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#### Commander's Message Cdr Peggy Slattery, S

Chesapeake Bay boaters are not fond of December. It is cold. It is dreary. We can't go out on our boats as easily. On the other hand, in past years, December led to more indoor events with friends and family. However, that is not so true this year. The pandemic is trying to keep us apart, and we can't even get out on a boat to 'socially distance.' But boaters are resilient. We are more than able to find joy in even the littlest things.

The District 5 Educational Meeting was held at the beginning of November. I am happy to report that we were recognized several times. It was reported that we have a new 50-year member – Gerald Iler! The power of Annapolis continues to be the long and continuous commitment of our members. We also had nominated two of our members for the Chapman award, acknowledging outstanding commitment to our education program. Both P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN, and P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN, are outstanding instructors, but D/5 will only give the award to one person! It is a pleasure to

announce that John Wesley Nash is the district Chapman award winner. His nomination package has been

forwarded to National for consideration at that level. Let's all hope that he takes the award there as well.

I continue to look for joy in the things that our squadron can do. We had our first virtual meeting in November with over 40 members and friends attending. Dr. Jana Davis, from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, was an excellent speaker. She did a great job of sharing information about the

bay and what her organization is doing to help the health of the bay. We also had the opportunity to formally welcome two new members to our squadron. We actually have been gaining membership during this time. As of this date, we have nine new members. Overall, feedback from this meeting has been very positive.

I also find joy in the fact that our membership continues to support the community. We heard back from the Anne Arundel County Food Bank just recently. They reported that we donated 295 pounds of food and \$1,435. Thanks to all the members that gave from their hearts for this great cause.

Although we will not be able to have our regular December party this year, we do plan to hold a celebration of sorts on Zoom. Some things

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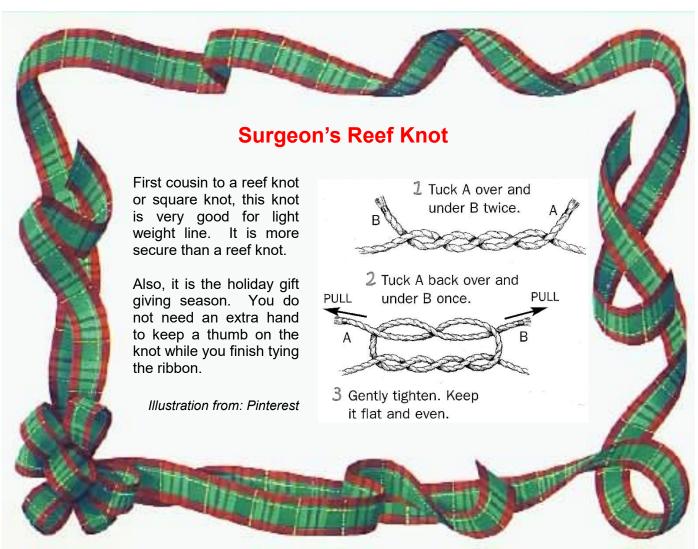


will remain the same. We still want to continue our tradition of supporting the Toys for Tots drive. In these times, it's important that we support our community as best we can. So, we will be asking you to make a donation. I hope that you will be able to help us make a brighter holiday for some children in our area. Information about how to donate can be found later in this issue.

Finally, we all need to remember that the best thing about December is that it is closer to Spring than we were in September. That means it is not too soon to think about all the fun things you want to do out on the Chesapeake in the Spring. We will be out on the water again before you know it. In the meantime, sign up for classes and seminars. Attend virtual meetings. Reach out to squadron friends to make sure everyone is okay. We will get through this together. I look forward to seeing you in person soon.

# "Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day."

-- Henri Nouwen







#### **Administrative Officer**

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

As I look over the past few months, I am reminded of a great quotation attributed to M. Scott Peck – "Going into the unknown is invariably frightening, but we learn what is significantly new only through adventures." I had a vision for my year as Administrative Officer. I had talked at length with members of the Executive Committee, and I thought I knew what members would like for a year full of squadron events. And then came the pandemic...

I have been working on going into the unknown by trying activities in a virtual reality. But, like everyone, I was anxious about moving 'too far from the shore' – those things that were familiar to me. I started slowly with MATEY – a nautical trivia contest based on bingo games. I remain surprised by how popular the event has been. In fact, several squadrons have contacted me to ask for information – and to borrow our materials!

