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## Commander's Message

Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

I just got back from chartering a 45' Beneteau sailboat out of Newport, RI. My friends and I have done a bareboat charter cruise in August for the past 13 years. This year we went from Newport to Block Island (a partying place in the summer), to Menemsha on Martha's Vineyard (a very cool little fishing village with fantastic sunsets), to Edgartown, MV (very upscale), to Falmouth, MA (stopping in Oak Bluffs Harbor for lunch), then to the Sakonnet River in Rhode Island, and back to Newport. There is almost always wind up there in Block Island Sound, Vineyard Sound and Buzzard's Bay. So, we sailed every day except one. On previous trips to these waters, we experienced significant fog, but this trip was fog free, thank goodness!

New England is such a beautiful place to cruise. The landscape, the mansions, and the boats are beautiful. I could spend all day in a dinghy motoring through Newport Harbor admiring the boats on the moorings. I have never seen so many boats with red mast head lights (mast higher than 150'). Do not pass up a chance to visit the coastal towns of New England.

Bill Eldridge, Lorrie and I represented ASPS at the D5 Summer Cruise and Council meeting. Now that was fun! Lorrie and I joined the south bound cruise in Herrington Harbor South. They have a great pool, wonderful restaurant called Ketch 22 and a nice little cafe/general store. Lorrie and I took our folding bikes for a ride into North Beach.

The Council was held at Safe Harbor Zahniser's Yachting Center in Solomons Island. D5 really turned out for this one with 22 boats and 93 people in attendance! The highlight for me was serving as race committee for the D5 regatta. Four boats raced along the straight out and back course, 2 miles each way. The winds were a bit fluky, but all of the boats completed the course in less than 2.5 hours, under sunny skies and low humidity. There were three power boats that completed the Predicted Log contest, which was a bit more complicated than my simple race course. None of the Predicted Log participants had ever done one before, but they all managed the 11 check points. Everybody had fun. Consider joining us next year for the D5 Summer Cruise and Council.

National is currently rolling out iMIS, a web-based database management system designed especially for associations and nonprofits. One such

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benefit is that it manages all aspects of the business on a single platform: membership, database management, dashboards and reporting, dues collection, content management with responsive website design, and more. IMIS is replacing a system developed over 30-plus years ago, so the challenges are significant.

Here is what national is asking you to do. Roll out to members -

All members should have received an email asking them to log into the new portal.

If you did not – please email [hilly@hq.usps.org](mailto:hilly@hq.usps.org) for your credentials or for help with the log-in process.

## Dues

Dues are now active on the new system.

Even past-due members can log into the portal and pay dues.

Log in, go to “MY ACCOUNT” under your username in the top bar.

You will be taken to your member information page.

To the right of that page will either be a hyperlinked membership alert or a button to “RENEW NOW.”

Click the hyperlink or button to renew your membership immediately.

National has partnered with a new marketing company, Marine SEO, a team of young experts, with loads of experience in maritime and boating organization marketing that specializes in online brand management and digital marketing. This project is a crucial step to streamline and strengthen USPS online presence across all squadrons. Maintaining a consistent brand image is an essential step for attracting new members and promoting the America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons mission.

For the past decade, squadrons have been complaining about decreasing membership and have been looking to national for assistance. National leadership has listened to us and has taken bold steps to help us increase membership. It is now up to us to reach out and catch the lifeline they have thrown as opposed to turning away and continue sinking.

To me, Autumn on the Chesapeake is the most wonderful time for boating. Plus it's boat show season. Please check out our website and sign up for a volunteer slot at the boat show booth and get into the boat shows for free.

Stay healthy and be safe out there.

### Member Benefit



Whether you are looking for an upscale hotel, an all-inclusive resort or something more cost-effective, US Power Squadron members can save on rooms at nearly 7,000 participating hotels worldwide. Wyndham Hotels are offering *USPS Members 20 percent off* the “Best Available Rate” at participating locations every time you travel.

Visit [Wyndham Rewards](#) or call our special member benefits hotline **1-877-670-7088**. Be sure to mention **Corporate Code # 1000008696** and reserve your room today!



