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## Commander's Message Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

Nearly 50 members and guests attended the 2025 ASPS Change of Watch held at Carroll's Creek. I think all can agree it was a wonderful affair. Gene Danko, the D5 treasurer and holder of several national positions, officiated the ceremony. Also in attendance were National Education Officer, R/C Chuck Wells and PDC, Stf/C Jeff McKinney, along with many other new members from the Kent Narrows and Rockville squadrons.

Thank you to all those who put the event together. Peggy Slattery and her committee worked for nearly a year to secure the room at Carroll's Creek overlooking Spa Creek. I was only slightly distracted as the J70 that I crew on

was racing the AYC Frostbite Series just outside our windows. My wonderful batman, Georgiana, wrote a wonderful script and served as our entertaining MC.

As a government employee, I am used to submitting the five things I did last week, so I felt it proper to discuss the 5 things ASPS accomplished last year, and then introduce my intentions for the coming year.

Most importantly, we integrated new members from Rockville and Kent Narrows. I would like to thank the leadership of those squadrons and especially the commanders, Joe Burke and Jeff McKinney, for the incredible effort and leadership that was required to dissolve a squadron. Once a squadron is dissolved, the work that went into doing that is rarely appreciated and never recognized.

This past year, through the single handed efforts of XO Ralph Leasure, ASPS had booths at FOUR major boat shows. We need more people to help him out this year. Please go on [aspsmd.org](http://aspsmd.org), sign up for a shift, and get a day at the boat show for free.

Regarding marketing, David Tower with the help of Ralph Leasure, Terry Slattery, Carol Rechner, and the Nashes, developed ASPS's first-ever, executable marketing plan. Not just "somebody should do this, somebody should do that," but a plan that we will all help to accomplish. More about that later.

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Another marketing effort that we made last year was to recruit about 30 new associate members. When I say we, I mean Georgiana. By recruiting associate members, we get our Anchor Watch and Constant Contact emails in front of more eyes, effectively advertising our courses and activities to known boating enthusiasts, thus generating interest in ASPS and boating safety. In your interactions with members of other squadrons, ask if they would like to be an associate member of ASPS. It's free. Then, send their name to Georgiana or myself. and we will get them signed up.

This past year, Admin Officer Bruce Arey secured 7 excellent guest speakers. Thank you Bruce. We had an excellent holiday party at Pirate's Cove arranged again by Peggy, Georgiana, Carol and others. ASPS and ASPS members contributed \$700 to worthy causes represented by the speakers, \$1600 to Toys for Tots and \$2000 to the Anne Arundel County Food Bank for a total of \$4300 in donations.

ASPS put on multiple courses and seminars last year. Mike Mazczenski has been the innovator in teaching USPS courses remotely through Zoom. Thank you, Mike. John Wilmot, at age 93, continues to teach ABC courses all the way out in Deep Creek, MD.

Thank you, Carol Rechner, our "permanent" secretary, for taking all of our minutes over the past year. Thank you, to our "permanent" treasurer, Lorrie Short, for keeping the financial books and helping me in developing the ASPS budget. Thank you to the Audit Committee- Rich Hughes, Bill Klepcynski and Homer Sandridge- for going over the statements and financial books for us, a task made more challenging being done via emails and phone calls.

Our newsletter, the Anchor Watch, remains one of the best publications in all of National USPS/America's Boating Club because of the incredible efforts of editor Georgiana. Thank you Georgiana, Carol and your team, for your award winning efforts. Thank you to all those who contributed articles for the AW, especially our Safety Officer, Terry Slattery.

Likewise, our ASPS website and Facebook page are near the top in USPS as well. Our webmaster and IT expert, John Wesley Nash, and Facebook administrator, Kathy Nash, dedicate hours every week in keeping the public face of ASPS fresh, informative, exciting and current. Additionally, John Wesley Nash was a District 5 winner for the highly respected Chapman Award for Teaching. Did I mention they live 1000 miles away?

