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Commander's Message

P/C Bruce Arey, JN

On the ASPS website, it says that America's Boating Club is engaged in education, community service, and social activities related to recreational boating. In the past year ASPS has been highly successful in education and has also continued to serve the community, but we have sorely missed the camaraderie of fellow members because of the lack of social activities. Camaraderie is defined by Webster as "a spirit of friendly good-fellowship" and that is exactly what I witnessed when I took part in the Blue Angels raft-up in May and the recent June raft-up at Eagle Cove on the Magothy River. During the Blue Angels raft-up, there was a joint effort and associated camaraderie by the crews of the eight boats to work together

to stop the dragging of the anchor of the single boat that held the raft-up together. During the Eagle Cove raft-up, I was quite amused by the regaling of stories of how to successfully cruise with others when food allergies and food tastes get in the way. In a word "camaraderie" is why it is so important to sign up for the social activities that are found on the ASPS calendar.

Make sure to watch for emails advertising ASPS social activities and do not miss participating in the upcoming raft-ups, cruises, and other getaways.

Here is an appropriate Irish Proverb about friendships as we move into the boating season:



"There are good ships and wood ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, may they always be!"

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Administrative Officer

Lt/C Priscilla Travis

Summer is here! Hope you're enjoying it and getting out on the water. It would be nice to have more of you join other boats at the raft-ups and weekend rendezvous. You're missing the fun and food. August features the Lake Ogleton Raft-Up on **August 7**, the Deep Creek Lake weekend **August 13-15**, and the Baltimore Inner Harbor Weekend Rendezvous **August 27-29**. Watch for Lunch Hook e-mails and please RSVP. You don't have to wait for announcements: email ao@aspsmd.org if you plan to attend an on-the-water event. There are no member meetings in July and August, and we miss you.



Even if you don't join a raft-up or rendezvous, find a place to watch the fireworks: **July 3** at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels at twilight's last gleaming, and also **July 3** at Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield to watch o'er the ramparts. On **July 4** visit Annapolis to see the rockets' red glare or go to Kent Narrows by boat or by car on Piney Narrows Road to see the bombs bursting in air. There are some good things to celebrate this Fourth of July.



August 19 is the Ice Cream and Dessert Social – don't miss it. We're taking attendance.



In August there's a unique opportunity for you to apply the knowledge you gained taking ASPS navigation and marine electronics courses and seminars: USPS District 5 and ABC-Rockville has planned a circumnavigation of the Delmarva Peninsula for **August 20 – 23**. The cruise starts in Annapolis and continues non-stop (except for fuel, if necessary) down the bay, northward along the Maryland and Delaware Coast, into Delaware Bay and through the C&D Canal back to Annapolis. You can participate on your boat or you can volunteer to crew on someone else's boat. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the details.



Summer goes by too fast – enjoy every day and stay safe on land and sea.





Executive Officer
Lt/C Ralph Leasure, S

As you may know, plans are underway to conduct The United States Powerboat Show and The United States Sailboat Show this year in Annapolis.

I have contacted the show staff, and we have begun the process to complete our application. We have already been assigned a booth.

The Powerboat Show is scheduled for:

- ★ Thursday, October 7 Time: 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM.
- ★ Friday, October 8 Time: 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM
- ★ Saturday, October 9 Time: 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM
- ★ Sunday, October 10 Time: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

The Sailboat Show is scheduled for:

- ★ Thursday, October 14 Time: 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM.
- ★ Friday, October 15 Time: 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM
- ★ Saturday, October 16 Time: 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM
- ★ Sunday, October 17 Time: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM.
- ★ Monday, October 18 Time: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

I would like to form a small committee to discuss how we handle our experience at these shows. Please contact me if you are interested in participating.

Please also be thinking about volunteering to help cover our booth at the shows in 3 hour increments. We will have a sign up sheet that we will publish, probably in August.

Happy Summer and safe boating!!!

Celebrate with
ASPS logo clothing

<http://asps.qbstores.com>



Blue Angels Raft Up May 25, 2021



Photo by Bill Eldridge



Barcarolle with lines and bumpers ready to join the raft. Photo by Georgiana Maszczenski



Photo by Bruce Arey



We had EIGHT boats in the raft.