## **Administrative Officer**

**Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN**

It is hard to dispute the fact that climate change is impacting the Chesapeake Bay, and therefore, the boaters who enjoy it. There are several environmental research facilities in the Chesapeake Bay area that offer tours and educational programs to the public, allowing visitors to learn about their research and the Bay's unique ecosystem. Here are some notable ones:

### **Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC):**

**Location:** Edgewater, Maryland

**Tours:** SERC offers guided tours and public programs, including nature hikes, canoe trips, and educational talks. They also host an annual open house event where visitors can explore their research facilities and interact with scientists.

### **Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF):**

**Location:** Annapolis, Maryland

**Tours:** The CBF offers various educational programs and tours. They also provide tours of their headquarters, the Philip Merrill Environmental Center, which is a model of green building design.

### **University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES) - Horn Point Laboratory:**

**Location:** Cambridge, Maryland

**Tours:** Horn Point Laboratory offers guided tours that showcase their research on oyster restoration, water quality, and coastal resilience. The tours often include visits to the oyster hatchery and other research facilities.

### **Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS):**

**Location:** Gloucester Point, Virginia

**Tours:** VIMS offers public tours of their facilities, including their teaching marsh and the VIMS Visitor Center. They also host an annual open house event called "Marine Science Day," featuring activities, exhibits, and opportunities to meet researchers.

### **Patuxent Environmental & Aquatic Research Laboratory (PEARL):**

**Location:** St. Leonard, Maryland

**Tours:** PEARL offers educational programs and tours focused on the research conducted at the laboratory, including studies on aquatic ecosystems and environmental health. They also participate in community outreach events.

### **Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL):**

**Location:** Solomons, Maryland

**Tours:** CBL, part of UMCES, offers guided tours and public lectures that highlight their research on fisheries, water quality, and ecosystem health. They also have an annual open house event where visitors can learn about ongoing projects and meet scientists.

### **Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay:**

**Location:** Annapolis, Maryland (headquarters)

**Tours:** While the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay primarily focuses on restoration projects and advocacy, they offer educational programs and volunteer opportunities that include hands-on experiences in environmental conservation and restoration efforts.

## Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum:

**Location:** St. Michaels, Maryland

**Tours:** Although primarily a museum, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum offers educational programs and tours that include information on the bay's ecosystem and conservation efforts. They have exhibits on maritime history, ecology, and the bay's environment.

These tours provide valuable insights into the research being conducted to preserve and protect the Chesapeake Bay, as well as opportunities to engage with scientists and learn about the challenges and successes in environmental conservation. Looking for something to do, why not check out some of these facilities today!

## Boating Links to Browse

Chesapeake Bay Magazine has an article about the [riverkeeper for the Gunpowder who is suing a developer over years of illegal runoff.](#)

Chesapeake Bay Magazine has a lovely article on [Oxford, Maryland.](#)

Practical sailor gives us an article about [sailboat safety.](#)

Chesapeake Bay Magazine brings us an article about the plans for a new [ferry system](#) in the Chesapeake.

From Practical Sailor, [debugging your boat and keeping those critters out.](#)

[Weekend on the water: Norfolk, Virginia.](#)

**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 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](#)

For trip ideas in the Chesapeake Bay area: [https://www.visitmaryland.org/unique-experiences/chesapeake-bay-loop?gad=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI0ZzYzfvzqAMV9E1HAR2ebqfREAAAYAiAAEgIckvD\\_BwE](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

As I write this article, Diane and I are sitting on the Viking Vali, a river cruise boat that began in Budapest, Hungary. We are now in Vienna, Austria, where we had a nice bus tour of the city with a very knowledgeable guide from the area.

The trip didn't start out so pleasant. Our flight from BWI to London was fine. But, the next flight from London to Budapest was delayed, then it was delayed again and then they switched us to a new airplane with a new crew. So, after a four-hour delay we made our way to Budapest. Our tour of Budapest was everything we could hope for, again with a knowledgeable guide. It was important to us since Diane's grandparents came from this region of Hungary.

