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Commander's Message Cdr Ralph Leasure, S

Now that the snowblower is put away, we can start to focus on the boating season. I'm looking forward to the Bay Bridge Boat Show and The Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show. Please look at the website or Anchor Watch to sign up to work the booth for a few hours, and of course, admission is free for you.

I'd like to acknowledge and once again welcome our new members, Melissa Trotman, David Cessor-Culver and George Dobrescu, who were sworn in at the April dinner meeting. I also want to recognize our new transfer member from Potomac, Joe Manchester. Welcome, Joe.

Jennifer Balducci from One Physical Therapy & Wellness in Annapolis gave an interesting and informative presentation on "Stretching in Small Places." Hopefully, it will motivate me to get more active. I did manage to get some golf in last week as we visited with Diane's siblings on Pawley's Island, SC.

On a personal note, this was our first time at a District 5 meeting (Ocean City). It was an enjoyable experience. Not only did we meet many people and have a great time, but the educational sessions were very well done. The dinner meeting and Change of Watch were exceptional. Our very own John Wilmot was part of the Honor Guard as well as our friends, the Gormans. Once again, I want to thank all of those who were involved with putting together the centerpieces, running the 50/50 and the raffle. Diane was delighted to have won the MacKenzie Doll that Carol Rechner, Georgiana Maszczenski and Peggy Slattery spent so much time on. I think there were 27 outfits that were handmade for the doll. By the way, our granddaughter's name is MacKenzie. Special thanks also to Mike Maszczenski, who was elevated to the bridge of District 5 as Assistant Educational Officer. Also, thank you to Jeff and Lorrie Short, without whose help we wouldn't have had a successful hospitality suite. Those that attended enjoyed a beach atmosphere, Beach Boys music and a variety of decorations; not to mention a well stocked entertainment area.

As I understand the issue, the reorganizational efforts at the National level have now dropped the idea of eliminating Districts. This seems appropriate after the strength I saw exhibited by District 5 at the recent meeting. Let's keep the momentum going by focusing on acquiring new members for our squadron.

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Administrative Officer

Lt/C Susan Gilbert, S

As I write this, my window is busy trying to divert me. It is one of those beautiful spring days that tells us boating season is almost here. Currently, it is sunny with a promise of 70°. Of course, at this time of year, that won't last for many days. However, it is a reminder that those pesky spring boating chores need to be done! It's time to start putting boating days on the calendar seriously.

While you do your boating season planning, don't forget us! Our dinner meeting this month focuses on boating safety from the viewpoint of an experienced tow boat operation. Sarah Lawrence and Mary Gilmer of Tow Jamm Marine/Tow Boat US Kent Narrows and Knapps Narrows

will speak about their experience in the field of the towing and salvage business, an unusual job for women.

We'll also start our on-the-water activities with our annual trek out to see the Blue Angels on 24 May. It's a great rendezvous on the water featuring an amazing air show. Make sure your boat is ready to join us.



We're looking into a variety of activities for this summer and fall. We're interested in what you would like to see us do. We need your ideas – **and** your time! Activities don't run themselves. We need volunteers to suggest the events, plan the events, and work the events. You could fit in anywhere that suits your schedule and your interests. Contact me to get more involved. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Double Overhand Knot

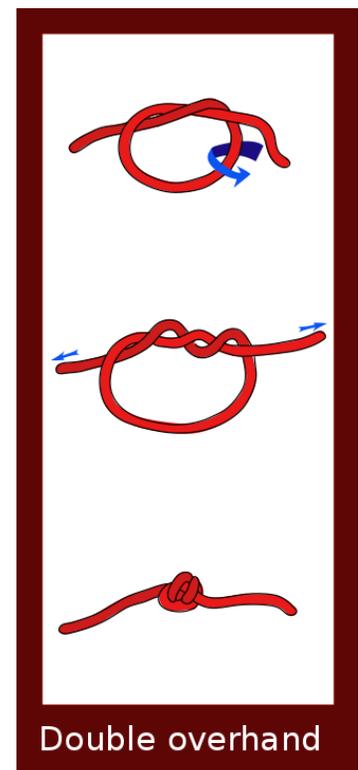
Last month we looked at the figure eight stopper knot. Here is another stopper knot. This one is super easy to tie. It is an overhand knot where the bitter end is passed through the loop a second time before tightening.

There are other stopper knots that you might like to try, such as the **estar**.

To see them tied, go to:

<https://www.animatedknots.com/boating-knots>

Hint: If you want a bigger knot, try passing the bitter end through the loop a third or fourth time before tightening.