PDC Bill Eldridge led his team of vessel examiners to a podium finish for personal and squadron VSCs at District 5. Congratulations and thank you for your efforts.

Over this past year, we weathered the loss of our insurance policy, and we learned a lot about organizational insurance requirements in the process. We got introduced of the new USPS database system called iMIS. I think a lot of us, especially in leadership roles, have come a long way in developing a level of competence using it. Who has gone into iMIS? I continue to encourage everyone to get comfortable with it.

Those are just some of the "approximately 5 things we did last week."

What do we have planned for next year?

Most important to our membership, I think, is our new, innovative ASPS budget. The Bridge and Exec Committee spent many hours in discussion on the new 2025-26 ASPS budget and how we could use our financial assets to provide value for our membership. We have decided to make use of our large investment fund by subsidizing our educational offerings and now our member's meals. Beginning in April, all meals will cost members \$20, regardless of the true cost of the meal. ASPS will cover the difference. Additionally, the new budget allows for ASPS to match, dollar for dollar, all member's

donations to ASPS sponsored charity drives such as the November food drive and the December Toys for Tots. The ASPS general membership approved the budget at the February meeting.

Regarding boat shows, we will be pushing District 5 to help sponsor the large Fall boat shows since those shows involve a larger regional and national audience.

About David's marketing committee efforts; they have developed new pamphlets, posters, calling cards, etc. for distribution to venues that attract boaters. Terry Slattery has mapped out over 100 venues including chandleries, marinas, etc. This is far too big a job for a few people to accomplish so WE are ALL going to pitch in. This year, each of us will volunteer for, or be assigned, a venue or two to distribute ASPS marketing products, and then follow up to make sure the supply is maintained. A huge job for a few becomes a simple job for each of us and we all contribute to the success of ASPS.

For dinner meetings, in an effort to avoid driving in bad weather and/or in the dark in the winter, we will have the Jan and Feb meetings at noon on a Saturday at a restaurant, so that more people can attend. We would ideally like to have these meetings on the Eastern Shore or over toward Howard or Montgomery County in order to make it easier for our more distant members to attend. If you know of any venues that would be able to accommodate 40 people in a separate room with some AV capabilities, please let us know.

One other thing I would like to do, is to offer our dinner meetings simultaneously on zoom for our members living too far away to attend in person or unable to drive at night. We are in need of someone with the technical expertise and the willingness to do it. ASPS would buy the necessary equipment. Let me know.

With the addition of some skilled educators from Rockville and Kent Narrows, Mike has assembled a team of a dozen or so instructors including our members the Nashes in Florida and John Wilmot in Western MD! Because of their ability to teach via Zoom and in an effort to include a larger student body, we will be pushing District 5 to actively advertise our courses and seminars.

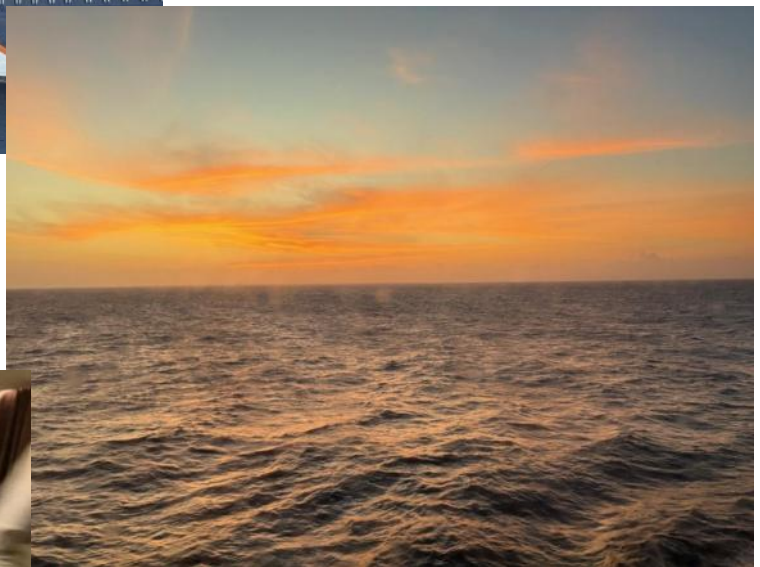
Our bylaws have not been re-written since 2013. A lot has changed since then and it is time to re-write them. If you have any suggestions on how ASPS should do things in the future, let us know so we can put it in the bylaws.

