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## Commander's Message

Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

Happy New Year to you all! Here's to a fun and safe 2025 boating season.

I plan to have my boat back in the water sometime in March, but that will all depend on if the temperatures allow for bottom painting. In any event, I am looking forward to getting back out on the water as soon as possible.

We had a wonderful holiday party at Pirate's Cove in Galesville. Many of you came in bright holiday attire. The buffet was excellent, and the water view from our party room was wonderful. These events take a lot of planning and logistic work to pull off. We need to thank Peggy Slattery, Georgiana Maszczenski,

Carol Rechner, Kathy Burke, Lorrie Short and all the others who helped plan this excellent event and then pull it off without a hitch. Generous members donated \$800 to Toys for Tots. ASPS matched that amount for a total donation of \$1600, which Lorrie delivered directly into the hands of the Marine officer in charge. Remember, your donations to charities supported by ASPS go twice as far now that your ASPS Executive Committee has voted to match, dollar for dollar, your generous gifts.

Good news! As you read this in January 2025, National USPS/ABC has secured insurance coverage nearly identical to the coverage we lost on 1 Dec 2024. National announced back in October, just as the holiday party and Change of Watch season began, that we had lost our insurance coverage for all events everywhere.

What?! You didn't know that National USPS/ABC provided insurance coverage for all of our ASPS events? Our meetings, socials, and hospitality suites? Our boat shows? On the water boating training? Vessel safety checks? Well, neither did I. It never crossed my mind that we had insurance, and, even worse, that we even needed insurance.

Well, these last few months have been an education for me and a majority of squadron and district bridges around the country. National was confident they would find another company willing to provide a similar policy at an

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affordable price, but they figured it would take at least 6 months and possibly longer. In the meantime, squadron and district bridges around the country were scrambling to find their own affordable policies and/or canceling December and January holiday parties and changes of watch ceremonies. It is a real testament to the dedication and hard work of our fellow USPS volunteers at the national level that they were able to secure a replacement insurance policy, not in 6 months, but within the same WEEK that the old policy expired!

It should be mentioned that prior to 2008, squadrons had to get their own insurance policies. We have become spoiled, in a sense, in that National has covered our insurance needs for decades, to the point that most of us didn't even know we had or needed insurance. It was just always there for us. These policies are extremely expensive. Insurance is the single largest cost at National. The largest percent of your dues to National go towards the very insurance that allows us, at the local squadron level, to conduct business, have parties and provide boating safety education to our community. Thank you to National USPS/ABC for covering our backs.

ASPS will have a large representation at the National USPS/ABC Annual meeting in Orlando as well on the Caribbean cruise to follow. Join us. And, start making reservations for the Summer Council on Smith Mt Lake. This is the same event that Marty Lafferty, Randy Stow and I planned for 2020. It was to be a grand event, and I can't wait to see how it would have turned out.

Be safe out there, and stay healthy.

*"Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour."*

*Attributed to John Boswell*





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!



Our Toys for Tots program was very successful. At the holiday party, \$800 was donated, matched by another \$800 from ASPS. An ASPS member sent \$500 directly to Toys for Tots. That totals to \$2100 for the program. **Thanks to all for your generosity.**

*When you cease to make a contribution,  
you begin to die.*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*



# ASPS Dinner Meeting Thursday, January 2, 2025

Elks Lodge  
2 Pythian Drive,  
Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour

7:00 PM - Dinner

7:30 PM - Speaker -

Dr. Hali Kilbourne, University of Maryland,  
Center for Environmental Science

**Meal will include: Soup, BBQ Ribs,  
Honey Glazed Ham,  
BBQ Baked Beans, Greek Pasta Salad,  
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, 30 December, 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.**





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

It's the Holiday Season. I hope all are well and enjoying the festivities associated with the holidays. Our holiday party was a success thanks to the hard work of Georgiana & Mike Maszczenski and others. The Santa's gift exchange was a hoot. Thanks to all that contributed to the festive atmosphere and to the contest winners. And, of course, to Pirate's Cove for the perfect venue.

I want to add a special thank you to David Tower for organizing our scattered thoughts into a legitimate marketing plan for the squadron. Dave has even submitted a budget for the expenses of updating our efforts.

Hopefully, every member will take some ownership of the plan and contribute to its success.

It's good news to hear that National was able to secure insurance to replace the plan that was lost. They did it well before they thought they could. It means that things like boat shows and other events will be covered as in the past.

The new iMIS computer system is up and running. Please get on and make a new sign in if you haven't already done so.

Special thanks are also warranted for Lee Myers for being our Merit Mark Chairperson. Lee has navigated the new system and has submitted her recommendations for Merit Marks for the squadron for the year. Thanks for tackling a hard job... Well Done.

