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Commander's Message

Cdr Peggy Slattery, S

It seems we are slowly yet steadily moving toward summer. There are more warm days with bright and sunny skies. Here along the Chesapeake Bay, our boating season is moving forward. We are all eager to get back out and enjoy the lovely weather.

Still, some things remain the same. COVID 19 continues to be an issue. As your commander, I continue to assess the situation to make the decisions about upcoming events. It is my responsibility to make sure anything we do should be fun and

must be safe. Currently, the general consensus is that gatherings should be limited in size and that social distancing should be maintained. So, I continue to spend my time canceling events. I do not do this lightly. Instead, I do this to keep all of us safe at this time. But, my administrative officer and I talk continually about upcoming events. We do not rush to cancel. Instead, we consider how we might do each event – and if it is possible to hold that event in the current circumstances. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in person sooner than later.

In the meantime, I ask you to live up to the best traditions of our organization. Please reach out to other members so that we stay in contact. We are offering online events where you can gather with other members virtually. Finally, continue to do good deeds in our region. Above all else, we are a volunteer organization. If you find something you can do, do it! Stay safe. Stay strong. See you soon!

Peggy Slattery
Commander

“VOLUNTEERING is at the very core of being HUMAN. No one has made it through life without someone else’s HELP.”

Heather French Henry

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Executive Officer

P/C Bruce Arey, JN

Aside from the continued inconvenience of COVID-19 (and resulting “Stay at Home” ban) on the recreational boating community, Debbie and I have finally started sailing after a few trials and tribulations that we had to resolve on our sailing sloop “Lynda Sofia.” We took our first sail of the season in May to bend the genoa sail while anchored. It didn’t take long to discover the engine was overheating; the end cap of the heat exchanger had cracked, and seawater was pouring into the bilge. I’m sure glad that we have unlimited towing as we called BoatUS Towing Service. I just happened to have a spare end cap. I replaced it, thinking that my overheating problem was fixed. “Are you kidding?”, I thought to myself, as we ventured out again only to find that the engine was still overheating. What could be the problem now? After numerous attempts to find the problem, and another week or so, I finally found another leak. The heater hose coming off the engine had developed a leak. So finally, after replacing the heater hose, Debbie and I took our first sail of the season in mid-June. This is all part of the “fun” of boating because it is totally worth the aggravation when out on the bay on a gorgeous day!

Regarding the Cooperative Charting Program of the ASPS, I would like to thank P/C Ron Ricketts, P, for his leadership in the Aid-To-Navigation Program.

As I write this Article in mid-June, the USCG still has a STAND DOWN issued on Vessel Safety Checks due to COVID-19. When lifted, make sure to contact P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN, to schedule your VSC.

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, educational classes and Fall Boat Shows.

Expecting a Dues Renewal in June? This Message from National is for You!

June 4, 2020

Dear Commander Peggy Slattery:

In light of the difficulties we’re all experiencing during the pandemic, headquarters delayed mailing printed dues invoices for June renewals until May 28, 2020, to allow members additional time to pay online.

To renew online immediately, members can go to www.usps.org/dues/pay. They will need a certificate number, invoice number or PIN, which can be retrieved on the renewal page. The page also includes a link life members can use to renew their DAN Boater member benefit.

Headquarters continues to maintain reduced employee hours in the education, membership, shipping and accounting departments. Please contact Deliah Holloway at hollowayd@hq.usps.org or 888-367-8777 x 229 or Lynnda Stevens at stevensl@hq.usps.org or 888-367-8777 x 219 if you need help with member renewals.

I appreciate your continued support and patience as we navigate these uncharted waters.

Sincerely,

Mary Catherine Berube





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

“America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination.”

--Harry S. Truman

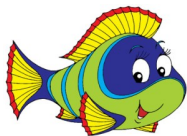
It has been a while since I have planned an event so that we can all gather together. I miss the moments of social interaction that have been replaced by social distancing. Like you, I look forward to a time when we are all back together.

Meanwhile, I wanted to share the Truman quote because we all need a reminder that we have the power to overcome difficulties. This is so evident in squadrons in our area. Kent Narrows has been holding virtual cocktail parties. Interested in a reality dinner meeting? Kent Narrows has reserved limited seating for dinner and fireworks at Bridges on Kent Narrows Restaurant for 1 July. All participants must wear face masks into the restaurant. Seating will be outside on the deck. Contact P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP to place a reservation for this event by calling 410-725-7820 or by sending an email to abckn.cdr@gmail.com. Dundalk (aka America's Boating Club of Baltimore) has held a virtual dinner meeting with a speaker. They have also been trying virtual cocktail parties. Don't forget that we are always welcome at events held by other squadrons. Just explore their newsletters as well if you are interested in visiting our region virtually.