The boat itself is very beautiful, but also interesting. We had a nice presentation from the captain about the inner workings of the ship. He showed us the bridge and how he can control various aspects of the operation. This includes the ability to raise and lower the bridge itself and other topside aspects so the ship can pass under the lower bridges. It also has a series of ballast tanks that can affect depth. It is just shy of 500 feet long and it draws about 6 feet. The cruising has been very smooth and mostly at speeds around 7 knots.

We have experienced two locks so far with sixty-some more to go. The first was huge...maybe 60 or 70 feet deep. We will gain about 406 meters (1332 ft.) as we move up from the Danube. Then it will be down as we travel toward Amsterdam, our final destination. We leave Austria tonight as we travel toward Germany. If you've ever wondered if a river cruise is for you...I can recommend it.

Don't forget to sign-up to help us cover the booths at the boat shows in October. You can find the sign up sheets on our web site. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

Thanks to Betty and John Wilmot for another successful Wilmot's water world weekend at Deep Creek Lake. We appreciate all you do.

Safe Boating! Ralph Leasure, P



## September 19th

Go here for how it started.

<https://www.calendarr.com/united-states/talk-like-a-pirate-day/>

# 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**

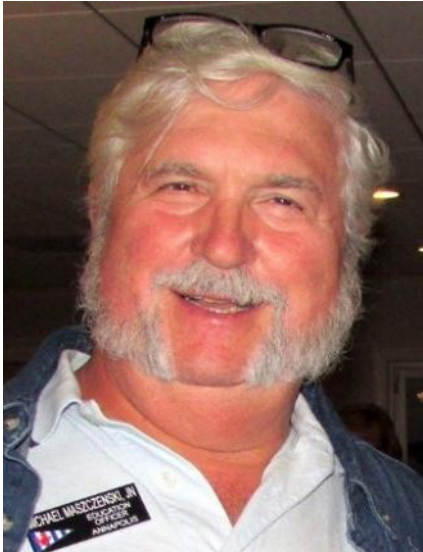
**[Click Here for Powerboat Show](#)**

**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**

Fall classes are starting up all around. ASPS is offering several seminars and classes, all being offered over Zoom. Squadrons throughout D5 also are offering Zoom seminars and classes as well as ABC | USPS. At the end of this article are Richmond's Zoom offerings for your consideration. Please register now! There is a minimum number needed to run a class or seminar. If you fail to register, it may be cancelled due to under-enrollment. Please let your circle of friends know of our offerings.

Here is a link to some online webinars and classes from ABC | USPS:  
[America's Boating Club Online Seminars](#)

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

[America's Boating Channel](#)

If there is a course you would like to take, and it is not listed, make a request to: [edofficer@aspsmd.org](mailto:edofficer@aspsmd.org)

**AIS Electronics for Boaters**

**Date:** Thursday, September 19, 2024

**Registration cut off** September 11, 2024

**Time:** 6:45 pm - 9:15 pm

**Where:** ZOOM - Login information provided after registration

**Materials:** Provided through emails

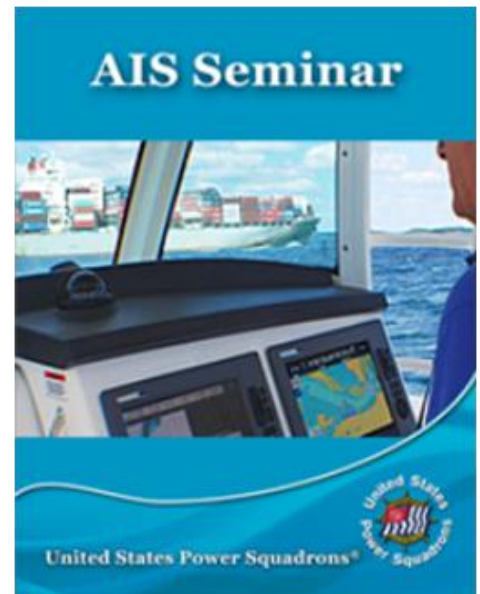
**Cost:** ASPS Members - \$10.00, Non-Members - \$20.00

