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Commander's Message

Cdr Jeff Short, JN-IN

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer so far. Lorrie and I have been busy on our Ranger Tug R29 CB, named *Boat Show Special*. Additionally, I just got back from sailing with friends on a chartered Beneteau 54 up in New England. We left Mattapoisett, MA, traveled through the Cape Cod Canal up to Plymouth. Then we stayed in Scituate for a night before spending the weekend in Boston for BostonSail250. We had front row seats on the pier as all 50 tall ships paraded past on Saturday. Next, we went to Salem, Gloucester, Provincetown and finally back through the canal to Marion, MA. We had fantastic weather the entire 10 days, cool and breezy.

August is shaping up to be an exciting month for ASPS. First up is Wilmot's Water World on the weekend of August 14-16. Then comes the ASPS Ice Cream Social, graciously hosted by Peggy and Terry Slattery at their pool on August 20th. Bring your floaties and some ice cream. The month comes to a conclusion with the D5 Summer Cruise, arranged by Past Chief Commander Ralph Bernard, starting at Anchorage Marina in Baltimore on August 22nd and finishing up at Langford Bay Marina, up a small creek off the north shore of the Chester River.

ASPS is hosting the D5 Summer Get Together (we don't have Councils anymore) at Langford Bay Marina, August 28-30. Langford Bay is a beautiful place with a great swimming pool and all the facilities we need to put on a great social event. Please strongly consider attending all of these excellent ASPS events.

Lastly, I want to thank the highly motivated members of the ASPS Marketing and Membership Committee who have been working extremely hard behind the scenes developing some innovative and exciting ideas for recruiting and maintaining members. I especially want to thank Susan Vosburgh who is the driving force behind this effort. She brings extensive experience with non-profits to ASPS for this mission. We are very grateful for her efforts, experience and time.

Be safe. Stay cool. We will see you at an ASPS event in August 2026.

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Kathy Burke SN-IN
Administrative Officer

Plans and Events on the Horizon

The Administration Committee has been working diligently to finalize the schedule for our monthly meetings from September 2026 through May 2027. We are excited to share the upcoming events and opportunities to get together as a boating community this season.

August Highlights:

- **Weekend of Fun at Deep Creek:** Hosted by the Wilmots from August 14th to 17th, this promises to be a great kickoff event with plenty of activities and camaraderie on the water.
- **Annual Ice Cream Social:** Join Terri and Peggy Slattery for this sweet tradition on Thursday, August 20th, starting at 6:00 PM until the fun winds down. It's the perfect way to cool off and catch up with fellow members.

D5 Summer Council: Scheduled for August 28th to 30th at Langford Bay, this important gathering brings together leaders and members to share updates and plan for the future.

Looking Ahead:

- **September Meeting:** We'll kick off our first monthly meeting at Maggiano's. Please refer to the detailed information in this newsletter to reserve your spot and get all the specifics for this event.

October Picnic: Returning by popular demand, the October meeting will be a picnic hosted once again by the beautiful Selby Bay Yacht Club. Mark your calendars to enjoy a relaxed, outdoor gathering with fellow boating enthusiasts.

We look forward to your participation and to seeing everyone out on the water and at these events. As always, if you have any questions or ideas, don't hesitate to reach out to the Administration Committee.

Safe boating and see you soon!





Ice Cream Social

Thursday, 20 August 2026 - 6:00 PM 'til?

Slattery Pool House
1000 Whitehall Cove
Annapolis, MD 21409

Bring Ice Cream, Topping or Dessert

RSVP by Monday, August 17th

Peggy at peggy@ccci.com

or 443-994-0670

Or Georgiana at gmaszczenski@hotmail.com

or 410-739-7799

Or [sign up electronically](#)





America's Boating Club – Mid-Atlantic
2026 Summer Rendezvous
RESERVATION FORM
28-30 August 2026
Lankford Bay Marina, Rock Hall, Maryland



MEMBER: Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____
ADDRESS _____
SQUADRON _____ POSITION _____ FIRST TIMER? _____
E-Mail _____ PHONE _____

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

Rank ____ Name _____ Grade _____ FIRST TIMER? _____
Rank ____ Name _____ Grade _____ FIRST TIMER? _____

REGISTRATION FEE # _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

SATURDAY ENTRÉE CHOICES:

Chef Zach's Famous Pulled Pork w/ House Made BBQ Sauce

served with toppings/rolls to make sandwiches # _____ @ \$28.00 = \$ _____

BBQ Boneless Thighs & Breasts served with toppings/rolls

to make sandwiches # _____ @ \$28.00 = \$ _____

Portobello, Tomato, & Mozzarella Sliders with

Creamy Italian Dressing # _____ @ \$28.00 = \$ _____

Selections served with Cole Slaw, Pasta Salad (tri-color pasta w/tomato, olive, feta and Italian dressing),
Market Fresh Salad with House Made Ranch or Balsamic. Dessert: Assorted cookies and brownies.
Lemonade, Tea & Water

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

**Meal Reservations must be received by 13
August 2026!**

Make Checks Payable to: ASPS

Send to:

Georgiana Maszczenski

103 Little Neck Road

Stevensville, MD 21666

E-mail: gmaszczenski@hotmail.com

Recommended Dress for Saturday Dinner: Casual

MAKE SLIP RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH
MARINA – Call Candy at 410-778-1414. Please
mention that you are with the D/5 Summer
Rendezvous. Reserve early to be given a slip close
to the group.

The slip rate is \$2.75 per foot, single electric is
\$9.00 and double electric is \$17.00



Boating Links to Browse

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.

Practical Sailor has some tips on [inspecting ground tackle](#).

If you are attending the **D/5 Summer Rendezvous August 28-30 at Lankford Bay Marina, Rock Hall, MD,**

Then you need to sign up here:

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

Scroll down until you see the registration forms. You can attend by land or by sea.

River otters are returning to the bay!

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/river-otters-are-making-a-comeback-and-in-surprising-places-around-the-chesapeake-bay/>

Spinsheet magazine has a great article about two women who took a captained charter trip on the Nanticoke River. It's NEVER too late to do this sort of thing - the perfect trip if you have already sold your boat.

<https://www.spinsheet.com/charter/discovering-history-charter-nanticoke>

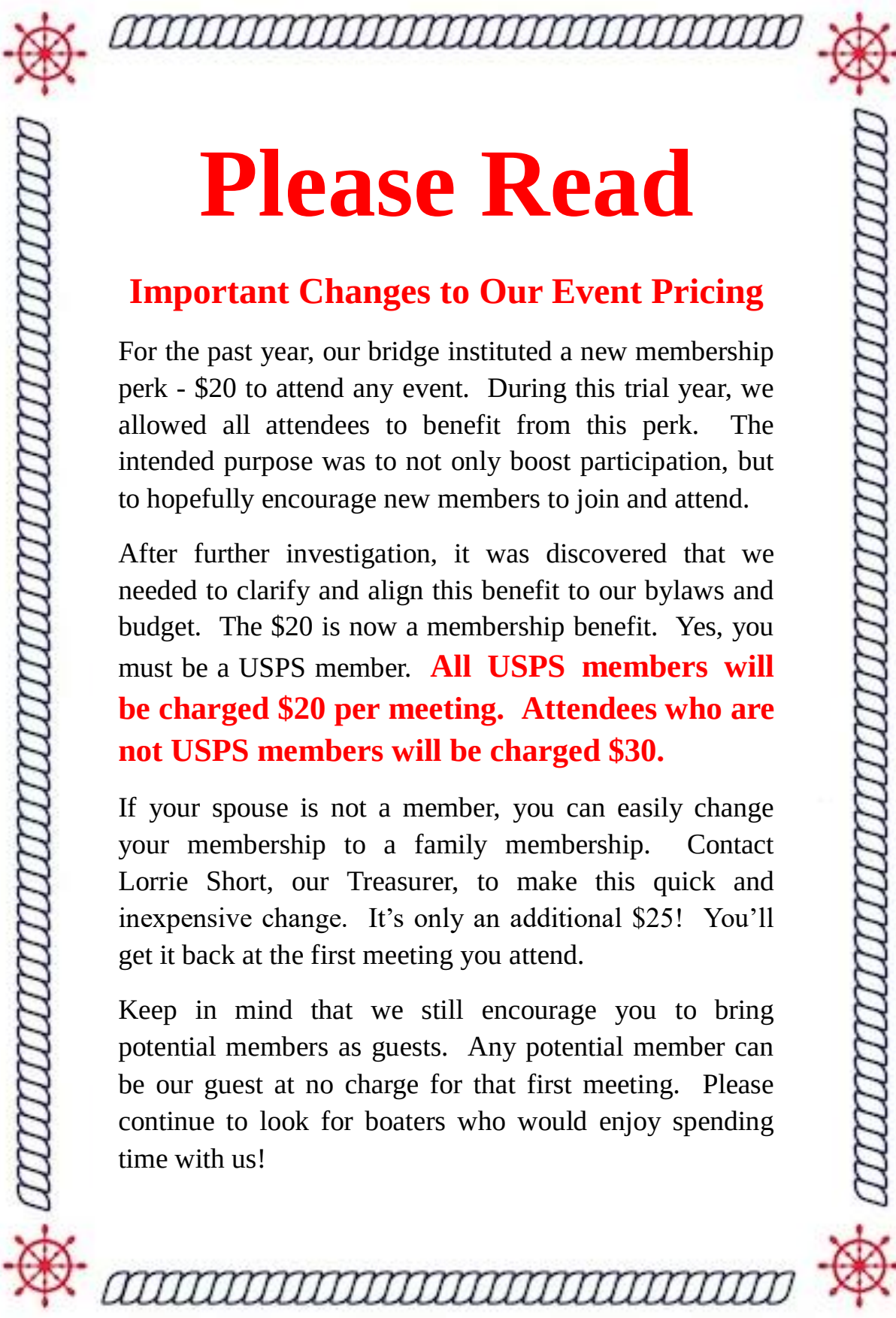
Hot summers bring fish kills in local waterways. You can help mitigate some of this.

