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Commander's Message

Cdr Peggy Slattery, S

Our June issue of the Anchor Watch opens with the best of news. As you probably know by now, Governor Larry Hogan opened up the waterways of Maryland to recreational boating activities on 7 May. COVID-19 still continues to be an issue, so we will all continue to play it safe – especially out on the water.

Meanwhile, our squadron continues to reach out to members and the community at large. We have made masks and donated them. We have shopped and delivered food to neighbors.

We've checked up on each other. I am very proud to be the commander of such a concerned and caring group. I ask you to keep it up as we go forward.

We have also continued our mission of boating education. Our two online courses finished up with rave reviews. They have been so successful that we are looking into continuing with online offerings when appropriate. We also enjoyed a great evening of Nautical Bingo – where you had to know definitions of common terms from our basic boating courses in order to win. Associate Member P/D/C Bernie Karpas, SN, was the big bingo winner of the night. However, everyone who attended felt like winners – we all had a great evening spending time together. My personal thanks go out to the team that made it happen – Mike and Georgiana Maszczenski, Susan Gilbert, Carol Rechner, and Linda Sweeting. The positive feedback from the attendees encourages us to try more of these events - especially as the limits to gatherings continue. I look forward to seeing more of you at our upcoming games nights.

Also, keep in mind that the schedule of production of the Anchor Watch means that I write this in mid May. At this point, we do not know for sure when we can physically be together again. The June dinner meeting and the picnic have been canceled. I had hoped to see all of you then. However, we will still keep working on future events. Until then, I can now say I look forward to seeing you out on the water – at a safe distance!

Finally, I remind you to continue to be involved, even if you can only do so at a distance. Check up on your friends and neighbors. If you visit your

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boat in a boatyard, you can always pass on news about other boats there to your boating friends. Continue to ‘exercise’ your volunteer muscles. As we get back to a more normal time, the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron will need you to help us continue and grow.

“Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.”

--Howard Zinn

Summer Attire with the ASPS logo
<http://asps.qbstores.com>



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>





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenki, S

May has been a somewhat better month for your Administrative Officer. My assistant, Susan Gilbert, and I came up with a way safely to get together with members. We hosted a Nautical Bingo night, and it was a success. It was not your ordinary bingo. In order to play, each member made their own bingo card by filling in basic boating words. The night we played, members had to find the words on their cards using definition clues. That's right – the words were not called out. Members had to know the definitions. We were really pleased to come up with this idea to play a game that was not only fun, but a great way to

revisit basic nautical terms.

I can report that everyone who participated had a good time – so much so that they have requested another session! Susan and I are investigating other vocabulary versions for bingo as well as other possible games we could play. If you have any suggestions, please send them along. We are open to trying all sorts of events. We are especially open to letting you lead one – if you so wish.

Currently, we are also still working on plans for events when we can all get together again. We do want to have a picnic, a crab feast, dinner meetings. I don't really know when we can do these events, but I plan to be ready when it happens! I look forward to seeing all of you again, whether it is virtually or in person. If you have any ideas for events or activities, I am always open to hearing about them.

The current Maryland boating rules are below (as of 13 May 2020):

- ★ Boaters must be with immediate family members or people with which they reside. No more than 10 people can be on a boat at one time, including captain and crew.
- ★ Boats must be distanced from each other by at least 10 feet and are prohibited from rafting up, beaching, or having rendezvous events.
- ★ Boats are prohibited from docking at restaurants or bars.
- ★ Vessel and boat races remain prohibited.
- ★ Marinas can reopen to recreational boaters, but must adhere to the Maryland Departments of Commerce and Health guidelines.
- ★ Pump-out stations and boats may resume operations under the Departments of Commerce and Health guidelines.
- ★ All normal boating rules and regulations are in effect and must be followed.

Meanwhile, here is a link to the latest developments on rules for boating from the DNR.

