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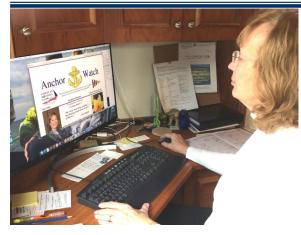
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Commander's Message Cdr Peggy Slattery, S

"Hard times don't create heroes. It is in the hard times that the 'hero' within us is revealed." --Bob Riley

As I write this, it is only early April. We are still staying safe by staying home. Our own Chesapeake Bay has little traffic – and none that is recreational. Even in these difficult times, members of Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron continue to support each other and the greater community.

As commander, I continue to receive reports about member involvement in our community at large. I hear stories of members calling each other just to check in and see how things are going. Some members are taking care of their more vulnerable neighbors by picking up groceries and other necessary supplies for them. One member even picked up carryout dinners for older neighbors around him.

We continue with our education program as well. You can read about our virtual classes in the article by our Educational Officer, Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N. I am grateful for the instructors willing to take on learning a whole new way of teaching in order to reach out to our boating community. One of the strengths of our organization is the commitment to education. I am glad to see that commitment carry on even in the midst of a pandemic. We remain committed to reaching out to others. Mike is working with Kent Narrows Sail and Power Squadron as they attempt to put some classes and seminars online. As you probably hear everywhere – we are all in this together. I will add that we will only get through this if we all work together.

And, we will get through this. Once again, we will be able to get together. I look forward to seeing all of you - in a meeting, on the water, or just out and about. Until then, stay safe. Stay healthy. Keep dreaming about being back out on the water.

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands – one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."

--Audrey Hepburn

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News from National AMERICA'S BRATING CLUB

National Weather Service Seeks Member Input

In the near future, the National Weather Service will propose eliminating the term "Advisory" from its Watch, Warning, Advisory products. The public information statement below explains this in more detail.

As part of this change, the NWS is also proposing changing "Small Craft Advisory" to "Small Craft Warning," which was the name used in the 1970s. The criteria for Small Craft Warning is the same as for Small Craft Advisory.

The public information statement below contains a link to a survey in which the NWS is seeking feedback on this renaming proposal. The survey will be live through May 24, 2020. Please take a moment to help the NWS by filling out the survey.

Public Information Statement

https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pns20-14small_craft_advisory.pdf

Survey on the proposal to rename Small Craft Advisory to Small Craft Warning (very short survey - 4 questions) <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VZGX6BF</u>

Editor's note: The above was copied directly from the email sent to all members.



ANNAPOLIS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON



Executive Officer P/C Bruce Arey, JN

We will be remembering this year for a long time to come. We will be telling our grandchildren of the year when there was no recreational boating; unless you are engaged in subsistence fishing. I thought of getting a fishing license and keeping a fishing pole on my sailboat, but a quick check of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources informed me that new licenses are not being issued due to the COVID-19 virus.

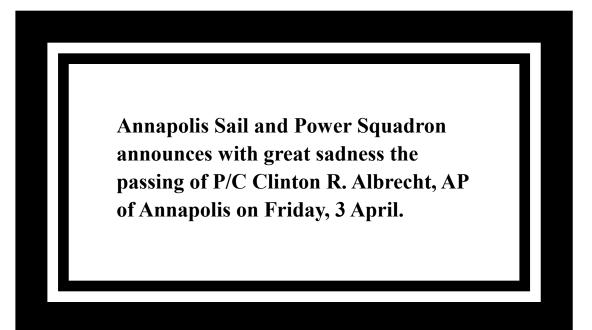
Maybe by the time that you are reading this, Governor Hogan will have lifted the ban on recreational boating. If not, you may be able to work on your boat. This may be the year when you have time to do all the things on your boat

maintenance "to do list" that you have always wanted to do, but never had time in the boating season, because this year your boat never got launched; the marinas were closed.

As of the middle of April (when I am writing this), the COVID-19 virus has brought most activities to a grinding halt due to Governor Hogan's "Stay at Home" order.

If you would like to check out more about the "Stay at Home" Order, go to the following link: <u>https://</u>news.maryland.gov/dnr/2020/03/30/dnr-issues-guidance-on-governor-hogans-stay-at-home-order/.

