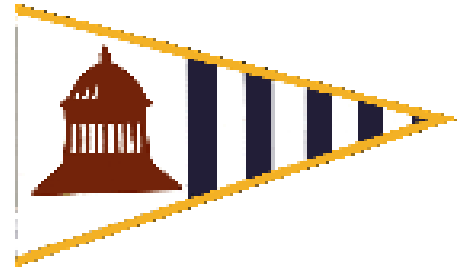




THE SEAMAN'S LOG

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

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FROM THE BRIDGE

Once again the weather is my opening topic. Who can deny the truth of this year's Groundhog prognostications? Last week we drove to Blaine to be with friends, and north of Bellingham we came around a curve of I-5 into a harsh hail storm, which quickly had built up a layer of ice on the freeway. There were some white knuckle moments until all the traffic we were in was able to slow down safely. Not so with all the cars, for we saw some already displaced into ditches.

This Monday's strong and icy wind here and in Seattle gentled into a snowfall in Issaquah, where we stayed overnight. Plenty for a snowman; not enough for a day off from school to make it. Although we switch to Daylight Saving Time next weekend, the summer weather we associate with DST's long evenings is still quite some time away. You can always think about boating, even if the weather isn't conducive to doing it.

February's potluck celebrated two "Days", sweethearts and noble leaders. Viki Sharp won the costume prize for Valentine's Day by dressing in all red, nose to toes. Bobbie Scott won the President's Day award with her reference to Betsy Ross and so to George Washington. D/C Barbara Erickson and her husband Steve, the photographer, joined us. Look for pictures in this issue. Thank you, Steve.

Skip Hash, long-time, and now retired, editor of The Seaman's Log, joined us with his wife Joanne, to accept our thanks for his work. Our newsletter received many citations of merit from USPS during his tenure. Skip and Joanne received tokens of our appreciation for their contributions to our squadron's well-being. I hope they can make enjoyable use of their new free time.

New Officer Training found four (sort of) from our squadron there: Cdr, Cdr Nominee, ASEO, and Admin Nominee. Okay, only three bodies, Paul and I and Pete Peterson. The general session spent much time on the national data base for squadrons, DB2000. To say I've never mastered it is to give me too much credit. I hope my successors will do better.

There was also much about On the Water Training, which isn't yet on our teaching agenda. If anyone is interested in participating in that for our ABC classes, taking students on board your boat for a three hour or so trip around Budd Bay, fuel would be paid for by the squadron, which would be funded from tuition for the ABC class. USPS insurance would cover any risk to your boat, with the District covering the deductible. What a deal.

Bremerton SPS celebrated its 60th birthday last month with a spaghetti feed (great ragu!), a Power Point show on the history of USPS (that will be shown at the Spring Conference in Ocean Shores), a Jeopardy style game on USPS, Bremerton, and boating topics, and good fellowship.

Be sure to attend the general meeting on Monday the 19th. We'll pay our respects to St. Patrick at the social time with something green, have a speaker you won't want to miss, vote on our Bridge for next year (see below), and honor our March birthday members with song.

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Cdr. Davis, Skip Hash receiving recognition for his years of service as editor of the Seaman's Log, and Skip's wife Joanne



Our Prize Winners

MARCH MEETING SPEAKER

Our speaker at the March 19th meeting will be Kip Summers, Project Engineer with the Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation. (I'll call to remind him!) Come to hear what's happening in your city, perhaps even in your own neighborhood. Social time at 7:00, program at 7:30, general meeting, with the election of our new Bridge, to follow.

SPRING CONFERENCE **MARCH 30-31, OCEAN SHORES**

Having the Spring Conference so close to us makes it possible to drive over just for Saturday, to see what plans our District Bridge has for the coming year. However, I recommend taking a mini-vacation and joining the group on Friday, for the full program. If you get there early in the day, you'll have time to enjoy the beach and the community's tourist attractions before you join in the fellowship and education of the event.

A reservation form and the agenda are later in The Log. Lodging and events are at the Shilo Inn. Installation of the new District Bridge takes place at the banquet. Our room will be open for hospitality at the appropriate times. Come join us for a fun and interesting conference. There are always new ideas we can gather from other squadron's members.

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
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An old sailor's tale:

CHIPS & BOATS

As most of you know I have been a member of "The West Bay Literary and Oratorical Society" for more years than I care to remember. At a regular daily meeting a recent guest, almost 82 years of age, described joining his first ship. This was during the hectic, immediate post-war years when we still had a Merchant Marine.

The job title of the lowest rung in the engine room of that era was "wiper". This involved any labor that had almost no technical requirement. For instance: "Get some kerosene, a dry mop, a fox-tail brush, a dust pan and clean up around the generator flat." You are barely 17, on your first ship, first day and the last thing you had seen that had run on steam was a steam donkey in the woods with your dad and its fire was fed with bark and wood by the fireman 7 years earlier. The next day the words were "Get a 3 inch, stubby wrench and 8 pound sledge, and you take bearing clearances on the I.P. cross-head bearing we are fitting." Whatever those things were only became known with time and effort. He learned how dirty and how pervasive crude Oil, or Bunker C, can be.

