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Commander's Message P/C Bruce Arey, JN

It is mid-April and Debbie and I have just finished our shift volunteering at the America's Boating Club booth at the combined Annapolis/Bay Bridge Marina Boat Show. When we arrived at the Boat Show, I was pleasantly surprised to see an exceptionally long line of people waiting to enter the show. Everyone was wearing masks and attempting to social distance. I could sense a release of pent-up enthusiasm to finally attend an event like this after a year where many such events were canceled. The USPS booth was sponsored by ABC - Kent Narrows with volunteers manning the booth from many area squadrons. Many people were interested in the courses and activities offered by the United States Power

Squadrons[®]. Only time will tell if this results in an increase in membership and attendance in our courses.

After our shift, Debbie and I browsed among the many vendor booths looking for deals. As always, the vendors included companies pitching to sell items that every boater may need such as: membership at marinas and yacht clubs, yacht charters, sailing schools, clothing, shoes, sail makers, dinghies, marine electronics, boat canvas, marine engines, supplies, etc, and of course, the newest models of sail and power boats. I took a liking to one of the sailing yachts as Debbie rolled her eyes. Oh well, I can always dream.

I am also dreaming, as I am sure many of you are, of getting back to normal in-person activities. Make sure to watch for emails advertising ASPS social activities, such as the virtual game MATEY, the virtual Dinner Meeting on 06 May, and do not miss participating in the Blue Angels Rehearsal Day raft-up on 24 May.

I hope that you make the best of this boating season. Here is a quote from motivational speaker Zig Ziglar that may urge you to get out on the water and enjoy all that it offers:

"Boats in the harbor are safe but that is not what they are meant for."

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Administrative Officer Lt/C Priscilla Travis

Will it be spring or summer by the time you read this? Perhaps taking some Power Squadron weather courses would help us figure it out. Whatever the weather, making plans for warmer weather and getting boats ready is on the todo lists for many of you. The first ASPS boating event is the Blue Angels Rehearsal Raft-Up Tuesday, 25 May on the Severn River, starting at 10 AM. Read the announcement in the *Anchor Watch* and watch for email announcements with the details. Note that if the weather is rainy or there's low visibility on a scheduled day, the Blue Angels do not fly.

As you plan your boating activities, you'll be checking your charts, so be sure to Zoom in to the 6 May meeting to get a "NOAA Charting Update."

Our speaker for the ASPS 06 May virtual dinner meeting will be **Ryan Wartick**, NOAA's Mid-Atlantic Navigation Manager. He will help us understand the changes coming to charting as NOAA transitions exclusively to electronic navigation charts (ENCs).

Over the next several years all traditional paper and raster nautical charts will be canceled as NOAA improves elecronic chart coverage across regions. The process is expected to be completed by 2025. According to NOAA, the use of ENCs surpassed paper charts in 2011.

What does this mean to you? Will you have to buy a new chartplotter? Will you still be able to buy paper charts? How will you update your charts? Ryan's presentation will address these and other concerns and you'll have a chance to ask questions. Put 06 May at 6:30 p.m. on your calendar and RSVP to the email announcement we'll be sending to you.



Calendar highlights:

27 April America's Boating Course – ABC 3 To register CLICK HERE.

06 May Virtual Dinner Meeting on Zoom 6:30 p.m. please RSVP to <u>ao@aspsmd.org</u> to get the Zoom login.

19 May GPS Seminar on Zoom 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. To register CLICK HERE.

ASPS has a variety of land and water activities planned for the summer and we can always use volunteers to help with each – from a computer or in person. Please look at the <u>website calendar</u> and let us know at <u>ao@aspsmd.org</u> which activity you would be able to help with. You don't have to be a longtime member to volunteer!

Here comes summer!







Executive Officer Lt/C Ralph Leasure, S

Spring is actually underway. While we've been tempted by a few nice days, reality sets in to make us realize that we're still in Maryland in April. Anything can and will happen regarding the weather. Also, the water temperatures are still cold and not quite ready for prime time.

I am encouraged by the fact that the Spring Boat Show with combined sail and powerboats was such a success. We had a few volunteers to work the show with folks from America's Boating Club - Kent Narrows. I can't yet say what the numbers were, but I know that the attendance was high. This

was a great opportunity for us to expose our squadron to the public and perhaps pick up some new members from experienced boaters or the new boaters that have been exhausting boat inventories. Next month, I will have a full recap of our efforts at the show. I just want to thank those that generously volunteered their time to help with the effort. Hopefully, the next few weeks will enable most of us to get our boats in the water and begin the real spring.



