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## Commander's Message Cdr Ralph Leasure, P

I want to begin by thanking everyone involved in making our Holiday Party a huge success. Special thanks to Georgiana Maszczenski for all the planning, hard work and flawless execution so that we all might enjoy the evening. Thanks also to Mike Maszczenski for providing the music and to Carol Rechner for making and distributing the hand made bags. Congratulations to all the winners in the festive contests. Thanks to all for participating.

Now is an excellent time to sharpen your boating skills with classes offered by our squadron, either in person or on Zoom. We currently have scheduled Marine Navigation for January 16, 2024 for Coastal, Inland and Rivers. Successful completion of this class earns you the grade of P (Piloting). On

February 17, we are offering America's Boating Course. This earns the required boater's card if you're not born before 1972. We are also scheduled for some seminars. They both will be taught by P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN. The first is a Radar seminar on January 18, 2024 and the second is Emergency Marine Communication to be offered on February 29, 2024. Don't forget that many courses are offered through the national USPS website and can be completed online.

If you're ready to get away from our weather for awhile, why not make plans to attend the national USPS meeting in Orlando, Florida. It will run from February 6 - 11, 2024, and will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. You can register on national's site. Our own Ralph Bernard will be installed as the National Chief Commander, and there will be plenty of festivities.

It's not too early to think about attending our D5 Spring Conference and Change of Watch. This year, the meeting moves to the Holiday Inn and is slated for 20-24 March, 2024. Also, the Summer Rendezvous and Council Meeting has been announced to be 25-28 July, 2024 at the Spring Cove Marina in Solomon's Island, MD. Please make plans if you can, to attend these events. It sounds like a fun filled line-up.

Happy Holidays !!!

Ralph Leasure, P  
Commander



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## Executive Officer Lt/C Diane Leasure

As many of you know, John Wesley Nash and Kathy Nash, members of ASPS, now reside in the Fort Myers Beach, Florida area. After reading the article I wrote in last month's Anchor Watch, I received an email from Kathy in which she commented upon the recovery efforts and the resiliency of so many residents in the area. Kathy suggested that I read "Hurricane Ian, Stories from the Storm" written by Roy J. Santoro. I immediately ordered the book from Amazon.

In the introduction, Mr. Santoro describes kayaking on the Caloosahatchee River two weeks after Hurricane Ian. He described seeing debris all over the mangroves, along with beached and sunken boats. Additionally, there were pieces of metal and wood sticking out of the water, and the smell and presence of fuel oil from the broken boats was prevalent. This was just one of the many locations visited during the writing of his book.

Mr. Santoro's book contains interviews of people who lived through the horror of Hurricane Ian and chronicles the aftermath of the storm. One such interview was with a gentleman who decided to ride out the storm – as he had with other storms in the past – and found himself dealing with at least a foot of water coming into his home every five minutes along with wind gusts of up to 150 mph. He did not have time to go to his neighbor's house, which had a second floor that his home lacked.

Another interview was with Max Olson, an experienced storm chaser. Mr. Olson took a video of the storm surge that can be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=al8yTiCVfro>, and is apparently the first time a hurricane storm surge has been captured on video from start to finish. In the video, you can see a home being swept away in the storm surge. The couple who lived there were in the house when it collapsed. Thankfully, they and their dogs survived, but they had to battle the storm surge for quite some time, and both suffered from substantial injuries.

Kathy shared that she has worked at the relief center for over six months and heard many similar stories first-hand. The devastation caused by Hurricane Ian was extensive and reinforces the fact that Mother Nature can be both beautiful as well as a force to be reckoned with.



From D/Lt Apryl Bernard, Editor Mark 5  
America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic:

Read the 2024 Winter Issue of the Mark 5 newsletter :

<https://abc-midatlantic.org/squadrons/6243/mark5.pdf>



## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Peggy Slattery, S

*January is the month for dreaming.*

*--Jean Hersey*

The month of January can sometimes be the hardest of months. We are between boating seasons. We're so far from that last voyage, and we're so far from the first of the season voyage. It's also cold, dreary, and even snowy. Yet even in the heart of winter, we feel the pull of the coming spring! This is the perfect time to start dreaming and planning for the upcoming boating season. Start planning fun days on the water now!

