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Commander's Message

Cdr Ron Ricketts, S

As we approach the end of 2019, I wish each of you and your families a happy holiday season. This is such a wonderful time of the year to enjoy family and friends. It seems that this year has come and gone so quickly. We had a good season of boating on the bay, and we will try to be patient in the upcoming months until warmer weather returns.

On 5 December, we had a great start to the holiday season with our annual Holiday Dinner and party. We had a great turnout, and we were fortunate that once again Santa arrived to help guide the gift exchange, which we all enjoyed.

In addition to a wonderful holiday party with music provided by John Wilmot, Ralph Leasure, and Carol Rechner, we coordinated with the Marines Toys for Tots drive. Two US Marines represented the Corps at the dinner and accepted the gifts that were brought by our membership. I thank each of you who brought gifts as a way to demonstrate our service to others and provide opportunities for less fortunate children to enjoy the holiday season.

One hot topic within the USPS this year has been how different Squadrons were migrating to the new America Boating Club brand. As all of you know, we remain incorporated as the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron. However, we have registered with the State of Maryland to do business under the name of America's Boating Club of Annapolis.

In the spirit of aligning with National, but at the same time retaining our unique identity here in Annapolis, I requested that our webmaster make some minor modifications to our local website that I believe will keep us aligned with the national organization, but leverages our historical roots in the community.



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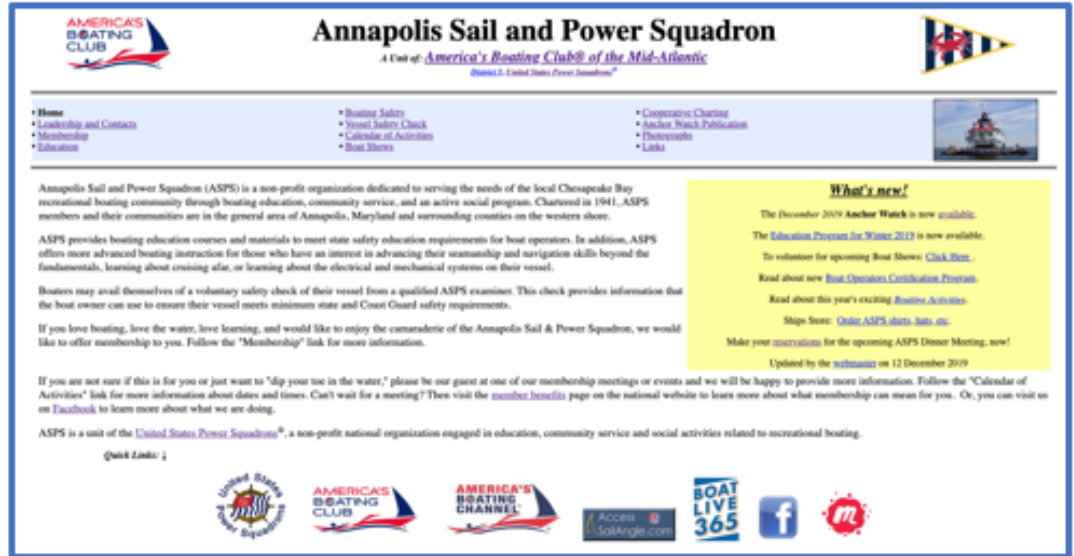
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(1) Branding →

(2) Font Size →

Thanks to John Wesley Nash who serves as our Webmaster for making these recent modifications

(3) Quick Links →



The next time you log into our website, you will see some changes that improve the user experience. These include the branding header where we now show the America’s Boating Club® logo, along with continuing to recognize that we are part of the ABC Mid Atlantic as well as the national organization. We have also increased the font size of our menu links for ease of readability. Now they render well on mobile devices. A third change is the addition of hot links to various sites of interest that are related to our social media efforts and the National organization as well.

We have been considering a major update to our local web presence, but that is something that will require significant effort and most likely a budget allocation to accomplish. Your comments on these changes and any other ideas are always welcome.

