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Commander's Message Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

It's a wrap. Unless you're a waterman or heading south for the winter, the bay boating season is pretty much over. Lorrie and I are busy taking stuff off our boat, Getting There. All spring and summer we brought "important" stuff to put on the boat. Now we are forced to get it all back off in a day or so. As we take each mildewed item off the boat, we realize we never used most of this stuff. Some stuff I'm not even sure what we were thinking when we put it on to start with. Once I get the mildew off everything, I plan to go through it all and decide what stuff we REALLY need on the boat and what stays off.

Anybody have a good solution for mold and mildew removal from fabric and wood? I use Mold Armor on plastic, fiberglass and metal and it works fantastic. It's wonderful for the lazarettes. The black stains melt away. It's a strong bleach mixture so it will eat through fabric if you are not diligent in rinsing it off.

Mold and mildew are a constant battle on boats, but this year it seemed particularly bad to me. I don't know if it was the length of the summer heat or if Lorrie and I were so good at sealing up the boat and keeping out the hot sunlight. Hull bottom growth was particularly bad this season as well. My bottom paint usually lasts two seasons without issue. Not this time. I literally had several inches of green seaweed growing out from my hull. I usually scrub the bottom every week or two, but I just could not keep up with the growth this year. Let me tell you, that growth can really cut into your fuel efficiency.

Scrubbing ablative bottom paint is not recommended. The act of scrubbing releases those paint toxins into the water and there you are, absorbing them. Additionally, if barnacles are a problem like this year, do not go near your boat bottom. Even the tiniest scratch from an unseen barnacle can lead to deadly infections when exposed to bay water. Gloves are a must, and it is best to have long sleeves as well.

I rarely see barnacles on my bottom paint, but this was the second worst that I have seen in the 15 years I have been boating on the bay. One year it was so bad that at the end of the season, as the yard was hauling boats for the

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winter, the workers had to scrape 2-inch-thick sheets of barnacles off painted hulls using ice scrappers. Talk about bad fuel efficiency!

The boat shows are over and a big thank you to all the ASPS booth volunteers. A huge shout out and thank you to Ralph and Diane Leasure for organizing, setting up, breaking down and pretty much manning the booth fulltime.

ASPS welcomes transfer members from Kent Narrows and Rockville squadrons. We now have members living as far away as Fredrick, MD and St Michaels. We are strongly considering having some of our monthly general membership meetings in other locations to be inclusive of our distant members. We are thinking of Saturday lunch time meetings, particularly in the winter months when it gets dark earlier, and the weather can be challenging. Please let us know of a venue in your area that could handle 30 or so folks for lunch with means of having a guest presentation.

Our marketing committee is coming up with some fantastic ideas for getting the word out about the squadron. We will be asking every member to participate in this effort by distributing fliers, URL codes,

posters, writing blurbs for local newsletters and magazines, etc. Begin to think of what you can do to support the marketing effort. Thanks.

Lastly, National ABC|USPS is rolling out an exciting new database to replace all the old legacy databases that did not communicate with each other and took special training to operate. This new system is called iMIS. Please go onto americasboatingclub.org and establish a NEW logon and password. Then go on iMIS and review your information to ensure accuracy. Thank you very much.

Stay safe and healthy.

"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go".





Thursday, November 7, 2024 Elks Lodge - 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037

> 6:00 PM - Social Hour 7:00 PM - Dinner

7:30 PM - Speaker - Rachel Frazier, the Director of Reference Services for the MD State Archives. Her presentation will be "Highlights of Chesapeake Bay History."

Meal will include: Soup or Salad, Roasted Turkey, Sliced Fresh Ham, Cornbread Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans Dinner Rolls and Butter, Apple Pie

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, November 4, 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.









Autumn marks the beginning of the giving season for ASPS. Usually, we support the Anne Arundel County Food Bank at our November meeting. This year, we hope to expand our reach by supporting both the Food Bank and Happy Helpers for the Homeless!

Again this year, we will not hold an actual food drive. Instead, we ask that you make a monetary donation. The Food Bank has connections that allow for food purchases from wholesale sources. This allows them to purchase more food than we would be able to donate at the same price point. It also gives the Food Bank flexibility. They can purchase those items that may not be donated to meet all the needs of those using the Food Bank. We ask that you consider bringing a cash or check donation to our meeting to help stuff the turkey! Yes, there will be a turkey collection basket available! All checks should be made out to the **Anne Arundel County Food Bank**.

Donations made at the dinner by squadron members will be matched dollar for dollar by ASPS.

We also want to try something new this year. Our Commander and his wife have been volunteering with Happy Helpers for the Homeless. This is an all-volunteer organization and a registered 501(c)3. They have been distributing clothing, food, and other necessities to the homeless in Glen Burnie and Baltimore for 31 years. We're hoping you take a minute to check your closets for clothing you've thought about donating. Bring those items to the November meeting, and Lorrie will make sure they brighten somone's day!