While you are planning, don't forget Annapolis. We have some great programs coming up. Our speaker this month is Sarah Caldes, our own Severn Riverkeeper. As you can see from the ad in this month's issue, her background qualifies her to know and understand the issues with our creeks and rivers. On a personal note, when contacted, she shared that she grew up boating on the bay. Her father was a Commander in the 60's for the Wilmington Power Squadron! He also taught celestial navigation for years. Our January meeting should be an interesting and informative meeting. Don't miss this one.

Since you already have your calendar open to enter dates, you really don't want to miss the February meeting. Our own Tony Martin has an intriguing story to share about the intersection of law and the high seas. He won't give more details, preferring to keep the mystery going! Plan to attend to hear a great story.

Finally, my term comes to an end in March. We will celebrate both Founders Day and Change of Watch in one big party. Join us at Pirate's Cove restaurant to celebrate our own history.

Let me conclude by wishing everyone good fortune and great adventures in 2024!

*Thank You*

**Because of your generosity,  
ASPS was able to donate  
over \$1,250 to the Marine  
Corps Toys for Tots Drive.**





ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
FOOD BANK

November 20, 2023

Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron  
Attn: Carol Rechner, Secretary  
214 Wintergull Ln.  
Annapolis, MD 21409

Dear Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron,

On behalf of the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, thank you for hosting a food & funds drive earlier this month. Your efforts raised a total of \$1,195 in donations to support our programs! Your investment in our work to alleviate food insecurity in our community is deeply appreciated. Together we can ensure that all of our neighbors have consistent access to healthy, nourishing food and other basic necessities.

The toll that food insecurity takes on a household can be life-altering. Living with the stress of not knowing whether or not there will be enough food this month creates negative health outcomes that are both emotional and physical. Food insecurity can result in diminished attention and decision-making capacity, excessive fatigue, and behavioral issues. A diet high in sodium, fat, and preservatives, typically found in low-cost, shelf-stable food items, can result in high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity. This is true for both children and adults.

By providing healthy food, especially lean proteins and fresh produce, free of charge, the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, with the help of partners like you, is working to ensure that all of our county neighbors have the food that they need to thrive. Thank you again for your generosity and commitment to our community!

Sincerely,

  
Sarah Reilly  
Director of Development & External Relations

*Thank you so much  
for your support of the  
AACFB!*

Office: (410) 923-4255 • 120 Marbury Drive, Crownsville, MD 21032 • [www.afoodbank.org](http://www.afoodbank.org)



# ASPS Dinner Meeting Thursday, January 4, 2024

Elks Lodge  
2 Pythian Drive,  
Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour  
7:00 PM - Dinner  
7:30 PM - Speaker -  
Sara Caldes, Severn Riverkeeper

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](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.



Sara Caldes  
Severn Riverkeeper,  
Chesapeake Rivers  
Association, Inc.

ASPS Dinner Meeting  
Thursday, Jan 4, 2024



## Our Broken Streams – Saving the Severn, One Creek at a Time

The Severn Riverkeeper is a non-profit 501 (c)3 licensed by the International Waterkeeper Alliance to stop pollution and preserve and protect the Severn River. The organization's primary focus is to Save the Severn River "One Creek at a Time" by addressing our watershed's primary source of pollution, which is stormwater runoff and shoreline erosion. More information at: [www.severnriverkeeper.org](http://www.severnriverkeeper.org)

The result of increased runoff and sediment erosion has been an increase in nutrient loadings with a resulting increase in low oxygen levels and seasonal dead zones in the river. We no longer have healthy functioning streams and our hardened shorelines destroy valuable wetland habitat and make us even more vulnerable to storm damage and storm water runoff. Understandably, SRK's third priority is working with local and state agencies and communities in implementing Prototype Restoration Projects that reconnect the stream and wetland complex. Sara will highlight several Regenerative Projects based on nature-based principles that have been built by her organization within the watershed. Scientific studies have demonstrated that this approach reduces nutrients and sediments (TSS) and improves habitat and re-establishes lost ecosystem functions. The challenge is overcoming the roadblocks for these prototype projects and moving them increasingly into the preferred approach for restoration.