We have been combining education and fun with ZOOM bingo games. As of this issue, we have held three sessions. We have explored boating terms, the Chesapeake Bay, and the flora and fauna of Maryland. Currently, we plan to continue these into the summer.

This does not have to be the limit of the things we try. I am open to suggestions from any of you. Please feel free to send me suggestions of other things to try. Send an email to me at ao@aspsmd.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

Georgiana Maszczenski
Administrative Officer



Changes to your phone number, address, e-mail?

Please contact P/C Gary Budesheim, SN
at roster@aspsmd.org or (302) 538-5276.



MOORING HITCH aka LADDER KNOT aka HIGHWAYMAN KNOT

Note: There are variations on the way to tie this knot.

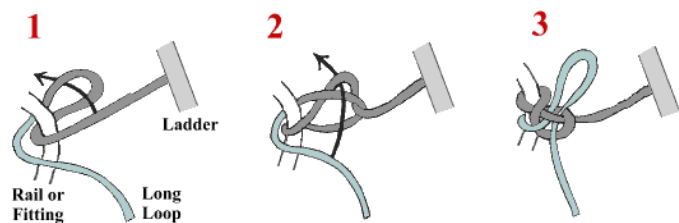
Visit the link below and read why you may want to use this knot when you tie the ladder up on your boat. One sharp tug on the bitter end will allow a swimmer to drop the ladder for boarding. The illustration is also from this blog.

<http://boating.ncf.ca/knothighwayman.html>

Review this knot and other knots at:

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

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





Coast Guard's New Tool to Save Lives

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

The tool is called the i911 system and it is considered the most significant search and rescue advancement available to the Coast Guard since the implementation of [Rescue 21](#) several years ago. The i911 system can greatly reduce the amount of time required to accurately locate a mariner in distress and have rescue crews on scene faster. It is an excellent new tool for the Coast Guard's mission of providing assistance to those that require it. This new capability will save more lives on the water, a major interest for USPS Members and the recreational boating community in general.

So, what is i911? It is a service developed by [Callyo](#) and made available free to First Responders and the Coast Guard. Many First Responders started testing and implementing the system about two years ago. Using a web-based interface, it provides fast and accurate location of emergency callers who are actively connected or have recently contacted a regular 911 operator via a cell phone. Their precise location can be automatically and immediately available without any further action, provided the user has enabled the "Location Services" on their cell phone.

These days, just for the purpose of life safety, it is hard to imagine anyone leaving their home without having the "Location Services" enabled on their phone. But if they have not, the First Responder (or Coast Guard) is presented with the option to send an SMS (text message) to the caller. The message asks the cell phone user for consent to share their exact whereabouts with emergency services. The location sharing feature is only utilized by the Coast Guard during an active search and rescue case. The cell phone's location sharing feature can be turned off by the mariner at any time.

If a mariner is reported missing or overdue to port, and doesn't respond to calls on VHF Channel 16 or voice calls to a known cell phone on board, the Coast Guard can send a text message to the phone requesting exact whereabouts and safety status. Depending on the cell phone service in the area, the i911 system can determine locations of distressed mariners up to 15-20 nautical miles offshore. The i911 system can be particularly useful in locating mariners in kayaks, inflatable rafts, or any other vessels without a functional VHF Marine Radio on board.

Click on the [photo](#) below to watch a quick demonstration of how the Coast Guard uses the i911 system:



The i911 system was tested by the Coast Guard in a pilot program over the last 18 months. As of 20 March 2020, Coast Guard Command Centers across the entire US were authorized to implement and use i911.

I recently communicated with CDR Matt Fine, Deputy Sector Commander for [USCG Sector Maryland-NCR](#). (The Command

Center for the waters of the Chesapeake Bay.) CDR Fine was happy to report that Sector Maryland-NCR has fully implemented the i911 system and are using it across their area of responsibility. He considers it a valuable tool and has already used it on several search and rescue cases to locate or confirm the location of mariners in distress. He noted that more and more people have started relying on cell phones as their means of communication on a vessel, although they strongly encourage all mariners to have a reliable VHF Marine Radio on board and communicate with the Coast Guard on VHF Marine Radio Channel 16. But, when necessary, a cell phone is a great backup.

If you have any questions or seek additional information about the i911 system, email me at jwn54@outlook.com, or call me at 703-887-1836.