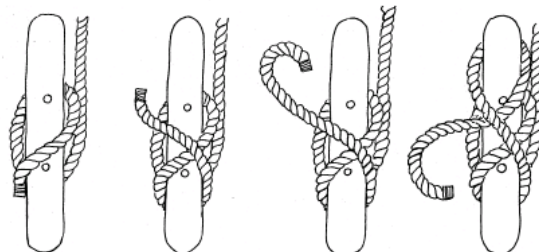
<https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/category/boating/>

Every boater needs a CLEAT HITCH.

Review this knot and other knots at:

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

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





Member of the Year Award

P/C Ron Ricketts, S

One highlight and honor of being the squadron commander is that each year you are given the opportunity to recognize an exceptional ASPS member who has gone above and beyond to serve the organization during your tenure as commander.

It is with great pleasure that I announce that the 2019 ASPS Member of the Year award goes to

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

Typically, this award is made at the Change of Watch, but as we all know, this is not a typical year. I would like everyone to join me in recognizing and appreciating John Wesley's passion and commitment to our squadron.

John Wesley has been an active USPS/ASPS member for over 10 years and many of you know him for his many squadron activities and accomplishments. A few highlights are listed here:

- ★ Executive Committee Member for 3 years
- ★ Executive Officer
- ★ Squadron Commander
- ★ Certified USPS Instructor
- ★ Certified VSC Examiner
- ★ USPS Port Captain for the Annapolis Squadron
- ★ Webmaster for our ASPS web site
- ★ Contributor to our Anchor Watch publication ...

... and the list goes on.

As commander I had the opportunity to get to know John Wesley very well. As a past commander himself, and a Silver Trident, he assured me that during my tenure as commander he would lean in and help anytime. I am happy to say, he did exactly that and his efforts were evident in many ways. There was no question, or request, that was not met with anything other than enthusiasm. One of his biggest and most visible accomplishments was the major improvements he made to our website. We are all grateful for John Wesley's support and efforts this past year!

Please join me in providing John Wesley a virtual, at a distance, applause for this achievement.

Thanks, from all of us ...

2019 Member of the Year - JOHN WESLEY NASH



Kathy & John's Tiara 3500 Open - "Wesley Mae"



Just another good day on the bay - Note that Kathy always catches the bigger fish.





What Really Matters at Sea

P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN

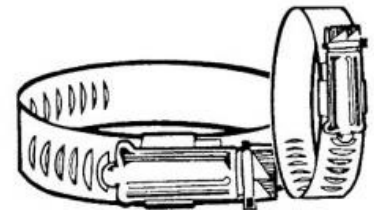
As chairman of the squadron's Safety Committee, I thought it was important that I submit at least the first article for the Anchor Watch. I did that last month as I was "Staying at Home" to protect myself from COVID19. For the second article, I did what every good researcher would do, search the internet. I used the search criteria, "Safe Boating." There is no shortage of articles on the web. I read articles until my eyes began to cross. The articles talked about safety equipment, safety practices, safety courses, safety . . . I finally found an article that struck a nerve with me. The article humorously summarized all the articles that I had read. It appeared in the November 9, 2017 issue of

Sounding Magazine. The article was titled "My Five Rules: What Really Matters at Sea," and was written by [Mario Vittone](#), a retired Coastguardsman.

In the introduction to the article he concludes that "Every rule ever written into federal or international regulation for the safe operation of vessels at sea pertains to one of five basic rules." The five rules are:

Rule 1: Keep the water on the outside of the boat.

This rule addresses aspects of hull materials, sea valves and spare hose clamps. A hole in a boat is not a good thing. But, he claims that water creeps into vessels most often through holes drilled into the hull intentionally. So, if you put a hole in your boat, ensure that you have protection so it does not let water in unintentionally from a broken-through hull or failed seacock. Double clamps are necessary for all hoses that connect to the hull below the waterline.



Rule 2: Keep all the bad stuff that's inside the boat inside the boat.

Bad stuff can spill into the boat. Keep it from being leaked or shipped overboard. These bad things can include fuel or holding tank leakage. Neither of these items is a good thing to have in the bilge, but it is even more problematic if they are leaked or discharged overboard.

