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## Commander's Message Cdr Ralph Leasure, P

Now that the fall boat shows are behind us, most of us will be thinking of winterization and putting the boats away for the winter. We have discussed the possibility of taking the boat to Florida next year and spending some time on her in the extended sunshine. But, for this year, it looks like the standard "on the hard."

I want to thank all of you that volunteered to help man the booths this year. We had a dozen people give us their contact information and said they were interested in membership, courses, vessel safety checks, and/or a combination.



Diane and I had the distinct pleasure to meet the stars of the TV show "Distant Shores." Through a mutual friend, we shared a two-hour luncheon with Paul and Sheryl Shard, and some of their friends. It was a fun gathering and we got to learn more about The Orion 49 (Distant Shores 4) that they have been building in the Netherlands. It is an all-aluminum structure and it will be very strong. One of their goals with the new boat is to sail north to the Arctic Circle in the summer after its delivery (next

summer.) They have been living onboard and producing videos for over 31 years. You can view many of the seasons and episodes on You Tube and AWE TV. Search Distant Shores. Having traveled over 150,000 miles with nine ocean crossings they have a unique perspective on the sailing lifestyle. There is a possibility that we may get them to give us a presentation in the near future. Stay tuned for that. You can also follow along as they begin their new journeys with the new boat, Proteon/Distant Shores.

Don't forget the D5 Fall Conference coming up November 3-5 at The Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum. I will be out of town for most of it, but please take advantage of all that is offered. Our Holiday party is scheduled for December 7, 2023 at The Elks Lodge. Please bring check donations for Toys for Tots and a small gift for the gift exchange. Happy Holidays!!!

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**Executive Officer**  
**Lt/C Diane Leasure**

It seems like we just took delivery of our boat, and we are now in the process of completing the paperwork to have it pulled for winter storage. I honestly do not know where the summer months went .... I guess the adage that “time flies when you are having fun” rings true.

I am looking forward to spending the winter months in front of the fireplace planning cruising trips for next summer. The Chesapeake Bay has so much to offer, with each river providing new opportunities for exploration. We did a fraction of the cruising we were hoping to do this summer and I am determined that next summer will look different, with less work and more time for play. We are also seriously considering taking our boat south for the winter next year, so that alone will require a great deal of planning. Planning cruising trips also includes scheduling another vessel safety check and taking as many of ASPS’s fantastic educational courses as possible.

The Annapolis Power Boat Show went very well with many members of District 5 signing up to be at our booth. Gauging from the responses received, there were a number of boat show attendees that are interested in having a vessel safety check. Given that promoting safety on the water is one of ASPS’s top priorities, it is a good sign that others recognize the importance of meeting the Coast Guard’s safety requirements.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and, if you are traveling for the holiday, safe travels!

An advertisement for ASPS Logo Jackets. It features three models (two men and one woman) wearing zip-up jackets in blue, purple, and green. The jackets have the ASPS logo on the chest. The models are standing in front of a white background, framed by a decorative wreath of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The text in the center reads: "You need an ASPS Logo Jacket" in green, followed by the URL "http://asps.qbstores.com" in blue with a red underline.

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<http://asps.qbstores.com>

# ASPS Dinner Meeting

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Elks Lodge 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour

7:00 PM - Dinner

7:30 - Speaker - Terry Slattery - Two Men and a Monk

**Meal includes:** Salad, Roasted Turkey, Sliced Fresh Ham, Cornbread Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Desserts (Apple Pie)

**Vegetarian Option (select when reserving dinner) -  
Pasta Primavera w/red sauce**

**RSVP by Monday, October 30, 4 PM to  
[aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com](mailto:aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com)  
or call Lorrie at 410-305-0232**

**\$25.00 per person by cash or check at the door.  
Make checks payable to Annapolis Elks.**

**Note: All no-show reservations are  
responsible for the cost of the dinner.**



**Administrative Officer****Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S**

When I look out my window, I see all the leaves slowly turning from green to gold, red, and brown. Although the afternoons are warm, the mornings and evenings have a distinct chill in the air. Yes, it is true. Autumn is coming. The boating season is drawing to a close.

