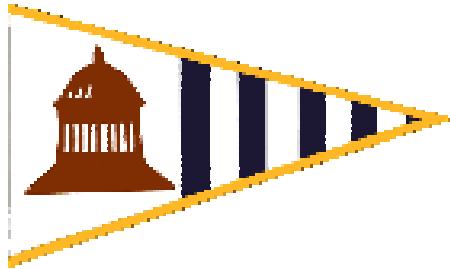


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March 2008



FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

For those of you who couldn't make the February meeting, you missed a good one! Thanks to Dan Briscoe, we learned about ice breaking around the world from Captain Joe Wubbold, retired Coast Guard icebreaker captain. Ice can get as much as 25 feet thick and almost impossible to break. In spite of the special design of the ships, they can sometimes go only a very short ways each day. Both the Great Lakes and Antarctica were featured as he gave us a glimpse of the Coast Guard in peace and war. We also got a fascinating look at a variety of Antarctic wildlife.

Captain Joe had to come from Vashon Island to be with us, and we were certainly pleased to host his visit.

For a while now we have been considering a fee increase of \$5.00 per year per "family". "Family" would be all members in the same household. After some discussion, the membership voted to support this change. We did not consider a change in the meeting time (from 7:30 to 7:00 P.M.) as the general feeling in previous discussions was to keep the later time.

We recognized two birthday events at the meeting (Nick Brower and Bill Walker) Happy Birthday to both! We inducted four new members: **Charles Beleny, Catherine and John Brazeau, and Robbie Robinson.** A very warm welcome to all of you! When you old-timers see them at meetings, be sure to greet them!

We just added **Jerry Cross** as **Executive Officer** to our list of nominees for the OSPS 2008-2009 Bridge. Thanks to Jerry, we move into the next Squadron year with a full slate of officers.

Dan Briscoe was our "Getting to Know You" personality of the month. His background and experience put us into overtime, but it was well worth it! Thanks, Dan!

We had a new event for this meeting, an Ice-

Cream Social. It seemed to be a success by almost any measure (amount of ice-cream consumed, number of toppings drizzled on, amount of Nick Brower's birthday cake that went underneath). This was hosted by the Scotts, and may become an annual Commander's Dessert. Does that sound like something worth repeating? The Squadron membership gave a good account of themselves in terms of both ice cream consumed (1½ gallons) and donations. The Squadron was the beneficiary of everyone's generous donations. Thank you all.

We were contacted recently by Cabela's Sporting Goods as a possible participant in their March 8/9 "Captain's Weekend" for charter boat operators and guides. After looking over the requirements and seeing that we had a direct conflict with the Winery Tour and Tasting on March 8th, we decided not to try Cabela's program this year.

Some upcoming events to keep in mind:

Saturday, March 8 - Walter Dacon Wines, 50 S.E. Skookum Inlet Road (about 1 ½ miles from Highway 101 off Lynch road), Shelton 98584. Phone 426-5913. Wine tasting and tour. New members take note! If you're not aware of this and would like to go, contact someone on the Bridge. Phone numbers are in this issue of the newsletter.

We may be able to arrange space. It's a wine tasting plus snacks at \$15 each. Noon to 2:00 PM.

Monday, March 10 - Bridge Meeting - West side Denny's Restaurant. Dinner at 6:00, meeting 7 to 9 PM. All are welcome. (Special note to new members - come join your bridge and see how the "Executive Committee" operates. It's fun!

Monday, March 17 - General Meeting POTLUCK 6:30 PM at the Olympia Yacht Club. Program by State Parks (San Juan Islands) This meeting falls on St Patrick's Day, so it will be a St. Paddy's themed potluck. Wear your greenest outfit (or your orangest?)

Bring your favorite dish to share. As always we'll

have paper plates, napkins, & plastic utensils, coffee and various drinks.

Tuesday April 8 - Change of Watch (CoW) Olympia Country and Golf Club. Announcement is in this issue. This is our Installation of next year's officers, and one of only two real social events we have each year. This is also our general meeting for April; there will NOT be a meeting on Monday the 21st.

Monday April 14 - Bridge meeting - place TBA. Time 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting.

Saturday, April 26 - Olympia Yacht Club. Safety & Environmental Day. We do VSC (Vessel Safety Checks). We need examiners and a desk tender to schedule exams. Time is 0900 to 1300 and there might even be donuts. Contact Nick Brower 493-1678

May 9, 2009 - Note 2009. We are hosting the one-day Educational Seminar and although we have quite a crew already, we are still actively looking a location and for people to help. If you can help, contact Dan Briscoe 1-253-435-0814 or osps-ed@comcast.net

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FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RAMBLINGS

The Executive Officer is soaking up the sun in Old Mexico!

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NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is pleased to submit the following candidates for 2008-2009 officers of the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron. The election will be held at the annual meeting March 17, 2008.

Commander	Tim Miller, P
Executive Officer	Jerry Cross, P
Administrative Officer	Donna Davis, P
Educational Officer	Dan Briscoe, JN
Asst. Educational Officer	Nick Brower, JN
Secretary	Pat Brower, JN

Treasurer Rose Ann Walker, AP

Executive Board Members

1 yr Lt. Skip Hash, P
2 yr P/C Rose Ann Walker, AP
3 yr Paul Davis, P

Audit Committee

1 yr Joyce Durkee, P
2 yr Deanna Schnatterly, P
3 yr Viki Sharp, S

Rules Committee

1 yr P/C Clyde Shiner, SN
2 yr P/Lt/C Bill Walker, AP
3 yr Lt/C Maggie Miller, P

Nominating Committee

1 yr P/C Debbie Harden, P
2 yr P/C Bobbie Scott, P
3 yr P/C Stan Scott, AP

There are many appointed positions in the Squadron. The Commander and his staff need committee chairs and members to accomplish all the things that we hope to do, in assisting area boaters during the coming year. If you can help, please call one of us! Or, if we call you, please say, "YES"!

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Selecting an EPIRB

What they do

An EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) is one of the most critical pieces of last-resort lifesaving gear on your boat when you are out of range of a VHF radio, cell phone or other means of communication. EPIRBs are small radio transmitters, connected to a global satellite network, which are used worldwide to alert Search and Rescue agencies in the event of a dire emergency. Used only when all other means of rescue or communication have failed, these emergency beacons can be activated if your boat is in danger of sinking, or if you have a life-threatening accident or medical emergency. Activating an EPIRB starts a chain of responses, beginning when your signal is received by the COSPAS-SARSAT International Satellite System, relayed rapidly to ground stations, forwarded to a regional Rescue Coordination Center and ending when a helicopter, boat, rescue swimmer or other

type of emergency response team makes contact with you.