Sara has background in land use planning and project management. At the beginning of her career she was involved in the commercial revitalization of Wilmington, N.C. Locally, she worked for an economic development public interest group in Washington; as a project manager for a developer doing specialized hotel renovations and historic rehabilitation; and as a yacht broker. She has worked for the SRK since 2004 as Restoration Manager and has recently assumed the duties of Riverkeeper.

Sara began boating at the age of seven. She, husband Roger, and son Nate have lived on the Chesapeake (on the South and Severn Rivers) for the last 30 years. They especially enjoy cruising aboard their Southern Cross sailboat.

Sara earned her B.A. in American Studies and History from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.



## The 2022-2023 ASPS Proposed Slate of Officers P/C Bruce Arey, JN

I wish to thank all of the people who have generously volunteered their time and talents to lead Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron into the upcoming year.

Please read over the list below. This proposed slate of officers will be voted upon at the February meeting. At that time, nominations for vacant positions will be taken from the floor. New officers will be inducted at the Change of Watch brunch on Sunday March 03 at Pirate's Cove in Galesville.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming meetings.

### Bridge

Commander: P/D/C Jeff Short, JN-IN  
 Executive Officer: **VACANT**  
 Administrative Officer: P/C Bruce Arey, JN  
 Asst Admin Officer: **VACANT**  
 Education Officer: St/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N  
 Asst Ed. Officer: **VACANT**  
 Secretary: Lt/C Carol Rechner, SN  
 Asst Secretary: Lt Linda Sweeting  
 Treasurer: Lt/C Lorrie Short  
 Asst Treasurer: **VACANT**

### Audit Committee:

**VACANT**  
 William Klepczynski, JN  
 Homer Sandridge, N

### Nominating Committee:

P/C Ralph Leasure, P, Chair  
 P/C Bruce Arey, JN  
 Diane Leasure  
 Peggy Slattery  
 John Wilmot

### Executive Committee:

P/C Ralph Leasure, P  
 P/Lt/C Diane Leasure  
 P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S  
 P/C Peggy Slattery, S  
 Edwin Sunderland, JN  
 David Tower, AP  
 P/C John Wilmot, JN-IN  
**VACANT**  
**VACANT**

### Rules Committee:

P/D/C Jeff Short, JN-IN  
 P/C Stu Meyers, AP  
**VACANT**

Please look at the list above and volunteer for any of the vacant positions. ASPS needs the support of its members if it is to continue as a viable organization. If you wish to volunteer, please contact any of the members of the nominating committee.

If you look at the last page of the Anchor Watch, you will see a number of appointed positions that are not on the list above. If you would like to volunteer for any of these, please contact any member of the bridge or executive committee and tell them that you would like to serve.





There are good ships,  
And there are wood ships,  
The ships that sail the sea.  
But the best ships are friendships,  
And may they always be.  
Irish Proverb





*Pictures courtesy of Lorrie Short and Carol Rechner*



# Boating Links to Browse

Distant Shores video on shore power safety and electricity on boats:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iRdKblq8EM>

Tom Campbell, Linda Sweeting and Carol Rechner saw **NGONI** while on their New England trip. It was anchored in Oyster Bay. We later found these pictures on the web. Want to see edgy excess? Take a look!

<https://www.boatinternational.com/yachts/editorial-features/inside-royal-huisman-sailing-yacht-ngoni>

From Practical Sailor, if you did not get what you wanted for Christmas, here is a list of what you need to have in your [on-board tool kit](#). Now you know what you need to do with that gift card.

