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Commander's Message

Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

Happy holidays!

I'd like to officially welcome all our new members who have transferred from Kent Narrows and Rockville squadrons. Welcome also to our new associate members. ASPS now has members from across the mid-Bay region stretching from St. Michaels to Frederick, and maybe further than that. Some of our most active officers live as far away as Deep Creek, MD, and Ft. Myers Beach, FL! We have associate members from all over D5, CT and Sarasota, FL. I encourage everyone to come to our monthly general membership meetings

currently held the first Thursday of the month at the Elks Lodge, 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD. The excellent buffet is \$25-checks made out to Elks Club. We always have an educational and enjoyable guest speaker.

To include everybody in our monthly meetings going forward, we are looking to have some of our winter monthly meetings on Saturdays at lunchtime so that we don't have to drive in the dark in poor winter weather. We'd like to move these meetings to other locations closer to as many of our dispersed members as possible. If you know of a venue, restaurant, club, etc., that can provide a room and meals on a Saturday at lunchtime, please let us know so that we can plan to have a meeting there.

I would also like to encourage you to visit our fantastic website (aspsmd.org) and join our active Facebook page. Keep an eye on our courses and seminars. Most of our education is done via Zoom, and we have had students from as far away as Afghanistan take our courses.

As most of you know, ABC/USPS is converting its legacy databases to a new system called iMIS. If you have not done this yet, do it right now! Go to americasboatingclub.org. You MUST make a new account. You cannot use your certificate number and the password that was assigned to you 20 years ago when you joined USPS. Think up a NEW, clever and memorable login and password to log in. This will forevermore get you into iMIS. When you log in from now on, from the drop-down, you can go to either the

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member portal or the member website (the legacy USPS site). In the member portal, go through your profile and make sure everything is cool. Make sure that you are part of ASPS as a member or associate member. If not, you should call National, and they will gladly work one-on-one with you to fix it. Be patient. This is a massive project, and it is going to take time and have its challenges. This is going to be great.

“What is National doing for me and my squadron to get us new members?” This is a complaint I have heard incessantly since I joined over a decade ago. Well, it turns out that National ABC/USPS is doing a lot. They have contracted with a young, vibrant, active marketing firm specializing in marine organizations called SEO Marine. SEO stands for “search engine optimization.” When you Google something, the results that pop up at the top of the list are the ones that have applied the best “search engine optimization.” That’s what we want! When somebody Googles boating education or boating safety, we want to pop up at the top of the list. SEO Marine is here to help us come out on top.

What goes around, comes around. Prior to 2008, all squadrons and districts had to provide for their own insurance needs. Since 2008, National USPS has maintained a massive insurance policy that covered all of the meetings, boat shows, VSCs, on the water activities, director and officer (D&O) coverage and general liability for all the squadrons and districts as well as National. Well, all good things must come to an end. CHUBB insurance is dropping ABC/USPS as of 1 December due to a non-boating related occurrence.

National is hard at work evaluating alternative companies to replace our insurance coverage, but creating a policy so large could take 6 months to a year. District is likewise working on a policy to cover itself and all D5 squadrons. The ASPS Exec Comm has decided to look for our own Directors and Officers coverage and cover our events with individual event coverage. **Do not do any VSCs or on-the-water activities under the great name of ASPS until we get this insurance finalized.**

We plan to have event insurance for the ASPS Holiday Party at Pirates Cove in Galesville. This is shaping up to be a blast and seats are limited, so please sign up to come. Details are in this newsletter.

Be safe and stay healthy.





Holiday Brunch Buffet

Sunday, December 8, 2024

10:30 AM

Pirates Cove Restaurant
Galesville, Maryland

Link Sausage, Pecan Smoked Bacon,
Potatoes w/ Onions & Peppers,
Scrambled Eggs, Egg Strata Bake,
French Toast, Fresh Fruit,
Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks, + Cash Bar

RSVP by 4:00 PM
on Monday, December 2, 2024
by email to

aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com

Reserve Early - Limit of 50

Brunch Cost: \$25 per person
Payable at the door by cash or
check made to ASPS

Holiday Apparel Contest:
Most Festive, Most Tacky,
Best All-Around

Please bring a check for
the Marine Corps
Toys for Tots drive.