An EPIRB does not allow you to send or receive voice or text messages. If you can reach rescue agencies with an Iridium, INMARSAT or Globalstar satellite phone, Single Sideband radio or cell phone, you can better communicate the important details of your emergency. EPIRBs work when all of these means have failed, such as if your boat is sinking on the high seas and you have no electrical power. Since 1982, EPIRBs have saved about 20,000 people worldwide.

How they work

EPIRBs transmit using internationally recognized distress frequencies, monitored by LEOSAR (low earth orbit) satellites moving from pole to pole above the earth's surface, and GEOSAR (geostationary) satellites in high stationary orbit. LEOSAR satellites, because they are in motion, use Doppler shift processing (the perceived frequency change caused by the relative movement of the receiver and the source) to calculate the location of the distress beacon. They cover the entire globe, orbiting once about every 100 minutes. GEOSAR provides instantaneous alerting, but no position locating. Signals from both types are relayed to automated Local User Terminal (LUT) ground stations worldwide, which forward them to Mission Control Centers (MCC). The MCC (which in the U.S. is the NOAA office near DC) tracks the signal, attempts to identify the transmitting vessel using the database of registered EPIRBs, and notifies a regional Rescue Control Center (RCC), operated in the U.S. by the Coast Guard or the Air Force.

A Search and Rescue operation is launched, sometimes involving international communication, substantial costs, lots of planes, helicopters or ships, and rescuers who risk their lives. Unfortunately, some EPIRB transmissions are false alarms. Curious onboard guests or painters may remove an EPIRB from its cradle, causing accidental activation. Some false alarms are hoaxes, and deliberate misuse of emergency beacons may result in substantial fines, restitution and/or prison. If you accidentally trigger your EPIRB, call the U.S. Coast Guard HQ Command Center at 1-800-323-7233 immediately. You will keep valuable resources from being mobilized, unable to deal with an actual emergency, and possibly prevent a SAR team from converging on

the trunk of your car.

What to look for:

Class A & B EPIRBs: These older types have been in use since 1970 and have saved many lives, but they also lack accuracy, can trigger false alarms that waste crucial time and resources, and are now obsolete compared to newer technology. Using two emergency VHF frequencies, 121.5 MHz (civilian) and 243.0 MHz (military), Class A EPIRBs deploy and activate automatically while Class B units have to be deployed and activated manually by the crew. As of Feb. 1, 2009, satellites will stop monitoring these frequencies, so if you own one of these EPIRBs it is time to consider a replacement.

406 MHz EPIRBs: Modern EPIRBs transmit digitally on 406.025 and 406.028 MHz (so they are called "406 EPIRBs"). Their signal has an embedded code containing a unique identification number, allowing rescue agencies to look up your emergency information (including name, phone number, vessel type, emergency contact, etc.), in a database, but only if you have registered your EPIRB. When your EPIRB transmits, rescuers know who you are, a huge improvement over Class A and B technology, and can phone your emergency contacts to verify your itinerary. Another advance over older EPIRBs is that satellites can store and rebroadcast your 406 emergency message, so the LEOSAR satellite does not need to be in direct contact between you and a ground station. A 406 MHz signal also allows the satellite to calculate the position of the sender to less than a 2-nm radius (instead of 12 nm with the older Class A and B EPIRBs), resulting in a faster and less costly rescue response. 406 EPIRBs also transmit with 5W of power (compared to 0.1W for the Class A and B beacons) so they function better in poor weather conditions. The average time to notification of RCCs via 406 MHz EPIRBs is approximately one hour worldwide.

Category I and II: By rule, all EPIRBs must be able to activate and transmit when they are removed from their brackets and immersed. Category I brackets will automatically deploy the beacon when submerged between 3' and 14', while Category II brackets need to have the beacon released manually. Both types can be manually activated either in or out of their brackets.

GPS/EPIRB Combinations: Two types of

EPIRBs now include the ability to transmit GPS coordinates along with the rest of the digital distress message. Some units can interface with an external GPS and, if the receiver is turned on, will transmit coordinates within seconds of activation. Other EPIRBs contain their own receiver and take longer to acquire their location, but keep transmitting while the EPIRB is operating, without remaining connected to an external GPS with an interface cable. Using the stationary GEOSAR satellites, these transmitters do not need to wait for a LEOSAR to pass overhead and fix a Doppler bearing, and reduce the time-to-notification to as little as four minutes. Like other GPS receivers, their position accuracy is 100yd. (instead of 2nm without GPS).

Personal Locator Beacons: EPIRBs are intended strictly for marine use, but Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs), their smaller cousins, can be carried with you just about anywhere. They provide the same worldwide coverage as 406MHz EPIRBs, and can rescue hikers, kayakers, backpackers, climbers, pilots, river rafters and hunters (among others) as well as boaters. PLBs were extensively tested in Alaska beginning in 1994 before FCC approval for general U.S. use in July, 2003, and saved 400 lives there during that time period. Pocket-sized and weighing less than a pound, PLBs are different than EPIRBs in some important ways. Their battery life (24hr. minimum transmitting time) is half of that of an EPIRB. PLBs do not have a strobe light, are not required to float (but most do), and are manually deployed and activated.

Like 406 EPIRBs, PLBs have an additional 121.5MHz homing signal to help planes, helicopters and other searchers find you. They also have a Morse code encryption for PLB attached to their digital signal. Manufacturers are marketing PLB versions intended for marine, backcountry and aeronautical use, like ACR's AquaFix, TerraFix and AeroFix, and all three types often appear virtually identical (ACR's products, for example, have the same specs).

We believe that EPIRBs are for your boat, and a PLB is a "personal" beacon. A PLB is also great insurance while exploring away from the mothership in your dinghy, and is a less-bulky EPIRB alternative for any small boat. The ability to be carried with you and to be used anywhere, with a group of hikers, on a snowmobile, in a

canoe, or in a backpack makes a PLB a valuable and versatile lifesaving tool.

Register your 406 EPIRB or PLB!

It is mandatory that you register your 406 EPIRB/PLB with NOAA SARSAT, yet only 80% of our customers register their new beacons. In the U.S. you can register online at www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov, or in Canada at <http://beacon.nss.gc.ca>. (*The Canadian link did not work when I tried it. Ed.*) U.S. registration can also be completed by mail or by downloading the registration form and faxing it to NOAA SARSAT at 301-568-8649. It is free, no license is required, and it is critical in making your EPIRB perform as intended. When filling out the registration form, carefully select the emergency contacts NOAA or the Coast Guard should call in case your beacon goes off. These should be individuals who are familiar with your plans, and who are most likely to be available.

