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Commander's Message Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

This has been a brutal summer for boating. It's been just too dang hot for sane boaters. Even the swimming pools have been less crowded due to the heat.

After 12 years of service, I sold my trusty 34' Gemini catamaran which we watched being built on Back Creek in Annapolis. I learned a lot about boating on that vessel, mostly solo day sailing and weekend racing. We won our share of regatta hardware and two CBYRA High Point Trophies. My wife, Lorrie, rarely went on it because it was "too slow."

We decided to get a motor boat so that we could visit more places and get there faster. We purchased a little Ranger Tug 25. With its single outboard Yamaha 250, it will go 40 mph! That surprises some folks when I tell them we have a "tug." We named it "Getting There."

We went out to Seattle in May of 2023 to commission it and spent a few days with the folks from Ranger Tugs learning the systems. Then, we cruised around Puget Sound for 5 days. What a great trip! That little thing is just perfect for the two of us.

I am so glad that I had it upgraded to have air-conditioning that runs off of lithium batteries. Let's just say that Lorrie is very environmentally sensitive. The heat this summer would have ruined our boating season if it weren't for that AC. This summer, when we go out boating, she insists that I fire up the boat's battery-powered AC while she waits in the car (with the AC running). When the boat's cabin temp meets her approval, she steps aboard and we are off.

We particularly enjoy anchoring in Whitehall Bay, blowing up the floaties, and spending the day swimming, lounging on the floats, and, occasionally, going back into the cabin to enjoy the AC.

We're fortunate thus far that the nettles haven't shown up. When they do, we'll take our little tug, with AC on, and head up to the creeks off the northern bay and try to outrun them.

Another option to beat the heat is to head out to western Maryland and join the Wilmots at the annual Wilmot's Water World, August 9-11. Information is in this Anchor Watch.

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Here's hoping that the temps will cool off slightly, and that we can spend more time outdoors and on the water.

I want to thank Bill Eldridge for coming out in 95 degree heat and doing my vessel safety exam. I passed!

Please stay safe and healthy.





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN

For those of you with the inclination to try docking and dining in the Annapolis area, the following restaurants offer this service:

Pusser's Caribbean Grille:

Located at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel, it offers Caribbean-inspired cuisine with dockside seating.

Address: 80 Compromise St, Annapolis, MD 21401

Cantler's Riverside Inn:

A bit outside the city center, it's a favorite for Maryland crabs. They offer docking along Mill Creek.

Address: 458 Forest Beach Rd, Annapolis, MD 21409

Mike's Restaurant & Crab House:

Located on the South River, Mike's is famous for its crabs and offers ample dockage for boaters.

Address: 3030 Riva Rd, Riva, MD 21140

The Pier Waterfront Bar & Grill:

Located in Edgewater, just south of Annapolis, it offers casual dining with dockage available on the South River.

Address: 48 South River Rd, Edgewater, MD 21037

These locations are popular among boaters for their convenience and the quality of food and service. Always check ahead for docking availability, especially during peak boating season.

Also, please check out other squadron activities happening this summer.

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Executive Officer
Lt/C Ralph Leasure, P

It has been hot. Another day in the mid-90s and high humidity makes it feel like 100+ degrees. We anchored out for the 4th of July and ran the generator all night. It was good for the kids that like to be in the water. July 5th was good for the sailboaters with brisk breezes and a pretty good chop on the bay.

The main shipping channel to Baltimore has been reopened after the March 26th collapse. It comes after crews had removed over 50,000 tons of steel and concrete from the Patapsco River, and the Dali was refloated and guided into port. Over 56 federal, state and local agencies helped with the salvage, including 500 specialists from around the world, operating tugs, barges, cranes and excavators.

