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# Commander's Message Cdr Ralph Leasure, P

There's nothing like ending the summer with a couple of great weather days, perfect for boating and for watching the grandkids' ball games and other adventures. Of course, this year, the Orioles making the playoffs and the Ravens starting 2 and 0 adds to the fun of the season. It is the first time ever that the Orioles have beaten every other team in both leagues.

I want to thank Dick and Phyllis Radlinski for their excellent presentation at our September meeting on traveling the Great Loop. It was very interesting and informative for those of us that might want to venture on such a mission. I was surprised by all the locks they had to navigate and the total mileage traveled. It

is quite a feat and one they should be proud of.

It's time to think about participating in the upcoming boat shows. The sign-up sheets are out and we need your help with booth coverage. The Power Boat Show is October 5 through 8. The hours are 10-6:30 except Sunday, when it closes at 5:00 PM. The Sailboat Show is October 12-15 with the same hours. It closes at 5:00 PM on Sunday. We will showcase the new resources available with America's Boating Channel.

The next in-person event is the ASPS Picnic. It is scheduled from 12:30 - 3:30 PM on September 30. It will be at the Bay Ridge Marina Clubhouse, rain or shine. It's a catered event,

but you are welcome to bring any dish you'd like to share. Please, don't forget to register.

Our next dinner meetings are October 5 and November 2. The America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic District 5 Fall Council and Conference Meetings will be November 3-5 at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights, MD. For registration, hotel reservations, and the meeting schedule go to <a href="https://www.uspsd5.org/">https://www.uspsd5.org/</a>. See page 12 for more information. It looks like it will be a fun and informative meeting.

As we were returning home from a few nights anchored out at Shaw Bay off the Wye River, I mentioned to Diane that two logs sticking out of the water looked like bald eagles. No sooner than I said that, two bald eagles actually flew out of the woods, circled near the boat, then flew back to a high perch in the woods. There's nothing like the Chesapeake. Enjoy the season.

Ralph Leasure, P, Commander

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

Consistent with my mantra of "there are many boating adventures to be had", I recall a discussion I had with a couple at the District Five Summer Council Meeting who, in addition to completing the Great Loop, had completed the Down East Circle Route.

My curiosity was piqued, so I embarked on some research of what experiences this cruising route would provide. The Down East Circle Route is a 2,400 nautical mile route that loops around New England and among the islands of the Canadian Maritimes. The voyage takes less time to complete than the Great Loop, but the timing of the trip makes a world of difference. The area of the route has a penchant for pea soup foggy

conditions in June through mid-July, and the tides can be daunting at any time of the year. Along the route is the Bay of Fundy, an extension of the Gulf of Maine, whose tides can range from 11 feet along the southwest shore of Nova Scotia to 53 feet at the head of the Bay. It has been reported that the Bay of Fundy has the highest tides in the world.

I purchased and have almost completed reading <u>A Complete Cruising Guide – Down East Circle Route</u> by Captain Cheryl Barr, who resides in Nova Scotia. My takeaway is that this would be a trip with boating challenges but also the promise of lifetime experiences. There are historic sites along the route such as Old Québec City as well as quaint seaside villages. There is also an abundance of wildlife. Photographs of the scenery along the route reflect its breathtaking beauty and there are side trips that can be taken that would indeed be memorable.

Closer to home, the Annapolis power boat and sailboat shows are just around the corner. Please consider signing up to assist with the ASPS booth and to gain free admission to the show. The link to the sign-up forms is on the next page. Thank you!















# Administrative Officer Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S

My feelings about October were best expressed by Charles Dickens. In short, it is both the best and the worst of times! It is the best of times because the weather is so wonderful. The skies are blue. There always seems to be some wind. It is not so horribly hot. You can get in the boat and just go. It's one of those perfect times to be boating. Then again, it is the worst of times because you know the end of boating season is just around the corner. I encourage you to take advantage of the best of these last days for fun on the water. Also, consider calling up a friend or two to have a 'pop up' raft-up or rendezvous. The best part of belonging to Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron is knowing other like-minded people!