Failure to properly register your beacon will most likely delay the launch of a rescue mission. Also, the Coast Guard says that 94% of EPIRBs alerts are false and that registration data has enabled them to resolve 65% of the alerts prior to launching SAR operations.

Can I lend my EPIRB or PLB to another boater?

Yes, you can lend your EPIRB or PLB to your friends. The problem, of course, is that if you lend your 406 to a boater with a different boat description or different land contacts, you are likely to send the Coast Guard on a wild goose chase. The key to this is alerting NOAA of the change of information, even if only for a week or two. If you have previously registered your 406 MHz beacon with NOAA but have not accessed your registration information via their online registration site, you can access your beacon (just be sure you have your 15-digit Unique ID at hand) and view/update your registration. The online registration site contains a section for "Additional Information". Use this section like a float plan, and let rescuers know how many passengers are aboard and your plans for the trip. This information can be updated on a daily basis. You can also fax another registration form documenting the new information, and the approximate time that this will be in effect, to the MCC at 1-301-568-8649.

Conclusion:

A 406 EPIRB will dramatically improve your

chances and your boat's chances of survival in an emergency. A Personal Locator Beacon provides almost the same level of protection, in a pocket-sized package, to an individual on land or water. If you own an older Class A or B EPIRB, which will soon cease to be monitored by COSPAS/SARSAT, you should upgrade to a Category I or II 406MHz EPIRB. Linked to an internal or interfaced GPS receiver, 406 EPIRBs and PLBs allow instant notification of your identity and an accurate fix on your position, speeding the launch of a full-scale search and rescue effort. One thing is for sure, however: You must do your part in registering your EPIRB/PLB and keeping the emergency contact information up to date, so rescuers can validate the authenticity of the distress signal.

<http://www.westmarine.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/westadvisor/10001/-1/10001/EPIRBs.htm>

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Squadron Educational Officer's Report January 2008

Check the schedule of events for current classes.

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DO YOU NEED TO BORROW A PFD?

Our Squadron has available FREE loaner PFDs for members, friends, neighbors, and the general public. These are made available to us through the WA State Parks Dept. and the US Boat Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water.

If you need one, or more, please contact me.

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Editor's note:

Just remember: anything that can go wrong probably will when you least expect it! (Or it already

has, and you don't know it yet.)

Any member can submit articles for inclusion in the next Seaman's Log. If I don't send your email back to you, do not assume that I received it.

The Editor reserves all editorial privileges for the content of the Seaman's Log. The Editor serves at the pleasure of the Commander.

"E" numbers can start with any letter A-F. Check this issue carefully.



Vessel Safety Checks at Shelton Yacht Club

Every year the Shelton Yacht Club invites your Vessel Examiners to attend their Annual Clean Up Day and complete Vessel Safety Checks on their members' boats. What a great way to start out the new year.

All of our Vessel Examiners (VE) are encouraged to attend this event. We always have a lot of boats to inspect and it's an opportunity to "kick start" your VSCs for the year. Also, this year we have several new prospective Vessel Examiners who will be at the Yacht Club and will need mentoring on their first 5 VSCs to meet the VE qualifications.

Here is the information to put on your Calendar:

- What: Our first VSC event of the year
- Where: Shelton Yacht Club
- When: Sat. March 29
- Time: 0900 – 1300

For further information contact Jim Harden (directions, etc.)

Lt/C Tim Miller, P
VSC Chairman



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**A Special Note For Anyone Submitting Articles
For The Seaman's Log**

The editor is responsible for all formatting. If you want a full page with special formatting, say so

in the email. Otherwise, I will change the formatting of articles to make them fit where I want them. It helps a whole lot if the articles are in Word 97 (97 to 2003 are compatible), **with 12 point type, using Times New Roman. Do Not Format With The Space Bar.** Special paragraph formatting can be done using "Format-paragraph-" to center a line. Do not use the Enter Key at the end of a line. Press "enter" only at the complete end of a paragraph.

This is not the Commander's newsletter. This is the Squadron's newsletter. All members can submit articles, even the Editor.

Thanks, Ed.



OUTSTANDING PERSONAL SERVICE
AUCTION

In May, our program will be a fund raising auction, with a very nice potluck dinner. Main meat will be provided by the Squadron.

We will be auctioning off services that members have offered. The auction will be limited to ten to twelve substantial services. Examples of what could be offered are: boat ride, catered dinner for a couple or two, cookie of the month for two to three months, host a mystery dinner, mow someone's lawn, host a theme dinner, wash and/or wax someone's auto or boat, an hour or two of house cleaning, or a guided tour of the wildlife refuge or some other point or area of interest. An all day fishing trip in the South Sound for two people with all equipment provided has already been donated. These are just a few ideas and I am sure people will think of many more.

If you want to participate by offering your services, please contact Maggie Miller at 360.413.0311 or at tennistm@comcast.net.

You will hear more about this at future meetings and in the Seaman's Log.

Speakers Wanted

Wanted: *Speakers for upcoming Olympia Sail and Power Squadron meetings (June 08 – April 09). Must have an interesting topic for a boater oriented audience. Video or Power Point presentation preferred...although slide shows are good too. Must have the ability to limit presentation to 45 minutes or less...timeliness is important. Need not be a professional.*

Do you have something you would like to share with the Squadron? Some of our most popular presentations come from our own

members. Remember the Browers and their cruise up North? Wow! Great Slides! How about that presentation by Nick Nicholyavich? Fantastic! Not to be outdone, was the interesting and informative presentation by Jim Hanson about our very own Olympia Harbor Patrol!

Maybe you know of someone who would like to be a speaker at one of our meetings. Please contact me if you have any suggestions on this matter. Thanks!

Lt/C Tim Miller, P

Executive Officer

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“Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody’s going to know whether you did it or not.” Reader’s Digest February 2002

Thanks, Ed.