Member Meeting Thursday, 6 May 2021

Please register by noon, Wednesday, 5 May. Send an email to <u>admin@aspsmd.org</u> You will be emailed the login information for the ZOOM meeting.

- 6:15 New to Zoom or unsure? Come early to check your connection.
- 6:30 Meet and Greet
- 7:00 Welcome Cdr Bruce Arey JN
- 7:15 Speaker Ryan Wartick, NOAA's Mid-Atlantic Navigation Manager NOAA Charting Update



Ryan has had over 21 years of combined active duty service in the navy and NOAA Corps. He has held a variety of assignments over the years helping NOAA make and update nautical charts from the Arctic to the Gulf of Mexico and sailed on each NOAA hydrographic ship in the process.

Regional Navigation Manager Coverage





Meeting Memories Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

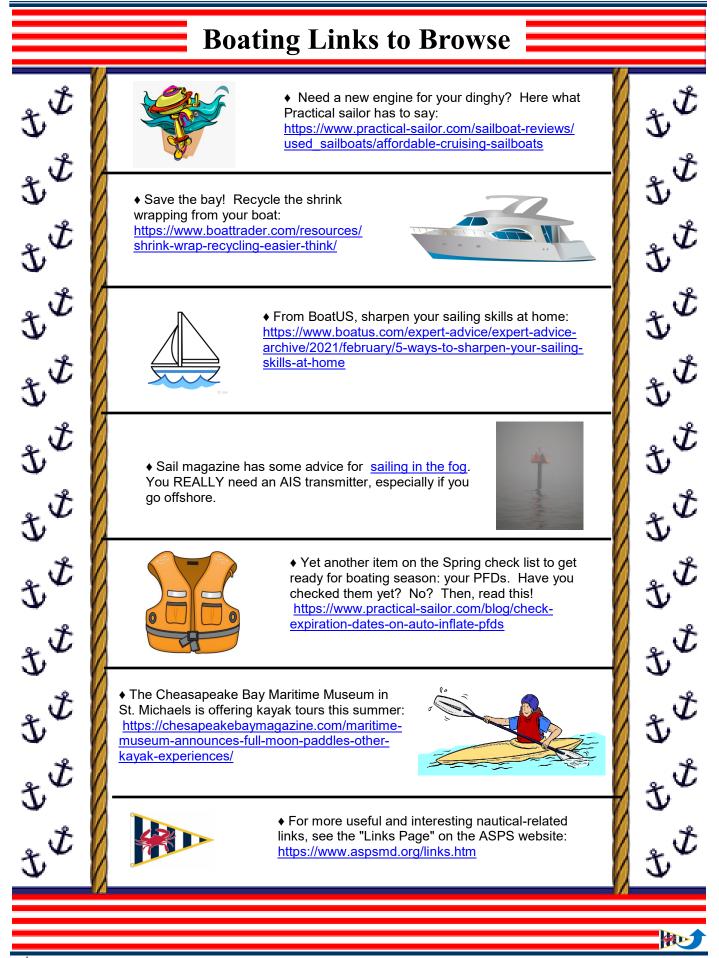
Our April meeting featured Foster Schueker and Susan Wilson, a couple who spent 300 days traveling the "Great Loop." They shared information about their circumnavigation of the eastern United States and part of Canada – truly an adventure of a lifetime. Here are some of the details they shared about their trip.

* They spent time <u>before</u> the trip deciding what they really needed in a boat to make them comfortable and happy during a long trip. This included 2 adult-sized heads and a full-sized galley!

