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Commander's Message

Cdr Ron Ricketts, S

Where's the snow? Who knows? Given that winter officially started on 21 December and the start date of spring is 19 March, it is safe to say we are on the backside of winter without having yet experienced a major snowfall. Our recent temperatures have been moderate.



So, let's hope this means an early spring. This thought is certainly not based on any metrological guidance, but we can hope, can't we?

I often enjoy walking a few blocks from my home to look across the Chesapeake Bay and think of summer fun to come. But, on more than one occasion this month I have looked out to a blanket of thick FOG. This is the kind of fog more familiar to those from the New England area. However, fog like this is a weather condition for which we boaters need to be prepared. This is why you should consider taking advantage of our upcoming RADAR course, which P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN, will be teaching on Thursday evenings from 17 March through 14 April. It is all about planning for the unexpected.

So, what does one do during the gray months of winter, now that the holidays are behind us? Take time to plan your boating season. Spring is on its way! Administrative Officer, Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN, and Executive Officer, Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S, are already hard at work planning activities for our next season. The 2020-21 season will surely shape up quickly and I hope you are all thinking ahead to boating adventures that await.

On 11 January Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S, P/C John Wilmot, JN, and I attended the annual planning meeting hosted by Dundalk squadron. This meeting was a great opportunity to discuss how our organizations can work together to plan several joint events. One such joint event will be the 2020 Crab Feast. The Dundalk squadron is keen to join us for our great crab feast at the Bay Ridge Marina. Dundalk and other squadrons will have many folks cruising over to rendezvous in Lake Ogleton for crabs, burgers, games and good times!

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Our first big event of the season is our Founders Day brunch on 2 February. Our guest speaker will be District 5 Commander, Walter Neese, SN-IN. On Founders Day, the Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominees for our 2020-21 Bridge. We will also have a preliminary activities calendar shaped up by then.

Please take time to look over our activities calendar for the upcoming season and bring forward your ideas and suggestions to the bridge. Now is the time to plan your summer, and it is a great way to keep the winter blues away.

One topic that we discussed at our last dinner meeting was new name badges that District 5 has agreed to provide to all squadrons. The new name tags highlight our USPS America’s Boating Club brand and aligns us to the branding initiative, while still recognizing our heritage as the ASPS. We will order new badges (at no cost) for the upcoming season.

Current ASPS members and associates will be receiving an email, within a few weeks, regarding the new name tags. Each member will receive detailed instructions and can choose to have either a STANDARD format or a CUSTOMIZED format to include rank and grade on their name tag. All members who do not request a CUSTOMIZED name tag will be provided one in the STANDARD format.

ASPS OLD FORMAT



STANDARD NEW FORMAT



CUSTOMIZED FORMAT



The new America’s Boating Club name tags will have a white background, as shown above. Name tags with either the old format or the new format can be used at any ASPS or USPS function. For those that work at boat shows, name tags with the new format are preferred in order to highlight the national branding initiative.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Founders Day!





Your Valentine needs a warm jacket
ASPS Logo Clothing at
<http://asps.qbstores.com>







Executive Officer
Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S

“February is the border between winter and spring.”

-Terri Guillemets

February is already here! This month brings us one step closer to getting back out on the water. I hope you are making plans for the upcoming boating season, and that those plans include activities with Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron. Although we always look forward to seeing you on the water, your help is also needed at a boat show. We're back at the Annapolis Sailboat Show on 24, 25 and 26 April. The boat shows are one of the ways that we promote our organization. It's our chance to shine in our own community. We would love to have you there helping out! We'll be calling on our membership to work a shift or two in the booth.

Meanwhile, Maryland continues to work to make our state better. Our legislators have passed a bill that prohibits landfills from accepting compostable material – both yard waste and food – unless they can compost it themselves. If you take your leaves to a landfill as you are cleaning up for the spring, make sure they can compost the yard waste. Another change is that potable water and water from ice makers can now be diverted from your septic system. You can use that water for gardening or composting. On the horizon, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation will be promoting legislation to encourage investments in natural filters like trees and oysters. If you live on the water, you can do your part by planting trees and by volunteering to grow oysters at your dock.