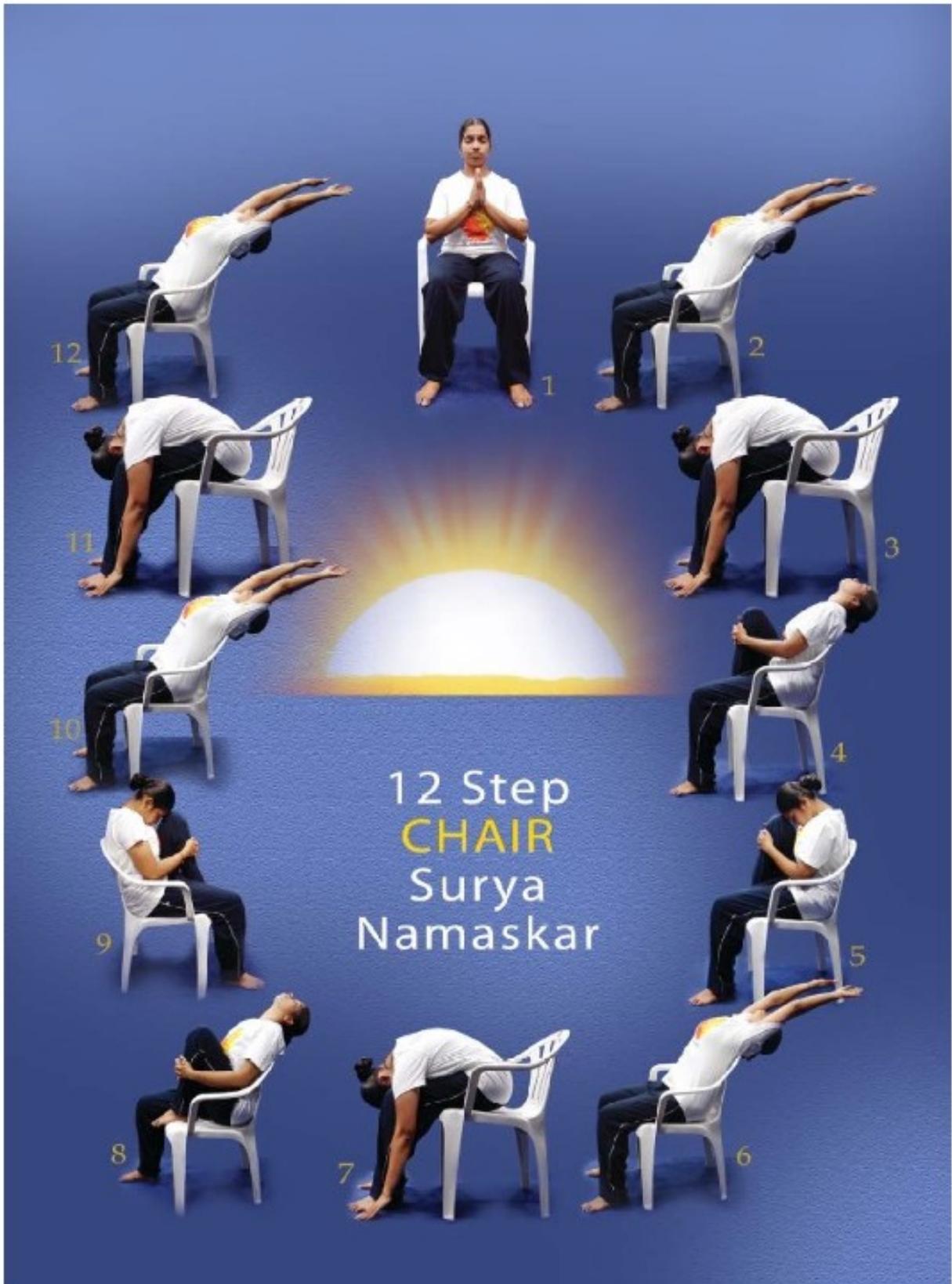
**Dinner Meeting
April 7, 2022**

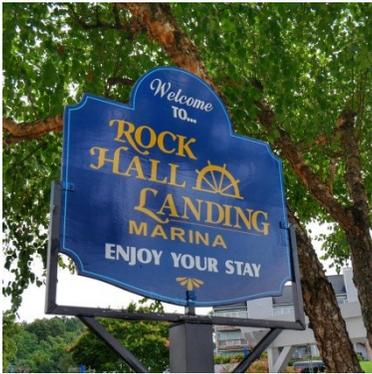
Cdr Ralph Leasure
inducted new members.



Then, our speaker for the evening, Jennifer Balducci, showed us how to exercise in small spaces.

In case you forgot how to do the small space exercises demonstrated at the dinner, Jeff Short sent us the Sun Salutation, done in a chair. Others will follow in a future issue of the AW.





America's Boating Club® Mid-Atlantic District 5 Summer Council 2022

Warmer weather is coming. Now that COVID issues are waning, we have the opportunity to enjoy our boats and rendezvous with other members in a cruise on July 28-31, 2022. It's the USPS District 5 Summer Conference in Rock Hall, Maryland.

We are seeking contact data for members who wish to participate. Tentatively, we have boats that will rendezvous in Baltimore, then cruise to Annapolis, then Kent Narrows, before arriving in Rock Hall via the Chester

River on July 28th. Boats cruising from the North can join in Baltimore. Those from southern locations could join in Annapolis or Kent Narrows.

