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Commander's Message Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

June started out as a great month for boaters. The weather was perfect — warm, breezy, and not humid. It was a great time to get out on the water. I hope you took advantage of it since July is shaping up to be a typical summer month — very hot and very humid! Keep in mind that you need to be fully hydrated in this kind of weather. Drink plenty of fluids, take plenty of breaks, and stay healthy.

The end of July will bring the annual District 5 Summer Rendezvous at Solomon's Island. I will have more to report on that in next month's issue. I hope you have the opportunity to attend. Early registration is pointing to a

large attendance. The organizers have planned an entire weekend of great activities.

I hope to see you out and about on the water. Don't forget that we have the rendezvous at Deep Creek Lake, courtesy of the Wilmots. We will also have the opportunity to gather as a group at the annual Ice Cream Social at the Slattery's pool house. Until then, stay safe and be well.

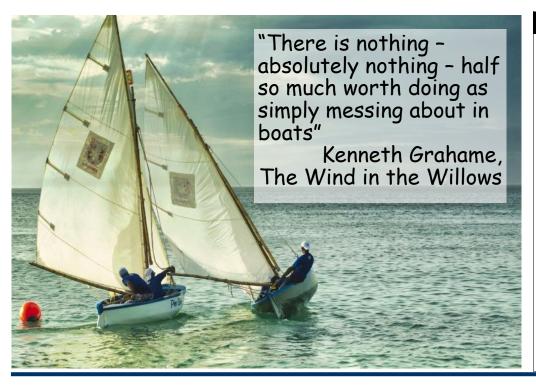


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Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN

Ah! July is finally here. No more dinner meetings until September, which means more time for boating adventures in the Chesapeake Bay.

The Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in the United States, offers a multitude of exceptional boating destinations, each with unique charm and attractions. Here are some of the top boating destinations in the Chesapeake Bay:

1. Annapolis, Maryland

Description: Known as "America's Sailing Capital," Annapolis is a historic

city with a vibrant maritime culture.

Attractions: U.S. Naval Academy, historic downtown, Maryland State House, numerous sailing events and regattas.

2. St. Michaels, Maryland

Description: A picturesque town on Maryland's Eastern Shore, offering a blend of history, charm, and maritime heritage.

Attractions: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, historic inns, seafood restaurants, boutique shops.

3. Solomons Island, Maryland

Description: A popular boating destination located where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay. **Attractions**: Calvert Marine Museum, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, waterfront dining, and marinas.

4. Oxford, Maryland

Description: A quiet, scenic town known for its historic charm and peaceful atmosphere.

Attractions: Oxford-Bellevue Ferry, historic homes, waterfront parks, boatyards, and the Robert Morris Inn.

5. Cambridge, Maryland

Description: A revitalized town with a rich maritime history and a growing cultural scene.

Attractions: Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, historic downtown, waterfront parks.

6. Tilghman Island, Maryland

Description: An island community known for its watermen culture and beautiful landscapes.

Attractions: Watermen's Museum, seafood restaurants, fishing and boating opportunities, quaint inns.

7. Tangier Island, Virginia

Description: A unique island with a distinct dialect and a way of life centered around the water.

Attractions: Crabbing and fishing culture, historic sites, unique local cuisine, guided tours.

8. Smith Island, Maryland

Description: Known for its remote beauty and traditional watermen lifestyle.

Attractions: Smith Island Cake (the state dessert), Smith Island Cultural Center, wildlife viewing,

kayaking.



9. Rock Hall, Maryland

Description: A small, charming town known for its boating facilities and maritime heritage.

Attractions: Rock Hall Marine Railway, Rock Hall Harbor, Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge, seafood festivals.

10. Deltaville, Virginia

Description: Known as the "Boating Capital of the Chesapeake Bay," Deltaville offers extensive boating

services and facilities.

Attractions: Deltaville Maritime Museum, marinas, boating services, quiet creeks, and waterways.

11. Kent Island, Maryland

Description: The largest island in the Chesapeake Bay, known for its rich history and beautiful waterfront. **Attractions**: Terrapin Nature Park, Matapeake Clubhouse and Beach, Cross Island Trail, seafood restaurants.

12. Reedville, Virginia

Description: A historic fishing village with a strong maritime heritage.

Attractions: Reedville Fishermen's Museum, historic Main Street, fishing charters, waterfront dining.

These destinations provide a mix of historic charm, natural beauty, and rich maritime culture, making the Chesapeake Bay a prime region for boating enthusiasts.







Ice Cream Social

THUTSday, 22 August 2024 - 6:00 PM 'til?

