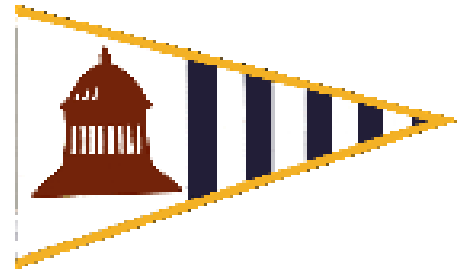




THE SEAMAN'S LOG

The Voice of the
OLYMPIA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
February 2012.

<http://www.usps.org/olympia..>



IT'S CRUNCH TIME!

This is a phrase that often comes up when people are talking about sports events. Did you watch the Super Bowl on Sunday? In the last half, of the last half, of the last half, of the game, it was **crunch time** for the Patriots. Remember what happened to them?

Well, it's **crunch time** for our squadron now. To the best of their knowledge, the Nominating Committee has contacted everyone whom they thought might receive our Hail Mary pass. No one would accept their invitation to serve the squadron as Commander. Without one, how can we exist? We have a date set for an ABC Class in March, the 17th, and I had hoped we could hold additional classes through June. After that . . .

Columbia Bend seems to hang on, with no meetings and no attendance at District 16 meetings. I've been told they still teach classes, but without the support of a viable squadron, I don't see that as a reasonable future for us.

Please come to the General Meeting on the 20th and join in a discussion of what our squadron's future might be.

Cdr Donna Davis
360-432-0464

donnacubed@comcast.net

FROM THE BRIDGE

Mother Nature sure has a sense of humor, doesn't she? First, a December that the weathermen are referring to as a drought. Beautiful sunny days with none of the rain that the Northwest is (in)famous for. Then a January with a snow and ice storm that brought out the hyperbole from the weather men a second time. We keep our boat outdoors at a dock at our house and wondered if the canvas top would survive the weight of the snow. And then the ice came and added to it. Fortunately the canvas was new and sturdy and survived the load.

Thoroughly bundled up in sweaters, blankets and knit hats, we survived the six hours without power as well. But speaking of "wells", therein lay our difficulty. The

speedy team from PUD#3 in Mason County looked beyond the fallen tree only to the houses across the road. They didn't notice the downed line that went behind them to our well-house. We were without water for thirty-four hours, so no washing, no flushing, and no reserve of bottled water, since we don't use it. Thank goodness for milk, O J, canned broth, and Wet Ones.

In January Paul went out to check on the boat's well being. The little electric heater was doing its job, and there were no leaks from the post-Christmas rains. How's the north side looking, which gets no sun in the winter? The diesel filler cap was off, and there were pink stains on the side of the boat, as well as the expected green stuff. Those post-Christmas rains did have a place to go, down the filler hole. Our hope is that

the fuel thief really wanted gasoline, put the diesel in his tank, and ruined his engine. We've closed the barn doors by putting two 150 watt halogen lights on the house, facing the dock. We decided against motion detector lights on the dock itself, as every passing wind and wake would set them off.

The Seattle Boat Show gave Paul a chance to schmooze with people who could help with our fuel polishing problem and me a chance to investigate the book selling booths. He found a company that can work for us, and I found two stand-alone books by Bernard Cornwell, Napoleon's Pyramids by William Dietrich, a book of Melville's short stories, and Taking the Time to Live by Port Orchard author Ron Fugere. All are available for borrowing by squadron members.

The District 16 booth at the show is very nice looking and well organized. I don't know how successful it was in attracting visitors. On Friday afternoon when we visited it, only USPS members were there. The "On Water Training" sign did get a reaction, from Bob Meng, who for many years has had his own booth to promote his "On Water Training", that he has registered. I think that instead of consulting "our" attorney, someone should have taken a felt tip pen and written in a "the". Better to make nice than to alienate someone. In email advertising about the show, the Northwest Marine Trade Association had supported BOATER-exam.com as their "official online boater education sponsor". Now that really bugs me. In looking at the internet site for BOATER, I wasn't able to find what state it calls home. Anywhere it hangs its hat, I guess. Their fee is thirty bucks for the online material, plus ten for the WA card. I'd like to know what one gets for the money, but personally I'm too cheap to sign up and find out.

Spring Conference this year is to be in Ocean Shores, March 30 and 31. We've already reserved a room at the Shilo Inn and will offer hospitality to anyone who could

use some. I hope we can get there early enough to work in some sight-seeing and seafood slurping. And I hope the sun shines. I remember that our last conference there took place in a heavy downpour. Oh well, we were supposed to be inside for all the meetings and seminars.

Don't forget the general meeting on the twentieth and the Sweethearts potluck. There will be one or two more recipes from the USPS cookbook at the end of the newsletter. None for dessert, as we'll be celebrating birthdays with our traditional birthday pie.