If you think you might be interested in attending, we would like to know. Please complete and send the following information to the cruise planning committee listed below. We will identify rendezvous locations with available slips to accommodate all boats.

Joseph (Joe) Gibson, District 5 Administrative Officer

Cruise Planning Committee -
Ralph Bernard (rb3513@comcast.net)
Joe Gibson (joe@joesboat.org).

2022 Summer Cruise Registration

Name: _____

Boat Name: _____

Home Port _____

Length _____

Beam _____

Power / Sail _____

Daily cruise distance _____

Just want to join us at Rock Hall?

We will be meeting at Rock Hall Landing Marina. Please call 410-639-2224 to make slip reservations. Be sure to mention the United States Power Squadrons District 5 event so they know to use some of the reserved slips for our event. **Do not book online for this event!** The slip rate is \$2.75 per foot. Single electric is \$8.50 and double is \$17.00.

Not planning on boating in?

There is a small motel on the grounds of the marina called Mariner's Motel. It only has 12 rooms, and they book up fast. The rate is \$205 per night plus taxes. Call 410-639-2224 to book a room.

There are also other motels in Rock Hall. You can also check AirBnB and VRBO to rent various properties.

No matter how you choose to get there, we hope to see you at Summer Council in Rock Hall, MD.





Vessel Safety Check

1st/Lt Patrick McGeehan, P

In 2021, ASPS did 296 Vessel Safety Checks.

They are an extension of our boating courses and seminars. They connect us directly with boaters, one-to-one. While we cover a checklist of safety features to verify compliance with state and USCG requirements, we engage in conversation about:

◆ how to use a fire extinguisher, ◆ how and when to use visual distress signals, ◆ use of a marine radio including making a distress call, ◆ the difference between mayday, pan-pan, and securité, ◆ PFDs for children, ◆ and on and on. We help them to be better and safer boaters. And, there is a lot we can learn from the variety of vessels we check, and from the boaters, as they share their knowledge and experience.

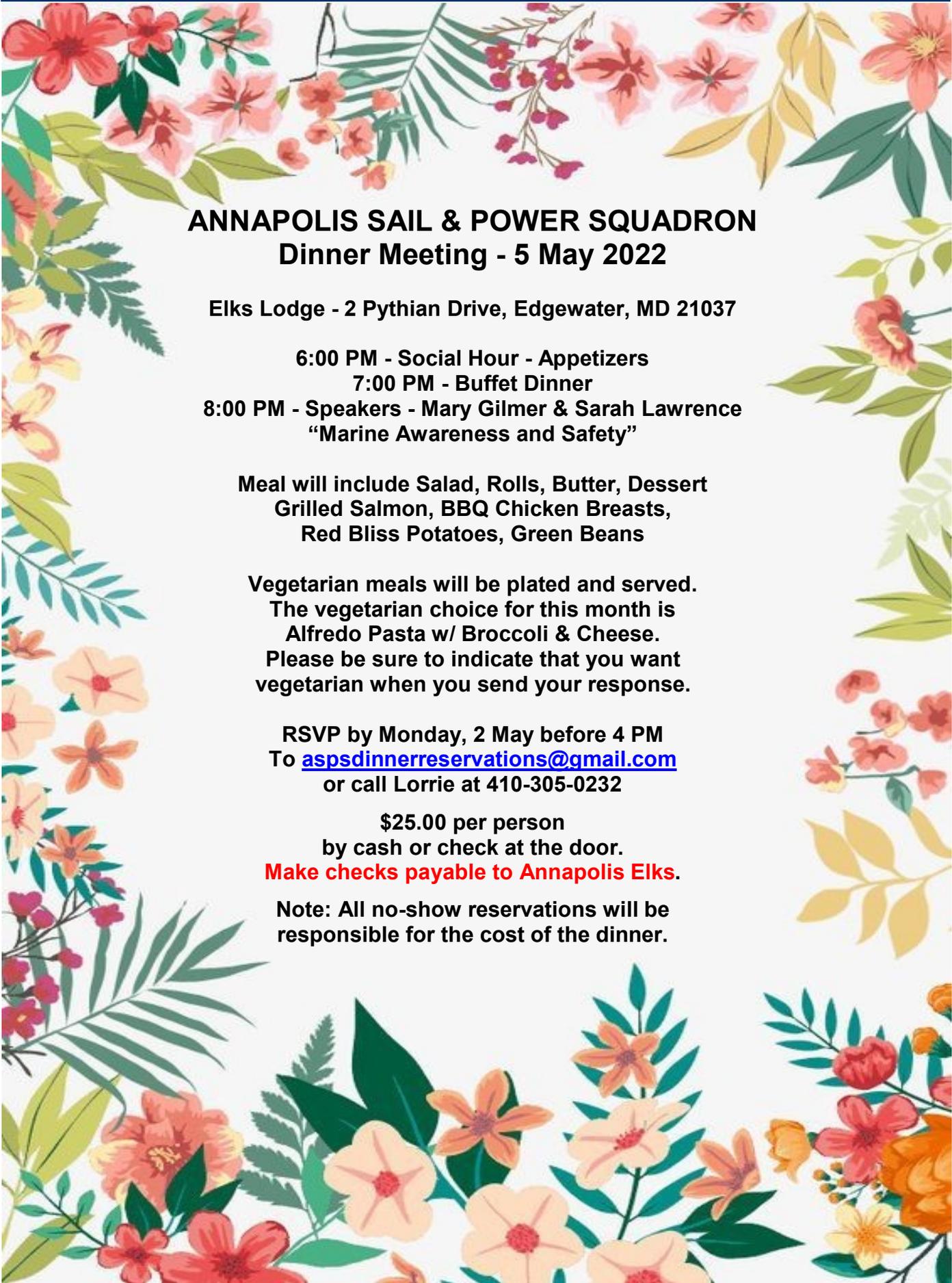
Be a Vessel Safety Examiner. Check out this hyperlink on the USPS site for more details: [Be A VSC Ambassador \(usps.org\)](https://www.usps.org). You can find the practice test at this hyperlink: [2021 Vessel Safety Check Practice Test \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com).

