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## Commander's Message

Cdr Ron Ricketts, S

*'To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven...'*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*



Photo courtesy of Bob Peterson Photography.

As we head into a new boating season, my term as your commander is coming to an end. The Change of Watch (COW) on 21 March is when the leadership of our squadron changes. However, the mission remains the same.

When I joined ASPS some four years ago, I was so impressed with the boating knowledge that this membership embodies. I have been boating since I was 16, and I felt that I knew much of everything I needed to know as a recreational boater. However, as I took on various roles within the organization, developing friendships along the way, I came to realize that there is always something more to learn, and something more to give to help others learn. Willingness to learn, and willingness to serve are core to our squadron's mission.

This past year it was rewarding to see our membership increase and the participation at our functions continue to be strong. Our participation in all three of the Annapolis boat shows, our Education Program, and our Vessel Safety Check program all continue to send a strong message to the local community of the presence and value that our squadron brings to Annapolis.

On a personal note, as your commander, any time I reached out for help there was someone in our membership willing to lean in and lend a hand. This was not just regarding squadron business matters, but with my own boating adventures as well.

One of my fondest memories of this past summer was when I joined the D/5 Southbound Cruise at Solomon's on its way to Crisfield. Uncertain about

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taking the long leg of 40+ miles alone with my single engine craft, I asked Mike Maszczenski to join me for that leg of the journey. With a big smile Mike agreed. I certainly didn't anticipate hitting a crab pot at 20+ knots bringing by boat to grinding halt in the middle of nowhere. It was extremely nice to have an experienced crew member on hand to help me through the incident. Mike was calm and reassuring and I instantly knew that he had seen this situation before. Not only did we quickly address the problem without damage to the boat, but we had a great time together.

The tag line of our organization, *come for the education, stay for the friends*, is as true today as ever! I thank the entire Squadron for allowing me to lead the organization this past year and I look forward to my continuing friendships with all of you.

I hope to see you all on 21 March at our Change of Watch (COW)!



Regards,  
Ron Ricketts, S  
Commander, ASPS  
America's Boating Club, Annapolis ■



**Spring does not arrive until the end of March.  
You need a warm jacket now.  
ASPS Logo Clothing at  
<http://asps.qbstores.com>**





## Executive Officer Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S

Good news, one and all. Spring is just around the corner. She has been teasing us these last few months with an exceptionally warm day here or there. Soon, the cold days will just be a memory. Spring will tempt us out of our homes. We will head back to the bay. Yes, it is almost time to go boating again!

As the boating season approaches, make sure that you are ready. More importantly, make sure your boat is ready! First step might be to ask for a free Vessel Safety Check. Our able crew of volunteer examiners will schedule a visit with you and your boat. You'll benefit from a thorough review of your boat, followed with suggestions for things you might want to do to make sure the coming season is a safe boating experience. Remember, these examinations are just between you and the examiner. When you pass, you do get a decal to proudly display on your boat. It will tell any law enforcement agencies that you are equipped with the required safety items.

Sometimes, your boat may not pass the initial inspection. Remember that this safety check is to make sure you have all the required safety equipment and features specific to your boat. You will be given the information about changes you need to make in order to meet the standards. You can then repair or replace the items to make sure your boat is safe for you and for any passengers. Then, ask for another Vessel Safety Check. Our examiners will schedule another visit to verify that you have made the necessary corrections. At that point, you will receive the decal certifying you have passed a safety check!