In closing, Happy New Year, and let’s start planning for another great boating year in 2020! ■



We note with sorrow the passing of
 Thomas M. Himmelmann, JN
 a valued friend and
 a 49 year member of the
 Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron.



Executive Officer

Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S

“No matter how long the Winter, Spring is sure to follow.” - Anonymous

In January, activity on the Chesapeake Bay is just a memory. But, we know that Spring must be on its way, so we begin our favorite cold weather activity – planning for the next boating season! I hope that you are beginning to think of your plans for those long days back out on the water. But, I hope you are also giving some thought to how you can help others get into boating.

We always need volunteers to do Vessel Safety Checks. Think about taking the time to become an examiner. Please read the article by P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN in this month’s issue. It will give you all the information you need to complete the requirements. Of course, I should also mention that this article gives you an excellent overview of the most common problems found by our examiners!

Just a reminder – time flies, especially when you are having fun. So, please remember to save the dates for our big events. In April, we’ll be back at the Annapolis Sailboat Show on 24, 25 and 26. It takes many volunteers to run a booth at a boat show. We’ll be calling on our membership to make sure we have a presence.

Stay warm, and enjoy the winter. I look forward to seeing all of us back out on the water soon! ■



 A large graphic with a blue background and white waves. On the left, a cartoon sailor with a red and white striped shirt and a white hat with a yellow anchor is sailing a white boat with a red stripe. A pennant flag with a red crab on a blue and white striped background is flying from the boat. On the right, the text reads:

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, 14 March 2020
6:00 PM

ANNAPOLIS SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
79th Annual CHANGE OF WATCH

Renditions Golf Club
1380 West Central Avenue
Davidsonville, MD 21035



Administrative Officer

P/C Bruce Arey, JN

Happy New Year! I hope that your holiday season was filled with happiness, love, and joy. Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron® started off the season with a holiday party for our dinner meeting. As always, Santa was there to help with our gift exchange. We also had two members of the United States Marine Corps there to help with our very own Toys for Tots drive – Lance Corporal Alkire and Lance Corporal Bernal. I would also like to thank all the elves who stepped forward to help make this event such a success. P/C John Wilmot, JN was kind enough to bring a keyboard so he could accompany Lt/ C Carol Rechner, SN, as she led us in some songs of the season. Ralph Leasure played guitar. Carol Rechner manned the gift table. Susan Gilbert once again managed our 50/50.

Many thanks go out to 1st/Lt Liz Donohoe, S, Assistant Administrative Officer, for all she does in assisting me with the AO responsibilities.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not mention the work done all year long by two faithful members. Gretchen Cupples, S, has been at the door collecting the money throughout the year. Her careful attention to detail gets the job done each month. And, Lorrie Short has taken the reservations, and makes sure we all get fed.

I am most thankful for all the members that step up and help out. Our organization continues to thrive because our members invest time and effort in it. I look forward to working with even more of you in 2020. So, get those new calendars out and put down the following dates. Should you wish to help out at any of them, do not hesitate to contact me.

- ★ 2 January – We begin the new year with our first dinner meeting for 2020. We hope to see you there.
- ★ 26 January – ASPS has made reservations at Toby’s Dinner Theatre in Columbia where we will see the Tony Award Winning show, “Kinky Boots.”
- ★ 2 February – It’s time for our annual Founders’ Day Brunch. You may register after 3 January. We need the count one week before the event, so it’s never too early to let us know you will be there.