In the meantime, let's dream about all the ASPS activities you can become involved with when the ban is lifted, such as monthly dinner meetings, educational classes, Fall Boat Shows, Vessel Safety Checks and maybe even boating (if it is not too late in the season). Oh well, there is always next year.







NNAPOLIS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

This has certainly been an interesting start to my year as Administrative Officer. I volunteered to serve in this position because I truly enjoy the opportunity to plan events that bring people together. I love the opportunity to talk with other members each month at our dinner meetings. I enjoy being out on the water with like minded boaters. However, it does not seem that we will be doing much of that in the immediate future. But, I do believe we will get out there again. In fact, I keep thinking of the lyrics of a favorite song of mine—

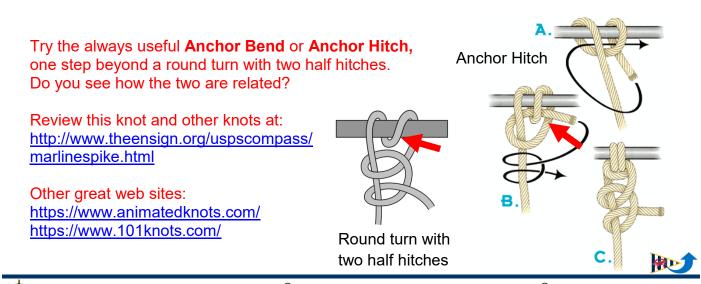
"We'll meet again Don't know where Don't know when But I know we'll meet again some sunny day"

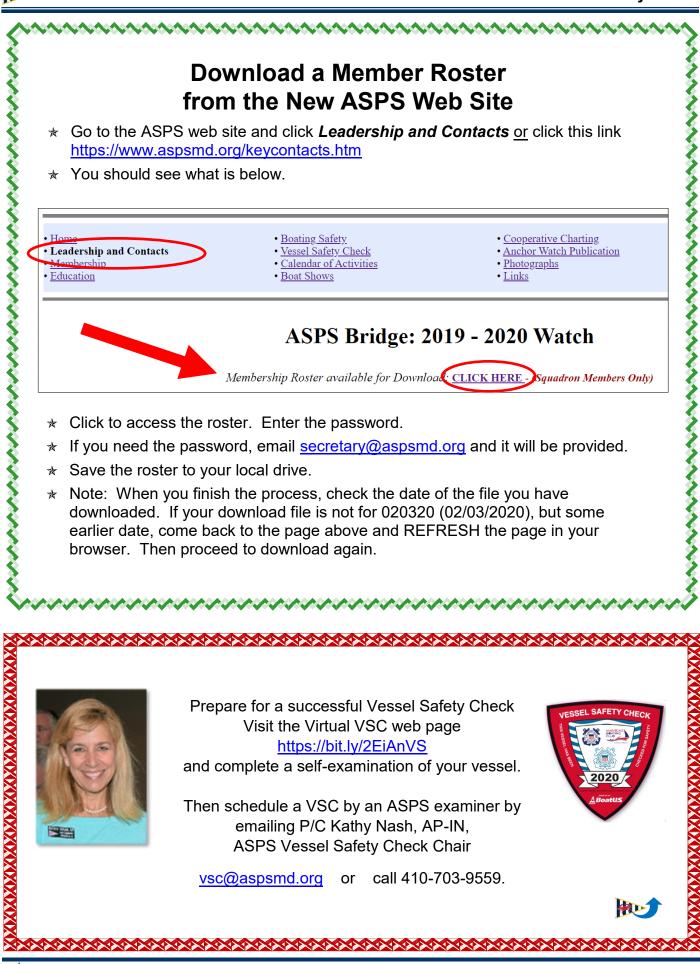
--Vera Lynn

With that in mind, Susan Gilbert (my Assistant Admin Officer) and I continue with plans for the future. Please take the time to check the calendar in this issue for our full calendar. In the meantime, look for Lunch Hooks for information about events in the immediate future. With the deadlines for the Anchor Watch, I find myself writing this article in early April. At this point, I don't know what May will bring. I am hoping to see all of you, but.... We just don't know. Here's what we have planned.