For more nautical-related links, see the "Links Page" on the ASPS website:

<http://aspsmd.org/wrappers/pages.php>

I always wonder why people buy boats that have that little swimming pool up front instead of a proper foredeck. Check out this video from the infamous Haulover Inlet in Florida to see what I mean.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcbL80FyDRA>

**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 trip ideas in the Chesapeake Bay area:

<https://www.visitmaryland.org/unique-experiences/chesapeake-bay-loop?gad=1&gclid=EAlaIqObChMI0ZzYzfvzgAMV9E1HAR2ebqfREAAAYAiAAEgldkvD BwE>

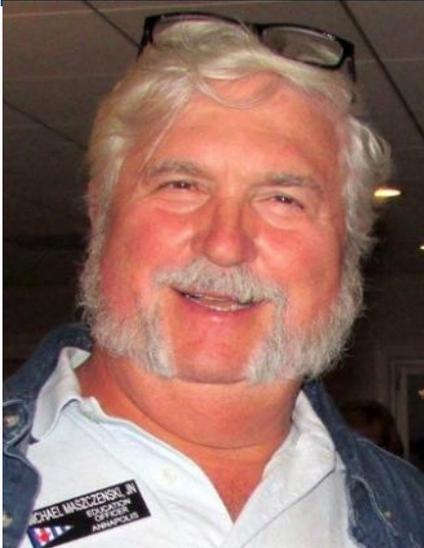
This site changes frequently. Bookmark it and return on a regular basis for all sorts of activities in the area.

From Practical Sailor: [Advice on how to do the ditch \(ICW\)](#)

From Practical Sailor: [How to keep your water fresh and clean.](#)

From Practical Sailor if you could not keep the water clean:  
[How to decontaminate a tainted tank.](#)





## Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

In the winter while our boats are sleeping and waiting for spring, it is the perfect time for a course or seminar. Please look over our offerings and sign up. There are also offering from National USPS. There currently is a special on three online seminars: Weather for Boaters, Using Nautical Charts and All About Marine Radio. Only until January 31, America's Boating Club is offering all three of these highly acclaimed seminars for an amazing **\$49.90**—a substantial savings off the regular \$74.85 price. To get this deal register here for the USPS [holiday package](#).

January 18, 2024 will start with the Radar seminar. On February 17 & 24, 2024, the ABC III course will be offered for those needing the Boating Safety Card We will also offer the new Marine Navigation course starting January 16, and running to March 12, 2024.

### Marine Navigation Course

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

Date: Thursday, January 18, 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: 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.

**ABC III**

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.

**Emergency Marine Communications**

**Date:** Thursday, February 29, 2024

**Time:** 6:45pm – 9:15pm

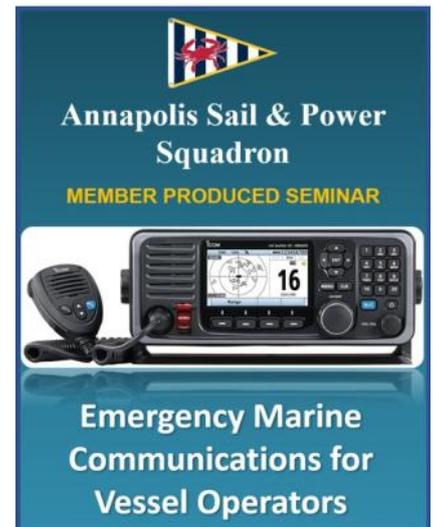
**Where:** ZOOM, Login Information provided after Registration

**Materials:** Provided through Emails

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

**Cost:** Free (Not a USPS Seminar – ASPS Member-Produced Seminar)

Many boat owners/operators have little knowledge on how to use their VHF marine radio or understand its capabilities, especially during emergencies. This seminar is composed to be informative and useful to both the primary and secondary boating participants. It addresses subjects that all boating individuals should know, from those with little or no VHF marine radio experience, to those with extensive knowledge.



All fixed VHF marine radios sold since 1999 have been required to have DSC (Digital Selective Calling) capabilities. Less than 25% of today's recreational boaters have their radios properly programmed or have the knowledge to initiate or receive DSC distress, urgency, safety, and routine radiotelephone calls to or from other vessels or shore stations. Even less are experienced or aware with the many other useful capabilities of properly programmed DSC marine radios.