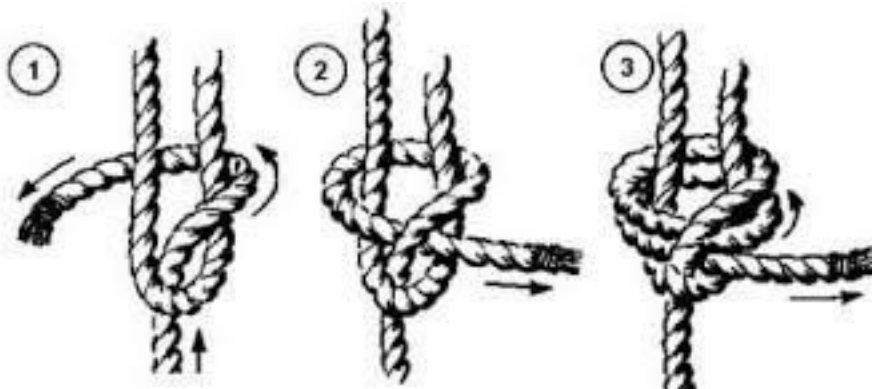
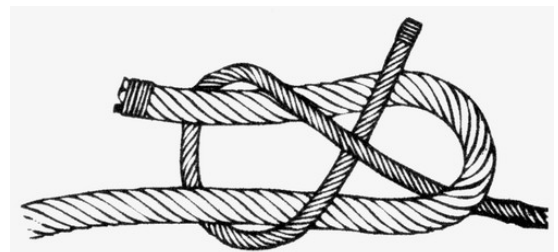
One other event is just around the corner: our own Change of Watch. As of 21 March, I will finish my term as Executive Officer. It has been a pleasure working with all of you this year. My time as XO could not have been so successful without all the members who have pitched in to help out. Our squadron continues to thrive because so many of you take part. I look forward to continuing our efforts together. ■



Try a **Sheet Bend** to join two lines that are of different diameter

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/>



And when you have mastered the sheet bend, try the **Double Sheet Bend** by wrapping an extra time. Good for slippery modern cordage because it supplies more friction.



## Administrative Officer

P/C Bruce Arey, JN

It tends to be a slow time for activities at our squadron. But, due to the mild winter, many of you are probably already planning or have begun the annual work culminating in the spring commissioning of your boat.

Hopefully, you are also planning to join us on Saturday, 21 March, at the annual Change of Watch. Be sure to get your reservation and money in by 14 March. Information on the event can be found on page 8. At that event, I will become Executive Officer.

However, I have already started on the responsibilities due to the timing. The Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show will be held on 24-26 April. Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron has the lead on manning the America's Boating Club® booth. We need volunteers to talk to participants about the benefits of belonging to our organization! See the link to sign up on page 10. Please sign up soon to get the time slot that you would like. The squadron needs your help. ■



## Download a Member Roster from the New ASPS Web Site

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

• [Home](#)

• **Leadership and Contacts**

• [Membership](#)

• [Education](#)

• [Boating Safety](#)

• [Vessel Safety Check](#)

• [Calendar of Activities](#)

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**ASPS Bridge: 2019 - 2020 Watch**

Membership Roster available for Download: **CLICK HERE** - (Squadron Members Only)

- ★ Click to access the roster. Enter the password.
- ★ If you need the password, email the [Secretary](#) and it will be provided.
- ★ Save the roster to your local drive.
- ★ Note: When you finish the process check the date of the file you have downloaded. If your download file is not for 020320 (02/03/2020), but some earlier date, come back to the page above and REFRESH the page in your browser. Then proceed to download again.



**Founders Day Celebration  
5 February 2020  
Renditions Golf Club**



*Thanks go out to our  
photographer,  
P/C John Wilmot, JN.*





## Dinner Delights

P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

We did not have a dinner meeting in the month of February. Instead, we gathered at Renditions Clubhouse for a wonderful brunch featuring Crabcake Benedict, omelets, and other wonderful treats. After a lovely meal, D/Cdr Walter Neese, SN-IN, spoke to us about the history of Founders Day. If you were not able to attend this brunch, here are some of the facts Walter shared with us:



- The United States Power Squadrons (USPS) started as a club within a club – a group of power boat owners who banded together as a subgroup of a yacht club.
- From the beginning, education was a main focus. In fact, members were initially required to participate in three on-the-water drills each year.
- The organization was founded on three core beliefs:
  - The importance of improving boating skills
  - Promoting camaraderie
  - Supporting the military
- At one time, you could only become a member of USPS if you were already a member of a yacht club.
- District 5 was formed in 1939. At that time, there were 49 squadrons chartered nationally. Currently, 31 squadrons make up membership in D/5.