To arrange for a VSC for your boat, contact Patrick at vsc@aspsmd.org.



Get an ASPS logo jacket from
<http://asps.qbstores.com>





ANNAPOLIS SAIL & POWER SQUADRON Dinner Meeting - 5 May 2022

Elks Lodge - 2 Pythian Drive, Edgewater, MD 21037

6:00 PM - Social Hour - Appetizers

7:00 PM - Buffet Dinner

8:00 PM - Speakers - Mary Gilmer & Sarah Lawrence
"Marine Awareness and Safety"

Meal will include Salad, Rolls, Butter, Dessert
Grilled Salmon, BBQ Chicken Breasts,
Red Bliss Potatoes, Green Beans

Vegetarian meals will be plated and served.
The vegetarian choice for this month is
Alfredo Pasta w/ Broccoli & Cheese.
Please be sure to indicate that you want
vegetarian when you send your response.

RSVP by Monday, 2 May before 4 PM
To aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com
or call Lorrie at 410-305-0232

\$25.00 per person
by cash or check at the door.
Make checks payable to Annapolis Elks.

Note: All no-show reservations will be
responsible for the cost of the dinner.

Dinner Meeting
Speakers for
May 5, 2022



Sarah Lawrence, Dispatch and Marketing



Mary Gilmer, Owner and Dispatch

Marine Awareness and Safety

Sarah Lawrence and Mary Gilmer will speak about their experiences and challenges in the field of the towing and salvage business – an unusual job for women. They will also share how their work in the industry led them to become active in the promotion of safe boating and environmental stewardship.

This melding of career and caring also led to their involvement with Hannah's Marine Awareness, a non-profit that works to raise awareness about tides, weather, and safe boating practices. You will learn about the tragic event that led to the beginning of this non-profit, and you'll hear how Tow Jamm Marine works closely with them to support safe boating practices.





Boating Links to Browse

After 35 days, the **NE**ver Forward was pulled out of the mud. Watch the video.
<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/video-ever-forward-now-unstuck-to-resume-norfolk-port-call/>

The Dove was the sailing ship that brought the first colonists to Maryland. For the last 5 years, a reproduction was being built at the Maritime Museum in St. Michaels. [Watch the splash for this new vessel.](#)

Is chafing a problem on your boat? From Practical Sailor, more than you ever needed to know about [products](#) that hold up well in a chafing situation.

Do you have a motor in your boat that does not do well with ethanol? Watch out!
<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/high-ethanol-gas-coming-back-due-to-gas-price-spike/>

Peggy and Terry Slattery & LUX appear in the latest video on America's Boating Channel. This one is all about the new fire extinguisher rules from the Coast Guard.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mj0bFyfWV08>

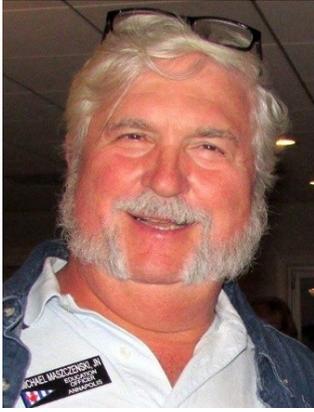
Here's a place to take the grandkids when they visit this summer - a tall ship docked in Washington, D.C.
<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/tall-ship-providence-to-spend-season-at-dcs-district-wharf/>

From Practical Sailor, choosing the best bottom paint for your boat.
<https://www.practical-sailor.com/boat-maintenance/choosing-a-bottom-paint>
And here is a discussion about [copper bottom paint](#).

For trip ideas in the Chesapeake Bay area:
<https://www.findyourchesapeake.com/trip-ideas/article/featured-tips-this-week>
This site changes frequently. Bookmark it and return on a regular basis for all sorts of activities in the area.

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





Educational Officer

Lt/C Michael Maszczenski, Jr., N

Currently, we have 21 students in the America's Boating Course. They will be given the information they need to legally operate a recreational vessel in Maryland Waters. If you missed this course, keep an eye on the Anchor Watch for additional offerings of this course.