Were you thinking you had some great ideas for other things our membership could do? Or, did you make a New Year’s Resolution to volunteer more with ASPS? If so, I am waiting to hear from you! ■



Kinky Boots

*Brunch served from
10:30am until 11:45am.
Show starts at 12:30pm.*

*Do You Have Reservations?
Then, Remember the Date*

*Toby's Dinner Theater
Sunday Brunch
26 January 2020*



**Holiday Party
5 December 2019
Elks Lodge**



Our guests, Lance Corporal Alkire and Lance Corporal Bernal, collected the Toys for Tots



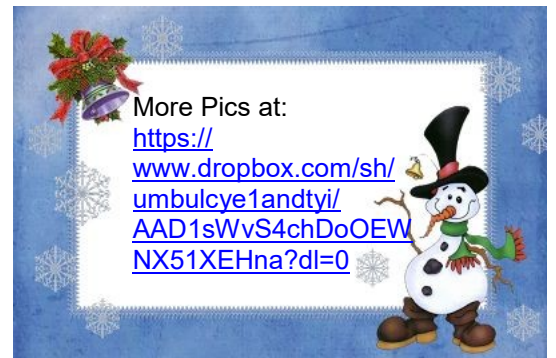
Gretchen Cupples checks people in at the door.



Howard Cupples, Gretchen Cupples, Jerry Rapkin, Jan Rapkin, Maria Muselar, Bill Muselar, David Tower



John Wilmot, Betty Rouse Wilmot, Nancy Gorman, Jim Gorman, Diane Leasure, Ralph Leasure, Colleen McGuckian



Noreen Martin, Vivian Werner, Jane Ruempke, Lee Crumbaugh, Pat McGeehan, Linda Serf McGeehan, Art Pine



Ron & Karen Ricketts greet everyone.



Ron Ricketts congratulates John Wilmot on his district award for Best Instructional Aid.



Ron Ricketts congratulates Michael Maszczenski for his nomination for the Chapman Award.



Carol Rechner, John Wilmot, and David Leasure lead folks in singing while we all waited for Santa to appear.



Santa Claus emcees the gift exchange.



Art Pine unwraps the Godiva liquer.

Maria Museler picks the Crown Royal. MMMMMM!



Jim and Nancy Gorman. Nancy won the 50/50, and donated the prize to the Toys for Tots drive.



Membership Dinner Meeting Thursday, 2 January 2020

Elks Lodge 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour
Cheese & Veggie Platter

7:00 PM - Dinner Buffet
Baked Chicken, Beef Pot Roast
Roasted Potatoes,
Mixed Vegetables,
Salad, Rolls, Dessert

If you want the vegetarian choice
(Quinoa with Veggie Kabobs),
please so indicate
when making your reservation.



RSVP by 5:00 PM
on Monday, 30 December 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.



“Catting” Around the Caribbean

Lt/C Terry Slattery is not only our Treasurer. He is a competent sailor knowledgeable in both boating skills and maintenance. Eight years ago, he formed a partnership with four other sailors to purchase a catamaran. Since that time, LUX has been on many adventures. Terry will share the joy of adventuring on two hulls.





ASPS 2020-2021 Slate of Nominees

**P/C Joal Hilden, AP
Nominating 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



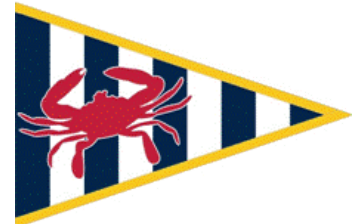
Founders Day Celebration

- ★ *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*

**Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron
Join us for our Founders Day Brunch
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.**



You must have a reservation to attend this event.

Reservations for this event open on 3 January 2020.

aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com

PLEASE RESERVE BY 20 JANUARY!



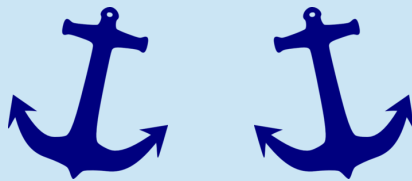
Boating Links to Browse

◆ Get a Free Vessel Safety Check:

<https://cgaux.org/vsc/>

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=virtual-safety-check>

https://www.usps.org/national/vsc/formtool_files/a7012.pdf



◆ Emergency Radio Procedures: Making a Mayday Call:

<https://www.westmarine.com/WestAdvisor/DIY-Making-a-Mayday-Call-on-Your-VHF-Radio>

<https://www.onthewater.com/boating-basics-channel-16-mayday-secureite-and-pan-pan>