All of our meetings offer the opportunity to talk and dine with like-minded boaters who share a love of being out on the water. In addition, the meetings feature a speaker chosen to help us continue the mission of education. D/Cdr Walter Neese, SN-IN, helped us remember why squadrons were formed – and why we became members.

The month of March will again feature a meeting with a different format. At this gathering, we will celebrate our new bridge officers. We hope to see you there. ■



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

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

[vsc@aspsmd.org](mailto:vsc@aspsmd.org) or call 410-703-9559.





## Sea Cadets

P/C Anthony Martin, JN

On Saturday, 15 February 2020, the Training Ship Reina Mercedes (TSRM) held its annual inspection at the American Legion Post 175 in Severna Park, Maryland. The TSRM is a unit of the United States Navy Sea Cadet Corps, which is comprised of two programs. The Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) is the junior program for young people ages 10 through 13. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is the senior program for young people who are ages 13 through 17.

This junior cadet program introduces its members to naval life through instruction in basic seamanship and leadership. NLCC members are able to participate in drill sessions monthly, during school breaks. They also have a one-week orientation class as well as in specially-designed annual training sessions. The purpose of the NLCC program is to prepare its cadets for success upon entering NSCC by exposing them to the fundamentals of seamanship and leadership. The training program is less arduous than NSCC's, but still includes a wide variety of away-from-home, one-week training opportunities designed to give cadets exposure to Navy life.

Americas Boating Club – Annapolis (ASPS/ABC) was invited to attend and participate in the annual inspection. From this writer's perspective, the young people who make up the unit exemplify the best America has to offer. We look forward to strengthening our relationship with TSRM and invite members to learn more about the NLCC and TSRM in particular. Those interested can contact Lt Emilio Balay at [co@reinamercedes.org](mailto:co@reinamercedes.org) or [www.reinamercedes.org](http://www.reinamercedes.org). ■





# ANNAPOLIS SAIL & POWER SQUADRON



Cdr Ron Ricketts, S, & Karen Ricketts

Request the honor of your presence  
**79th Annual Change of Watch**  
**Saturday, 21 March 2020**

**Renditions Golf Club**  
1380 West Central Avenue  
Davidsonville, MD 21035

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

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

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

**RSVP by 14 March**



**\$45.00 per person**

**Make Check Payable to ASPS and Mail to:**

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

Please send check by mail

Select entrée & dessert by email  
[aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com](mailto:aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com)  
**by 14 March**

Or use the form below

**Must be received by 14 March**

Name	Entrée (Check one)	Dessert (Check one)
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Total number of people \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ check included

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or Email \_\_\_\_\_







## Safety

D/Lt/C Jeff Short, JN-IN

**My Observations About Life Jacket Use** - You might not always wear a lifejacket, but you should always wear a lifejacket in these six conditions.

Life consists of a series of choices that we make every day based on our perception of risk versus benefit, magnitude of consequences and odds of occurrence. Do you feel lucky? I have to believe that most of us do. How else can I explain why I see almost nobody wearing personal floatation devices (PFDs,) otherwise known as life jackets, while boating. Life jackets! They are called life jackets because they SAVE lives. So why is nobody wearing them? Because we feel lucky!

***“It won’t happen to me.”*** This perception is so prevalent that it’s difficult to convince people to get flu shots, to use seat belts, or wear motorcycle, bike and ski helmets. The general public’s inability to make good decisions to decrease risk when the consequences are catastrophic, including loss of life, have led, through legislation, to socially mandated use of these safety items such as seat belts and helmets.

How is it that we are so convinced that “it won’t happen to me” even with the consequences so incredibly dire, yet we are likewise convinced we can win in the lottery when the odds of winning are known to be so incredibly low?