Photo by Jeff Short



Photo by Lorrie Short



Meeting Memories

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

Our virtual June meeting featured Captain Hans Hoffman, U.S.C.G. Master, 100 tons, Ocean. His title alone is a great indication of the wealth of education and knowledge that he brought to our meeting. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great presentation – *Why Navigation is Important Once Again!*

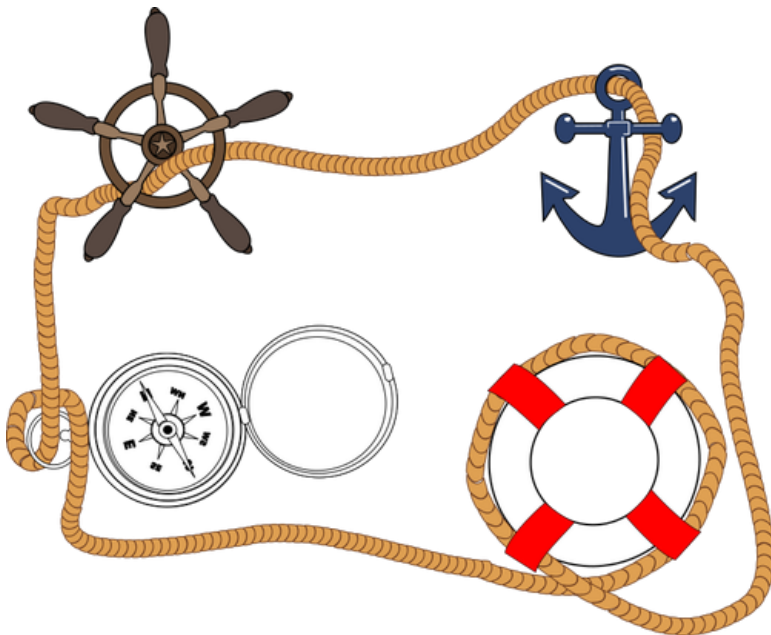
Captain Hoffmann started with the best reason to make sure you have mastered the basics of manual navigation – that moment when electronics and GPS no longer work. There are many reasons why this might happen, but the worst (and scariest) is that moment when a lightning strike takes out all your electronics. This happened to a boat headed out on the bay. Since they had detailed pre-cruise navigation plans, they were able to steer a reciprocal course back to Rock Hall for repairs. He also shared that story of young boaters out in an open skiff with **no** navigation aids. That's right. They went out without charts, depth finder, radio, and compass. They hailed Captain Hoffmann to ask how to get to Rock Hall!

In all cases, Captain Hoffmann strongly recommends preparation. Preparation is crucial! It starts with cruise planning. You can use a chart plotter or paper charts as well as other resources. It is an enjoyable way to spend time, as well as a way to make sure you have planned for all contingencies. Once you are out on your voyage, it is a good practice to keep a detailed log. It can help you steer that reciprocal course back to your port. It is also a handy reference for future trips in the same waters!



Captain Hoffmann also suggested several good searchable resources;

- United States Coast Pilot
- Light List
- Local Notice to Mariners



This was the last meeting before summer. We hope to see you out on the water in the near future. We're looking forward to getting together in person later this year. No matter how we get together, our meetings offer the opportunity to share good times as well as useful information. We hope to see you soon!

Boating Links to Browse



◆ Looking for somewhere to visit? Something to do? This site has all sorts of places to see and activities to do around our beloved Chesapeake Bay. It changes every week, so bookmark the site and visit frequently.

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

◆ Could this be climate change or just a pet that got too big and was released?

<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/calvert-co-man-claims-7-5-foot-alligator-caught-from-chesapeake-bay/>



◆ Practical Sailor has another nice article on line. This one is about [Anti-fouling paint](#) prices and which are the good ones.

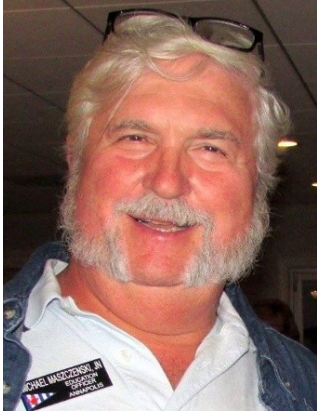


◆ For more useful and interesting nautical-related links, see the "Links Page" on the ASPS website:

<https://www.aspsmd.org/links.htm>

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Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

The last course has finished, and we have 14 new people with their Boating Safety course card. Congratulations go to: Nancy Blanch, Jeff Covert, Michelle Dina, Christoffer Graae, Mary Kfoury, Martin Lutsky, Marian Miller, Grace Scarano, Elizabeth Schafer, Lorrie Short, Jeff Short, David Springer, Julia Springer, Maureen Wellner and Robert Wellner. A couple of the participants were doing a refresher, and we had one participant with a perfect test score of 100%.