We may be winterizing our boats, but we don't have to stop thinking, dreaming, and planning the next boating season. It's also the perfect time to enjoy indoor activities. One great way to spend time is at one of our dinner meetings. We may not be out on the water, but we do enjoy getting together and talking about boating.

In fact, our November meeting is the perfect place to talk about boating. Our guest speaker will be **Terry Slattery**. The topic? *Two Men and a Monk*. Be sure to attend this meeting. You'll get to spend time with other boaters. You'll also discover details about a great adventure!



Rather you attend the meeting or not, November marks the beginning of the giving season for ASPS. We support the **Anne Arundel County Food Bank** at this meeting. As you may remember, we no longer do an actual food drive. Instead, we ask that you make a monetary donation. The Food Bank has wholesale sources that allow them to purchase more food than we would be able to donate at the same price point. It also gives the Food Bank flexibility. They can purchase those items that may not get donated to meet all the needs of those using the Food Bank. We ask that you consider bringing a cash or check donation to our meeting to help stuff the turkey! Yes, there will be a turkey collection basket available. Can't attend? You can still donate. Just visit <https://aafoodbank.org/donate/>

for donating online or for the address to send in a check. All checks should be made out to Anne Arundel County Food Bank.

In December, at our annual holiday party, we will be collecting for **Toys for Tots**. Once again, we will ask you to bring cash or check to the meeting to help stuff the holiday basket. As with the Food Bank, having funds allows the program to buy toys needed to fill in where donations don't. Plus, they also have access to wholesale outlets that give them great deals – more toys for less money. Should you be unable to attend this meeting, you can [donate online](#).



If you decide to donate online, please remember to let me know. Part of our history report to our national organization is information about community engagement. We like to make sure they realize just how hard Annapolis works to be a force for good in our community.

Finally, I will end with a big announcement! We have decided to combine Founders Day and our Change of Watch into one big event. We'll be celebrating all things Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron at a brunch in March at Pirate's Cove restaurant. Look for more details as the event approaches.

# *Thanksgiving Food Drive*



**Support Anne Arundel County Food Bank.  
Please write a check to  
Anne Arundel County Food Bank  
and bring it to the dinner meeting on  
Thursday, November 2, 2023.**

**Or, donate online at [aafoodbank.org/donate/](https://aafoodbank.org/donate/).**



**ANNE ARUNDEL  
COUNTY  
FOOD BANK**

**If you donate by mailing a check or by the online donation page, please let us know so that we can report to USPS. We report yearly on our commitment to the community, and we like to share just how much ASPS cares.**





**Picnic**  
Saturday,  
Sept 30, 2023  
Bay Ridge  
Marina Clubhouse





## Marine Corps Toys for Tots Drive

This year we are doing a virtual **Toys For Tots** drive at the December Holiday Party. Please bring a check made to **Toys for Tots**. Again this year, we will be collecting money instead of toys. Toys for Tots can make the money go further through their wholesale contacts, so more children benefit!

If you are not attending the Holiday party, mail your check to:

Maj Pete Smith  
2322 Marion Road  
Jessup, Maryland 20794

If you mail in a check, please let Georgiana know:  
[Gmaszczenski@hotmail.com](mailto:Gmaszczenski@hotmail.com).

More information: [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)

Last year, 14,645 children in Anne Arundel County were supported by the local Toys for Tots program.







## **Render Assistance Whenever Possible - Not just on the water**

It's that time of the year for each squadron to search for volunteers for the upcoming bridge.

You, as our past members of the bridge have done, can make a difference. Each person that has served on the bridge brings their own perspective on how things might be improved upon.

As a member of the bridge, you are not alone. We have 16 past commanders ready and willing to assist you with questions or concerns. A great number of members are available to assist you in making the decision to become a bridge officer. They have served in numerous positions and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to become a member of the bridge please contact anyone on the Nominating Committee.

