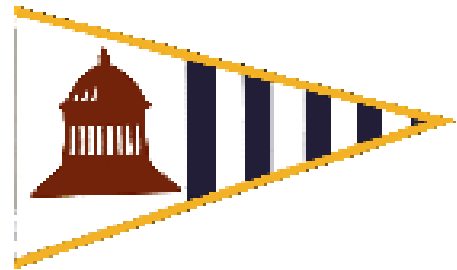




# THE SEAMAN'S LOG

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

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## COMMANDER'S MUSINGS

### *Changes of Watch*

On April 16, we had our Change of Watch, at Chambers House Restaurant at Panorama, in Lacey. We were honored to have the District Commander and two Past District Commanders in attendance.

D/C Travis Smith, SN, installed the Commander (that's me!). P/D/C/ Joanna Webster, AP, installed the bridge. P/D/C/ Barbara Erickson, N, and her husband-photographer Steve, JN, added to the evening with their always sparkling personalities.

The new and returning officers are:

Commander	Paul K. Davis, AP
Executive Officer	Viki Sharp, S
Educational Officer	Jim Harden, JN
Administrative Officer	Pete Peterson, P
Treasurer	Rose Ann Walker, JN

Cdr. Kevin Pisani (now, P/C and ADEO Kevin) and Jean Marie Muenzenberger Bremerton, also graced us with their presence.

Donna and I managed to get to the watch changes at three other squadrons: Poverty Bay, Bremerton, and Agate Pass. It's always interesting to meet old friends and make new ones. Incoming Commander, John Chen, managed to astound and delight all of us by cooking a splendid Chinese meal.

The food was outstanding, and included Barbecued Pork, Marble Tea Eggs, Pork Stuffed Steamed Shitake Mushrooms,

Stir Fried Beef in Oyster Sauce, Prawns with Tomato and Egg, Braised Chicken Wings, Radish and Cucumber Salad, Asparagus Salad, Chinese Broccoli, Steamed White Rice, Hot & Sour Egg Drop Soup, Almond Fruit Float Dessert, and custom made fortune cookies, each with a maritime related fortune. That sounds to me like Everything from Column A and Everything from Column B. To top it off, John also managed to teach those of us who are chopstick impaired how to use a rubber band and folded piece of paper to convert the chopsticks into a pair of functional tongs!

### *Water in the Diesel Fuel Tanks*

Many of you are aware that sometime during the winter some thieving creeps extracted some diesel fuel from my starboard tank. While the theft of fuel is bad enough, even worse is that they left the filler cap off exposing the fill pipe to the winter rains. Although I had no idea how much, if any, water got into the tanks, I feared the worst. A lot of advice about how to remove water from the fuel was offered from squadron members, from members of other squadrons, and from employees of marine service entities. I got as many opinions as there were people I asked. The one thing in common was that my solution was going to be expensive.

Finally, Eric Folkestad came to my rescue. Conveniently, Eric is married to one of my nieces. In addition, he is employed by Arcturus Marine Systems, manufacturer

of, among other things, TRAC stabilizers and ABT thrusters. (Eric received complimentary mention by Steve D'Antonio in the September, 2009, issue of *PassageMaker Magazine*, in an article about Arcturus.)

After disconnecting the fuel supply line feeding the Racor filter/separator we succeeded in draining several gallons of diesel from each tank into translucent buckets. After letting them sit on the dock there was no sign of water, although sludge-like crud came through on the initial flow. Satisfied that there was no water getting to the filter, I started the engine and ran it until it warmed up. There was still no water in the filter bowl.

The final test, yet to be done, will be to get under way and see if a change in running attitude causes water to get into the fuel supply line. I'll keep you posted.

### *High School ABC Class*

As this is being written we are half way through teaching the ABC course to fifteen high school students at Shelton High School. Freshmen to Seniors, they are all enrolled in the Junior Navy ROTC program at the school. They are a lively group, and are coming to class well prepared. During the review portion of each session they are answering the questions, correctly, sometimes even before the choices appear on the screen.

I will be shocked if they don't all pass the exam.

We understand there is another group of JNROTC students who couldn't fit this class into their schedules and would like a class in June, dates to be determined.

### *District Education Conference*

This is a reminder that the District 16 Education Conference will be held at the Bellingham Yacht Club on June 2. All members are welcome to attend. The

Commander, Executive Officer, Administrative Officer, Education Officer, Assistant Education Officer, Secretary and Treasurer should attend.

Information about registration, cost and directions to the club is on page 5 of this newsletter. Registration is due by May 26.

### *District Rendezvous*

This is a reminder that the District 16 Rendezvous is coming up in Poulsbo. Please note that the dates, June 15-17, are difference from the dates originally announced.