We are still in flux about being able to do a classroom course. If a site is available, we will plan one. Until we know, planning for fall means that courses will be taught over Zoom or a bit of live and Zoom.

The plans for this year's courses are:

- ★ ABCIII Boating Safety - The course for those needing a Boating Safety Card
- ★ Weather 2021 - The latest weather course
- ★ Boat Handling - A course built on 6 seminars that takes the place of Seamanship
- ★ Marine Navigation - The new first course in navigation covering electronic and paper chart navigation

Seminars:

- ★ AIS - Automatic Identification System
- ★ Mariner's Compass

These course are not cast in stone yet. I am looking for instructors and scheduling options.

Do you have something you would like to present to a group of boaters? I am always looking for someone to share their expertise in a subject of interest to boaters. If you would like to present a seminar or course, let's talk. Contact me at seo@aspsmd.org, or call 410-739-7800.

Information for Nearby Squadrons:

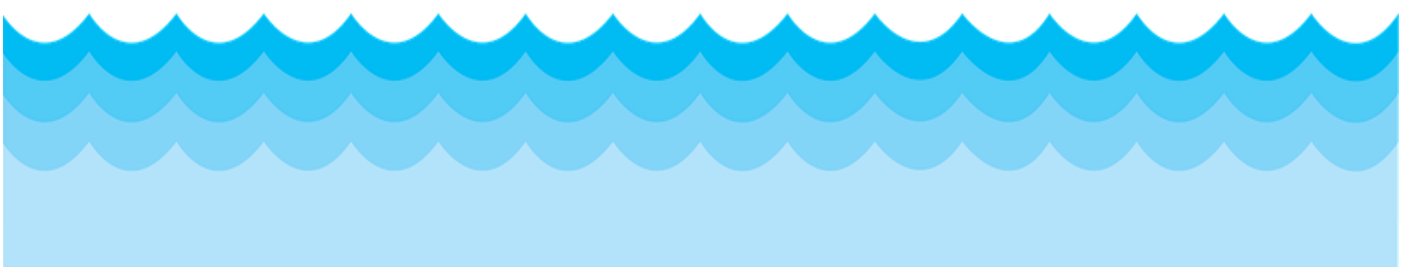
America's Boating Club Kent Narrows

Download their newsletter for latest info and registration information:

Website and Newsletter: [America's Boating Club of Kent Narrows](#)

Rockville Sail and Power Squadron: www.abcrockville.org

Dundalk Sail and Power Squadron: <https://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-dk>.



Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron – America’s Boating Club Wilmot’s Water World

**Join Betty and John Wilmot for a fun weekend at
Deep Creek Lake, 104 Hawthorne Lane, Oakland, MD 21550**



Friday, August 13

- ★ Drive to Deep Creek Lake (about 200 miles from Annapolis)
- ★ Arrive at Betty’s house by noon - if you would like to try the WHITE WATER RAFTING
Call **1-877-300-2724** for a reservation.
- ★ Otherwise, come to Betty’s house by 5 pm for burgers, hot dogs, and drinks on the back deck.

Dinner- # _____ @\$20.00=\$ _____

Saturday, August 14

- ★ Morning - Arrive at Betty’s house about 10am
- ★ Paddle board & kayak races till noon.
- ★ Lunch – by the Host
- ★ Afternoon – water skiing, boat rides, and yard games.
- ★ If you would like a water ski lesson, call Greg Rouse at 301-616-0867 or
- ★ Betty will take you for a ski ride behind her Malibu ski boat or
- ★ John will take you for a tour of Deep Creek Lake on the new pontoon boat.
- ★ Evening: barbecue with drinks and all the trimmings

Dinner- # _____ @\$20.00=\$ _____

Sunday, August 15

- ★ Coffee and Donuts on the deck – Coffee & Donuts – by the Host
- ★ or hike at Swallow Falls State Park
- ★ or Leave for home.