Rule 3: Keep the boat from catching fire or blowing up.

A fire on-board does not lead to a good day on the water. Two critical shipboard systems to monitor closely are the electrical and the ventilation systems. Your life depends on these systems being correctly installed and maintained meticulously.

Rule 4: Keep everyone who's on the boat on the boat and healthy.

Most recreational boats have lifelines and some semblance of a first aid kit. Check your first aid kit annually to ensure that items are not out of date or used up. Inspect your twisted cable lifelines for internal corrosion. Is your first aid kit adequate for anticipated emergencies? Should you consider a first aid training course to sharpen your first aid skills?



Rule 5: If any of the above changes, call someone.

If you are confronted with an emergency or potential emergency, notify someone for help sooner rather than later. Failure to timely call for help will never improve the situation.

If you would like to read the complete article, you can find it at:

<https://www.soundingonline.com/voices/my-five-rules>



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





Piloting Through Covid19

P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN

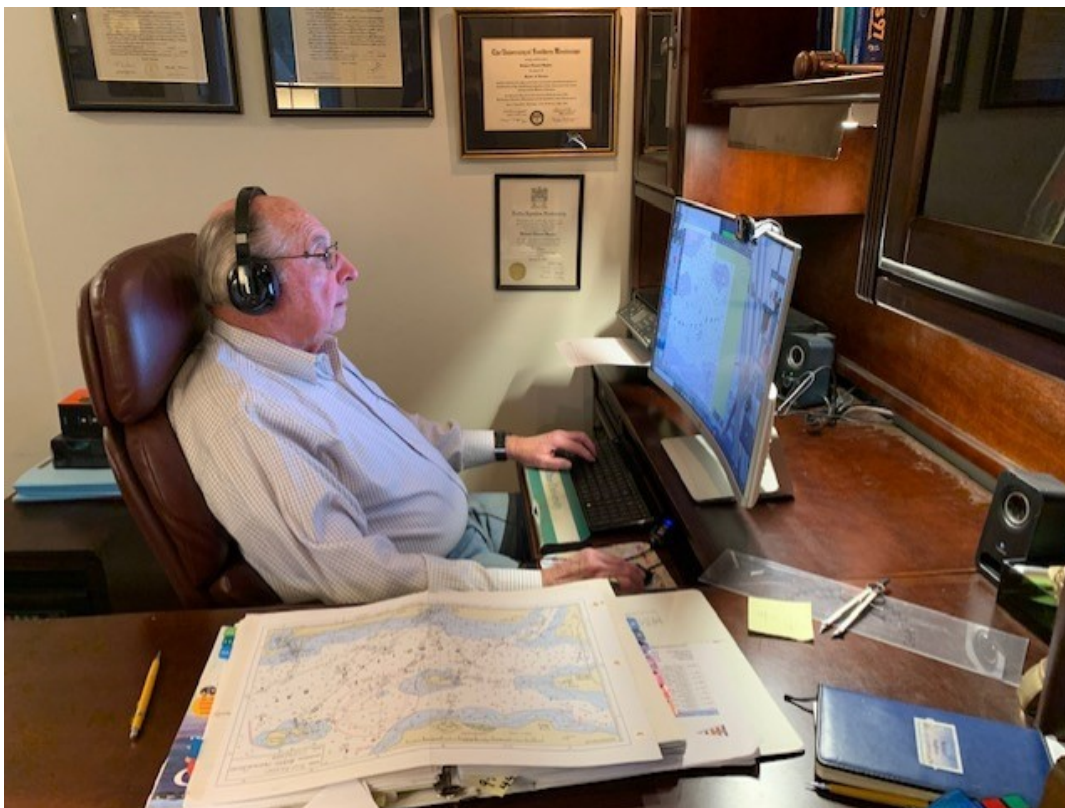
The Winter 2020 Marine Navigation Class, AKA Piloting Class, started off normally at Annapolis High School. Thanks to our great PR department, we had the largest class in recent memory with 17 students. And then came COVID19 and the class went into hibernation. We lost two weeks of instruction until Michael Maszczenski proposed that we try to teach using ZOOM. Prior to his suggestion, I thought that zoom is what jet aircraft did.