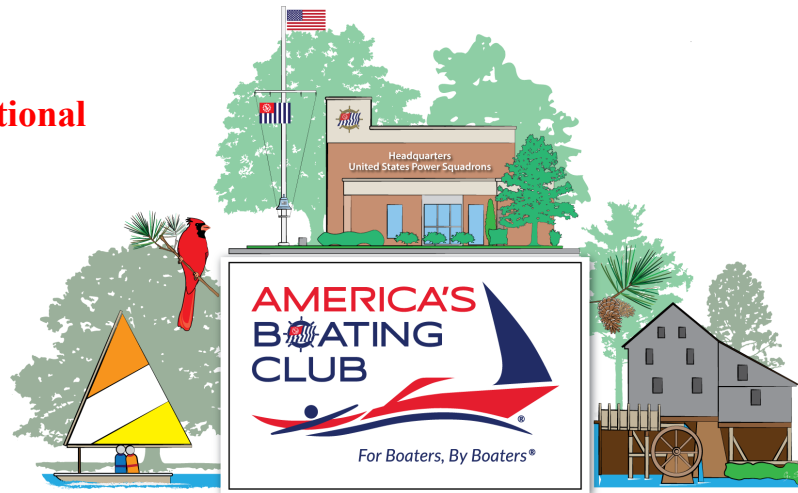
I thank P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN for allowing me to hijack his Safety Article for this month's Anchor Watch. He graciously provided me the opportunity to share news about this important Coast Guard advancement with our membership.



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With Something for Everyone!
<http://asps.qbstores.com>



News From National



2020 Fall Governing Board

Raleigh, North Carolina

Come Learn our History And Meet Headquarters Staff

The 2020 Fall National Governing Board will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina. The meeting will be September 8-13, 2020 at the Raleigh Hilton North Hills hotel. In addition to accomplishing lots of work for the organization, the national meetings committee has planned some wonderful offsite events. Tours of the headquarters building, including the library and board room, the warehouse, the shipping center and the various offices will be the highlights. In addition, there will be a cocktail hour at the hotel with the staff in attendance. Come meet the wonderful people who help solve your challenges! There are three opportunities for these tours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Love a Good Mystery?

Grab your friends and join us on September 10th for a fun, exciting, mysterious evening of dinner and fellowship at the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. We will be having lots of onsite and offsite activities in addition to meeting and communicating with other USPS/ABC members. Some of the other activities will include kayaking, visiting the NC History and Science Museums, sampling the wonderful IPA beers in the area and afternoon tea. The business of USPS/ABC is conducted by the various committees, but we encourage everyone to join in the fun and fellowship by attending the meals and tours.

Why Attend a National Meeting?

The USPS/ABC national meetings are designed to conduct the business of the organization. People who support the organization gather to share ideas and have fun accomplishing our goals. Committee members of all levels (squadron, district and national) are encouraged to attend and participate in their associated national committee. Communication is the key; the fun is the result! Not a member of a committee? Come interact with those who are, or join others on tours around the area.

Join Us in Raleigh, NC!

We are bringing it home! Having this meeting in Raleigh enables us to cut expenses, offer tours of headquarters and a meet and greet with the staff. The Raleigh Hilton North Hills is working with the National Meetings Committee to make this a very economical meeting for all attendees. Everyone is welcome to join. Those not interested in attending meetings are welcome to join us on various tours and activities in the area. We look forward to seeing you there! Special gifts for first-time national meeting attendees will be given. More details about the event can be found at:

https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39





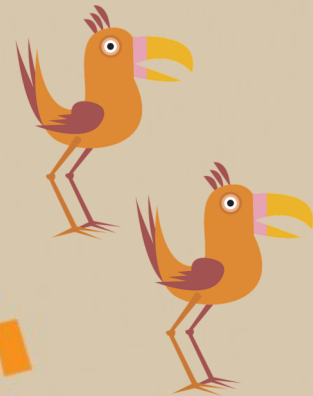
Boating Links to Browse

◆ WeatherSTEM is not usually a free site, but, because of the pandemic, they have some of their site free for several months. Within the site, there is a meteorology course that bills as a complete high school course.
<https://www.weatherstem.com/scholar>

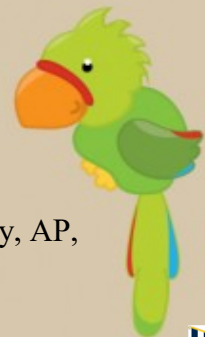
◆ The Weather Channel has videos on safety and preparedness to help you in many areas, from how to safely use a fire extinguisher to facts about lightning and hailstorms.
<https://weather.com/safety/thunderstorms>

◆ The National Weather Service has basic weather education information. I especially like their information in the "Weather" tab that discusses clouds, air masses and fronts, and thunderstorms.
https://www.weather.gov/crp/weather_education

◆ Many of you know that there is a Power Squadron course on weather, which is excellent, but did you know there are several webinars that deal with weather? Both "Hurricane Preparedness" and "Weather for Boaters" cost \$30.00 to take and are about two hours long.
<https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/>



This month's links are from Lt/C Patti Eney, AP, Senior Education Officer for KNSPS.