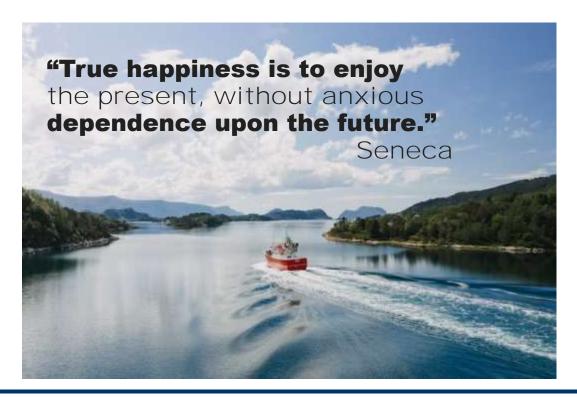
A pretty day is the perfect excuse to spend time with other boaters.

If you can't get back out on the water, think about spending time with us at an upcoming meeting. Our November meeting will be on 2 November. That's our traditional time to collect for the Food Bank. To make it easier on everyone, we have decided to continue to collect just money. Plan to bring a check or cash to make someone else's Thanksgiving a true reason to be thankful! If you would like to donate, but cannot attend the dinner, there will be more details in the November newsletter.

Our holiday party will be on 7 December. As always, it will be a great time. We'll have the usual gift exchange. We'll play some holiday party games. We will also continue our yearly support of Toys for Tots. We ask that you consider donating in order to help make the holiday season bright for children in our area. 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!

We enjoy spending time together. If you want to do more, though, feel free to contact us to volunteer to help out at one of our events. We always need a pair of helping hands!

In the meantime, be sure to get out and enjoy the colorful fall season.







Saturday, September 30, 2023
Bay Ridge Marina Clubhouse
on Lake Ogleton
80 East Lake Drive,
Annapolis, MD 21403
12:30 PM to 3:30 PM
Rain or Shine

# **Catered by Happy Chicken of Chestertown**

- ★ Chef Zach's Famous Pulled Pork w/ House Made BBQ Sauce
- ★ Roast Chicken w/ Garden Grown Herbs
- Vegetarian Selection Portobello Caprese (grilled Portobello, tomato, lettuce, basil, mozzarella, with a creamy Italian Spread – this is a COLD sandwich)
- \* All Selections served with Garden Fresh Salad, Mac and Cheese, your choice from the Dessert Bar, Lemonade, Iced Tea, and Water

RSVP by Wednesday, 27 September to <a href="mailto:gmaszczenski@hotmail.com">gmaszczenski@hotmail.com</a>

\$20, payable at the door OR make checks payable to Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron and mail to:

Lorrie Short

1630 Stream Valley Overlook
Severn, MD 21144

You are welcome to contribute a side dish, other beverages, or dessert. It is not required.

We need someone to organize the volunteers, preferably someone who has been at the ASPS picnic before.

We need some people to set up before picnic, assist during picnic, and clean up afterwards.

Please let us know in your RSVP how you plan to help at the picnic!







# **Boating Links to Browse**

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum has a new exhibit by photographer Kristin Rutkowski: Her Helm: Portraits of Women on the Chesapeake.

This selection of photographs and interviews will remain on exhibit through September 2024. So, you have plenty of time to go see it the next time you are in St. Michaels.

From Chesapeake Bay Magazine - A meal prep guide for easy versatile meals on board for the weekend aboard the boat.

Join Paul and Sheryl Shard on Distant Shores TV. Lots of wonderful videos on youtube TV. Travel to the Exumas vicariously and enjoy these addicting, well-done videos.

https://www.youtube.com/distantshorestv

From Practical Sailor - An article of interest to all of us: How to stop mildew in the marine environment.

For trip ideas in the Chesapeake Bay area:

https://www.visitmaryland.org/uniqueexperiences/chesapeake-bay-loop? gad=1&gclid=EAlalQobChMl0ZzYzfvzgAMV 9E1HAR2ebgfREAAYAiAAEgldkvD BwE

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

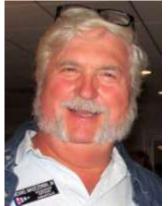
From Chesapeake Bay Magazine Tips from a pro on anchoring properly.

From Practical Sailor: Boating gear for everyone - shock cords. This is a discussion of components and ratings by manufacturer.

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 <a href="www.usps.org/member-s-log-in">www.usps.org/member-s-log-in</a> 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 <a href="https://github.com/unitedstatespowersquadrons/celestial-tools/archive/master.zip">https://github.com/unitedstatespowersquadrons/celestial-tools/archive/master.zip</a>. Email: Mike Guler







## **Educational Officer**

## Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

The calendar is shaping up for educational things to do from the Fall to Spring. There is an Instructor Recertification seminar October 3 for all instructors who need their certificate refreshed. There is still room for attendees. If you are not a certified instructor and would like to teach, this seminar is a good discussion of what makes for good instruction. Certification is only needed to teach the America's Boating Course.

