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Commander's Message

Cdr Ron Ricketts, S

We are now on the back side of summer. Our summer days are passing quickly by. Fortunately, we are also halfway through hurricane season. So far, other than hot temps, our weather has been very inviting for boating this season.

For those that were on the **District 5 Southbound Cruise**, the heat and humidity were overwhelming on the beginning stops of the cruise. However, near the end, and while in Crisfield, the weather was near perfect. I was fortunate to join the cruise at Solomons Island and then boat to Crisfield for the D/5 Summer Council.

The D/5 Cruise was actually two major activities in one. First, there was the cruise, which started on a Saturday and went until the next Thursday (6 days). We traveled down the bay, stopping at various ports of call along the way and ended in Crisfield. Once the fleet (both boats and land yachts) arrived on Thursday, the District Commander and Summer Council organizers took over.

This year, our own John Wilmot and his team organized the cruise. **A big thank you** to John for taking on this task. He, along with his wife, Betty, and many others, planned the stops well. I had a chance to talk with John regarding what it takes to put something like this together. As a two-time squadron commander, and USPS member for 30+ years, John has done this many times over the years. He outlined the formula for a successful District Cruise:

After the District Commander makes the selection of the Summer Council location, the D/5 cruise leader needs to consider the following:

- ★ Communicate (email) early in February/March to determine the interest level for the upcoming cruise.
- ★ Think of a route that works for both power and sail boaters.
- ★ Make careful selection of the marinas where you would consider staying, appreciating that most like to stay 2 days in each place, so insure there are activities that are interesting in those locations.
- ★ Contact the marinas early to ascertain ability to accommodate.
- ★ Decide how to handle the money: Dinner and marina reservations are made by each cruiser... **keep it simple !**

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One thing is certain. The *Cruise Leader* has the satisfaction of seeing it all come together - meeting with friends and knowing that everyone is having a good time. As we look forward to the District Cruise next year, please think about taking the opportunity to be part of, or perhaps lead a key summer highlight for the squadron. We have a great mentor in John to guide anyone who would seek to take this on.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming crab feast. It will be here before we know it as summer winds down.

Boating Links to Browse

The hurricane season may produce more storms than originally thought:

<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/atlantic-hurricane-season-forecast-worsens/>

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has an app for your phone with lots of cool stuff:
<http://dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/dnrapp.aspx>

[Sign up for Trips & Tips](https://www.findyourchesapeake.com/trip-ideas/article/featured-events-this-week) and every week you will receive a list of wonderful activities to take part in around the Chesapeake Bay Watershed!

<https://www.findyourchesapeake.com/trip-ideas/article/featured-events-this-week>

The number of nesting pairs of bald eagles is on the rise in the Chesapeake area:

<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/bald-eagle-milestone-james-river-count-is-over-300-pairs/>

This may affect you or someone you know. No-Discharge-Zones are being considered for many tributaries.

<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/video-no-discharge-zone-proposed-from-glen-burnie-to-galesville/>

From the Assateague Islander, August 2019 edition, a time lapse video of the night sky.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sB8Jocv7A1Q>

Now that you have seen the video (after the annoying ad), consider taking your canoe or kayak down to really enjoy the park.

WOW! Look at this, an inflated wing sail. Wonder how long it took to blow up THAT balloon?

<http://inflatedwingsails.com/galerie-photos/>

So, what is a twizzle rig anyway? Here you will find out more than you ever wanted to know about sails and sail trim. I printed it as a PDF to read later - 253 pages. Lots of diagrams.