Finally, I cannot resist reminding you again that we need members to help out on the Vessel Safety Check committee. P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN does a wonderful job in coordinating this very useful service to our boating community. Becoming a volunteer is not really all that hard. It does not require experts on engines, electronics, or any other boat system. You will be taught everything you need to know. Once you qualify, you'll have the opportunity to see some beautiful vessels. Better still, you will have the opportunity to meet some great people – who might just be interested in joining Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron! Contact Kathy at vsc@aspsmd.org, or call her at 410-703-9559.

Until next month, stay warm and dream of boating.



**Take a break from Utility! For February? What Else?
The True Lover's Knot AKA Jury-Mast-Knot**

Now, it's just considered decorative. But, in the days of wooden sailing ships it was used as a utility knot.

Picture from:

<http://www.handymariner.com/jury-mast-knot/>

Directions here also.

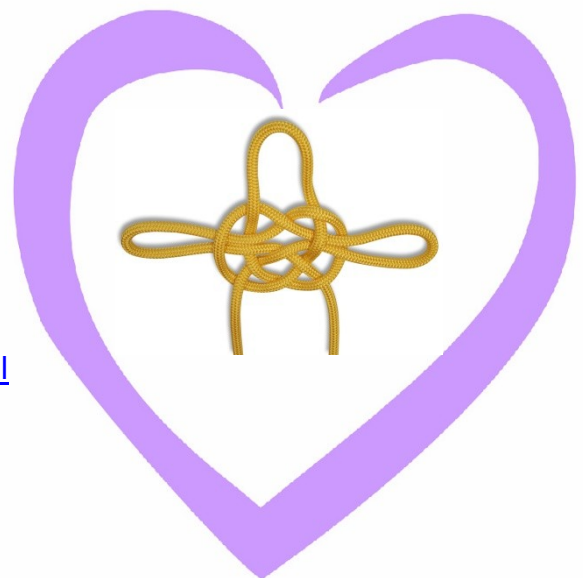
Review this knot (also with directions) and other knots at:

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

Other great web sites:

<https://www.animatedknots.com/>

<https://www.101knots.com/>





Administrative Officer

P/C Bruce Arey, JN

It's hard to believe that it is already February and many of you will start getting your boats ready for spring next month. Of course, in honor of Valentine's Day, I want to send out a much appreciated thank you to all of you who have volunteered for Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron. Even the smallest thing that you did – thinking it meant nothing at all – helps make our squadron a great organization.

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

2 February – It's time for our annual Founders Day Brunch. Registration closed on 20 January. However, if you still wish to attend, call Lorrie Short at 410-305-0232 to see if a spot is available.

21 March – Change of Watch. Our new bridge officers will be installed at this event. Be sure to get your reservations in early. [See Page 8.](#)

Sometime in March – Harun and Leyla Kazaz are in the process of setting up a visit to either the Coast Guard Sector in Baltimore or the Station in Annapolis. Thank you Harun and Leyla!

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



Download a Member Roster from the New ASPS Web Site

- ★ Go to the ASPS web site and click **Leadership and Contacts** or click this link <https://www.aspsmd.org/keycontacts.htm>
- ★ You should see what is below.

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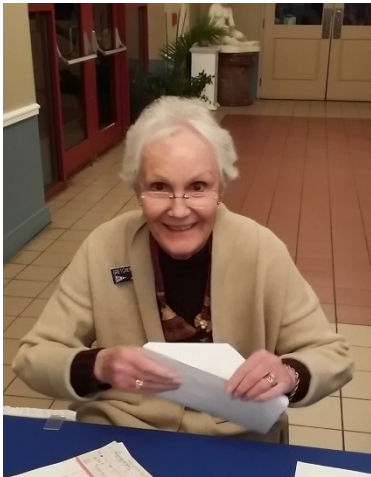
ASPS Bridge: 2019 - 2020 Watch

Membership Roster available for Download: [CLICK HERE](#) - (Squadron Members Only)

- ★ Click to access the roster. Enter the password.
- ★ If you need the password, email the [Secretary](#) and it will be provided.
- ★ Save the roster to your local drive.