- ★ The seminar will include the following topics:
- ★ • Why VHF Marine Radio for Emergency Communications
- ★ • Minimum Radio Functions All Crew Members Need to Know
- ★ • Importance of Daily Radio Checks
- ★ • New Changes for VHF Radios and a New USCG Tool to Save Lives
- ★ • Importance of Backup or Handheld VHF Radios
- ★ • What is DSC and What's Required to Make it Work
- ★ • Using Digital Selective Calling (DSC) for Distress

**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 near the start date for the course or seminar.

### Course 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.

### America's Boating Club Kent Narrows

AIS seminar- January 16, 2024

ABC III - Starting February 24, 2024

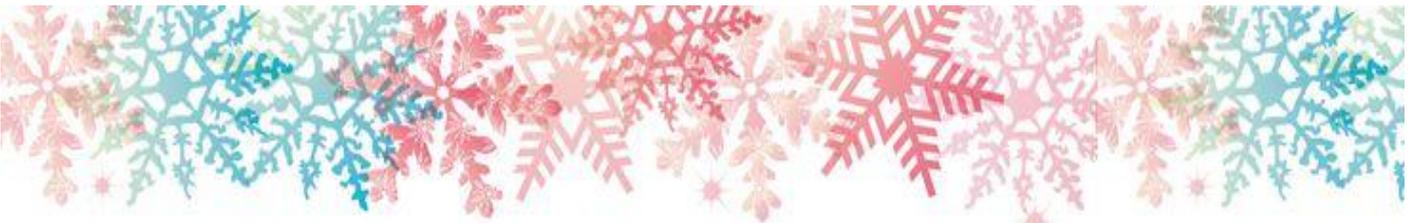
To register contact John Locke 443-262-6892 or [Locke806@gmail.com](mailto:Locke806@gmail.com)

### ABC-Baltimore (Dundalk Sail and Power)

January 25, 2024 - Weather - Live in the Baltimore area - member \$65, non-member \$105.

February 20, 2024, - Advanced Piloting - Live in the Towson area, \$85 members, \$135 non-members

Send name, phone #, email, and if USPS member, squadron to: [seo@uspsdundalk.org](mailto:seo@uspsdundalk.org) or Susan Rudy  
410-971-9199.



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## *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.

Forward your Comments (Good or Bad) and Content Suggestions via Email to [facebook@aspsmd.org](mailto:facebook@aspsmd.org)

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





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 Five Dangerous Mental Attitudes**

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

I'm taking a drone flying class at Anne Arundel Community College. It is intended to prepare students to take the FAA Part 107 drone pilot exam. Accident researchers have determined that a critical aspect of any aircraft operation is the pilot's attitude. Unsurprisingly, these factors are implicated in accidents of all kinds, not just aircraft. The class taught us about the five dangerous mental attitudes identified with accidents and I thought it would be useful to cover them here since they also apply to other aspects of life. YouTube is full of videos that show people flaunting these attitudes, mostly when their actions result in an accident.

**Macho** This is likely the most common attitude. It's often associated with the sentence similar to "Here, hold my drink while I show you what I can do." It comes from overconfidence in one's capabilities and a tendency to show off. The antidote is to identify this tendency and change the attitude to "Taking chances is foolish."

**Invulnerability or invincible** This attitude often goes hand-in-hand with Macho, along the lines of "Accidents happen to others, never to me; I can handle anything that comes up." The antidote attitude is "It could happen to me." A great way to instill the antidote is to study and learn from accident reports.

**Impulsive** Associated with the prior two attitudes is doing something without thinking it through. It's skipping the risk assessment phase of decision making. Instead, establish a habit of basic risk analysis with an attitude of "Not so fast. Think first." Put some effort into risk analysis. Is it safe to leave port? Is it safe to cut in front of that big vessel? Are we getting too close to that other vessel or to an obstruction? Thinking through one's actions could keep a lot of people out of trouble.

**Anti-authority** This is the "Rules don't apply to me" or "Don't tell me what to do" attitude. Instead, think "Follow the rules. They are usually right." Navigational and operational rules and guidelines have been developed to help keep us safe. Learn them and use them. Sure, there are times when rules must be broken to stay safe, but that's not the general case. Again, reading accident reports helps inform us of when rules were not followed and what resulted, both good and bad.

**Resignation** This attitude is held by individuals who think that fate guides everything they do. The mental attitude is "What's the use?" The antidote is "I'm not helpless. I can make a difference." The correct mental attitude is to take responsibility for your actions. Perform appropriate risk analysis and determine the appropriate action to take. Make your own good luck by learning safe practices and employing risk analysis.