Thanks to all the bridge members that have agreed to stay on in their current positions. It represents strength and consistency for the squadron.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

I can't wait to see you in the new year.

Ralph Leasure, AP

Executive Officer





## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Bruce Arey, JN

Our January dinner meeting speaker will be Hali Kilbourne, PhD, Associate Research Professor, University of Maryland, Center for Environmental Science. She will be talking about “Climate Change: Putting Today's Changes in the Context of Earth's History.” Yes, the impacts of climate change are happening now! The Chesapeake Bay area is highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change, particularly due to its low-lying geography, extensive shoreline, and reliance on natural ecosystems. Here are a few notable locations experiencing significant impacts:

### 1. Tangier Island, Virginia

**Impact:** Tangier Island is rapidly disappearing due to sea level rise and erosion. The island has lost over two-thirds of its landmass since 1850 and is projected to become uninhabitable within a few decades without major intervention.

**Cause:** Rising sea levels combined with land subsidence (the region is sinking due to natural and human-induced factors).

**Consequences:** Threatened homes, loss of infrastructure, and displacement of its residents.

### 2. Norfolk, Virginia

**Impact:** Norfolk experiences frequent flooding due to rising sea levels and storm surges, even during high tides ("sunny day flooding").

**Cause:** A combination of global sea level rise and local land subsidence.

**Consequences:** Damage to property, roads, and the local economy, as well as impacts on naval operations at the Norfolk Naval Base.

### 3. Eastern Shore of Maryland

**Impact:** Coastal marshes and wetlands in places like Dorchester County are being inundated, threatening critical habitats for wildlife.

**Cause:** Sea level rise and erosion.

**Consequences:** Loss of biodiversity and increased vulnerability to storm surges and flooding.

### 4. Annapolis, Maryland

**Impact:** The city faces recurrent flooding, which disrupts local businesses, especially around the historic downtown area.

**Cause:** Higher water levels due to sea level rise and more intense rainfall events.

**Consequences:** Increased costs for flood mitigation and recovery efforts.

### 5. Smith Island, Maryland

**Impact:** Similar to Tangier Island, Smith Island is losing land due to rising waters and erosion.

**Cause:** Sea level rise and land subsidence.

**Consequences:** Shrinking landmass and cultural loss for the island's small, historic community.

### 6. Baltimore, Maryland

**Impact:** Urban flooding and increased stormwater runoff are becoming more frequent.

**Cause:** More intense storms and rising sea levels.

**Consequences:** Damage to infrastructure, including roads and buildings, and public health concerns due to polluted floodwaters.

## 7. Hampton Roads, Virginia

**Impact:** This area is among the most vulnerable in the U.S. to sea level rise, with frequent flooding affecting homes, businesses, and military installations.

**Cause:** Sea level rise, land subsidence, and more severe storms.

**Consequences:** Economic losses, property damage, and challenges for the region's significant military presence.

### Regional Impacts on the Chesapeake Bay

**Water Quality:** Warmer temperatures and increased rainfall are contributing to algal blooms, hypoxia (low oxygen levels), and a decline in water quality.

**Ecosystems:** Coastal habitats and species, such as blue crabs and oysters, are struggling to adapt to the changing conditions.

**Agriculture:** Farmland near the bay is experiencing saltwater intrusion, reducing its productivity.

Efforts to address these issues include climate adaptation strategies like restoring wetlands, constructing living shorelines, and implementing flood resilience measures.



Dr. Kali Kilbourne is a Research Associate Professor with the University of Maryland center for Environmental Science, at the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory campus. Before coming to Southern Maryland, Dr. Kilbourne was a visiting professor at McDaniel College and held a prestigious U.S. National Research Council postdoctoral position in which she worked with the Climate Diagnostics Group of the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration Earth System Research Laboratory. She obtained her undergraduate training in Geology from Smith College and graduate training in Marine Science from the University of South Florida. Her research focuses on

understanding the climate of the last 2000 years to provide context for modern changes and to improve our understanding of climate systems processes driving climate variability. Such information can help us improve climate models used for predicting future climate change by providing datasets of historical climate variability for data-model comparison.