We will be wrapping up our spring program with the Basic Weather Seminar. There is large amounts of weather data available to the mariner today: local broadcasts, apps, and marine weather (NOAA). Knowledge of what information is available helps you stay safe on the water. Don't miss your chance to know

more.

As always, remember the America's Boating Club has been building a large catalog of online courses seminars and webinars for your personal boating education. Look here for information:

[HTTPS://AMERICASBOATINGCLUB.ORG/LEARN/ONLINE-BOATING-EDUCATION](https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/online-boating-education)

Basic Weather Forecasting Seminar

Date: Tuesday - May 17, 2022 - 7PM - one session

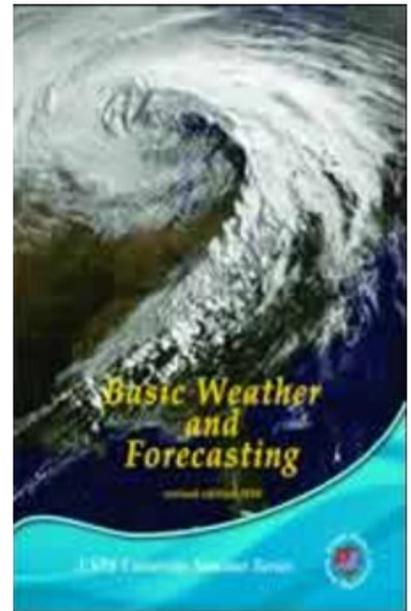
Place: Zoom - Login directions given prior to class

Cost: Everyone \$10.00, plus an additional optional \$20.00 for nonmember registration with USPS.

Don't let bad weather ruin your day! Learn to forecast and predict the weather. Learn to recognize the early signs of changing weather; how to anticipate storms, squalls, fog, and wind shifts; and become familiar with basic weather elements and how they affect your boating experience.

What's included?

- ★ What causes weather
- ★ How weather systems move
- ★ Why winds blow
- ★ What clouds tell us
- ★ How storms and fronts create foul weather
- ★ Why fog forms
- ★ Where to get the best professional forecasts
- ★ How to refine them using your own observations



Do you have something you would like to present to a group of boaters? I am always looking for someone to share their expertise in a subject of interest to boaters. If you would like to present a seminar, course, or become an America's Boating Club certified Instructor, let's talk. Contact me at michaelm_aacps@hotmail.com or call 410-739-7800.

Registration for All ASPS Sponsored Courses

ASPS needs 10 participants to present a course or seminar. Please register as soon as possible. Materials must be ordered, and materials pick-up arranged. [Click Here to Register](#) or email michaelm_aacps@hotmail.com, or call 410-739-7800. If you do not get an answer, please leave voice mail with contact information. When registered, you will receive an email confirmation. Other information and directions will be emailed as the start date for the course or seminar approaches.



Other local squadrons' activities are available to ASPS members.
Information for Nearby Squadrons:

America's Boating Club Kent Narrows

Schedule of tentative courses and seminars; all but ABCIII will be over Zoom.

Free Boating Seminars!

Improve your boating skills by attending our seminars! Just log onto <https://americasboatingclub.org> and go to "Learn." Find the seminar you are seeking, and you can sign up for it. All seminars are via Zoom and are free.

- ★ May 3 - Confidence in Docking and Undocking
- ★ May 10 - Boating with Confidence
- ★ May 17 - Anchoring with Assurance
- ★ May 24 - Emergencies on Board
- ★ May 31 - Knots and Line Handling
- ★ June 14 - Using a Marine Compass
- ★ October 22 - Winterization

Download their newsletter for latest info and registration information:

Website and Newsletter: [America's Boating Club of Kent Narrows](https://americasboatingclub.org)

To register for ABC Kent Narrows courses go to [USPS.org](https://usps.org) or email Patty Eney ABCKN.edu@gmail.com or call 773-351-2403.

Rockville Sail and Power Squadron: www.abcrockville.org

America's Boating Club Baltimore: <https://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-dk>

Member Benefits

Traveling This Spring? Save on a Rental Car!

Traveling this spring? Use your USPS member-only savings and enjoy additional perks by enrolling in Avis Preferred or Budget Fastbreak. You'll earn rewards and bypass the counter for an expedited rental experience with Avis. Your next great memory awaits! Members save up to 35% off base rates.

Email: [James M. Milton](mailto:James.M.Milton)

Read more: http://bit.ly/usps_avis



I must go down to the seas again, to
the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star
to steer her by,
And the wheel's kick and the wind's
song and the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face,
and a grey dawn breaking.