Last month, we had another interesting event. We tried a photo contest. I can now report that it was quite successful. We had 75 photos entered. I cannot thank our membership enough for the support continually given to our activities. At the recent D/5 Educational Conference, I talked about the photo contest. One participant reported that they had tried it – and gotten ONE entry. Annapolis always answers the call, and I am so grateful.

With these events behind me, I decided to try to expand my horizons. On 12 November, we had our first virtual meeting. Over 40 participants showed up to hear Dr. Jana Davis, from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, talk about the Chesapeake Bay. The feedback from her presentation has been great. So, we will try another virtual meeting this month.

Traditionally, December is the party meeting. We will try to honor that by combining a variety of activities during this meeting. Participants are encouraged to wear their holiday best. Trivia contests will abound. We will have 2 drink demonstrations again. Join us on 3 December for the best virtual holiday party ever! Plan to honor our tradition of supporting Toys for Tots by participating in a virtual toy drive. Information on that is available in this newsletter. We will also have a special guest speaker for the evening. Information on that will be forthcoming as we get all the details in place.

As always, I hope you continue to stay safe and to stay warm. Remember to send me any ideas you have for our virtual events. I do hope to see you soon. ■





Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love.

-Hamilton Wright Mabie





#### Executive Officer P/C Bruce Arey, JN

Most likely by this time, most boats have been put in storage for the winter season, putting an end to one of the most unusual boating seasons in recent memory. As we move our activities indoors, please remember to be vigilant regarding COVID-19, especially during the coming holiday season. It appears, as I write this in mid-November, that COVID-19 will continue to be a danger to the public into next year. Knowing that, I remain hopeful that ASPS can continue to be a valuable resource to the community through our educational

offerings via Zoom. Only time will tell if outdoor activities such as the Annapolis Boat Shows and other in -person boating activities will be held next year.

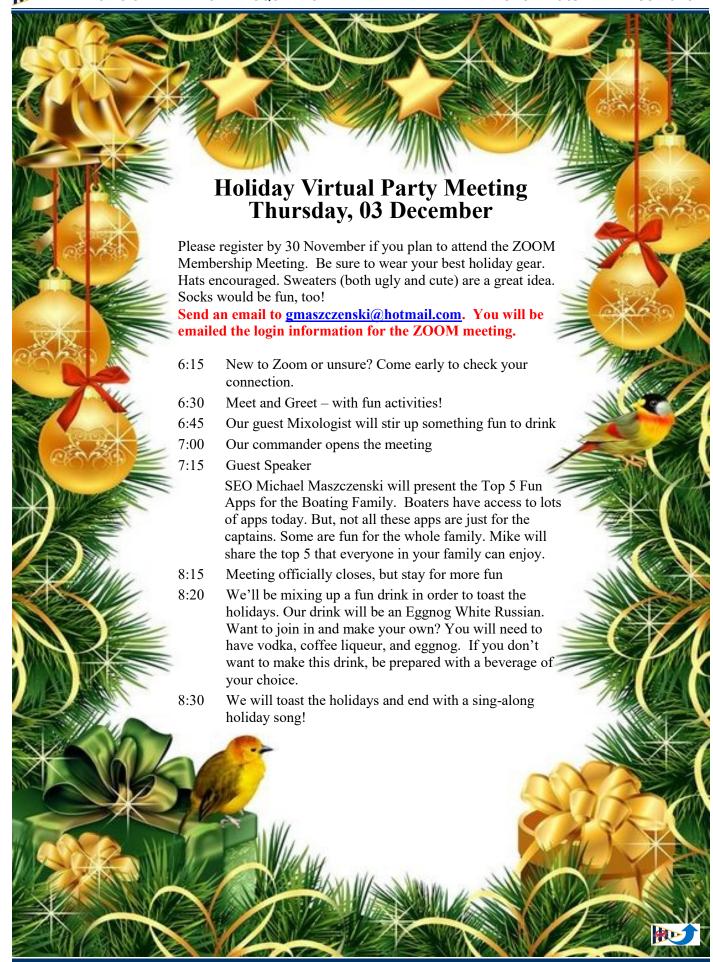
Let us continue to look forward to all the ASPS activities you can become involved with when the full "Stay at Home" ban is lifted, such as monthly dinner meetings and educational classes.