The cybersquadron is the largest squadron in USPS. I think this year we should spend some time POACHING members out of the cybersquadron. It is a simple task. Go on the USPS website, open up the list of cybersquadron members, locate the ones in our area and invite them to come to our meetings or join us for a course or seminar. Who would be willing to do that for the good of ASPS? Let me know if you would like to help out.

As you can see we have some good efforts trying to recruit new members. But, the statistics show that keeping members is more difficult. We need to provide value for the membership dollar. Certainly our new budget will help with us subsidizing courses and meals. But I think we can do better. We need to do more stuff, especially in the off season. We need ideas about things to do to keep members involved; hockey games, baseball games, theater, wine tasting, brewery trips, museums trips. If there is something you would like to do, let us know. If you would like to put together such an event, even better.

Those are my 5 things to accomplish next year. Please step up to help us get it done. Consider joining a committee or volunteering for a Bridge position. It is not hard. It is rewarding and fun especially since we are all working together. Our Exec Committee meetings are all done via Zoom. Currently, we have a committee member who lives in western Maryland and two committee members who live in Florida.

John Wilmot also sent us some photos from the cruise right after the national meeting






He also told us of their problems trying to get home from the Pittsburg airport in the middle of a snow storm. They spent a good deal of time digging out.



## Bay Bridge Boat Show at Safe Harbor Narrows Point

Friday, 11 April - Sunday, 13 April  
Volunteer at the booth  
sponsored by ASPS.

[Sign up here](#)




Note: When you get to the sign-up page,  
above calendar at the right you see    
Click  LIST VIEW and then select a slot.

For more information, see the  
[Official website](#)

## Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show

Friday, 25 April - Sunday, 27 April  
Volunteer at the booth  
sponsored by ASPS

[Sign up here](#)

Note: When you get to the sign-up page,  
above calendar at the right you see    
Click  LIST VIEW and then select a slot.



**Executive Officer**  
**Lt/C Ralph Leasure, AP**

Happy Spring! It seemed like a long time coming, but I think it is finally here. The problem with Maryland is that it teases you with great days in March and April then throws in a few Winter reminders.

On 29-30 March, you have an opportunity to participate in a safety training event sponsored by The Naval Academy and the Maryland Trades Association. If you plan to do a long distance race such as The Annapolis to Bermuda race, this course is a requirement and a certificate is presented to those that finish it. The presenters encourage participants to bring their own safety gear to get a feel for how it all works. The midshipmen will present on the water demos of man overboard techniques, life raft deployment, pyrotechnics and even a helicopter rescue demonstration (weather permitting). The on land portion practices pfd inflation, fire prevention and other safety issues. You don't have to register to watch the demos as it is entertaining just to watch. More information is available at [mtam.org/safety-atsea](http://mtam.org/safety-atsea).

I want to encourage all members to consider signing up to cover the booth at the upcoming Boat Shows. The sign ups are on sign up genius and are accessible through our website. Please let me know if you need help signing up. The first opportunity to participate is the Bay Bridge Boat Show, 11-13 April, at the Safe Harbor Marina on Kent Island. The Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show is 25-27 April in Annapolis. Thanks in advance for your help.

Just a reminder that the D5 Spring Conference is scheduled for 27-30 March. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Ocean City, MD. This is a fun event and if you haven't been before I encourage you to try it out.

All The Best !!

Ralph Leasure, AP Executive Officer



How to frighten the new generation.  
Put them in a room with a rotary  
phone, an analog watch and a TV with  
no remote. Then leave directions  
written in cursive.



