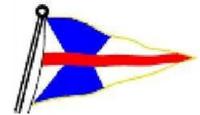




THE HALYARD



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From the Desk of the Commander

Cdr Tedd Kraft, S

Lessons from Stories



One of the great things about participating in a meeting of the Agate Pass (or any) Sail and Power Squadron is the opportunity to share stories.

But it is tricky, this idea of telling a story.

Some of the stories are exciting, some are really funny, and some offer instruction in how to do things better. Most of them are fun to hear. The tricky part is that the storyteller does not want to appear "dumb." On the other hand, the best stories are often the ones where the storyteller is honest enough to honestly share "what happened" and to share what he or she learned from the experience.

Here is an example: This summer our boat, "Saturday," made two voyages. One was too short; the other was unexpected. Instead of her usual ports of call in the San Juan and Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island, Vancouver, etc., she rejoiced in one trip to Port Ludlow with APSPS friends, and one trip to the boatyard. The boatyard story is the one with the lesson.

We have two young grandsons, ages 5 and 7. The boys like toy trucks, various light sabers, and experiments, as in "What would happen if....?" (You can see where this is going.) Well, the boys like to spend the night on the boat, and usually it is fun for everyone. However, in early summer, after a visit, we found that the head no longer functioned. Hmmmm.... No problem; I just bought a new pump and installed it. The head still did not work. I decided to call on the

experts at the boatyard, who installed a whole new head, and a new "conveyance tube" to the holding tank, and presented us with a long invoice. I asked them if they found any toy trucks or light sabers. I can't even describe to you the look on the guy's face. He did not answer. We learned to check the boys for toys.

So, here is another story, maybe one in which we can all participate. I am hopeful that this year we can share ideas about how to keep our Squadron full of life and good stories. We know there are lots of new boaters this year; how can we engage them in our excellent classes? What would it take to bring them in as members? What do existing members know about how to make our Squadron more fun and more valuable for us all? I propose that we set aside a little time to visit these ideas and the stories behind them.

Let's sail on!

Tedd



From the Admin Department

Lt/C Dawn Virnig, P



I hope everyone had a great summer and is refreshed and raring to go.

So, it is on to a new year for the squadron and our first dinner is a pot luck with the breakdown as follows:

- A – M Entrée
- N – S Side Dish
- T – Z Dessert

Remember to bring in your set-up and favorite drink; the usual \$7 applies.

The squadron's checkbook, for some time, has been very low and the Bridge has been struggling to beef up (no pun intended) our reserves. So, at least for this year, we will be having a lot more pot lucks. We are hoping that we can save enough money to put aside funds to cover replacement of equipment needed for the education leg of our organization and to continue with our partially squadron-funded dinners. And so, with that in mind, we are having a rummage sale in September. If you have any "gently used" items that can be donated to the squadron please bring them to the dinner meeting. Some of the Bridge members will be at the yacht club at 1730 if you would like to come early. It doesn't have to be boating related. All proceeds will go to the squadron.

Our next Admin meeting will be 1430 25 September at Martha and Mary. All are welcome.



From the XO
Your name here

We are still looking for someone to step up and take on the job of XO. The job is fairly easy and very rewarding. Remember, **you get out of the squadron what you put into it.**



From the Education Department
P/C Jacqui Stevenson, AP-IN



HAVE YOU HAD A GOOD SUMMER??? Are you ready for this Squadron Year??

I have had a good summer and am ready (sort of) to get back to Squadron business! We had a great time cruising South Sound with 3 Bremerton Squadron boats from 8/19 through 8/24 and then we finished up the last 2 nights (8/25 & 26 at Bell Harbor --- went to the Seahawks game and spent Friday with my son and daughter-in-law and rode the Great Wheel --

-- it was AWESOME! Keep your ears open and you may hear more of our adventures!

WHAT'S COMING UP:

- **Piloting:** Monday evenings – 2016 – 19 Sept through 5 Dec; 7pm to 9pm; Martha & Mary, cost to members is \$70.00
- **JN:** Tues evenings – 2016 – 20 Sept through 6 Dec; 7pm to 9pm; at Martha & Mary, cost to members is \$90.00

FUTURE PLANS:

- **SN:** probably starting in January 2017 depending on how the "JN" progresses
- **ABC:** Saturday/Sunday – 2017 - 11/12 Feb, 2017
- **Seamanship:** Tuesday evenings – 2017 21 Feb through 4 Mar, 2017

PLEASE contact me if you are interested in Piloting or Junior Navigation --- I will be ordering the appropriate textbooks SOON!

