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## Commander's Message

Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

It's been so cold this winter that I am having a hard time seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. I am planning to get my boat back in the water sometime in March, which is just around the corner. However, this cold weather is making it hard to get into the boating spirit. Either way, Lorrie is threatening to put all my boat gear out on the curb if I don't get it out of our finished basement ASAP. Please get warm soon.

I'd like to mention, right up front, how thankful I am for Lee Myers. She has done so much for ASPS over the years. And still, to this day, she has worked tirelessly, in the background, to manage our merit marks. I am not sure all of us even know how we get merit marks each year. Where do they come from? Well, I can tell you, having done merit marks for the District in 2020, I know the incredible amount of work it takes to get all the information needed regarding all the individual member contributions to ASPS, and then, to go into the database and write a report on each individual member that is accurate, yet glowing enough, to pass the scrutiny of National's merit mark reviewers. She has been doing this behind-the-scenes work for years and years for ASPS and was kind enough to volunteer once again. Next time you see Lee, please take the time to thank her for her time and dedication to the members of ASPS.

We have had some wonderful general membership dinner meetings this year. Thank you to Bruce Arey for securing some wonderful speakers. Thank you to Lorrie Short for working with the Elks Club to arrange for the venue and the meals. I am witness to all the back and forth that it takes to pull off each meeting. Thank you to Gretchen Cupples, Terry Slattery, Carol Rechner and others for getting to the meetings early to greet everyone and collect the money.

Thursday night meetings in the winter are difficult to get to and it shows in the number of attendees. I am proposing that in the future, we schedule January and February meetings at a restaurant and have them Saturday or Sunday at noon. I am proposing that more of us would attend daytime meetings during the darker, colder months. Additionally, I propose that these two meetings could take place possibly in Howard County and across

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the Bay in order to make it easier for our new Rockville and Kent Narrows members to attend. These would be meetings at which you order and pay off the menu. We could still have speakers and hold a business meeting. Please, during your culinary travels, make note of venues that have a private room that would fit our needs. Let us know and we will look into it. There are many squadrons that hold their meetings in just this fashion, so I know it can be done.

March 27 to 30 is the Spring District Conference and Change of Watch in Ocean City. This meeting is a really fun time, and it is so nice in Ocean City this time of year without the crowds. It's quite a relaxing weekend. I highly recommend that you try to attend. Check out [uspsd5.org](https://uspsd5.org) for the registration form and hotel information.

The District 5 Summer Rendezvous and Council will be very unique this year. It will be held on Smith Mountain Lake. This is the same event that Marty Lafferty, Randy Stow and I planned for 2020 only to have it canceled due to COVID. I am psyched to finally see it come to fruition. You can rent a houseboat, tow your own boat down there or just stay in the condos and attend the events by land. Please, look into attending by getting info from [uspsd5.org](https://uspsd5.org). Sign-up information is also available in this issue of the Anchor Watch.

Thank you for all that you do to make ASPS a wonderful organization to be a part of.

Be safe and stay healthy.

**“What good is the warmth of summer,  
without the cold of winter to give it  
sweetness?”** **John Steinbeck**



# ASPS Dinner Meeting Thursday, February 6, 2025

Elks Lodge - 2 Pythian Drive,  
Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour

7:00 PM - Dinner

7:30 PM - Speaker - Dr. Lora Harris,  
Estuarine Ecologist, Chesapeake  
Biological Laboratory,  
University of Maryland



Meal will include: Salad,  
Shrimp Creole, Seasoned Beef Tips w/Onions,  
Cajun Rice, Steamed Broccoli,  
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, February 3, by 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.





## Dr. Lora Harris

Dr. Harris is an estuarine ecologist who applies field and modeling approaches to address important questions regarding nutrient dynamics, primary production and ecosystem structure and function in a range of estuarine ecosystems. She is especially interested in how climate and management actions interact to affect water quality characteristics in estuaries and lagoons. Some of her most recent work involves collaboration with engineers to understand the restoration trajectories of hypoxic estuaries, and the contribution of wastewater to estuarine receiving waters. Dr. Harris works closely with state and regional agencies in both a research and advisory capacity. She is committed to efforts that increase diversity in the geosciences as a founding principal investigator of Centro Tortuga, an institutional collaboration based in Puerto Rico that is focused on exposing first year undergraduates to the marine sciences. Dr. Harris is committed to community engagement in her work and takes just as much satisfaction in talking about water quality to a Board of County Commissioners as she does in giving a talk at a scientific conference. She received her B.S. from Smith College and her Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island. Dr. Harris moved to her faculty position in Maryland following a postdoctoral position at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole.