Regards,  
Bruce Arey  
Peggy Slattery  
Ralph Leasure  
Diane Leasure  
John Wilmot



*ASPS Ladies' Pot Luck Luncheon  
And Greeting Card Making Session  
Tuesday, November 28, 2023 - 11 am - 2 pm*

*Slattery Pool House  
1000 Whitehall Cove  
Annapolis, MD 21409*

*Bring a dish to share.*

*RSVP by Friday, November 24, to Georgiana at  
[gmaszczenski@hotmail.com](mailto:gmaszczenski@hotmail.com) or 410-739-7799  
with what you are contributing to the luncheon.*

*Materials will be supplied to make greeting cards.  
Then, we will share in a lovely luncheon.*

*Please bring any card-making tools you may have:  
scissors, tape, glue, etc. Extra tools will be available.*



# Boating Links to Browse

Bonehead Boaters of the week. How NOT to do things at the boat ramp.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ssDq6PTRcQ>

From the Compass Emagazine:  
[Winterizing your Boat](#)

From the Robb report, for people who like to dream: a 4-masted, 190-foot concept sailing catamaran which makes its own hydrogen fuel while underway:

<https://robbreport.com/motors/marine/drift-energy-most-valuable-yacht-concept-1235337499/>

Drift Energy has already produced and tested a sailing cat which produces hydrogen fuel while underway.

From Chesapeake Bay Magazine - [Flamingos](#) in our area!



From Chesapeake Bay Magazine : [catamarans](#) are increasingly popular on the bay

For trip ideas in the Chesapeake Bay area:

[https://www.visitmaryland.org/unique-experiences/chesapeake-bay-loop?gad=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI0ZzYzfvzqAMV9E1HAR2ebqfREAAAYAiAAEqIdkvD\\_BwE](https://www.visitmaryland.org/unique-experiences/chesapeake-bay-loop?gad=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI0ZzYzfvzqAMV9E1HAR2ebqfREAAAYAiAAEqIdkvD_BwE)

This site changes frequently. Bookmark it and return on a regular basis for all sorts of activities in the area.

From Chesapeake Bay Magazine - The museum bought the [Crab Claw](#), but it will remain open! Yeah! It's one of our favorite places in St. Michaels.

**Celestial Tools** - Download the latest version of this application to gain access to the new features and ensure the most accurate results. A description of the code, including download instructions, can be found on the USPS website. Log in at [www.usps.org/member-s-log-in](http://www.usps.org/member-s-log-in) and go to the Navigation Committee Page. Click on "Offshore Navigation" and then click on Celestial Tools. For those familiar with the application, you can download it directly from <https://github.com/unitedstatespowersquadrons/celestial-tools/archive/master.zip>. Email: [Mike Guler](mailto:Mike Guler)

For more nautical-related links, see the "Links Page" on the ASPS website:  
<http://aspsmd.org/wrappers/pages.php>

On YouTube from Distant Shores:  
[Sailing in the Bahamas](#)

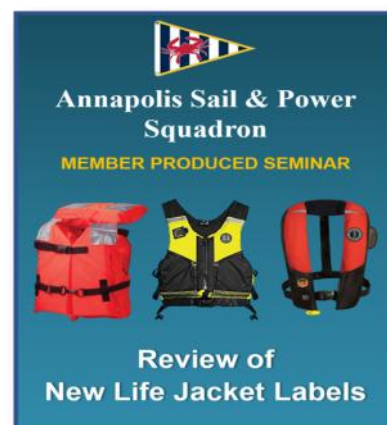


**Educational Officer****Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N**

November 3-5, 2023 is the D-5 Educational Conference at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, MD. This is the annual Educational Conference and Council Meeting. Go to <https://www.abc-midatlantic.org/> to download the registration materials and full schedule of activities. On Friday, the Bullex Fire Extinguisher simulator will be available for demo and use. Other seminars include Ops Training, Using OpenCPN, Instructor Recertification, and more. Saturday will have the Bullex Fire Extinguisher for demo and practice, a Boating Channel Update, Using OpenCPN, updates on educational materials, the Fall Council Meeting and Awards Ceremony and more. Come for the day and get the updates. If you book a room, meals are provided. Check the <https://www.abc-midatlantic.org/> website for updates as they are finalized.