<https://www.hanhaminsurance.com/mayday-mayday-mayday>

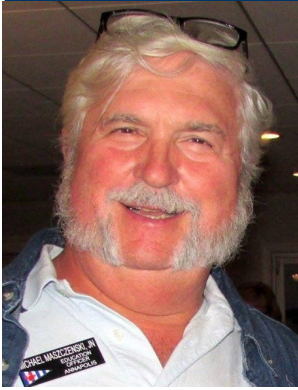


◆ Selecting Crew Overboard Equipment:

<https://www.westmarine.com/WestAdvisor/Selecting-Crew-Overboard-Equipment>

<https://www.cruisingworld.com/safety-at-sea-crew-overboard-gear/>





Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

Earn your Boating Safety Card for Free.

The ASPS bridge just approved a grant for the ABC course to be offered for free. This will be for up to fifteen students each time we offer the course.

This grant is open to the first fifteen registered students.

Make sure your crew members are equipped, like your boat, with the latest knowledge of boating. Please sign up if you would like to attend, and please above all, spread the word. Share with your friends, other organizations you belong to, and post the information if you can. All interested people are welcome to attend any ASPS seminar or course.

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 is the replacement for Seamanship, and 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 for a fee of \$20.00.

- * 7 Jan. - Rules of the Road – A Practical Approach - Instructor: Patrick McGeehan
- * 14 Jan. - Confidence in Docking and Undocking – Slow-Speed Maneuvering - Instructor: John Wilmot
- * 21 Jan. - Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway - Instructor: Bill Museler
- * 28 Jan. - Anchoring with Assurance – Don't Get Carried Away - Purnell Delley
- * 4 Feb. - Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems - Mike Maszczenski

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

- * 18 Feb. - Test for the course.

America's Boating Course

Place: Annapolis High School

Instructor: Michael Maszczenski,

Ron Ricketts, Jeff Short

Date and Time: 9 January to 6 February 2020 - Thursday Evenings 7:00-9:00 PM

Cost: Free - class limited to first 15 students

Materials: Printed Text and Certificate upon passing test with an 80%.

Passing this introductory course to boating can qualify a person born after July 1972 to legally operate a recreational vessel in Maryland. This is the perfect course to learn or review boating safety (if you don't need the card) and Maryland laws for boating. The course is 8 hours of instruction with a test at the end. Passing the test with an 80% or better entitles you to your Maryland Boating Safety Education Certificate.



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 with Electronic Navigation instruments, GPS, and Chart Plotters.

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 - Thursday 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 and 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: Kent Island Yacht Club
 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 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 the course or seminar 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

Courses will be at the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department.

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

Boat Handling Course

Saturday Seminars at Kent Island Yacht Club

- AIS Seminar** - January
- Partners in Command**
- Knots Bend and Hitches Seminar**
- VHS/DSC Radio Seminar**
- Visual Distress Signaling** (Live Flare practice) - June
- On the Water Training**

Download newsletter for latest course 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/>. ■





ASPS VSCs: 2019 Year End Report

P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN
ASPS Vessel Safety Check Chair

The ASPS Vessel Safety Examiners had a successful 2019. Ten examiners completed 211 Vessel Safety Checks over the past year. With the help of our squadron members, our goal is to significantly increase that number in 2020. You can make that happen.

Of the 211 VSCs we completed, only 182 (about 88%) of them passed and were rewarded a VSC decal for their vessel. Fortunately, many owners of vessels that didn't pass often corrected the identified issues quickly, often within 24hrs. Then they would invite us back for a re-examination, allowing us to issue them a VSC decal. It was very rewarding knowing we made many vessels legal and safer.