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

It's hard to believe that Spring training starts this month. I can't wait. Unfortunately, right now our 20 degree temperatures feel like the single digits, and Spring still looks like it's a long way off. Hopefully, you had a restful Holiday Season and are staying warm inside.

The Coast Guard and DNR are anticipating the need to begin ice breaking operations if the weather continues to stay cold. Ice breakers have already been sent to Selby Bay, the South River and the Bay Bridge Marina because boats could not leave due to the ice. DNR has three large ice breakers, and the Coast Guard another fleet. A number of fire departments

in the area have been using the cold weather to train their personnel on survival suit familiarity and ice rescue techniques.

Another concern for the area is the discovery of bird flu in wild geese. A number have been found dead. The flu was also discovered in large poultry operations which resulted in a large portion being culled. This is potentially huge in Maryland, as in 2023 the industry was producing \$4.4 Billion in revenue and raised 600 Million chickens. Any harvested waterfowl should be cooked to 165 degrees to kill viruses and bacteria.

It's not too early to start thinking about our next boat show. We have two in April. First is the Bay Bridge Boat Show which will be held at Safe Harbor Marina on Kent Island. The dates are 11-13 April, 2025. Next is the Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show scheduled for 25-27 April, 2025. Please consider volunteering for a time slot to work the booth and promote US Power Squadrons to the public. We are opening these shows to all squadrons in District 5 so we can spread the workload. Don't forget that you get free admission to the show on the days you volunteer. That can be a \$30.00 savings. There will be a sign up sheet available on our website under *Useful Info/Boat Shows*. Also, there are links available in *Events*. Thanks in advance.

Happy New Year!



**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!**



## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN

Our February dinner speaker will be Dr. Lora Harris from the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. In preparation for her talk please consider that science in coastal ecosystems occurs through a combination of observation, experimentation, collaboration, and application. Coastal ecosystems are dynamic and complex, encompassing wetlands, estuaries, mangroves, coral reefs, and sandy beaches. Researchers work to understand how these ecosystems function and how they respond to natural and human-induced changes.

Here's an overview of how science happens in these environments:

### 1. Field Observations and Monitoring

Scientists conduct long-term monitoring to document changes in biodiversity, water quality, and physical processes (e.g., erosion and sedimentation).

**Tools:** Remote sensing, GPS mapping, drones, underwater cameras.

**Data collected:** Species inventories, habitat conditions, salinity levels, nutrient concentrations.

### 2. Experiments and Manipulative Studies

Controlled experiments help scientists study specific processes, such as how a rise in temperature impacts coral bleaching or how invasive species affect native plant growth.

**Examples:**

Establishing plots in salt marshes to test restoration techniques.

Adding nutrients to observe their effects on algae growth (eutrophication studies).

### 3. Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Coastal science often involves collaboration between:

**Oceanographers** (study tides, currents, and nutrient cycling).

**Marine biologists** (focus on the living organisms).

**Geologists** (analyze sediment dynamics).

**Climatologists** (investigate climate change impacts like sea-level rise).

### 4. Use of Technology

Advanced tools and techniques allow for detailed analysis:

**Satellite imagery** for mapping land-use changes.

**Acoustic sensors** for studying marine life and underwater noise pollution.

**Hydrodynamic models** to simulate tidal flows and storm surges.

### 5. Community Involvement

Local communities often partner with scientists for data collection and conservation projects. Citizen science initiatives can include beach cleanups, seagrass monitoring, and bird counts.

### 6. Policy and Management Applications

Scientific findings guide conservation efforts and inform policies to:

Restore habitats (e.g., mangroves and seagrasses).



Regulate fishing practices.  
Design marine protected areas.

## 7. Climate Change Research

Coastal ecosystems are critical indicators of climate change. Scientists study:

**Carbon storage** in mangroves and salt marshes (blue carbon ecosystems).

**Sea-level rise impacts** on shorelines.

**Ocean acidification** effects on shellfish and coral reefs.

By combining diverse approaches and collaborating across disciplines, coastal ecosystem science aims to address urgent challenges while ensuring sustainable management of these vital areas.

## Boating Links to Browse

Think it has been a bit cold lately? Chesapeake Bay Magazine has a firsthand account of the [bay freeze of 1977](#).