If you wish to participate
in the gift exchange,
please bring a wrapped
gift whose value does not
exceed \$20.



Marine Corps Toys for Tots Drive

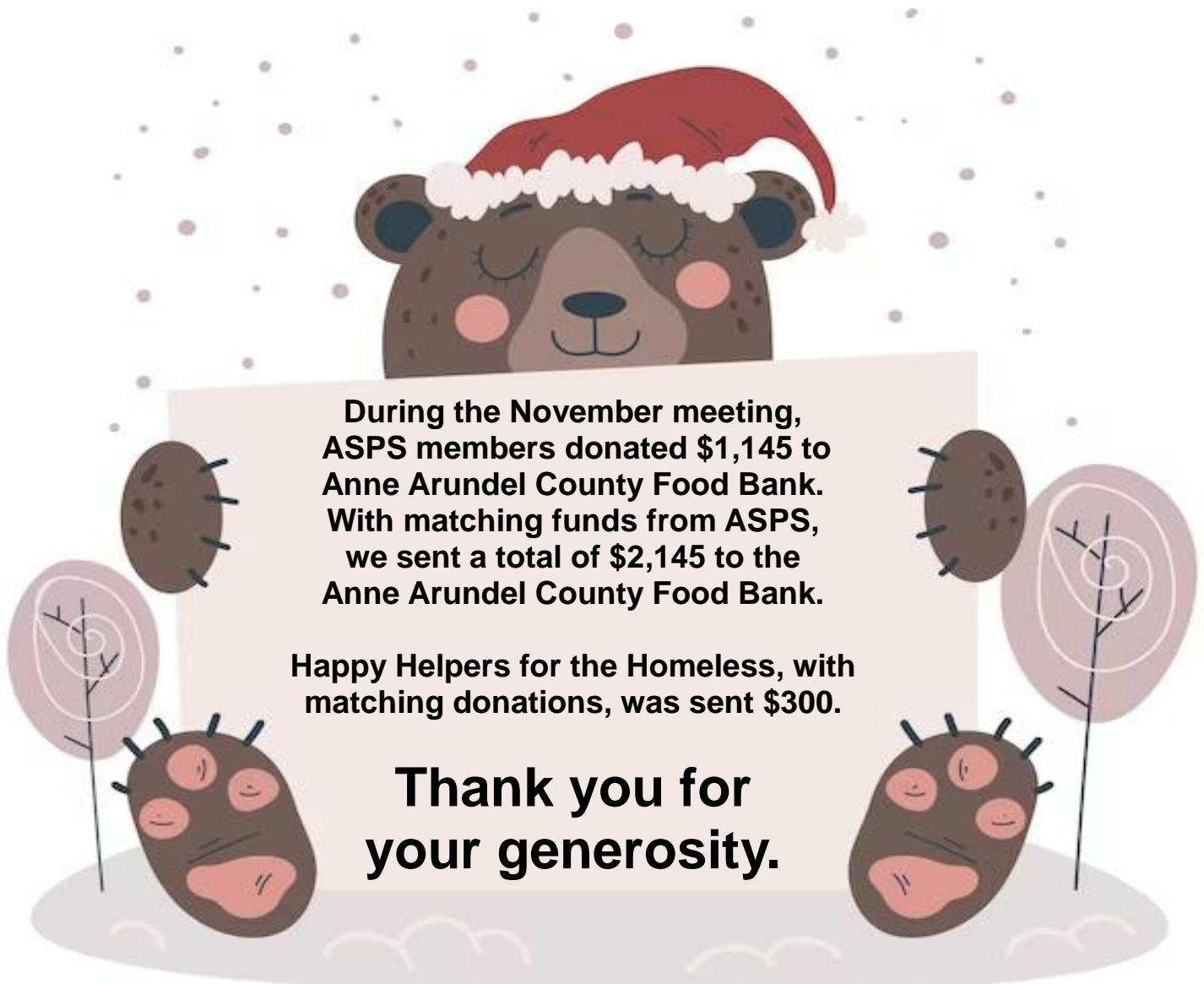
This year we are doing a virtual **Toys For Tots** drive at the December Holiday Party. **Please bring a check made to Toys for Tots.** Again this year, we will be collecting money instead of toys. Toys for Tots can make the money go further through their wholesale contacts, so more children benefit!