**Dinner Meeting
2 January 2020
Elks Lodge**



Gretchen Cupples greets everyone at the door.



Rich Hughes, Peggy Slattery, and Joy Lyness



Ralph and Diane Leasure
Ralph won the 50/50 and donated it back to ASPs.



Jeff Short and Ron Ricketts.
Jeff will take over in March as District 5 Commander.



Ron Ricketts and Sam Lyness



Howard Cupples and Carol Rechner



Pat McGeehan and John Wesley Nash.
Pat is hopeful that soon he can get rid of the sling.



Ed Sunderland and Homer Sandridge



Larry Groce and Michael Maszczenski



Dinner Delights

P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S



Couldn't make the January meeting? You missed a great presentation by our Treasurer, Terry Slattery.

Terry took us around the Caribbean on LUX, the catamaran he co-captains with four other members of ASPS. Terry's presentation was a visual treat, so Dinner Delights chose to highlight some of his pictures.

Many of you have seen or even been aboard LUX. Terry explained that she came from



Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. Tom Campbell, Linda Sweeting, Howard Cupples, and Sam Lyness joined the crew in helping to bring her to Annapolis.

Things always break on a boat, so repairs have to be made – even while you are underway.

Taking coursework from ASPS was also helpful – especially with navigation!





Of course, boating is also about the adventure. LUX has been to many exotic locations. Having a nice dingy has helped in exploring all about the islands.

Our meetings always feature a speaker with something interesting to share. Often, it is an outside expert. But, it doesn't always have to be! All of our members have had great experiences on the water. If you have a topic or would like to offer to do a presentation for a future dinner meeting, please think about volunteering. Contact me at anchorwatch@aspsmd.org, and we can work on featuring YOU at a future meeting!





ANNAPOLIS SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
Cdr Ron Ricketts, S, & Karen Ricketts
Request the honor of your presence at the

**79th Annual
Change of Watch**

Renditions Golf Club
1380 West Central Avenue
Davidsonville, MD 21035

Saturday, 21 March 2020 (NEW DATE)

6:00 PM Cash Bar
7:00 PM Dinner
7:45 PM Ceremony

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

Reservations open on 3 February 2020

Please send an email to
aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com **by 14 March**
With your choice of entrée(s) and dessert(s).

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

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

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





ASPS 2020-2021 Slate of Nominees

P/C Joel Hilden, AP

Nomination Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the Slate of Nominees for the 2020-2021 year. We sincerely thank all squadron members who accepted nominations. **Elections will be held at the ASPS Founders Day Brunch on 2 February 2020.**

All nominees listed below have been qualified. Any required waivers have been obtained from the District 5 Commander.

Bridge:

Commander:	Peggy Slattery, S
Executive Officer:	Bruce Arey, JN
Administrative Officer:	Georgiana Maszczenski, S
Asst Administrative Officer:	Susan Gilbert
Educational Officer:	Mike Maszczenski Jr., N
Asst Educational Officer:	Patrick McGeehan, P
Secretary:	Carol Rechner, SN
Asst Secretary:	Linda Sweeting
Treasurer:	Terry Slattery
Asst Treasurer:	Tom Campbell
Immediate Past Commander:	Ron Ricketts, S

Executive Committee Members:

Jon Evans	Ed Sunderland, JN
Harun Kazaz	Priscilla Travis
Ralph Leasure	Bill Vosburgh
Art Pine, AP	John Wilmot, JN

Nominating Committee:

Jeff Short, JN-IN - Chair
 Gary Antonides, AP
 Philip Rondeau, N
 Tony Martin, JN
 Ron Ricketts, S