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

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 they 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

**Registration Cutoff** September 20, 2024

**Time:** 6:45pm - 9:00pm

**Where:** ZOOM - Login information provided after registration

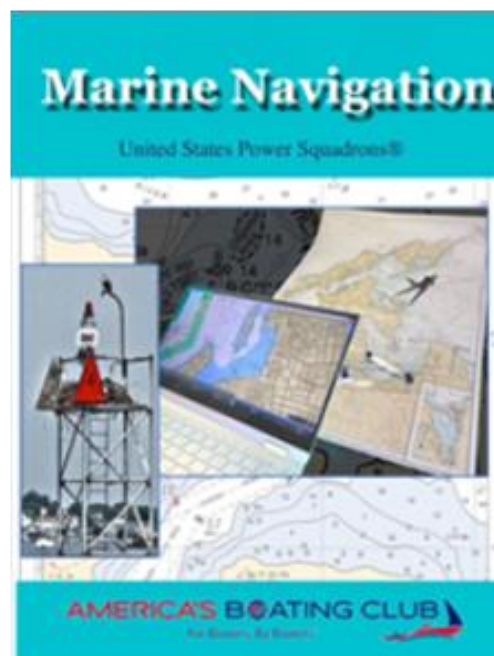
**Materials:** Provided through emails

**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.)

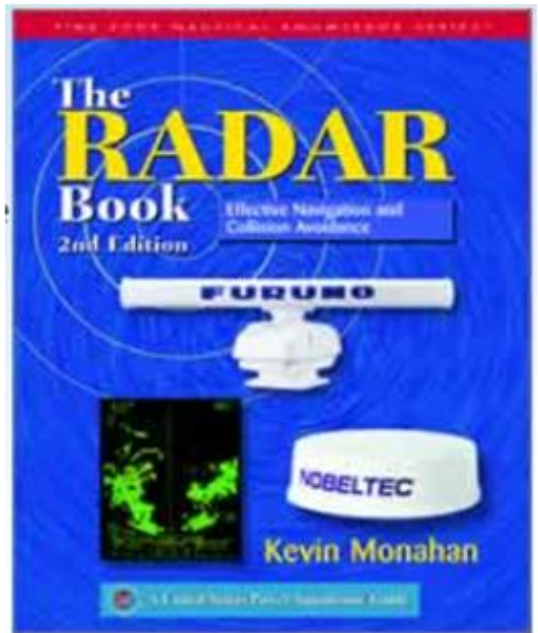
**Register** for this course: [Register Here](#)



**Radar for Boaters****Date:** Thursday November 7, 2024**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](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 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.

## Richmond Sail and Power

### Weather

The Weather course starts Thursday, September 12, 2024, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM and each following Thursday night through November 21 as needed.

The course will use the Zoom platform.

The course costs \$80 for USPS members and \$130 for non-members.

Sign up online and pay at [richmondboatclub.com/education/curriculum](http://richmondboatclub.com/education/curriculum).

Students will be sent a student manual and provided personal instruction from our certified instructor.

This seminar will be offered on Zoom from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Wednesday, September 11.

Costs are \$20 for USPS members and \$45 for non-members.

Sign up online and pay at [richmondboatclub.com/education/curriculum](http://richmondboatclub.com/education/curriculum). If you have any questions, please contact [info.ABCRichmond@gmail.com](mailto:info.ABCRichmond@gmail.com) <mailto:[info.ABCRichmond@gmail.com](mailto:info.ABCRichmond@gmail.com)>.

### Marine VHF Radio

This seminar will be offered on Zoom from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

Costs are \$20 for USPS members and \$45 for non-members. Sign up online and pay at [richmondboatclub.com/education/curriculum](http://richmondboatclub.com/education/curriculum). If you have any questions, please contact

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# Ladies! Let's Do Lunch!

September

When: Tuesday, September 10  
\*\*11:30 am\*\*

Where: O'Loughlin's  
1258 Bay Dale Drive  
Arnold, Maryland  
<https://www.oloughlinspub.com/>

R.S.V.P. to Kathy Burke  
at [kab2016dec@gmail.com](mailto:kab2016dec@gmail.com) or (410) 279-0818  
by Monday, September 9 at 4pm.