John Masefield, English Poet





ASPS Raft Up

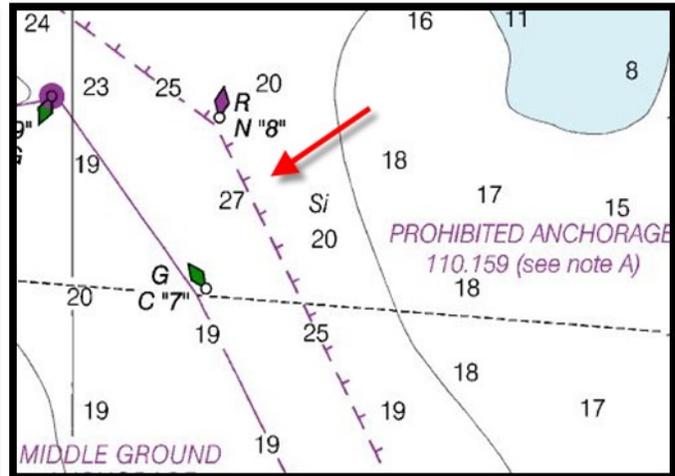
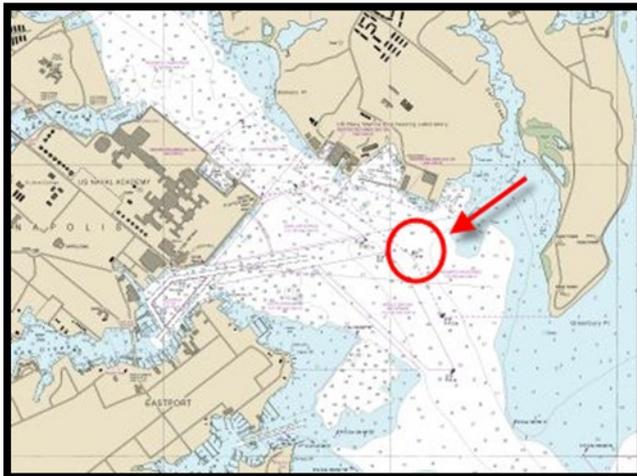
The Blue Angels Rehearsal Day

Tuesday, 24 May 2022

Severn River – Annapolis

38° 58.660' N - 76° 27.875' W

There is no better way to see these elite Navy pilots perform than on the water.



Boats will begin rafting-up at 1000 between Greenbury & Horn Points.

(Outside of Air Show Flight Safety Box - West End)

Plan to bring your own lunch and drinks.

Please plan on bringing a treat—appetizers, dessert, or snacks
to share with other boats.

RSVP attendance only to admin@aspsmd.org

By Saturday, 21 May

Some boats may be asked to set an anchor before joining the raft.

**There will be a mandatory ZOOM meeting
on Monday evening, 23 May for all who wish to join the raft.**



Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron – America's Boating Club Wilmot's Water World - Aug 12 - Aug 14

Join Betty and John Wilmot for a fun weekend at
Deep Creek Lake, 104 Hawthorne Lane, Oakland, MD 21550



Friday, August 12

- ★ Drive to Deep Creek Lake (about 200 miles from Annapolis)
- ★ Arrive at Betty's house by noon if you would like to try WHITE WATER RAFTING (Call Betty @ 301-616-6609 to arrange a reservation.)
- ★ Come to Betty's house by 5 pm for burgers, hot dogs, and drinks on the back deck.

Dinner- # _____ @\$20.00=\$ _____

Saturday, August 13

- ★ Morning - Arrive at Betty's house about 10 am
- ★ Paddle board & kayak races till noon.
- ★ Lunch – by the Host
- ★ Afternoon – water skiing, boat rides, and yard games.
- ★ If you would like a water ski lesson, we can arrange a lesson with Greg Rouse (Betty's son owns the water ski school) or
- ★ Betty will take you for a ski ride behind her Malibu ski boat or
- ★ John will take you for a tour of Deep Creek Lake on the new pontoon boat.
- ★ Evening: barbecue ribs with drinks and all the trimmings

Dinner- # _____ @\$20.00=\$ _____

Sunday, August 14

- ★ Coffee and Donuts on the deck – Coffee & Donuts – by the Host
- ★ or hike at Swallow Falls State Park
- ★ or Leave for home.

WE HAVE RESERVED 10 ROOMS AT THE GARRETT INN, OAKLAND, MD

Friday (August 12) and Saturday (August 13) 2 nights - (price tbd- for both nights - incl. taxes)
2 Q beds/room. **Deadline** - if you plan to attend and for room reservations **Aug 1, 2022**

If you want a house rental - Call Railey [866-544-3223](tel:866-544-3223) or Taylor-Made at [301-387-4700](tel:301-387-4700)
Some houses have 5 bedrooms, rent for 3 days only and cost between \$1700 and \$2100

Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

Mail check for **dinners** to Betty Rouse,
104 Hawthorne Lane, Oakland, MD 21550 301-616-6609.





Building Boat Handling Skills

Lord of the Electrons, Terry Slattery, Safety Officer

Spring is here, and we're getting our boats ready for the new year. You should also be using those cold, rainy spring days to refine your boat handling knowledge. One way to increase your knowledge is to watch some of the YouTube videos regarding boat handling. You'll pick up different techniques from different sources. There are basic tutorials and examples of expert boat handling as well as failures. Pay particular attention to scenarios that give you trouble and look for useful tips. You can then apply that knowledge on nicer days on the water to improve your maneuvering skills.