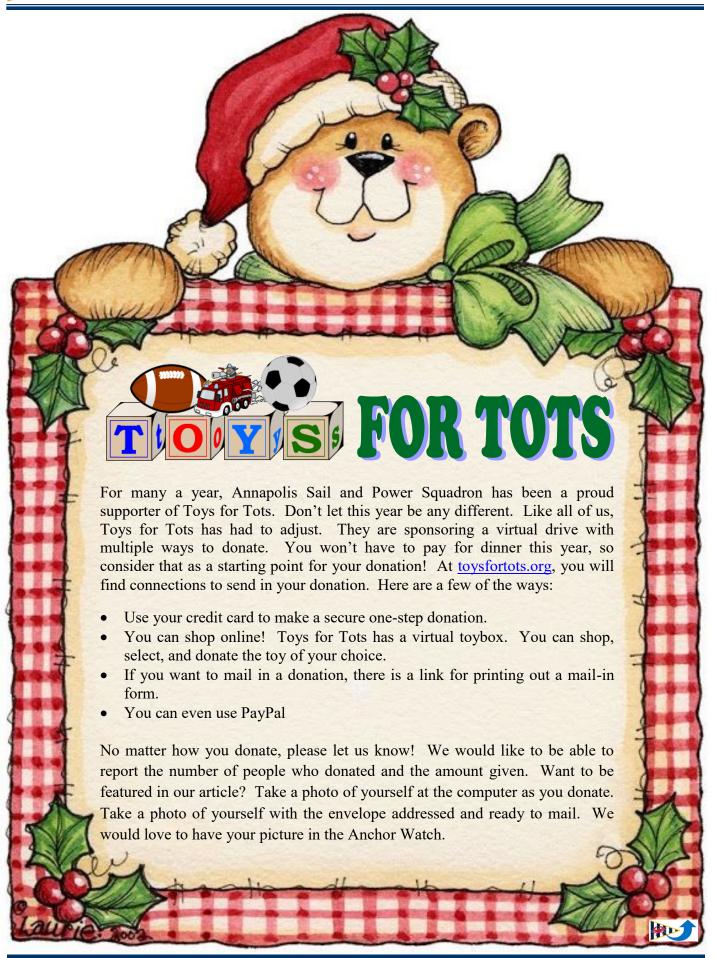


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#### **Meeting Memories**

#### Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

There was a time when this column was called Dinner Delights. Obviously, that title does not work currently. We held our first virtual meeting in November on Zoom. We did have cocktails before and after the meeting – you just had to bring your own. If you had no idea what you wanted to drink, Lorrie Short inspired us by demonstrating how to make a frozen drink with Kahlua and chocolate before the meeting started. See page 9 for recipes.

Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Jana Davis from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Her talk was entitled: *Uniqueness of the Chesapeake Bay: The Good, the Bad, and the Solutions*. If you were unable to attend, here are some of the things that we learned:

- The Chesapeake Bay has 64,000 square miles of watershed across 6 states and the District of Columbia.
- If you exclude the channel, the mean depth of the bay is 6 feet.
- One issue facing the bay is that the rate of impervious surface has been increasing at 5 times that of the population growth.
- Because the bay spans across so many districts, it is impacted by many different issues. For example, all of us remember the debris in the bay from the opening of the floodgates at the Conowingo Dam. That was not all debris from Maryland. Much of the water in the Chesapeake Bay comes from the Susquehanna via Pennsylvania.



- The Chesapeake Bay Trust provides grants to organizations in order to empower them to improve stormwater drainage on their property.
- Oysters are still not doing well. Currently, harvests are around 1% of historic levels.
- The Striped Bass population is a success story. Counts of females continue to be at high levels.
- The Chesapeake Bay Trust raises funds to support grants and programs through the sale of license plates.
- 184,997 native trees, pollinator plants, and other native plants have been installed due to grants and programs led by the Chesapeake Bay Trust.
- This organization has mobilized 20,647 volunteers with a total of 142,784 hours donated.

Even virtually, our meetings offer fellowship and information. We look forward to being able to get together at dinners sometime in the future. Until then, join us virtually at meetings and other activities. We look forward to seeing you.