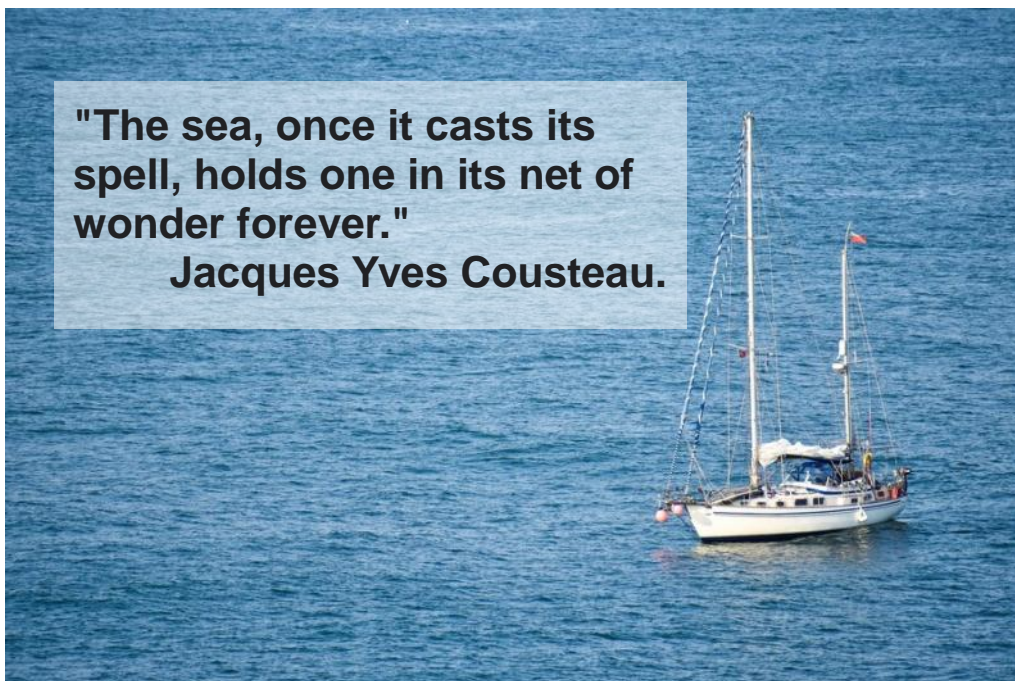
We watched another great fireworks show on July 7. It was the Rick Lofgren Memorial fireworks, and we watched from the South River, with many other boats. This is an annual affair, and would be good to add to our calendar. Thanks to Bill and Susan Vosburg for letting us know, and for their hospitality.

The Summer Council is fast approaching. Please register if you have not done so. We had a D5 bridge meeting yesterday and there are a lot of things planned for the rendezvous. It sounds like it's going to be a great time. I'm sorry we have to miss, but I'm sure you will enjoy.

Don't forget to register for Wilmot's Water World. It is scheduled for August 9 - 11 at John and Betty's house at Deep Creek Lake. There are many things to keep you busy there. Maybe, try the white water park, fishing, site seeing (local falls), yard games, water skiing or just a boat ride. There will be some live entertainment...I'm almost certain!

Happy Boating!

Ralph Leasure, XO





Ice Cream Social

THURSDay, 22 AUGUST 2024 - 6:00 PM 'til?

Slattery Pool House
1000 Whitehall Cove
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21409

BRING ICE CREAM, TOPPING OR DESSERT

RSVP by Monday, August 19th

Peggy at peggy@ccci.com
or 443-994-0670

Or Georgiana at gmaszczenSKI@HotMail.com
or 410-739-7799

Or [Sign up electronically](#)

Boating Links to Browse

Planning a trip down the ICW? Watch this video on the [Sail to the Sun](#) rally.

Watch a video on where to [Dock and Dine](#) in Baltimore harbor.

Like to take pictures? Spinsheet has some tips on how to get that perfect [on-the-water shot](#).

Chesapeake Bay Magazine brings us an article about high school students building [water quality buoys](#)

From Practical Sailor, an article about [MOB retrieval techniques](#).

Thinking about doing the [Great Loop](#). Watch this!

