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Commander's Message

Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

Autumn continues to be the most wonderful time for boating on the Chesapeake. The weather can be changeable, but it is cool and comfortable. Lorrie and I use every opportunity to get out on the water. I hope you are able to do the same.

Even if you can't be out on the water, you can still be involved in boating activities. Don't forget that it's boat show season. Please check out our website, and take the time to sign up for a volunteer slot working at our boat show booth. Your 3 hours of service earns you free admission to the boat show. You can check out all the new boats and shop boat vendors. There is always something interesting to see at either boat show. As a reminder, the Powerboat show dates are October 3-6, and the Sailboat show dates are October 10-14. Our space for the Powerboat Show is C15. Our space for the Sailboat Show is Land 71. This year, for the first time, we will have a 10 x 20 ft. booth at the Sailboat Show. Please support our Executive Officer, Ralph Leasure, in this major effort for our squadron.

By the time you read this, I will have attended the USPS Governing Board meeting in Pittsburg. As I shared last month, National leadership is working hard to try to help us. In next month's issue, I will be able to report on their continuing efforts.

As you are planning out your fall, be sure to remember that the District 5 Fall Conference is coming up on November 7-10. Once again, it will be held at the Maritime Institute in Linthicum Heights – just up the road from Annapolis!

Don't forget that our squadron meets once a month – usually the first Thursday. It's the perfect way to spend time with your boating friends. Our Admin Officer, Bruce Arey, is working hard to provide us with meetings that entertain and educate. I hope to see you there.

As always, stay healthy and be safe out there.

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ASPS

Dinner Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 2024
Elks Lodge - 2 Pythian Drive,
Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour

7:00 PM - Dinner

**7:30 PM - Speaker - Carys Mitchelmore, PhD,
University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science.
Carys will be talking about plastic pollution
in the ocean and Chesapeake Bay**

**Meal will include: Chicken Cordon Blue, Fried Haddock,
Mashed Potatoes and Chicken Gravy, Mixed Veggies,
Dinner Rolls and 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, September 30, 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.**





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN

The October dinner meeting speaker will be Carys Mitchelmore, PhD, of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. Carys will be talking about plastic pollution in the ocean and Chesapeake Bay.

Prior to the meeting, you may want to familiarize yourself with the significant environmental concerns of plastic pollution in the ocean and its widespread and harmful impacts on marine ecosystems, wildlife, and human health. Some of the main concerns include:

Harm to Marine Life

Ingestion: Marine animals, including fish, seabirds, turtles, and mammals, often mistake plastic debris for food. Ingesting plastic can cause blockages in their digestive systems, malnutrition, and death. For instance, sea turtles may mistake plastic bags for jellyfish.

Entanglement: Animals can become entangled in discarded fishing gear, plastic rings, and other debris, leading to injury, restricted movement, suffocation, or drowning.

Microplastics

Breakdown into Microplastics: Over time, larger plastic items break down into tiny fragments called microplastics, which are less than 5mm in size. These microplastics are found in all parts of the ocean, from the surface to the deep sea, and are consumed by a wide range of marine organisms, entering the food chain.

Health Risks: Microplastics can accumulate toxins, which are then ingested by marine life and potentially humans when we consume seafood.

Impact on Marine Ecosystems

Disruption of Food Chains: Plastic pollution disrupts marine food chains. When smaller organisms ingest microplastics, it impacts the health and reproduction of species, which in turn affects larger predators, leading to imbalances in marine ecosystems.

Coral Reefs: Plastics can damage coral reefs by physically smothering corals, blocking sunlight, and promoting the spread of diseases.

Economic Impacts

Fisheries: Plastic pollution can damage fishing gear, contaminate fish stocks, and harm coastal economies that depend on fisheries.

Tourism: Coastal areas and beaches polluted with plastic waste are less attractive to tourists, affecting the tourism industry in many countries.

Persistence and Accumulation

Longevity: Plastics are highly durable and can persist in the ocean for hundreds of years. The problem continues to grow because new plastic waste is added to the ocean every year, while existing plastic breaks down very slowly.

Accumulation in Ocean Gyres: Plastics tend to accumulate in large, slow-moving ocean currents called gyres, forming massive "garbage patches," such as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

Human Health Concerns

Food Chain Contamination: As microplastics and toxic chemicals accumulate in marine life, they can enter the human food chain through the consumption of seafood, potentially leading to health issues.

Water Contamination: Plastics and the chemicals they contain (like BPA and phthalates) can contaminate water sources, potentially impacting human drinking water supplies.

Addressing ocean plastic pollution requires global cooperation, sustainable waste management practices, reduction in single-use plastics, and a shift toward more sustainable materials and recycling initiatives.

Boating Links to Browse

Chesapeake Bay Magazine has an article about [oyster restoration in Hampton](#).