After four days at the port dock at the south end of Budd Inlet, the ship and a cargo of rock phosphate came to rest at anchor in Elliot Bay, for two days until Monday when the hiring hall could make up a crew shortage and they would be off to help the Marshall Plan in Japan.

Since the two days at anchor were Saturday and Sunday, the day workers could enjoy some shore leave. The afternoon went by in a blur of good times, a snack and not-remembered movie at the Orpheum Theater. At the conclusion, they exited through the

attached, adjoining building. In passing, they took with them a beautiful wood and brocade chair. Checking said chair into the baggage department of the Olive Way Greyhound overnight saved carrying it about on their last night ashore.

The rest of the chair's travels began Monday with being carried by the foursome to First Avenue. Then South to Yesler Way, stopping at a wine shop which opened at 0600. Then on to Alaska Way to the water taxi slip and a ride to the ship. A line was sent down and the chair rose in its glory into the hands of the bos'un and the carpenter, to disappear into their deck locker, never to be seen by engine room crew again.

Surmise is that the "Orpheum Chair" made countless trips to Japan until that country was rebuilt.

In 1964, the ship, with chair, was towed to Japan, and scrapped.

There is no point to this account except that, in the eyes of a 17 year-old, it was an adventure, and a taste of real, not virtual, reality.

P/Lt/C William M. Walker, JN
Olympia Sail & Power Squadron



HANDS ON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

For several years we have coordinated with HCM to present a program on water safety for children. Tim Miller was our clown and balloon man. Who else in the squadron has the talent to make animal-ish looking head gear from balloons, now that the Millers have moved away?

We've had a supply of life jackets for kids to try on, a small inflatable boat for them to get in, hand-outs of coloring books and crayons, safety material for parents, and so on. This is a great program for our squadron to use as our event for National

Boating Safety Week. Remember, Merit Marks come to those who participate in our activities.

The Museum has invited us again this year, and we've chosen Friday, May 4th as our night. Please mark this on your calendar right now, and help us to plan and staff this event. Got kids or grandkids? Be sure to bring them. There's a lot of water around us to enjoy, and we want children (and parents) to be safe from the start.

**SOUTH SOUND SAILING SOCIETY
AND
OLYMPIA YACHT CLUB
PRESENT**

**2012
SOUTH SOUND
WOMEN'S BOATING SEMINAR**

When: May 19, 2012
Where: Olympia Yacht Clubhouse

Join us for a full day of interesting, informative presentations *by women for women*, geared to boaters of both power and sail persuasions. This year's seminar focuses on cruising, both preparing for a cruise and skills to enhance enjoyment and safety once underway. A great opportunity to meet other women boaters to expand your horizons!

Registration is \$35 and includes lunch, as well as chances to win valuable door prizes.

For more information and to register, please visit:

www.ssssclub.com/wbs.htm

Check our website often for program updates.

**BOATING FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN
SHARING OUR PASSION FOR BOATING**

A seminar presented by Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron & friends

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2012
at Squalicum Yacht Club hall

Whether you are a woman sailor or power boater, or just becoming interested in boating, the Boating for Women by Women seminar is a chance to learn skills and meet like-minded boaters.

Experienced women boaters will lead the discussions. The \$35 advance registration fee includes lunch, snacks, and a chance at door prizes.

For more information or to register, visit www.boatingisfun.org and click on "Women's Workshop", call Penny at 360/366-3348, or email your questions to waverleypenny@gmail.com

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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.

MARCH

Kendal Lemn, 03/07; Joanne Demeyer, 03/12; Chuck Sharp, 02/13; and Hugh Schuetz, St. Patrick's Day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to all of you, and come join us at our regular meeting on March 19.

NOMINEES FOR 2012-2013 BRIDGE

Commander	Paul Davis, AP
Executive Officer	
Admin. Off.	Wayne (Pete) Peterson
SEO	Jim Harden, JN
ASEO	
Sect. Pro Tem	Rose Ann Walker, JN
Treasurer	Rose Ann Walker, JN

Election of officers will take place at the March general meeting on the 19th. Please be present to cast your vote.

USPS DISTRICT 16 2012 SPRING CONFERENCE AGENDA 30-31 MARCH 2021 Shilo Inn Suites Hotel 707 Ocean Shores Blvd NW Ocean Shores, WA 98569

Friday Evening 30 March

Uniform of the Day: Casual

- 1500 – 1800** Registration
1730 – 1830 No-Host Cocktails Reception
1830 – 1930 Classic Cajun Jambalaya

Location

Ballroom Lobby
Pacific Room (Ballroom)
Rainier Room (Ballroom)

Saturday, 31 March

Uniform of the Day: USPS polo or appropriate attire

- 0800 – 1000** Registration
0800 – 0900 Breakfast
Commanders/XO's
SEO's/ASEO's
PDC's/All Others
0915 – 1000 Call to Order
Flag Salute
Invocation
Change the Order of Business
Introductions
C/C's Rep
Guests
District Bridge
P/D/C's