<https://sites.google.com/site/catalaocml/home/sistemas-apoio-navegacao/velas>





Executive Officer
Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S

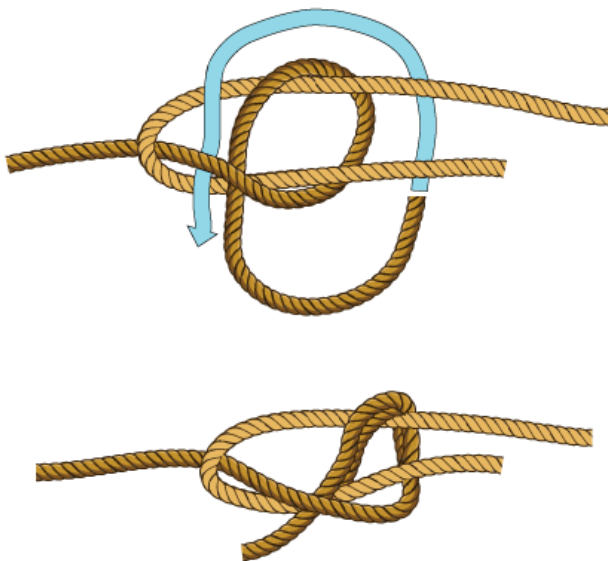
It's hard to believe that it is already September. It feels like summer just started. However, this month is often one of the best months for boating on the Chesapeake. As you head out, remember to stay safe. Be sure that everyone on your boat has the appropriate PFD. If you plan to let any younger members of your crew pilot the boat, be sure they have their Maryland Safe Boating Certificate/Card. And, no bow riding! Maryland law prohibits sitting on the edge of a moving boat. Laws like these are written to help keep all of us safe on the water. Do your part to be a good role model while having fun.

Perhaps you spent this summer wishing you had a different boat! Thinking about changing your boating experience? The Annapolis Boat Shows are just a month away. You have the opportunity to help promote America's Boating Club of Annapolis by volunteering to work in our booth. This year, we will have the fire extinguisher simulator in our booth instead of the boat handling simulator. If you have never experienced the simulator or actually using a fire extinguisher, this alone will make it worth volunteering in our booth. Everyone who tries the simulator is so surprised at what it truly takes to handle a fire extinguisher properly. Knowing the instructions is never quite like actually trying them out. It should be a great draw for our booth!

When you volunteer, you get free admission to the boat show for the day. It's a great way to look at all the new boats and equipment. The United States Powerboat Show will be on the docks 3-6 October. The United States Sailboat Show will then take over the docks 10-14 October. Sign up now to get the best time for your schedule! Feel free to volunteer at both shows. After all, that gives you the opportunity to check out both power and sail boats. It also gives you the opportunity to visit with vendors who sell all sorts of accessories and supplies for the recreational boating community. More information about the boat shows can be found at www.annapolisboatshows.com.

Volunteering is easy. Just **check out the ad on page 8 of this issue.** The link takes you to our sign-up page. Once there, just fill in your spot!

Until next month – have fun and stay safe out there on the water!



Got a few minutes to spare?

Practice the Double Sheet Bend. This knot is more secure than the sheet bend and better with modern slippery line. It's a regular sheet bend with a second pass around the legs and under the standing part of the line - more friction! Great for joining lines of different diameter. Clip art from the Canadian Power Squadron

<https://cpsboat.wordpress.com/2013/03/15/knots/>

Review this knot and other knots at:
<http://www.theensign.org/uspscompass/marlinespike.html>

Another great web site:
<https://www.animatedknots.com/>





Administrative Officer

P/C Bruce Arey, JN

August has come and gone which means that the boating season is passing by way too fast.

The Ice Cream and Dessert Social was held on 15 August. As usual, it was a great success. Who doesn't like ice cream in the summertime! Check out the photos from this annual event on page 17.

In September, we plan to keep you active! Be sure to join us for these fun events:

- ★ 5 September – Our dinner meetings start up again. The meeting will feature Steve Ailstock, Director of the Anne Arundel Community College Environmental Center. He will speak about Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV). **See the ad on page 7.** If you miss the reservation deadline but still want to attend, please contact Lorrie Short at aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com. Also, please remember to contact Lorrie if you must cancel.
- ★ 28 September–ASPS Annual Crab Feast at the Bay Ridge Community Center. **See the ad on page 9** of this issue of the Anchor Watch for more information.
- ★ 26 to 29 September – D/5 Trawler Fest at Harbor East Marina in Baltimore.
- ★ 27 to 29 September – Dundalk SPS Chester River Cruise at the Chestertown Marina, 207 S Water St Unit A, Chestertown, MD, 410 778 3616. Contact Dundalk SPSP/C Doug Riley, Home: 410-825-9632, or email dougriley@verizon.net.