Audit Committee

Bill Klepczynski, JN - Chair
 Rich Hughes, SN-IN
 Jon Evans

Rules Committee:

Stu Myers, AP - Chair
 Sandrine Hilden
 Purnell Delly

Please join me in thanking the other Nominating Committee members for their hard work in developing this year's slate: D/Lt/C Jeff Short, JN-IN, P/C Tony Martin, JN, P/Lt/C Gary Antonides, AP, and Phil Rondeau, N. Your hard work and dedication to the Squadron is greatly appreciated



Prepare for a successful Vessel Safety Check
 Visit the Virtual VSC web page
<https://bit.ly/2EiAnVS>
 and complete a self-examination of your vessel.

Then schedule a VSC by an ASPS examiner by
 emailing P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN,
 ASPS Vessel Safety Check Chair



Founders Day Celebration

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

Sunday, 2 February 2020 at 11 AM

Renditions Clubhouse
1380 West Central Avenue (Hwy 214)
Davidsonville, MD 21035

Buffet—\$27 per person
Payable by check or cash at the door
Questions? Call Lorrie at 410-305-0232.

Reminder

You must have a reservation to attend this event.

Call Lorrie at 410-305-0232 if you missed the deadline of 20 January but still wish to attend.



Remember our Presidents

Not only is February the time to reflect back on the folks who founded United States Power Squadrons®. February is also the time to remember the brave folks who put their lives on the line to found and preserve this wonderful country in which we live.



Boating Links to Browse

◆ Checking Your Inflatable Life Vest:

<https://www.westmarine.com/WestAdvisor/DIY-Check-Your-Inflatable-Life-Vest>

<https://www.westmarine.com/WestAdvisor/Inflatable-Life-Jacket-Rearming-Kits>

https://www.mustangsurvival.com/en_US/html-module/pfd-inspection-maintenance.html

◆ Omega Protein, a Canadian company, must stop taking all of the menhaden out of the bay

<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/feds-put-deadline-on-va-menhaden-harvest-compliance/>

◆ The SS John W. Brown finds a new home

<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baltimore-liberty-ship-to-find-home-at-former-beth-steel-shipyard/>

◆ Maryland State Requirements for Recreational Vessels - Useful Documents from the MD Department of Natural Resources:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/Documents/BoatingSafety/recreationvessels.pdf>

https://dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/Documents/BoatingSafety/Required_Equipment_Checklist.pdf

◆ Video of Coast Guard swapping out summer buoys for winter ones

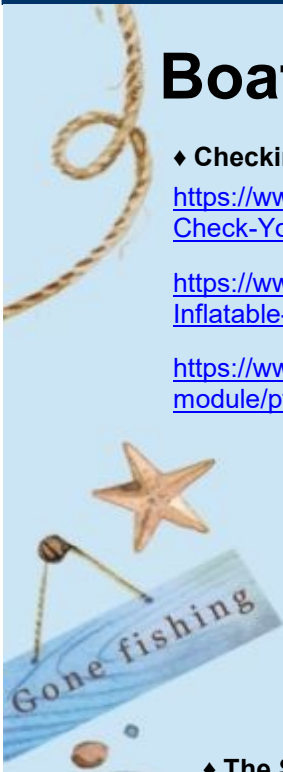
<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/video-uscg-hauls-dozens-of-bay-buoys-for-the-winter/>

◆ Carbon Monoxide Safety:

<https://www.westmarine.com/WestAdvisor/Carbon-Monoxide-Safety>

<https://www.fireboy-xintex.com/marine-carbon-monoxide-detector-end-of-life/>

<https://www.robsonforensic.com/articles/marine-carbon-monoxide-expert-witness/>





ASPS Website: Recent Revisions

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN
ASPS Instructor, Webmaster & Port Captain

Over the last six weeks, the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadrons website (www.aspsmd.org) has received major revisions and updates. The look, content, and functionality were significantly modified. The current version of the website has little in common with the previous version.

