







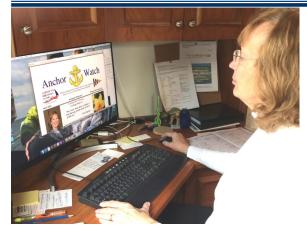
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Commander's Message

Cdr Peggy Slattery, S

After closing the Founders Day meeting on 4 February, I was reminded of one of my favorite books by Hillary Clinton, It With over 45 members and guests Takes A Village. participating in our 80th Anniversary event, it does take a village. The members of ASPS, in the past and now, make this squadron a success in so many ways.

Let's just say 2020 was a challenge, but ASPS proved they could handle any and all things put on their plate. Here's a

short list of some of our many accomplishments this year:

- Membership and attendance at our education classes and seminars was at an all time high.
- We were still able to do our outreach events the Annual Food Drive and Toys for Tots.
- We started getting together via Zoom with MATEY games our version of Bingo.
- When we restarted membership meetings, we had top notch guest speakers.

I look forward to seeing all the new ideas our new commander, Lt/C Bruce D. Arey, JN, and his bridge bring to the coming year. I am sure he will continue many of our traditions as his group also makes new ones. Thank you one and all for your support through this challenging year. I will close with another one of my favorites, sung by Bob Hope: Thanks for the Memories.

> Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

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Administrative Officer

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

"It's not an ending. It's just a point where you turn the page." Anonymous

I originally thought to write all about how my term as Administrative Officer was coming to an end. Then, I realized that it's not really ending. Every member continues to contribute, whether or not he or she holds a particular

office. I do not have the words to express my profound thanks to those members who helped me think outside the box during this pandemic. We came up with new ideas and new activities. We reworked old ideas so that they could fit into the new framework of our daily lives with Coronavirus. Throughout the whole year, we tried out ways to bring us together and keep us in touch. Although it was a 'strange' year, we made it work. So again, thank you to everyone who participated in some way.

At the Change of Watch, I will formally hand over the role of Admin Officer to Priscilla Travis. She comes to us with a strong background in boating and boating organizations. Priscilla has already jumped in to the job. We have met (via Zoom, of course) to discuss the upcoming year. I sincerely hope that she will soon have the joy of organizing events where we can come together in person. Until then, she is already at work lining up great speakers for virtual meetings. I believe that you will find that 'turning the page' at this time in our organization's history will just show you a seamless continuation of a great story.

Again, thank you for your support. And, thank you so very much to those who have stepped forward to lead Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron in the coming year.

Here's hoping we see each other in person soon!







Executive Officer P/C Bruce Arey, JN

No matter what the weather is, it always seems to me that March is the turning point between winter and spring. After all, Daylight Savings Time starts on 14 March, and the spring equinox occurs on 20 March. With the increase in vaccinations, it seems like COVID-19 will be under control later this year and ASPS will be able to get back to some normalcy, such as in-person dinner meetings, classes, cruises, and other member activities, as well as boat shows.

It is also time to start checking that all your safety equipment on your boat is up to date so that when the time comes, a Vessel Safety Check can be scheduled before you launch your boat.

In the meantime, please consider how you will volunteer with ASPS this coming year. Make sure to join in for the Zoom Meeting Change of Watch on 4 March. I look forward to working with you during the next year so that our squadron can continue to thrive.





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







Meeting Memories

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

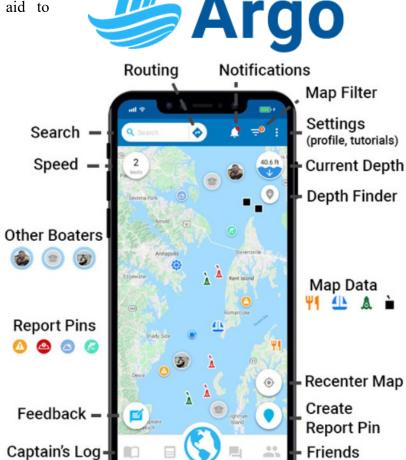
Even though we had to hold our Founders Day meeting on ZOOM, we still had a great evening. We opened with a brief history of Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron. We then conducted business. We voted on the 2021-2022 budget and the 2021-2022 Slate of Officers. On 4 March, we will install those new officers at our annual Change of Watch! Be sure to register so you don't miss it.