Olympia Sail & Power Squadron Activity Schedule Feb & Mar 2008

Day(s)	Event	Time	Place
March 2008			
1	Cruise Planning Class #7 of 8	1830 - 2100	Lacey Fire Station #33 6500 Mullen Road SE
4	Engine Maintenance Class #8 of 8	1900 - 2130	Lacey Fire Station #33 6500 Mullen Road SE
5	Squadron Boating Course Class 1 of 8 – Full course Class 1 of 5 – Boating course only	1900 - 2130	Lacey Fire Station #33 6500 Mullen Road SE
8	Wine Tasting Tour	1200- 1400	Walter Dacon Winery (Shelton)
8	Cruise Planning Class #8 of 8	1830 - 2100	Lacey Fire Station #33 6500 Mullen Road SE
10	Bridge (Executive) meeting dinner Meeting	1800 1900	TBA
12	Squadron Boating Course Class 2 of 8 – Full course Class 2 of 5 – Boating course only	1900 - 2130	Lacey Fire Station #33 6500 Mullen Road SE
14-16	District Spring Conference		La Conner
17	Potluck General Meeting	1830 1930	Olympia Yacht Club
19	Squadron Boating Course Class 3 of 8 – Full course Class 3 of 5 – Boating course only	1900 - 2130	Lacey Fire Station #33 6500 Mullen Road SE
26	Squadron Boating Course Class 4 of 8 – Full course Class 4 of 5 – Boating course only	1900 - 2130	Lacey Fire Station #33 6500 Mullen Road SE

Getting Involved With A Coffee Stop

At the January social meeting, I made the statement, "If you want to get involved and have an idea of something you think we should be doing, make that suggestion. You will become the chairman and you will be involved." At a board meeting, I suggested we do a Coffee Stop at Elma. I was tasked to get the paperwork going. I did that and then made a presentation at the January meeting. I was the chairman! This was not going to be a good thing, doing everything Long Distance.

Even before I finished speaking, Viki Sharp started getting signups for the Coffee Stop. It was difficult getting people to sign-up for one of the 3 shifts for the four days. I understand that a lot of the members are gainfully employed during the week and that we "older folk" would have to work during the workweek. Our next two Coffee Stops are over a weekend. The dates are: 1000, Friday, May 2nd to 0200, Monday, May 4th and 1000, Friday, May 30th to 0200, Monday, June 1st. The membership must understand that a weekend

Coffee Stop is 24/7 and works with 4 hour shifts or 6 hour shifts. I am used to 6 hour shifts at Elma. I have done a double 4-hour shift at Scatter Creek. I don't believe a single 4 hour shift is worth the drive to any Rest area for a Coffee Stop.

If we cannot fill the shifts, we will need to turn the Coffee Stops back in. Bring your calendars to the next social meeting and sign up. You will meet many interesting people. You may find new members. You will always meet people who will ask, "What is the Power Squadron?"

Comments at the window include: "Love the big cups!" "Glad you are here!" "Home made cookies, yum!" Flavored creamers are good, and diabetics take more cookies.

I thank all the members that worked this Coffee Stop!

I end this missive with a big Thank You to Viki Sharp, a co-chair in fact for this Coffee Stop. It would not have happened without her hard work. Thank You Viki!

Coffee Stop Idea
Lt. Skip Hash, P

If your address, phone, or email information is not current with the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron, please send the following information to Tim Miller tennistm@comcast.net.

Name (so we know which file to change) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

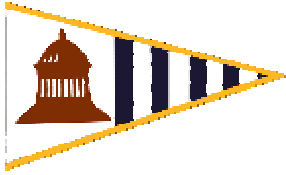
If you haven't visited our USPS National Web-site lately, take a look. It is all new and improved.

If you're new to the Squadron, take a little time and see what we are all about.

<http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/index.html>

For our new members, here is our own District and Olympia Squadron web-pages:

District: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d16/> Olympia: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/olympia/>



**The Olympia Sail & Power Squadron's
Change of Watch
The Olympia Golf and Country Club
Tuesday, April 8, 2008**

The Olympia Sail and Power Squadron C.O.W. will be held at the Olympia Country and Golf Club. You don't want to miss this premier social event of the year for the Squadron.

Social hour is at 1830 and dinner is at 1930
Dinner choice of entrees':

**Prime Rib,
Salmon
Vegetarian Entree.**

All dinners include salad, coffee, and desert.

\$32.00 each person.

Make your check out to the Olympia Power Squadron and mail to:

Rose Ann Walker
3650A Simmons Mill Ct SW
Tumwater, WA 98512
360 754-0393

She would really like these checks by the end of MARCH. A facsimile of the reservation form is included at the bottom of this page.

Name _____

Total number in your party _____

Choice >>>>>> **PRIME#** _____ **SALMON #** _____ **VEGGY #** _____

\$ Amount enclosed @ \$32/person _____

USPS District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch 14-16 March 2008

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron welcomes participants in the USPS District 16 Spring Conference to La Conner, Washington. We will be lodging at the La Conner Country Inn and at The Channel Lodge. The meeting will be held at the Swinomish Yacht Club.

Saturday – Many area opportunities.

The city of La Conner is the heart of the Skagit Valley. The tulips won't be out quite yet, but the daffodils will! The large flocks of snow geese that winter in the valley and the swans will still be here. We will have driving maps available for self guided tours of the area so you can see all of these wonderful things. There is nothing like seeing a large flock of snow geese "rise". If you like gambling, the Northern Lights Casino is nearby.

Family Friendly Activities

In addition to all the great outdoor activities listed above, we also have some great activities planned for families. Have your children/grandchildren bring their poster ideas for the Youth Poster Contest. We will supply all of the materials so they can create their best poster!

Registration

Will take place on Friday in the Country Inn from 1500 to 1800. On Saturday, you will find it at the Swinomish Yacht Club.

Friday Evening Activity

There will be a "No Host" reception starting at 1800 at the La Conner Seafood and Prime Rib House. Dress is Team Casual (Polo shirt and "Dockers")

Breakfast Meetings

The breakfast meetings for the Commanders/Executive Officers and Squadron Education Officers will be held at the yacht club. The breakfast meeting for the PDC's will be held at the Calico Cupboard Café and will be off the menu.

Saturday Conference

Will be called to order by D/C Carolyn Black, AP, at 0930. All USPS® members are welcome to attend. Team casual or appropriate attire.

Deli Sandwich lunch will be available 1145 – 1300 and will offer a variety of sandwiches, pasta salad, cookie or brownie and a drink.

Saturday Evening Change of Watch Banquet

Reception 1730 – 1830 with a no host bar, dinner will be served at 1830. Dinner will be a Buffet with Salmon Fillet, Pork Loin Roast, Vegetables, Potatoes, Green Salad, Dinner rolls, Chefs choice dessert. Swearing in ceremony follows. Uniform A with bow tie or appropriate attire requested.

Ship's Store and Silent auction.

Shop Saturday in the Ship's Store for the latest offerings from National. We will have a silent auction with many wonderful prizes to be had.