Spinsheet Magazine has an article on [Spanish Wells](#) in the Bahamas. Having been there, it was a nice reminiscence.

Practical sailor presents a video about choosing dock and anchor lines: [nylon or polyester](#).

Chesapeake Bay Magazine brings us an article about the [Powerboat Show](#).

From Practical Sailor, another look at making [the head odors go away](#).

Also, There is a YouTube video on what [NOT to put into the pottie](#), including cooking oil and Kleenex.

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?gad=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI0ZzYzfvzqAMV9E1HAR2ebqfREAAAYAiAAEgIckvD_BwE

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

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





Executive Officer

Lt/C Ralph Leasure, P

It's boat show time again.

So, it's up to me to convince you that it is worthwhile for you to volunteer some of your time to cover our booths at the Powerboat Show and/or the Sailboat Show.

Let's start with the Powerboat Show. First, it's easy. Take the shuttle from Navy Stadium to the entrance. Pick up your badge or stamp from the office at 100 Compromise St. We are scheduled to be in a 10 x 10' booth (C15)

on the North side of Ego Alley. It is in a covered tent so weather should not be problem.

You don't have to be a power boater to work the show since our objective is to educate folks about the Power Squadrons and to inform them about why our educational offerings will benefit them and their boating knowledge and safety. After, or before, your three hour shift, you are in free to the entire Boat Show until closing.

The Sailboat Show this year will be unique in that we have arranged to have a 10 x 20' space. This will be our own tent in space Land 71. Our tent will be water proof, but weather may be more of an issue.

The process of getting there is the same as the Powerboat Show. Again, after your shift, you are free to enjoy the show.

There are always questions from volunteers so I will address some that I've heard. Shifts are normally 3 hours. We can have 2 people per shift. Duties are to engage attendees, ask open ended questions about their boating, offer information about our programs including educational, vessel safety checks and being in a club with like-minded boaters. If they are interested, ask them for their contact info: name, phone and email address.

Wear-squadron shirt, name tag and comfortable shoes. Arrive a little early for your shift for a briefing about how things are going. Call me if you have any problems, can't make your shift, etc.

We will have some updated brochures this year. We will have a TV screen with America's Boating Channel videos available, and we will also have an informative slide show running on a loop. We will probably change the set-up of the booth to encourage people to come in.

Now it's your part, please go onto our website under "Useful Information", click on "Boat Shows" and sign up for as many time slots that you feel comfortable. Also, you can use the links in the boat show ad on the next page of the Anchor Watch. As of this writing, there are many slots available.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Our squadron needs your help and will be the benefactor of your efforts.

Sincerely,

Ralph Leasure, P Executive Officer

Fall Boat Shows October 2024

**Volunteer for the Booth
America's Boating Club
Reserve Your Spot Now!**

**Volunteers receive
free admission to the boat show
for the day they work.**

**Volunteer Sign Up Sheet
for the Powerboat Show
October 03 - 06, 2024**

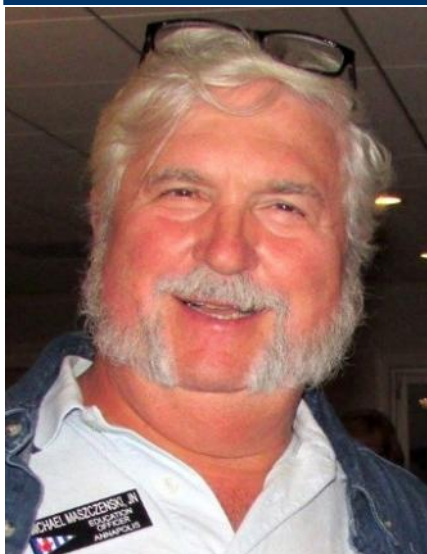
[Click Here for Powerboat Show](#)

**Volunteer Sign Up Sheet
for the Sailboat Show
October 10 - 14, 2024**

[Click Here for Sailboat Show](#)

**Having problems signing up? Click the
reload page symbol on your browser.**





Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

We are offering the Marine Navigation course and RADAR course this fall. They are going to be taught via Zoom with an Instructor lead synchronous instruction. Registration is critical in running a course. I need to know we have enough interest to do the planning and ordering needed, so please register now. We also need your help advertising our courses. Make sure your friends and fellow boaters know of us. Remember all are invited members and non-members. Class members can become club members.

If you really want asynchronous instruction, check out the ABC | USPS online university, these are offerings with self-paced instruction.

Online Boating Seminars and courses [ABC | USPS online-courses](#).

If you are not receiving the Tips for Boaters go to the following link and check them out.

Boating Blog – short informative boating tips [ABC | USPS Blog Posts](#)

Here is a link to Some online webinars and classes from ABC | USPS

[America's Boating Club Online Seminars](#)

Don't forget the check out America's Boating channel, new things are being added continually.