Practical Sailor via YouTube gives us an "Anchor-Off." The CLAIMED Best Anchor in the World! Ultra vs Rocna vs Mantus Anchors.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWIGz9b7TJk>

Chesapeake Bay Magazine says The Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and William and Mary's Coastal Sciences school are leading the charge nationwide to [clean up discarded fishing gear](#) and "ghost pots" from U.S. waterways.

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

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.

**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.

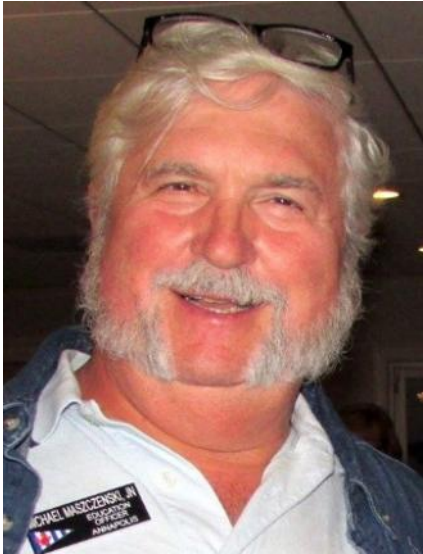


Ladies' Lunch -  
January 14, 2025  
Broadneck Grill  
We had 12 folks in  
attendance.

The food was great,  
and a lovely time  
was had by all.  
Please join us next  
month at the  
Fisherman's Inn on  
Kent Island.





**Educational Officer****Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N**

In the past year, two squadrons have ceased operations. As a result, ASPS has accepted transfer members into its ranks. A hearty welcome to members from Kent Narrows and Rockville squadrons. We have members from those squadrons who will be joining our instructor's pool. We will be planning to have instruction covering a wider area, with a hope to provide our new members the service they previously had.

In the plan, we will be offering ABC in person at Boson's Marine, Grasonville in March and April. John Locke and Joe Burke will be coordinating those offerings. The plan is also to offer more coursework via Zoom so we can cover a larger area.

We are having an instructor's meeting via Zoom on January 29th at 7:00 PM. Anyone interested in teaching or helping with a course or seminar is invited. If you have not already received an email from me on the meeting, please let me know you are interested, and I will send you the login information. Send your request to [michaelm\\_aacps@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelm_aacps@hotmail.com).

We are also planning on a virtual ABC course over Zoom.

I am also interested in people who would be interested in the Jump Start program. I need instructors interested in doing a 2 hour session, one to one, on their boat with a boat owner who would like some help with a skill, e.g. docking. Let me know if you would like to be a Jump Start Instructor. Again, send me an email of your interest: [michaelm\\_aacps@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelm_aacps@hotmail.com).

**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.

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

# Ladies! Let's Do Lunch!



**When: Tuesday, February 11, 2025  
11:30 AM**

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

**R.S.V.P. to Georgiana Maszczenski  
at [gmaszczenski@hotmail.com](mailto:gmaszczenski@hotmail.com) or (410) 739-7799  
by Monday, February 10 at 4pm.**

**SAVE THE DATE for next lunch: Tuesday, March 11**





## Safe Boating at Night

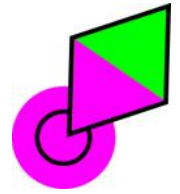
### Terry Slattery, Lord of the Electrons

You've taken guests on your boat to a waterfront restaurant and enjoyed sharing a nice relaxing dinner and a wonderful sunset. But, now you realize that you've let time slip by and it's getting dark. How do you safely get everyone back to your home slip?



Boating at night is significantly different than daytime boating. Shoreside lights can mix with navigational lights of boats and buoys. It's impossible to determine distances to objects.

In the days before GPS, night time navigation required accurate charts and the ability to correlate what the charts showed with what you could see on the water. You needed a constant awareness of your location, and the ability to identify the light signatures of lighted buoys. Today, nearly everyone carries an accurate GPS in their cell phone. You still need accurate charts, which are very affordable for download onto your phone or tablet. Automatic GPS location tracking significantly reduces the navigational workload.



It is important to take a few minutes to plan a safe route to follow from that restaurant to your home slip. The safe route should keep you away from obstacles like low bridges, unlit buoys, and shallow water. This way you're able to focus on following the pre-determined route, identifying other boat traffic, and avoiding uncharted obstacles like fish traps. In some areas you'll need to know where float-free channels exist to select a route that keeps you away from crab pot floats.