Directions

Take I-5 to Exit 221 (Conway). Go west on Pioneer Highway, turn right onto Fir Island Road. Stay on this road until you see a sign to turn left to La Conner, Chilberg Road. Chilberg Road will take you into the town of La Conner.

**USPS® District 16 Spring Conference & Change of Watch
14-16 March 2008
La Conner, Washington**

Name _____ Squadron: _____
 (Please include rank and/or grade
 _____ Phone: _____
 (spouse/guest name)

Address: _____ City/State/ZIP _____

1st time at a D16 conference ___Y ___N e-mail _____

Activity Registration Form

There is no charge to attend Conference Meetings

Early Bird prices apply for prepaid reservations postmarked no later than 15 February 2008.
Regular prices apply to walk-ins and reservations postmarked 16 February or later.

Activity	Early Bird	Regular	#People	Total
Friday Reception				
Pasta Buffet	\$20	\$22	_____	\$_____
Saturday Officer Breakfast				
Commander/Exec Officer(continental)	\$7		_____	\$_____
Educational Officer/ASEO(continental)	\$7		_____	\$_____
P/D/C - Order off restaurant menu. A room has been reserved to meet after ordering.				
Saturday Conference Luncheon:				
Deli Sandwich CompleteLunch	\$15	\$16	_____	\$_____
Saturday Alternate Activites				
Ride on S.E.S. Orca (Sea Scout Schooner)			\$0	_____
Saturday Evening Banquet:				
Salmon and Pork Roast Buffet	\$28	\$30	_____	\$_____
			TOTAL	\$_____

Hotel

Make reservations directly with La Conner Channel Lodge or The La Conner Country Inn at **1.888.466.4113** (number is good for both hotels) no later than Wednesday, 14 February and mention USPS D16 to get the conference rate

Channel Lodge	Country Inn
King Suite - \$239	King Room - \$139
Queen Room - \$149	Queen Room - \$119

Payment and Conference Reservations

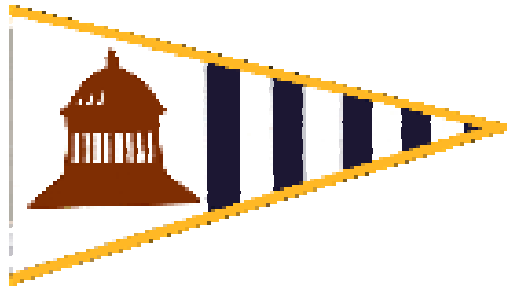
Mail this form and payment in US funds by Wednesday, 15 February 2008 to Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron, D16 Spring Conference, Sandy Johnson, P, 11746 McCorkle Place, Anacortes, WA 98221.

Contact info: George Johnson, georgeandsandy@comcast.net, 360-588-8125. For hotel questions, call them directly



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March 2008

- 10 Executive meeting at Denny's on the West Side
 - 12 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*
 - 17 Squadron Meeting at Olympia Yacht Club..
- ## April 2008
- 14 Executive meeting at (to be announced.)
 - 16 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*
 - 21 Squadron Meeting at Olympia Yacht Club.

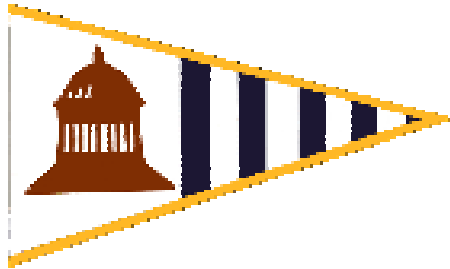
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Squadron meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 1930, unless otherwise specified. Call one of the Officers for the location. Summer meetings (July & August) are usually held at different locations. Executive Committee meetings are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



THE SEAMAN'S LOG

The Voice of the
OLYMPIA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

April 2008



FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

By just about any measure we had a good year. We had a program for each meeting, with only one miss. The quality of the programs was excellent, interesting and informative. Some of our own people did a superb job - **Nick Nicholyavich** on boatbuilding (dream building, really), and **Jim Hanson** on the Harbor Patrol program. Thank you for making these meetings more than just meetings.

One goal was to get together with at least one other Squadron. **Hardens** met with the Tacoma Squadron during Harbor Days, and **Scotts** attended a meeting of the Agate Pass Squadron in Poulsbo (this is where the idea of an ice cream social came from). It takes extra time and effort, but the payoff in ideas and contacts can be a big dividend.

We had a goal of at least one new program for the year. So look at what we did - a program called "Getting to Know You" of brief personal profiles of members; an ice cream social hosted by the Commander (and the immediate Past Commander). We revived some programs that had been dormant for a while: raffles, and the Rest Area Coffee Stops (this is a success story all in itself with hats off to **Skip Hash, Sharps**, and all those who helped make it work). Our goal at the Elma Rest Area was to break even. We made a profit and had fun at the same time.

It was another outstanding Vessel Safety Check (VSC) year. Through the efforts of **Tim Miller** we developed a close working relationship with Sportsman's Warehouse and the Swantown Marina. We participated in Boating Safety Programs with the cities of Lacey and Olympia and would consider including Tumwater if we do this program again.

We continued our public outreach by staffing booths at Harbor Days in Olympia and the annual

Oysterfest in Shelton.

The Salmon Bake at **Sharp's** was a terrific success - that is, too much to eat all around! We also had a great Christmas get together. **Tim Miller** was our (outstanding) auctioneer for both events, and he eventually got his voice back!

Within the Squadron we had a rewarding year. We had effective representation at District 16 meetings. Both the Squadron and individual members received awards. Thirty-five members received merit marks for the year. They can give themselves a pat on the back. A big thank you to **Rose Ann Walker** for putting it all together. Three of our number became senior members (5 merit marks) during the year.

We inducted six new members into the Squadron during the year. They each have much to offer and we all need to help them find a spot in the Squadron that will meet both their needs and ours. We start next year with a full slate of Bridge Officers, thanks to the efforts of the Nominating Committee.

The role of Commander is only as effective as the participation of the membership. This is what makes the programs work. The office of "Flag Lieutenant" (advisor to the Commander) is a key behind-the-scenes activity. For this year, **Debbie Harden, Bobbie Scott, and Bill Walker** were those behind-the-scenes operators who worked and advised to make things happen. Many thanks to each of them.

Our education programs got a real boost with a new projector. **Clyde Shiner** did the research and leg work on this, and his efforts are paying off.

One goal for this year is hard to measure - that you all end the year with something more than you started it with. Maybe an educational achievement, maybe a renewed friendship, or a new one. Maybe the development of a personal goal. You are the only ones who can measure whether this happened for you. If it did, then the year was a

success. If not, then there's the coming year and the opportunities it holds.