We polled the students to see if they were interested in continuing the class via distance learning, or delaying the class until we could reconvene in a classroom. At the time, we didn't have a full appreciation for the severity of the pandemic. The good news was that the class was adventuresome and wanted to proceed.

With a little modification to my home office, (I had to borrow a camera and purchase a headset,) and a great deal of help from Mike, we were up and running. Using ZOOM required a bit of a learning curve for everyone, but the students were patient and supportive. For the most part, communication issues using ZOOM were minimal. Several of the students had some experience with Zoom and helped the less experienced wrestle with the idiosyncrasies of the new tool.

As an instructor, I enjoyed the opportunity to work with a new tool but missed to face-to-face contact of the classroom. A very large part of the Piloting class is teaching use of the USPS plotting tool. In a classroom, I can sense the comfort level of each student as I progress and can provide hands-on instruction until each student is comfortable with the plotting tool. This is not practical in a distance learning environment.

As I write this article, we have completed the instruction, and the students are working on the take-home exam. It will be very interesting to compare the average test results of this class that experienced the course via distance learning versus those students that learned in a traditional face-to-face environment.



Boating Links to Browse



◆ OK. Is this really a boating link? Yes! Because when we finally go boating we will feel so much better knowing that we recycled stuff rather than throwing it in the trash. We have all been using the past several weeks to REALLY clean out old stuff. But what do you do with it?

<https://www.thespruce.com/where-to-donate-everything-in-home-2648117>



◆ America's Boating Channel - Episode Five highlights "Boating on Rivers, Locks, and Lakes" interactive online seminar, books to boost your boating knowledge and skill, tips on what you can do to prepare for the safe resumption of boating, and other fun boating-related activities you can do at home.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=euGiRV_crHg&feature=youtu.be

◆ How to stretch out time between trips to the grocery store. This works well for folks who wish to avoid going to the grocery too often.

https://theboatgalley.com/reducing-store-refrigerator-ice-box/?mc_cid=627138ee26&mc_cid=b99145eb7a



◆ Too many novice sailors think they have the right of way in ALL situations!

<https://gcaptain.com/sailboat-operator-cited-for-rule-9-violation-after-crossing-in-front-of-tanker-near-stockton/>

Education is the only answer! Tell folks about the ASPS education program. This America's Boating Club safety course is now available to everyone online.

<https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/>



Meanwhile, What Are Our Members Doing?

Lorrie and Jeff Short represented ASPS for a 50th Earth Day clean up of Severn Run, the headwaters of the Severn River.



John Wilmot and Betty Rouse Wilmot are holed up in Garrett County and skiing on Deep Creek Lake. To pass the time, in addition to skiing, John is working on certificates. He has passed all requirements for his IN - Inland Navigator.

He also is working on being a Boat Certifier. John Locke sent him the BOC Certifier Manual and the BOC Training Manual. Now he needs a little training time on the water.

John hopes to be back in Edgewater around the 21st of May.



On the evening of 6 May, several members joined in online for a game of nautical bingo - MATEY. A great deal of fun was had by all and it was good to see everyone. It was so well received that Georgiana and Susan got calls and email asking for a reprise of the evening.

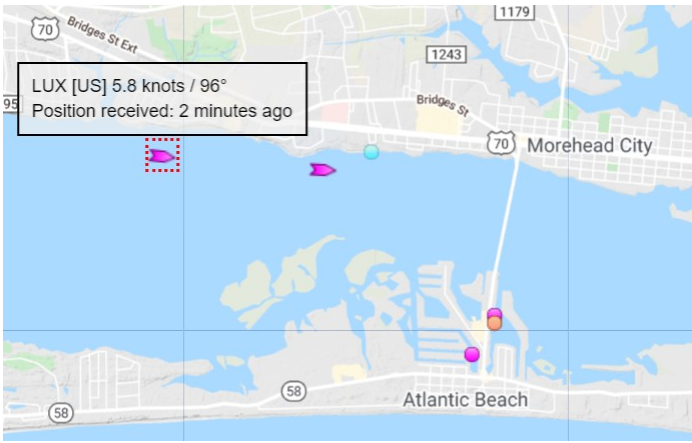
The picture is a screen shot from our own ZOOM guru, Michael Maszczenski. Not everyone had logged on at this time. The participants are listed below.