Once again, adventures and events cannot happen for us without the support of the membership. We welcome and want your input and assistance. It's not too late to volunteer to help. We especially need you at the crab feast – such a large event requires lots of workers. If you can cook, clean, pass out crabs, or just lend a helping hand, we need you! Get in touch to let us know what you can do to help. We hope to hear from you soon.

Kent Narrows Invites ASPS

**America' Boating Club at Kent Narrows
Dinner Meeting
19 September 2019
Kent Island Yacht Club**

6:00 PM Social Hour
7:17 PM Buffet Dinner
8:00 PM Speaker

Dinner will be \$25 each, payable at the door by cash or check made out to KNSPS.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Please Contact Kathy Burke at 410-279-0818 or email knsps.ao@gmail.com by **15 September 2019**.



Our Speaker will be Jim Duffy. He learned to tell stories the old-fashioned way, starting out as a cub reporter for a small newspaper outside Chicago. After relocating to Baltimore, he moved into magazines, serving as an editor and writer at Baltimore magazine, Chesapeake Bay Magazine, City Paper, and several other regional publications before striking out on his own as a self-employed writer.

He has written several books. Check out:

<https://www.secretsoftheeasternshore.com/about/jim-duffy-writer/>





D/5 Southbound Cruise to Crisfield

P/C John Wilmot, JN

The Summer cruise to Crisfield was a great event. My committee, including Jim and Nancy Gorman, selected three marinas for stops along the way. These included Saturday and Sunday at Mears Marina on Kent Island, Monday and Tuesday at Knapps Narrows Marina on Tilghman Island, and Wednesday at Zahnisers Marina in Solomons.

During a meeting with all of our Commander's aides, it was voted to call this cruise the *Rat Patrol*, named after our leader's boat, the *Rat Ark*. My logo design seemed appropriate for the cruise. We had fun making bright yellow pennant flags that included this logo. We had 10 boats, including 3 sailboats starting at Kent Island. The boats included *Rat Ark*, with Captain D/C Walter Neese and crew of Fuzzy Jones, *Nanseas Gale*, with Captain Jim Gorman and 1st Mate Nancy, *Four Play* with Captain Ralph Bernard, and crew of 1st Mate Nance, and Randy and Judy Stow, *Lady J* with Captain John Wilmot, and crew of 1st Mate Betty, and Tony and Noreen Martin, *Repoort* with Captain Tony Carugno and 1st Mate Jackie and kids, *Moon Song 2* with Captain John Paris and 1st Mate Pat, *Nauti Frog* with Captain Sam Freeman and 1st Mate Hilda, and *Wanderlust* with Captain Ron Ricketts. Sailboats included *Lux* with Captain Terry Slattery and crew of Peggy Slattery, Georgiana and Mike Maszczenski, Carol Rechner and Susan Gilbert, *Mystic Traveler* with Captain Joe Burke and 1st Mate Kathy and crew of John Locke, and *Sans Souci*, with Captain John O'Reilly and his nephew, Brandon. Our leader, D/C Walter Neese was having trouble with one engine, but he still managed to arrive at all marinas on one engine. Walter finally had to leave the "Rat Ark" at Crisfield for repairs.



We set a record for temperature on Saturday and Sunday (100 degrees) at Kent Island, but everyone survived. Some of cruisers went over to watch the Cocktail Class boat races behind Kent Island Yacht Club. Thanks to John Locke of KNSPS, we had a ride to KIYC. By the way, my grandkids' team won a first and second prize with my race boat, the *Pink Lady*. Due to the heat on Saturday and Sunday, the 5 pm cocktail party was held on the docks and hosted by Nancy Gorman, Betty Wilmot and others.