But, a safe route won't protect you from other boats. You'll need to know the light signatures of a variety of vessel types. Small sailboats tend to be poorly lit, requiring only a red/green bow light and a white stern light that's difficult to discern from shore-side white lights. Fast moving power boats are easy to identify, except potentially when they are coming straight at you and only show three bow lights (red, green, and white).



Tugs tend to be easy to identify. They are well lit and exhibit two or three vertically stacked all-around (360 degree) white lights. Two lights indicates a tug that's pushing a barge or is towing alongside, while a stack of three lights indicates that it is towing a barge more than 200 meters astern. The barge should also be lit with bow and stern lights, but these are often dim, so give any tug plenty of room. I've seen situations where the only indication of the barge was that it obscured the shore lights beyond it.

Large cargo ships can present another identification challenge. They are lit with a red/green bow lights, a white bow light, a white masthead light (above and aft of the white bow light), and a white stern light. Cruise ships are easily identified because their deck lights stay on all the time. If you boat where dredges are common, you'll need to know how to identify them, and the safe side on which to pass. If you have to

pass under bridges, learn to identify the safe channel indicator lights and be extra cautious since there is less maneuvering room.

It's a good idea to have a vessel light reference card on board to help identify different types of vessels. And, these days, there are phone apps as well. I recommend reviewing the types of lights before boating at night. A powerful flashlight or spotlight is a great safety item to have at the helm. But don't shine the light directly at another vessel, which blinds the helms-person. Instead, shine the light on your own vessel so that it is easy for the other vessel to see you.

Don't forget that you have a VHF radio. When in doubt, issue a call to the other vessel. This works best for large vessels that will be monitoring their radio. A flashlight may be best for signaling small vessels of your presence.

It's best to start in well-known waters, with short trips, and good weather. Just explore within one or two miles of your slip, and expand your range as you gain experience and confidence. You can turn the night navigation into a game with guests, asking them to look around and identify vessels and buoys. The goal is to make it safe and enjoyable.

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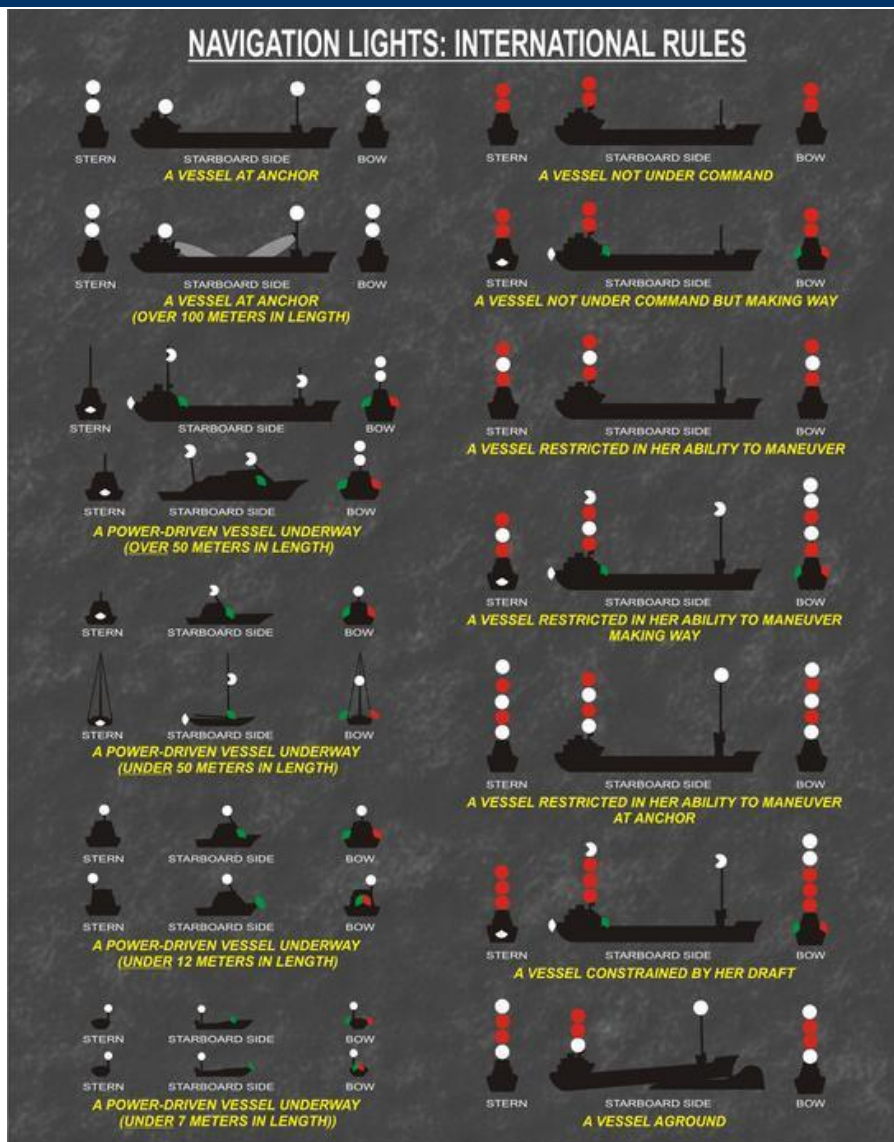
For a great set of diagrams for navigation lights, check out the following:

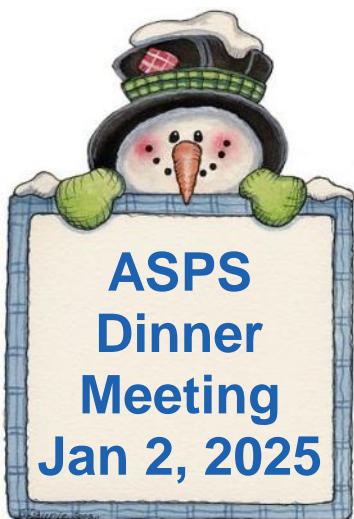
<https://sailingissues.com/navcourse10.html>

<https://sailing-blog.nauticed.org/vessel-lights-and-shapes/>

<https://www.safe-skipper.com/navigation-lights-shapes-colregs/>

Always be aware and anticipate unusual situations. Sailing south off the coast of New Jersey, just north of Cape May, our boat encountered a "fishing" vessel, which was totally dark until we were quite near. Then, they turned on a bunch of lights. I guess they did not want us to hit them. I have always wondered what they were "fishing" for.







**John Wilmot sent us these from Garrett County. Looks totally different from the time we were all there for the weekend party in August.**

**I'll bet they are looking forward to the cruise in February when they attend the USPS National Meeting in Florida.**





## The 2025-2026 ASPS Proposed Slate of Officers

### Lt/C Ralph Leasure, AP

I wish to thank all of the people who have generously volunteered their time and talents to lead Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron into the upcoming year.

Please read over the list below. This proposed slate of officers will be voted upon at the February meeting. At that time, nominations for vacant positions will be taken from the floor. New officers will be inducted at the Change of Watch brunch on Sunday, March 02 at Carrol's Creek Café in Annapolis.

#### Bridge

Commander: P/D/C Jeff Short, JN-IN  
 Executive Officer: P/C Ralph Leasure, AP  
 Administrative Officer: P/C Bruce Arey, JN  
 Asst Admin Officer: **VACANT**  
 Education Officer: St/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N  
 Asst Ed. Officer: P/C John Locke  
 Secretary: Lt/C Carol Rechner, SN  
 Asst Secretary: Lt Linda Sweeting  
 Treasurer: Lt/C Lorrie Short  
 Asst Treasurer: **VACANT**

#### Executive Committee:

Susan Gilbert, S  
 P/Lt/C Diane Leasure  
 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

#### Audit Committee:

William Klepczynski, JN  
 Homer Sandridge, N

#### Nominating Committee:

P/C Ralph Leasure, P, Chair  
 P/C Bruce Arey, JN  
 Diane Leasure  
 Peggy Slattery  
 John Wilmot

#### Rules Committee:

P/D/C Jeff Short, JN-IN  
 Diane Leasure  
 P/C Stu Meyers, AP

Please look at the list above and volunteer for any of the vacant positions. ASPS needs the support of its members if it is to continue as a viable organization. If you wish to volunteer, please contact any of the members of the nominating committee.

If you look at the last page of the Anchor Watch, you will see a number of appointed positions that are not on the list above. If you would like to volunteer for any of these, please contact any member of the bridge or executive committee and tell them that you would like to serve.



