see-and-do/outdoor-activities/paddling/?utm_source=ALL+Mail&utm_campaign=eaf4eb0d28-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_01_15_09_16_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_39a7fb996d-eaf4eb0d28-166079845

Does it help to watch knots being tied? Check out this tutorial for your favorite knots.

<https://www.animatedknots.com/boating-knots>

Wildlife Webcams! From the Chesapeake Conservancy. Here you will find the osprey cam featuring Tom and Audrey, the Great Blue Heron cam (busy spying on a rookery featuring 10-12 nests with up to 50 herons), and the Baltimore city falcon cam.

<http://chesapeakeconservancy.org/explore/wildlife-webcams>





Introducing Our New Membership Chair

P/Lt/C Betty Rouse Wilmot, P

I was born in Spokane, Washington, surrounded by 50 lakes and friends with boats.

My first motor boat experience was at Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho. The year was 1940 and, as I recall, my girl friend's dad had a lot of patience teaching a couple of 9 year olds how to water ski. The boat was a Chris Craft and I thought it was the most beautiful boat I had ever seen.

Almost eighty years later, I am still water skiing and am on my 9th ski boat, a 2014 Malibu. This is quite an upgrade from our first ski boat, a kit boat from Billings, Montana with a motor purchased from Western Auto.

John and I were both widowed and we met on eHarmony. I sent eHarmony a picture of me standing by my Mastercraft ski boat. John showed it to his grandson who said, "Well, she can't be too bad. She has a Mastercraft." So, you see, again, boating has become a big part of my life. If I was going to go boating with John on the Chesapeake, I needed to learn a lot more about boating. That is how I became interested in the Power Squadron.

Now, I think I got the position of Membership Chairman because I didn't say "No" quickly.

However, I am enthused about letting the many boaters in our area learn about all our classes and activities. If you have questions on membership or have someone interested in America's Boating Club® and what we do, you may contact me at 301-616-6609 or email me at: rousemem@gmail.com. Or, invite them to come with you to our next meeting.



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Warren Buffett



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Save the Dates! Boat with Everybody!

Recently, a group of folks from several squadrons met and coordinated rendezvous. This will provide an opportunity to meet new people, and increase turnout for each event. Here is the preliminary listing. Put these dates on your calendars. More information will be forthcoming as the boating season gets going. That will include contact information for other squadrons. There will also be changes or additions. Read the ANCHOR WATCH for updated information!

| Date | Event | Sponsoring Squadron | Organizers |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 17-19 May | Weekend Rendezvous in Annapolis Horn Point Marina | Annapolis | Bruce Arey Liz Donohoe |
| 21 May | Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron's Annual Blue Angels Rendezvous Extend your stay at Horn Point Marina, and plan to come out to watch the Blue Angels rehearse on the Severn River. | Annapolis | Bruce Arey Liz Donohoe |
| 31 May – 2 June | 1 June is the opening of the Maryland Yacht Club. Join Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron in celebrating with a variety of events. | Dundalk | Susan Rudy David Blades |
| 22 June | Predicted Log Contest – sponsored by Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron. John Wilmot will concurrently run the contest and offer a potluck picnic at his home. | Annapolis | John & Betty Wilmot |
| 12-14 July | Cruise in for Dundalk's annual Wurst Cookout! Spend the weekend at the Red Eye Yacht Club in Sue Creek. | Dundalk | John & Mary Hall |
| 26-28 July | D/5 Summer Rendezvous Crisfield – Sommer's Cove Marina NOTE: Tentative plans are being made to plan a cruise leading up to this event ---- 21-25 July. | D/5 | TBA |
| 28 July – 4 August | Top Gun Cruise Circumnavigation of Delmarva. Boats participating must be able to do 100 miles a day. | Dundalk | |
| 2-4 August | Small Boat Rendezvous at Deep Creek Lake Bring your kayaks and canoes to Deep Creek Lake for a weekend on the water! | Annapolis | Georgiana Maszczenski Betty Wilmot |
| 16-18 August | Wye River Raft Up You can plan to spend the weekend in the Wye River just off Drum Point. | Kent Narrows | Joe Burke |
| 24 August | Crab Feast at Baltimore Yacht Club | Dundalk | |
| 6-8 Sept | Celestial Navigation Rendezvous You can plan to arrive on 5 September. North Point Marina, Rock Hall, MD | Dundalk | Susan Rudy David Blades |
| 27-29 Sept | Sail the Chester River! Details TBA. | Dundalk | Doug Riley |



Calendar of Coming Events



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



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



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

United States Power Squadrons® Events

18-24 May National Safe Boating Week

District 5 Events

21-26 July D/5 Summer Cruise

25-28 July D/5 Summer Council in Crisfield, MD

Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron Events

01 May OpenCPN Course - Kent Island Yacht Club

02 May **Dinner Meeting** - *Pet Supply Drive*

04 May VSC Day & Membership Drive
Herrington Harbor North

17-19 May Weekend Rendezvous
Horn Point Marina, Eastport

21 May Raft Up - Blue Angels - Severn River

22 May Executive Committee Meeting - Annapolis Senior High

31 May-02 Jun Dundalk Squadron Weekend Rendezvous
Maryland Yacht Club

01 Jun **Annual Picnic - To be changed - Watch June AW**

06 Jun **Dinner Meeting**

08 Jun VSC Day & Membership Drive
Loch Haven Community Marina

22 Jun Raft Up and Predicted Log Contest
John Wilmot's on South River

26 Jun Executive Committee Meeting - Location TBD

12-14 July Dundalk Wurst Cookout Ever -
Red Eye Yacht Club, Essex, MD

28-July - 4 Aug Dundalk Top Gun Cruise -
Crisfield MD to Chesapeake City, MD

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

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