- ★ 7 May Dinner Meeting at the Elks Lodge. This meeting has been cancelled. The Elks Lodge will be unable to host us at their facility in May.
- ★ 19 May Blue Angels raft up. Cancelled as are all of the commissioning week activities.
- ★ 4 June Dinner Meeting at the Elks Lodge. At this time, we will install officers and recognize contributions to the squadron. This meeting will also feature our annual **Pet Food and Supplies Drive**. Members are encouraged to sport their funkiest summer beach wear. The person voted to be the beachiest will win a free dinner for the September meeting. Let's all hope that we can actually hold the June meeting.

As always, I look forward to seeing everyone at our events. Also, don't hesitate to volunteer to help at any event. Many hands make light work! Until we see each other again, be well.







Spring Commissioning – The Fun Part P/C John Wilmot, JN

This coronavirus has definitely put a damper on our boating plans. But, I think it is time to gather some tools and supplies and get that boat ready for the "Big Splash". I looked through the BoatUS magazine and the Boating magazine to find a good checklist. There seems to be a lot of lists, so here is an abbreviated one with my comments. I used to do all of the work myself, but as you get older, it's easier to have the boatyard do the job. I also used to haul my ski boat around on a trailer. With a trailer, you don't have to worry about bottom paint, but you must maintain the trailer. Thank goodness for Bearing Buddies on the trailer wheels to keep grease on the axle bearings. I learned that a smoking

wheel bearing on the highway ruins your whole day. So here is my list:

- \star Check the bottom paint condition and the props, shafts, zincs and rudders. If you need bottom paint, zincs, or special paint on the props (recommended) call the boatyard. Grab the prop(s) and see if you can move it right or left, up or down. If it moves, have the yard check the cutlass bearings.
- * Check all of the hoses for stiffness, rot, leaks and cracking, and replace if necessary. Double clamp fuel lines and exhaust hoses. Check engine intake sea strainer - clean and secure. Check and lubricate all sea cocks.
- Inspect bilge pump and float switch, both auto and manual. ★
- Check belts for wear, cracking, and tensioning. Replace if badly worn. ☆
- Charge the battery(s). Wire brush battery terminals and fill cells with distilled water. ☆
- Inspect bilge blower hose for leaks and run blower to confirm correct operation. ☆
- Always check engine oil and generator oil and replace if over 50 hours. Check transmission fluid ☆ after boat is launched and fluid is warm.
- ★ Inspect fuel tanks and fuel pumps for leaks. Replace fuel filters.
- ★ Check trim tab operation before the "Splash". If hydraulic, check fluid level.
- ★ Inspect lower unit oil level in stern drives and outboards. Top up as necessary.
- ★ Inspect dock and anchor lines for chafe and wear.



HERE IS THE BIG ONE! BE SURE THE STERN DRAIN PLUG IS INSTALLED! *

* One more tip from my check list. If this is the first time launching your boat from a trailer, make sure you have a friend to help. Get all of your safety gear, coolers and equipment, plus lines on the boat before you go down the ramp. Disconnect the trailer lights. PUT THE PLUG IN!

One final note. Most of you have taken the Basic Boating Course, so, you know all of the required Safety Equipment that is needed. However, just for a last-minute check, why not call P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN, at 410-703-9559 and arrange a VESSEL SAFETY CHECK. ■







Off the Boat Safety P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN

It's the middle of April and *FANTASTIC* is "on the hard." And, the Governor has recently directed that I "shelter in place." I can't even go check on the boat, much less continue spring chores. I had such high hopes that I would be ready to launch early this spring.

I have a Boating Safety article due for the Anchor Watch. Somehow practicing safe boating seems to be far in the future, so what do I write about? I think everyone has been inundated with safety practices associated with the pandemic – wash your hands frequently, social distancing and, more recently, wear a

mask in public. I am not sure that I could add more cautions than the news media does daily.