## **Administrative Officer**

**Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN**

Our April dinner speaker will be Bill Washington, a longtime member of CAPCA. Based on his 40 plus years of boating experience, Bill will present some thoughts on shared waterways. Shared waterways are areas where various types of vessels, including commercial ships, recreational boats, and fishing vessels, coexist. Key considerations include:

### **Traffic Separation:**

Traffic separation schemes (TSS) are implemented in busy areas to organize vessel movement and reduce collision risk.

### **Multi-Use Zones:**

Shared waterways may serve multiple purposes, such as commercial shipping, fishing, and leisure activities. Respecting designated areas and adhering to local regulations are vital for harmony.

### **Small vs. Large Vessels:**

Smaller vessels must remain aware of the limited maneuverability and stopping capabilities of larger ships. Larger vessels are required to exercise caution around smaller craft.

### **Environmental Protections:**

Shared waterways often overlap with environmentally sensitive areas. Rules are enforced to protect marine life and ecosystems, such as speed limits and no-wake zones.

### **Conflict Resolution:**

Harbor authorities and maritime agencies oversee shared waterways to manage conflicts, enforce regulations, and ensure safety for all users.


By adhering to these principles and respecting the rights and responsibilities of all waterway users, navigation safety can be upheld effectively.



**Our squadron has so much to offer to fellow boaters – continuing education, safe boating surveys, community service, and great socializing! It takes all of us to spread the word about our organization!**

**Your executive board is developing ways for all members to assist in distributing promotional material to over 100 marinas and boating businesses in the greater Annapolis area. Members will have the opportunity to visit 3-4 sites in the early spring to drop off brochures and posters. The commitment is for no more than an hour.**


**Stay tuned for more information as we all pitch in to grow our exciting squadron!**



**ASPS**  
**Dinner Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 3 2025**  
Elks Lodge - 2 Pythian Drive,  
Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour  
7:00 PM - Dinner  
7:30 PM - Speaker - Bill Washington -  
“Shared Waterways”

Meal will include: Salad,  
Honey Ham, Hand Carved Turkey,  
Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas and Carrots,  
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, March 31, 4 PM to  
[aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com](mailto:aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com)

\$20.00 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.**



## **William R. Washington, Jr Speaker for April 3, 2025**

Originally from New York City, Bill learned how to sail as a teenager spending summers in Sag Harbor, NY. He moved to the DC area in 1970 and has been on the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay ever since.

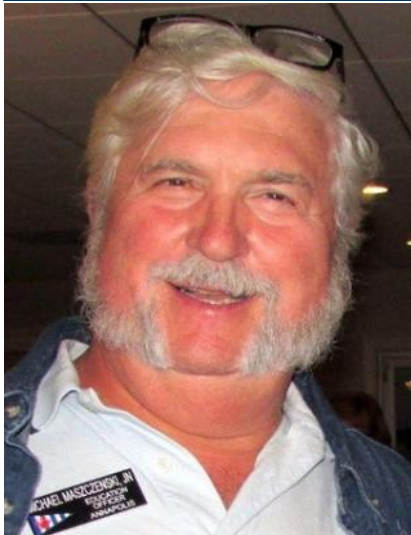
After serving in the Army from 1967 to 1970, he landed here and held various jobs ranging from the Federal Government and private industry to the District of Columbia Government from which he retired in 2001. All involved the graphic arts in one form or another and ultimately computer graphics and the web. He is a graduate of the American University with majors in Computer Science and Business Administration.