Let's examine why some vessels didn't pass. Some of the most common issues included:

- Visual Distress Signals being out of date. Recreational vessels 16-feet and over (and boats less than 16-feet operating at night) are required to carry USCG approved signaling devices that are current and not beyond their expiration date.
- Navigation Lights not working, or not properly configured. All vessels must be able to display USCG approved navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and in conditions of reduced visibility.
- Registration and Documentation papers must always be aboard and available. There are detailed requirements for display of state stickers and numbers. Federally documented vessels have several additional requirements. Vessel owners don't always know or completely understand these regulations.
- Sound Producing Devices inoperable. To comply with Navigation Rules and for distress signaling purposes, all vessels must carry an operational sound producing device that complies with USCG standards.
- Marine Sanitation Devices not properly locked. Any installed toilet must be an unmodified USCG approved device. Overboard discharge outlets must be locked. Federal and State laws prohibit untreated sewage discharged in Inland waters or within 3 nautical miles from the shore in coastal waters. Maryland is very strict on this requirement and can issue fines up to \$2,000 for violations.
- Ventilation Systems inoperable. Vessels with gasoline engines in closed compartments must have an operational powered ventilation system that adheres to USCG standards. We are very thankful when we discover an inoperable Ventilation System, due to the potential risk of explosion and fire.
- Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs): PFDs (also known as Life Jackets) must be USCG approved and in good condition. Vessels 16-feet and over must also have one Type IV (throwable) device immediately available for deployment.

All VSCs also include briefings on safe operation, proper training, and recommended non-required safety equipment that all responsible vessel owners and operators should consider. Among the subjects addressed includes; Boating Safety Classes, Marine Radios, Nautical Charts, Fuel Management, Accident Reporting requirements, Survival Tips, First Aid Kits, and Float Plans. We attempt to answer any questions asked. If we don't know the answer, we always follow-up with verified information.

The best way for someone to prepare for a successful Vessel Safety Check is to visit the Virtual VSC web page (<https://bit.ly/2EiAnVS>) and complete a self-examination on all your vessels. Then schedule a VSC by an ASPS examiner by using my contact information shown on the next page.



One of the highlights for 2019 was the addition of a new ASPS Vessel Safety Examiner. 1st/Lt Patrick McGeehan, P, studied the VSE manual and passed the required written test. Then, he completed the required five supervised VSCs to become fully VSE qualified. After that, he completed several VSCs on his own before the season ended. Please join me in congratulating Patrick, and all the ASPS Vessel Safety Examiners for a job well done in 2019!



We are always looking for and need additional Vessel Safety Examiners. You don't need to be an expert on engines, electronics, marine architecture, etc. We teach you everything you need to know. It's very rewarding, plus you get to see some beautiful vessels and meet some great people. If you have any interest in joining our team or have any questions about becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner, please contact me via my contact information shown below.

We checked a wide diversity of vessels over the past year; anything from kayaks, 8-foot dinghies, Flemings and 58-foot Kadey-Krogen trawler yachts. We do all vessels under 65 feet. Many of our VSCs are performed at per-scheduled events that occur yearly at Yacht Clubs and various Marinas. Our Squadron has a good reputation for having excellent Vessel Safety Examiners and performing very thorough Vessel Safety Checks.

Free courtesy Vessel Safety Checks cover safety equipment carried or installed on a vessel, and certain aspects of the vessel's condition. If the vessel meets or exceeds all requirements, the examiner will award the owner or operator a decal current for that year. VSCs decals expire at year's end, so vessels should be checked every year.

If a vessel doesn't pass their Vessel Safety Check, we are prohibited from notifying or reporting anything to authorities. If safety gear needs to be purchased to pass, we provide coupons for 10% discount at West Marine. There is no down side for having a VSC. It's a win-win endeavor for everyone that leaves vessel owners and operators knowing their vessel is safe, and meets Federal and State requirements

To schedule a future Vessel Safety Check for your vessel(s), please email me at vsc@aspsmd.org, or call me at 410-703-9559. Our goal is to check every vessel owned by ASPS members over the next year. Only you can make that happen. Hope to hear from you in 2020. Have a wonderful New Year!

Safe Boating! ■



Practice the Becket Bend or Becket Hitch

Just like a sheet bend but one of the lines is a closed loop.

Great for tying two dock lines together.

Picture from Wikipedia.