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 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/usa-power-squadrons/celestial-tools/archive/master.zip>. Email: [Mike Guler](#)

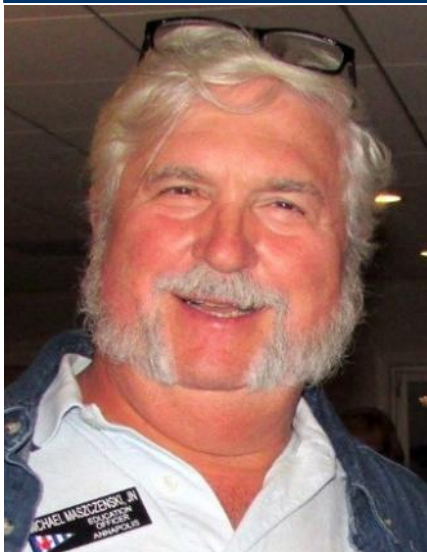
For more nautical-related links, see the "Links Page" on the ASPS website: <http://aspsmd.org/wrappers/pages.php>

For trip ideas in the Chesapeake Bay area:

https://www.visitmaryland.org/unique-experiences/chesapeake-bay-loop?gad=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI0ZzYzfvzgAMV9E1HAR2ebqfREAAAYAiAAEgldkvD_BwE

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





Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

Now is the time to register for Fall classes! If you are considering attending one or more of the Fall courses or seminars, please register now. Information for ordering materials, and determining if the course will run, are things vital to the instructors so that they can plan.

Don't forget to check out America's Boating Channel; new things are being added continually.

<https://americasboatingchannel.uscreen.io/catalog>

Some National USPS news of interest: a new information management system is being installed and implemented this summer and fall. This new system will give ASPS the ability to let you register for a course or seminar and pay any fee that is associated with the registration. It is also

going to allow USPS to do online testing for most courses. It will replace the system currently used for member information and provide more service to the squadrons.

If there is a course you would like to see offered and it is not listed, make a request to: edofficer@aspsmd.org.

AIS Electronics for Boaters

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024

Time: 6:45 pm - 9:15 pm

Where: ZOOM - Login information provided after registration

Materials: Provided through emails

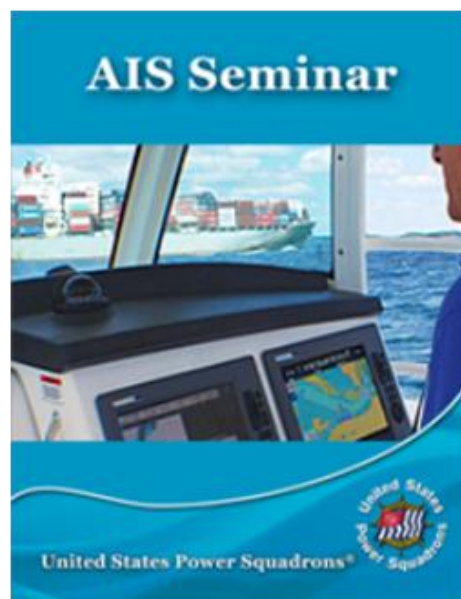
Cost: ASPS Members - \$10.00, Non-Members - \$20.00

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

The Automated Identification System (AIS) provides ID information and location data for all commercial boats and many recreational boats. The cost of the transmitters and receivers has gone down and are now affordable. This system will put an icon for a vessel on a chartplotter, and will give potential collision data as well as position, speed, etc. It also can be used to place virtual marks on the water for navigation. Learn more about this technology September 19th, 2024.

With AIS for marine vessels, you can avoid collisions in crowded waters by knowing the name and locations of other boats and ships, how close they will come, and when to act. Many AIS systems also broadcast your boat's information to other boats so they can also make better, safer boating decisions.

Our AIS Electronics for Boaters seminar can help you decide if an Automatic Identification System is right for you, and show you how AIS and radar differ. AIS electronics are not just for commercial vessels. More recreational vessels are employing this technology for safer cruising.



What You Will Learn:

- What does AIS do and how does it work?
- Do I need an AIS System?
- How is AIS different from radar?
- How do I use AIS to navigate more safely?
- How do I integrate AIS with my existing electronics?