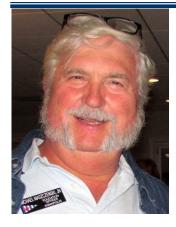
- * They ate out a lot! Part of the adventure was finding spots the locals loved and enjoying local cuisine.
- ★ They did not plan to spend all the time on the boat. They took a number of side trips with rental cars.
- ★ They reminded us that it's more work than a cruise ship. You must do all your own cleaning, cooking, and maintenance.
- ★ Their biggest warning to <u>all</u> cruisers Do Not Try to Keep a Schedule! You cannot predict weather or necessary (but surprising) maintenance.
- ★ Check out not only the spots everyone says should be seen, but also the 'off the beaten path' treasures that you will find along the way.
- ★ One of the biggest challenges is learning to be really flexible. You will have to change plans on the fly due to weather, river traffic, things you want to do, etc.
- ★ Be sure to investigate the places you will pass through. You will need the latest maritime information on closings, repairs on canals, etc.
- ★ The happiest 'Loopers' are those who learn to act as a team.
- ★ Talk to everyone! You will learn about different places to visit, different foods to try, and obstacles faced by other travelers.
- ★ Finally Just Do It! If you have dreamed of traveling the Great Loop, set the plans in motion now. Get out there, and make the Loop your own adventure!
- ★ They keep their 1993 Bayliner, *Quo Vadimus* on the Bohemia River where they act as hosts for loopers, They invited ASPS members to visit.
- ★ For more information on the Great Loop, go to : <u>https://www.greatloop.org/</u>

Even when held virtually, our meetings are always full of great information and ideas for boaters. Don't miss our next meeting. It's a great opportunity to see old friends, make new friends, and learn some interesting new facts.





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Educational Officer

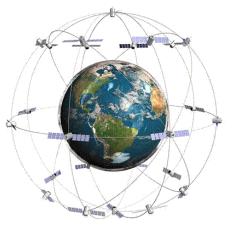
Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

Spring is finally here, and boating is enjoying a boom of interest. People have rediscovered the joy of being on the water. Experienced boaters know this also requires education and information. In your Spring jump into boating season, if you are a seasoned boater or a new boater don't forget where to get information. Our next seminar is GPS. If you want to know how your GPS or chart plotter places you on a map or chart, plan to attend.

If you need a place to go to see information on boating skills, visit America's Boating Clubs - America's Boating Channel for wonderfully produced and

informative videos on skills you need for safe on-the-water activities: <u>https://americasboatingchannel.com</u>. Don't forget Annapolis Sail and Power's website <u>www.aspsmd.org</u> has a links page full of information for your education: <u>https://www.aspsmd.org/links.htm</u>.

<u>GPS Seminar</u> Date: Wednesday, 19 May 2021 Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM Where: ZOOM Instructor: Stf/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.



Weather Course: 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 <u>seo@aspsmd.org</u>, 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: <u>http://bit.ly/qKN8ad</u>. 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>.

Information for Nearby Squadrons:

Rockville Sail and Power Squadron: www.abcrockville.org

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

America's Boating Club Kent Narrows

Paddle Smart Seminar

Saturday May 22, 2021

Registration for ABCKN:

Download newsletter for latest info and registration information. WEB Site and Newsletter: http://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-kn or call 773-351-2403.

Editor's Note: This is for all boaters everywhere. I had to share this in lieu of the usual inspirational quote. Someone sent me this in email.

Now you know the real reason why the Ever Given got stuck in the Suez Canal.

I hope to see you all at the next virtual meeting. Take care and be safe.

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Carol





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.

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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 - May 15, 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 <u>866-544-3223</u> or Taylor-Made at <u>301-387-4700</u> 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.



Can't wait to go cruising? Start planning now!

This year, we've been invited to participate in the America's Boating Club Valley Forge 2021 Commander's Cruise! Each year, this group asks their commander to decide what ports of call will be visited on their annual summer cruise in July. Cdr Patty Pezely has chosen four ports. They estimate that between 10 and 15 boats will participate. You can be one of those boats!



You can choose from many interesting optional activities on this cruise. Details will be available in early May. So

far, these activities will include a performance by the renowned Eastport Oyster Boys, a beach party, dinner at great restaurants, boat crawls, and more. Some events will need to be paid in advance, so information about them will come out in late May or early June. Restaurants will need to be paid by participants at the time of the events.