Can't attend the November meeting? You can still donate. To help out the Food Bank, just visit https://aafoodbank.org/donate/ to donate online or for the address should you wish to send in a check. If you would like to donate to Happy Helpers for the Homeless, just visit https://happyhelpersforthehomeless.com/?page_id=579. If possible, please let us know that you did donate – and (if you don't mind) the amount of your donation. This will allow us to let USPS know about our local efforts.

As always, thanks in advance for GIVING to others in need!







Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN

There are many significant historical events that took place around the Chesapeake Bay area such as the following:

1. Founding of Jamestown (1607)

The first permanent English settlement in the Americas was established at Jamestown, Virginia, on the banks of the James River, which flows into the Chesapeake Bay. This marked the beginning of English colonization in North America.

2. The Starving Time (1609–1610)

During the early years of Jamestown, the colony suffered from food shortages, harsh conditions, and conflicts with Native American tribes. The "Starving Time" winter was particularly devastating, and settlers depended on the bay and its rivers for survival.

3. Powhatan Confederacy and Early Colonial Conflicts

The Chesapeake region was home to the Powhatan Confederacy, a group of Native American tribes led by Chief Powhatan. Early conflicts between the English settlers and Native American groups, including the First Anglo-Powhatan War (1610–1614), shaped the region's history.

4. The Battle of the Chesapeake (1781)

One of the most critical naval battles in American history, this took place during the American Revolution. The French fleet, under Admiral de Grasse, defeated the British fleet near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. This victory allowed the French and American forces to block the British in Yorktown, Virginia, leading to the British surrender and the end of the war.

5. War of 1812 and British Raids

The Chesapeake Bay region was a major theater during the War of 1812. The British conducted raids along the bay, including the burning of Washington, D.C., in 1814. The Battle of Baltimore and the defense of Fort McHenry inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star-Spangled Banner."

6. Slave Trade and Plantation Economy

During the 17th and 18th centuries, the Chesapeake Bay region became central to the transatlantic slave trade and the rise of tobacco plantations, particularly in Virginia and Maryland. Slavery played a major role in shaping the social and economic landscape of the region.

7. John Smith's Exploration (1608)

English explorer Captain John Smith mapped the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers, documenting its natural resources and the Native American communities that lived there. His explorations were crucial in the early colonization efforts and contributed to the European understanding of the bay.

8. The Chesapeake-Leopard Affair (1807)

This naval engagement between the British HMS *Leopard* and the American frigate USS *Chesapeake* occurred off the coast of Norfolk, Virginia. The British attack on the American vessel was one of the key incidents leading up to the War of 1812.



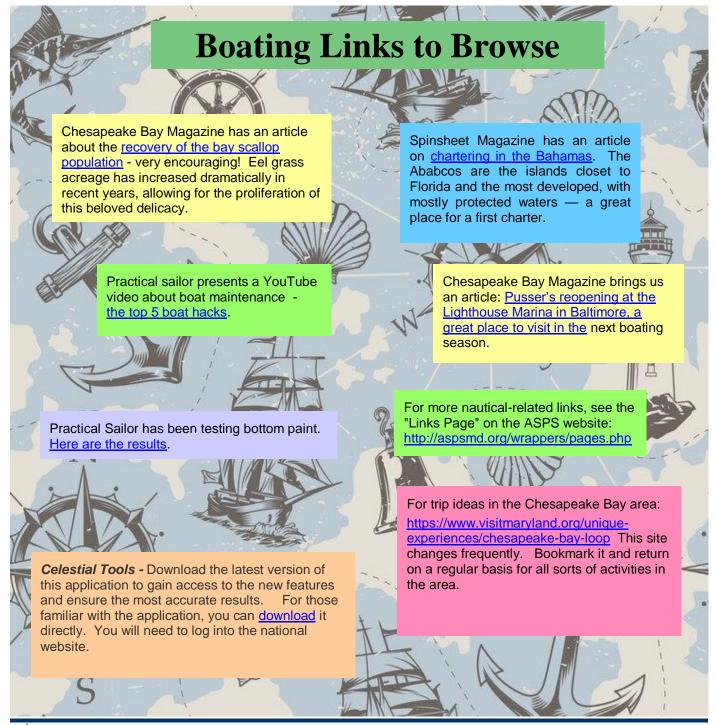
9. Underground Railroad

The Chesapeake Bay region, especially Maryland and Virginia, was a critical area in the Underground Railroad. Escaped slaves used the bay and its rivers as routes to freedom, and figures like Harriet Tubman helped guide them through the region.

10. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge (1952)

While not an ancient historical event, the opening of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge was significant in the 20th century, connecting the Eastern Shore with mainland Maryland and boosting economic and cultural ties.

These events highlight the strategic, cultural, and economic importance of the Chesapeake Bay throughout American history.







Executive Officer

Lt/C Ralph Leasure, P

Well, the boat shows are behind us. I want to thank those who volunteered to cover the booth. While I was disappointed at the lack of participation throughout the squadron, those who did help out were rewarded with free admission to the shows, now at \$ 30.00 each, and some really fine October weather. I'd like to especially thank David Tower who helped set up and break down the booth. The new 10 x 20 foot booth was a challenge, but we got it done. We also collected quite a few names of people that are interested in membership, courses or vessel safety checks.

You may have heard that Pusser's Caribbean Grille on Ego Alley in Annapolis is scheduled to close on October 31. The good news is that they have signed a lease for new space on the water in Baltimore. So the familiar "Painkiller" will be available there when they reopen.

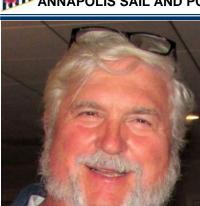
It's not too late to register for the Fall Educational Conference being held at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum, MD. The dates are 7 - 10 November. There are many courses offered, including Operations Training, Using Open CPN, HQ800 Tools, Fire Extinguisher, Certification for BOC, and How to Write Merit Marks, - all on Friday. Saturday adds Fall Council and a town hall meeting, Imis computer updates, Argo Nav App., VIMS updates, Marine Nav Course updates, and on the water programs. Dundalk is looking for volunteers to help out at the raffle table, if that is of interest to you. Next year, the Fall Conference is moving to Lancaster, PA. 6-9 November.

For your planning calendar, the 2025 Annual Meeting is again in Orlando, 4 - 9 February at The Rosen Plaza Hotel. A cruise aboard the new Celebrity Ascent is available after the meeting, if you'd rather be in the Caribbean in February. Again, for planning, the 2026 National meeting is moving to Myrtle Beach. The Spring Conference will be held at The Holiday Inn, Ocean City, MD, 27 - 30 March, 2025.

Did you know that the invasive species of fish known as Snakehead has a new name? They are now officially called Chesapeake Channa. DNR is still encouraging fishing for this predator, and they are good eating. I've had some. There is no season or limit to how many you can catch. New evidence suggests that they spawn twice a year thus increasing their numbers. Some studied females had over 63,000 eggs.

Good luck out there.—Ralph Leasure, P Executive Officer





Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

ASPS is currently running the Marine Navigation course, and the RADAR course is coming up. There is still room for students interested in RADAR. Please register now.

ABC | USPS has adopted OpenCPN as the chart display application to be used for courses. However, with the flattening of technology, all the apps share many common items. Their websites are also great sources of interesting articles on many boating topics. Here are the links to several blogs of interesting articles.

INavX

<u>https://inavx.com/2024/10</u> - Current article: 8 Things you might not know about charts

Aqua Map

https://www.aquamap.app/blog/6-sailing-and-boating/209-ten-tips-for-navigating-the-icw

Argo

https://argonav.io/proper-vhf-radio-etiquette/

Don't forget the America's Boating Clubs | United States Power Squadron's Blogs.

Boating Blog – short informative boating tips <u>ABC | USPS Blog Posts</u> And <u>Americas Boating Club News and Information</u>

I recently got an inquiry for a Junior Navigation course. If you would like take the Junior Navigation course, please send me a note. <u>Michaelm_aacps@hotmail.com</u>.

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

Radar for Boaters

Date: Thursday November 7, 2024 - Registration Still Open

Time: 6:45pm – 9:15pm

Where: ZOOM, Login Information Provided after

Registration

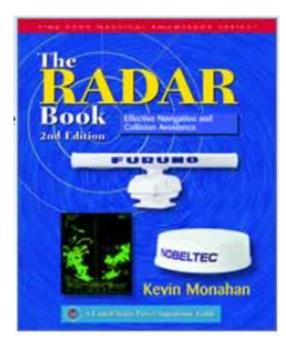
Materials: Provided through Emails

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, November 12

11:30 AM

Where: Broad Neck Grill 1364 Cape St Claire Rd Annapolis, MD 21409

https://www.broadneckgrill.com/ cape-st-claire-menus

R.S.V.P. to Kathy Burke at kab2016dec@gmail.com or(410) 279-0818 by Monday, November 11 at 4pm.

SAVE THE DATE for next lunch: Tuesday, December 10.