Our speaker for the evening was Jeff Foulk. Jeff is a member of America's Boating Club – Baltimore. Being an active boater, he often thought how he

would love to have an app that brought boaters together. His wife finally told him to stop talking about it and create it! So, he did. He created Argo! Jeff shared with us information about how this app works. Here are some things you could have learned about this app had you attended this meeting:

- The app offers maps with 3-D mesh of U.S. waters using NOAA and USACE data.
- The goal is to create a simple aid to navigation with more features.
- There is a Captain's Log built in so that you can store personal cruising information.
- It offers a search feature that can help you find everything from marinas to restaurants to yacht clubs.
- You can choose to search by category or keyword. You can also just tap on the location on the map.
- This app is built to be a crowd sourcing app like WAZE.
 Members submit updates such as changes to locations, businesses, etc.
- It does not cover the ICW yet.
 The developers are still working on that.
- You can download Argo from your favorite source for apps. For more information, you can visit <u>argonav.io</u> on the web.

Even virtually, our meetings offer fellowship and information. We look



Home

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forward to being able to get together at dinners sometime in the future. Until then, join us via ZOOM at meetings and other activities. We look forward to seeing you.

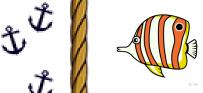
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Boating Links to Browse



♦ Our own National Aquarium has several web cams. Click (and wait for the ads to finish.) Has links to MANY other cams.

https://www.earthcam.com/usa/maryland/baltimore/ aquarium/?cam=blacktipreef

So, you think you know the rules of the road? Who is liable in this case? What will the judge decide after the defendant cites a law dating to the 1850s? https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/jet-skier-injured-bywake-on-lynnhaven-river-sues-cigarette-boat-owner/



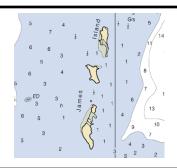


♦ Sea chanties are the new thing to listen to during the pandemic. The link to this YouTube video will allow you to listen to the guy who made them popular, and other tunes and groups.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-KO7cofMJH0

♦ Distant Shores has a new video out - Transiting the Panama Canal. If you have ever wondered what the trip looks like from the deck of a cruising vessel, this is the one to watch. https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=qn1Sx qbEzU&mc cid=44d1ea4594&mc eid=877f8fbeda





♦ Poplar Island is officially complete. Next on the list is James Island off the mouth of the Little Choptank, and Barren Island, farther south, as places for the deposit of dredge spoils.

https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/poplar -island-construction-officially-complete/

♦ Our local free boating magazines, Spinsheet and Proptalk, can be read online.

https://www.spinsheet.com/read-spinsheet-online https://www.proptalk.com/read-proptalk-online





♦ For more useful and interesting nautical-related links, see the "Links Page" on the ASPS website: https://www.aspsmd.org/links.htm









YouTube Videos for Boating Entertainment Lt/C Terry Slattery, S

While we are enduring the pandemic, it might be nice to watch something other than endless hours of television. Below is a list of interesting YouTube videos, all with a boating theme. They require you to employ the search function once you go to https://www.youtube.com/.

Repeats of Discovery channel programs:

- Coast Guard Florida
- Coast Guard Alaska
- Coast Guard Cape Disappointment

Sailing couples:

- SV Delos one of the first sailing channels
- Gone with the Wynns switched from RV to a 43ft catamaran
- La Vagabonde
- Distant shores one of the first sailing channels
- Millennial Falcon sailing
- Expedition Evans rebuilding a Beneteau 49

How NOT to do boating:

- Boating fails of the week

Boat ramp fails ■

Editor's Note:

Be careful about YouTube. It is addicting. Make sure you have plenty of time to spend. While checking out these boating video suggestions, I got waylaid for over two hours watching a German documentary on Neanderthals, several clips about tiny houses, and a short video on the sisters of Henry VIII.









Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

The winter program has been going strong. We had great success with the Advanced Piloting Class: everyone passed. So, we congratulate 7 new APs: Michael Coleman, John Paris, Ron Ricketts, Paul Schneider, Laura Seuschek, Claire Waterman, Rayned Wiles.



We are in the middle of Marine Electricity with 27 students, and Engine Maintenance with 16 students.

Two seminars have been added to the list of Spring sessions: **Apps for Boaters** and **GPS**. They are listed below. Please sign up and let your boating friends know.

Apps for Boaters Seminar

Date: Wednesday, 21 April 2021

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM Where: ZOOM

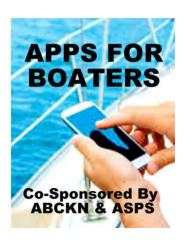
Instructor: Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, N

Sponsors: ASPS

Cost: Free

The smart phone is truly a multipurpose tool. There are many ways to use it to enhance boating. Explore some of the many apps designed to aid the boater, which have been written for Android phones and tablets, Apple iPhones and iPads.





America's Boating Course - ABC 3

Time/Date: Tuesday's Starting 27 April 2021 to 25 May 2021 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM **Instructor:** 1st/Lt, Patrick McGeehan, P and Lt/C, Michael Maszczenski, N

Location: Zoom

Fee: \$35.00 for both members and non-members

Everyone born after July 1972 needs the Boating Safety Course card to legally operate a recreation vessel in Maryland waters. Great family course!

The basic boating knowledge topics include:

- **Introduction to Boating:** types of boats power, sail, outboards, paddle boats, and houseboats. Also: different uses of boats, various power boating engines, jet drives, and family boating basics.
- **Boating Law:** boat registration, boating regulation, hull identification number, required boat safety equipment, operating safely and reporting accident, protecting the marine environment, Federal boat law, state boating law, personal watercraft requirements.
- Boat Safety Equipment: personal flotation devices ("life jackets"), fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices, visual-distress signals, dock lines and rope, first aid kit, anchors and anchor lines, and other boating safety equipment.



- **Safe Boating:** bow riding, alcohol and drug abuse, entering, loading, and trimming a boat, fueling portable and permanent tanks, steering with a tiller and a wheel, docking, undocking and mooring, knots, filing a float plan, checking equipment, fuel, weather and tides, using charts, choosing and using an anchor, safe PWC handling, and general water safety.
- Navigation: the U.S. Aids to Navigation system types of buoys and beacons, navigation rules (sometimes referred to as right-of-way rules), avoiding collisions, sound signals, PWC "tunnel vision."
- Boating Problems: hypothermia, boating accidents and rescues, man overboard recovery, capsizing, running aground, river hazards, strainers: emergency radio calls, engine problems, equipment failures, carbon monoxide (CO), other boating and PWC problems.
- Trailering, Storing and Protecting Your Boat: types of trailers, trailer brakes, lights, hitches, tires, and bearings, loading, balancing, and towing (and backing) a trailer, boat launching and retrieving, boat storage and theft protection, launching, retrieving and storing a PWC.
- Hunting and Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating: carrying hunting gear and weapons in a boat, fishing from a boat, water-skiing safety guidelines and hand signals, water-skiing with a PWC, navigating rivers, and other boating tips.

After passing the test with an 80% or higher, you get the card verifying you have passed the course and can legally operate a recreational vessel in Maryland.

GPS Seminar

Date: Wednesday, 19 May 2021

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM Where: ZOOM

Instructor: Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, N

Sponsors: ASPS

Cost: Free



GPS technology is part of most modern devices. Learn what GPS is and understand how it works. Learn how to locate your position using GPS in navigation.