Meanwhile, What Are Our Members Doing?

From John Wilmot:

Betty and I drove back to Deep Creek Lake on Saturday (4 June). So, she had to try her boat and ski this morning. I usually drive the boat, but her son Greg drove the boat while I took pictures. I think she looks pretty good for 89 years old. The weather is just beautiful here - 65 degrees, wind at 3 knots, and water temp 70 degrees - a great day for a boat ride. We hope everyone is staying clear of the corona virus. Maybe it will give up and go away soon.



Been somewhere?
Done something?
Have pictures?
If you have news,
please share!

On 10 June, there was another game of MATEY. Everyone had a really nice time chatting with one another. This time, the theme was facts about Maryland, including birds, reptiles, state symbols, and mammals indigenous to the state. A big hand of appreciation and thanks goes to John Wesley Nash for providing all of the clues.

This was the third game night. Reception was so positive, that another will be planned. If you have not joined in yet, you are missing out. If you are unsure about the technology, Michael will help you get started.





Peggy Slattery has been making masks for the hospital. She alternates between that and doll clothes. Peggy's efforts are pictured to the left.

Georgiana Maszczenski has sewn a lovely white gown with appliquéd lace, hem edged in pearls, for Ivy.

Carol Rechner is sewing masks, and for a break, new outfits for Adrienne. She also has joined her brother and two friends several times for a few marathon bridge games.



Linda Sweeting has spent untold hours sewing a new bimini for Aurora. Ever onward and upward. She did a new sail bag last year. Pictured, she and Tom check the fit - perfect. Now, on to the finishing details! Tom is working on electrical issues. Aurora is almost ready for summer adventures.

Terry and Peggy Slattery took advantage of the gorgeous weather on the weekend of 13 June and sailed LUX to the Tred Avon.



Evening on Peach Blossom Creek



ASPS “Links” Webpage Update

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

This past winter when I redesigned the website for Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron, one of my goals was to increase the usefulness of the “[Links Page](#).” I wanted to make this webpage a valuable resource for the squadron by providing easy access to useful “Maritime Links” important to recreational boaters on the Chesapeake Bay.

The first redesigned version included about 40 new weblinks not in the original version. Four important safety links were highlighted at the top of the page. These links included: First Aid/CPR/AED, Rescuing a Drowning Victim, Immersion into Cold Water, and First Aid for Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.

The rest of the links were arranged into a continual list by alphabetical order. The user had to browse through the whole list to select the link with the information they were seeking. For the initial amount of links, it was a practical way to navigate the list. In time, additional links were added to the list as I became aware of them, or via suggestions made by squadron members. By the end of May, the list had grown to over 70 links. To keep the “Links Webpage” a useful resource, modifications were needed to provide quicker and more organized link access.

Over the last 10 days, the “Links Page” has been redesigned for better functionality and easier navigation. The four safety links remain highlighted at the top of the page. What’s new is that links in common categories are now arranged in expanding and collapsible menus. The menu categories include: Education, Navigational Resources, Safety Resources, USPS & ABC Websites, Vendors & Services, Weather & Tides, and All Links A to Z. For example, to view the links for Weather & Tides, you click on the menu header for that category. The menu will expand and all links for that category will be displayed. Click on the same header again to collapse that menu. The same is true with all the categories, making it easier for the user to access the resource or information they seek.

Having maintained a category called “All Links A-Z,” the user can still browse through all available links in alphabetical order. This allows the user to quickly determine if a particular link is included on the webpage, or discover new links beneficial to them.

I welcome your feedback and suggestions concerning the design, functionality, or content on the ASPS website (www.aspsmd.org). The squadron's website, as with all other squadron projects and functions, will always benefit from teamwork and suggestions provided by our membership.



The United States Coast Guard has issued a stand down order on all Vessel Safety Checks. I will watch for this to be rescinded and notify you.