Storage of Personal Data for Emergencies Terry Slattery, Lord of the Electrons

Thanks to Georgiana for pointing out an article from Middletown Township, NJ, on various safety tips:

https://www.middletownnj.org/262/Emergency-Management

It covers earthquakes, electricity and water, flood safety, and creating a personal data repository on a USB flash drive, also known as thumb drives. I'd never seen a recommendation for maintaining a personal data repository, so I took a careful look at it.

It recommends storing government data on it for each family member. Examples are photos of driver's license, birth certificates, passports, various permits, social security cards, and court records (e.g. deeds, divorce, marriage, or adoption papers). The list of non-government documents was even larger, including bank and investment account numbers, business records, vaccination records, mortgage documents, insurance policies, and wills. A third category was personal information like photos of each family member, digital copies of important family photos, and pet records. Don't forget about important medical records and emergency contact information for all family members.

I came up with some additional items to add to the list. An inventory of household goods, including a video walk-through of the house contents would be a good addition. If you have valuable jewelry or furniture, photos of the items and copies of the appraisals should be included as documentation for a potential insurance claim.

Many of us have significant online presence with accounts at social media sites, as well as various online stores. Hopefully, you're using different passwords at each online site so that when (not 'if') an account is compromised, it won't open the door to access at other sites. It is important to keep a copy of the site names, username you've used, and associated password. This list should be also be stored on the emergency flash drive.

All this sensitive data in one location would be a gold-mine for data thieves, so it must be well protected. Use good passwords for encrypting the files or even the entire drive. Note that good encryption schemes are exceptionally difficult to break so it is imperative that you not forget the password used to encrypt your data.

Writing the password on a piece of paper that's attached to the flash drive is not advisable. Neither is using a password that incorporates commonly available data associated with you, like spouse or pet name. Passwords that incorporate personal dates like birthdays and anniversaries are also easily cracked. Substituting numbers and symbols is not a good approach as they are also easily cracked. Random sets of letters and numbers are impossible to remember. Fortunately, there are a couple of good alternatives.

The first uses selected letters from a long phrase, potentially substituting numbers and symbols. So, the easy-to-remember phrase "We really like to go sailing round the Chesapeake each year!" turns into a password that might be "Wrl2gsrtCey!"

Another approach is to select several words that have little to do with one another and string them together to make a long password, like "A blue unicorn without a horn is just a horse." or "trubador-thunder isUndesirable music" (the missing space is intentional).

Good luck keeping your personal data safe!



















Dinner Delights Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

Couldn't make it to the October dinner meeting? You missed a very informative presentation – *Plastic Pollution in the Bay and the Ocean*. Our guest speaker was Carys Mitchelmore, the Interim Director of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL). Founded in 1925, the CBL is the oldest publicly-supported marine laboratory on the East Coast. It has a tradition of researching innovative solutions to regional and global environmental problems. Investigations seek not only to the find the problems, but also where the problems originate.

Here are 10 of the many things we learned at the October meeting:

- ★ The CBL has ongoing research on the presence of dolphins in the Chesapeake Bay.
- ★ Efforts are underway to encourage restaurants to use less single-use plastics.
- ★ Research is ongoing on the presence and effect of plastics, microplastics, and contaminants in our waterways.
- ★ Middle and high school curricula have been developed and shared with several counties in Maryland.
- ★ In 1992, a tanker spilled a container of rubber duckies off the coast of China. 29,000 duckies went swimming. Ducks were found on British beaches 15 years later!
- ★ Microplastics are defined as plastic pieces smaller than 5 mm in size.
- * Washing polyester clothing puts microfiber plastics into the wastewater system.
- ★ Microfibers are 70% of the plastics found in wastewater.
- ★ Turtles can't tell the difference between jellyfish and plastic bags. They eat the bags and die.

For our tenth item, Carys Mitchelmore gives each of us a pathway to help keep plastics out of our waterways:

- ★ Refuse
- ★ Reuse
- ★ Repurpose
- ★ Reinvent
- ★ Recycle.

If you were unable to join us, you missed a presentation packed with great information that can help us make a difference in the life of our waterways. 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.





Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron December Membership Meeting

Sunday Brunch December 8, 2024 10:30 AM

Pirates Cove Restaurant Galesville, Maryland

More Information to Follow as Plans are Finalized.

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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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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.







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America's Boating Club at **Kent Narrows** Web Page

America's Boating Club/ Baltimore/ Dundalk Web Page

Calendar of Coming Events

United States Power Squadrons® Events

District 5 Events

7-10 Nov Fall Educational Conference - Maritime Institute - Linthicum

Squadron Events for Annapolis and Nearby Squadrons

07 Nov Seminar - Radar for boaters 07 Nov **ASPS Dinner Meeting**

12 Nov Ladies' Lunch - Broad Neck Grill

20 Nov **ASPS Exec Board Meeting**

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

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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