Registration for moorage and meals is due June 2. A registration form is on page 6 of this newsletter.

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## **SPRING: THE SEASON OF AWARDS**

The whole squadron can be proud of the number of awards we won at the District 16 Spring conference in Ocean Shores. As usual, The Seaman's Log received a Distinctive Communicator Award from USPS, thanks to Skip Hash's hard work. (New editor Paul Davis has his work cut out for him, to maintain our newsletter's reputation.)

Our Squadron received an award for having completed 206 Vessel Safety Exams last year, and another award for completing the second highest number in the District. Two of our members received certificates for individual achievement, Jim Harden for 45 exams and Viki Sharp for 87. (The number one squadron has a member who has examined vast hordes of kayaks and canoes. Now, just how long does that take, compared to examining the power and sail boats at Swantown, OYC, and SYC?)

Once again, Olympia has received a USPS Educational Fund Certificate of Merit, for our 27<sup>th</sup> year of donating to the fund in

behalf of every member of the squadron. This fund is administered by a separate Board of Trustees from USPS, and squadrons can apply for a grant for a special educational purpose. We should keep that in mind, if we have special needs such as our work with the Shelton NJROTC.

Nationally speaking, did you all notice that member Bobbie Scott is a published author? She has an article about Vikings, printed in the recent issue of USPS's "The Ensign", in the Bitter End department. Be sure to read it before the May meeting!

But wait, there's more! Two big awards are given out at our Change of Watch to squadron members who have done exemplary service for the organization. The Milton Webber Award goes to Pat Brower for stepping up to do the Secretary's job, when we had no such officer this past year. The Stan Guessing Educational Award goes to Jim Harden, for his contributions as our SEO and frequent instructor. Three cheers to both winners.

Finally, I was happy to hand out Certificates of Appreciation to all those members who have aided and abetted me during my years as your Commander, without whose help I would have fled the territory. Thank you all so much. You guys are great!

P/C Donna Davis

### **VSC REPORT**

On March 31st., Lt Jim Hanson, AP, Lt Viki Sharp S, and P/Lt/C Pat Brower, JN, got up bright and early to get to Shelton Yacht Club to do some much needed VSCs. We would have had more inspectors had it not been for District 16 Spring Conference. The weather was something out of Alaska's Bering Sea, but nothing could curb our en-

thusiasm. Sixteen vessels were inspected. Out of the sixteen, twelve passed and four did not. Most of us went home soaked, but happy. Thank you, Jim and Pat.

Now it was time to do Swantown, so on April 14th. four inspectors invaded the docks. Lt Jim Hanson, AP, P/Lt/C Bill Walker, JN, Lt Viki Sharp, S, and P/C Jim Hardon, Jr., JN, E218507 plus Mark from the Coast Guard Auxiliary jumped right in. Debbie Harden, Kendal Lemn, Cdr Donna Davis, and Paul Davis were there to lend support. You know us, we always welcome support. Kendal also helped set up our table. Thank you, Kendall. This time the weather was more like Hawaii. Well, maybe not that good, but compared to Shelton, it sure seemed like it. For our efforts, we did twenty vessels. Not thirty as previous reported by me. It must have seemed like that many. I do apologize. Of the twenty, fifteen passed and five did not. This is just an observation on my part but I think everyone had fun.

I thank everyone who made the day possible, especially my inspectors.

Lt Viki Sharp, S  
VSC Chairman

### **MEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Each month we honor the birthdays of our members born in that month

#### **MAY**

This month we have only two birthdays to report: George Rough, 05/06, and Pat Brower, 05/20

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to both of you!

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

In last month's newsletter I said that when I understood more I would attempt to clarify the issue of what kind of instructor is qualified to teach what kind of course. So far, the fog hasn't lifted.

In the meantime there is buried somewhere in this newsletter a membership number belonging to one of our members. If that member spots it, and tells Jim Harden before the end of May, the lucky individual will be entitled to take any of our advanced courses, for which the member has completed any prerequisites, without payment of tuition. Isn't that great?

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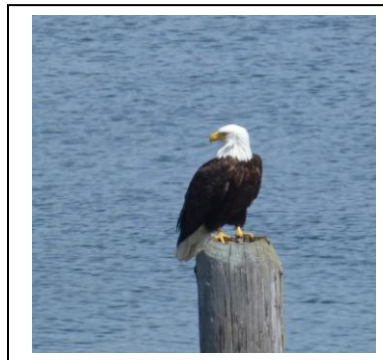
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Sometimes the editor gets distracted at his work. Today was one of those days. The photo of the eagle perched on one of our dock pilings was taken from our living room Friday morning, May 4, just before noon. I suppose he's just waiting for lunch to swim by.