<https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/heat-wave-triggers-fish-kills-across-region/>

What to see and do when you get to Solomons:

<https://www.spinsheet.com/bluewater-dreaming/solomons-welcome-sailor%E2%80%9999s-respite>





Please Read

Important Changes to Our Event Pricing

For the past year, our bridge instituted a new membership perk - \$20 to attend any event. During this trial year, we allowed all attendees to benefit from this perk. The intended purpose was to not only boost participation, but to hopefully encourage new members to join and attend.

After further investigation, it was discovered that we needed to clarify and align this benefit to our bylaws and budget. The \$20 is now a membership benefit. Yes, you must be a USPS member. **All USPS members will be charged \$20 per meeting. Attendees who are not USPS members will be charged \$30.**

If your spouse is not a member, you can easily change your membership to a family membership. Contact Lorrie Short, our Treasurer, to make this quick and inexpensive change. It's only an additional \$25! You'll get it back at the first meeting you attend.

Keep in mind that we still encourage you to bring potential members as guests. Any potential member can be our guest at no charge for that first meeting. Please continue to look for boaters who would enjoy spending time with us!



Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron – America's Boating Club Presents a Fun Weekend at Deep Creek Lake

Join Betty Rouse Wilmot and John Wilmot at
Deep Creek Lake, 104 Hawthorne Lane, Oakland, MD 21550



Friday, August 14

- ★ 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 15

- ★ Morning - Arrive at Betty's house about 11 am
- ★ Paddle boards or kayak till noon or sit on the deck and relax
- ★ 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 who 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 pontoon boat
- ★ Late afternoon: Barbecue Ribs with drinks and all the trimmings, and a little singalong with John and Ralph on the harmonica and guitar

Lunch - by the Host

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

Sunday, August 16

- ★ Coffee and donuts on the deck by the Host
- ★ Hike at Swallow Falls State Park or leave for home

WE HAVE RESERVED 6 ROOMS AT THE GARRETT INN, OAKLAND, MD, 301-387-6696,
Friday (August 14) and Saturday (August 15), 2 nights - (price \$330 for both nights, incl. taxes,) 2 Q beds/room. Motel has 30-day cancellation policy, is therefore **July 14, 2026** is room deadline.

If you want a House rental, call **Railey at 301-387-2000** or **Taylor-Made at 301-387-5999.**
Some houses have 5 bedrooms, rent for 3 days only.



Name _____ Email _____ Cell _____

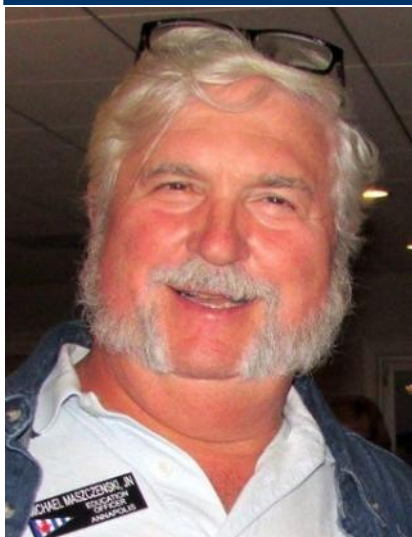
Please RSVP to Betty by Aug 1 if you plan to come on Friday _____ or Saturday _____

Make my Dinner **Reservations for _____ people for both days \$ _____**

Bring a covered dish, an appetizer, or a dessert if you wish.