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.
More information: www.toysfortots.org



During the November meeting, ASPS members donated \$1,145 to Anne Arundel County Food Bank. With matching funds from ASPS, we sent a total of \$2,145 to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank.

Happy Helpers for the Homeless, with matching donations, was sent \$300.

**Thank you for
your generosity.**





Executive Officer
Lt/C Ralph Leasure, P

We just got back from Florida where every day was mid 70's to 90 degrees, and we didn't have any rain. So realizing that it really is almost winter here is a little hard to grasp.

We put the boat away in early November still reeling from the long list of items to winterize. Fortunately, we did remember to suspend the Starlink bills. We also became guardians of oyster spat that we got from Arundel Rivers Foundation. We have to wash them occasionally. In the spring, they will get planted on a reef where they will continue growing.

We were hoping to catch up with John Wesley and Kathy Nash while we were in Florida and maybe get to The Fort Myers Boat Show (where we don't have to work), but time and other commitments kept it from happening. Maybe we'll see them at the National Meeting in Orlando. A number of our members have signed up for the Caribbean Cruise after the meeting on the new ship "Celebrity Ascent." It will visit Bimini, Cozumel, Georgetown, and Grand Cayman before returning to Ft. Lauderdale. It's scheduled for 9-16 February, 2025.

Now it's time to start thinking about the holidays and all the preparation that goes with that. I'm looking forward to our annual holiday party. And, I hope that you can get out to enjoy the day with the squadron. We welcome our new members, and we want you to know that we're excited to have you with us.

Happy Holidays and All the Best!
Ralph Leasure, Executive Officer





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN

As we store our boats for the winter and remember our boating adventures of this past summer, remember that there are still holiday activities on or near the water that we can enjoy.

Chesapeake Bay is famous for its lively on-the-water holiday celebrations. Here are some highlights of popular events:

1. Parade of Lights Boat Parade (Annapolis, MD) - December 14, 6-8 PM

Each December, Annapolis hosts a spectacular Eastport Yacht Club Lights Parade, where boaters decorate their vessels with holiday lights and festive displays. These illuminated boats sail along the waterfront, drawing large crowds. Some boats feature music, animated decorations, and even Santa sightings.

2. Lights on the Bay (Sandy Point State Park, MD) - November 24 - January 1, Sun-Thurs, 5-9 PM Fri-Sat, 5-10 PM

Although it's a drive-through event rather than on-water, Lights on the Bay offers a scenic, holiday light display right along the water at Sandy Point State Park. The event raises funds for the SPCA of Anne Arundel County and features over 60 animated and stationary light displays, including nautical scenes and holiday classics.

3. Yorktown Lighted Boat Parade (Yorktown, VA) - Dec 7 6-8 PM

Yorktown, on the southern side of the Chesapeake Bay, hosts its own Lighted Boat Parade each December. Boaters compete for prizes as they cruise down the York River, and viewers can enjoy the procession from the Riverwalk Landing piers and beach.

4. Christmas on Cockrell's Creek (Reedville, VA) - Dec 13-15

Hosted by the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, Christmas on Cockrell's Creek includes a candlelight house tour and often a lighted boat parade. This celebration also supports local heritage and maritime culture, with plenty of festive decorations along the water.

5. Solomons Christmas Walk & Lighted Boat Parade (Solomons, MD) - Dec 7, 6:15 PM

Solomons Island lights up with its annual Lighted Boat Parade as part of the community's larger Christmas Walk celebration. Boaters decorate their vessels and parade along the Patuxent River, accompanied by festive activities, music, and Santa's arrival.

6. Rock Hall Lighted Boat Parade (Rock Hall, MD) - Nov 30, 5-6:30 PM

Rock Hall's Annual Lighted Boat Parade kicks off the town's holiday festivities. Residents and visitors can enjoy a waterfront view as holiday-themed boats cruise the harbor, capped by a holiday celebration with food, music, and local vendors.