WE HAVE RESERVED 10 ROOMS AT THE GARRETT INN, OAKLAND, MD - Deadline - June 30, 2021

Friday (August 13) and Saturday (August 14) 2 nights - \$273.60 (for both nights - incl. taxes) 2 Q beds/room.
Call Garrett Inn at 301-387-6696 to make your room reservations.
Mention rooms reserved under name of John Wilmot or Betty Rouse.

If you want a House rental - Call Railey [866-544-3223](tel:866-544-3223) or Taylor-Made at [301-387-4700](tel:301-387-4700)
Some houses have 5 bedrooms, rent for 3 days only and cost between \$1700 and \$2100

Tell us if you plan to come and for room reservations.
I’ve made my reservations for _____ people for 2 or 3 days at: _____

Name _____ Email _____ Cell phone _____

Mail check for **dinners** to Betty Rouse, 104 Hawthorne Lane, Oakland, MD 21550 301-616-6609.





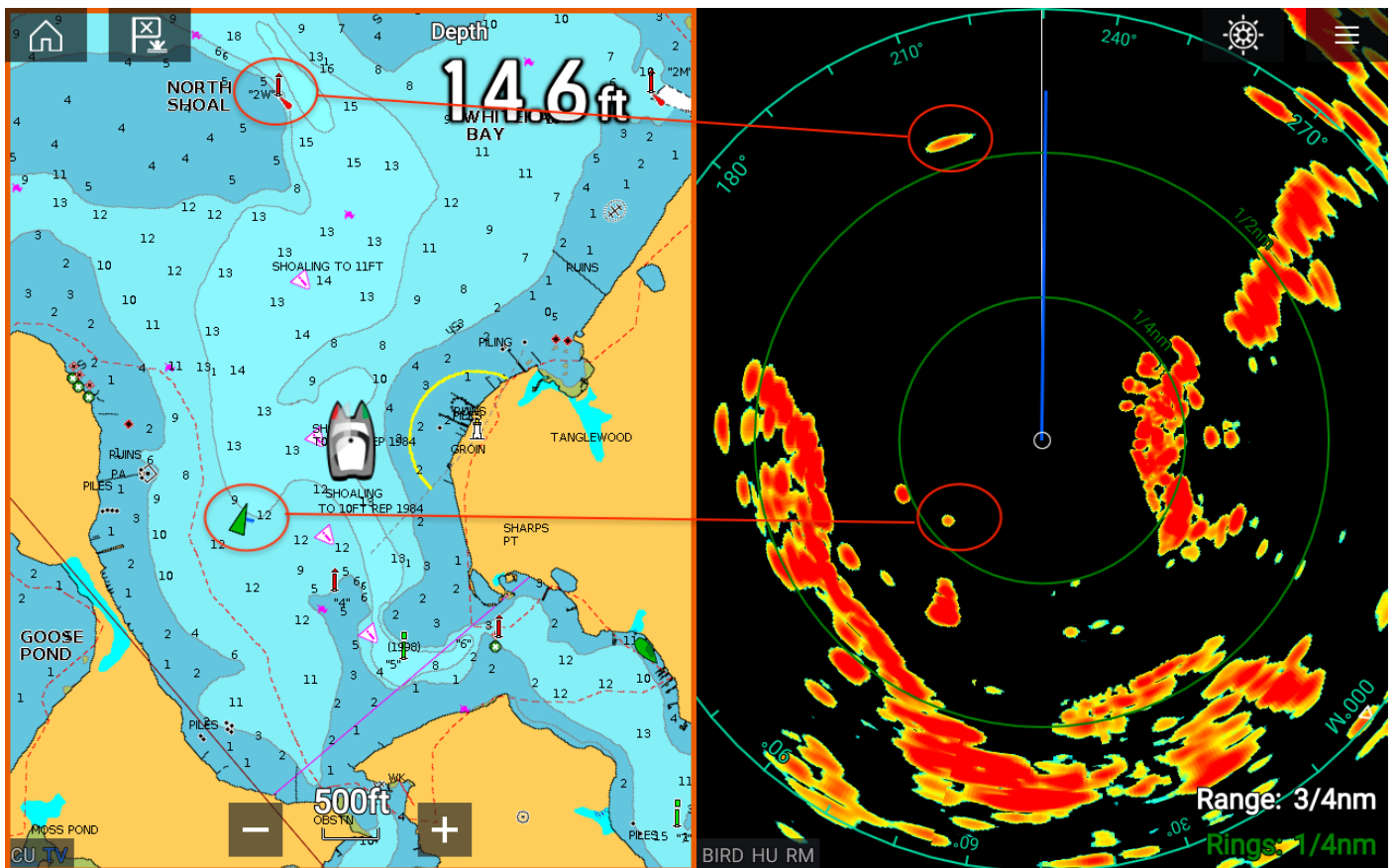
Collision Avoidance: Radar, AIS, and, Yes, Eyes