We have been getting a lot of requests for VSCs. We are keeping a list so we can contact folks when it is safe to proceed. In the meantime, check out the virtual VSC at <https://bit.ly/3e4JitI>. You can review the items needed to certify your boat. Obviously, you won’t get a sticker, but you will assure yourself that you and your passengers are safe now that recreational boating has been reopened.

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

VSC Review: <https://bit.ly/2LRu7Im>





Cooperative Charting Program

P/C Ron Ricketts, P

The Cooperative Charting Program of the United States Power Squadrons is conducted in close cooperation with United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Coast Guard and NOAA's National Geodetic Survey Division (NGSD). The program continues to be a major public service of USPS. As in the past, members supply important information to the above agencies so updates can be made to nautical charts and the National Survey Marker databases. This initiative involves two programs:

1. The **Aid-To-Navigation and Bridge Inspection Program** supports the USACE and Coast Guard in assuring waterways are properly marked and maintained.
2. The **Geodetic Program** is where members help to verify the accuracy of reference points established on the surface of the earth by local, state, and national agencies.

USPS has been complimented by government leadership, recognizing the Cooperative Charting Program as the most effective user-participation program in all of the Federal Services.



Types of Nautical Report Items:

- ATON Verification
- ATON Discrepancy
- ATON Inspection
- Bridge Discrepancy
- Bridge Verification

The observed items must fall into one of these categories.

A report can contain different types of report items.

A report can contain up to five (5) report items.

Reports must be submitted within 30 days of the observation.

Verification items can generally be reported once a year, discrepancy when found and inspection items annually or as the local management agency allows.



Currently, the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron is actively involved in the **Aid-To-Navigation Program**, which centers around inspecting and verifying the local aids to navigation (ATON). ASPS efforts currently are focused on the South, Severn and Magothy Rivers and creeks between these rivers. See USCG Charts #12270 and #12282.

Performing this civic duty ensures that the ATONs in our local area are in fact functioning, and are located where mariners expect them to be. These observations are recorded by USPS and forwarded to appropriate government authorities. In the case where discrepancies are found, a report is also sent to the USCG for remediation.

Are you out on your boat regularly? Would you be interested in participating in this valuable public service? **Join us on 25 June at 7:00 PM for a ZOOM meeting** on what this program is and how easy it is to be involved.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89085803755?pwd=UTNoTzh0aFV1cGk1Wm1NMFJFdmcyUT09>

Ron Ricketts

Coop-Charting Chairman

VSC Examiner

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America's Boating Channel Launches SEASON FOUR

New Videos Will Premiere Every Friday Afternoon at 4 PM

Raleigh, NC, 14 May 2020 – America's Boating Channel™ is now launching its fourth season of boating safety and boater education videos on the internet and in social media.

Every Friday afternoon at 4:00 PM, a new video will debut on AmericasBoatingChannel.com and America's Boating Channel on YouTube.



America's Boating Channel videos are now enjoying increased viewership as Americans stay home to protect themselves and others from the COVID-19 pandemic. Screening boater education videos is an excellent way for boaters to prepare for safer experiences on the water.

The service recently completed a six-episode flight of highly-viewed weekly online magazine shows called "America's Boating Channel LIVE," designed to help recreational boaters cope with sheltering in place. The final episode, now playing on AmericasBoatingChannel.com, covers National Safe Boating Week 2020.

America's Boating Channel's Season Four video titles include "Boater Education," "Engine Shut-Off Devices," "Life Jacket Care," "Cold Weather Boating," "Behavioral Consequences," "Introducing ATONS" (aids to navigation), "Dispelling BUI Myths" (boating under the influence), "Life Jacket Labels," and "Electric Shock Drowning (ESD)."

About America's Boating Channel

America's Boating Channel™ is produced by United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. America's Boating Channel features professionally-produced, high-definition safe boating and boater education videos. As the premier boating organization dedicated to "Safe Boating through Education" since 1914, USPS is America's Boating Club® – For Boaters, By Boaters™. AmericasBoatingChannel.com

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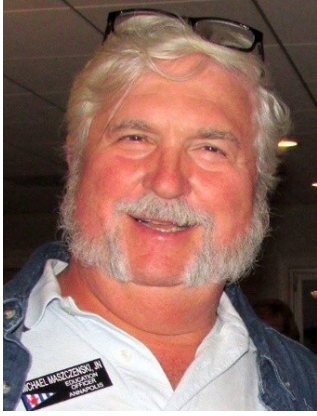
Need a New ASPS burgee?