November 3-5, 2023 is the D-5 Educational Conference at the Maritime Institute Linthicum Heights, MD. This is the annual Educational Conference and Council Meeting. Go to <a href="https://www.abc-midatlantic.org/">https://www.abc-midatlantic.org/</a> to download the registration materials and full schedule of activities. Friday the Bullex Fire Extinguisher simulator will be available for demo and use, Opps Training, Using OpenCPN, Instructor Recertification and more. Saturday will have the Bullex Fire Extinguisher for demo and practice, Boating Channel Update, Using OpenCPN, updates on educational materials, the Fall Council Meeting and Awards Ceremony and more.

November 9, 2023, John W. Nash, will be presenting a review of the new Life Jacket Labeling standards. Learn how this labeling is important for the next purchase of a PFD.

January will bring the Radar Seminar. In March, ABC III will be offered for those needing the Boating Safety Card. And, we will offer the new Marine Navigation Course.

Check our <a href="https://aspsmd.org">https://aspsmd.org</a> website for updates as they are finalized.

**Topic:** Instructor Recertification Seminar

Date: October 3, 2023 Time: 6:45 to 9:00 PM

Where: Zoom link will be sent after registration

Materials: Provided through email

Instructor: Michael Maszczenski ASPS SEO and D-5 ASEO

Fee: free

For those who currently have or had an Instructor's Certificate, it can be renewed. Please use the registration link to reserve your spot.

# **Review of the New Life Jacket Labels**

Date: Saturday, 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

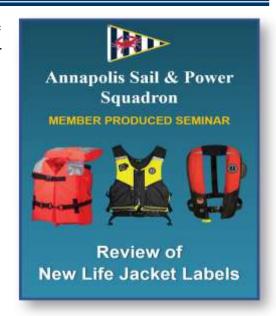
Fee: Free (Not a USPS Seminar – ASPS Member Produced Seminar)



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
- ★ Transition Between the Two Standards

Register at https://aspsmd.org or Register Here



#### **Radar Seminar**

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 members \$10.00, Non ASPS members \$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.

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. <u>Click Here to Register</u> or email <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.

## Course and seminars from our neighbors:

## **America's Boating Club Kent Narrows**

**Winterizing Your Boat** 

When: October 17, 2023 - ABCKN

Where: Zoom – Login sent after registration

Fee: Free

Instructor; Dick Radlinski

To register Contact Dick Radlinski at 937-407-0106 or radlinskid@gmail.com

Learn the proper steps to winterize your boat.







Kent Narrows Sail & Power Squadron (KNSPS) - America's Boating Club of Kent Narrows



Boating season in this part of the country will be ending soon and it's time to think about putting your boat away until spring. This free seminar covers those things that need to be done to protect your investment from wind, rain, snow and freezing temperatures and to make sure it is ready to go (with minimum effort) next season. It describes the proper way to winterize engines, generators, air conditioners and onboard water systems. It also addresses both inboard, outboard and I/O systems. Topics such as where to store and how to properly cover your boat are also included.

Please register by calling Dick Radlinski at 937-407-0106 or emailing radlinskid@gmail.com.



WHEN

Tuesday October 17 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

WHAT

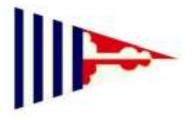
Winterizing Your Boat Seminar

To Register Please Contact Dick Radlinski 937-407-0106 or radlinskid@gmail.com

DON'T MISS IT!

#### WHERE

Zoom Online Meeting Information Will Be Sent After Registration







## **Notes from National**

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

I'm going to Kansas City.
Kansas City, here I come.
- Wilbert Harrison

The end of August found your SEO Mike Maszczenski in Kansas City! Mike was invited to be one of the speakers at this year's Governing Board of the United States Power Squadron, America's Boating Club. This yearly event

features committee meetings, workshops, seminars, and more.

Our adventure started Thursday morning with the Keynote Breakfast. Emily Coffin, Natural Resources Section Chief, Operations Division, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, spoke at length about the role of this group in protecting and promoting all our waterways. Locally, we're aware of this group's role in dredging. But, did you know that they played an important role in the PFD loaner programs? Their aims and ours dovetail quite nicely as we all want safe recreational uses out on our waterways.