SAVE THE DATE: October lunch will be Tuesday, October 8.





## Changes in the Hurricane Probability Cone

### Terry Slattery, Lord of the Electrons

Welcome to the US east coast hurricane season. The national hurricane center (<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>) is adding information to the traditional hurricane probability cone that's used to provide warnings about the potential path of a storm. First, let's look at the current forecast notification, which displays a cone that forecasts where the center of the storm will track. However, many people mis-interpret the cone, thinking that there will be minimal impact if they live outside the cone. This is not true. A large storm, like Hurricane Sandy, could create hazardous weather outside the cone, particularly if it tracks to one edge of the cone. The forecast graphic states this in the header, but there is little information about the potential hazards that might exist, as shown in the below graphic

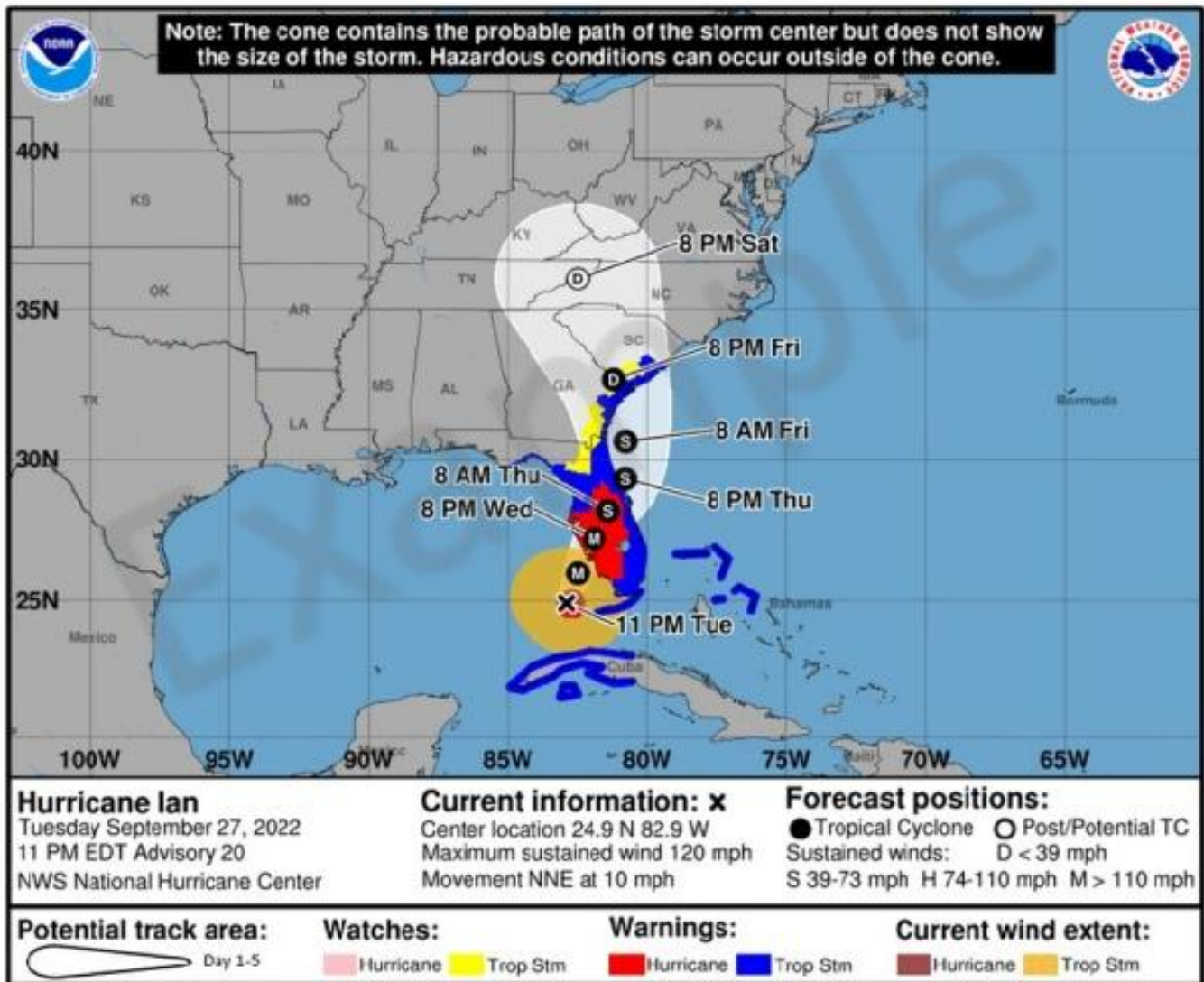
of Hurricane Ian when it was still a tropical storm. A lesser-known aspect of the prediction cone is that it is accurate only 66% of the time. There is a historical 1/3 chance that the storm will veer outside the cone. See <https://weather.com/safety/hurricane/news/2024-05-31-hurricane-forecast-path-cone-facts-myths> for more information.