These events reflect the Chesapeake Bay's vibrant maritime culture, with each community adding its own unique twist to celebrate the holiday season on the water.



Ladies' Lunch Broad Neck Grill November 12, 2024

We had about 20 folks in attendance.
The food was great and a lovely time was had by all.
Please join us next month.



District 5 Fall Educational Conference

The Fall Educational Conference for District 5 was held on 8-10 November at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum, Maryland. Informative sessions on a variety of topics were offered. Opportunities to meet and mingle with squadron members across D/5 made the days even more enjoyable.

C/C Ralph Bernard, AP was present to give remarks. Of course, we are quite proud of the Commander in Chief for USPS – he's one of our own D/5 members from the Absecon Island squadron! Ralph shared that the new membership management system is still in development to fit all our needs. Members are reminded to make sure they enroll in the iMIS system as soon as possible – if you haven't already done this.

We also received lots of dates for our calendars:

4-7 February 2025 – Annual meeting in Orlando, Florida

27-30 March 2025 - District 5 Spring Meeting in Ocean City, Maryland

15-20 July – Summer Rendezvous at Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia

6-9 November 2025 – Fall Educational Conference at the Doubletree Hilton in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Details for upcoming events can be found on the District 5 website as registration goes live for each activity.

Annapolis was recognized during the awards portion of the Fall Educational Conference. We received the District Commander's third place award for the greatest increase in elective courses. P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN received the third place award for most Vessel Safety Checks in the district. He was also recognized as one of two winners of the district Chapman Award for excellence in teaching. His information will be forwarded to USPS as a finalist for the national award. Congratulations, John Wesley!



Meanwhile, your members at the conference were busy recruiting new associate members for Annapolis! Here's a listing of our new associates:

Wayne Barrett – Valley Forge

Meridith Barrett – Valley Forge

Apryl Bernard - Absecon Island

Randy Stow – Smith Mountain Lake

Judy Stow – Smith Mountain Lake

Ralph Bernard – Absecon Island

Nance Bernard – Absecon Island

Barbara Lash - Dundalk

Denise Robinson – Northern Virginia

Lenore Blevins – Patuxent River

John O'Reilly - Cambridge

Bill Hammett – Virginia Beach

Bob Blevins – Patuxent River

Pam Booth - Patapsco

Dave Bernard – Absecon Island

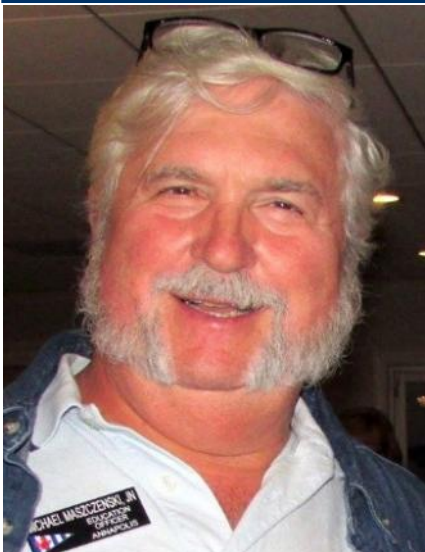
Nancy Bernard – Absecon Island

Nick Montalto – Valley Forge

Rosemary Montalto – Valley Forge

John Linsenmeyer - Patapsco



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

I would officially like to welcome three new members of the ASPS instructor staff: John Locke, Joe Burke, and Richard Radlinski. They were the Kent Narrows teaching group, and have agreed to continue with ASPS to offer educational opportunities on both sides of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. With that in mind, they are looking at offering in-person ABC courses at Bosun's Marine, Grasonville, in February and March. John is also an On-the-Water Certifier, and brings potential on-the-water training and certification for the BOC program. Welcome!

ASPS is currently running the Marine Navigation course and the RADAR course. They will finish up in December.

There is some good information at the ABC news and Information pages. If you haven't visited, please check it out: [Americas Boating Club News and Information](http://AmericasBoatingClubNewsandInformation.com)

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

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.