General skills

General skills apply to any vessel, regardless of type and propulsion. Learn how your boat handles waves of different heights and direction. Is it best to head directly into the waves or is the ride better when taking them at a different angle? Similarly, how does wind affect your boat? What's required to keep the bow into the wind for extended periods? How will docking for fuel be affected by wind? If the bow blows downwind easily, is it better to reverse into a dock than to fight the bow into the wind?

Then, apply what you learned to crabbing down a fairway in the presence of wind and current. Some boats may be best with the bow into the wind/current while others will be better working down the fairway in reverse with the stern into the wind/current.

Learn how to use lines to help control your boat. Spring lines are much more valuable than bow and stern lines when docking or rafting to other boats. They can be used with your engine to pull your boat smoothly into a dock. Need to maneuver your boat into or leave a dock space that's just slightly longer than your boat? No problem if you have the right lines and fenders setup.

A similar setup applies to raftups. Deploy fenders, have lines ready and come to a stop alongside about three feet away. Throw the lines across the small gap or pass them with a boat hook and pull the boats together. The objective is to avoid bumping boats.

The best advice is to carefully analyze an upcoming situation and make a plan. When watching videos, pause them, decide how you would handle each situation, then hit "Play" to compare your plan with the example.

Fixed single prop

A single prop forward of the rudder is most effective in forward gear because the prop wash is directed by the rudder. You can use this to help kick the stern to one side or another. The stern on most single prop boats will tend to yaw one way or another when in reverse, frequently to port with a right-hand prop. Use this tendency to your advantage. Put the rudder all the way over as if to turn to starboard, then repeatedly switch between forward gear and reverse to keep the boat in nearly the same location while spinning about its center point. In reverse, the stern walks to port and in forward the thrust over the rudder will kick the stern to port. This is called "backing and filling."

Fixed dual prop

Fixed dual prop configurations are simple to use. One engine in forward and one in reverse causes the vessel to spin about its center (but still subject to wind/current). Some tutorials will recommend centering the helm and using only engines. But you can get more advantage from taking advantage of the prop thrust



over the rudders helping you move the stern around. You can also use the rudders in combination with the engines to walk the boat sideways, albeit slowly.

Outboards

Boats equipped with outboard motors frequently don't have rudders. Instead, the outboard motor can be turned within a small arc and the directional prop thrust kicks the stern to the side. In reverse, the opposite effect occurs and the boat basically follows the prop. This is an example where backing down a fairway might be better than trying to keep the bow into the wind/current. Switching back and forth between forward and reverse gives you incredible maneuvering capability. Still, it is something to practice to develop your skills.

John Wesley Nash reported that their new boat, which has two outboards, was not as maneuverable using both engines as he expected because the engines were too close together. He found it best to put one engine in neutral and use the remaining outboard with its steering capability.

Practice, Practice, and more Practice

The only way to improve your skills is through practice. Setup a foam float tied with light cotton line to a weight in a quiet area as a fixed marker to practice various maneuvers. The light cotton line won't survive an encounter with your prop, should you entangle it. Start with calm winds and no current and expand to new skills as you build proficiency. Do the same thing with your docking skills and line handling. Finally, remember, don't approach another vessel or dock any faster than you wish to hit it. Slow is your friend.



ASPS Web Site: <http://aspsmd.org/>

Changes to your phone number, address, e-mail?

Please contact P/C Gary Budesheim, SN
at roster@aspsmd.org or (302) 538-5276.



Cooperative Charting Program

P/C Ron Ricketts, AP



Winter is over, but its impact is still around. Here is a local speed ATON that is apparently out of place ... so sad. However, most likely it might be alone. There are other ATONS that may have had a rough go of it this winter, and have either moved or lost some its luster (signage). As a responsible boater, what can you do about it?



Read on.

The Cooperative Charting Program of Americas Boating Club (ABC) is conducted in close cooperation with United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Coast Guard and NOAA's National Geodetic Survey Division (NGSD).

The program continues to be a major public service of ABC. As in the past, members supply important information to the above agencies so updates can be made to nautical charts and the National Survey Marker databases. This initiative involves two Programs.

The **Aid-To-Navigation and Bridge Inspection Program** support the USACE and Coast Guard in assuring waterways are properly marked and maintained.

The **Geodetic Program** is where members help to verify the accuracy of reference points established on the surface of the earth by local, state, and national agencies.

At this time, the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron's is actively involved in the **Aid-To-Navigation Program** which centers around inspecting and verifying the local aids to navigation (ATON). ASPS efforts currently are focused on the South, Severn and Magothy Rivers and creeks between these Rivers. See USCG Charts #12270 and #12282.

Performing this civic duty ensures that the ATONs in our local area are in fact functioning and are located where mariners expect them. These observations are recorded by the USPS and forwarded to appropriate government authorities. In the case where discrepancies are found, a report is also sent to the USCG for remediation.