One session offered information on the upcoming iMIS system- the new system that will automate many membership functions. It also promises to allow efficient management of membership information and events.

There were many other workshops and seminars covering squadron, district, and national concerns. It was a great opportunity to not only learn about different aspects of our organization, but also to be able to share opinions and ideas.



Of course, the best part of the Governing Board meeting is the opportunity to meet members from across the United States and beyond. It was reassuring to hear that we all share many of the same concerns. It was exciting to learn what other squadrons are doing - ideas we might be able to try here at Annapolis.



Finally, it was exciting that one of our own - Mikewould be asked to speak at a national meeting. Mike gave his presentation on apps for boaters. He actually tried it out at the District 5 Summer Council meeting in July. The polished presentation shared apps on navigation, weather, and general boating information. The audience was very receptive. In fact, some even asked for the slides so they could share the information with their squadrons.

All in all, it was a great experience in Kansas City. Of course, it's always a great time when boaters have the chance to get together.





# **Tips for Safe Paddleboarding**Lord of the Electrons, Terry Slattery, Safety Officer

I bought an inflatable paddleboard this year. While I've successfully used paddleboards in the past, they must have been bigger, wider, more stable boards because my board seems very tippy. (I'm not considering the fact that I'm older and may have less acute balance — no, absolutely, it can't be about my age and reflexes.) Much to my surprise, I was quite jittery on the board, which is 10 ft long by 30" wide.

One day, while kayaking, I talked with a fellow on a fiberglass paddle board about stability. It turned out that he has both the hard board and an inflatable. His answer: "It's all about time-on-the-water." Sure enough, the

more I get out on my new paddleboard, the more comfortable I feel. And, it only took about three hours to get more comfortable. Handling significant boat wakes and paddling long distance is still a learning process.

First, I picked a safe place to learn. I waited until the jellyfish population subsided in our creek so I didn't have to deal with stings. The warm water temperature of late summer also figured into the equation. I took the time to watch several YouTube videos on paddle boarding, and to learn the common safety tips to follow. It pays to look at some of the beginner paddling tips like the optimum paddle length, how to hold the paddle, and the most efficient paddling strokes. While some of this may seem to be advanced tips, the combination of things you learn, when applied, make for safer, more stable paddling.

A YouTube search for "paddle boarding technique" returns a long list of videos, many just a few minutes long. I started with this one: "Learn to SUP in 5 minutes".

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ES2mShoQ3\_Q&pp=ygUYcGFkZGxlYm9hcmRpbmcgdGVjaG5pcXVl



The first safety tip is to attach the board to yourself with the tether. It's too easy to fall off, have the board scoot away from you and then blow away down-wind faster than you can swim to catch it. Paddling after dark may also make it impossible to know where your board is after falling. The tether on my board is Velcro with good padding to make it comfortable, and I don't notice that it's around my ankle.

You'll also want a PFD of some sort. It's tempting to use an inflatable of some sort, either vest style or belt. But, consider that when it is inflated it will be much more difficult to reboard if you fall off.

Another safety tip is to look out towards where you're paddling. It really does make me less jittery on the board, and I've started looking around. When I start looking down, I lose the fixed frame of reference that the features around provide, and the board becomes more tippy.

Paddling, surprisingly enough, contributes to stability. I find that I'm focused on paddling form instead of thinking that I might fall. Each paddle stroke is about pulling the board through the water and, sure enough, the paddle's contact with the water enhances my stability.



There's another interesting safety tip that I hadn't initially considered. When you fall, don't try to save yourself by falling on the board. Fall away from the board, staying away from those sharp fins on the bottom of the board. It also prevents you from getting bruises or breaking something upon impacting the board. Those inflatable boards get pretty hard, so don't think that just because it's inflatable that it will be soft.

Finally, it's heading towards fall now and I'll stop paddleboarding when the water gets cold. Some people use a wet suit or dry suit, which might be sufficient as the water gets colder. Personally, I'd rather get in the big, stable kayak and stay out of the cold water.

Stay safe around the water!



# **District 5 Fall Conference**

Dear Members,

The District 5 Fall Conference is fast approaching along with the deadline for hotel and seminar reservations. The deadline for reservations is 19 October. The link for the reservations is:

https://abc-midatlantic.org/events/2023/22555 fillable%20registration.pdf.

If you are attending any of the seminars, you must make a reservation. Even though the seminars are free of charge to all members, we still need to know who is attending so the Institute can have a count of those attending the seminars. All reservation forms can be emailed to me: <a href="mailto:aprylber@msn.com">aprylber@msn.com</a>.