Carol Rechner
Linda Sweeting and Tom Campbell
Ron Ricketts
Jeff & Lorrie Short
Bernie and Kathy Karpers
Bruce and Debbie Arey
Patrick McGeehan

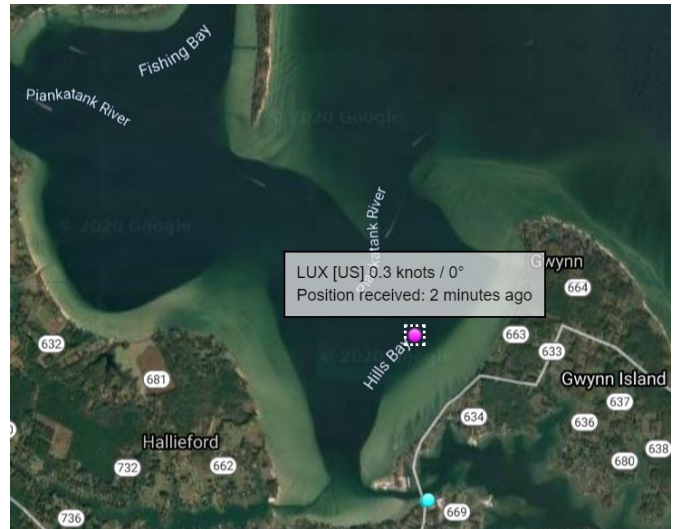
Susan Gilbert
Homer and Sherry Sandridge
John Wesley and Kathy Nash
Peggy & Terry Slattery
Toni & Rich Hughes
Ralph & Diane Leasure

The next MATEY game is in the planning. John Wesley Nash has supplied a list of clues, and directions are being written up. Stay tuned and JOIN IN when you get the email. It is a lot of fun and a very pleasant way to see all of your ASPS friends. If you are unsure how to use ZOOM, Michael will help you set it up and walk you through it.





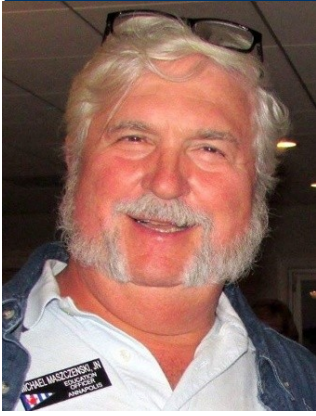
Terry Slattery, Michael Maszczenski and Rich Hughes brought LUX back from Savannah. Michael reports that Terry has found his new boat (above.) Masts are a little too tall for the ICW however. Rich had a chance to visit with his son who graciously met them at the rental car drop-off and ferried them back to the marina. They left Savannah on 8 May. On 12 May, Marine Traffic reported them to be just west of Morehead City.



The last night of the trip, 14 May, they anchored in the Piankatank River behind Gwynn Island. The charts are from <https://www.marinetraffic.com/>. Try it. It's a really fun app that will let you follow your AIS transmitting friends on the water..



It was a great spinnaker run on the Chesapeake. They got home on the evening of 15 May. That made it a remarkable 8 days for a 720 mile trip.



Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

The education program has been using video conferencing for class instruction. ASPS has a licensed copy of ZOOM. It has been put to good use for education classes, executive board meetings, and MATEY BINGO party night.