**Review of the New Life Jacket Labels**

Are you familiar with the new labeling standards for PFD's, or maybe you could use a review? Join in on Thursday, November 9, 2023 (from 6:45 to 9:00 pm) when John W. Nash will be reviewing and explaining the labels and what they mean via Zoom. The seminar is free. To attend, just use the registration link so the login info can be sent to you. [Register Here](#)

**Date:** Thursday, 09 November 2023**Time:** 6:45pm – 9:15pm**Where:** ZOOM, Login Information provided after registration**Materials:** Provided through emails**Instructor:** P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN**Fee:** Free (Not a USPS seminar – ASPS member produced seminar)

This 2-hour seminar will cover the new labeling standards for Life Jackets. Learn what is important to know about this new standard. Topics covered include:

- ★ Review of Buoyancy Properties
- ★ Review of Traditional Life Jacket Labels
- ★ Why the Change to New Life Jacket Labeling
- ★ New Icon Standards for Life Jackets

**Marine Navigation Course**

We will also offer the new Marine Navigation course starting January 16, and running to March 12, 2024.

**Date:** Tuesdays, January 16, 2024 to March 12, 2024**Time:** 6:45pm - 9:00pm**Where:** ZOOM, Login information provided after registration**Materials:** Provided through emails**Instructor:** Mike Maszczenski**Fee:** ASPS Member \$80.00, Non Member \$90.00. Fee covers book, and plotter. Dividers can be provided for \$15.00

Marine Navigation is the first of the navigational classes focusing on techniques for piloting a boat in coastal and inland conditions. The course emphasizes planning and checking along with the use of GPS

and other electronic systems for determining position, and introduces digital charting along with traditional charting, compass and dead reckoning skills. Plotting, use of the compass, aids to navigation, electronic tools and a host of related topics are included in this all-new approach to coastal, inland and river piloting. This course uses the Bowditch Bay practice chart and local charts, the USPS 4"X15" plotter and dividers. Computer with OpenCPN must be student provided.

The Student Kit includes the Student Manual, the Plotting and Labeling Standards Learning Guide and instructions for downloading, installing and using OpenCPN. It is a free, marine navigation program that is state-of-the-art and in wide use by commercial and recreational boating enthusiasts. OpenCPN runs on a variety of environments, including Windows, Android tablets and phones, and MAC OS, but not iPhones or iPads. (The larger screens of desktop or laptop computers work best.)

### **Radar Seminar**

The Radar Seminar will start January 18, 2024.

**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2023

**Time:** 6:45pm – 9:15pm

**Where:** ZOOM, Login Information provided after Registration

**Materials:** Provided through Emails

**Instructor:** P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

**Fee:** ASPS member \$10.00, Non-ASPS member \$20.00

Don't get lost in the fog. Whether you want to navigate safely or decide what equipment to purchase, this seminar provides clear advice. Learn how RADAR works, how to use it effectively, and its limitations as a piloting aid.

### **ABC III**

On February 17 & 24, 2024, the ABC III will be offered for those needing the Boating Safety Card

**Date:** Saturday February 17, 2024 & February 24, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:30pm

**Where:** Bay Ridge Marina Community Center

**Materials:** Arranged pick up or download

**Instructor:** Ronald Ricketts, Patrick McGeehan and Michael Maszczenski

**Fee:** Bay Ridge members Free, ASPS Members \$10.00, Non-Members \$35.00

This course is the best introduction or review of boating being offered. It covers the basic boating terms, rules of the road, the Maryland laws you need to know and fundamentals of boating. The book is in both E-Book and hard copy. Remember, if your birthday is after July, 1972, each state requires that you have had and passed a boating safety course to operate a recreational vessel. America's Boating Clubs offers the America's Boating Course III to fill that requirement. The course is 8 hours of instruction and a test. Passing the test with an 80% or better gets you the Boating Safety card.

The class is going to be a live course at the Bay Ridge Marina community center. Attendance for both days is required.

**Register** for this course: [Register Here](#)

### **Registration for All ASPS-Sponsored Courses**

Please register as soon as possible. Materials must be ordered, and materials pick-up arranged for the virtual classes. [Click Here to Register](#), or email [seo@aspsmd.org](mailto:seo@aspsmd.org), or call 410-739-7800. If you do not get an answer, please leave voice mail with contact information. When registered, you will receive an email confirmation. Other information and directions will be emailed as the start date for the course or seminar approaches.