Sunday's activity included a visit to the Blackwater Distillery on Kent Island. The tour started in their old location with the owner giving a talk on the process, and then on to the tasting room in the new location. Of course, we had to taste their vodka and rum. You must visit the distillery - the product is great. The distillery has eight different liquors that they produce, but the leading product is vodka, called "Sloop Betty" vodka. I just had to take a picture of their poster. After the



distillery visit, we all met at Fisherman's Inn for a great dinner. Again, I must thank several members of the KNSPS for the taxi service around Kent Island. With 100-degree temperatures, you just couldn't walk very far in the heat.

Monday's temperatures were quite nice, in the mid-eighties for our cruise to Knapps Narrows Marina. We had 9 boats all docked along their extended pier. This channel has been totally dredged, so there were no problems. Some of the crew used the marina's bicycles to ride down Tilghman Island and back, and some went to the pool. The 5 pm cocktail party was held at the large marina lounge and hosted by Ralph and Nance Bernard and Randy and Judy Stow. On Tuesday night, another great cocktail party given by Pat and





John Paris. They are new to the summer cruise, but quickly learned how to put on a great party with fabulous appetizers. Each day of the cruise, Betty Wilmot provided a sheet with puzzles and crosswords. Answers and a prize were given each night at the cocktail party. Do you think Randy Stow looks good with a beard?

We had one rain day on Tuesday, and everyone had time to relax. Our stay at Knapps Narrows ended with a beautiful sunset.



Wednesday was our trip to Zahniser's at the Solomons. The weather was perfect, and the 30-mile cruise was good. After bike rides and a trip to the swimming pool, the usual 5 pm party was turned into a birthday party for Betty Wilmot. She is 88 and still goes water skiing every day at her lake house.



Nancy Gorman offered the Poker Run cards on each of 5 days. Nance Bernard won \$85, Walter Neese won \$45, and Hilda \$40.



Thursday morning, we all cruised to Somers Cove Marina at Crisfield, MD. We were met by D/Lt John O'Reilly and D/Lt Apryl Bernard, who organized a great Summer Council & Rendezvous at Crisfield. Thanks to all of you who made the D/5 Southbound Cruise a great success and a fun event.



Vessel Safety Check

Please email P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN, at kmnash1@verizon.net or call 410-956-2781 to arrange a vessel safety check for your boat.



What I Did On My Summer Vacation – An Essay by.....

You probably haven't seen those words since elementary school days. But, your fellow squadron members are interested in your adventures. We are always looking for new things to do on our own vacations. If you did something this summer that you know other squadron members would have enjoyed, take this opportunity to share your story! The Anchor Watch is asking for stories we can use over the winter to remind us that summer will come again – and there are lots of ways to have fun! If you think you have something to share but you don't like to write, contact us and we will help. Be a part of our effort to share the fun! We hope to hear from you soon.

--Anchor Watch Editors





Membership Dinner Meeting

5 September 2019 Elks Lodge
2 Pythian Drive
Edgewater, MD 21037



Our speaker for the evening will be Steve Ailstock. Dr. Ailstock received his Master of Science degree from Louisiana State University in Plant Physiology and his doctorate from the University of Maryland College Park in plant ecology. He has served as director of the Anne Arundel Community College Environmental Center for the past 26 years. In this capacity, he

has conducted numerous projects in the mid-Atlantic for underwater, tidal and nontidal wetlands creation for habitat improvement, shoreline stabilization, stormwater management, invasive species control and industrial effluent treatment. His research projects have been supported by local, state, and federal governments, business, and industry.

6:00 PM - Social Hour - Cheese & Veggie Platter

7:00 PM - Dinner Buffet

**BBQ ribs, Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans
Caesar Salad, Rolls, Dessert**

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

RSVP by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, 3 September 2019

By email to aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com

or call Lorrie at 410-305-0232.