[America's Boating Channel](#)

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

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

Marine Navigation Course

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

Time: 6:45pm - 9:00pm

Where: ZOOM - Login information provided after registration

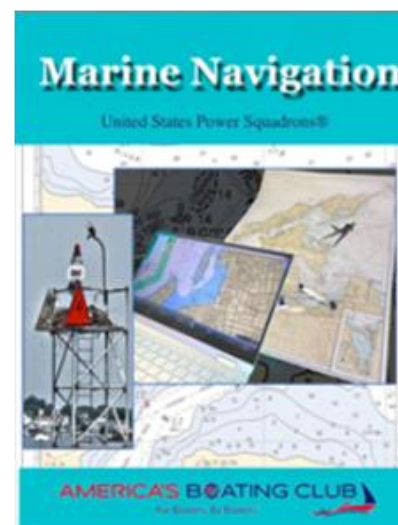
Materials: Provided through emails

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, 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

Registration Cutoff October 25, 2024

Time: 6:45pm – 9:15pm

Where: ZOOM, Login information provided after registration

Materials: Provided through emails

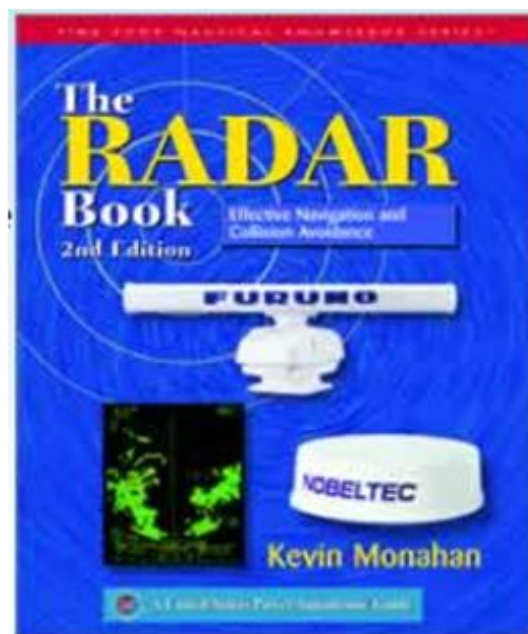
Instructor: P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

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.

A promotional graphic for ASPS logo apparel. It features a white rectangular box with a yellow border, set against a background of colorful autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and green. Inside the box, the text "ASPS Logo apparel" is written in a bold, dark green font, and the URL "http://asps.qbstores.com" is written in a bold, blue font. Below the text, three people are shown wearing the apparel: a man in a blue jacket, a woman in a purple jacket, and a man in a dark green jacket. Each jacket has a small ASPS logo on the left chest.

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



Ladies! Let's Do Lunch!



When: Tuesday, October 8
11:30 am

Where: Harris Crab House
433 Kent Narrow Way N,
Grasonville, MD 21638

<https://www.harriscrabhouse.com/>

R.S.V.P. to Kathy Burke
at kab2016dec@gmail.com or (410) 279-0818
by Monday, October 7 at 4pm.

SAVE THE DATE: November lunch will be Tuesday, November 12.





From America's Boating Channel™ Fire Extinguisher Regulations Terry Slattery, Lord of the Electrons

In 2022, the Coast Guard amended portable fire extinguisher rules for recreational vessels in the U.S., making it easier and less costly for millions of boat owners to maintain the onboard fire protection equipment that they need.

The rules do not change the number or types of extinguishers required on board but do simplify inspection and record-keeping requirements. The simplified rules also are now published with other recreational boating rules, making it easier to identify them.

America's Boating Channel video [“Fire Extinguisher Regulations”](#) offers an overview of the rules that separates commercial and recreational vessel fire protection requirements. It will help you learn how to ensure that all required portable fire extinguishers comply. Also featured are tips for preventing onboard fires in the first place.



If you need a refresher on classifications and carriage requirements for marine fire extinguishers, the channel offers a second video titled [“Fire Extinguisher Standards.”](#) It offers tips for placing and servicing fire extinguishers, and explains the acronym PASS. Above all, ensure that the proper number of functional fire extinguishers are on board, readily accessible and that all responsible adults on board know to pull, aim, squeeze, and sweep.