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



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

With the release of Advanced Marine Navigation, we will test drive the course starting in September. ASPS will offer it via Zoom on Wednesday nights starting September 30, 2026, from 7 to 9 PM EST. I am reserving 9 weeks for the course - Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, with possibly Dec. 2 being the last day. The course covers GPS-driven chartplotters and apps. It will use OpenCPN as the demonstration and practice application. Electronic tools and their use will be covered. Position location and confirmation will be covered, as well as avoidance of dangers and working with tide, wind, and currents. A practice cruise will allow students to put the concepts to use. A take home test is also part of the course. The course will be open to ASPS and Instructors who want to take the course before presenting it

We are also planning monthly seminars. They will be via Zoom and free.

Education Events:**Course:** Advanced Marine Navigation**Dates:** Wednesdays, September 30 to December 2, 2026**Time:** 7:00 to 9:00 PM EST**Tuition: free, Materials Cost:** ASPS members \$55.00, Non-Members \$70.00**Where:** Zoom**Registration:** The URL to use is <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?L-18698>

You can try the link here: [go to registration page](#). Or use the QR code shown here.

Description: This is the second course in navigation. This course covers additional techniques of navigation with GPS-driven tools. It uses OpenCPN as the application to demonstrate and practice chartplotting skills, as well as the computation under the software, DR navigation. It is being offered virtually via Zoom. The text will be E-book format only.

**Educational News from District 5****Summer Rendezvous**

District 5 is having its summer rendezvous at Lankford Bay Marina on August 27 to the 30th. It will be preceded by a cruise. There will be several educational events, from marlinspike and line handling games, trivia contests, a navigation contest, and a possible poker run.

D/5 Fall Conference in Lexington, PA - November 13,14,15, 2026

There will be a recertification Seminar offered. More information to come.

For full details go to: <https://Abc-midatlantic.org>

USPS National Governing Board

The National Fall Governing Board meeting for United States Power Squadrons | America's Boating Club national organization is coming this fall.

When: September 20–27, 2026**Where:** Cary, NC

Information on [Schedule](#) & [2026 Governing Board Newsletter](#)





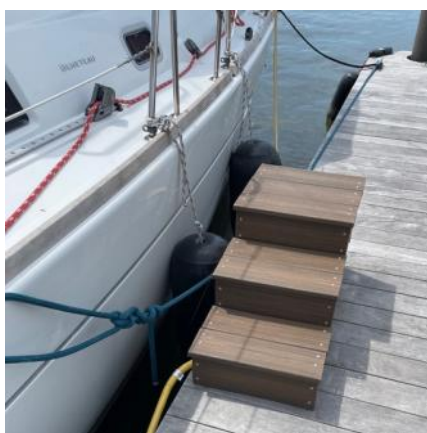
Safety at the Dock - Getting On and Off Your Boat

Terry Slattery, Lord of the Electrons

We were on a group cruise this summer and noted that some crews had problems getting on and off their boats while docked in marinas. The specific problems varied from boat to boat and depended on the marina docks: fixed or floating. The boat geometry can help or hinder access, and there's rarely an ideal solution. In the situations where access was hindered, it compromised personal safety of the crew, who could have suffered serious injury from falling onto or between the boat and/or the dock.

First, I want to note that larger boats may be equipped with a set of articulating stairs better described as a "Yacht Boarding Ladder." That's a great and safe solution for those vessels. My focus instead is to examine solutions for medium size boats, say 30 to 50 ft long where storage space is scarce.

Fixed docks are often found where there is low tidal change, 1-2 feet, such as in the Chesapeake or in the Bahamas. Boats with a stern platform or aft sugar scoop design are ideal if the boat can be docked with the platform next to the dock or finger pier. You just step up or down when getting on or off. Abnormal tides or tall docks can make stern access a problem, so you need alternative access methods. The step-up in this picture is about 20 inches.



Many boats don't have an acceptable stern platform and must use a boarding gate, often located amidships. Boats with high decks (large freeboard) present a problem. The solution is a step or short ladder, which must be very stable. Some are equipped with handrails. You'll need to make sure that the steps won't get blown away in a thunderstorm or get washed away if an exceptionally high tide submerges the dock. This is great for your home slip.