They are \$30 each. Contact one of the following folks:

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



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

We have completed two online courses with Zoom: Marine Navigation (Piloting) and Radar for Boaters. The test results have been great in the Radar for Boaters course. Congratulations go to: Sjoerd Beck, Michael Coleman, Bonnie Evans, Barbara Hirsch, Ralph Leasure, Patrick McGeehan, Art Pine, Jeff Short, Edwin Sunderland and Claire Waterman. We had high scores for the Marine Navigation test also. Congratulations go to: John Filippini, Ginger Graham Lewis, Michael Lewis, Ann Lister, Alan Parker, and Ron Ricketts. Again, great job!

I would also like to recognize the great work done by both of the online instructors: P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN, and P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN. Both did a great job in our first efforts to present classes virtually.

The teacher and student experience with Zoom had both pros and cons. Students did like not having to drive to and from class. With Zoom, you still get the live face time of a real class. However, the ability to show someone how to do a physical process and observe them doing it is limited. I think we were able to overcome most of the cons and provide a quality course. With the schools unavailable to us and the need still for social distancing, we are going to offer seminars and courses via Zoom this summer and fall. The student materials are the hardest to deal with. For courses and seminars that have printed materials, we will arrange for a pickup time and place - or we will arrange to mail materials for the cost of postage.

We are continuing to plan, so keep an eye on the website for additions. We will be offering the following, so please register using the link at the end.

Instructor Recertification

Date: Thursday, 9 July 2020

Time: 6:45 to 9 PM

Where: ZOOM, login information provided after registration.

Cost: Free

Materials: Will be electronically distributed.

Instructor: Michael Maszczenski

USPS requires certified instructors to recertify every 4 years by taking a refresher seminar. This 2-hour seminar will review information and skills needed for teaching USPS seminars and courses. Certification is required for anyone teaching the America's Boating course, and is encouraged for all instructors of USPS materials.

Trip Planning and Navigation with OpenCPN

Date: Tuesday, 28 July 2020

Time: 6:45 to 9 PM

Where: ZOOM, login information provided after registration

Cost: Free (This is not a USPS course)

Material: OpenCPN or Chart Plotter

Instructor: Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

OpenCPN is the free chart reading and navigation software for PC, Macintosh, and Android systems, and it has become the standard for instruction of USPS. It is very useful in trip planning as well as actual navigation. OpenCPN can also create files that can be opened with most chart plotters and other navigation software, creating a great planning and sharing tool. If you have used OpenCPN or another charting software, this course will explore waypoint navigation, route making, and trip planning. We will also



explore resources that exist online for trip planning.

Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes

Date: 2 Nights, Wednesday, 5 August 2020 and Thursday, 6 August 2020

Time: 6:45 to 9 PM

Where: ZOOM, login information provided after registration

Cost: \$25.00 for USPS members, \$35 for non-members (this covers the cost of USPS registration)

Material: Book of slides and notes

Instructor: P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

Can you read a river? How does a river lock differ from a canal lock? The United States has over 30,000 miles of improved waterways—some of the finest boating to be found anywhere. Rivers, locks and lakes introduce challenges not found on other bodies of water. Discover these challenges, and learn the boating skills you need to safely boat inland waters with confidence. Each student receives a full-color Student Guide especially written for the seminar.

What's included?

- Special navigation rules for rivers
- The Western Rivers System of buoys and marks
- River currents
- “Reading” a river
- Jetties and wing dams
- Intricacies of locking through
- Communicating with lock masters and bridge tenders

Hurricane Preparation for Boaters

Date: Monday, 17 August 2020

Time: 6:45 to 9 PM

Where: ZOOM, login information provided after registration

Cost: \$25.00 for USPS members, \$35 for non-members (this covers the cost of USPS registration)

Materials: Booklet and Handouts

Instructor: P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN

When a named storm threatens, you need to be prepared and protect your boat. In this short seminar, you'll learn how to select a location from which to weather the storm and prepare your boat for a hurricane. The kit includes Student Notes with copies of the slides.

What's Included?

- Check vessels and gear
- Review marina/dockmaster contracts
- Make plans
- Check your trailer
- Prepare a storm plan
- Lessons learned from storms
- Hurricane anchoring
- Be storm ready
- Your responsibilities
- Post-hurricane efforts of US Coast Guard and law enforcement

- Insurance

Partners In Command

Date: Monday, 21 September 2020

Time: 6:45 to 9 PM

Where: Zoom, login information provided after registration

Cost: \$25.00 for USPS members, \$35 for non-members (this covers the cost of USPS registration)

Materials: Booklet and Handouts

Instructor: P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN

Are you a crew member or passenger who has no idea what's going on during a boat trip? Learn the essential skills you will need to help the skipper safely operate a recreational boat, including how to respond in an emergency. You'll become an asset on board with *Partners in Command*.