A festive advertisement for ASPS logo apparel. The background is light blue with green pine branches, red and white ornaments, and yellow stars. The text "ASPS Logo apparel" is in green, and the URL "http://asps.qbstores.com" is in blue. Below the text are four images: a man in a blue jacket, a woman in a purple jacket, a man in a green jacket, and a cartoon Santa Claus holding a glass of beer with two rabbits at his feet.

ASPS Logo apparel
<http://asps.qbstores.com>

Ladies! Let's Do Lunch!



**When: Tuesday, December 10, 2024
11:30 AM**

**Where: Libby's Coastal Kitchen
357 Pier 1 Road, Stevensville, MD 21666
<https://libbeyscoastalkitchen.com/>**

**R.S.V.P. to Kathy Burke
at kab2016dec@gmail.com or (410) 279-0818
by Monday, December 9 at 4pm.**

SAVE THE DATE for next lunch: Tuesday, January 14.





The Art of Towing

Terry Slattery, Lord of the Electrons

Congratulations if you've never had to get involved in towing a boat: either having yours towed or towing another boat. On board Lux, we've been involved with both over the past few years and can offer some tips on making it a safe experience.

First, know your limitations and whether a towing situation should be left up to the professionals. Does the crew have sufficient experience with towing to make it a safe operation? This is the primary concern when considering a tow. The crew needs to know how to evaluate the situation, select the appropriate equipment (fenders and lines and cleats), safely connect the boats without causing damage, and perform the operation without jeopardizing the crew and both vessels.

Next is evaluating the conditions on the water. A tow in calm seas with light winds is quite different than dealing with large waves and vessel wakes. Don't forget that even if conditions are benign, you may have to be prepared to handle large wakes from vessels that aren't aware of your situation. Towing over a long distance is substantially more risky since the chances are much greater that you'll encounter waves or wakes.

What about your equipment, starting with the two boats? Is the towing boat suitable for towing another boat? A large towing vessel isn't always best as it can put high stress on lines, cleats, and vessels if not done carefully. Similarly, a small vessel may not have the capacity to handle towing a large vessel, potentially putting the small vessel at risk. In addition, do the two vessels have properly installed cleats in the right locations for towing? A small powerboat's aft cleats are rarely suitable for towing a larger boat. Conversely, the bow cleats on a larger boat may pull out when subjected to the high shock loads of transiting waves or wakes.



Lux under tow in nice conditions

The additional necessary equipment includes fenders and lines that are suitable for towing. Fenders need to be large enough to protect both vessels when operating in close quarters. Note that transiting waves and wakes will put significant pinch and pull loads on fenders and their attachment points. Tying fenders onto lifelines is not suitable due to the risk of lifeline damage. The line(s) for towing behind need to be long enough to allow the line to stretch when subject to shock loads when crossing waves and wakes. Lines less than 60 feet are probably too short. But, that elastic line also needs to be strong enough that it won't break when surging over a wave. When a line breaks under stress, it springs back like a rubber band which can cause significant damage to boats and crew. For example, Lux has a 5/8-inch diameter, 75ft, nylon megabraid line that we use for most towing situations. Towing slowly will help reduce loads to safe levels. Tighter maneuvering situations may require reducing the two line length or switching to side-by-side towing, also called "towing on the hip."

Finally, establish a good means of communication between vessel captains for the duration of the tow. The VHF radio is excellent for this. If that fails, try to use a phone call. As a last resort, agree on some hand signals to indicate changes in speed, direction, and towing conditions.

As the Power Squadron pledge says: "Render assistance whenever possible." The important part of this pledge is to understand when towing is possible and when it is best to call in the professionals.

Boating Links to Browse

Chesapeake Bay Magazine has an article about the [lighted boat parades](#) around the bay. Go see one!

Chesapeake Bay Magazine has some [ferry trips that you should take](#): two are car ferries and two are passenger ferries. What a lovely weekend trip.