The initial catalyst for this effort was in response to notification received in mid-October from the USPS Communications Committee stating that our website was not in compliance with USPS standards for squadrons. Therefore, ASPS would not be eligible for the Distinctive Communicator Award (DCA) issued for websites. ASPS had received the DCA award many times in the past for its website. As standards were revised, our website wasn't. The Communications Committee's 2019 Website Evaluation Form for ASPS noted many non-compliant issues, which included:

- ◆ No America's Boating Club logo on each page
- ◆ Use of retired logos and taglines
- ◆ Photos of Bridge Officers
- ◆ Link to SailAngle webpage with logo
- ◆ The text "America's Boating Club® is a trademark of the United States Power Squadrons®"
- ◆ Link to America's Boating Club webpage
- ◆ Short text description of Photos
- ◆ Explanation of Merit Marks
- ◆ Link to Boat Live 365 webpage with logo

The initial changes to our website addressed these issues. Then we asked for a re-evaluation by the Communications Committee. We were informed that the changes made to our website brought it back into compliance (at least until the standards are revised again) and the Committee had recommended our website for the DCA. Although it may be too late to receive it for 2019, as submissions were due in October.

Once compliance issues were resolved, the second phase of website revisions and updates were started. The goal was to add and enhance features and provide additional information to the user. This was the fun part, which allowed me to be creative. Changes made included:

- ◆ Rework of the Navigation Bar for ease of readability and function. Additional direct links were added for pages that had been embedded elsewhere on the website and hard to find. For aesthetics, a larger and clearer photo of Thomas Point Lighthouse was added. To avoid any possible copyright issues, the photo used was taken by Kathy Nash while cruising the South River on her 17ft Boston Whaler. (Good job Kathy)
- ◆ Many additional "Quick Links" were added via graphic logos for America's Boating Club, USPS, Social Media sites, and boating safety information. The bottom of the Boating Safety webpage is a good example of this feature.
- ◆ The Ship's Store webpage now appears as a direct selection item from the Navigation Bar. The Ship's Store webpage has been enhanced with "Quick Links" to product sample items.
- ◆ Detailed information about Vessel Safety Checks and why a boat owner should pursue one has been added to the VSC webpage.
- ◆ The Anchor Watch webpage has been completely redesigned to provide users with easier access to current and past editions of the Anchor Watch. Direct access to five plus years of past editions has been provided. A weblink to the Ensign, official magazine of America's Boating Club, has been added.



- ◆ The Photos webpage now provides links to squadron Meetings and Events photographs compiled from Anchor Watch publications going back through 2016. This provides photos with the names of members. It's also an excellent way to review the squadron activities for the past several years.
- ◆ A new webpage named "Contact Information" has been added to the website. This page summarizes mechanisms for contacting Squadron Officers and Administrators, as well as various other common requirements for communication with the squadron. These include registering for Courses and Seminars, requesting a Vessel Safety Check, inquiring about Membership, and making Dinner Meeting Reservations. This should provide website users a superior way to contact the squadron without searching multiple pages on our website.
- ◆ Another webpage completely redesigned is the "Links" page. The goal was to enhance this page as a resource for safety, operational, regulatory, and medical information for our membership and the public. We hope it becomes a "go to" source for such needs. The amount of links provided has increased from less than a dozen to over fifty. More links will be added as they become identified.
- ◆ For security reasons, all personal email addresses were deleted from the website and replaced by generic aspsmd.org email addresses.

There were additional enhancements added to every webpage. I can't list them all here. I encourage you to review the new website yourself and let me know your impressions. All comments on content, layout, and functionality are always welcomed. You can email me at webmaster@aspsmd.org. Or if you rather, call me at 703-887-1836.

In closing, I would like to thank the Squadron's leadership for the opportunity (and their trust in me) to accomplish this task. I enjoyed doing it and learned a lot in the process, including much about HTML coding.