Bill received his initial captain's license over 25 years ago and owned three boats, including a commercial assistance tow boat which he operated on the Potomac River during the mid 1990's. While working for and after retiring from the DC Government, he operated several tour boats, charter yachts (both motor and sail) and private yachts on the Potomac River. He considers himself fortunate enough to have sailed as Second Mate aboard the Half Moon (a square-rigger) on the Hudson River in New York in 2005. The Half Moon is a full-size replica of Henry Hudson's ship of discovery. This was a nine day trip from Verplanck to Albany, NY. They had 11 middle school kids, 3 teachers and a crew of 8. It has since been relocated to the Netherlands. He also volunteered with the National Maritime Heritage Foundation in DC working on the schooner Spirit of Enterprise and towing a tall ship replica (with his pickup) to various DC public schools. At the schools, they had students board the replica to experience what a tall ship was like without going out on the river.

Currently, he has a certificate of continuity but held a 100 ton master's with towing endorsement. He was one of the senior captains for Capital Yacht Charters/Fort Washington Potomac River Tours, LLC. They operated four yachts ranging in size from 72 feet to over 100 feet LOA and 49 to 149 passengers. They did everything from birthdays, weddings and anniversaries to corporate outings and special event cruises. Bill is a certified wedding officiant, and has performed 14 wedding ceremonies on the river.

He was a past president of the Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association, having served for 4 terms. He has been a member for over 19 years. He has retired from active marine operations but lends his over 40 years of experience whenever he can.





## Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

Congratulations to Elizabeth Fortunato and Patrick McGeehan for passing the Marine Navigation course. Marine Navigation was audited by John Locke and Edwin Sunderland.

Unfortunately, ASPS had to cancel two events- the ABC course at Bosun's Marine (lack of registration) and the Visual Distress Signal Seminar (USPS Insurance not available yet for such an event).

We have another ABC course being offered at Bosun's Marine. It is a classroom course. Please spread the word. For students looking for their Boating Safety Card, this is a great venue.

In April we are offering the AIS seminar via Zoom. Learn all about how AIS is a viable option for your boat.

### **Title: America's Boating Course (ABC III)**

This course, when passed, earns you the Boaters Safety Course Card needed to legally operate recreational vessels in the state of Maryland. It covers the basic information needed for safe boating. It is a great review for boaters already with a card, or who were grandfathered in, as well as new boaters.

**Where:** Bosun's Marine, 411 Winchester Creek Rd, Grasonville, MD 21638

**Cost:** all non-members 18+ of age - \$35.00, Members and 17 and under - Free

**Dates:** Saturday - April 19, 2025 and April 26, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Instructors:** Joe Burke, John Locke, Chuck Wells

**[Click Here to Register](#)**

### **Title: AIS Electronics for Boaters**

*AIS Electronics for Boaters* can help you decide if AIS is right for you. In this seminar, you will learn what AIS does, how it works, whether you need an AIS system (and, if so, with what capacity), how AIS differs from radar, how to use AIS to navigate more safely, and what to consider when integrating AIS with your existing electronics.

**Where:** Zoom

**Cost:** Non-ASPS members \$35.00, ASPS members \$10.00 or \$25.00 if you want it listed in your Education certificate.

**Date:** April 10, 2025 Thursday

**Time:** 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM EDT

**Instructor:** John W. Nash

**[Click Here to Register](#)**

**Title: Hurricane Preparations**

In this short seminar, you'll learn how to select a location from which to weather the storm and prepare your boat for a hurricane.

**Where:** Zoom

**Cost:** Non-ASPS members \$35.00, ASPS members \$10.00 or \$25.00 if you want it listed in your Education certificate.

**Date:** May 15, 2025 Thursday

**Time:** 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM EDT

**Instructor:** John W. Nash

**[Click Here to Register](#)**

**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.

## Boating Links to Browse

Chesapeake Bay Magazine brings us a short video of Captain Jodie Knox with the [Annapolis School of Seamanship](#) explaining the proper operation of an inflatable PFD.

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/ask-the-captain-inflatable-pfd/>

Practical Sailor via YouTube takes us on a visit to a sailmaker in Deltaville to show us how sails are constructed from start to finish.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3UNsdTnUc8Q>

For trip ideas in the Chesapeake Bay area: <https://www.visitmaryland.org/unique-experiences/chesapeake-bay-loop> This site changes frequently. Bookmark it and return on a regular basis for all sorts of activities in the area.