<u>Weather Course:</u> scheduled to run starting in late September during the fall semester. More information in upcoming issues of the Anchor Watch.

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, let's talk. Contact me at seo@aspsmd.org, or, call 410-739-7800.

Registration for All ASPS-Sponsored Courses

ASPS needs 10 participants to run a course. Please register as soon as possible - Materials must be ordered, and pick up arranged. Click on this link to register: http://bit.ly/qKN8ad. Or, email aspsmd.class@gmail.com or see@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.

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Please register online. <u>After you have received email confirmation</u> that your registration has been accepted, please fill in and mail this form with your check <u>if you owe any fees</u>.

Name:		
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Course:	Course Fee:	
Seminar:	Optional Seminar USPS Registration:	
	Optional Seminar Materials Fee:	
All checks should be made payable to ASPS	. Total Due:	
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c/o Michael Maszczenski 103 Little Neck Road Stevensville MD 21666



Information for Nearby Squadrons:

Rockville Sail and Power Squadron: www.abcrockville.org

Seminar: Spring Commissioning Seminar Date/Time: 16 March 2021 - 7:00 to 10:00 pm

Cost: Free

Location: Zoom Session Meeting ID 942 7546 5757 Passcode 983740

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

America's Boating Club - Kent Narrows

Seminar: Partners in Command Seminar Date/Time: 11 March 2021 - 6:30 PM

Location: Zoom

Registration for KNSPS:

Download newsletter for latest info and registration information. WEB Site and Newsletter: http://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-kn

call 773-351-2403





Michael Maszczenski presented a few apps for boaters at the December holiday party. The much longer list of apps that he regularly uses are included below:

Android Apps:



GPS Test

Chartcross Limited In-app purchases



GPS Status & Toolbox EclipSim • Travel & Local ► Installed



Storm Radar: Hurricane Tracker, Live ...
The Weather Channel • Weather

Installed



Windfinder - weather..
Windfinder
Contains ads *

In-app purchases

Update



PredictWind - Marine F..
PredictWind Limited
In-app purchases

Open



Maps Directions & GPS Navigation
Global Apps Inc - Live Satellite View Earth ...
4.2 * 1M+



OpenCPN

Maison Automatique ⋅ Maps & Navigation

Installed



Aqua Map Marine - Boating GPS
GEC srl ⋅ Maps & Navigation

▶ Installed



Anchor Watch / Alarm Peckish Sloth OÜ • Tools

Installed



COLREGs - Lights and shapes of vessels

madeof.blue

In-app purchases



DejaOffice CRM with PC Sync -Android Outlook Sync

CompanionLink Software

Contains ads



SkyView® Lite

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This app is compatible with some of your devices.

Add to Wishlist



WBOC Weather



FindShip

MarineToolbox Maps & Navigation

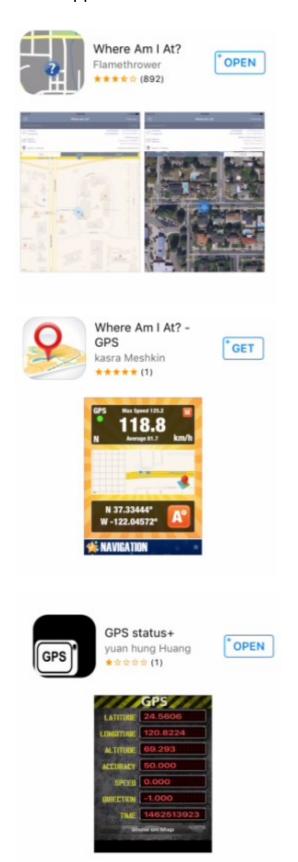
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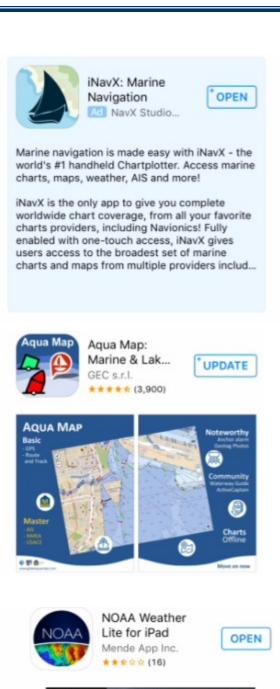
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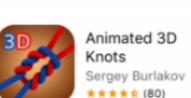
Windfinder: Wind & Weather map Windfinder **** (20,043)

