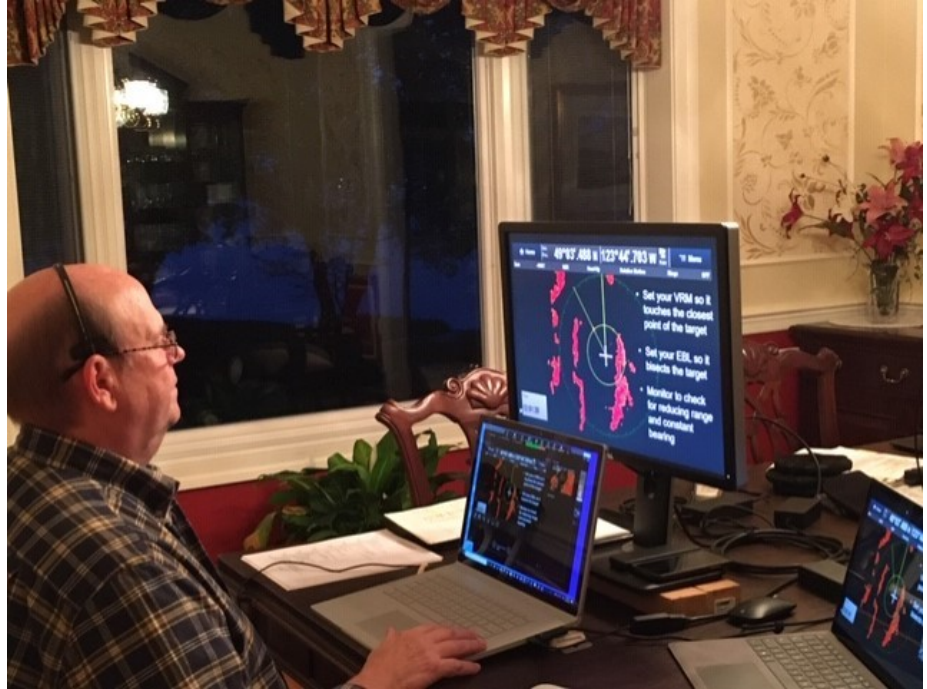
As we endure the pandemic, more online instruction will be planned. I am currently working on the fall lineup of courses. In the meantime, the America's Boating Club safety course is now available online. Check it out here:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education/>.

This Spring, P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN, taught Marine Navigation online. 17 people took the course. As of this writing, Rich is unsure how many passed the test as results have not yet been returned.

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN, taught Radar online. 12 folks took the course. The online format was well received by students in both of these courses.

A Visual Distress Signal seminar in June had been planned in conjunction with Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron. **That seminar has been canceled.**



CONGRATULATIONS



But, life goes on. I am happy to report that Susan Gilbert passed her Basic Boating Course and has been awarded a Seamanship grade.

P/C John Wilmot has completed all of the requirements for Inland Navigator. He is now working on the requirements to be a Boat Certifier.

Congratulations are in order for both of these ASPS members!





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America's
Boating Club at
Kent Narrows
[Web Page](#)

America's
Boating Club/
Baltimore/
Dundalk
[Web Page](#)



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

Squadron Events - Annapolis and nearby squadrons

04 Jun ASPS Dinner Meeting - Canceled

05-07 Jun Opening Weekend: Maryland Yacht Club - Canceled

Host - America's Boating Club/Baltimore/Dundalk

06 Jun ASPS/KNSPS Flare Shoot Kent Island - Canceled

13 Jun ASPS Picnic - Canceled

19-21 Jun Antique Boat Show - Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

Host - Dundalk - Canceled by the Museum

20 Jun BBQ & Stand Up Paddleboard demo

Host America's Boating Club at Kent Narrows

24 Jun ASPS Exec Comm Meeting - Online

26-28 Jun Wilmot's Water World Weekend - Canceled

29 Jun Poplar Island Tour (9 - 12 am) followed by lunch

Host - America's Boating Club at Kent Narrows

01 Jul Dinner and Fireworks - Bridges Restaurant, Grasonville

Host - America's Boating Club at Kent Narrows

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

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

26 Aug ASPS Exec Comm Meeting - TBD

03 Sep ASPS Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge

23 Sep ASPS Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis Senior High

26 Sep ASPS Annual Crab Feast

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

www.aspsmd.org/calendar.htm

Please check with the host squadron for cancellations!



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