1st/Lt Terry Slattery, Safety Officer

A safe day on the water includes avoiding collisions with all the other boats. Sometimes it can seem like you're one of the few safety-conscious boaters, with PWCs whizzing around and other vessels who seem to have never heard of the safe navigation rules, especially around Annapolis on a nice summer weekend. It's important to have good situational awareness and take action early, even away from the bustle of popular boating waters.

The primary collision avoidance aid is our eyes. It is easy to keep a good lookout to identify potential collision situations so that you can act early and clearly. Your crew can help provide "eyes in the back of your head" by pointing out nearby vessels that are headed in your direction. This is great way to also educate your crew in the basics of boating safety by explaining the "rules of the road," especially the part about everyone being responsible for avoiding collisions.

In addition to our eyes, we have various types of electronic aids that can help in various situations where our eyes may have problems.



This shows the chart plotter and radar split screen. Two items are marked: Daymark 2W and a boat at anchor with AIS transmitting. The other targets around the AIS boat are other boats, including a big barge. On good days, you need to compare the radar image with what you see, so that you understand the radar image when you need it in fog or at night.

[Radar](#) allows us to "see" through inclement weather and identify unlit obstacles in the dark. There are two types of radar: the traditional pulsed radar and the newer broad-band doppler radar. There are advantages of each, which vary somewhat by the vendor. In general, the pulsed radar has greater range and better

visibility of storms while doppler radar has greater close-in resolution. Another fairly recent innovation is the use of MARPA (Mini-Automatic Radar Plotting Aid) that can identify and track targets. Absent that, it is important to use radar during good conditions to learn how to identify and track targets. Watch some [YouTube tutorials](#) and then apply what you've learned out on the water. Take the time to understand how you can identify fixed targets like buoys or boats anchored for fishing with that of moving vessels.

Another aid is the growing prevalence of AIS ([Automatic Identification System](#)). This system broadcasts vessel information that can be used to identify and avoid collision scenarios. However, the use of AIS is not prevalent enough to rely on it. Refer back to the primary aid: use your eyes.

AIS proponents may point to the number of phone and table applications that show vessels anywhere around the world. These systems rely on ground stations or satellite receivers to pick up the vessel transmissions. However, we're aware of at least one situation in which a coverage dead-zone nearly put a sailboat into the path of a large ship in a narrow channel. The sailboat had relied on one of the marine AIS tracking apps for its safety. However, due to the lack of coverage, the large ship didn't appear on the app. A collision was averted when the ship sounded its horn in time for the sailboat to change course. In another situation, we observed two big ferry vessels of which only one was transmitting AIS. Note that fishermen will often turn off AIS so as to not alert other fishermen to a favorite fishing spot. In summary, the absence of an AIS target doesn't mean that there isn't a vessel or other hazard at that location.

The safe approach: treat radar and AIS information as aids to navigation, not as definitive collision avoidance mechanisms.

Finally, the best advice for collision avoidance is standard for navigation: use multiple sources of information. And, don't let electronics take control of your focus. You don't want to be one of the many people who have run over a crab pot, run aground, or collided with something because they were concentrating on their electronic devices.

Vessel Safety Check



Plan to schedule your Vessel Safety Check soon! Send an email to vsc@aspsmd.org to get information on setting up a time and place.





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

Member Benefits

As you head back out on the water, remember that your membership entitles you to receive \$10 off your Sea Tow membership. Like all insurance, it is our hope that you only hold the policy and never use it.