## District 16 Educational Seminar

Saturday, 2 June 2012

0900 to 1600

Bellingham Yacht Club

Hosted By Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron

### ***RESERVE THE DATE***

#### **Schedule of Events**

0800 – 0900	Registration, continental breakfast
0900	Call to order
1200	Lunch
1600	Adjourn

Cost is \$11 per person payable at the door

Please RSVP by May 26

To RSVP or for Information Contact Jim West  
360/312-6580 or [jwestboater@comcast.net](mailto:jwestboater@comcast.net)

#### **Direction to Bellingham Yacht Club – 2625 Harbor Loop Drive**

- I-5 North -- take EXIT 256 Meridian Street
- At bottom of ramp, turn left onto Meridian Street
- Continue to stop light for Squalicum Way
- Turn right onto Squalicum Way (truck route)
- Continue down toward the waterfront on Squalicum Way
- As the road turns left (under the bridge) it become Roeder Ave
- Turn right onto Coho Way (just past LFS store)
- Turn right at stop sign and you will see Bellingham Yacht Club



## Annual District 16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 15-17 June 2012

*Alice in Wonderland "*

### Registration:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Reservations:** Reservations for all meals must be received on or before **02 June**. No guarantee for Four Star BBQ dinners will be given after this date!!

**Friday Night Social:** No host (BYOB) "Dock Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock." **Dress in Fantasy attire or come as you are.** We will have tables set up between our boats on the finger docks for your favorite hors d'oeuvre to share with District Members and guests.

	<u># Attending</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
<b>Saturday Evening BBQ:</b> Carolina Style Pulled Pork or BBQ Chicken with three side dishes: <b>\$13.00 / person.</b>	_____ (Adults)	_____
Children (10 and under): <b>\$6.50.</b>	_____ (Children)	_____
Please note selection and quantity: <b>Pork</b> _____ <b>Chicken</b> _____		

**Saturday during the day** – Advance Boat Operator Certifier Qualification: Inland Navigation & Coastal Navigation will be offered again. Check your squadron newsletters for more information of plans for classes and activities being offered. ???

### MOORAGE RESERVATIONS

- For mooring reservations, pay **\$5.00** to D/16, as an advance guarantee (**to be paid on or before 02 June, 2012, Non Refundable**).
- Pay Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival for all moorage: **\$.90 / foot** with 30' minimum charge; includes electrical hook-up (30amp).

### Docking Request: (Please Circle)

(Bow or Stern)                      (Port or Stbd)

Reservation Fee: **\$5.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This fee is non refundable, D16 has to prepay.

**Total Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check Arrival Day: (Tuesday) (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)

If you are coming by boat for any part of the D16 events PLEASE register with us by using this form. And hail on Ch72 on arrival

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LOA \_\_\_\_\_ Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Draft \_\_\_\_\_

Special Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

**Poulsbo Inn:** 360-779-3921      Reference: **Power Squadron 2012** for group rate of **\$80**.

**Eagle Tree RV Park:** 360-598-5988

**Please mail no later than 02 June 2012 to: (Make checks payable to: District 16)**

Mail Reservations to:  
 P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP  
 31820 – 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW  
 Federal Way, WA 98023-2176

For Rendezvous information or questions, contact:  
 D/Lt/C Rod Barnes, SN  
 Home: 360-678-6971    E-mail: 7seas@whidbey.net

<i>May 2012</i>			
13	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100 All members welcome	Nickelby's Restaurant 660 Trosper Road SW Tumwater
19	Women's Boating Seminar	0830-1700	Olympia Yacht Club
20	General Meeting	1930-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
<i>June 2012</i>			
2	District 16 Educational Seminar	0900-1600	Bellingham Yacht Club
11	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2030 All members welcome	Nickelby's Restaurant 660 Trosper Road SW Tumwater
15-16	District 16 Rendezvous		Poulsbo Marina <b>Registration Form page 6</b>
18	General Meeting 1830: Potluck 1930: Meeting	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club 201 Simmons St NW Olympia WA
<i>July - August 2012</i>			
	Summer Activities to be determined		
<i>September 2012</i>			
10	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2030 All members welcome	Nickelby's Restaurant 660 Trosper Road SW Tumwater
17	General Meeting	1930-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
<i>October 2012</i>			
8	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2030 All members welcome	Nickelby's Restaurant 660 Trosper Road SW Tumwater
15	General Meeting	1930-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
26-28	District 16 Fall Conference		Suquamish Clearwater Casino Resort on Agate Passage

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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.**