My second favorite pastime after sailing is "making sawdust" in my basement workshop. There are many safety issues associated with the use of woodworking tools. Let me discuss some of the safety procedures that should be practiced in a wood shop. Rule number 1: Don't be in a hurry. Many accidents occur because haste causes people to skip their safety practices. There are many other obvious practices that should be followed. I have several saws: table saw, bandsaw, compound miter saw, and scroll saw as well as several hand saws. So far, I still have all ten fingers so the practices that I employ have provided personal benefit. Whenever changing a blade in any saw, unplug the power, so it isn't accidently turned on. This seems an obvious practice but is not universally adhered to. Other safety practices are more subtle. Wear protective eyewear as well as a dust mask. Don't wear baggy clothes that could snag on tools or create a tripping hazard.

By now, I have probably lost half of my audience. Many are thinking, "I don't have a basement workshop full of dangerous tools so what does this article have to do with me?" We all have a hobby shop of some fashion. Maybe your hobby is gardening, cooking or baking in a kitchen, or power walking in the neighborhood. All these hobbies have some level or danger and require some safety practices. Take a moment to assess the dangers of your hobby and consider whether your practices are adequate for you to safely pursue these activities.

There is one safety practice that we preach when we talk about safe boating that should apply to any endeavor that one undertakes. In the Piloting course that I teach, it is called "Seaman's Eye". This directs the seaman to develop a sense of his/her surrounding environment. It is sometimes called, "situational awareness". I also call it, "getting your head out of the cockpit". Constantly evaluate your environment and be aware of potential dangers.

Until we are all "back on the water," practice your Seaman's Eye in your landlocked environment.

Cancellations

- ★ 07 May Dinner Meeting Note: The mini installation of officers, the pet food drive and the summer dress up will take place at the June meeting, if one is held.
- * **19 May Blue Angels Practice Day Raft Up** All commissioning week exercises have been cancelled by the Naval Academy.





News from D/5

It continues to be interesting times for all of us. In February, we were looking forward to the installation of our new officers in March. Immediately after that event, many of us planned to go to Ocean City for the District 5 spring conference. At that meeting, our own P/C Jeff Short, JN-IN, would be installed as Commander of D/5. As we all know now, COVID-19 put an end to those events- and many more.

We continue to try to keep our organizations going in the face of this national pandemic. For D/5, that meant having a virtual installation. Obviously, we have no great pictures of the dinner event by the ocean. Instead, we have a photo from our new reality- the virtual world. Here's Jeff Short being installed as Commander of District 5.

Jeff, Congratulations! From Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron





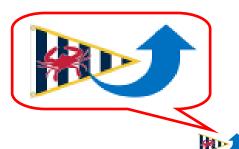
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Congratulations to all of the writers, editors and photographers, contributors and anyone else who helped in any way put together the Anchor Watch. Our newsletter has been presented with the Distinctive Communicator Award for 2019.

Maneuvering Around the **Anchor Watch**

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- 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?

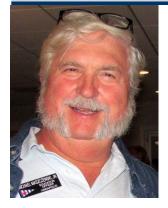


They are \$30 each and can be had by contacting one of the following folks:

- ★ 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.



The education program has faced some major changes with social distancing in place to keep us safe from COVID-19. We have been using video conferencing for class instruction, and we are

running Marine Navigation and Radar online. Currently, we have 30 people participating! We did decide to postpone the Partners in Command seminar. We will reschedule it later, and will advertise when it is scheduled. My special thanks goes to P/C Rich Hughes, SN-IN, and P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN, for pushing forward with this. I am excited with what we can do. As ASPS and other squadrons learn video instruction, it could greatly extend where you take a class. I hope we will be able to do some exciting events with this format even after social distancing ends.

As of this writing, we plan to finish our education semester with a Visual Distress Signal seminar on 6 June 2020. We will do presentations on how to indicate distress, and provide flare demonstrations and practice (time to use up your out of date flares and get valuable practice). We will provide practice on using a fire extinguisher with our We will be partnering with Kent simulator. Narrows Sail and Power Squadron at the Southwind Community Beach. The Address is 2900 Cox Neck Road, Chester MD 21619. The time will be from 10:00 to Noon. Please keep a watch on the aspsmd.org website if changes need to be made.

Visual Distress Signaling and Fire Extinguisher Practice



Date: Tentative 6 June 2020 - 10 AM to 12 Noon **Place**: Southwind Community Beach 2900 Cox Neck Rd. Chester Maryland 21619

Cost: No charge

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 practice using a Fire Extinguisher using the simulator.

Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

Registration for All ASPS Sponsored Courses

Click on this link to register: http://bit.ly/qKN8ad or email <u>aspsmd.class@gmail.com</u>, or <u>seo@aspsmd.org</u>. 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: <u>www.aspsmd.org</u>.

Other local squadrons' activities are available to ASPS members.

Kent Narrows Sail and Power

Boat Docking and Slow Speed Maneuvering -Online Seminar

Date: Wednesday, 13 May at 7:15 PM Place: Online: Free Conference Call Meeting ID: abckn 978-990-5475 Code 596618

Cost: No charge to members

Contact John Locke at 443-262-6892 or <u>abckn.xo@gmail.com</u> for meeting information and sign up. New to FreeConfereceCall.com? Attend the practice session Tuesday May 12 at 7:15 PM.

With the knowledge you will gain in this seminar, coupled with your on-the-water practice, your confidence in docking and slow speed maneuvering will increase and your boating will be both safer and more enjoyable.

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

Download newsletter for latest info and registration information.

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

Reach **Rockville Sail and Power Squadron** at: <u>http://www.rspsonline.org/</u>.

Reach Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron at: <u>http://www.uspsdundalk.org/</u>



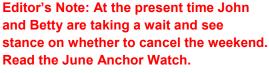


Wilmots' Water World Friday 26 June to Sunday 28 June

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.







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Friday, June 26-

- ★ Morning Drive to Deep Creek Lake (about 200 miles from Annapolis) Lunch at noon.
- ★ Afternoon Arrive at Betty's house by noon if you would like to go white water rafting. Call 1-877-300-2724 for a reservation for white water rafting.
- ★ Evening If you do not wish to go white water rafting, be at Betty's house by 5 pm for a Barbecue and drinks on the back deck. Bring a covered dish, an appetizer, or a dessert if you wish.

Saturday, June 27 -

- Morning- Arrive at Betty's house about 10am Paddle boards & kayak races till noon. Then Lunch
- ★ Afternoon Water skiing, boat rides, and yard games. If you would like a water ski lesson, Call Greg 301-616-0867
- ★ Evening Cook-out with drinks and all the trimmings

Sunday, June 28 –

- ★ Morning Brunch on the deck
- ★ Hike at Swallow Falls State Park or leave for home

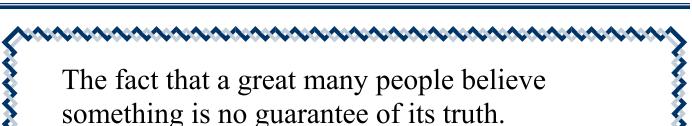
Please RSVP Betty at <u>bcnu123@gmail.com</u> or John at <u>johncwilmot@verizon.net</u> to let them know when you will arrive and how long you plan to stay.

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Fri - Bar-B-Que - #@ \$10.00 \$	
Sat - Lunch - #@\$10.00 \$	
Sat - Cook-out- #@\$10.00 \$	
Sun - Brunch - #@\$10.00 \$	
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Name:	
Email:	
Mail check to: Betty Rouse 104 Hawthorne Lane Oakland, MD 21550	

WE HAVE RESERVED ROOMS AT THE GARRETT INN, OAKLAND, MD

- ★ Friday (June 26) and Saturday (June 27) 2 nights \$262.20 incl. taxes 2 Queen beds/room.
- ★ Deadline for room reservations MAY 22
- * Call Garrett Inn at 301-387-6696 to make your room reservations
- $\bigstar \quad \text{Mention rooms reserved under name of Betty Rouse}$
- ★ If you want a House rental Call Railey at 866-544-3223 or Taylor Made at 301-387-4700





W. Somerset Maugham

Changes to your phone number, address, e-mail? Please contact P/C Gary Budesheim, SN at <u>roster@aspsmd.org</u> or (302) 538-5276. Action from Executive Committee Meeting 25 March 2020

 A motion passed to provide gifts for speakers in the form of a \$50 donation to the non profit which they represent or a charity of their choice.









ASPS Squadron Leadership

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Anchor Watch Deadline for June Newsletter: Tuesday, 19 May 2020

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