WRAP UP & LOOKING FORWARD:

- Bremerton Squadron is doing an ABC Class on 24-25 September. If you know someone who wants to take this class, please let me know and I will put you in contact with the Bremerton SEO and/or Commander; OR just look the class up on www.nwboatertraining.com and get in contact with Bremerton that way.
- Bremerton Squadron joins us for our annual joint meeting on October 20!
- District 16 Fall Conference – October 28-29 in Bellingham

As always - remember to check www.nwboatertraining.com for all courses and seminars coming up throughout the District!!

Jacqui

Come for the boating education— stay for the friends!



So what did you do this summer?

P/C John Chen, AP-CN



I know many of you were out cruising this past summer, or maybe you went on a vacation not by boat, but by other modes of transportation, such as trains, cars, planes, or feet.

Do you want to share some interesting part of your vacation with the rest of the squadron at our upcoming potluck dinner meeting on Thursday 15 Sept?

We will have a portion of our dinner meeting dedicated to story sharing. So if you have a story to tell, let us know at the meeting, and we will pass you the mic (keep your story to 5 minutes max). If you have some photos to go along with the story, you can bring your photos on a memory chip. We will have a computer with slide view software or PowerPoint for you to use. If you have some interesting or beautiful photos and just want to share them, give me the photos (in JPG format) on a memory chip, and I will include them in the rolling slide viewer during the social hour and dinner time.

So review your pictures and bring them to share. We all would love to see what you have been up to.



A note from the Editor

P/C Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN



I have a really big pair of shoes to fill in assuming this role. Dave Swolgaard served as the editor of *The Halyard* for many years and set a very high standard to follow.

I will do my best to follow that lead. I am sure I will stumble at times and I have no doubt I will hear about it when I do, as it should be. I ask your help in making this the best squadron we can be and *The Halyard* the best we can make it.

Moving forward I ask you all to send me notes about your adventures, misadventures, startling revelations, just "whatever." I will publish those

as I can in *The Halyard* so we can all enjoy with you.



Squadron Activities

- 15 Sep Squadron Dinner meeting at PYC
Fund raiser Raffle
- 20 Oct Squadron Dinner meeting at PYC
- 28-30 Oct District 16 Fall Conference
Bellingham

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***The Halyard* deadline is the Monday after the Executive Board Meeting each month, August through April.**

Squadron meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, September through May at 1830. Meetings are at Poulsbo Yacht Club.

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United States Power Squadrons

District 16 Fall Conference

28-30 October 2016

**Four Points by Sheraton
Bellingham, Washington**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Spouse /Guest Name: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Squadron: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please note: this is an activity registration form. There is **no charge for attending conference meetings. However, we depend on your attendance at meals and registering at the hotel with the conference rate (\$99 + tax) to cover the costs of the conference for the host squadron.**

Early Bird prices apply for reservations made no later than September 28, 2016. Regular hotel prices apply to reservations received by the hotel after Wednesday, September 28, 2016, subject to space availability.

Will you be attending just the district conference without meals? Check if YES _____

Friday 28, October 2016

Hotel check in begins: 1500, but come early and enjoy beautiful Bellingham!

Activity		Early Bird	After Sept. 28	# People	Total
Conference Registration on 2nd Floor right off the elevator: 1600 – 1830					
Friday Night Pirate Party: 1700-1900	Potato & Salad Bar Buffet & No Host Bar	\$20	\$22	_____	\$ _____
	<u>Wear your best pirate attire—Prizes!!</u>				
Saturday Breakfast: 0700-0900	Continental Supreme	\$21	\$23	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch: 1200-1300	Soup & Salad Bar	\$21	\$23	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Plated Dinner: 1800-2100	Roasted Pork	\$45	\$47	_____	\$ _____
	Penne Pasta w/ Chicken	\$33	\$35	_____	\$ _____
	Butternut Squash Ravioli (Veggie)	\$33	\$35	_____	\$ _____

Dinner includes rolls & butter, salad, potatoes/rice, seasonal vegetables, dessert, coffee/tea/water, **8.7 % tax and 20% tip inclusive.**

Any Dietary Restrictions? _____

Optional Local Tours on Friday, October 28th **Woods Coffee Roastery Tour-3PM** No Charge _____ \$ Free
Bellewood Acres Distillery Tour & Tasting-2PM \$10 for the tasting _____ \$ _____

Total in (US Funds) \$ _____

<p>Make checks for the meals payable to Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron (BSPS), D16 Fall Conference. Mail registration and checks to:</p> <p>Make your hotel reservations early and <u>directly to the hotel</u>: \$99 per night plus tax</p> <p>Reservations should be made under: United States Power Squadron District 16</p> <p>For more information contact:</p>	<p>Bellingham S & PS P/C Sandi Horne, SN 6776 Olson Rd. Ferndale, WA 98248-9638</p> <p>Four Points by Sheraton 714 Lakeway Drive Bellingham, WA 98229 Phone: (360) 671-1011</p> <p>P/C Michael Guelker-Cone mguelker53@gmail.com (360) 510-5543</p>
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