Course and seminars from our neighbors:

Americas Boating Club Kent Narrows

How to use a GPS Chartplotter -December 12, 2023 -Joe Burke

AIS Seminar- January - Date TBD

ABC III Starting February 24, 2024

To register contact John Locke 443-262-6892 or [Locke806@gmail.com](mailto:Locke806@gmail.com)



***The ASPS facebook PAGE is Back!!!***

***New Postings Every Few Days***

***Postings Will Include Themes Such As:***

- ASPS News & Events
- National and District News & Events
- Boating Safety, Skills, and Local Opportunities
- Chesapeake Bay Environmental Conditions & Projects
- Local & National Boating News & Events of Interest
- Interesting & Informative Information on Animals & Creatures
- Articles & Postings Suggested by Squadron Members
- And Much More...

As ASPS Members, the Success & Value of our Squadron's Facebook Page Depends on You. Follow It. Like & Share Postings. Promote it to Friends & Family.

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Email to [facebook@aspsmd.org](mailto:facebook@aspsmd.org)


**[www.facebook.com/aspsmd.org](http://www.facebook.com/aspsmd.org)**



We are saddened by the passing of P/Lt/C Jerome Rapkin, who joined the United States Power Squadrons in 1998 and was a 26-year member of the Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron.

Jerry passed on September 24, 2023. A tribute to his life can be read at: <https://www.lastingtributesfuneralcare.com/m/obituaries/Jerome-Rapkin/Memories>.

Jerry is also mentioned in the following article of interest: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/07/31/rehoboth-beach-patrol-anniversary-reunion/>.



**“The heart of man is very much like the sea. It has its storms. It has its tides. And, in its depths, it has its pearls too.”**  
**Vincent van Gogh**

## Dinner Delights

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenki, S



If you missed our October dinner meeting, you missed a great presentation by Kristina Motley. She is the Senior Environmental Specialist at the Maryland Environmental Service on behalf of the Maryland Port Administration. Yes, it is quite the title, but the job is even more interesting when you realize that she works on Poplar Island. Kristina gave us background information as well as a current update on the state of the Poplar Island project. Here



are just a few of the facts that she shared:

- In 1996, less than 5 acres remained of the 1,140 acres making up Poplar Island when it was documented in 1847.
- The project receives about 2 million cubic yards of dredged materials a year.
- The finished project will have about 776 acres of tidal wetlands, about 829 acres of upland habitat, and about 110 acres of open water in a manmade bay.
- The island currently hosts over 250 different species of birds.
- Poplar Island has become an important nesting habitat for a wide range of wildlife.
- Poplar Island has become a registered monarch butterfly migration habitat. Over 2,000 monarch butterflies have been tagged there since 2019.
- One of the more popular and successful programs has been the Terrapin Education and Research Partnership. Classrooms around Maryland are given the opportunity to raise terrapin hatchlings for a year. As a result of this controlled environment, the terrapins grow to the size of a 3 to 5 year old wild terrapin. This gives them a great survival advantage when the students bring them back to Poplar Island for release.
- Over 2,800 terrapins have been raised and released since 2005.
- Poplar Island has become an international model for the beneficial use of dredged materials.



Interested in visiting Poplar Island? Visit <http://www.poplarislandrestoration.org/> for information on scheduling a tour.

Ms. Motley and her associate, Bronwyn Bare, stayed after the meeting to take questions as well as to hand out materials about Poplar Island.

If you were unable to join us, you missed a great presentation about Poplar Island as it continues to grow and change. As always, we are able to offer dinner meetings that bring together friends who love boating. We also always offer informative speakers, so you can learn something interesting about boating on the Chesapeake Bay and beyond. We look forward to seeing you soon.



## Vessel Crossing Situations

### Lord of the Electrons, Terry Slattery, Safety Officer



Talk about a blast from the past! John Wesley Nash took this photo of Terry at a weekend rendezvous at Great Oak Landing, July 13-15, 2012.