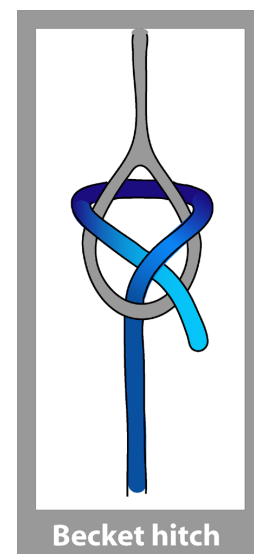
Review this knot and other knots at:

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

Other great web sites:

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

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



Becket hitch





Safety

D/Lt/C Jeff Short, JN-IN

I was walking out to check the mail the other day, and it came to me that one of the most dangerous places you can go this winter might be to your own mailbox. It had rained a bit, and the temperature had dropped to near freezing. Though I could not be sure, I suspected that my path to the mailbox could be slippery. In the winter, the act of simply walking to the mailbox can be very dangerous.

I consider myself an expert on safe winter walking. I have worked many shifts in a tiny emergency room in the Alaska Bush, most of it in the dead of winter, and I always walked to and from the hospital. The route is on unimproved dirt roads and tundra (up hill both ways of course!) In good weather it takes about 30 minutes. But when it is icy, the short walk is nerve wracking and downright dangerous. I know what kind of cases I will see in the emergency room as soon as I walk out the door and slip on the ice. During an Alaska winter, cold fronts come through at a remarkable pace. Frequently, they start with rain and finish with sudden drops in temperature, effectively flash freezing a coat of clear, slick ice on everything. Though beautiful to look at, the ice coating makes steps, walkways and roads unmanageable. How best do we remain safe while simply walking during the cold months of winter?



For walking in the winter, when there is a possibility of snow, ice or slippery surfaces, the single most important thing you can do for your safety is to wear appropriate footwear. Lace up boots or shoes with grippy rubber or neoprene composite soles are best. They should be laced up tight to prevent your feet from sliding around inside the shoe. Slip-on foul weather sailing boots, or shoes with slick leather or plastic soles are not safe in icy conditions. In my experience working in emergency rooms across the country, the most dangerous place to go in icy or slippery conditions seems to be the mailbox. I don't know how many times

I have been told, as I was setting a fractured arm or suturing a lacerated forehead, "I was just going to check the mailbox. It was only going to take a second so I threw on my bedroom slippers."

When walking in slippery conditions, dedicate yourself to safely getting to your destination. Put away the cell phone. Do not carry anything in your arms. Use a backpack to carry stuff in order to keep your arms free. Keep your hands out of your pockets. You may need them for balance or to break a fall. Best to fall on an outstretched arm than to land on your head.

Adopt a posture slightly bent forward at the waist. Keep your stance wide, feet about shoulder width apart with your knees slightly bent. Keep your arms slightly out from your sides. This is an athlete's stance and will help to keep you stable and maintain balance if one foot should slip. You should look much like a baseball shortstop or football linebacker ready for action. On slippery surfaces, avoid walking heel-toe as you normally would. Instead, use more of a shuffling, slow, purposeful gait keeping your feet flat. This will increase your contact with the ground. Keep your body weight directly over the foot in full contact with the ground as you walk. When negotiating stairs, use hand rails if available. (But remember that hand rails are loaded with germs so wash your hands when done.)

Before getting out of your car, open the door and look down at the ground you are about to step on. Look for ice or slick spots and consider moving your car to a better location to step out. When walking in proximity to traffic, be sure that your scarf and hat do not muffle sounds. I found that my favorite, warm, Alaska hat muffled sounds so much that I could not hear the snow machines (skidoos) speeding up behind me on the road. Consider wearing gloves or mittens to protect your hands in case you need them to break a fall. You do not want to be in a hurry when walking in slippery conditions so give yourself plenty of extra time. My 30 minute walk often took 45 minute or an hour when the conditions were treacherous. I planned that time into my commute in order to be sure that I made it to work safely and on time.