## **Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN

As I was contemplating a safety article for the December Anchor Watch, my hero Georgiana Maszczenski pointed out an article in the November 2020 issue of Compass, the America's Boating Club magazine, dealing with how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

This article stuck a nerve with me because I just had a friend tell me that he must replace the exhaust system on his sailboat because it has rusted and is leaking carbon monoxide. He put off the repair until after his winter haul out because it will be a high-ticket item. He described the precautions that he had

to take to delay the work; most are listed in the article. The significance of the topic is that the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning is not a summertime issue limited to boats. As we move indoors for the winter, the risk moves inside with us. Carbon monoxide sensors save lives, on the water or in our homes.

Reprinted from: <a href="https://boatingcompass.org/prevent-carbon-monoxide-poisoning/">https://boatingcompass.org/prevent-carbon-monoxide-poisoning/</a>

Odorless, colorless and tasteless, carbon monoxide (CO) gas is often called the "silent killer" because it effectively blocks oxygen delivery to the body, causing a startling number of fatalities each year. Carbon monoxide poisoning deaths can also happen aboard your vessel. Learning how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning will help keep you safe on the water year-round.

Boat engines, cabin heaters, generators and galley stoves can all produce carbon monoxide, with engine and generator exhaust being the most prevalent source. CO fumes can also accumulate in areas away from the exhaust source.

In the absence of a breeze, high CO levels can cause unconsciousness in minutes. Without a carbon monoxide detector onboard, CO is often impossible to detect before it overcomes a victim, who is then too weak to escape or summon help.

#### Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning

The symptoms of mild CO poisoning can mimic seasickness, colds, and flu:

- ★ Nausea, weakness, dizziness, or headache
- ★ Ringing ears and watering eyes
- ★ Cherry-red coloring to the skin

Moderate carbon monoxide poisoning can cause

- ★ Lightheadedness or headache
- ★ Drowsiness
- ★ Unconsciousness
- ★ Death

Severe CO poisoning can result in damage to the brain or heart followed by death.

#### How to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning on your boat

Prevent CO buildup by regularly checking for leaks in your engine and generator exhaust systems and in the seals around your hatches and portholes. Take the following precautions:

- \* Check the ventilation of your alcohol stove.
- ★ Maintain your generators meticulously.
- \* Run your exhaust blowers while using generators.
- \* Ensure that air flows freely from front to back on a moving boat; avoid the station wagon effect.
- ★ Keep passengers clear of the platform over engine or generator exhaust when running unless there is a strong airflow.



- ★ Be cautious about running engines or generators when anchored, moored, or docked unless there is a substantial breeze; do not run generators overnight when stopped.
- ★ Do not allow anyone in the water to approach within 10 to 20 feet of the engines or generator exhaust.
- ★ Do not tow anyone close to the boat while underway.
- \* Check stove and other fuel-burning device vents for leaks; keep vents clear.
- \* Beware of nearby boats with engines or generators running; stay clear or move away.
- ★ Install CO alarms in your boat's cockpit, cabin and sleeping areas, and test the alarms regularly. If you already have a CO detector installed, it might be time to consider replacement. ■



# Celebrate the Season!

The recent virtual membership meeting also featured Lorrie Short and Georgiana Maszczenski demonstrating two drink recipes. They are reprinted here by request.

Missing that boating experience? You can see it in a glass. Even better, you can drink it.

#### Sea Water

- Fill a tall glass with ice.
- Pour in one shot of Curacao carefully. You might want to pour it over a spoon into the glass.
- Pour in one shot of vodka carefully.
- Pour in one shot of Irish Crème liqueur carefully.
- Finish it off by slowly adding cola until the glass is full.



Lorrie Short demonstrated making a yummy drink for us. Here's her recipe:

Get out that blender! Add these ingredients:

- 1 cup ice cubes
- ½ cup brewed coffee
- ½ cup coffee liqueur
- 1 ½ teaspoons of sugar
- 1 tablespoon chocolate sauce



Blend well. Now, it's time to work on the presentation!

You need a 14 ounce Old Fashioned glass. Drizzle chocolate syrup on the sides of your glass. Pour your drink into the glass. Add even more by topping it with whipped cream and chocolate sprinkles!