Check out the itinerary:

- July 9 & 10 The Yacht Basin, Annapolis
- July 11 & 12 Herrington Harbour South, Herring Bay
- July 13 & 14 Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Marina, St. Michaels
- July 15, 16 & July 17 Haven Harbor Marina, Rock Hall

Participating boats **must** make their own reservations at these marinas. However, ABC Valley Forge wants to give a heads up to let the marinas know the number of slips needed. Please send an email to P/C Russ Jones <u>wrjones3@verizon.net</u> to let him know that you are participating. He will need the following information:

- Boat name
- Captain
- Cell number
- Boat Make
- Boat Model
- Length
- Beam & Draft
- Type: Power or Sail
- Electric needed: Single 30, Dual 30, Single 50, or Dual 50

Since you don't have to do the entire itinerary, please indicate the ones you will be using:

- Friday, July 9 The Yacht Basin, Annapolis
- Saturday, July 10 The Yacht Basin, Annapolis
- Sunday, July 11 Herrington Harbour South, Herring Bay
- Monday, July 12 Herrington Harbour South, Herring Bay
- Tuesday, July 13 Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Marina, St. Michaels
- Wednesday, July 14 Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Marina, St. Michaels
- Thursday, July 15 Haven Harbor Marina, Rock Hall
- Friday, July 16 Haven Harbor Marina, Rock Hall
- Saturday, July 17 Haven Harbor Marina, Rock Hall





Avoid a Trip to the Emergency Room 1st/Lt Terry Slattery, SafetyOfficer

You're out to enjoy a quick ride in the creek in that new little dinghy or runabout that you just acquired. But it's outfitted with one of those blasted engine cutoff switches that always gets in the way. You've always disabled in them in the past because you can't stand up without the engine stopping or your arm snags that lanyard and unexpectedly shuts off the engine. Only this time, as you head away from the dock your buddy loses his balance and bumps into you. Your throttle goes to full and you're both ejected as the boat accelerates. But then the boat starts the ominous circle of death like a hungry bull shark circling its prey. You're fortunate in that one of its early circles takes it crashing into the dock where it gets wedged. Fortunately for

you and your buddy, you've avoided the emergency room, but they don't always turn out that way. Using that emergency cutoff switch would have prevented an emergency situation.

If you're skeptical, just do a quick web search for *runaway boat*. There are many videos and news reports of vessels whose operator was surprised to be in the water with the boat circling around. This picture, <u>courtesy of the Waterway Guide</u>, gives a glimpse of what can result.



To counter this threat to operators and to the emergency personnel who are frequently called to assist, there is a new boating safety law that went into effect April 1, 2021, that requires the use of engine cutoff switches on certain vessels. The Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS), commonly known as the engine kill switch, is the lanyard you see on small outboard engines. Larger boats can have an electronic version that allows for more mobility while still providing safety.

The reason for the lanyards is that fast boats can eject their operators, then typically begin circling, which endangers the operator who is now in the water, as well as other boaters and even people on shore.

This new law can be confusing because it has a laundry list of criteria:

- ★ Boats less than 26 feet in length
- ★ Boats manufactured after the beginning of January 2020
- ★ Boats with engines producing more than 115 lbs of static thrust (about 3hp)
- ★ Operated at speeds above displacement speeds
- ★ Operated outside an enclosed helm

It is best to refer to the <u>US Coast Guard announcement</u> and <u>frequently asked questions</u> web pages for all the details. The <u>Boat US web site</u> also has a good description of the new law.

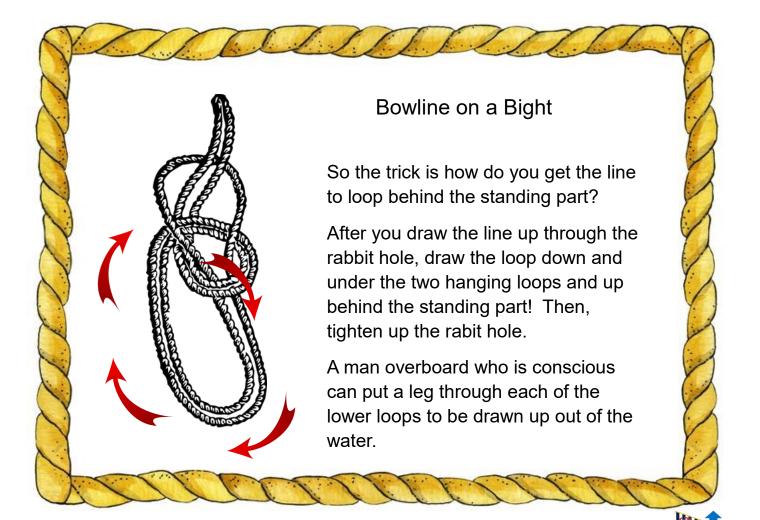
Regardless of the law, using the cutoff switches is simply a good safety practice.

https://coastguardnews.com/coast-guard-announces-new-law-requiring-use-of-engine-cut-offswitches/2021/03/10/

https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/engine-cut-off-switch-faq.php

https://www.boatus.com/news-room/release/new-boat-engine-cutoff-switch-law-goes-into-e)

https://www.waterwayguide.com/latest-news/news/9710/runaway-boat-caught-on-camera-in-venice-waterway



News and Pics From Members



My boat went in earlier this week and while motoring back to my marina, I managed to site 2 ATONs just for fun and submitted them (to the COOP Charting Program.) Once you do a few of these, I think you will find it quite easy. My intention is to focus mainly on the Severn River and around Annapolis proper this year.