Want to get information and weigh in on the proposed new Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Come to Broadneck High School, Monday, December 9, 2024, 6-8 p.m. [Read all about it here.](#)

Chesapeake Bay Magazine brings us an article: [Chesapeake Bay Closer to National Park Status.](#)

Practical Sailor has a YouTube video on [choosing the proper anchoring and dock lines.](#)

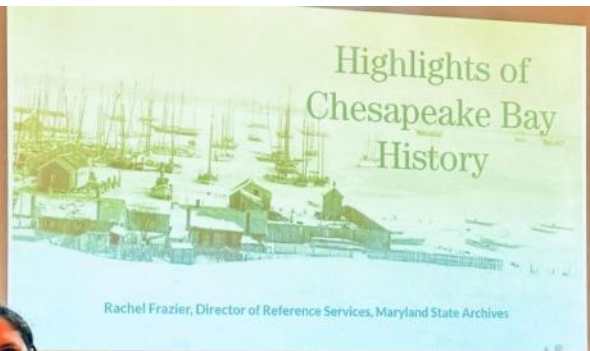
For more nautical-related links, see the "Links Page" on the ASPS website: <http://aspsmd.org/wrappers/pages.php>

Celestial Tools - Download the latest version of this application to gain access to the new features and ensure the most accurate results. For those familiar with the application, you can [download](#) it directly. You will need to log into the national website.

For trip ideas in the Chesapeake Bay area: <https://www.visitmaryland.org/unique-experiences/chesapeake-bay-loop> This site changes frequently. Bookmark it and return on a regular basis for all sorts of activities in the area.

ASPS
Dinner Meeting
November 7, 2024
Elks Lodge
Edgewater







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

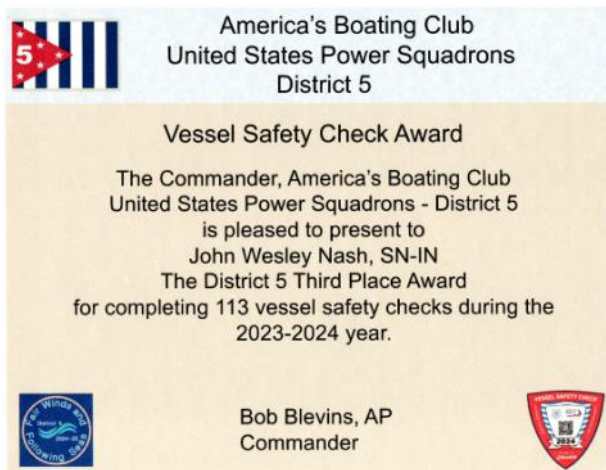


John Wesley Nash Nominated for the Charles F. Chapman Award

Each year, the top educators for the United States Power Squadrons are recognized with the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. These educators are all volunteers who give their time and talents to help us teach boating and boater safety courses. The ultimate goal is that our members become the best trained and most prepared boaters on the water.

Each local squadron is given the opportunity to recommend an educator who embodies the spirit of commitment and dedication to the education program. After discussions between our SEO Mike Maszczenski and Cdr Jeff Short, it was decided that we would nominate John Wesley Nash.

The nomination first goes to the district level. We are pleased to announce that District 5 has chosen 2 nominations to forward to the national level, and one of them is our own John Wesley Nash. John Wesley was recognized with the award at the D/5 Educational Conference on 2 November. Here are some of the points from his nomination form:



★ Annapolis is still recovering from the Covid 19 crisis. Our activities and classes have been severely curtailed as we work to rebuild a very robust program.

★ John Wesley Nash has been one of the driving forces behind our emergence from this national crisis.

★ As webmaster, he has been instrumental in pushing out not only educational offerings but general boating knowledge as well. His work helps our members keep in touch with local and national issues. He continues to make sure our calendar is up to date and complete with contact information. This has led to many 'first timers'

attending classes and seminars. Of course, this effort leads to opportunities for recruiting new members.

★ As our Facebook site moderator, he continues to reach out to wider and wider audiences. He posts not only activities and events, but items of general interest to the wider boating community.

The nomination finished with this:

It is our belief that John Wesley Nash reflects the true spirit of Charles F. Chapman. He is an avid boater. He has written articles and curricula to educate and enlighten boaters, not only in our squadron but as far as the internet can reach. He embraces the new – learning ZOOM, researching new issues, and navigating the ins and outs of managing both a website and our Facebook page.