No program can claim 100% success. Some of our positions were vacant (Admin. Officer, Membership Chair), but we all worked to take up the slack. Budgets and program expenditures continue to be an ongoing challenge. We voted for a membership fee increase, with varied opinions among the membership. Raffles, donations, classes, and the Rest Area Coffee Stop program perhaps give us some light at the end of the "revenue tunnel". More importantly, the budget program proposed by your new Commander and others gives us a possible means of making a better fit between revenues and expenditures.

Mandatory boating laws and policies are now a fact of life. We have some stiff competition out there for both our program and the boating public. But we also have an opportunity to achieve our "market share".

The positives outweigh the negatives in our program because of your efforts.

What a wonderful way to start the new Squadron year.



FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

The Executive Officer's Ramblings

Hola everyone (in case you don't speak Spanish...that means "hello"). As you may have guessed, I am writing this article while Maggie and I are down in Mexico visiting the small community of Ajijic. You might ask "why Ajijic" of all places. The average temperature in Ajijic is about 75 and it rarely gets over the low 80's. It only rains here a few months of the year, and then the rain mostly falls in the evening. Need I say more....we are very busy getting re-acquainted with our old friend, Mr. Sun.

Darn, we are scheduled to come home soon...however; hopefully we will see some of you at the Spring Conference in La Conner and the rest of you at our March general meeting. Oh, and don't forget to attend this year's Change of Watch at the Olympia Country Club. It's always lots of fun and we usually have some distinguished visitors from District. We hope you can join us.

Yes, it's wonderful to be here in Sunny Mexico, but it will also be great to get home and see all of our old (and some young) friends. I also

can hardly wait to get out on "Sea Otter" to boat the Sound and try some fishing again. That reminds me...I haven't had a VSC on my boat yet this year. That will be one of the first things I will do when I get home. I hope everyone in our Squadron who has a boat will contact one of our Vessel Examiners to get your Vessel Safety Check (VSC).

In closing, I may not actually see you all as soon as I hope. I just found out that I have lost my "tourist visa" (honestly). I may end up spending some extra time here (jail?)....oh well, that's not all bad (I'll still be close to Mr. Sun).

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YOUR BOAT'S POWERED BY WHAT?

Researchers trying to improve kidney-dialysis machines started experimenting with cellulose, the main ingredient in paper. To strengthen the cellulose membranes, they added carbon nanotubes - tubes of carbon, one billionth of a meter in diameter. (Or one millionth of a millimeter, if that's any easier to imagine). The team dissolved the cellulose in a weak solution of salts and poured it over an array of vertically aligned carbon nanotubes on a silicon wafer. They then washed away most of the salty liquid and dried the material. When they peeled the cellulose off, it was black on one side and white on the other. Except for one side being black, it looked like a regular piece of paper.

The scientists soon discovered, however, that they had an entirely new entity on their hands. Simply folding the paper in half with the black carbon-nanotube side out produced a supercapacitor, a device that can produce quick bursts of energy. Coating the white side of the paper with a layer of lithium oxide produced a battery.

In the battery configuration, the paper's carbon-nanotube layer and the lithium oxide serve as positive and negative electrodes. The tiny amount of ionic (salty) liquid remaining in the paper functions as the electrolyte. Applying a voltage to the material charges the battery by causing the electrodes to pull apart the ions in the

remaining liquid. The cellulose acts as a separator, holding the charges apart. In the supercapacitor scheme, the two outside layers of carbon nanotubes serve as electrodes. Preliminary tests show that the paperlike supercapacitors have the same energy-storage capacity as commercial devices do. "This paper is pretty fabulous", say the researchers, "And we haven't even had a chance to improve on it yet."

By combining the paper battery and supercapacitor, the researchers made a hybrid device that uses the battery to charge the supercapacitor. Such a setup could be a huge step forward in hybrid vehicles, which require an efficient means of storing and releasing energy on demand. Existing systems are bulky, heavy, and inefficient.

The researchers, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., also found that their supercapacitors worked well when a body fluid - such as blood or sweat - was used in place of the ionic salt as the electrolyte. This opens up the possibility of using the devices to power medical implants such as pacemakers and drug-delivery chips.

Several universities are now working on applications of this "paper" for powering everything from hybrid cars to airplanes to insulin pumps.... to boats? Stay tuned.

Excerpted from Science News, August 18, 2007
P/C Bobbie Scott, P



SKIPPER SAVER CLASS

Olympia Sail and Power Squadron

DO YOU know what to do if the skipper is disabled? Can you deal with an emergency and bring the boat and passengers safely back to shore?



Class will cover basic safety and boat handling in an emergency.

Saturday May 3. 9 AM-4 PM. Limit of 12 students.

Contact Pat or Nick Brower 360-493-1678.

TugCap@AOL.com



Squadron Educational Officer's Report January 2008

Check the schedule of events for current classes.

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DO YOU NEED TO BORROW A PFD?

Our Squadron has available FREE loaner PFDs for members, friends, neighbors, and the general public. These are made available to us through the WA State Parks Dept. and the US Boat Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water.

If you need one, or more, please contact me.

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Editor's note:

Just remember: anything that can go wrong probably will when you least expect it! (Or it already has, and you don't know it yet.)

Any member can submit articles for inclusion in the next Seaman's Log. If I don't send your email back to you, do not assume that I received it.

The Editor reserves all editorial privileges for the content of the Seaman's Log. The Editor serves at the pleasure of the Commander.

"E" numbers can start with any letter A-F. Check this issue carefully.

Since the last issue of the Seaman's Log, I have had more of my share of computer problems. The hardware didn't break, the Windows 98 Operating System wouldn't load. It is a good thing that I know DOS and could get into DOS and transfer files to the floppy drive. I may have to upgrade yet.





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**A Special Note For Anyone Submitting Articles
For The Seaman's Log**

The editor is responsible for all formatting. If you want a full page with special formatting, say so in the email. Otherwise, I will change the formatting of articles to make them fit where I want them. It helps a whole lot if the articles are in Word 97 (97 to 2003 are compatible), **with 12 point type, using Times New Roman. Do Not Format With The Space Bar.** Special paragraph formatting can be done using "Format-paragraph-" to center a line. Do not use the Enter Key at the end of a line. Press "enter" only at the complete end of a paragraph.

This is not the Commander's newsletter. This is the Squadron's newsletter. All members can submit articles, even the Editor.

Thanks, Ed.