If you are not staying at the Institute and want to attend the Saturday evening dinner along with the seminars, you must send me a check in the amount of \$40.00 for the dinner. Remember, all those who stay at the Institute, your hotel costs of \$165 for single occupancy and \$210 for double occupancy includes your breakfast and dinner meals throughout your stay. The seminars include morning and afternoon breaks and lunch. If you are having trouble with the reservation online, please contact the facility directly. (866) 900-3517.

The M&R Committee is also asking for your assistance in supply items for our raffle. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, please let me know and I will contact our Raffle Chairperson, Nance Bernard. Thank you so much for your prompt attention. Hope to see many of you in November.

Apryl Bernard, Chairperson D/5 Meetings and Rendezvous





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

# Check out our web site at <a href="http://aspsmd.org/">http://aspsmd.org/</a>





P/R/C William C. Eldridge, SN

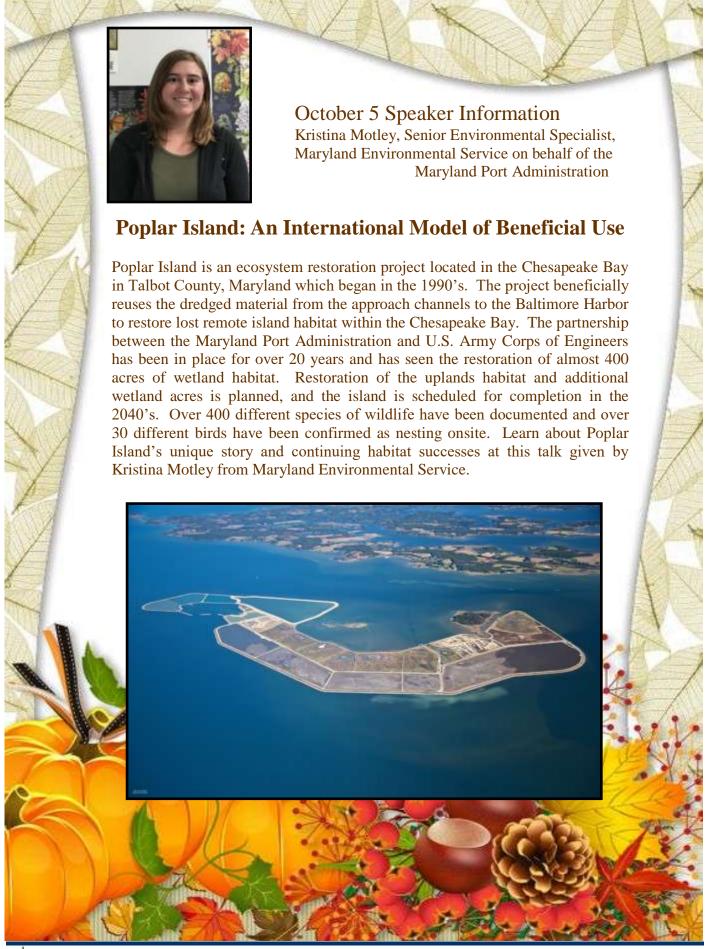
# **Vessel Safety Check**

To arrange for a VSC for your boat, contact Bill at <a href="wsc@aspsmd.org">wsc@aspsmd.org</a>.









# ASPS Ladies' Pot Luck Luncheon And Greeting Card Making Session Tuesday, October 17, 2023 - 11 am - 2 pm

Slattery Pool House 1000 Whitehall Cove Annapolis, MD 21409

# Bring a dish to share.

RSVP by Friday, October 13, to Georgiana at 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.

















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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**

06-11 Feb National Meeting - Orlando, Florida

#### **District 5 Events**

05-08 Oct	Power Boat Show
12-15 Oct	Sailboat Show

02-05 Nov Fall Educational Conference, Maritime Institute

Linthicum, Maryland

# **Squadron Events for Annapolis and Nearby Squadrons**

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30 Sep	ASPS Picnic
05 Oct	ASPS Dinner Meeting
17 Oct	ASPS Ladies' Pot Luck Lunch
26 Oct	ASPS Exec Bd meeting - ZOOM
02 Nov	ASPS Dinner Meeting
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





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# ASPS Squadron Leadership 2023 -2024

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P/D/C Jeff Short, Chair

Anchor Watch
Deadline for November Newsletter:

Thursday, October 19, 2023

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