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



Fall Boat Shows October 2019

Volunteer for the Booth America's Boating Club

Reserve Your Spot Now !

**Volunteers receive
free admission to the boat show
for the day they work.**

**Volunteer Sign Up Sheet
for the Powerboat Show**

03 October - 06 October 2019

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

**Volunteer Sign Up Sheet
for the Sailboat Show**

10 October - 14 October 2019

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



ASPS Annual Crab Feast

Saturday 28 September 2019

2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Bay Ridge Marina Clubhouse

East Lake Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Cost: \$40 per adult
\$30 for those not eating crabs
\$12 for children 12 and under

Please volunteer to help set up / clean up, cook burgers and dogs or serve. Please notify Bruce Arey if you are able to help. Thank you as always.

Questions? Contact Bruce Arey

brucearey@hotmail.com

508-887-1253

Crabs, hamburgers, hot dogs, and extras!
Water, soda, wine & beer provided
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ASPS

Mail form and checks to:
Bruce Arey
8604 Wandering Fox Trail, Unit 401
Odenton, MD 21113



FILL OUT AND MAIL TO BRUCE BY 18 SEPTEMBER 2019

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Adults for Full Crab Feast: _____ x \$40 = \$ _____

Number of Adults for NO CRABS, Burgers/Dogs Only: _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Number of Children under 12: _____ x \$12 = \$ _____

Total Included: \$ _____

Membership Dinner Meeting

Thursday, 3 October 2019
Elks Lodge 2 Pythian Drive
Edgewater, MD 21037

Our speaker will be Robin Heintz Luxenburg of Williams & Heintz Map Corporation. Robin will speak about:

MAPS, CHARTS & CRUISING GUIDES: WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

Robin Heintz Luxenburg, of Williams & Heintz Map Corporation (publisher of MD&VA cruising guides, new Chesapeake Bay Wall Chart, and authorized printer of NOAA *Print On Demand* Charts) tells the history of W&H, challenges of keeping up with the latest changes in the Bay, and how the process of producing customized maps and charts has changed over the company's 100 years

**6:00 PM - Social Hour - Cheese & Veggie Platter
7:00 PM - Dinner Buffet**

**Lasagna, Chicken Parmesan,
Caesar Salad, Rolls, Dessert**

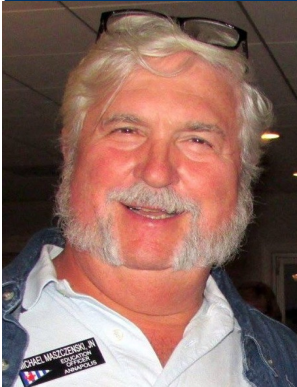
**If you want the vegetarian choice
(Penne pasta w/ veggies & fresh mozzarella balls),
please so indicate when making your reservation.**

**RSVP by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, 1 October 2019
By email to aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com
or call Lorrie at 410-305-0232.**

Please do not RSVP for October until after Sep 7

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





Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

The fall schedule is ready. We need you to register now, and bring your friends along.

The Sail course is a great way to learn, whether you have a sailboat, crew for someone else, or just

would like to learn how a sailboat works. Propane Systems is a new seminar that will help you understand propane or liquefied gas, a very popular cooking fuel. VHF/DSC is back by request (your radio is your friend) and another new seminar on AIS (Automatic Identification System), which is becoming affordable for recreational vessels. Come join us and remember to tell your friends, family and everyone you know about our courses and seminars. All are welcome.

Course: Sail

Place: Annapolis High School

Cost: \$55.00

Dates: Tuesdays, Sep 24, 2019 to Nov 19, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Sail is a complete course of 9 sessions, beginning with basic boat designs, rigging and sail processes for the non-sailor. The course proceeds into the physical aspects of sailing, sail applications, marlinespike, helmsmanship, and handling of more difficult sailing conditions, navigation rules, and an introduction to heavy weather sailing.