Finally, at our February 20 meeting we will be honoring Skip Hash for his many years of service in the production of our newsletter.

Cdr Donna Davis
donnacubed@comcast.net
360-432-0464



EDUCATIONAL OFFICER REPORT

Upcoming Classes

We have scheduled an ABC class for March 17 at the main Lacey Fire Department, 1231 Franz St SE, to start at 0800. If you know any members of the boating community needing the basic class, please let ASEO Paul Davis know.

We still have plans to teach a navigation class in May by L/TC Bob Hodgson, SN with the assistance of our instructors. We need to confirm who will be attending so if you have completed JN and are interested, please contact me.

If anyone is interested in taking an elective class or an advanced class, please let me know.

See ya around the docks,

P/D/Lt/C Jim Harden, JN
Educational Officer
360.438.9742

VSC REPORT

Olympia Sail & Power Squadron did a total of 226 VSC's. We are 2nd. in District 16. Friday Harbor is, of course, 1st. since the return of Virgil Boyt (369).

A list of my team members who made me proud are as follows:

Pat Brower	43
James Hanson	19
James Harden Jr.	45
Skip Hash	16
Kathryn Querry	7
Viki Sharp	87
William (Bill) Walker	9

That brings our TOTAL to: 226.

A big thank you goes out to all of them. I hope to keep the same team for 2012 and maybe add a few more.

Squadron results in D-16 are as follows:

Agate Pass	43
Bellevue	88
Bellingham	81
Bremerton	167
Deception Pass	58
Everett	118
Friday Harbor	545
North Olympic	67
Olympia	206
Point Wilson	9
Poverty Bay	138
Seattle	33
Skagit Bay	14
Spokane	6
Tacoma	108

Total For District 16 1701

Pretty good, people, and Congratulations!!!!

Lt. Viki Sharp
VSC Chairman



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Each month we honor the birthdays of our members born in that month. I've chosen to honor them with birthday pie and enthusiastic singing. Well, singing anyway.

FEBRUARY

Donna Davis, Groundhog Day; Margaret Tollefson Tudor, 02/09; Judy Ball, Valentine's Day; Bill Walker, 02/18; Robert Wolf, George Washington's birthday; and Viki Sharp, 02/24.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to all of you, and come join us at our regular meeting on the 20th, Presidents' Day, for a stirring round of applause in your honor - and some very good pie. Because we didn't celebrate in December at the Christmas Party or in January, due to the storm that cancelled our meeting, we'll honor the December and January birthdays as well. Yes, you may have three pieces of pie, one for each month. However, they'll be small so your tummies don't get too big.

TOM'S OUTBOARD

EVINRUDE • JOHNSON • HONDA • PARTS & SERVICE

Sylvan Aluminum Boats

Fiberglass Dinghies

Used Outboard Parts

OMC Sterndrive- Volvo Penta- Mercruiser Parts.

(360) 754-3882 FAX (360) 753-6861
221 East Bay Drive, Olympia, Washington 98506

HONDA **EVINRUDE** **E-TEC**
MARINE **Johnson**



2012 Spring Conference Promo

The Friday Harbor Power Squadron is pleased to host District 16's Spring Conference and invites all District Members and their guests to attend. The Spring Conference will be held at the Shilo Inn Suites Hotel in Ocean Shores, Washington, on March 30-31, 2012. Ocean Shores is one of Washington's favorite vacation and convention destinations. A 6,000 acre

peninsula at the mouth of Gray's Harbor and the only deep water port on the Pacific Coast, north of San Francisco, Ocean Shores includes six miles of sandy beaches, along with 23 miles of interconnecting lakes, canals, and miles of scenic bayside offering several activities to enjoy before and after the conference.

All Shilo Inn Suites rooms face the beach with private balconies and an open, non-obstructed view of the ocean. Each room has a sitting room with "fireplace," wet bar, refrigerator, and either double queen or single king size beds. Handicap and handicap accessible rooms are available. The hotel is dog friendly with rooms located on the ground floor. Recreational amenities include an indoor pool, spa tub, sauna, steam room, and fitness facility. Parking is free.

Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by March 14, 2012, to take advantage of USPS-District 16's Group Contract rate of \$99.00 (plus tax) per night. We have reserved 50 Ocean View Suites for the conference which are expected to go quickly.

Friday evening's reception to meet the Chief Commander's representative and buffet will be held in the main ballroom. A registration table will be available from 1500-1800 in the lobby, outside the ballroom. Registration will also be available at the same location on Saturday morning from 0800-1000 with the conference starting at 0915 in the ballroom.

In order to move the Conference along and stay on schedule, we will have the majority of the officer's reports available in writing for the members to read. In the past, this has reduced the time for the business meeting and allowed more time to explore other issues of interest to the members. Time will be made available for attendees to ask questions about the reports that are presented.