Floating docks are essential where the tidal range is greater, like in South Carolina (6-8 feet). Stern platform or scoop access is no problem since the platform should be nearly even with the dock. Boats with a midships boarding gate will need steps, as shown above. This is also a great solution for the home slip where the steps can be fastened to the dock.

But what about travel to other marinas? Fortunately, there are several solutions. The first is a small folding ladder, tied to your boat so wind or waves don't knock it away.





Another option is FenderStep, which comes in single and dual step versions. The step areas on these devices are somewhat rounded, so make sure your feet are firmly planted and use non-skid shoes to avoid a mis-step.



If you're really short on storage space, take a look at the design of QuickStep, which provides a flat surface for your foot and a four-point suspension that makes it very stable. Unfortunately, this product seems to be out of production. However, it is something that could easily be constructed from a sturdy piece of plywood. Its size and light weight make it ideal for charter trips.

The FenderStep and QuickStep both have several advantages:

- ★ Light weight and easy to store.
- ★ Adjustable height.
- ★ Usable in a variety of locations around the boat and on the dock.
- ★ Don't need to be fastened separately.

Ultimately, the best solution is the one that allows your crew to safely get on and off your boat.





ASPS Dinner Meeting Thursday, September 10, 2026

Maggiano's Restaurant - Annapolis Mall

6:00 - Meet & Greet

6:30 - Dinner

**7:30 - Speaker - Elizabeth Fortunato -
Boating Into the Future With
Technology and Artificial Intelligence**

**Captain Elizabeth Fortunato will share trends
and insights into how the fast-moving world
of AI and technology can change boating.**

Menu

Salad

Appetizers

Tomato Bruschetta

Parmesan Stuffed Mushrooms

Main Course

Mushroom Ravioli

Fettuccine Alfredo with Chicken

Mom's Lasagna

Shrimp Scampi

Chocolate Layer Cake

Dessert

New York Style Cheesecake

Warm Apple Crostada

Chocolate Layer Cake

RSVP by

**Monday, September 7, at 4 PM to
aspsdinnerreservations@gmail.com**

\$20.00 per member

by cash or check at the door

\$30.00 per nonmember guest

Make checks payable to ASPS

**Note: All no-show reservations
are responsible for
the cost of the dinner.**





Captain Elizabeth Fortunato

Captain Fortunato retired from a successful career in technology and government. She also had a love of boating that started when she was very young.

Upon retirement, Elizabeth began the process of combining her career and her love of boating. She took classes in boating and navigation that led to her captain's license from the U.S. Coast Guard. Her love of technology led to a serious interest in artificial intelligence (AI). Naturally, she decided to see if these two passions intersected. They did!

Elizabeth saw that AI could play a large role in the future of boating navigation. To help boaters keep up with what's of value, Elizabeth has launched both the AI Captains Log Podcast and the AI Captains Log Newsletter. [AI Captains Log | Substack](#) Both aim to help boaters track how AI and emerging tech are changing maritime navigation, safety, and operations.

Presentation Title: Boating Into the Future With Technology and Artificial Intelligence

Captain Elizabeth Fortunato will share trends and insights into how the fast-moving world of AI and technology can change boating.



ASPS Logo Apparel

<http://asps.qbstores.com>





**Changes to your phone number, address, e-mail?
Please contact P/C Kathy Nash, AP-IN
at 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.**





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Calendar of Coming Events

United States Power Squadrons® Events

20-27 Sep National Governing Board -

District 5 Events

22-30 Aug D5 Summer Cruise

27-30 Aug D5 Summer Rendezvous at Langford Bay Marina

13-15 Nov D5 Fall Conference - Lexington, Pennsylvania

Squadron Events for Annapolis

14 Aug-17 Aug Weekend at Deep Creek - Hosted by the Wilmots

20 Aug Ice Cream Social - Slattery Pool House

10 Sep ASPS Dinner Meeting - Maggiano's - Annapolis Mall

10 Oct ASPS Picnic - Selby Bay Yacht Club

08 Nov ASPS Luncheon meeting 1-3, The Lodge in Annapolis

05 Dec ASPS Brunch - Pirates Cove - Galesville

07 Mar Sunday Brunch - Change of Watch - Carol's Creek

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



Celebrate August 7 - National Lighthouse Day



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anchorwatch@aspsmd.org