OUTSTANDING PERSONAL SERVICE

AUCTION

In May, our program will be a fund raising auction, with a very nice potluck dinner. Main meat will be provided by the Squadron.

We will be auctioning off services that members have offered. The auction will be limited to ten to twelve substantial services. Examples of what could be offered are: boat ride, catered dinner for a couple or two, cookie of the month for two to three months, host a mystery dinner, mow someone's lawn, host a theme dinner, wash and/or wax someone's auto or boat, an hour or two of house cleaning, or a guided tour of the wildlife refuge or some other point or area of interest. An all day fishing trip in the South Sound for two people with all equipment provided has already been donated. These are just a few ideas and I am sure people will think of many more.

If you want to participate by offering your services, please contact Maggie Miller at 360.413.0311 or at tennistm@comcast.net.

You will hear more about this at future meetings and in the Seaman's Log.

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“Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody’s going to know whether you did it or not.” Reader’s Digest February 2002

Thanks, Ed.



Squadron Education Report

By Lt/C Dan Briscoe, AP

We have kept our instructors very busy this year. Here is a rundown of education activities we have had over the last year:

1. Member classes:
 - a. Sail 101 & 102
 - b. Junior Navigation
 - c. Engine Maintenance
 - d. Cruise Planning

2. Seminars:

- a. Onboard Weather Forecasting
- b. Using VHF and VHF DSC Marine Radio
- c. Using GPS
- d. Using a Nautical Chart
- e. Boat Handling Under Power
- f. Sail Trim and Rig Tuning

3. Public Education:

- a. BoatSmart classes – Oct 27th & Jan 19th
- b. ChartSmart – Jan 26th
- c. 8 Week Squadron Boating Course – Started March 5th
- d. Agency Boating Classes for:
 - i. Washington State Department of Transportation (Bridge Workers)
 - ii. Washington State Department of Ecology
 - iii. Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife
- e. Skipper Saver Class coming up May 3rd

Unfortunately we needed to cancel our predicted log contest. An event like this requires a lot of work in planning, preparation and execution and we were just spread too thin to make it happen.

We will have an Instructor's Development class as soon as we can commit to a date. This will either be a one full day or two half day classes. Let me know if you would like to become an instructor. We desperately need your help.

If there is a class you would like to take please let me know.



District 16 Does Vessel Safety Checks at Trawler Fest 2008

Lt Robert J. Miller, AP, Skagit Bay

District 16 will have a booth at the 2008 Trawler Fest in Anacortes during 22-25 May 2008. Located in the main exhibitor tent on the recently renovated shore-side facilities of Cap Sante Boat Haven, the booth will serve the 1,000 to 1,300 expected attendees of the Trawler Fest, a national boat show and conference relating to the trawler life style, sponsored by PassageMaker Magazine. Volunteers from local Squadrons of District 16 will present the United States Power Squadrons and its educational opportunities, as well as promoting vessel safety exams. In addition, our intrepid Vessel Safety Examiners will provide vessel exams to the 30-40 guest boats expected for the show, as well as being available to the owners of the several hundred boats making Cap Sante their home.

This is the first time the District has participated in the Trawler Fest, which had been held in Poulsbo for the past several years. Cdr Steppe Williford, AP, of Deception Pass brought up the concept during the District Change of Watch in March and sought out several other persons to discuss the possibility of having a booth. Incoming Commander John Bellinger, N, of the Skagit Bay Squadron agreed to take on the responsibility of recruiting volunteers to man the booth and to schedule Vessel Safety Examiners. For more information, contact John directly at jr.bellinger@verizon.net. District Vessel Safety Check Chair, P/C Jackie Smith, AP, is coordinating the district's involvement and is providing the booth and materials.

The organizers of Trawler Fest prepared the following material on the show:

Trawler Fest, the notable cruising-under-power event is coming to Anacortes, WA May 22–25. This special event combines a boat show, education, and community fun into one big boating experience! Hundreds of cruisers will be exploring over 50 in-water showboats, talking with over 40 companies exhibiting on land, taking in-depth cruising seminars, and making new friends at the interactive evening activities.

Trawler Fest offers a variety of morning seminars as well as hands-on afternoon activities. Seminars are presented by industry experts and cover topics ranging from destinations and lifestyle to practical maintenance, health, and safety subjects. When not expanding their boating knowledge, cruisers have the opportunity to explore a diverse group of cruising powerboats in the water and marine products and services on land. For more information see trawlerfest.com.

April 2008

2	Squadron Boating Course Class 5 of 8 – Full course Class 5 of 5 – Boating course only	1900 - 2130	Lacey Fire Station #33 6500 Mullen Road SE
8	Change of Watch (COW) No Host Bar 1800 Dinner 1900 \$32	1800 - 2100	Olympia Country Club
9	Squadron Boating Course Class 6 of 8 – Full course Class 1 of 3 – Charting course only	1900 - 2130	Lacey Fire Station #33 6500 Mullen Road SE
14	Bridge (Executive) meeting Dinner 1800 Meeting 1900	1800 - 2100	Hawk's Prairie Restaurant
16	Squadron Boating Course Class 7 of 8 – Full course Class 2 of 3 – Charting course only	1900 - 2130	Lacey Fire Station #33 6500 Mullen Road SE
23	Squadron Boating Course Class 8 of 8 – Full course Class 3 of 3 – Charting course only	1900 - 2130	Lacey Fire Station #33 6500 Mullen Road SE
26	VSCs...Olympia Yacht Club Safety Day	0900 - 1300	Olympia yacht Club
30	Pre-Registration for the Squadron Boating Course (3 options) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option #1: Full Squadron Boating Course \$55 – Boating and Charting, 2 consecutive Saturdays 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, starting May 17th, (Exceeds NASBLA & State Boaters Education Requirements) • Option #2: Squadron Boating Course \$35 – Boating part only, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday, May 17th, (Meets NASBLA & State Requirements) • Option #3: Squadron Boating Course – Charting part only \$35, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday, May 24th, (This part alone will not qualify you for the state boaters education card) 	1800 - 2000	Lacey Fire Station #33 6500 Mullen Road SE

May 2008

2 - 5	Coffee Stop Fund Raiser 24 hours a day	1000 (5/2) – 0200 (5/5)	Elma Rest Area
3	Skipper Saver Class	0900 - 1600	Guest dock @ Percival... Brower's boat
3	Boating Opening Day...VSCs	1000 - 1300	Swantown Boat launch
10-11	Wooden Boat Show...OPS booth and VSCs	0900	Percival landing
10	District Educational Seminar		Everett
12	Bridge (Executive) meeting Dinner 1800 Meeting 1900	1800 2100	TBA
17	Squadron Boating Course 8 Hour Boating Safety Class	0800 -1700	Lacey Fire Dept. Franz Rd.
19	General Meeting (Personal Services Auction...fund raiser) Potluck 1830 Meeting 1930	1830 - 2100	Olympia Yacht Club
17-23	National Safe Boating Week		
24	Squadron Boating Course Charting Part	0800 -1700	Lacey Fire Dept. Franz Rd.