Since District 16's goal for its members is "having fun," we have added some variety to the conference by adding a bit of Mardi Gras flair to Friday evening's reception with a classic Cajun Jambalaya Buffet. You may need to brush up on your Mardi Gras knowledge since there will be a fun trivia quiz for those interested. For our Saturday evening dinner, Mardi Gras festive attire or costume is optional and more than welcome. Continuing the District's trend to dress casual, Saturday evening's dress for the District 16 Bridge are

blazers and no ties (Marti Gras beads optional). You will be provided with complimentary masks and beads. An opportunity for a "photo op" (with or without masks and beads) will be available by our District Photographer, Steve Erickson. We will have entertainment during our Saturday evening dinner by Ericka Corban, a local singer/songwriter who has been playing and writing music for the past decade. She has performed in ten different states and five countries with over 40 recorded songs.

Please see the following D/16 Spring Conference Registration Form for meal costs and specific event times. Complete the form and mail with your check to P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP before March 14, 2012, to take advantage of the reduced conference meal costs. Make your check out to: **FHPS,D16 Spring Conference**. We are looking forward to having a productive meeting and an enjoyable time at Ocean Shores.

Commander Fred Bowen, AP
Friday Harbor Power Squadron

Driving Directions

From I-5 heading South toward Portland, at Olympia, take Exit 104, Ramp (Right) onto US-101 {Pacific Coast Scenic Byway} for 5.9 miles toward Aberdeen (US-101 N). Keep left onto SR-8 for 21 miles toward SR-8 W to **Aberdeen**. Road name changes to US-12 at Elma. Continue on US-12 for 20 miles to US-101. Continue on US-12/US-101 through Aberdeen to Emerson Ave. Turn LEFT (West) onto Emerson Ave. (SR-109). Keep Straight on SR-109 for 15 miles. Turn LEFT (South-West) onto SR-115 for 2 miles. Turn Left (South) onto Point Brown Ave. N.W. (Main Street) for 1 mile. Guide RIGHT (West) at "round-about" onto E. Chance a la Mer NE for 0.5 mile. Arrive Shilo Inn Suites, 707 Ocean Shores Blvd. NW, Ocean Shores, WA, on your Right

BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR THE SPRING CONFERENCE. THE REGISTRATION FORM IS ON THE NEXT PAGE.

DISCOUNTED EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 14!

REGISTRATION FORM
D/16 SPRING CONFERENCE, 30-31 MARCH 2012
SHILO INN SUITES HOTEL, OCEAN SHORES, WA

Name _____ Spouse/Guest name _____
 Address _____ Squadron _____
 City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____
 E-mail Address for Confirmation of Registration and Payment _____

Will you be attending only the District Conference without meals? YES _____

Note: This is an activity registration form. There is no charge for attending meetings. **Early Bird prices apply for reservations received by 14 March, 2012.** A \$3.00 Surcharge will apply to reservations received after 14 March.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>Early Bird Price:</u>	<u>After 03/14/12:</u>	<u>No. of People:</u>	<u>Total:</u>
Registration 1500-1800				
Friday Reception 1730-1930				
No Host Bar / Social				
Friday Buffet 1830-1930				
Classic Cajun Jambalaya	\$15.00	\$18.00	_____	\$ _____
Registration 0800-1000				
Saturday Hot Breakfast Buffet 0800-0900				
Commander/Executive Officer	\$19.00	\$22.00	_____	\$ _____
Educational Officer/SEO	\$19.00	\$22.00	_____	\$ _____
PDC's and all other attendees	\$19.00	\$22.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon 1145-1300				
Executive Deli Bar	\$20.00	\$23.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Evening Banquet / No Host Ba				
No Host Bar 1800-2100				
Banquet 1900-2100				
Prime Rib and Salmon	\$39.00	\$42.00	_____	\$ _____
Vegetarian Entrée	\$35.00	\$38.00	_____	\$ _____

DIETARY PREFERENCES OR RESTRICTIONS _____

Total (U.S. Funds) \$ _____

(Meal prices include gratuity and tax)

For Hotel Reservation

Shilo Inn Suites Hotel
 707 Ocean Shores Blvd. NW
 Ocean Shores, WA, USA 98569
 Phone: (360) 289-4600
 (For \$99.00+tax / Group rate; you
 must reserve by 14 March
 Ask for USPS/D16 room rate)

Payment and Conference Reservations

Make checks payable to: FHPS, D16 Spring Conference
 Send Checks and Reservation Form to:
 P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP
 31820 – 37th Avenue SW
 Federal Way, WA 98023-2176
 Phone: (253) 927-7474 E-Mail: jimjoweb@aol.com

by land or by sea

Cuisine of the United States Power Squadrons

Copyright 2004

RASPBERRY CHICKEN

1 ½ lbs boneless, skinless chicken breasts or thighs	1 tbl rice wine vinegar ½ tsp chili powder
½ cup raspberry preserves	½ tsp curry powder
½ cup frozen pineapple juice concentrate, thawed	½ tsp garlic powder ½ cup fresh or frozen raspberries
½ cup low sodium soy sauce	

Place chicken in a 9 x 13 baking dish. In a bowl, combine preserves, pineapple juice, soy sauce, vinegar, seasonings and raspberries. Mix well and pour over chicken. Cover tightly with foil. Marinate in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours, or overnight. Bake, covered, in a 350 degree oven for 30 to 40 minutes. Transfer chicken to serving platter and top with pan juices.