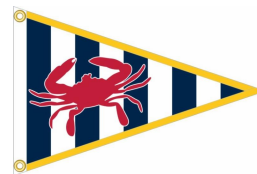


Maneuvering Around the Anchor Watch

- ★ Click the small ASPS burgee and arrow at end of each article or notice, usually near the bottom of the page. It will take you back to page 1.
- ★ Click on any item in the Table of Contents on page 1 and it will take you directly to that page.



Need a New ASPS burgee?



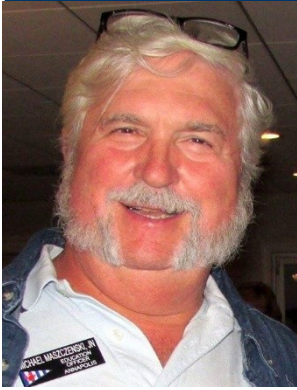
They are \$30 each and can be had by contacting one of the following folks:

- ★ Kathy Nash
- ★ Carol Rechner
- ★ Sherry Sandridge

If the person you try is out of town, contact another.

Arrange for pickup. If you want your burgee mailed to you, please add \$5 to cover the cost of mailing.





Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

Our winter courses are underway. If you are interested in one of the remaining seminars of the Boat Handling course please contact me for an available spot. The fee for one seminar will be

\$20.00 for USPS member \$35.00 for non-members. This covers the entrance fee to the USPS university.

If you haven't visited the website recently, www.aspsmd.org, I encourage you to see it. Our webmaster, P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN, and Cdr Ron Ricketts, S, have been working on giving it a new clean look. Remember, for educational programs, keep up to date by visiting the "Education" page. For questions regarding the Educational program of Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron, you can contact me, Mike Maszczenski, or Patrick McGeehan. See the "Leadership and Contacts" page to send us an email.



Boat Handling

Place: Annapolis High School

Coordinator: Patrick McGeehan

Date: 7 January to 18 February 2020 - Tuesday Evenings 7-9:00 PM

Cost: \$60.00

Materials: E-book

This course started early in January. These are the seminars remaining for this course. You may attend any of the seminars separately with no grade for a fee of \$20.00.

* 4 Feb. - Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems - Mike Maszczenski

* 11 Feb. - Rules of the Road - A Practical Approach - Patrick McGeehan

* 18 Feb. - Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know. - Carol Rechner & Linda Sweeting



Marine Navigation (aka Piloting)

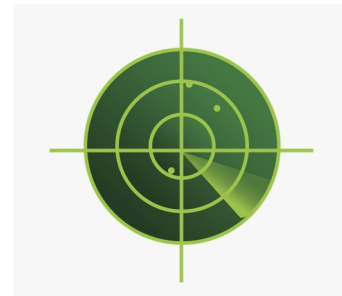
Place: Annapolis High School

Instructor: Richard Hughes

Date: 25 February 2020 to 29 April 2020 - Tuesday Evenings 7-9:00 PM

Cost: \$90.00

Materials: printed book, plotting tool, protractor
This is the first course in navigation. This course covers using a chart, understanding the symbols, using a chart to plot a fix, and determining where you are. This is done with bearings plotted on a chart, and/or Electronic Navigation instruments, GPS, and Chart Plotters.



We moved the date of the RADAR course due to a scheduling problem. It is now being offered Tuesdays, 17 March to 17 April.

Radar for Boaters

Place: Annapolis High School

Instructor: John Wesley Nash

Date: 19 March to 16 April 2020 - Thursday Evenings 7-9:00 PM

Cost: \$75.00

Materials: Printed book

The course covers the different types of Radar

equipment, their capabilities and limitations, as well as their features, so you can use your Radar for collision avoidance and for navigational purposes. It covers what you need to know about Radar, from how and where to mount the antenna to how to interpret the displays. You should have some boating experience to take this course.