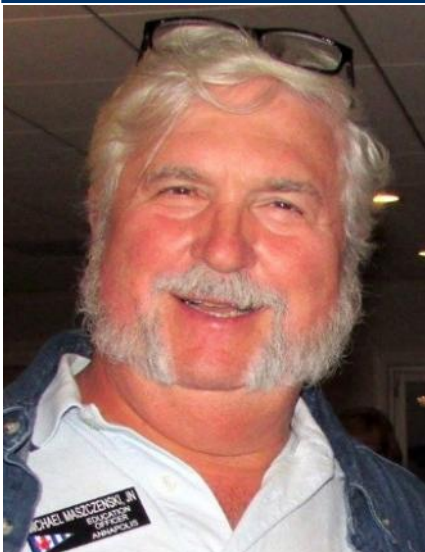
Ladies' Lunch - December 10, 2024  
Libby's Coastal Kitchen - Kent Island  
We had 12 folks in attendance.



The food was great,  
and a lovely time  
was had by all.  
Please join us next  
month at the  
Broad Neck Grill.





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

Happy New Year from the Education Committee!

The radar course just finished, and all who took the course passed. Congratulations to: Elizabeth Fortunato, Gary Armstrong, Dana Stoffregen, Terry Slattery and John O'Reilly. The education committee is working on scheduling some seminars and courses. Please send any request to [edofficer@aspsmd.org](mailto:edofficer@aspsmd.org).

There is some good info at the ABC News and Information pages- if you haven't visited, please check it out.

[Americas Boating Club News and Information](#)

For all the photographers out there The Ensign magazine is having an photo contest. For more information and to send in your entry:

[The Ensign Photo Contest](#)

**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.

An advertisement for ASPS Logo apparel. The background is white with a pattern of blue snowflakes. In the center, three people are shown wearing zip-up jackets: a man in a blue jacket, a woman in a purple jacket, and a man in a green jacket. The text "ASPS Logo apparel" is written in green, and the URL "http://asps.qbstores.com" is written in blue below it.

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

# Ladies! Let's Do Lunch!



January

When: Tuesday, January 14, 2025  
11:30 AM

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

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

R.S.V.P. to Georgiana Maszczenski  
at [gmaszczenski@hotmail.com](mailto:gmaszczenski@hotmail.com) or (410) 739-7799  
by Monday, January 13 at 4pm.

SAVE THE DATE for next lunch: Tuesday, February 11.





## Raft-Up Etiquette

### Terry Slattery, Lord of the Electrons

On-the-water raft-ups can pose a variety of safety problems, some related to personal injury and others due to contact between boats. I'll share some of these problems and how we address them on Lux, our Leopard 40 catamaran.

#### What is a raft-up?

Raft-ups are where two or more boats are tied side-by-side, forming a string of boats. One or more boats will deploy an anchor to hold the raft in place. It is important that the larger boats be selected as an "anchor boat". A single anchor boat may be all that's needed for a five-boat raft-up in settled weather with little current predicted. Larger raft-ups will require more than one anchor boat.



In some instances the string of boats is modified to form a circle. In this case, at least four boats become anchor boats in the form of a big X with each anchor boat forming a leg. The non-anchor boats fill in the spaces between the anchor boats. Large circle raft-ups may require more anchor boats and always require a lot of coordination between participating boats.

#### Personal Safety

The most critical safety issues are those dealing with the safety of the crews. If two boats are going to hit, try to deploy a fender between them to cushion the contact. If that's not possible, don't try to use your arm or foot to fend off. There is real risk that you will have a crushed or broken limb from two boats weighing hundreds or thousands of pounds making contact. It's better to write a repair check than to deal with a medical situation.

Pay attention to the alignment of boats and their relative deck heights. You should avoid situations where some of the crew members have problems crossing from one vessel to the next as well as negotiating the decks of unfamiliar neighboring boats. We've found a portable step that can be rigged at our boarding gates to provide a more friendly step up if a boat with lower decks is tied to Lux.

#### Vessel Safety

Fenders are your friend. Use as many as you need to keep the boats from rubbing on each other. Tradition is that an approaching boat deploys its fenders and lines. This way it is easy to identify which equipment belongs to a vessel departing a raft.

Each boat will need four lines: bow, stern, and two springs. Avoid using short lines between cleats on two adjacent boats. Use long lines to allow for some elastic stretch between boats as wakes and waves rock the

raft. Any waves that rock the raft may result in one of those cleats being pulled out or other similar damage. It may be best to extend a stern line across neighboring boats to a cleat farther away in order to provide enough length.

When rafting sailboats, make sure that their masts are staggered so that a wake from a passing boat doesn't cause rocking that results in the masts making contact with each other.

Use the VHF radio to communicate with the raft-up captain to learn where you'll raft-up. You can then prepare your fenders and lines. Approach the assigned location with about six feet of space between your boat and the raft. Six feet is close enough to easily pass lines yet far enough to provide maneuvering room without colliding. You're not parking a car in a marked parking space, so leave that space and avoid a boat repair bill. Note that wind and current may make the raft shift as you're approaching, so take that into account. Stop your boat when even with the raft and pass lines over. The raft-up vessel's crew will pull your boat over and secure lines.