(For a potluck, I suggest cutting up the chicken into reasonably sized pieces.)

GREEN ENCHILADA CASSEROLE

1 ½ lbs lean ground beef	1 (4 oz) can chopped mild green chilies
¼ tsp garlic powder	1 (4 oz) jar diced pimentos
1 (10 ½ oz) can cream of chicken soup	1 (8 oz) package of shredded cheddar cheese
1 (5 oz) can of evaporated milk	
1 (8 oz) package of processed cheese loaf	1 large onion, chopped
1 (1 oz) package of ranch salad dressing mix	1 (10 oz) package of tortilla chips

Brown beef with garlic powder. Drain and set aside. Combine soup, milk, and cheese loaf in a saucepan. Cook and stir over low heat until cheese melts. In a bowl, combine dressing mix, chilies and pimentos. Stir into cheese sauce. Add cheddar cheese and onion into meat mixture.

Place one-half package of chips in a layer in a 9 x 13 pan. Spread one-half of the meat mixture over the chips and cover with one-half of the cheese sauce. Repeat layering. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

<i>February 2012</i>			
11	District 16 Spring Council	0900-1500	Farmhouse Restaurant 13724 LaConner Whitney Rd Mt. Vernon WA
13	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Nickelby's Restaurant 660 Trospen Road SW Tumwater All members welcome
20	General Meeting "Celebrating Sweethearts"	1830-2100	Valentine Potluck, Olympia Yacht Club
<i>March 2012</i>			
12	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800 No-Host Dinner 1900 Meeting	1800-2100	Nickelby's Restaurant 660 Trospen Road SW Tumwater All members welcome
19	General Meeting	1900-2100	Olympia Yacht Club - Wear Green for St. Patrick's Day!
30-31	Dist. 16 Spring Conference Registration form available on the D-16 website and in this newsletter!	1500 Friday to 2100 Sat.	Shilo Inn Suites, Ocean Shores WA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 2011 - 2012

COMMANDER DONNA D. DAVIS, AP 41 SE ARKADA CT.
donnacubed@comcast.net 360 432 0464 SHELTON WA 98584-9339

EXECUTIVE OFFICER Open

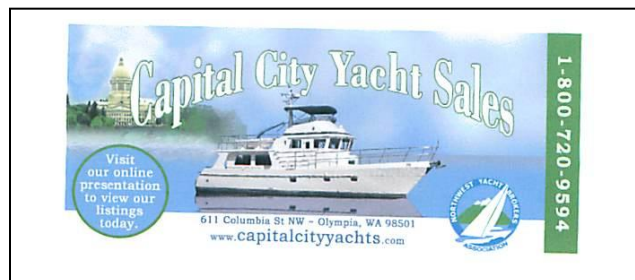
ADMIN OFFICER DALIA LAVENDER, P 120 STATE AVE NE #257
shecap53@yahoo.com OLYMPIA WA 98501

EDUCATION OFFICER P/C JAMES V. HARDEN JR., JN 5553 WALLABY CT
Jdharden@msn.com 360 438-9742 LACEY WA 98503-7197

ASSISTANT E.O. PAUL K. DAVIS, AP 41 SE ARKADA CT
skookumbay@comcast.net 360 432 0464 SHELTON WA 98584-9339

TREASURER P/C ROSE ANN WALKER, JN 3650A SIMMONS MILL CT SW
bnrwalker@comcast.net 360-754-0393 TUMWATER WA 98512-4106
943-7300 (W)

SECRETARY Open



Olympia Sail & Power Squadron
PO Box 1171
Olympia WA 98507

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



The Seaman's Log is the publication of the Olympia Sail & Power Squadron, published monthly except August as the main line of communication of our members. Please send changes of address, and requests to be included or removed from mailing lists to the Circulation Manager

Lt Viki Sharp, Circulation Manager, 5517 Kinney Rd SW, Olympia WA 98512 , home 360 866-7134,
trickyviki1944@q.com

Squadron meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 1930, unless otherwise specified. Call one of the Officers for the location. Summer meetings (July & August) are usually held at different locations.

Executive Committee meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at places *to be announced* in the Seaman's Log, starting at 1900 except in July and August when they are held at Rendezvous. **THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.**