In our eyes, his quality is not measureable by the number of classes taught. Instead, we view all his efforts to reach out and educate members by any means possible as the mark of a true educator.





ASPS Dinner Meeting Thursday, January 2, 2025

Elks Lodge
2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour
7:00 PM - Dinner
7:30 PM - Speaker - TBA

Meal will include: Soup, BBQ Ribs, Honey Glazed Ham,
BBQ Baked Beans, Greek Pasta Salad,
Dinner rolls & butter, Desserts

Vegetarian meals will be plated and served.
Vegetarian Option: Pasta Primavera and red sauce
Please indicate vegetarian when you send your response.

RSVP by Monday, 01 January, 4 PM to
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.





Dinner Delights

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

Couldn't make it to the November dinner meeting? You missed a very informative presentation – *Highlights of Chesapeake Bay History*. Our guest speaker was Rachel Frazier, the Director of Reference Services for the Maryland State Archives. Originally called the Hall of Records, it opened in 1935. It was renamed the Maryland State Archives in 1984. The main focus is the collection and maintenance of government records for our state. However, the State Archives also maintains special collections of interest to the state – private records, maps, newspapers, etc. Rachel pulled from this collection to share interesting highlights of history on the bay through the eyes of our own citizens.

Here are 10 of the many things Rachel shared at this meeting:

- The Chesapeake Bay was once dotted with resorts. Passenger boats would take vacationers to a resort for the day.
- In the 1920s and 1930s, beaches on the bay were segregated. Carrs Beach and Sparrows Beach were 2 such resorts. These resorts were popular enough to attract performers such as Sarah Vaughn.
- Our waterways were also used in various conflicts. Rachel shared a letter from 1814 that told about British warships on the bay.
- In 1893, the Chesapeake Bay supplied 50% of the world's oyster demand.
- Rachel shared a picture from the Great Freeze of 1893. The storm literally froze in the Annapolis harbor. Waterman worried about the lighthouses on the bay.
- Captain John Smith published the first map of the Chesapeake Bay. It was important not only in showing the bay itself, but it listed indigenous tribes around the bay.
- Our State Archives is one of the largest in the nation.



Everyone is invited to visit the Maryland State Archives – especially if you are seeking information about the history of our state. Start your visit by checking out the website: <https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/homepage/html/homepage.html>

If you were unable to join us, you missed a presentation packed with great information and amazing photographs on the history of our state. 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.

D5 2025 Summer Rendezvous

Smith Mountain Lake

July 14 – 20, 2025

Houseboat Cruising
Monday - Thursday



Mariner's Landing
Resort
Thursday Night -
Sunday

Saturday Council
Meeting and Tour
D-Day Memorial,
Bedford

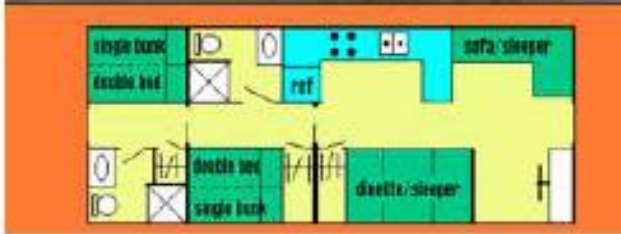


Peak season so early reservations are a priority. We ask that you make arrangements for boats and rooms before the end of the year.



Parrot Cove Boat Rentals
 16441 Booker t. Washington Hwy
 Moneta, Virginia
 (540) 721-5363
www.parrotcove.com

Deluxe 53 ft Sleeps 10 @ \$1980 Mon-Thu
 Deluxe 39 ft Sleeps 6 @ \$1500 Mon-Thu
 (note – 2024 rates)



Mariner's Landing
 12263 Smith Mountain Lake Pkwy
 Huddleston, VA
marinerslanding.com

On site activities include golf, pickleball & tennis courts, pools, game room, fitness center. Check their website. For the most economical reservations use AirBnB or VRBO. Make sure to search under Mariner's Landing, Huddleston, VA. Rooming with friends (perhaps your houseboat crew) will help manage the rates.