If your summer includes a variety of plans, you should check out Funjet Vacations. Your membership gives you an exclusive 5% member discount as well as a “Price Match Plus” to guarantee that you have the most cost efficient trip, or they will match it. They have over 900 destinations as well as more airlines and thousands of hotels. Visit them at <http://www.tntvacations.com/usps> or call 1-800-282-0276. If you call, be sure to mention USPS.

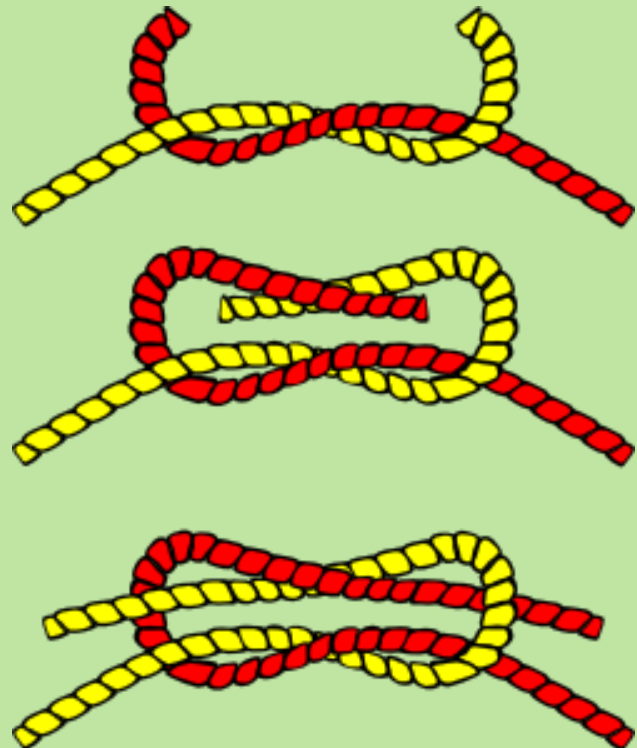
Square Knot or Reef Knot

Here's one of the most basic knots. One of its names is “Reef Knot” because that is what it was used for on old wooden sailing vessels. Even today, you can see the reefing lines projecting from the sail on skipjacks.

Look at the last picture. Make sure the yellow part is on top of BOTH reds parts, or you have tied a Granny Knot, which will not hold.

For a video on how to tie it, watch

<https://www.animatedknots.com/square-knot>



Eagle Cove Raft Up June 12, 2021



Although June 12 started out cloudy with a spatter of raindrops, it was a great day for a raft up in Eagle Cove. Although only 2 boats from our squadron were there, we were not alone. There were 37 other boats in that lovely spot.

Photo by Susan Gilbert

The nine of us enjoyed a lovely lunchtime together. Then, some visited while others went on dinghy rides around the cove. Afterward, we set out for a leisurely sail home. It was a great day on the water.

Make sure to mark your calendars for our next on the water event. We always have a good time when we get together.

Photo by Georgiana Maszczenski





After many years doing a superb job as our webmaster, John Wesley Nash has decided to pass the torch. We thank him for untold hours of service to ASPS in maintaining our award-winning site.

Going forward, we hope to establish a committee to manage our website: a webmaster and several assistants. We will be transitioning to a new CMS—most likely WordPress. Harun Kazaz has volunteered to help with the transition. We need volunteers to be involved in the transition, and to continue maintaining it once it is complete.

If you are interested in working on our webpage, please contact Commander Bruce Arey.



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Calendar of Coming Events

United States Power Squadrons® Events

District 5 Events

20-23 Aug D/5 Delmarva Cruise

Squadron Events for Annapolis and Nearby Squadrons

9-18 Jul Summer Cruise with Mainline SPS (ABC Valley Forge)
 22 Jul Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM
 07 Aug Raft Up - Lake Ogleton
 13-15 Aug ASPS Deep Creek Lake Weekend
 19 Aug ASPS Ice Cream & Dessert Social
 26 Aug Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM
 27-29 Aug Baltimore Inner Harbor Weekend Rendezvous
 02 Sep ASPS Dinner Meeting
 11 Sep Harness Creek Raft Up
 23 Sep Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM
 25 Sep ASPS Annual Crab Feast

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

www.aspsmd.org/calendar.htm

SUNSHINE LADY

If you know of anyone sick or in the hospital,
please contact our sunshine lady.

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