This charming chapeau was created for a "Decorate Your Hat from Items on Your Boat" contest.

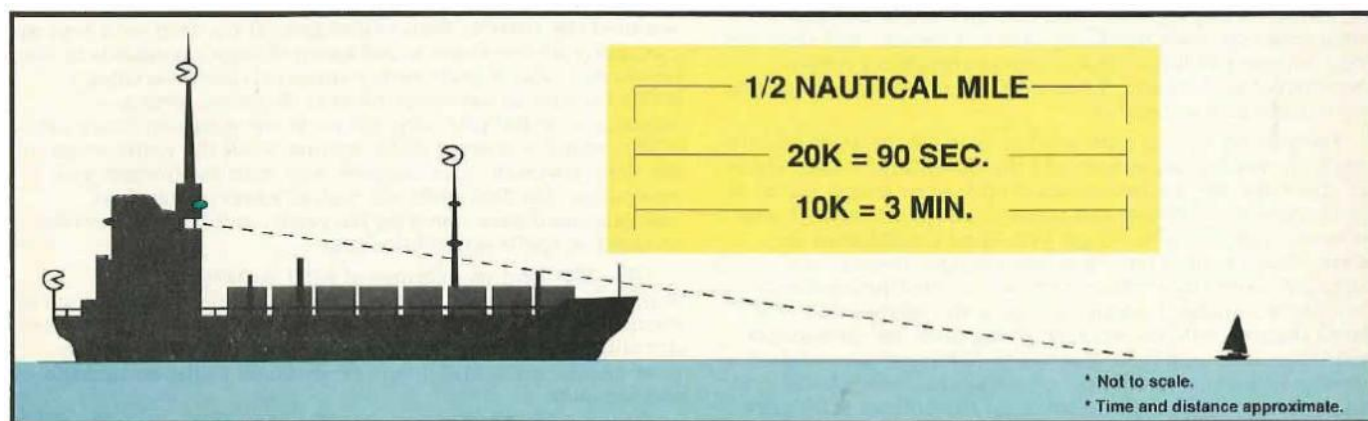
Editors

The call went out on Ch 16: "Southbound sailboat north of the Bay Bridge about to cross the ship channel, this is the southbound car carrier BigShip." They arranged to switch to Ch 13 to discuss the crossing situation. Both vessels held their course and speed and the sailboat safely made it across the channel with perhaps a mile of separation. However, the small vessel was under sail and could have been in trouble if the wind changed. We've seen closer situations out on the water. It happens regularly, judging by the frequent sound signals of five short blasts that we hear at our house.

Why do small vessels cross in front of large vessels? Fishermen and sailboat racers are particularly prone to "I can make it across" in front of a ship. What they often misjudge is the ship's speed, relative to theirs. The small vessel operator also doesn't take into account that in close proximity to the Bay Bridge, a ship doesn't have any options for avoiding a collision. The choice is basically one of "run over the small vessel versus hit the Bay Bridge." It's clear, at least to me, which option that big ship is going to take and that's to hold course within the channel.

Can't the ship simply stop? These behemoths can't stop very quickly. A fully loaded ship running at 15 or 20 knots will take a mile or more to stop at full emergency reverse power. That's not enough to avoid the small vessel.

Then there's the limited visibility from a ship's bridge, especially those that are built with the bridge located amidships or aft. The diagram below from BoatUS shows how far out the typical cargo ship can see and how long it takes to travel that distance. (See <https://boat.us/finding/10/> titled Close Encounters: Commercial Shipping and You.) A loaded container ship could have much less visibility due to the cargo.



At a speed of 20 knots a ship travels 34 feet per second. It will take only three minutes to cover one nautical mile.

It's not always a big cargo ship and a sailboat or fishing boat. While negotiating the Intracoastal Waterway on Lux, we've had kayakers and small fishing boats decide that they can cross the waterway channel in front of us. They are invariably looking over their shoulder to see if they've made a poor decision. In

these circumstances we slow down and let them cross, though we subsequently comment on their longevity when they make such decisions.