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

Marine Navigation Course

Date: Tuesdays - October 1, 2024 to December 10, 2024

Time: 6:45pm - 9:00pm

Where: ZOOM - Login information provided after registration

Materials: Provided through emails

Instructor: Mike Maszczenski

Fee: Member ASPS - \$80.00, Non-Member - \$90.00. Fee covers book and plotter. Dividers can be provided for an additional \$15.00.

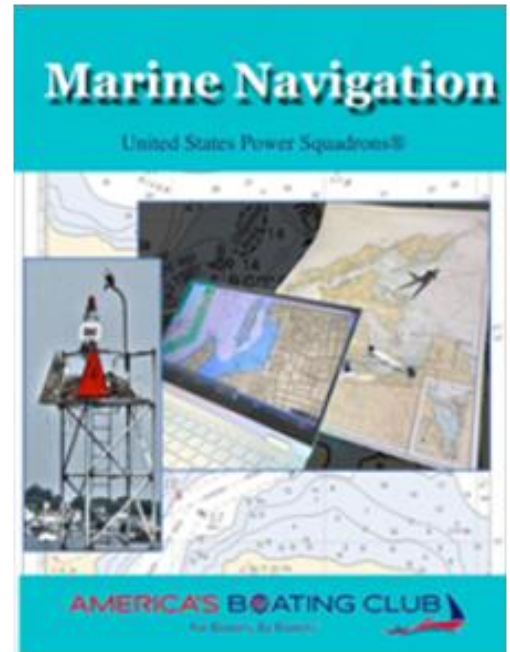
Printed text orders need to be in by September 1, 2024.

Marine Navigation, the replacement for Piloting, starts October 1, 2024. It presents the use of GPS electronic chart programs, as well as basic paper chart piloting. Even if you have taken the Piloting course, this is a great intro into electronic navigation.

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. A computer with OpenCPN must be student-provided.

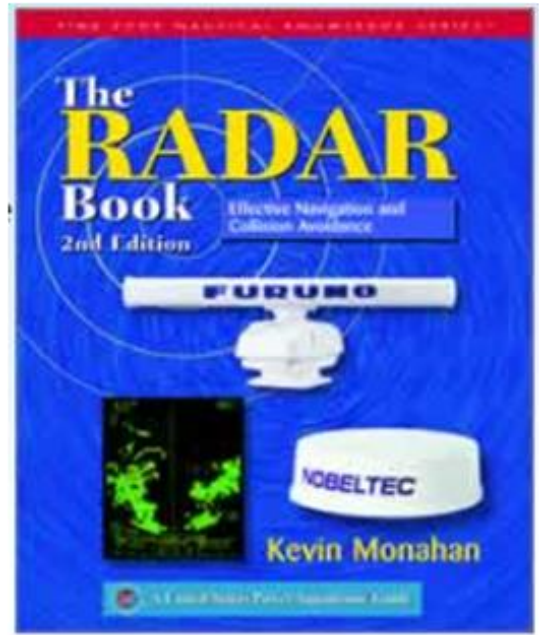
The Student Kit includes the Student Manual, the Plotting and Labeling Standards Learning Guide and instructions for downloading, installing and using OpenCPN. OpenCPN is a free marine navigation program that is state-of-the-art, and in wide use by commercial and recreational boating enthusiasts. OpenCPN 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.)

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



Radar for Boaters**Date:** Thursday, November 7, 2024**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:** Member ASPS - \$80.00, Non-Member - \$90.00. Fee covers book and presentation materials.

Welcome to Radar for Boaters. Developed by the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, this course is up to date for radar technologies available now and into the near future. The course covers the different types of radar equipment, their capabilities and limitations, as well as their features and how they apply to students' needs. It covers what you need to know about radar, from how and where to mount the antenna to how to interpret the displays, so you can use your radar for collision avoidance and for navigational purposes.