Ballroom Lobby
Pacific Room (Ballroom)
Rainier Room (Ballroom)
St. Helens Room (Ballroom)
Olympia (Ballroom)
P/C Martin Schwartz, SN
D/Lt Ruby Ann Mahnken, AP
D/C Hank Willis, SN
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D/C Hank Willis, SN
P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP

CPS Representatives	P/D/C Barbara Erickson, JN
D/32 Representatives	P/R/C Robert Brummett, SN
1 st Timers	D/C Hank Willis, SN
Host Squadron Announcements	CDR Fred Bowen, AP
Rules of the Conference	P/C John Tarpley, AP
Squadron Roll Call	D/Lt/C Rod Barnes,
Determination of Quorum	D/Lt/C Rod Barnes, SN
Approval 2011 Fall Conference Minutes	D/C Hank Willis, SN
1000 – 1025 USCG AUXILLIARY	COMO Peter Raiswell District Commodore USCG Auxiliary District 13
1025 – 1035 Break	
1035 – 1100 Chief Commander’s Message	TBD
1100 – 1120 Review and Discussion of Officer Reports: Officer reports will be prepared in writing and available for all conference attendees to review	Olympia (Ballroom)
1120 – 1145 Committee Reports Nominating Committee Auditing Committee Rules Committee	P/D/C Mark Richey, SN P/Lt/C Bill Walker, AP P/C John Tarpley, AP
1145 – 1150 Raffle Drawing	CDR Fred Bowen, AP
1150 – 1300 Lunch	Pacific/Rainier/St. Helens
1300 – 1330 Announcements 2011 D/16 Rendezvous Educational Seminar 2011 Youth Poster Contest	Olympia (Ballroom) D/Lt/C Rod Barnes, SN D/1 st /Lt Ron Jones, SN D/Lt Susan Tarpley, P
1330 – 1400 Nominating Committee Breakout Marketing and On The Water Breakout	Dolphin A Dolphin B and C
1400 – 1415 Break	
1415 – 1445 AWARDS: Operations Training Educational Fund Honor Roll (15 of 16 squadrons) P/D/C Membership Trophy Co-op Charting Awards Distinctive Communications Award (Newsletters) Distinctive Communications Award (Website)	Olympia (Ballroom) D/Lt/C Travis Smith, SN D/Lt Ruby Ann Mahnken P/D/C Barbara Erickson, J P/C Inez Schwartz, J D/Lt George Lucker, SN P/C Richard Michels, SN

Vessel Safety Inspection	P/C Jacqueline Smith, AP
1445 – 1515 Old Business	Olympia (Ballroom)
1515 – 1630 New Business	
Nomination Committee Report/Election	P/D/C Mark Richey, SN
Commanders Challenge	P/C/C Lance Jensen, SN
1600 Recess Conference until 1900	D/C Hank Willis, SN
<u>Evening Activities</u>	
Banquet – USPS Blazer or Appropriate attire	Olympia/St. Helens
Note: The décor theme is Mardis Gras ... Festive or Mardi Gras attire optional	
1800 – 1900 No-host social hour (2 bars in ballroom open until 2100)	
1900 – 2100 Conference Reconvenes	
Invocation	D/Lt Ruby Ann Mahnken, AP
Toasts to Queen and Office of the President	P/C/C Lance Jensen, SN
Dinner	
Presentation of Awards:	
Roeber Award	P/V/C James Roeber, SN
Commanders' Challenge	P/C/C Lance Jensen, SN
Change of Watch Ceremonies	
D/C Closing Remarks	D/C Hank Willis, SN
Dismissal of District Bridge	D/C Hank Willis, SN
Installation of District Bridge	C/C Rep TBD
Flag Exchange	P/D/C Hank Willis, SN
D/C Remarks	D/C Travis Smith, SN
Raffle Drawing	CDR Fred Bowen, AP
2100 Adjourn 2012 Spring Conference	D/C Travis Smith, SN

**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
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 Federal Way, WA 98023-2176
 Phone: (253) 927-7474 E-Mail: jimjoweb@aol.com

<i>March 2012</i>			
12	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800 No-Host Dinner 1900 Meeting	1800-2100	Nickelby's Restaurant 660 Trosper Road SW Tumwater All members welcome
19	General Meeting Speaker - See Article Above	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. REGISTRATION FORM ABOVE
<i>April 2012</i>			
9	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800 No-Host Dinner 1900 Meeting	1800-2100	Nickelby's Restaurant 660 Trosper Road SW Tumwater All members welcome
16	Change of Watch 1745 Social Time 1830 Dinner, followed by Installation of Squadron Bridge	1745-2030	Chambers House at Panorama SAVE THE DATE!
<i>May 2012</i>			
4	Assist at Children's Museum		
13	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Nickelby's Restaurant 660 Trosper Road SW Tumwater All members welcome
19	Women's Boating Seminar		Olympia Yacht Club
20	General Meeting	1930-2100	Olympia Yacht Club

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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.**