For full description use the following link:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/education-matters/in-person-boating-education/courses/sail>

Seminar: Propane Systems

Place: Annapolis High School

Cost: \$30.00

Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Materials: e-book format

Propane and butane, also known as LPG (Liquified Petroleum Gas), are the most common cooking fuels used on boats. While efficient, cost effective, and widely available, these fuels can also be dangerous. This seminar gives you the tools you

need to use propane fuel safely on the water. It explains boat propane systems, propane safety, and how to keep your boat and crew safe. Students receive a detailed student guide, with a glossary, inspection checklist, and standard operating plan for what to do when there is a leak.

For full description, use the following link:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/education-matters/in-person-boating-education/seminars/safety-matters/propane-systems-on-your-boat-seminar>

Seminar: Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio

Place: Annapolis High School

Cost: \$30.00 optional \$10.00 Quick Guide available

Date: Thursday, October 10, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

<https://americasboatingclub.org/education-matters/in-person-boating-education/seminars/safety-matters/vhf-vhf-dsc-seminar>

Seminar: AIS (Automatic Identification System)

Place: Annapolis High School

Cost: \$30.00

Date: Thursday, October 24, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Materials: e-book format

AIS Electronics for Boaters can help you decide if AIS is right for you. In this seminar, you will learn what AIS does, how it works, whether you need an AIS system (and, if so, with what capacity), how AIS differs from radar, how to use AIS to navigate more safely, and what to consider when integrating AIS with your existing electronics.



Winter / Spring in planning:

ABC 8 hr. edition (America's Boating Course)

This introductory course to boating is required for anyone needing the Boating Safety Card. If you were born after July 1972, you must have this card in order to legally operate a recreational vessel in Maryland. It is also the perfect course to learn or review boating safety and Maryland laws for boating.

Boat Handling This consists of the following 6 seminars and a test. Anyone who takes all 6 seminars and passes the test with an 80% or higher will receive the USPS grade of S. The course is 7 sessions. You may attend any of the seminars separately with no grade.

- ★ Rules of the Road – A Practical Approach
- ★ Confidence in Docking and Undocking – Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- ★ Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway
- ★ Anchoring with Assurance – Don't Get Carried Away
- ★ Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- ★ Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know.

If any of these are of interest to you please let me know as soon as possible.

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

Other local squadrons' activities are available to ASPS members:

Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron's newsletter, Tidelines, can be accessed at KNSPS: <https://www.usps.org/index.php/sss-home>.

Reach **Rockville Sail and Power Squadron** at: <http://www.rspsonline.org/>.

Reach **Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron** at: <http://www.uspsdundalk.org/>.

For Sale

Colored Anchor Line by Good Windlass Inc.
Used only one time in the bay
Original retail price: \$265.00

5/8" by 200 ' of anchor line

Color Marked
10-15' - Red,
50-60' - Blue,
100-110' Orange,
150-160' Green,
185-200' Red

Originally offered at half price.
Will take best offer.

Contact
Cdr Ron Ricketts
ron.ricketts1@gmail.com



Representational picture—
not the actual object.

(I copied this one from the
Good Windlass Inc. website)





The Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron
(a.k.a. America's Boating Club – Baltimore)
cordially invites you to



THE CHESTER RIVER CRUISE!

Friday, September 27 – Sunday, September 29, 2019

*Up a lazy river by the old mill run,
The lazy, lazy river in the noon day sun,
Linger in the shade of a kind old tree,
Throw away your troubles,
Dream a dream with me!*

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND

We'll be staying at Chestertown Marina.
207 South Water Street, Chestertown, Maryland 21620

Friday & Saturday evenings
Cocktails on the River at Sunset

Saturday night
Squadron Dinner at the Fish Whistle

Sunday morning
Pier side pancakes (with all the fixin's!)

YOU BET WE'RE COMING TO CHESTERTOWN!