Looking for a place to visit by car or by boat? Chesapeake Bay Magazine has a suggestion: Smithfield, VA on the Pagan River, where history and a whole lot else is on display.

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/explore-the-pagan-river-find-history-on-display>

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



Ladies' Lunch  
March 11, 2025  
Maggiano's Little Italy



We had 11 folks in attendance.  
Please join us next month at the  
Fisherman's Inn on Kent Narrows.



**Start out the boating season  
with some new duds.**

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

**Click on the Products menu  
and select the type of clothing or  
accessory that you are interested in.**



# Ladies! Let's Do Lunch!



**When: Tuesday, April 8, 2025  
11:30 AM**

**Where: Fisherman's Inn  
Kent Narrows  
3116 Main St, Grasonville, MD 21638**

**R.S.V.P. to Kathy Burke  
at [kab2016dec@gmail.com](mailto:kab2016dec@gmail.com) or (410) 279-0818  
by Monday, April 7 at 4pm.**

**SAVE THE DATE for next lunch: Tuesday, May 13, 2025**





## Crew Overboard - Notifying Nearby Vessels

### Terry Slattery, Lord of the Electrons

Last month, I talked about one class of crew overboard notification technology that relies on Bluetooth connectivity to an application running on a phone or tablet. One of the limitations of that solution is that the notification only goes to the crewmember's original vessel. In some instances it is better for an overboard notification alert to be received by any nearby vessel. Well, that's possible using a different set of products.

We're normally boating in areas where there are other boaters. In this case, the best vessel to rescue an overboard crewmember may be different than the one the crew was on. Notifying other nearby vessels is best done with AIS (Automatic Identification System) and/or DSC (Digital Selective

Calling). A few of these types of personal locator beacons (PLB) are described in a Yachting World article: <https://www.yachtingworld.com/yachts-and-gear/best-personal-locator-beacons-and-ais-units-top-options-for-boating-137237>. The locator beacons are small, intending to be fastened to a personal flotation device (PFD), a.k.a. lifejacket.

As I noted in the prior article, a PLB that relies on satellite communications may result in being rescued in hours, probably long after death by hypothermia. By using local VHF technology, which both AIS and DSC employ, nearby vessels can be notified and the crew recovered.

The way it works is that an alert is sent via DSC when the PLB is submerged. This triggers alerts on all nearby vessels that have their VHF radios turned on. The PLB's alert includes the GPS coordinates of the crewmember. A DSC alert's primary advantage is that it only requires nearby vessels to have a VHF receiver that is turned on. A disadvantage is that the GPS coordinates are not continuously updated as wind and currents cause the crewmember to drift from the point where they went overboard.

Providing continuous tracking of an overboard crewmember relies on AIS, which transmits a position update every 30 seconds. A vessel equipped with AIS that's coupled with an onboard chart plotter will know at all times exactly where the crewmember is located, greatly facilitating the *Search* element of *Search and Rescue*. This type of tracking is essential in water with high currents.

The potential of other boats participating in the rescue is great for vessels where there may be only one other person on board. Tracking the overboard crewmember's location while managing to turn the boat around is performed automatically. In addition, another nearby boat may be able to effect a more prompt rescue than the crewmember's original vessel.

There are some disadvantages to these new VHF locator beacons that you should be aware of. The primary one is the transmitter range of about 5 miles. While this would work well in the northern Chesapeake, it might not be as useful in the lower bay where there are potentially fewer boats within range. Limited battery life might be a disadvantage in some instances, but since they can operate for several hours, it is unlikely to be a real problem. The final disadvantage is that VHF beacons are more expensive than the Bluetooth tags that I described last month.

In summary, the choice of Bluetooth tag versus VHF PLB overboard alerting modules should be based on your requirements. The VHF PLB may be the best choice for outfitting a lifejacket because it nearly eliminates the searching requirement while the Bluetooth tag might be good for tagging dinghys and paddleboards.