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Michael also has a multipage file of links to other apps for boaters. He will be happy to send it to you if you request it. Email him at: SEO@ASPSMD.ORG

Ask for the file called **Links to Apps**. It is in Microsoft Word.

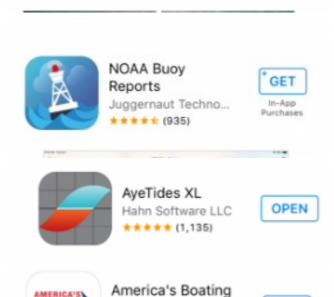
If you would like to see some of these apps in action, as well as others not listed here, take the seminar on Apps for Boaters, on Wednesday, 21 April. See page 8 for more information.

USPS members may access more apps for boaters by logging into the USPS website with your user name and password.

Then, click the URL below

https://www.usps.org/

departments/13000/13000-apps-for-boaters ■





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News and Pics from Members





Editor's Note: Susan and Bob Gilbert spent a week at the beach in January, with a side trip to Assateague. They sent along these photos of their winter vacation.



I was out knocking ice off of the little plants while Bob uncovered the cars and saw the holly tree. Loved the look of the Groundhog Day shot.

Susan Gilbert





From P/C John Wilmot, JN-IN:

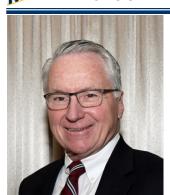
This crazy snow just doesn't want to quit here in Deep Creek. We really got dumped on for the first of February- about 12". Last night we got another 8". Betty has to do all of the shoveling since my shoulder surgery, but I told her to stop - she just couldn't clear away the pile at the end of the driveway. Ha!

Betty and I get our 2nd COVID shot tomorrow, so I think that's supposed to save the day.

Editor's note: A snowplow cleared most of the drive, except right in front of the garage.







Cooperative Charting Program P/C Ron Ricketts, AP

It is cold... the dead of winter. Can you imagine the life of a light house keeper this time of year? Lonely and forbidding. Will the Bay freeze?... when the next storm comes, will a trip to shore even be possible?



Well, fortunately today, most all **ATONs** are hard at

work with no human intervention. Yes, Thomas Point is an ATON, an AID TO

NAVIGATION. We are all familiar with them and know they come in a variety of shapes and sizes, some lighted, some not.

As recreational boaters we rely on ATONS as we move from point to point plying the waters in the summer months. Of course, we all think they are in the correct position as we see them on our GPS, or are referencing them on our paper charts. But, are they? Unfortunately, not always.

Appreciate ATONs are out there night and day. At the mercy of the winds and waves, being blown about, cold and underappreciated. However, over the course of winter, some will move, lighted ones may not be working, and others may just disappear.

So, what is the USPS (Americas Boating Club) navigational aid Cooperative Charting program? It is joint effort with the USCG to confirm navigation aids in terms of their location and function and report on them when/if they are missing or not functioning.

Our Coop Charting program provides an opportunity for our local members to help in this effort by visually sighting and then reporting on navigational aids ensuring they are operational and in the correct location. To do this however, you must be registered with the USPS to perform this service. There are also a few guidelines on how and when to report on the ATONs.

Bottom line, it is really quite easy and can be done while you are out and about on your boat with a couple of clicks of your camera. In addition, you can gain recognition for yourself and our Squadron in helping to provide this vital public service to the USSG.