This seminar can be completed in 2-4 hours and comes with a full-color Student Guide.

What's Included?

- Communications, including VHF marine radio
- Calling for help
- Signaling equipment
- Safety and safety equipment
- First aid
- Starting and running the engine
- Tool Kits

Emergency Marine Communications for Vessel Operators

Date: Saturday, 26 September 2020

Time: 9 AM to 12 Noon

Where: ZOOM, login information provided after registration

Cost: Free (not a USPS course)

Materials: Provided through emails

Instructor: P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

For both the person in command and the second in command, this seminar will go over the procedures for communicating with the Coast Guard and other boaters during an unexpected emergency situation.

Topics to be covered:

- Why VHF Marine Radio for Emergency Communications
- Minimum Radio Functions All Crew Members Need to Know
- Importance of Daily Radio Checks
- New Changes for VHF Radios and a New USCG Tool to Save Lives
- Importance of Backup or Handheld VHF Radios
- What is DSC and What's Required to Make it Work
- Using Digital Selective Calling (DSC) for Distress Calls
 - * *Short Break Before Optional DSC Demo Session* *
- Quick AIS Update – New Class B+ Transponders
- Non-Emergency VHF/DSC Functions:
 - ▶ Ship to Ship DSC Calls
 - ▶ Group DSC Calls
 - ▶ Position Request/Report DSC Calls

- ▶ Poling Call DSC Function
- ▶ DSC Test & Logging Function

Other programs:

Jump Start

Each year we get requests by boaters who need help learning how to handle their boat. I already have several requests for help. If you would be interested in providing a one-on-one training for a fellow boater please send me your: name, phone, email, type of boat you are comfortable with, a list of skills you would be willing to teach on their boat. This is a USPS-approved activity and the USPS insurance does cover you. Please send your information to seo@aspsmd.org, or call 410-739-7800 if you would like to talk about the program.

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

Docking and Slow Maneuvering- Seminar online.

Registration for KNSPS: bit.ly/2RLRrdd or call 773-351-2403

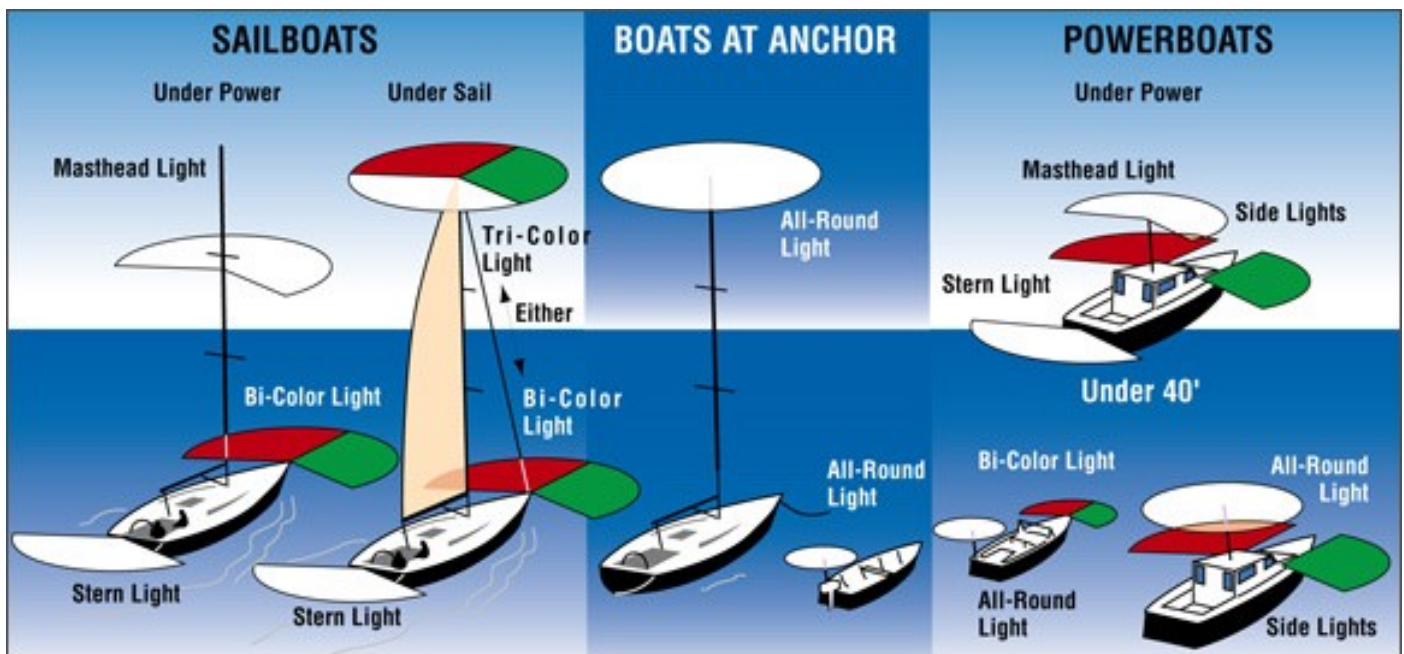
Download newsletter for latest info and registration information.