As always, stay safe!



Pictures courtesy of Tony Martin and Lorrie Short











## Member of the Year Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

If you were unable to attend the recent Change of Watch, we can share that it was a great event. The food was excellent, and the company even better. Our officers renewed their pledges to support our squadron. Members were recognized for outstanding service. One of these was our Member of the Year – **David Tower**.

David Tower has taken on the project of marketing to spread the word about the benefits of belonging to our squadron. He came to the squadron with an interesting background. It certainly makes for a great foundation for the task he is heading.

As a small boy, David has memories of going to bed while listening to his parents teach Power Squadron courses in the room below his bedroom. Even before he could read, he often fell asleep pouring over the pictures and diagrams in Chapman's Piloting, Seamanship, and Small Boat Handling. The Power Squadron is in his blood.

David Tower was recognized as Member of the Year because he spent last year organizing and writing a plan for marketing our squadron. He will need all of us to help turn his ideas into action. Here's what he had to say.

After all of us have "run the good race," what is the future of our beloved Squadrons if we don't attract new members? Who will teach our outstanding courses and seminars? Who will arrange our terrific social events and meetings? Who will offer vessel safety checks to contributive significantly to care-free boating? These concerns are the driving force behind our Squadron's marketing effort.

In the late spring, our Executive Board signed off on the following plans with the caveat that recruiting new members will require all of us to pitch in:

- ★ Increase the public's knowledge of ASPS by making our videos, posters, small cards, tri-folds, and brochures more widely available.
- ★ Enhance the appeal and friendliness of our meetings.
- ★ Maximize the use of Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) as a powerful way to recruit new members.
- ★ Reinvigorate our boat show presence.
- ★ Maximize the use our educational offerings as a powerful recruiting tool

We are well on our way to actualizing our first priority:

- ★ Our Squadron brochure and Vessel Safety Check tri-fold are being up-dated.
- ★ New engaging posters are being developed.
- ★ Over 100 marine businesses and clubs have been identified. They have been divided into "pods" of three or four sites.
- ★ Early in April, all ASPS members – yes, all – will be asked to take no more than an hour to distribute brochures and posters to these sites.

We are developing detailed plans to actualize our other marketing priorities. They will continue to be built on the premise that it will take all of us to provide the future with a vibrant Power Squadron and all it does.

David Tower has surely earned the position of Member of the Year. However, he can't make his ideas come to fruition without our help. We hope you will join in to make this a banner year for Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron.

## 2025 D/5 Cruise and Rendezvous - Smith Mountain Lake Details and Reservation Information

You are invited to join us at Smith Mountain Lake for a two-part event this summer during the week of July 14-20, 2025.

### Part 1 - The Cruise

Join us as we cruise the 20,000 acres of SML on house boats. Enjoy the live-aboard life in fully equipped boats as we take in the sites and rendezvous locations around the lake. We'll board the rented boats on Monday, 14 July, and cruise together for 4 days and return ashore Thursday, the 17th. If house boats are not your thing, bring your boat, or rent a runabout of your choice, and sleep ashore.

### Part 2 - The Rendezvous

On Thursday, 17 July, our activities will move to Mariner's Landing in Huddleston, Va. This will be the center of our activities, hospitality and banquet. Mariner's Landing is a lake front condo and residential community that includes swimming and fishing areas, docks, tennis & pickle ball courts, fitness and game rooms, indoor and outdoor pools, eateries, golf and more.

### The Call to Action

July is a busy season on SML. Vacationers will soon be booking home and boat rentals and we need to get there before them. So, make the decision to join us for this event now. Then, book reservations for your choice of boats and rooms before availability becomes difficult. **Sooner is better.** Details of activities are still being developed and will be communicated as they come together. Rendezvous registration will also follow later. Sharing of boats and condo / housing is encouraged.