This is a sample forecast cone from the National Hurricane Center from what was at the time Tropical Storm Ian issued on Sept. 23, 2022 at 11 p.m. EDT. (NOAA/NHC)

As a result, the national weather service is adding hazard impact information to the graphic, as shown for Hurricane Ian below. Note the addition of Watches, Warnings, and Current wind extent coloring along the affected areas, particularly the coastal areas. The yellow areas in south Georgia are under a tropical storm watch while the red areas are under hurricane warning (watches are less severe than warnings). The blue areas have been issued tropical storm warnings. The extent of hurricane and tropical storm force winds is shown by the brown and tan circles around the center of the storm. These additions provide useful

information about the extent of the storm and its impact. As with any storm in the northern hemisphere, the winds circulate in a counter-clockwise arc, causing the right-hand side of the advancing storm to experience higher winds. The graphic clearly shows that tropical storm force winds would be experienced as far south as the Florida Keys and east into the Bahamas.



The intent of the change is to provide information regarding the extent and severity of the storm. A brief explanation of the change can be found in the following articles and videos:

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2024/01/29/national-hurricane-center-forecast-graphic-change/72394328007/>

<https://www.wmnf.org/national-hurricane-center-debuts-new-forecast-cone/>

<https://www.foxweather.com/weather-news/hurricane-cone-of-concern-tropical-changes>

After Hurricane Ian, the focus shifted to identifying the hazards to life and property, an initiative known as “Hazards First.” However, the new additions don’t cover two critical factors: rainfall and storm surge. I would argue that tropical storm force winds on the right side of the advancing storm should provide the

public and safety officials with enough information to make informed decisions regarding what actions to take (like evacuation). Knowing when a storm is likely to hit and the timing of high tide can give a better idea of what to expect.

The graphic above for Hurricane Ian is an example of what the changes would have shown if the new graphics had been available in 2022. The NHC launched the new graphics with Hurricane Ernesto, which headed off into the North Atlantic as of mid-August. Access to the “New Experimental Cone” is from the NHC/NOAA hurricane web page, clicking first on the “Warnings/Cone Static Images” icon, then clicking on “Click Here For The New Experimental Cone”, shown below.

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**\*\*\* Click Here For The New Experimental Cone \*\*\*** Then click here

Coastal Watches/Warnings and Forecast Cone for Storm Center

Forecast Length*	Forecast Track Line	Initial Wind Field
Full Forecast	On	On





## ASPS Website Update - Get the Details: Fast & Easy

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

When opening the ASPS website ([www.aspsmd.org](http://www.aspsmd.org)) the first webpage you see is the “Home” page. You will find three “boxes” that list upcoming ASPS Squadron events. They are labeled News and Events, Current Courses, and Seminars. All future squadron events are shown within those boxes.

The ASPS Webmaster is responsible for keeping the information shown to be current, complete, and accurate. Whenever new squadron events, courses, or seminars are scheduled, those boxes are updated as soon as possible. Anyone viewing the ASPS website can quickly see what our squadron has planned, and their dates.