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

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



How about it? Are your nav lights ready for the boating season?





We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Declaration of Independence - Thomas Jefferson

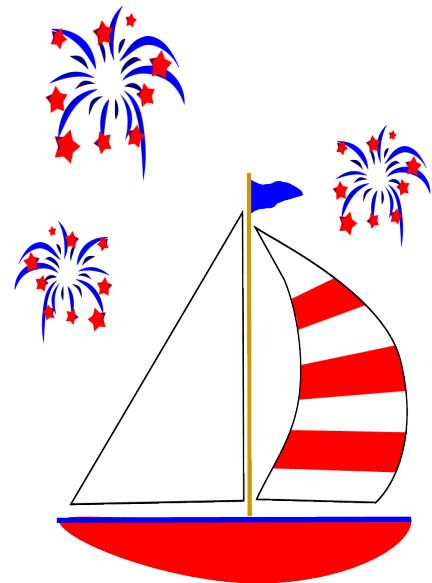
Go by boat!

Fireworks Displays in our area:

Kent Narrows - Wednesday, July 1

Crisfield - Friday, July 3

Chestertown - Saturday, July 4



Avoid the crowds and pursue some happiness!

Weather dependent. Check for details before you set out.

<https://www.visitmaryland.org/article/4th-of-july-celebrations>





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Calendar of Coming Events

United States Power Squadrons® Events

08-13 Sep USPS National Governing Board - Raleigh, NC

District 5 Events

20-25 Jul Summer Cruise - Smith Mountain Lake, VA - Canceled

25-28 Jul Summer Council and Rendezvous

Smith Mtn. Lake - Canceled

06-10 Oct D/5 Trawler Fest - Harbor East Marina - Baltimore

Squadron Events - Annapolis and nearby squadrons

01 Jul Dinner and Fireworks - Bridges Restaurant, Grasonville
Host - America's Boating Club at Kent Narrows

09 Jul ASPS Instructor Recertification Seminar - Online via ZOOM

10-12 Jul Wurst Cookout Cruise - Baltimore Yacht Club

Host - America's Boating Club/Baltimore/Dundalk

16 Jul Lobster for Landlubbers - Rams Head Shoe House, KI

Host - America's Boating Club at Kent Narrows

22 Jul ASPS Exec Comm Meeting - Location TBA

28 Jul ASPS Trip Planning & Navigation with OpenCPN - ZOOM

05-06 Aug ASPS Boating on Rivers, Locks & Lakes Seminar - ZOOM

12-14 Aug Dundalk Midsummer Cruise - Chesapeake Yacht Club

Host - America's Boating Club/Baltimore/Dundalk

13 Aug ASPS Ice Cream & Dessert Social - Slattery's Pool House

17 Aug ASPS Hurricane Preparation for Boaters Seminar - ZOOM

26 Aug ASPS Exec Comm Meeting - TBD

03 Sep ASPS Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge

21 Sep ASPS Partners in Command Seminar - online via ZOOM

23 Sep ASPS Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis Senior High

26 Sep ASPS Annual Crab Feast

26 Sep ASPS Emergency Marine Communications - ZOOM

01 Oct ASPS Dinner Meeting

01-04 Oct United States Powerboat Show - Annapolis City Dock

08-12 Oct United States Sailboat Show - Annapolis City Dock

12-14 Oct Fall Foliage Cruise - Chestertown Marina

Host - America's Boating Club/Baltimore/Dundalk

23 Oct ASPS Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis Senior High

29 Oct Harriet Tubman Museum Tour & Lunch - Cambridge, MD

Host - America's Boating Club at Kent Narrows

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

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Please check with the host squadron for cancellations!



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