Students attending this course preferably should have completed *America's Boating Course* (or another NASBLA-approved boating safety course). However, this is not a requirement to sign up for the course. It is also suggested that the following courses should be taken before this course: *Marine Navigation* and *Advanced Marine Navigation*. Participants should also have boating experience. Previously required for BOC-Offshore Navigation certification, as of May 4, 2019, *Radar for Boaters* is a required course for its BOC-Advanced Coastal Navigation certification.

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

**Registration for All ASPS-Sponsored Courses**

Please register as soon as possible. If you are planning to have a printed text, shipping time is 3 to 4 weeks. So, early registration is mandatory to have your book in time. Materials must be ordered, and materials pick-up arranged for the virtual classes. [Click Here to Register](#) or email 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 for prep and fee payment will be emailed as the start date for the course or seminar approaches.

Courses and seminars from our neighbors:

Remember you can also go to <https://www.abc-midatlantic.org> to find course listings from all the squadrons in the district.

Ladies! Let's Do Lunch!



When: Tuesday, August 13
11:30 am

Where: Fishermans Inn
3116 Main St
Grasonville, MD 21638
FishermansInn.com

Please R.S.V.P. to Kathy Burke
at kab2016dec@gmail.com or
(410) 279-0818 by Monday, August 12 at 4pm.

SAVE THE DATE: September lunch will be Tuesday, September 10.





Ladies' Lunch at Evelyns in West Annapolis on July 9th was quite the success. 15 folks attended.

Thanks to Lorrie Short for the picture.

Ladies, please plan to join us next month on August 13th at Fisherman's Inn on Kent Narrows.





Using History to Boost Your Safety Precautions By Your Not Safety Officer, Georgiana Maszczenki

And now, a lighter look at the issue of boating safely!

It's August! By now, you have obtained your Vessel Safety Check. You've been out on your boat numerous times, and you have worked on making sure your boat is even safer. But, have you really done all that you can do? As mariners in early times sailed further and further from home, they developed their own ways to keep safe. Sometimes, history has lessons that will benefit us. Here are some old beliefs for you to consider adding to your safety practices!

★ Start by choosing your crews wisely. Don't take anyone who is flat-footed! They are so unlucky onboard that you should even consider

avoiding them on land.

- ★ While you are avoiding some people, add redheads to the group. They are so unlucky that the only way to mitigate the redhead curse is to make sure you speak to them first – before boarding your ship!
- ★ Continue to increase those who you should bar by not asking women to crew. Women are bad luck because they distract the crew. A distracted crew angers the sea, which will take revenge upon your ship. Conveniently, the only way to overcome this bad luck is to have naked women onboard. Naked women calm seas. Yes, that is why there are so many bare breasted women figureheads!
- ★ Once you have winnowed down your crew to safe and potentially unclothed personnel, it's time to think about when to set sail. Be sure not to leave on Thursday. That's bad luck for sure because it is Thor's day. Thor is the god of storms. You might even realize you have angered him anyway if you try to leave on a morning when the sky is red. After all, red skies at morning, sailors take warning!
- ★ Finally, you are out on the water. Now is the time to monitor crew behaviors! Make sure everyone has control of their hats. The first omen of an unfortunately LONG trip is losing a hat overboard.
- ★ As you sail along, make sure the crew is careful about the conversations of the day. Certain words uttered during a cruise are bound to bring bad luck. Remind the crew not to use words like 'drowned,' 'goodbye,' or words about land such as 'church,' 'pigs,' or 'rabbits.'
- ★ Also, be sure to ban whistling! Whistling or singing into the wind can bring storms!
- ★ When you feed your crew, remind them that the shells from boiled eggs must be smashed into tiny pieces. If they don't do this, witches can sail in the shells, brew up storms, and sink your ship!
- ★ Do not offer the crew bananas! They are such bad luck that they can cause your ship to be lost. If you add iced tea to this luncheon, no stirring the tea with a knife or fork! That always brings bad luck on a ship.
- ★ For your final safety considerations, review your crew for hidden signs of good luck. Check for crew members wearing gold hoops. Not only do these earrings bring good luck, they are also a talisman against drowning. And, they will help improve any vision problems suffered by your crew! Also check that at least one crew member has a tattoo featuring a rooster and a pig – especially if it's on the foot. Legend says these animals will prevent you from drowning and bring you back safely to shore. That is certainly our goal in any boating adventure.