# D/5 2025 Summer Rendezvous

## Smith Mountain Lake

July 14 – 20, 2025

Houseboat Cruising  
Monday - Thursday



Mariner's Landing  
Resort  
Thursday Night -  
Sunday

Saturday Council  
Meeting and Tour  
D-Day Memorial,  
Bedford



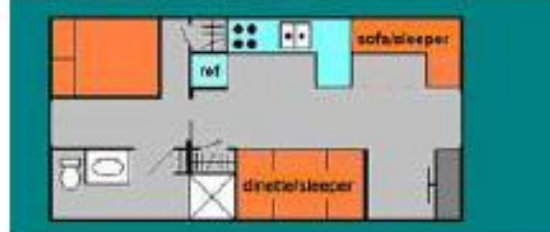
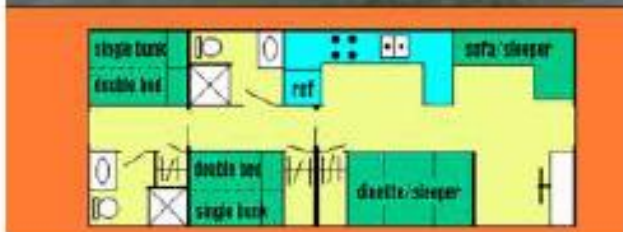


**Peak season so early reservations are a priority. We ask that you make arrangements for boats and rooms before the end of the year.**



**Parrot Cove Boat Rentals**  
 16441 Booker t. Washington Hwy  
 Moneta, Virginia  
 (540) 721-5363  
[www.parrotcove.com](http://www.parrotcove.com)

Deluxe 53 ft Sleeps 10 @ \$1980 Mon-Thu  
 Deluxe 39 ft Sleeps 6 @ \$1500 Mon-Thu  
 (note – 2024 rates)



**Mariner's Landing**  
 12263 Smith Mountain Lake Pkwy  
 Huddleston, VA  
[marinerslanding.com](http://marinerslanding.com)

On site activities include golf, pickleball & tennis courts, pools, game room, fitness center. Check their website. For the most economical reservations use AirBnB or VRBO. Make sure to search under Mariner's Landing, Huddleston, VA. Rooming with friends (perhaps your houseboat crew) will help manage the rates.

## 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?

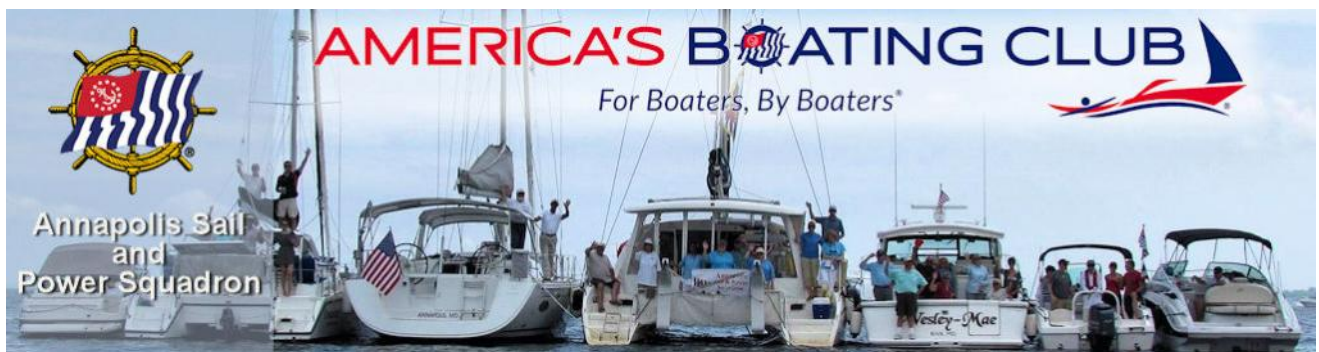
Contact Randy Stow, [SMLstow@gmail.com](mailto:SMLstow@gmail.com) or (540) 588- 0270.



Changes to your phone number, address, e-mail?  
Please contact P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN  
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  
[vsc@aspsmd.org](mailto:vsc@aspsmd.org).



## Calendar of Coming Events



[www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org)



[www.uspsd5.org](http://www.uspsd5.org)



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[Web Page](#)

### United States Power Squadrons® Events

4-7 Feb Annual meeting in Orlando, Florida

### 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

06 Feb ASPS Dinner Meeting  
11 Feb Ladies Lunch  
27 Feb Exec Board Meeting  
02 Mar COW and Founders Day Celebration - Carrol's Creek Café  
27 Mar Exec Board Meeting  
11-13 Apr Bay Bridge Boat Show - Safe Harbor Marina  
25-27 Apr Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show

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, 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

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**Executive Committee:**

Susan Gilbert, S

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