Names: _____ By sea By land

- All Weekend Long
- Saturday Evening Cocktails at Sunset
- Saturday Night Dinner at the Fish Whistle
- Sunday Morning for Pancakes



*Please make your slip reservations directly with Chestertown Marina at 410-778-3616.
Tell them you're with the Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron!*

RSVP to P/C Doug Riley
623 Wilton Road, Towson, Maryland 21286
Home: 410-825-9632, or email dougriley@verizon.net





**DUNDALK SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR**



29TH ANNUAL CRAB FEAST!!

**Crabs, Crabs, Crabs & Corn-on-the-cob, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers,
Hot Dogs, Sausages, Vegetables, Peach Cake, Ice Cold Beer & Sodas**

“Live Entertainment”

Saturday, September 21, 2019
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB
800 Baltimore Yacht Club Road, Baltimore, MD 21221

----- Reservation Form -----

Name: _____ Boat Name _____

Arriving: ___ By Land, ___ By Sea, ___ Friday, August 24, ___ Saturday, August 25

___ Friday Night Pitch-In Cocktail Party (1800)

___ Saturday Afternoon Crab Feast (1400-1700)

___ Sunday Morning Pitch-In Breakfast (0800)



• Number of Adults _____ at \$50.00 each \$ _____

• Non-Crab Eaters _____ at \$25.00 each \$ _____

• Children (Under 13) _____ at \$15.00 each \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please return form & make your checks payable to:
Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron & mail them to
Lt/C Douglas Riley, AP 623 Wilton Road, Towson, MD 21286
For more information, contact Doug Riley at 410-825-9632 or DougRiley@verizon.net

Reservations need to be made on, or prior to September 13, 2019

Please make slip reservations directly with Baltimore Yacht Club: (410) 682-2310





Safety

D/Lt/C Jeff Short, JN-IN

“GO RIGHT! GO RIGHT! GO RIGHT,” I yelled at the skipper as I stuck my head up through the companionway. He was steering from the starboard ama of his 31 foot Corsair trimaran with his back to the water. Bearing down on us from behind him, out of the fading evening light, was a huge racing monohull. The closing speed was so fast that I dispensed with the nautical language of “starboard” and “port” to make my point immediately understood. “GO RIGHT!”

He pushed hard on the tiller and the trimaran spun to starboard. We ducked the monohull as it sped by our bow with only a few feet to spare. I’m not sure their skipper even knew we were there since his port side vision was blocked by their tremendous headsail. A collision at these speeds would have been catastrophic.

We were well into a 70 mile, overnight sailing regatta from Annapolis to St Mary’s City. Conditions were beautiful but it was starting to get dark, so I mentioned that I thought we should all have life jackets on. The entire crew agreed and, except for the helmsman, we ALL went below to put them on. With the helmsman intent on watching the sails to maintain boat speed, there were NO eyes left to keep a sharp look out on the water. In those few moments of distraction, we nearly caused a major accident.

The media is full of discussion about distracted driving on our roadways. Cellphone use is a major distraction, and many states have made it illegal to use cellphones while driving. There are major efforts to educate people about the dangers of texting and driving. I wonder if these efforts have made a difference yet since many times a day I see cars swerving down the road as their drivers are looking down at their phones. I’m also concerned about all the other activities they manage to do while driving, equally distracting as cellphone use. I’ve watched people eating while driving, watching movies on in-dash media displays, reading books in rush hour traffic, putting on makeup and even changing their clothes while driving down the road. It’s frightening.

Little is mentioned about distracted boating. Certainly cellphone use while boating is a significant issue. More than once, as a dark cloud forms on shore, I have seen everyone on my boat pull out their cellphones to look at their weather radar app. Good intentions, yes, but a serious distraction to keeping a sharp lookout. I’ve tried insisting that all cellphones remain in the cabin. But over the course of a 6 to 8 hour race, I see those cellphones appear on deck. Even the U.S. Coast Guard has had trouble with cellphones distracting their crew.