If you want even more ideas to improve safety on your boat, do what I did. Search the internet! It's always full of good and true ideas!



Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron – America’s Boating Club Wilmot’s Water World - Aug 9-11, 2024

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



Friday, August 9

- ★ Drive to Deep Creek Lake (about 200 miles from Annapolis)
- ★ Arrive in the area by noon if you would like to try WHITE WATER RAFTING
Call **Betty @ 301-616-6609** to arrange a reservation
- ★ Come to Betty’s house by 5 pm for burgers, hot dogs, and drinks on the back deck

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

Saturday, August 10

- ★ Morning - Arrive at Betty’s house about 10 am
- ★ Paddle boards or kayak till noon **Lunch - by the Host**
- ★ Afternoon – water skiing, boat rides, and yard games
- ★ If you would like a water ski lesson, we can arrange a lesson with Greg Rouse (Betty’s son who owns the water ski school) 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 pontoon boat - Late afternoon
- ★ Evening: Barbecue Ribs with drinks and all the trimmings

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

Sunday, August 11

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

WE HAVE RESERVED 6 ROOMS AT THE GARRETT INN, OAKLAND, MD 301-387-6696
Friday (August 9) and Saturday (August 10) 2 nights - (price \$319 for both nights- incl. taxes)
2 Q beds/room. Motel has 30-day cancellation policy, therefore **July 9, 2024** is room deadline.

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

Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

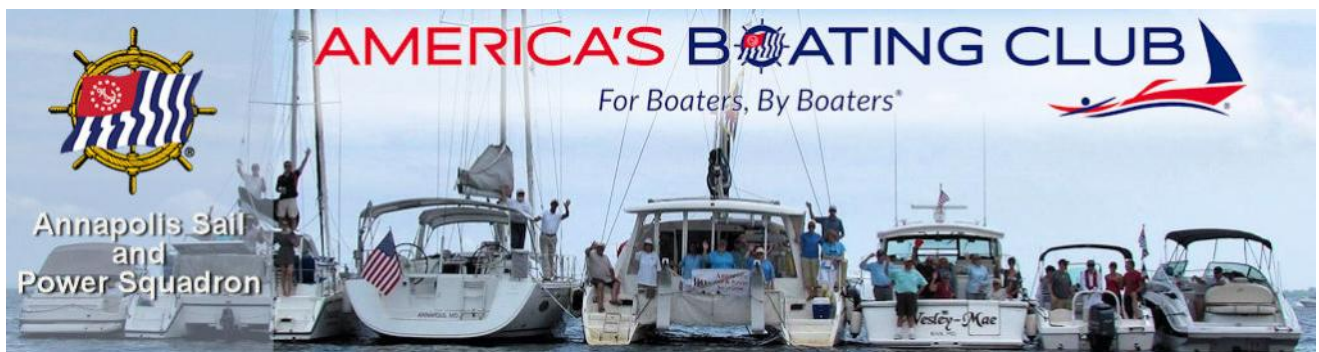
Please RSVP to Betty by Aug 1 if you plan to come on Friday _____ or Saturday _____

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

Changes to your phone number, address, e-mail?
Please contact P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN
at roster@aspsmd.org or 410-703-9559



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P/R/C William C. Eldridge, SN

Vessel Safety Check

To arrange for a
VSC for your boat,
contact Bill at
vsc@aspsmd.org.





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Calendar of Coming Events

United States Power Squadrons® Events

District 5 Events

Squadron Events for Annapolis and Nearby Squadrons

- 09-11 Aug Wilmots Water World - Deep Creek
- 13 Aug Ladies' Lunch—Fisherman's Inn - Kent Narrows
- 05 Sep ASPS Dinner Meeting
- 10 Sep Ladies' Lunch—O'Loughlin's—Bay Dale—Arnold

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



Birthday of the United States Coast Guard

August 4th



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