> P/C Ron Ricketts, P COOP Charting Chair VSC Examiner

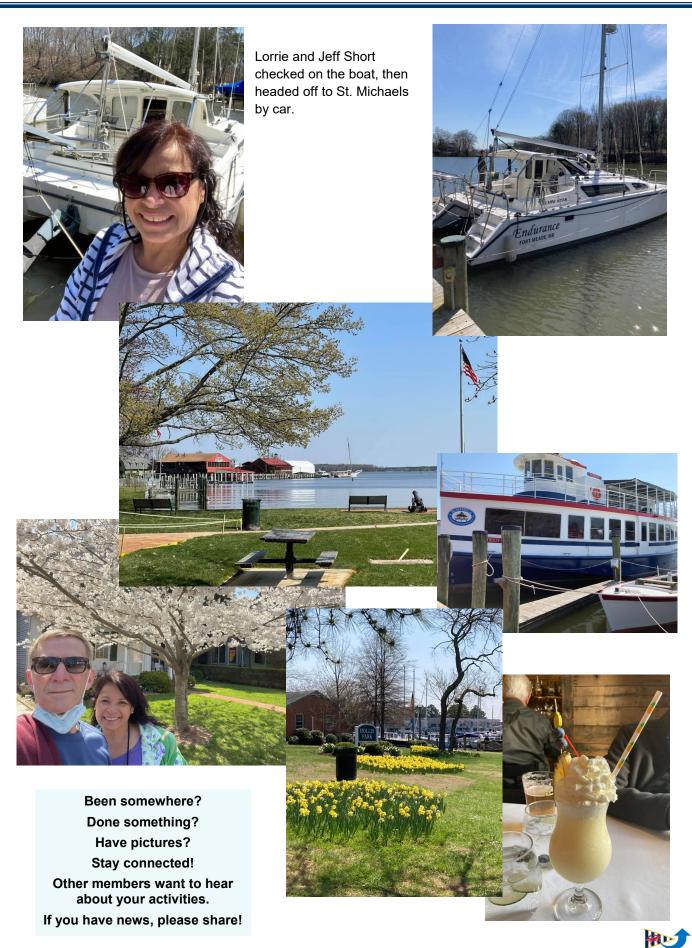




If Betty Rouse Wilmot keeps shoveling, she might be ready for the party in August. John says his rotator cuff keeps him from helping...









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Member Benefits

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

Did you ever wonder about the many benefits of America's Boating Club[®]? We all know about the benefit of time spent with like-minded people, but ABC offers more! This month, we highlight one of those benefits.

Receive one of the most comprehensive books authored on using a GPS at a USPS® discount.

GPS for Mariners from McGraw Hill is discounted for members at the ABC on-

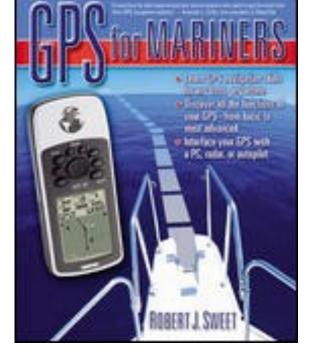
https://www.usps.org/departments/14000/1450001/1450001-benefits/163-usps/administrative/member-benefits/1269-gps-for-mariners

Currently, the price is \$17. The same book sells for \$21 at Amazon!