I apply these same principles when I'm out kayaking or paddle boarding. Stay out of the busy channel. Cross channels at right angles. Look both ways to make sure the channel is clear when I have to cross.

We often jokingly refer to the crossing situation as *The Law of Gross Tonnages*. The larger, heavier vessel will win in any collision, so just avoid the possibility of a collision.

What should the smaller vessel do? Don't impede the large vessel's ability to navigate, especially in narrow channels like near the Bay Bridge, at inlets, and within the ICW. It's always best to go astern of larger vessels. When faced with a similar situation we take a course parallel to the large vessel, staying outside the channel, until it has passed, then cross astern. In some situations we might have to reduce speed while running parallel. There's no way we'll get run over by taking this action. Of course, if we're in close proximity to the ship, we might have to be prepared to handle a large wake as the ship passes. It's often better to take the wake on the stern than to try to round up and take it head-on.

If we're going to be in close proximity to the shipping channel, such in the northern bay's narrow waters, we'll contact the ship on the VHF Channel 13 and inform them of our intentions. That way they're not guessing what we'll do and we're not guessing their intentions. In another situation, we were heading west across the gulf stream from the Abacos to Florida at night. A ship's navigation lights and AIS indicated a northbound ship on a near collision course. We were the *stand-on* vessel, according to the navigation rules. We hailed it on VHF Ch 13. The ship's crew member on radio watch answered all our questions with "*We will hold course and speed*" in a very thick accent. While we were the stand-on vessel, the law of gross tonnages dictated that we change course and speed to let the ship pass by, eliminating the possibility of crossing ahead of it. Radio communications allowed us to know what they were going to do and act accordingly.

Stay safe out on the water!



Changes to your phone number, address, e-mail?  
 Please contact P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN  
 at [roster@aspsmd.org](mailto:roster@aspsmd.org) or



Check out our web site at  
<http://aspsmd.org/>



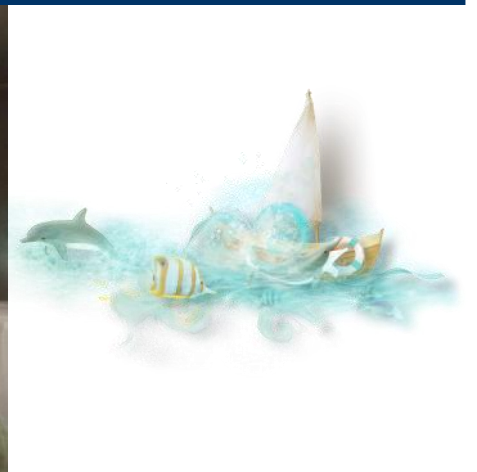
P/R/C William C. Eldridge,

### Vessel Safety Check

To arrange for a VSC for your boat,  
 contact Bill at [ysc@aspsmd.org](mailto:ysc@aspsmd.org).