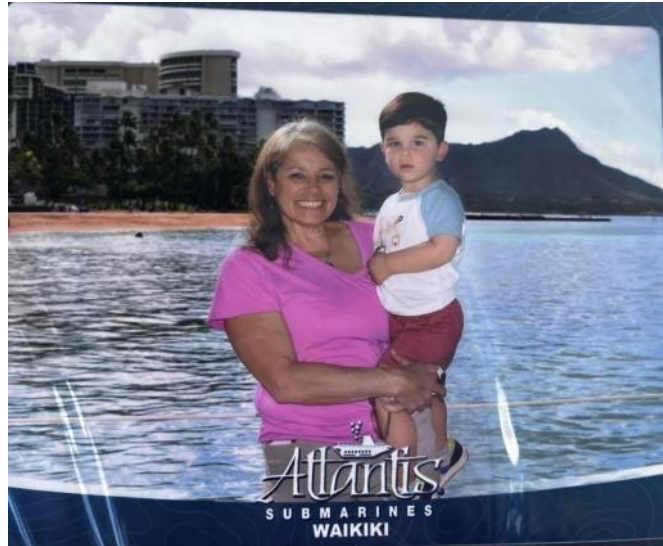
U.S. Coast Guard approved marine-type fire extinguishers fully charged and in good and serviceable condition are required on recreational boats where the engines or fuel system could pose a fire hazard. Good and serviceable means that a fire extinguisher aboard a recreational vessel is properly charged and reads charged if it has a pressure gauge reading or charge indicator, that the extinguisher has a pin lock that is firmly in place, that it does not show visible signs of significant corrosion or damage and has a discharge nozzle that is clean and free from obstructions. Disposable dry chemical extinguishers expire 12 years after their date of manufacture, and rechargeable extinguishers expire annually unless maintained by a certified technician.



Follow the video links above or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.





Lorrie and Jeff responded to our call for pics from their summer adventures.

These were taken in Europe and Hawaii.

If you have any pics from the summer, please send them along. We will publish them in a future issue of the Anchor Watch.



Dinner Delights

Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

If you missed our September meeting, you didn't get the opportunity to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of our meeting season with fellow boating friends. I was emcee for the evening and awarded prizes for a number of categories.



Terry won the prize for dressing to express the most summer vibe. Lorrie was a close second.

We had a great time catching up with friends and playing MATEY – the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron's version of nautical bingo. Several prizes were awarded to the winners.

MATEY is actually more than bingo. It is a mash-up of bingo and trivia contest. Participants have to know trivia about the Chesapeake Bay and boating in order to play AND win! Just to show you what fun it is, here are 10 of the trivia questions used. See if you know the answers.

- ★ In 1998, this was designated the state drink of Maryland!
- ★ Pirate ships convinced passing seafarers they were no threat by concealing most of the crew below deck. In contract, merchant ships, with nothing to hide, carried equipment and crew on deck and in plain sight. Today, this term means transparent and straightforward dealing.
- ★ This was made the State's reptile and official mascot of the University of Maryland College Park in 1994.
- ★ This is brush-like soft material attached to standing rigging to prevent chafe on the sails.



- ★ This knot is great when tying up a present single handed. It won't slip. Start a square knot with one more wrap before you tie the upper part. No extra thumb needed!
- ★ At one time, members of the navy could enjoy rum, beer and even wine. That ended with the appointment of Josephus Daniels as Secretary of the Navy. In 1914, he banned the use of alcoholic liquors on board any naval vessel, or even within any navy yard or station. To substitute, orders for coffee were increased. Sailors started calling this a cup of Josephus Daniels. What do we call it today?
- ★ What do we call a small vessel's flag used for identification or signaling?
- ★ Originally, this term meant making someone look as foolish as a baboon. It came into nautical use when British seamen were taken in by the ruse of enemy Spanish warships flying the flag of a friendly nation. These days, it means to con someone by clever, underhanded methods.
- ★ What do we call a floating mark that is anchored to the bottom?
- ★ This became the official sport of Maryland in 1962. Maryland was the first state to adopt an official sport.

If you were unable to join us, you missed a great evening of fun, games, and fellowship. 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.

Answers:

Milk

Above Board

Diamondback Terrapin

Baggywrinkle

Surgeon's knot

Cup of Joe

Burgee

Bamboozle

Buoy

Jousting



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



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P/R/C William C. Eldridge, SN

Vessel Safety Check

To arrange for a
VSC for your boat,
contact Bill at

vsc@aspsmd.org.





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Calendar of Coming Events

United States Power Squadrons® Events

District 5 Events

07-10 Nov Fall Educational Conference - Maritime Institute - Linthicum

Squadron Events for Annapolis and Nearby Squadrons

- 01 Oct Course Start - Marine Navigation
- 03 Oct ASPS Dinner Meeting
- 08 Oct Ladies' Lunch - Harris Crab House
- 07 Nov Seminar - Radar for boaters
- 07 Nov ASPS Dinner Meeting
- 12 Nov Ladies' Lunch - Broad Neck Grill

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

<http://www.aspsmd.org/calendar/month.php>

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If you know of anyone sick or in the hospital,
please contact our sunshine lady.

Betty Rouse Wilmot
sunshine@aspsmd.org



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Deadline for November Newsletter:
Saturday, October 19, 2024
Direct all material to:
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anchorwatch@aspsmd.org