# **Boating Links to Browse**

◆ Gary Jobson has an interesting article on the importance of learning to sail as a part of the Naval Academy Curriculum: https://whatsupmag.com/culture/sports/ship-shape/

♦ The AGE OF SAIL is.....NOW. Shipbuilder Wallenius Marine has designed a transatlantic car carrier that cuts carbon emissions by 90%, compared to standard car carriers. They plan to have one in service by 2024. <a href="https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/oceanbird-wind-powered-car-carrier-spc-intl/index.html">https://www.cnn.com/travel/article/oceanbird-wind-powered-car-carrier-spc-intl/index.html</a>

In the meantime, freighters can be retrofitted with sails to cut fuel usage: <a href="https://www.maritime-executive.com/index.php/article/dutch-freighter-to-be-retrofitted-with-folding-wing-sails">https://www.maritime-executive.com/index.php/article/dutch-freighter-to-be-retrofitted-with-folding-wing-sails</a>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYv6k5A-kHg

The Flettner-Rotor is an old wind technology, now recycled and used to power freighters: <a href="https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/flettner-rotor-exceeds-expectations">https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/flettner-rotor-exceeds-expectations</a>

Or this offering from France, in the planning stages, which looks like a more conventional sailing vessel: <a href="https://www.neoline.eu/en/">https://www.neoline.eu/en/</a>

♦ And if wind power is not your thing, how about solar. This yacht is currently available only for the very well heeled, but might foretell the future in boating for many folks.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVG5SMwxLYY

And other solar-powered boats of every description; some exist and some are in design: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHnYZidvVz4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHnYZidvVz4</a>



♦ Every boater needs this aboard for quick reference when traveling in unfamiliar waters. A 19-page downloadable PDF from the Coast Guard on U.S Aids to Navigation. Full color, very readable, great illustrations! https://uscqboating.org/images/486.PDF

◆Cold Water Survival - from Practical Sailor. What really happens when you go overboard in cold water and what you can do to increase your chances of survival: <a href="https://www.practical-sailor.com/safety-seamanship/cold-water-survival">https://www.practical-sailor.com/safety-seamanship/cold-water-survival</a>



◆ For more useful and interesting nautical-related links, see the "Links Page" on the ASPS website: https://www.aspsmd.org/links.htm





#### **Educational Officer**

#### Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

It is with great honor we celebrate two of our instructors receiving recognition from District 5. P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN, and P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN, were Chapman Award nominees. Congratulations to John Wesley Nash who won the Chapman Award for teaching excellence for District 5. His nomination now proceeds to National for consideration.

We are currently completing Advanced Piloting, Cruising and Cruise Planning, Life Jacket Labeling Explained and Apps for Boaters. We have had a full fall schedule in spite of Covid-19.

Our education program will break until January, when I will be lining up a spring program. Visit our website for early details of ASPS events: <a href="https://www.aspsmd.org">www.aspsmd.org</a>.

Other local squadrons' activities are available to ASPS members:

**Kent Narrows Sail and Power** 12 January 2021 - Boat Handling

Registration for KNSPS: Call 773-351-2403

WEB Site and Newsletter: http://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-kn

Reach Rockville Sail and Power Squadron at: www.abcrockville.org

Reach Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron at: https://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-dk.



# District 5 Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching







P/C John Wesley Nash America's Boating Club® Annapolis







# Fall Photo Contest

Our Fall Photo Contest was a big success. We had 75 photos submitted, and all of them were wonderful shots of our area during this colorful season. We will continue to share photos in the upcoming months. For now, here are some of the highlights.

Congratulations go out to Debbie Arey. Her photo was the randomly chosen winner. All of the photos submitted were so great, that we were unable to pick the "best." Instead, we let the random generator choose for us!

Taken on a recent Fall boat trip on the bay.





On the night of the photo gallery reveal, we asked everyone who attended to vote for their favorite photos. We tallied up those votes to find the Viewers' Choice Award! Betty Wilmot captured everyone's attention with this great shot of two deer in Western Maryland.

Some of the other entries are on the following pages.





Sunset Over Deep Creek by Nancy Gorman

**Anchor Watch** 

This is a photo looking down the front lawn of the Wilmots' home, toward their boat dock on Deep Creek Lake in Western Maryland.

Driftwood by Linda Serf-McGeehan

Taken on a trip to South Carolina, this picture captures the artistry of nature.





Pumpkin by Kathy Nash

The heron looks like he is curious about the pumpkin. This was taken in front of the Nash's neighbor's home.