Eighty percent of those who died while boating, died from drowning. Almost 90 percent of boaters who drowned were not wearing a lifejacket!

Wearing a life jacket is absolutely the best way to increase your chances of surviving if you fall overboard. We should always wear a lifejacket while boating. But since we don’t always wear a lifejacket while boating, are there particular times that we could promise ourselves, our crew, and our families that we will ALWAYS wear a lifejacket?

**1) Cold water** – Cold shock is the body’s instant response to immersion in cold water, and involves uncontrollable gasping for air. If your head is under cold water, even briefly, you will drown due to the cold shock response. A PFD will keep your head out of the water as you work to control the involuntary gasping of cold shock response. Manually inflatable PFDs are of little help in a cold-water immersion situation. You need to have your PFD inflate automatically in order to get your head out of the water instantly. ALWAYS wear a PFD around cold water, even on the dock!

**2) Solo boating** – If you go overboard while boating by yourself, rescue is unlikely for a long time. Your chances of drowning are extremely high if you are not wearing a life jacket. Regardless of the type of vessel, stand up paddle-board, kayak, sail boat, row boat or powerboat, when boating by yourself, NEVER leave the dock without putting on a life jacket. On larger vessels, consider automatically inflating PFDs. If you hit your head on the way overboard and are rendered unconscious, a manually inflatable lifejacket will do you little good. There have been many reports of solo sailors being hit in the head by the boom and knocked unconscious as they go overboard.

**3) Rough water or increased speeds, especially while on deck** – slips, trips and falls on deck at speed and in rough conditions greatly increase your chances of going overboard. Rough conditions will make it hard to be recovered quickly and hitting the water at speed is likely to cause injury, unconsciousness, and incredibly high risk of drowning.



4) **Darkness, fog, and rain with decreased visibility** – Always put on your life jacket BEFORE sunset, before the fog rolls in, and long before the approaching storm front hits. Boating in the dark and under conditions of decreased visibility greatly increase the chances of being knocked or falling overboard and increase the length of time it takes to find you for recovery.



5) **ANY unusual conditions onboard** - Engine failure, injury, sail or rigging issue, fire, taking on water, coming into an unfamiliar or crowded harbor, etc. Big or small, ANYTIME things aren't going exactly as planned, everyone should put on lifejackets. These are the times when mistakes are made and distracted crew and guests can go overboard.

6) **Whenever it crosses your mind or you are trying to decide if it would be a good idea to put on life jackets** - Similar to reefing sails in a blow, if you are thinking about it just do it.

ALWAYS wearing a life jacket greatly improves your chances of survival if you were to go overboard. I am not suggesting that there are times when boaters do not need to wear their lifejackets. I am pointing out the times, while boating, that I am particularly insistent that everyone on board wear a life jacket. Consider these six occasions as no excuse not to ALWAYS wear a life jacket. ■



## Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show 24-26 April 2020

Look at all of the great things to see and do at:  
<https://www.annapolisboatshows.com/annapolis-spring-sailboat-show/>

Then, volunteer to work at the booth of  
Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron.

**Volunteer sign up sheet here:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/2020SpringSignup>

Please type carefully ... the URL is case sensitive!  
Please help your squadron. Volunteers get free admission.

Questions?: [boatshow@aspsmd.org](mailto:boatshow@aspsmd.org)

**Reserve your spot now!**

# Boating Links to Browse

◆ New owners with plans to upgrade and change Ferry Point Marina to Atlantic Marina at Ferry Point :

<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/marina-on-magothy-river-has-new-owner-new-plans/>

◆ From the Cruisers Forum  
<http://www.cruisersforum.com/> :

Keep your boat from sinking with a Magic Eraser, or Stay Afloat ( available from Defender) or a wax toilet ring or a nerf ball or a yoga mat. Click [here](#) for a series of emails from folks who post on this forum about ways to stopper an unexpected hole in your boat and what you should keep on hand for emergencies.