Stattery Pool House 1000 Whitehall Cove Annapolis, MD 21409

Bring Ice Cream, Topping or Dessert

RSVP Peggy at peggy@ccci.coM or 443-994-0670

Or Georgiana at gmaszczenski@hotmail.com

or 410-739-7799

Or Sign up electronically at:

HttpS://ForMS.gle/Equt1dFJ5N8THqWr7







Watch this YouTube video on <u>Sailing Vessels and</u> Fishing Vessels—Who has the right-of-way.

Watch a video on how to keep the head clean and stink free. From Practical Sailor:

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=N6eMUqbB1Jg









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 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

Bald Eagles are nesting once again on Poplar Island.



From Practical Sailor, <u>solutions for</u> a <u>stinky holding tank</u>.



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

Yeah! The ICW is being dredged. <u>See</u> where the 48 million is going to go.

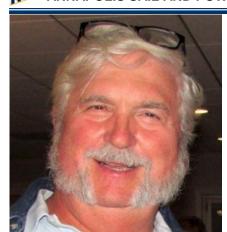


For trip ideas in the Chesapeake Bay area:

https://www.visitmaryland.org/uniqueexperiences/chesapeake-bay-loop? gad=1&gclid=EAlalQobChMI0ZzYzfvzgAMV 9E1HAR2ebgfREAAYAiAAEgldkvD_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

Safe Boating everyone! If you do not receive the Compass, one of the Education publications from USPS, here is the latest issue. Don't forget to subscribe if you are not receiving it.

Compass Publication

https://mailchi.mp/8f22c865d629/your-boating-tips-for-april-2955849? e=ff4b3a5476

The lead article is the USCG annual safety report. Get the <u>report</u> here. An important statistic is 75% of deaths (vs. 74% in 2022) occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. Only

15% percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received a nationally approved boating safety education certificate. This clearly shows that boater education works!

Remember there are lots of places to learn. USPS has online webinars, seminars, and courses as well as in the classroom.

The America's Boating Channel has lots of boating education and entertainment. If you haven't looked it up, go to: https://americasboatingchannel.uscreen.io/catalog.

Also, look for the America's Boating Channel's free smart TV app on Apple TV, Roku, Fire TV, and on <u>AmericasBoatingChannel.com</u>.

ASPS will be picking up the next Educational year in September. Check it out and enroll now. 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

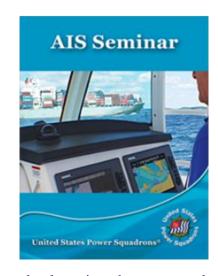
Where: ZOOM - Login information provided after registration

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

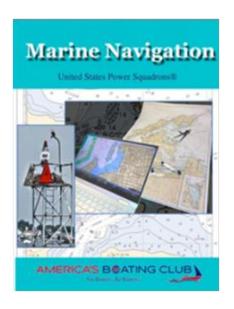
Materials: Provided through emails Instructor: Mike Maszczenski

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

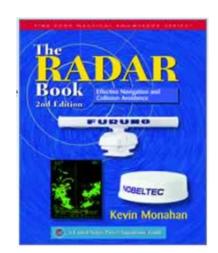
Materials: Provided through Emails

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, July 9

11:30 am

Where: Evelyn's 26 Annapolis St Annapolis, MD 21401

Please R.S.V.P. to Kathy Burke at kab2016dec@gmail.com or (410) 279-0818 by Monday, July 8, 4pm.

SAVE THE DATE: August lunch will be Tuesday, Aug 13







Numbers Don't Lie P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

Each year, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) issues a document named "*Recreational Boating Statistics*." The 2023 edition was released on May 22, 2024.

This annual report contains statistics on recreational boating accidents. The publication is a result of the coordinated effort of the Coast Guard and those states and territories that have federally approved reporting systems. These include all US States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Every year since 2016, I have reviewed this document to learn the trends and most common causes of recreational boating accidents and deaths. I often use that information in the courses and seminars I teach.

All boaters should know that federal regulations require the operator or owner of any vessel involved in certain incidents to file a boating accident report (BAR) to the proper authorities within the State where the accident occurred. In Maryland, boating accident reports must be filed with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). You are required to file a report if your boat was involved in an accident resulting in a fatality, injury requiring treatment beyond first aid, damage totaling at least \$2,000, or the destruction of the boat. When doing VSCs, I emphasize that requirement.

In 2023 there were 3,844 accidents that involved 564 deaths, 2,126 injuries and approximately \$63 million dollars of damage to property. Although 564 deaths are a lot (10 occurred in Maryland waters), it was the lowest number since 2013 by at least 46. During the same period, the average number of annual fatalities was 638, with 2020 being the highest year at 767.