Interested to get involved? If so, please join me and our COOP Committee for a COOP CHARTING Kickoff on Tuesday, 30 March at 7pm. For newcomers, we will cover in more detail what this program is and for those experienced, we will discuss areas to focus on for spring 2021.

Please email me directly with any questions.

The ZOOM meeting link will be...Join Zoom Meeting on March 30th @ 7pm. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87658038064?pwd=L3g4MlBNV1lMR2doaDVjUUpIcU90Zz09

Meeting ID: 876 5803 8064 Passcode: 491564

One tap mobile: +13017158592,,87658038064#,,,,*491564# US (Washington DC)

+13126266799,,87658038064#,,,,*491564# US (Chicago)

Hope you can make it and help make a difference.

Ron Ricketts

Coop-Charting Chairman VSC Examiner ron.ricketts1@gmail.com - cell: 571-296-583







Cooperative Charting Program



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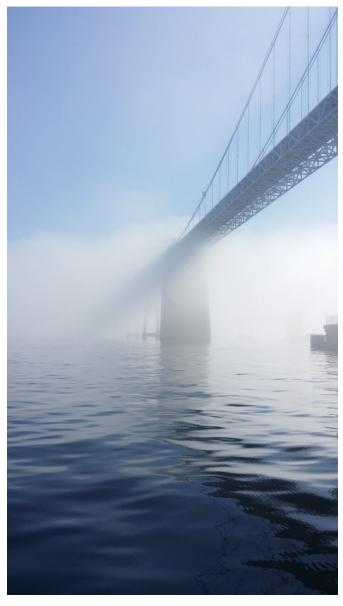
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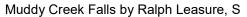


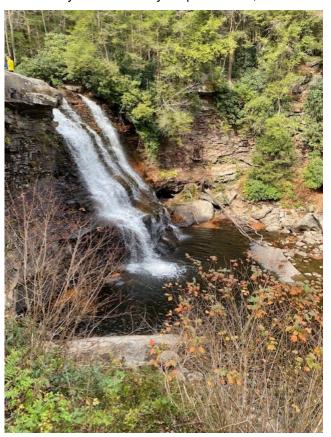
Fall Photo **Contest**

Thanks to all of the folks that submitted pictures for the photo contest. I am sure all of you have enjoyed seeing pictures of last Summer and Fall while we sit at home looking out at ice and snow. Just think, soon we can be outside again to make even more memories.



Bay Bridge in Fog By Susan Gilbert, S







Cycling in Western Maryland by P/D/C Jeff Short, JN-IN









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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

District 5 Events

07-11 Apr D/5 Spring Conference - TBD

Squadron Events for Annapolis and Nearby Squadrons

04 Mar	Change of Watch - ZOOM
11 Mar	Partners in Command Seminar - ABC Kent Narrows
16 Mar	Spring Commisioning Seminar - Rockville Sail & Power Sq
25 Mar	Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM
01 Apr	Dinner Meeting - ZOOM
21 Apr	Apps for Boaters Seminar
27 Apr	America's Boating Course - ABC 3
29 Apr	Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM
06 May	Dinner Meeting - ZOOM or Live Event (TBD)
19 May	GPS Seminar
24 May	Blue Angels Practice Day Raft Up
27 May	Executive Comm Meeting - ZOOM or Live Event (TBD)

Note: All ASPS meetings will be via ZOOM until further notice

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.

> Betty Rouse Wilmot sunshine@aspsmd.org (301) 616-6609









ASPS Squadron Leadership

Bridge

Commander: Cdr Bruce Arey, JN

Flag Lieutenant:

Chaplain:

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Safety Officer: 1st/Lt Terry Slattery, S

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P/C John Wilmot, JN-IN

vacant

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P/C Stu Myers, AP, Chair

Purnell Delly

P/C Anthony Martin, JN

Budget Committee:

Lt/C Lorrie Short, Chair

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Port Captain:

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

Anchor Watch
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Friday, 19 March 2021

Direct all material to: Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S anchorwatch@aspsmd.org