In 2010, the National Transportation Safety Board recommended that the U.S. Coast Guard adopt a policy for using cell phones and other wireless devices on board its vessels following two accidents involving Coast Guard vessels whose crewmembers had been using cellphones in conversations unrelated to vessel operations. An 8-year-old boy was killed and four others were injured aboard a recreational boat in San Diego harbor after a Coast Guard vessel collided with it. Two weeks earlier, a Coast Guard vessel collided with a small passenger boat in the Charleston, S.C. harbor, injuring six. More recently, there has been discussion about the distracted crew of large commercial ships due to cell phone use. The Coast Guard has



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issued a warning that policies should be made regulating cellphone use of crew members. That is good advice for skippers of recreational boats as well. But remember, distracted boating is not always due to cellphone use.

You may not ever have used your cellphone to text while you are boating. But have you ever been distracted by your chartplotter? We were approaching the finish line at the end of another overnight regatta. It was dark, about 4 AM. We were on my Gemini catamaran and had been racing for almost 9 hours. The crew and skipper were tired. Not at the top of our game, so to speak. The finish line was supposed to be at the mouth of the Severn River off the Naval Academy wall, but we were having trouble seeing anything because of the unbelievably bright spotlights shining directly in our face from a building on shore. We checked the chart plotter to locate the waypoint I had entered representing the finish line. ALL four of us onboard began scanning from the darkness, to the chart plotter, to the blinding lights from shore and back to the chart plotter desperately trying to find the finish line. Suddenly, one of my crew yelled, "GO RIGHT! GO RIGHT! GO RIGHT!" I swung the wheel hard right just as a monohull zipped past off our port side missing us by a few feet. After 9 hours of racing in the pitch dark without incident, we nearly lost everything at the finish line due to a few moments of distraction.

Distracted boating is not always due to cellphone use and more often may actually be due to common things we all do while boating, even things that we do to be safer boaters, such as putting on life jackets. After these two incidents, I am hyper-vigilant about getting my crew to LOOK OUTSIDE the boat. We put on lifejackets one crew member at a time. Only two crew looking at the chartplotter at a time. What other things do you do while boating that may be a distraction? How about coiling sheets, troubleshooting an engine miss, snapping a picture of the sunset?

Be vigilant. Insist that your crew always keep a sharp look out while underway. It only takes a moment of distraction to turn a lovely day on the water into tragedy. There will be plenty of time for cellphone use once safely at anchor or back in the slip.

Let's get out there and make the water a safer place for all of us to go boating.



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Ice Cream Social 15 August 2019 Slattery Pool House

About 40 folks were there. Lots of ice cream, including home churned. Lots of desserts to put it on. A wonderful pig out and time to visit and chat!



Calendar of Coming Events



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United States Power Squadrons® Events

8-15 Sep National Governing Board - Louisville, Kentucky

District 5 Events

26-29 Sep D/5 Trawler Fest - Harbor East Marina, Baltimore

Squadron Events - Annapolis and nearby squadrons

05 Sep ASPS Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge

06-08 Sep **Dundalk Celestial Nav Rendezvous**
Rock Hall, Maryland - CANCELLED

21 Sep Dundalk Crab Feast - Baltimore Yacht Club

25 Sep ASPS Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis High School

27-29 Sep Dundalk Chester River Cruise - Chestertown Marina

28 Sep ASPS Annual Crab Feast - Bay Ridge Community Center

29 Sep **Kent Narrows Octoberfest - CANCELLED**

03 Oct ASPS Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge

03-06 Oct United States Powerboat Show - Annapolis City Dock

10-14 Oct United States Sailboat Show - Annapolis City Dock

23 Oct ASPS Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis High School

07 Nov ASPS Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge

07-10 Nov D/5 Fall Educational Conference

27 Nov ASPS Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis High School

05 Dec ASPS Holiday Party

18 Dec ASPS Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis High School

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