Partners in Command

Place: Annapolis High School

Instructor: Kathy Nash

Date: 23 April 2020 - Thurs Evening 7-9:00 PM

Cost: \$35.00

Materials: Printed book

This seminar provides an introduction to boating for crew members who need basic information and who may or may not have taken a boating course. It is designed to provide essential information one requires to assist a skipper in the safe operation of a recreational boat. It includes actions to take in response to emergencies.



Visual Distress Signaling and Fire Extinguisher Practice

Date: Tentative 6 June 2020 - 10 AM to 12 Noon

Place: Tentative

Demonstration of the way to send a visual distress signal along with practice of flare use. Everyone will have several practices with real flares. We will also be doing Fire Extinguisher practice with the simulator and a real fire extinguisher demo.

Registration for All ASPS Sponsored Courses

Click on this link to register: <http://bit.ly/qKN8ad> or email aspsmd.class@gmail.com, or seo@aspsmd.org. 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 the course or seminar approaches. As always, visit our website for more details on ASPS events: www.aspsmd.org.

Other local squadrons' activities are available to ASPS members.

Kent Narrows Sail and Power

Courses will be at the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department.

ABC3 8hr course Get your Boating Safety Card. This qualifying course will be offered at the end of January and in the spring.

Saturday Seminars at Kent Island Yacht Club

Partners in Command February 22

Knots Bend and Hitches Seminar

VHS/DSC Radio Seminar

On the Water Training

Download newsletter for latest info and registration information.

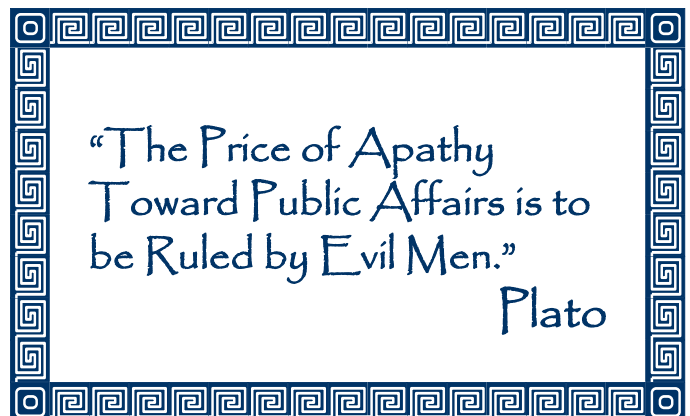
WEB Site and Newsletter: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-kn>

Reach Rockville Sail and Power Squadron at:

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

Reach Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron at:

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





New Course: Radar for Boaters

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN
ASPS Instructor, Webmaster & Port Captain

Starting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, 17 March 2020 in Annapolis High School, ASPS will be offering the course “**Radar for Boaters**”. The two-hour classes will run for five consecutive weeks. This is a new USPS course being offered for the first time by ASPS. The course will cost \$75.00 and includes the latest edition (book and addendum) of “The Radar Book”.

(<https://bit.ly/2ugSGcg>)

I’m looking forward to being your instructor for this course. Both Kathy and I took this course last spring when it was offered by Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron. We found it to be an excellent course. Even though I’m very knowledgeable about marine radars, I learned a lot from this course.

Marine radars have been available for many years. In many ways, their principles, technologies, and general configuration hasn’t changed much over the years. They have always been considered an essential requirement for effective navigation, blind piloting, and collision avoidance. Many boaters and professional mariners wouldn’t consider leaving the dock at night or in challenging weather conditions without a functioning radar system onboard. I can assure you from personal experience, having a good marine radar and the knowledge to operate it properly has gotten me through many challenging voyages on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. (A side benefit to attending this course: you get to hear my stories.)