GPS for Mariners

GPS for Mariners summarizes essential global positioning system concepts, explains the buttons, screens, and menus of your GPS receiver, and answers all your questions. Filled with helpful illustrations and hands-on examples, this complete and practical guide shows you how to:

- ★ Become an informed GPS buyer and user
- ★ Connect GPS to your computer, autopilot, and radar
- ★ Navigate with GPS using waypoints and routes
- ★ Use an electronic chartplotter or navigation software to plan and monitor your course
- ★ Utilize the many functions in your GPS to safely and enjoyably reach your destination whether under sail or power
- ★ Enhance your receiver's performance with WAAS, DGPS, and proper antenna placement



★ Master advanced techniques



ASPS Raft Up

BLUE ANGELS REHEARSAL Tuesday, 25 May 2021



Between Greenbury & Horn Points

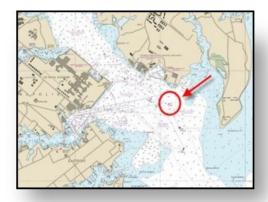
Outside of Air Show Flight Safety Box - West End

Raft starts at 10 a.m. First fly by expected at 11 a.m.

Raft will not break up until show is over around 3 p.m.



38° 58.660' N - 076° 27.875' W





To RSVP Attendance: Email ao@aspsmd.org

Please plan on bringing appetizers or snacks to share.

Questions Call: P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN - 703-887-1836



ASPS Raft Up

EAGLE COVE SATURDAY, 12 June 2021



Magothy River

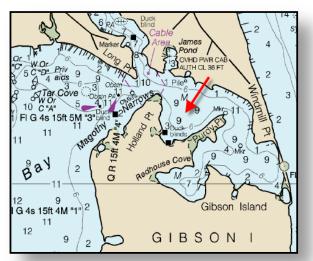
Between Holland & Purdy Points

Beautiful Protected Cove with Tranquil Waters

Raft Up starts at 12:30 p.m.

Ends at Each Captain's Discretion

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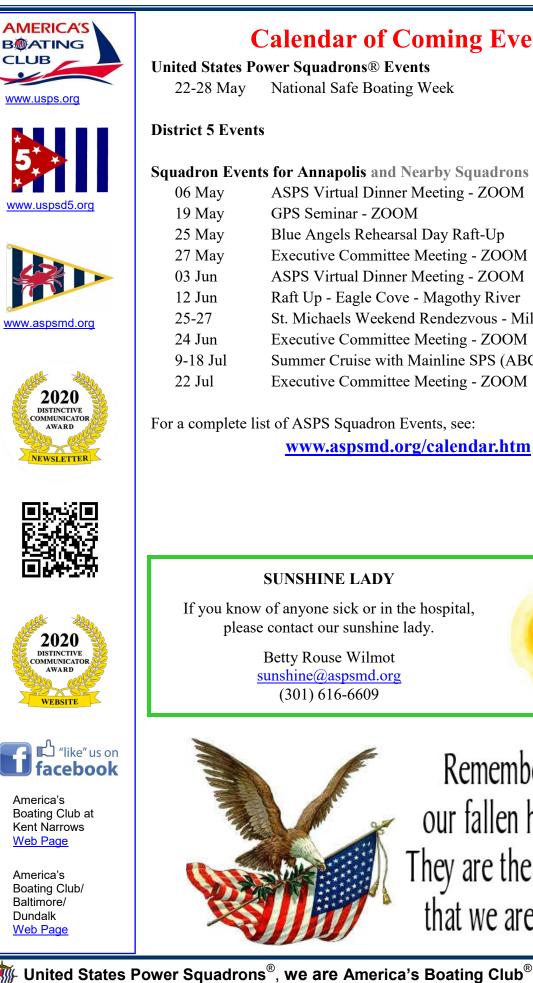
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Check out this video about Eagle Cove, Part of the Magothy River Association Water Trail Project: <u>https://youtu.be/Qsd77YwffG4</u>





Calendar of Coming Events

United States Power Squadrons® Events

National Safe Boating Week

District 5 Events

Squadron Events for Annapolis	and Nearby Squadrons
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)6 May	ASPS Virtual Dinner Meeting - ZOOM
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19 May	GPS Seminar - ZOOM
25 May	Blue Angels Rehearsal Day Raft-Up
27 May	Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM
03 Jun	ASPS Virtual Dinner Meeting - ZOOM
12 Jun	Raft Up - Eagle Cove - Magothy River
25-27	St. Michaels Weekend Rendezvous - Miles River
24 Jun	Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM
9-18 Jul	Summer Cruise with Mainline SPS (ABC Valley Forge)
22 Jul	Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM

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



Remember our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.





ASPS Squadron Leadership

Bridge

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Port Captain: P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN



Anchor Watch Deadline for June Newsletter: Wednesday, 19 May 2021

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