### **Departing the Raft-Up Safely**

Departing a raft-up also has some procedures to follow. First, don't disconnect from the raft-up if there's still a boat connected to your boat. When this happens, mass confusion and collisions are common.

Identify which lines are not carrying a load and drop them first. There will likely be one line that has most of the load, should there be wind or current. It will be the last one to untie. Once untied, it is often best to reverse away from the raft, which may seem counter-intuitive. Backing away keeps you away from anchor rode that are ahead of the anchor boats. The wind and current also works in your favor (which may not be true if you're in a circle raft). Also, consider that going forward restricts the maneuvers you can do without your boat's stern swinging and hitting the raft.



Made those ever so ethereal and fleeting breakable New Year's resolutions yet? Here's a suggestion, steeped in history, from our Founding Father, courtesy of Wikipedia. - Editors



*Rule 1: Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present.*



*Rule 65: Speak not injurious words, neither in jest nor earnest; scoff at none though they give occasion.*



*From a handwriting exercise done by George Washington*



## Boating Links to Browse



The latest issue of the District 5 Newsletter is available. It has information and registration forms for the Spring conference in Ocean City.

<https://www.uspsd5.org/squadrons/6243/mark5.pdf>

Chesapeake Bay Magazine has some great suggestions for [winter get-aways](#) at several places on the bay. Looking for a perfect weekend retreat. Try one of these.

Chesapeake Bay Magazine has news about a [new wildlife refuge in southern Maryland](#).

Chesapeake Bay Magazine has an article about the [Coast Guard's sailing vessel, Eagle](#). Click to see a fab photo of it going under the bay bridge, even if you do not read the rest of it.

Practical Sailor gives us an interesting [youtube video](#) about sailboat drones that are doing all kinds of work all over the oceans of our planet.

Practical Sailor gives us an interesting [youtube video](#) about removing scratches and scuffs from your fiberglass boat, - cooktop polishers. Who knew?

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

**Celestial Tools** - Download the latest version of this application to gain access to the new features and ensure the most accurate results. For those familiar with the application, you can [download](#) it directly. You will need to log into the national website.

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















## 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

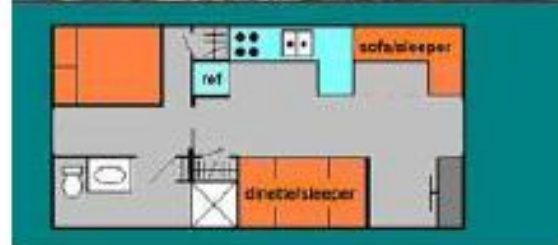
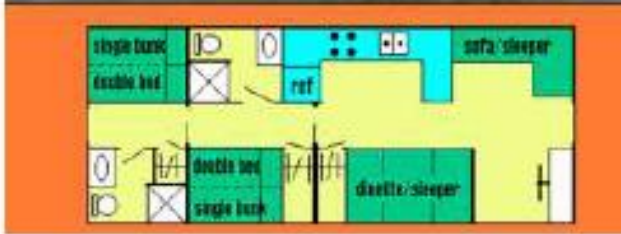


**Peak season so early reservations are a priority. We ask that you make arrangements for boats and rooms before the end of the year.**



**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, **certainly before year end. 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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[facebook@aspsmd.org](mailto:facebook@aspsmd.org).



P/R/C Bill Eldridge, SN

### Vessel Safety Check

To arrange for a  
VSC for your boat,  
contact Bill at  
[vsc@aspsmd.org](mailto:vsc@aspsmd.org).



## Calendar of Coming Events



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



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



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

### 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

02 Jan ASPS Dinner Meeting

14 Jan Ladies Lunch

23 Jan Exec Board Meeting

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

For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

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



America's  
Boating Club/  
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[Web Page](#)

### 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**Asst Treasurer:****Executive Committee:**

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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:**

William Klepczynski, JN

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:**

P/C Stu Myers, AP, Chair

P/D/C Jeff Short JN-IN

P/Lt/C Diane Leasure

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P/D/C Jeff Short, Chair

Lt/C Lorrie Short

P/C Ralph Leasure, P

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**Information Technology Contact:**

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN

**ASPS Facebook Editors:**

P/C Kathy Nash, AP

P/C John Wesley Nash, SN-IN



**Anchor Watch**  
**Deadline for February Newsletter:**  
**Sunday, January 19, 2024**  
 Direct all material to:  
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[anchorwatch@aspsmd.org](mailto:anchorwatch@aspsmd.org)