Parrot Cove Boat Rentals  
16441 Booker T. Washington Hwy  
(540) 721-5363

[www.parrotcove.com](http://www.parrotcove.com)

House Boats: 53' boats sleep up to 10. 39' boats sleep up to 6.

Mariner's Landing  
12263 Smith Mountain Lake Pkwy  
Huddleston, VA

[marinerslanding.com](http://marinerslanding.com)

To make reservations: Use AirBnB or VRBO. In the search line, use the address for Mariner's Landing. This will return the condos that are available plus nearby houses.

Have questions or need additional information?

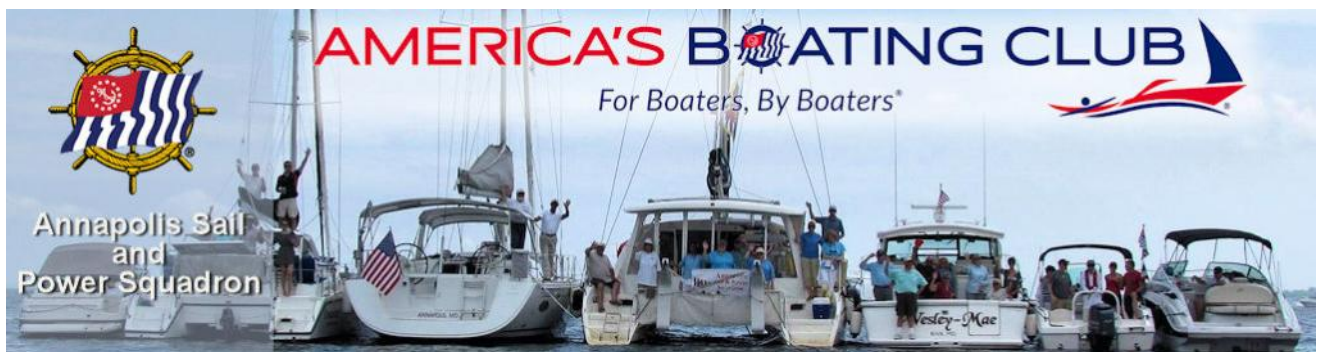
Contact Randy Stow, [SMLstow@gmail.com](mailto:SMLstow@gmail.com) or (540) 588- 0270.



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



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P/R/C Bill Eldridge, SN

### Vessel Safety Check

To arrange for a  
VSC for your boat,  
contact Bill at  
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# Calendar of Coming Events

## United States Power Squadrons® Events

### District 5 Events

- 27-30 Mar District 5 Spring Meeting in Ocean City, Maryland
- 15-20 Jul Summer Rendezvous at Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia
- 6-9 Nov Fall Educational Conference at the Doubletree Hilton in Lancaster, Pennsylvania

### Squadron Events for Annapolis

- 03 Apr ASPS Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge - Annapolis
- 05 Apr Flare Shoot - Mayo Beach Park
- 08 Apr Ladies Lunch
- 10 Apr AIS Electronics for Boaters - Zoom
- 11-13 Apr Bay Bridge Boat Show - Safe Harbor Marina
- 19 & 26 Apr America's Boating Course - Bosun's Marine
- 25-27 Apr Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show
- 01 May ASPS Dinner Meeting - Elks Lodge - Annapolis
- 15 May Hurricane Preparations - Zoom

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

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### SUNSHINE LADY

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

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## 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, AP

**Vessel Safety Chair:** P/R/C Bill 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:**

**Executive Committee:**

Susan Gilbert, S

P/Lt/C Diane Leasure

P/C Anthony Martin, JN

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:**

William Klepczynski, JN

Homer Sandridge, N

### **Nominating Committee:**

P/C Ralph Leasure, AP, Chair

P/C Bruce Arey, JN

Diane Leasure

P/C Peggy Slattery, S

P/C John Wilmot, JN-IN

### **Rules Committee:**

P/C Stu Myers, AP, Chair

P/D/C Jeff Short JN-IN

P/Lt/C Diane Leasure

### **Budget Committee:**

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