Just knowing the type, name, and date of what’s scheduled may not provide all the information needed to participate. Details such as times, location, costs, etc. also need to be known. There’s a very fast and easy way to find those details.

At the end of each listing is the word “details”, which is a hyperlink to another webpage. Clicking on the word “details” will provide the information needed to participate, and if required, how to register, RSVP, or make reservations. The graphics below illustrate how to access the “details”:

This is a part of the ASPS website home page. The “News and Events” box is highlighted.

**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB**  
UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

*Come for the Boating Education... Stay for the Friends*

## Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron

A Unit of the United States Power Squadrons® and America's Boating Club® Mid-Atlantic

### News and Events

- Aug 22 - Ice Cream Social [details](#)
- Aug 29 - Executive Board Meeting [details](#)
- Sep 05 - ASPS September Dinner Meeting - End of Summer Fun Game Night [details](#)
- Sep 22 - USPS 2024 Fall Governing Board [details](#)
- Oct 03 - Annapolis Powerboat Show - 2024 (03 to 06 October 2024) [details](#)
- Oct 03 - ASPS October Dinner Meeting [details](#)
- Oct 10 - Annapolis Sailboat Show - 2024 (10 to 14 October 2024) [details](#)

### America's Boating Course

Learn the fundamentals of safe boat handling and operation plus basic piloting in this comprehensive classroom course. This newly revised course will give you the basics of line throwing, knot tying, boat handling, anchoring, navigation rules and aids, emergencies on the water and more. [More Information](#)

### Current Courses

Oct 01 - MARINE NAVIGATION - Focusing on Techniques for Piloting a Boat in Coastal, Inland & River Waterways [details](#)


Nov 07 - RADAR FOR BOATERS - Essential Tool for Navigation and Collision Avoidance [details](#)

### Seminars

Sep 19 - AIS ELECTRONICS FOR BOATERS - See and Be Seen on the Water - Avoid Collisions in Crowded Waterways [details](#)

### Join us and become a confident, competent mariner

Our organization's primary goal is to promote safe boating by offering courses in all aspects of boating: seamanship, navigation, cruise planning, use of electronics, marine weather forecasting, engine maintenance, sailing, and more.



Members can take advantage of events with interesting speakers, draw on the knowledge of experienced boaters, and build friendships with people with the same love of the water.

Looking closer at the “News and Events” box, I have shown where to find the “details” hyperlink for the ASPS September Dinner Meeting. Note that all other events listed also have the word and hyperlink shown as “details.”

Clicking on the word “details” routes you to a webpage outlining the information needed to attend and participate in the ASPS September Dinner Meeting.

That’s how you “Get the Details: Fast & Easy” on the ASPS website.

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### ASPS September Dinner Meeting:

Thursday, September 05, 2024

Annapolis Elks Lodge #622 ([www.elks622.com](http://www.elks622.com))

2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour

7:00 PM - Dinner

7:30 PM - No Speaker! It's all fun & games. We'll have a trivia contest - all about boating and Maryland. There will be prizes. It's a party! There will be popcorn & ice cream. We hope to celebrate the passing of warm weather with a splash. You can join in by wearing the appropriate attire - shorts, flip flops, Hawaiian shirts - anything that clearly demonstrates those summer memories is encouraged. Be rewarded - win a prize!

Meal will include: Soup or Salad, Meat Loaf, Pulled Chicked BBQ, Red Bliss Potatoes, Green Beans, 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, 02 September, 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

I value your input and suggestions for this and other features on the ASPS website. You can reach me (and my large group of committee members and assistants) via this email address: [webmaster@aspsmd.org](mailto:webmaster@aspsmd.org).

