



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

24TH ASSATEAGUE SHELF AND SHORE WORKSHOP

The 1998 ASSW will meet in Fairfax County, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday, 3 and 4 April 1998. By tradition, the ASSW has Friday given over to talks, and Saturday spent in the field.

The Friday talks will be held at George Mason University, with Randy McBride and Jeff Williams responsible for arranging the program. The subject matter at the ASSW includes coastal processes applicable to the mid-Atlantic coast of the U.S., broadly considered, but in this case there will be two subthemes for the talks: (1) inlets and shelf sand ridges, organized by Randy, and (2) understanding geologic framework and processes for managing coastal ecosystems, organized by Jeff. As usual, contributions are encouraged from students as well as from more senior investigators.

The Saturday field trip will emphasize freshwater tidal sedimentation along estuaries tributary to the Potomac River and beaches on the Potomac. Fairfax County has upland Piedmont sediment sources unusually close to tidal estuaries. The trip will include a stop on the Piedmont as well as the Fall Line which separates the Piedmont from the Coastal Plain. Cy Galvin will lead the trip. We are coordinating with Larry Lisle and Allan DeWall, former ASSW participants, for access to relatively little-visited sites at Fort Belvoir and adjacent shores.

This preliminary announcement is being circulated to organizations, individuals, and other potentially interested parties. We welcome your participation and suggestions. The formal announcement will be issued early in the New Year.

Because the 25th ASSW will be held in 1999, an effort will be made during the 24th ASSW to plan a suitable commemoration of that event in 1999.

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APOPHORETA

Editorial Note: This new department in the JCR end matter is reserved for interesting tidbits of information, facts and figures of note that are not reported easily elsewhere, humorous stories pertinent to the coastal zone, and other items of general interest that are not news, genuine announcements, professional papers, technical communications, and so on. The term *apophoreta* is Greek and refers to something that should be savored before the main course. Similar to the concept of an appetizer, some readers may wish to begin their perusal of the JCR in the sections of a journal that editors call end matter, a collection of various items that do not fit elsewhere in the publication.

Our first entry is a short story that has been circulating around the coastal scene for many years. More than half a century after World War II, the dialog between the lighthouse keeper and a captain aboard a U.S. Naval destroyer is, perhaps, still worth a chuckle. The story was sent to Per Bruun by the Hillsboro Inlet Improvement and Maintenance District, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

James Hyland, president and founder of the Lighthouse Preservation Society, loves to regale visitors to Cape Ann with the story of a U.S. destroyer prowling the dark waters one night off the New England coast looking for German submarines. When the captain saw what he took to be the lights of a ship approaching, he radioed, "We are on collision course, alter your course 10 degrees to the south."

He received the reply, "I suggest you alter your course 10 degrees to the north."

Captain: "I am a naval captain and I suggest you alter your course 10 degrees to the south."

The reply: "I am a seaman second class and I suggest you alter your course 10 degrees to the north."

The captain snapped back, "I am aboard a U.S. Naval destroyer, I strongly suggest you alter your course 10 degrees to the south!"

The reply: "I am manning a lighthouse, I strongly suggest you alter your course 10 degrees to the north."