If you plan to do a lot of walking in icy conditions, consider getting a pair of Yak-trax or ice cleats to slip onto the soles of your walking boots. I used my set when the roads were covered with thick glare-ice and they made the walk much less stressful.

Consider these tips this winter when you go down to check your boat in the boat yard or at the dock. Always wear a life jacket when down on the dock this winter and know where the ladder is to get out of the water in hurry if you accidentally slip and go in.

Be safe while walking this winter even if you're just walking to check the mailbox. ■



You need a warm jacket
ASPS Logo Clothing at
<http://asps.qbstores.com>

Free Lecture Series

Fawcett Boat Supplies
919 Bay Ridge Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21403

Each Year Fawcett Boat Supplies hosts a series of fun and informative lectures at their store.

2020 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All Events Held In The Store At 7:00pm

In Case Of Inclement Weather, Call 410-267-8681
To Confirm



Tuesday, 7 January:

Them Eastport Oyster Boys
An Evening of Local Music & Fun!
Fawcett & Vetus/Maxwell Sponsors

Tuesday, 21 January:

Andrew Fegley
Yacht Electronic Systems
Understanding YOUR Boat's Electrical System!

Tuesday, 28 January:

Mark Hall: Boat Builder
Reid Bandy: Boat Builder
John Bildahl
Rybovich Redo: They Don't Build Them Like
They Used To!
Restoration one 1954 and 1955 Rybovich 36 Foot
Day Boat!

Tuesday, 4 February:

Dave Gendell
SpinSheet Co-Founder, Lifelong Annapolis Sailor,
Licensed Captain
Chesapeake Tales

Tuesday, 11 February:

John Potvin
Preservation Foreman, Thomas Point Lighthouse
U.S. Lighthouse Society
Keep the Light Shining!
The Mission to Save Thomas Point Shoal Light for
our Kids,
Grandkids, and Beyond!

14 - 24 February: Fawcett's Annual Washington
Birthday Sale
The Best Deals on Everything at Fawcett!

Tuesday, 18 February & Thursday, 20 February:

Jeff Leitch & Mike Montgomery
Of Bay Shore Marine & Port Annapolis Marina
The Care & Feeding of Your Diesel Engine Parts 1
and 2

Tuesday, 25 February:

Mike Lehmkuhl
Bermuda Bound-2020 Annapolis to Bermuda Race
(A2B)
Prepping for Offshore May Not Be as Intimidating
as You Think!
If Off-Shore Racing is on your Bucket List, This
Seminar is for You! Bring your Curiosity and
Questions!

Tuesday, 3 March:

Austin Power: North Sails
Will Keyworth: North Sails
Allan Terhune: North Sails
Off the Wind: Modern Downwind Sails and
Techniques

Tuesday, 10 March:

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

Tuesday, 24 March:

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

Tuesday, 31 March:

TBD ■



Calendar of Coming Events



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

United States Power Squadrons® Events

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

District 5 Events

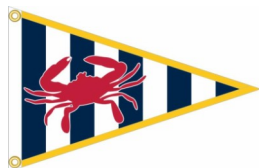
26-29 Mar Spring Conference - Princess Royale, Ocean City, MD
 20-23 Jul Summer Cruise - Smith Mountain Lake, VA
 23-26 Jul Summer Council and Rendezvous - Smith Mtn. Lake



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Squadron Events - Annapolis and nearby squadrons

02 Jan Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge
 07 Jan Boat Handling Course - Annapolis High School
 07 Jan Rules of the Road Seminar- Annapolis High School
 09 Jan America's Boating Course - Annapolis High School
 14 Jan Docking Seminar- Annapolis High School
 21 Jan Handling Your Boat Seminar- Annapolis High School
 22 Jan Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis High School
26 Jan Toby's Dinner Theater - Columbia, MD
 28 Jan Anchoring Seminar - Annapolis High School
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
 19 Mar Radar for Boaters Course - Annapolis High School
 25 Mar Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis High School



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For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

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Deadline for February Newsletter:
Sunday, 19 January 2020

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