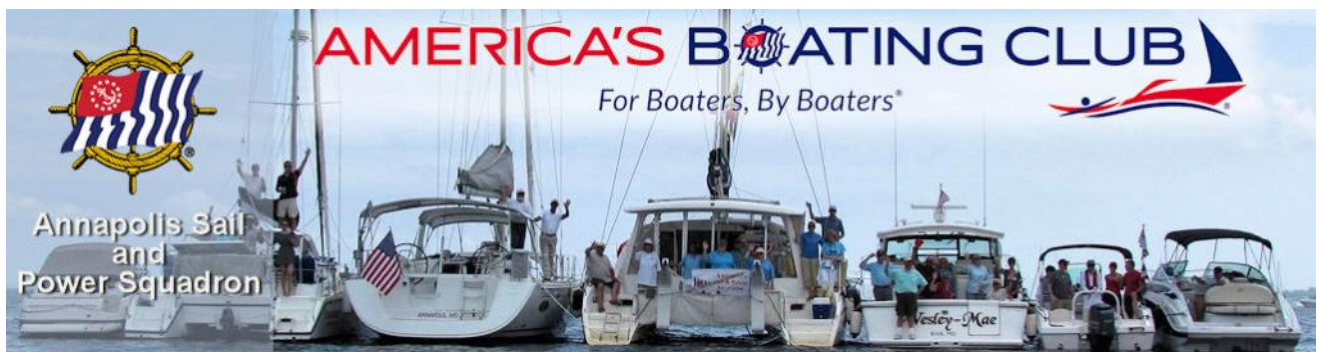




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at [roster@aspsmd.org](mailto:roster@aspsmd.org) or 410-703-9559



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### Vessel Safety Check

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[vsc@aspsmd.org](mailto:vsc@aspsmd.org).





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## Calendar of Coming Events

### United States Power Squadrons® Events

22-30 Sep Fall Governing Board - Pittsburg, PA

### District 5 Events

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

### Squadron Events for Annapolis and Nearby Squadrons

- 05 Sep ASPS Dinner Meeting—End of Summer Party
- 10 Sep Ladies' Lunch—O'Loughlin's—Bay Dale—Arnold
- 19 Sep Seminar - AIS Electronics for Boaters
- 01 Oct Course Start - Marine Navigation
- 03 Oct ASPS Dinner Meeting
- 08 Oct Ladies' Lunch
- 07 Nov Seminar - Radar for boaters
- 07 Nov ASPS Dinner Meeting

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](mailto:sunshine@aspsmd.org)



## ASPS Squadron Leadership 2024 -2025

### Bridge

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

**Chaplain:** P/C Howard Cupples, JN

**Flag Lieutenant:** P/C Stu Myers, AP

**Merit Mark Chairman:** P/C Lee Myers, AP

**Law Officer:** P/C Anthony Martin, JN

**Executive Officer:** P/C Ralph Leasure, P

**Vessel Safety Chair:** P/R/C William C. Eldridge, SN

**Safety Officer:** 1st/Lt Terry Slattery

**Communications Chair:** P/C Anthony Martin, JN

**Coop. Charting Chair:** P/C Ron Ricketts, AP

**Administrative Officer:** P/C Bruce Arey, JN

**Asst Admin Officer:**

**Membership Chair:** Lt/C Lorrie Short

**Boating Activities Chair:**

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

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

**BOC:**

**Operations Training:** P/C Stu Myers, AP

**Secretary:** Lt/C Carol Rechner, SN

**Asst Secretary:** 1st/Lt Linda Sweeting

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

**Historian:** P/C Peggy Slattery, S

**Newsletter Editor:** P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

**Treasurer:** Lt/C Lorrie Short

**Asst Treasurer:**

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Susan Gilbert, S

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P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

P/C Kathy Nash,

P/C Peggy Slattery, S

Edwin Sunderland, JN

David Tower, AP

P/C John Wilmot, JN-IN

### Immediate Past Commander:

P/C Ralph Leasure, P

### **Audit Committee:**

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Homer Sandridge, N

### **Nominating Committee:**

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P/C Bruce Arey, JN

Diane Leasure

P/C Peggy Slattery, S

P/C John Wilmot, JN-IN

### **Rules Committee:**

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P/D/C Jeff Short JN-IN

P/Lt/C Diane Leasure

### **Budget Committee:**

P/D/C Jeff Short, Chair

Lt/C Lorrie Short

P/C Ralph Leasure, P

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### **Information Technology Contact:**

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### **ASPS Facebook Editors:**

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