Over the last few years, the options for technology, installation, and integration of radar into the electronic navigation systems of recreational boats has changed greatly. It’s not your father’s radar system anymore. Advancements in solid-state technology have made HD radars, Broadband radars, and even Doppler radar technologies realistic options for the recreational boating market. Integrating, and knowing how to properly use these new technologies is essential for maximizing collision avoidance and situation awareness. This includes integrating AIS, MARPA, and radar overlay onto your electronic charts on MFDs. (Multi-Function Displays) Those are some of the subjects this course will cover. Here are some of the others:

- ◆ The Basics and History of Radar
- ◆ Controlling & Interpreting the Display
- ◆ Navigation & Blind Piloting Using Radar
- ◆ Heavy Weather & Obstruction Avoidance
- ◆ How and Why Radar Works
- ◆ Interfacing & Integrating Radar Systems
- ◆ Radar Plotting & Collision Avoidance
- ◆ What Can Go Wrong & What to Do About It

I hope that I have inspired your interest in attending this course. Whatever your previous experience with marine radar, I guarantee you will find this course informative, interesting, and useful. If you are planning to add, upgrade, or just want to improve your knowledge about the capabilities and operation of marine radars, this course is for you. If you have any questions or seek additional information about this course, please email me at webmaster@aspsmd.org, or call me at 703-887-1836.

To register for this or any other ASPS courses or seminars, please [click here](#), or call 410-739-7800. Please include your full name, the class you want to sign up for, and a phone number in case further information is needed. When registered, you will receive an email confirmation. Other information and directions will be emailed as the start date for courses or seminars approaches.



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Bermuda Bound-2020 Annapolis to Bermuda Race
(A2B)
Prepping for Offshore May Not Be as Intimidating
as You Think!
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Tuesday, 3 March:

Austin Power: North Sails
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Allan Terhune: North Sails
Off the Wind: Modern Downwind Sails and
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Tuesday, 10 March:

Iver Frantzen: Naval Architect, Shipwright
Maryland Dove: New Construction, and Old,
and other Local Tall Ships

Tuesday, 17 March:

John Adey: ABYC
Boat Corrosion-WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW !!

Tuesday, 24 March:

Terry Slattery
Multihull Sailor, Engineer, Tinkerer
Fact, Fiction, or Fantasy; Lithium Batteries and
Super Capacitors for your Boat??

Tuesday, 31 March:

Mike and Marguerite Welch: Circumnavigators
Waterborne: A Slow Trip Around a Small Planet

Tuesday, 7 April:

John Cosby: Annapolis Sailing School
Sailing Tips and Tricks, and Docking: Going
Backwards on Purpose And More Gleaned from
40 Years of Teaching Sail and Powerboating! ■



Terry Slattery has published a
really great article in the
February issue of Prop Talk
about Peggy's and his
adventures in Newfoundland
helping a friend move a newly
purchased boat south.

Check out page 46 of the
February issue of Prop Talk.

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Calendar of Coming Events



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United States Power Squadrons® Events

09-15 Feb USPS National Annual Meeting - Ponte Vedra, FL

District 5 Events

- 26-29 Mar Spring Conference - Princess Royale, Ocean City, MD
- 17-19 Apr Bay Bridge Boat Show
- 24-26 Apr Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show
- 20-23 Jul Summer Cruise - Smith Mountain Lake, VA
- 23-26 Jul Summer Council and Rendezvous - Smith Mtn. Lake

Squadron Events - Annapolis and nearby squadrons

- 02 Feb Founders Day Brunch**
- 04 Feb Emergencies on Board Seminar - Annapolis High Sch
- 11 Feb Knots Seminar - Annapolis High School
- 25 Feb Marine Navigation Course - Annapolis High School
- 26 Feb Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis High School
- 05 Mar Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge - Canceled**
- 14 Mar Change of Watch POSTPONED**
- 17 Mar Radar for Boaters Course - Annapolis High School
- 21 Mar Change of Watch NEW DATE**
- 25 Mar Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis High School
- 05 Apr Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge
- 22 Apr Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis High School
- 23 Apr Partners in Command seminar - Annapolis High School
- 26-29 Jun Wilmot's Water World Weekend at Deep Creek Lake

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

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