## Astra III Professional with TRAD Mirror

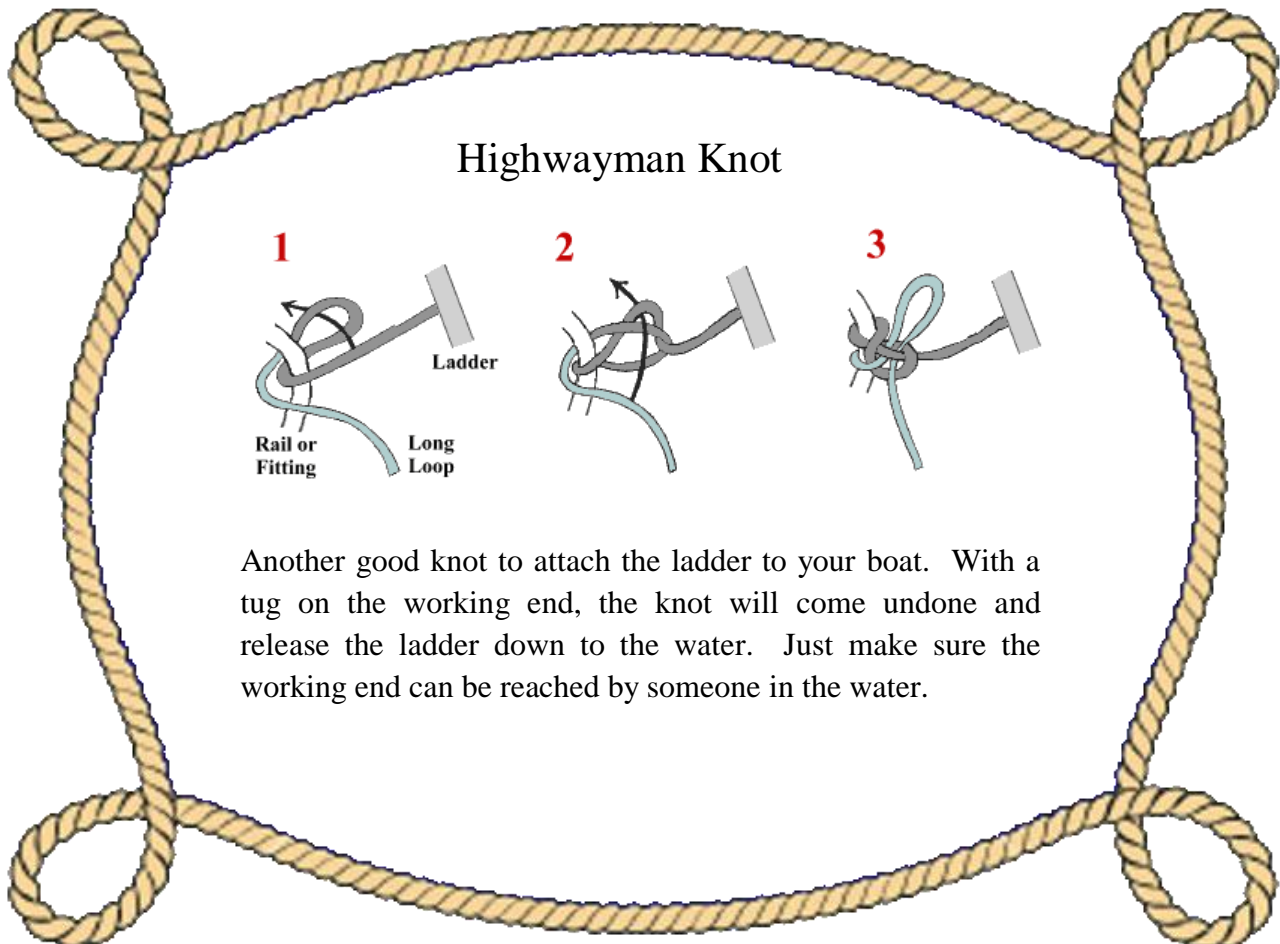
Includes Practice Bubble Horizon

**Retail Price: \$1,051**

**ASKING: \$725**

Low Cost Metal Sextant  
 High Accuracy  
 Excellent handling qualities  
 NASA Selects Astra III Professional for testing on ISS  
 (International Space Station).  
 Only used during Navigation Power Squadron Class

If interested, please contact Noni Rondeau at  
[nonitherealtor@gmail.com](mailto:nonitherealtor@gmail.com)



Another good knot to attach the ladder to your boat. With a tug on the working end, the knot will come undone and release the ladder down to the water. Just make sure the working end can be reached by someone in the water.



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## Calendar of Coming Events

### United States Power Squadrons® Events

06-11 Feb National Meeting - Orlando, Florida

### District 5 Events

02-05 Nov Fall Educational Conference, Maritime Institute  
Linthicum, Maryland

### Squadron Events for Annapolis and Nearby Squadrons

02 Nov ASPS Dinner Meeting  
16 Nov ASPS Exec Bd meeting - ZOOM  
07 Dec ASPS Annual Holiday Party  
28 Dec ASPS Exec Bd meeting - ZOOM

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

<http://www.aspsmd.org/calendar/month.php>

### SUNSHINE LADY

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

Betty Rouse Wilmot  
[sunshine@aspsmd.org](mailto:sunshine@aspsmd.org)



Happy  
Thanksgiving



## ASPS Squadron Leadership 2023 -2024

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