Lorrie in Leaves by Jeff Short

This was taken during a bike trip along the C&O Canal.



Zeus by Richard Dodson

Like all kitties, Zeus knows that a background of fall colors complements his fur coat.

Mums by Susan Gilbert

Ever the gardener, Susan dresses up her house for Fall despite the pandemic.





Woods Hole by Barb Hirsch

Taken on a recent trip to New England.

Up North by Ralph Leasure

Muddy Creek Falls was the backdrop for this photo taken on a visit to the Wilmots in Western Maryland



#### Spider Bales by Toni Hughes

Every year, this spider appears on a farm in South County. This year it was sporting a mask. Hmmm.











The pandemic has been hard on everything and everyone, including non-profits. America's Boating Club members were sent this in an email. We have reprinted it here. Please consider a donation to this fine organization, which promotes boating safety and education, thus making a better boating experience for all.



### Together, we make boating better

Members of America's Boating Club are a family of choice — a community of dedicated, like-minded boating enthusiasts with the shared mission of making boating better.

This year, the coronavirus pandemic curtailed many of our volunteer activities. Suddenly unable to teach inperson classes, we also lost one of our primary sources of revenue: income from courses and new members, whose dues and volunteerism sustain us.

To help reduce the income shortfall, we've adapted. We received a PPP loan and cut expenses across the board. We developed a way for squadrons to teach remotely and created an online learning center. Although these changes have helped close the gap, we need to do more to position ourselves for the future—whatever it may bring.

That's why we're asking for your help. This year, we're participating in Giving Tuesday on December 1. A global generosity movement, Giving Tuesday unleashes the power of people and organizations, like ours, to transform communities and the world.

Your generous gift will help support our organization through these challenging financial times, go toward developing mission-critical educational programs and help ensure our organization's future so that together, we can continue to make boating better.

Until we can be together in person again, we want to thank you for your volunteerism, your donations of time and money, and all the many things you do to support our mission. Your dedication and selfless contributions keep this ship afloat.

We hope you will join us by donating on or before December 1. To learn more about Giving Tuesday, visit GivingTuesday.org and our giving website, GiveABC.org. Don't forget to include your member number.

To donate offline, you can mail your check to United States Power Squadrons, PO Box 30423, Raleigh, NC 27622. Make sure to let us know that your donation is for Giving Tuesday and please include your member number and email address, so we can record and acknowledge your generosity.

Yours in safe boating,

Your Board of Directors: Mary Paige Abbott, Craig Fraser, Bill McManimen, Ralph Bernard, Harry Hebb, Diana Jackson and Gary Cheney



The recent D/5 Fall conference was a great success. If you missed it, you still have a chance to see any or all of the sessions. They were all recorded. This link will take you to all of the USPS D/5 2020 Virtual Fall Educational Conference Sessions video recordings:

- Click here to Login: <a href="https://abc-midatlantic.org/member-login">https://abc-midatlantic.org/member-login</a>
- Enter you email and D/5 password
- Select the Resources menu and choose 2020 Fall conference Videos



- You will end up here: <a href="https://abc-midatlantic.org/resources/2020-fall-conference-videos">https://abc-midatlantic.org/resources/2020-fall-conference-videos</a>
- Choose the video you wish to view







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America's Boating Club at Kent Narrows Web Page

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## **Calendar of Coming Events**

**United States Power Squadrons® Events** 

07-13 Feb USPS National Annual Meeting - Ponte Vedra, FL

**District 5 Events** 

25 - 28 Mar D/5 Spring Conference - Ocean City, MD

**Squadron Events - Annapolis and nearby squadrons** 

03 Dec	Holiday Party - ZOOM
16 Dec	Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM
17 Dec	Matey Bingo Night - ZOOM
07 Jan	Dinner Meeting - ZOOM
22 Jan	Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM
07 Feb	Dinner Meeting - ZOOM
24 Feb	Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM
13 Mar	Change of Watch - ZOOM
24 Mar	Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM

Note: All ASPS meetings will be via ZOOM until further notice

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

www.aspsmd.org/calendar.htm

#### SUNSHINE LADY

If you know of anyone sick or in the hospital, please contact our sunshine lady.

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#### **ASPS Squadron Leadership**

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#### **Anchor Watch**

**Deadline for January Newsletter:** 

Wednesday, 16 December 2020

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