◆ Sextants in Space - Astronauts are still using this age old technique in case of catastrophic failure:

<https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2019/june/sextant-in-space>

◆ Crew Overboard Recovery Methods:

[https://www.usna.edu/Sailing/files/documents/2019\\_Safety\\_at\\_Sea/Sat\\_0930\\_COB\\_Prevention\\_and\\_Recovery.pdf](https://www.usna.edu/Sailing/files/documents/2019_Safety_at_Sea/Sat_0930_COB_Prevention_and_Recovery.pdf)

<https://www.boatus.com/magazine/2012/October/foundation-how-to-prepare-for-a-man-overboard.asp>

<http://sailingmagazine.net/article-1343-crew-overboard-recovery.html>

<https://www.ussailing.org/news/man-overboard-recovery-procedure/>

◆ Open CPN has a listing of the free charts that are available for download for many places on the globe:

<https://opencpn.org/OpenCPN/info/chartsource.html>

Another free source for charts:

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/opennautical/files/>

Open Sea Map uses crowd sourcing to produce free charts:

<https://www.hydro-international.com/content/article/openseamap-the-free-nautical-chart>





## **Six Stages in a Boater's Life – (or why you need America's Boating Club of Annapolis)**

**P/C John Wilmot, JN**

Boating and all types of water sports have been the basis of my family's fun and entertainment for many years. I've observed every stage of various boaters' lives. So, let me give you a brief run-down of these stages. Maybe yours might be similar.

First Stage - That young couple down the street has a boat, and I think he makes less money than I do, so why don't we have a boat? They go to the boat show and she agrees to buy this boat because she likes the light blue color. He tells her that they can make the boat payment, while not mentioning the docking, insurance, and storage costs. They soon realize that they must take a Basic Boating Course, and learn how to drive this beautiful light blue boat. Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron has a course, so they both sign up and they get their certificates to operate the boat. They learn that the head is the toilet, and a fender is that thing you hang over the side to keep from bashing the dock. They also learn that there is a plug in the stern of the boat that you must put in before you launch the boat. If you don't, the light blue boat sinks to the bottom.

Second Stage – By this time, the couple has learned to trailer the boat, pull their kids around the lake on water skis or an inner tube, or maybe even fish a little. They have learned to launch the boat with the plug in it, and wear life jackets most of the time. At this point, he decides that they need a bigger boat. Again, they go to the boat show and find a boat with two outboards on the stern and a little cuddy cabin up front. Now they can cruise on the bay, and anchor out overnight. They soon realize that they must know how to read a chart, use a compass and that those strange posts and cans sticking up in the water must mean something, even though some of the lights are burned out. (Must be poor maintenance by the DNR.) So, it's time to join Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron (ASPS) (America's Boating Club), and take many of their great courses, such as Piloting, Weather, and Partners in Command. Now they are experienced boaters, and can go anywhere on the bay.

Third Stage – He claims that they bought the wrong boat when they bought this one. The cuddy cabin is too small. They have a head, but no shower, and a microwave, but no galley. She agrees that the boat is too small, since she does not have room to take friends or kids along. So, it's back to the boat show, and they pick out a bigger boat. A friendly smooth-talking salesman gives them such a good deal on this big boat that they can't pass it up. Now the new bigger boat has Radar, GPS, AIS, MFD, MMSI, DSC, and autopilot, so it's back to ASPS and take several courses on how to use all of these new electronics. Also, I forgot to mention that this boat has the new forward-looking depth finder, so they can get some advance notice as to when they are going to run aground. They realize just how valuable those ASPS courses are to their safe boating.

Fourth Stage - Sooner or later, he begins to realize that all of this big boat and its equipment is costing quite a bit of money. One easy solution is for them to do all of the maintenance on the boat. They start by taking the ASPS Engine Maintenance Course, and then work on changing oil and filters, fuel filters, air filters and bilge cleaning. Next Spring their work involves washing and waxing the hull, bottom painting, and changing zincs – as well as buying new drapes and dishes for the cabin. With this new well-equipped boat, they can cruise down the ICW, or up the bay and down the Delaware River to Ocean City- there's no limit- all a great adventure.