Types of Nautical Report Items:

- ATON Verification
- ATON Discrepancy
- ATON Inspection
- Bridge Discrepancy
- Bridge Verification

The observed items must fall into one of these categories.

A report can contain different types of report items.

A report can contain up to five (5) report items.

Reports must be submitted within 30 days of the observation.

Verification items can generally be reported once a year, discrepancy when found and inspection items annually or as the local management agency allows.



Are you on your boat regularly? Would you be interested in participating in this valuable public service? If so, please mark your calendar for a ZOOM call on **May 3rd** to learn how to be involved in the program.



Topic: ASPS Coop Charting 2022 Kickoff
Time: May 3, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87000406812?pwd=U3N0MnV4MXQ1SGQ3THBqNzh4VytYQT09>

Meeting ID: 870 0040 6812

Passcode: 279269

One tap mobile

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+13126266799,,87000406812#,,,,*279269# US (Chicago)

Or, reach out to the ASPS Cooperative Charting Program Chairperson, Ron Ricketts, directly for further information at ron.ricketts1@gmail.com

Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show

Friday, 29 April - Sunday, 01 May
Volunteer at the booth
sponsored by ASPS

[Sign up here](#)

Note: When you get to the sign up page,

Scroll down until you see 

Click  and then select a slot.

Link to official show program: https://issuu.com/chesapeakebaymagazine/docs/assbs_22_v3_for_issu





America's Boating Club® Mid-Atlantic Boat School

On The Water Skills Demonstration For IN, CN, and ACN certification

Where: On the Chesapeake Bay in
the vicinity of Kent Narrows, MD

When: 0900 25 – 26 June 2022

Boat Schools were created by the Boat Operator Certification Committee of USPS for the purpose of organizing regional events that bring together certification candidates and certifiers in one location. This method combines all the resources needed in one location to allow certification candidates to complete their on the water skill demonstrations in a four hour period.

Certifiers will be available to certify candidates' abilities during skill demonstrations for Inland Navigator (IN), Coastal Navigator (CN) and Advanced Coastal Navigator (ACN).

These are not training sessions. The candidate is expected to have experience performing the various required skills and can demonstrate those skills to the certifier.

The required skills are listed in the guides and checklist for the three certification levels and are available for download on the USPS Boat Operator Certification Web Page at the below link:

<https://bit.ly/3i1QPxs>

To register or to obtain further information, Contact: P/C John Locke at locke806@gmail.com or at 443 262-6892.



D/5 Spring Conference
P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S



The D/5 Spring Conference was held the first weekend in April, and Annapolis was well represented! We had taken on the responsibility of the raffle table, the 50/50 drawing, and the centerpieces for the final dinner. With the help of multiple squadrons, we were able to offer 29 raffle items. The 50/50 drawing attracted a lot of attention. The centerpieces were so well received that the hotel asked to keep any not taken at the end of the banquet!

Of course, we were also recognized at the formal meeting. ASPS came in third in the district for Vessel Safety Check totals. Our own Bill Eldridge also came in third place for individual VSC totals. Bill managed to do 170 vessel checks last year. Congratulations to Bill! The Anchor Watch was also recognized. It came in second place for newsletters in the district.

Finally, we should mention that our own SEO Michael Maszczenski has taken on an additional role. He is now the Assistant District Educational Officer for D/5. Our best wishes for a successful year go out to Michael - and all the new officers at the district level.



Michael Maszczenski is sworn in as Assistant District Educational Officer for D/5



Ralph and Diane Leasure

John and Betty Wilmot





Ralph Leasure and John Wilmot hand out drinks at the hospitality suite.



Jeff Short preps the hospitality suite for Annapolis.



Georgiana Maszczenski and Lorrie Short sell 50-50 tickets.

The raffle table had 28 groups of items. The proceeds put the conference in the black for this year.



Susan Gilbert sells 50-50 tickets

Calendar of Coming Events



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United States Power Squadrons® Events

District 5 Events

Squadron Events for Annapolis and Nearby Squadrons

05 May	ASPS Dinner Meeting
24 May	ASPS Blue Angels Rendezvous
26 May	Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM
02 Jun	ASPS Dinner Meeting
17-25 Jun	ABC Valley Forge Cruise
23 Jun	Executive Committee Meeting - ZOOM

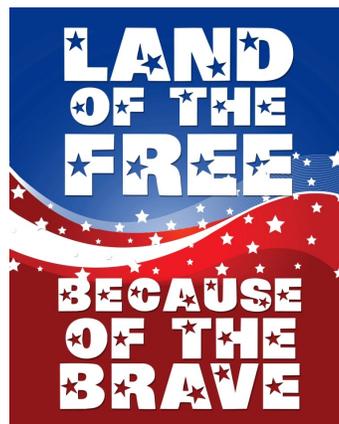
For a complete list of ASPS Squadron Events, see:

<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



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Flag Lieutenant: P/D/C Jeff Short, JN-IN

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Safety Officer: 1st/Lt Terry Slattery

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

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Asst Admin Officer: P/Lt/C Georgiana Maszczenski, S

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