Combating these attitudes is a basic form of risk management. It's taking a few minutes to think through the possible results of your actions, evaluating the risk, and selecting the course of action that minimizes the risk. As an example, look back at the safety article [The Dangers of Get-There-Itis, Anchor Watch June 2021](#), page 9, which talks about the dangers of a schedule or having to reach a destination, regardless of the perils. A similar article is [Develop a Sense for When to Change Plans, Anchor Watch December 2022](#), page 12. Both articles have the theme of assessing and re-assessing the risks of the situation and choosing a course of action that reduces risk. Stay safe out there!



# ASPS Dinner Meeting

## Thursday, February 1, 2024

Elks Lodge - 2 Pythian Drive,  
Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour

7:00 PM - Dinner

7:30 PM - Speaker - Tony Martin  
"My Hope" - A tale of rejection;  
desperation and redemption,  
maritime adventures and the law.



Meal will include: Salad,  
Shrimp Creole, Seasoned Beef Tips w/Onions,  
Cajun Rice, steamed Broccoli,  
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, 29 January, 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.



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 410-703-9559



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



P/R/C William C. Eldridge, SN

### Vessel Safety Check

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





## America's Boating Channel Wins 2023 Go Global Award for Maritime Services

### Prestigious Honor Recognizes Boating Safety and Boater Education Video Service's Inroads in International Development

America's Boating Channel has lots of great videos on boating. To see them, go to :

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c\\_rFyt1fGqvdiSauAijAg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c_rFyt1fGqvdiSauAijAg)



**Marty and Sari Lafferty -  
Associate Members of ASPS**

Raleigh, NC, 15 November 2023 –America's Boating Channel™, the U.S. Coast Guard funded boating safety and boater education video service produced by **United States Power Squadrons® (USPS)**, has been recognized with the award for **Maritime Services** at the prestigious **2023 Go Global Awards** ceremony held on November 8 in Providence, RI.

Coordinated by the **International Trade Council (ITC)**, **Rhode Island Commerce Corporation**, and the **International Centre for Trade Transparency**, and hosted by the **State of Rhode Island**, the gala awards presentation represented the culmination of a three-day high-level networking program that serves as the ultimate global platform for organizations seeking to extend their reach and establish a formidable presence in the international marketplace. The government-sponsored event featured companies from all over the world vying for recognition of their outstanding achievements, innovation, and leadership.

Accepting the award for **America's Boating Channel**, **Grant Project Manager Marty Lafferty** said, "We're grateful to be recognized with the **2023 Go Global Award for Maritime Services**. This honor is a tribute to our team's steadfast commitment to excellence in the development of cutting-edge boating safety and boater education video service offerings. It's an acknowledgment of our success in innovating to meet the evolving needs of recreational boaters everywhere as well as in penetrating international markets."

America's Boating Channel™ is produced for United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) by Lafferty Media Partners (LMP) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. The service features professionally produced, high-definition, safe boating and boater education videos, along with boating themed entertainment and informational television programs. In addition to the 2023 Go Global Award for Maritime Services, America's Boating Channel has been recognized with the 2022 International Boating and Water Safety Summit Communication Award for the top Video Public Service Announcement (PSA) Series, and the 2021 National Boating Industry Safety Award as the Top Marine Media Outlet.

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## Calendar of Coming Events

### United States Power Squadrons® Events

06-11 Feb National Meeting - Orlando, Florida

### District 5 Events

20-24 Mar D/5 Spring Conference, Ocean City, MD

### Squadron Events for Annapolis and Nearby Squadrons

04 Jan ASPS Dinner Meeting  
 16 Jan Marine Navigation Course starts  
 18 Jan RADAR Seminar  
 25 Jan ASPS Exec Bd meeting - ZOOM  
 01 Feb ASPS Dinner Meeting  
 17 Feb ABC course - Bay Ridge Community Center  
 22 Feb ASPS Exec Bd meeting - ZOOM  
 29 Feb Emergency Marine Communications seminar  
 03 Mar ASPS COW & Founders Day - Pirates Cove - 10:30 a.m.  
 West River - Galesville, MD

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.

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