Fifth Stage – Now that the kids are out of the house, and close friends are moving away, it might be time for a smaller boat. This 42' model is just too much boat for two of them to go out for a boat ride. They decide to go back to the boat show and see if they can find that friendly salesman that sold them the big boat. He will surely allow them a lot of money on this boat, and give them a bargain on a smaller one. She agrees on the deal if she can take her new drapes and dishes back before the trade. He's sure they will allow that and make a big profit.

Sixth stage – That condo over at the retirement village looks pretty good. If they sold the house and moved in over there, they wouldn't even have to cook. Should they sell the boat or just donate it to a charity. She thinks donating the boat to charity would be a fine idea. He agrees to keep teaching boating courses for the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron or America's Boating Club of Annapolis – whichever name you prefer. They both realize that the comradery and friends that they have developed over the years through ASPS will last forever. ■



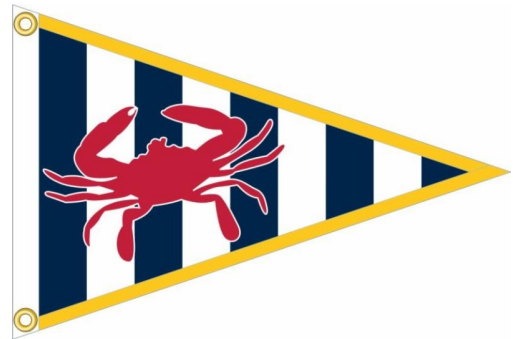
### Maneuvering Around the Anchor Watch

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



- ★ The Anchor Watch has morphed into an electronic newsletter. There also are links in blue underlined type all through it for you to click. As an example, <http://www.aspsmd.org/> will take you to our own web page. Print the AW if you like, but you will miss a lot of the links to information outside of the AW.

### Need a New ASPS burgee?

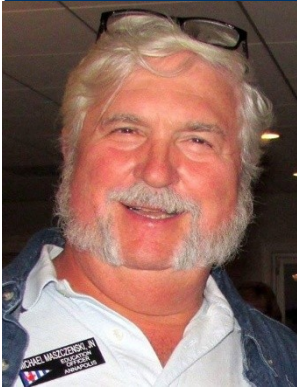


They are \$30 each and can be had by contacting one of the following folks:

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

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

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



## Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

We just had a successful completion of Boat Handling and America's Boating Course. Eight people completed the ABC course for free as part of an Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron

grant, and received their Boating Safety Card.

We will begin two more courses this month - both being taught on Tuesdays at Annapolis High School: Intro to Marine Navigation and RADAR. Don't miss your chance to take one of these courses.

If you haven't seen the America's Boating Channel I encourage you to visit and explore the content on this site: <https://americasboatingchannel.com/>. It is a collection of "How To" boating. For more links to great boating apps and website be sure to check out the links at the bottom of the Annapolis Sail and Power website <https://aspsmd.org/> and check out the Links Page <https://www.aspsmd.org/links.htm>.



### Marine Navigation (aka Piloting)

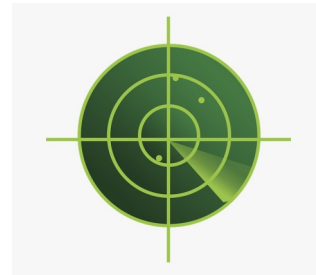
**Place:** Annapolis High School

**Instructor:** Richard Hughes

**Date:** 3 March 2020 to 5 May 2020 - Tuesday Evenings 7-9:00 PM

**Cost:** \$90.00

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



### Radar for Boaters

**Place:** Annapolis High School

**Instructor:** John Wesley Nash

**Date:** 17 March to 14 April 2020 - Tuesday Evenings 7-9:00 PM

**Cost:** \$75.00

**Materials:** Printed book

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



### Partners in Command

**Place:** Annapolis High School

**Instructor:** Kathy Nash

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

**Cost:** \$35.00

**Materials:** Printed book

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



**Visual Distress Signaling and Fire Extinguisher Practice****Date:** 6 June 2020 - 10 AM to 12 Noon**Place:** Kent Island on Cox Creek  
Demonstration of the way to send a visual distress signal along with practice of flare use. Everyone will have several practices with real flares. We will also be doing Fire Extinguisher practice with the simulator and a real fire extinguisher demo.**Registration for All ASPS Sponsored Courses**