Where cause of death was known, approximately 377 drowned. Only 48 of those were wearing a life jacket. 87% of drowned victims were not wearing a life jacket. The emphasis USPS puts on wearing life jackets is well justified.

As expected, the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents, about 20%, was alcohol use. Other primary contributing factors in accidents were operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed, and machinery failure. Navigation rules violations were a contributing factor in approximately 55% of accidents, 35% of deaths, and 60% of injuries. 286 deaths were associated with ejection from the vessel. The top five primary accident types were collisions with another vessel, collisions with a fixed object, flooding/swamping, grounding, and capsizing.

23 deaths were attributed to propeller strikes. 138 deaths were attributed to the use of canoes/kayaks. Canoes/kayaks were second to open motorboats, which accounted for 247 deaths. 47 deaths are attributed to the use of personal watercrafts (PWCs). I expected the PWC number to be higher. Twice in recent years, there have been multiple PWC deaths within eyesight of my home.

Consistent with years past, the highest number of casualties occurred between 4:30pm and 6:30pm on a Saturday in July, while operating an open motorboat 21ft or less in length, with 75 to 150 horsepower. The water conditions would be calm (waves less than 6"), the winds would be light (1 to 6 mph), and daytime visibility as good as it can be. The boat operator would have between 100,hrs and 500,hrs of experience.

One of the most positive factors revealed is the low percentage of deaths by operators who had received formal boating safety instruction. Less than 1% of deaths occurred when the operator had received instruction by USPS Squadrons or the USCG Auxiliary. Boat operators that received instruction from the state, informally, or the internet were involved in 22% of deaths. As one would expect, those with no education accounted for 77% of deaths. We all should be very proud of attending and teaching USPS courses and seminars, as well as providing VSCs. We can say with confidence that the efforts of Annapolis Sail & Power Squadrons have truly saved lives!

The information I've shared is just a small part provided in the 2023 USCG "Recreational Boating Statistics." The document has 83 pages and presents more statistics than imaginable. I encourage everyone to view this document, even if only for curiosity. You can find it listed on the ASPS website links page (https://www.aspsmd.org/wrappers/pages.php?ID=13) or by accessing it directly via this USCG hyperlink: https://uscgboating.org/library/accident-statistics/Recreational-Boating-Statistics-2023.pdf.

Editor's Note

Despite the fact that John Wesley Nash and Kathy Nash are living in Florida, they are still VERY active members of ASPS, teaching courses and contributing to the Anchor Watch. Also, they have become heavily involved in their new community, Fort Myers Beach. Read all about them here. Click the picture below. See page 6.







ASPS Website Update Who's Who

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

On the last page of this Anchor Watch, as it is every month, you will see the page labeled "ASPS Squadron Leadership 2024-2025." That page lists every Squadron member that has been elected, or members that hold positions assigned by our current Commander or the Executive Committee. In total there are over twenty different names.

Unless you have been a long-time member of the Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron, many of us haven't met or know all these members. Or, you have met them in the past but have forgotten either their name or faces.

The ASPS website provides a reference to associate names to faces. After connecting to the ASAP website via the internet (https://www.aspsmd.org), you will find a menu item named "About Us." Placing your curser on the "About Us" menu item will reveal a dropdown submenu with five additional items.

Select the "Officers & Administrators" option on the dropdown submenu. That will direct you to a website page that shows you names, face photos, and the squadron positions they hold. (https://www.aspsmd.org/wrappers/pages.php? ID=10)



ASPS Bridge: 2024 - 2025 Watch

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I hope this feature on the ASPS website provides a good reference and useful tool.

As always, I value your input and suggestions for this webpage or any other parts of the ASPS website. You can reach me (and my large group of committee members and assistants) via this email address:

webmaster@aspsmd.org.

Editor's Note: Please check out our web site. JWN does a wonderful job maintaining it for us. It is truly a great resource. Thanks go to our webmaster, John Wesley Nash.



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 $\underline{866-544-3223}$ or Taylor-Made at $\underline{301-387-4700}$ 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



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



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Forward information and comments to facebook@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.















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

District 5 Events

20-24 Jul D/5 Cruise
25-28 Jul Summer Rendezvous and Council Spring Cove Marina, Solomons, MD

Squadron Events for Annapolis and Nearby Squadrons

17 Jul Ladies lunch - Evelyn's - Annapolis
 17 Jul Dinner Cruise - ABC Delaware Valley
 09-11 Aug Wilmots Water World - Deep Creek

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







ASPS Squadron Leadership 2024 -2025

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

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Deadline for August Newsletter:

Friday, July 19, 2024

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