2025 D5 Cruise and Rendezvous - Smith Mountain Lake Details and Reservation Information

You are invited to join us at Smith Mountain Lake for a two-part event this summer during the week of July 14-20, 2025.

Part 1 - The Cruise

Join us as we cruise the 20,000 acres of SML on house boats. Enjoy the live-aboard life in fully equipped boats as we take in the sites and rendezvous locations around the lake. We'll board the rented boats on Monday, 14 July, and cruise together for 4 days and return ashore Thursday, the 17th. If house boats are not your thing, bring your boat, or rent a runabout of your choice, and sleep ashore.

Part 2 - The Rendezvous

On Thursday, 17 July, our activities will move to Mariner's Landing in Huddleston, Va. This will be the center of our activities, hospitality and banquet. Mariner's Landing is a lake front condo and residential community that includes swimming and fishing areas, docks, tennis & pickle ball courts, fitness and game rooms, indoor and outdoor pools, eateries, golf and more.

The Call to Action

July is a busy season on SML. Vacationers will soon be booking home and boat rentals and we need to get there before them. So, make the decision to join us for this event now. Then, book reservations for your choice of boats and rooms before availability becomes difficult, **certainly before year end. Sooner is better.** Details of activities are still being developed and will be communicated as they come together. Rendezvous registration will also follow later. Sharing of boats and condo / housing is encouraged.

Parrot Cove Boat Rentals
16441 Booker T. Washington Hwy
(540) 721-5363

www.parrotcove.com

House Boats: 53' boats sleep up to 10. 39' boats sleep up to 6.

Mariner's Landing
12263 Smith Mountain Lake Pkwy
Huddleston, VA
marinerslanding.com

To make reservations: Use AirBnB or VRBO. In the search line use the address for Mariner's Landing. This will return the condos that are available plus nearby houses.

Have questions or need additional information?

Contact Randy Stow, SMLstow@gmail.com or (540) 588- 0270.



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



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



Follow the ASPS facebook page at
www.facebook.com/aspsmd.org.

Forward information and comments to
facebook@aspsmd.org.



P/R/C Bill Eldridge, SN

Vessel Safety Check

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



Calendar of Coming Events



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America's
Boating Club/
Baltimore/
Dundalk
[Web Page](#)

United States Power Squadrons® Events

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District 5 Events

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15-20 Jul Summer Rendezvous at Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia

6-9 Nov Fall Educational Conference at the Doubletree Hilton in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Squadron Events for Annapolis

08 Dec Christmas Party / Sunday Brunch at Pirates Cove, Galesville

10 Dec Ladies Lunch - Libby's Coastal Kitchen - Kent Island

19 Dec Exec Board Meeting

02 Jan ASPS Dinner Meeting

14 Jan Ladies Lunch

23 Jan Exec Board Meeting

06 Feb ASPS Dinner Meeting

11 Feb Ladies Lunch

27 Feb Exec Board Meeting

02 Mar COW and Founders Day Celebration - Carrol's Creek Cafe

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
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ASPS Squadron Leadership 2024 -2025

Bridge

Commander: P/D/C Jeff Short, JN-IN

Chaplain: P/C Howard Cupples, JN

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Merit Mark Chairman: P/C Lee Myers, AP

Law Officer: P/C Anthony Martin, JN

Executive Officer: P/C Ralph Leasure, P

Vessel Safety Chair: P/R/C Bill Eldridge, SN

Safety Officer: 1st/Lt Terry Slattery

Communications Chair: P/C Anthony Martin, JN

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Administrative Officer: P/C Bruce Arey, JN

Asst Admin Officer:

Membership Chair: Lt/C Lorrie Short

Boating Activities Chair:

Educational Officer: St/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

Asst Educ Officer: 1st/Lt Patrick McGeehan, P

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P/C Peggy Slattery, S

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P/C Ralph Leasure, P

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P/C Bruce Arey, JN

Diane Leasure

P/C Peggy Slattery, S

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P/C Stu Myers, AP, Chair

P/D/C Jeff Short JN-IN

P/Lt/C Diane Leasure

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