Click on this link to register: <http://bit.ly/qKN8ad> or email [aspsmd.class@gmail.com](mailto:aspsmd.class@gmail.com), or [seo@aspsmd.org](mailto: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](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 qualifying course will be offered beginning 27 April.

**Saturday Seminars at Kent Island Yacht Club****Knots Bend and Hitches Seminar****VHS/DSC Radio Seminar****On the Water Training**

Download newsletter for latest info and registration information.

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

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

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<http://www.uspsdundalk.org/> ■



# Save the Date !

## Friday 26 June to Sunday 28 June

### Wilmot's Water World

Betty Rouse Wilmot and John Wilmot are hosting a three day fun filled weekend at Deep Creek Lake at Betty's lakeside home, located at 104 Hawthorne Lane, Oakland, Maryland 21550.

Friday 26 June -

Afternoon - White Water Rafting Event

Evening - Cook out on the back deck

Saturday 27 June

Morning - paddle board and kayak races

Afternoon - Water Skiing, Boat Rides and Yard

Games

Evening - Barbeque with drink and all the trimmings

Sunday 28 June

Morning - Brunch on the deck

Afternoon - Trip to Swallow Falls or leave for home.

The Wilmots are reserving rooms at Garrett Inn, Oakland, Maryland.

Please RSVP to Betty at [bcnu123@gmail.com](mailto:bcnu123@gmail.com) or John at [johncwilmot@verizon.net](mailto:johncwilmot@verizon.net)





## New Course: Radar for Boaters

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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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, 17 March:

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

### Tuesday, 24 March:

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

### Tuesday, 31 March:

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

### Tuesday, 7 April:

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

The secret of change is to  
 focus all of your energy not  
 on fighting the old, but on  
 building the new.

Socrates

## Actions from Recent Meetings

### Executive Committee Meeting

18 December 2019

- ★ A motion passed to make the ABC course free for everyone.

### Executive Committee Meeting

22 January 2020

- ★ A motion passed to provide two tickets from our Crab Feast for the Arundel River Federation to auction.

### Founders Day Celebration

5 February 2020

- ★ The membership voted to accept the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee for the upcoming year.



# Calendar of Coming Events

## United States Power Squadrons® Events



[www.usps.org/](http://www.usps.org/)

### District 5 Events

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



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### Squadron Events - Annapolis and nearby squadrons

- 03 Mar- Marine Navigation course - Annapolis High School
- 05 Mar Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge - Canceled**
- 14 Mar Change of Watch POSTPONED**
- 17 Mar Radar for Boaters Course - Annapolis High School
- 21 Mar Change of Watch NEW DATE**
- 25 Mar Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis High School
- 02 Apr Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge
- 22 Apr Exec Comm Meeting - Annapolis High School
- 23 Apr Partners in Command seminar - Annapolis High School
- 26-28 Jun Wilmot's Water World Weekend at Deep Creek Lake



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For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

[www.aspsmd.org/calendar.htm](http://www.aspsmd.org/calendar.htm)



The Anchor Watch would love to have YOUR article, no matter how long or short, to publish in a future newsletter. Write it up, and send it to us!



Changes to your phone number, address, e-mail?  
Please email P/C Gary Budesheim, SN at  
[roster@aspsmd.org](mailto:roster@aspsmd.org) or (302) 538-5276.

## Anchor Watch

Deadline for April Newsletter:  
**Thursday, 19 March 2020**

Direct all material to:  
P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S  
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