VEs also check the trailer when the VSC is conducted on the trailer. If we had done this boat, it might still be on the trailer. You will note that both the truck and boat hit the power pole.



If your address, phone, or email information is not current with the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron, please send the following information to Tim Miller tennistm@comcast.net.

Name (so we know which file to change) _____

Address _____

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Adventures in Boating with Sea Otter

Story by Sea Otter – The Little Boat That Loves Adventure

Written by Dan Briscoe

For those who don't know me I thought I would take a moment to introduce myself. I'm Sea Otter, a Wooldridge 17' Sport Offshore aluminum boat with a 90 horsepower Yamaha engine strapped onto my transom. Now I may sound small but I'm tough and I love adventure. While everyone knows a boat is a "she", I've overheard some people say I'm cute, but I prefer to be called rugged. I guess I'm a little bit of a Tomboy.

If I had a middle name it would be "Adventure", but safety is my number one priority. I'm concerned about the safety of anyone that joins me for a day on the water, and I keep my ears tuned to Channel 16 on the VHF marine radio to listen and see if I can render assistance to my friends on the water. My owner obtained an MMSI number for me and connected my GPS to my VHF radio so I can now use the Digital Selective Calling (DSC) feature of my radio. If you don't know about DSC you should take the VHF/DSC seminar to be safe like me.

My owner knows my concerns about safety. He makes sure that everyone wears a PFD, knows and abides by the safety rules and familiarizes someone with my controls in the event he is pre-occupied with other boat activities or is incapacitated.

My owner is my best friend! He takes care of all of my needs and makes sure that I have all the required equipment onboard and everything has a place. He keeps things neat and tidy so it's unlikely someone will trip and fall overboard. After every day on the water he gives me a bath and washes all of those ugly salt deposits out of my engine to make sure I stay strong and healthy. I love my baths!

Well, maybe I should tell you about some of my adventures and stop talking about me and my owner, even though I really love him because he treats me so well.

One day, I took my owner and two other people out fishing near Tacoma. Now my owner and these two other guys are some type of VIP's

with fancy titles. Let's see, my owner is called the Executive Officer and then there was some Commander guy and someone called the Squadron Education Officer, or SEO. Every time the SEO dude goes for a ride with me there's trouble somewhere and this was no exception. There we were, just minding our own business when I heard a May-Day call over the VHF radio. I listened very carefully to see what was up, and to my surprise, it was a report of two airplanes that ran into each other. One of the airplanes flew away while the other crashed into the water. I told my crew to crank up the lines and away we went to offer assistance. Before we got on the scene, the boat that saw the event and called in the May-Day had recovered the two passengers, but we responded just in case they needed our help. Luckily all turned out well.

The next time I took that SEO guy with me on a fishing trip was New Year's Day. We had just launched and were going to drop some crab pots and then fish near the Nisqually Delta, when I heard a PAN-PAN on my VHF radio. It was the Coast Guard reporting a sighting of flares just north of the Narrows Bridge. Well, I told the guys to hold on, we're going to do a search! So off we went. We didn't find anything and wondered why there might be sightings of flares on New Year's Day. Hummm?

I guess I better hurry up! We decided to fish near Tacoma, got questioned by the Fish and Game, saw a million big boats with big wakes that made me slow way down. Oh yes! While I was waiting patiently in the water at the boat ramp for that SEO guy to back my trailer into the water, someone was making his boat go really fast past me and ran right next to my trailer at the boat ramp and then hit my spare tire on the trailer! This guy was the poster child for why everyone should take a Boating Safety class.

Well, it was really nice of you to listen to my story. If you like it, maybe someday I will share more adventures with you. By the way, you may be able to come along on one of my adventures. My owner is talking about possibly auctioning off a fishing trip with me in a fund raising event. So long and be safe!



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

District 16 Rendezvous

Port of Poulsbo

27 – 29 June 2008

Pillage & Plunder

Fun & Frolic

Hunt for Treasure

DOCKING: THE docking specialists from Tacoma will be assisting arrival of pirate ships with your docking needs. **EVERYONE** is to call in on **Channel 72 PRIOR** to entering the marina. Even if you don't wish assistance docking, let Tacoma know you have arrived. Thursday night reservations must be made directly with the Port of Poulsbo, 360.779.9905.E116685

REGISTRATION: #E-24 on BRIZO Friday & Saturday, times will be posted

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL: 1700 - 1900 Sons of Norway hall, top floor. Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share and try out some specialty drinks plus beer & wine available.

SATURDAY an entire day packed with special events you won't want to miss!

- **OPENING CEREMONY** - 1000 out in front of the Sons of Norway deck area.
- **GAMES** - Both kids and adults - Events & time announcements posted near dock office.
- **TREASURE ISLAND HUNT** - Information when you register at 'BRIZO' #E-24
- **BEST PIRATE COSTUME** - A parade of costumes in the afternoon on E Dock
- **PIRATES POTLUCK:** Hamburgers and all the necessary trimmings furnished. Bring side dishes to accompany those hamburgers, enough for those on your boat plus extra. Plates will be provided, bring your own utensils only. Vegetarian burgers & hotdogs will be provided **IF** requested on your application form.
- **SILENT AUCTION:** Each Squadron is to bring one or two new items for the auction (total value of approximately \$50). This year the Dessert Auction will be part of the Silent Auction. Each Squadron is requested to bring **ONLY ONE** dessert to the auction. You can bid as a table to secure your evening dessert.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Enjoy a hearty buffet breakfast (scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, pancakes, fruit, fruit juice, coffee, tea, milk and water) before the Pirates take to the seas or highways home. Breakfast will be served from 0900 to 1100 at the Sons of Norway Hall.

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

32nd Annual District 16 Rendezvous

Port of Poulsbo

Registration Information

27-29 June 2008

Name: _____ Squadron: _____

Phone: _____
(List spouse or guest names, use back for additional names)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

E/mail _____ 1st time at D16 Rendezvous? _____

Meal Reservations: Reservations for all meals must be received on or before **13 June**. No guarantees for hamburger or hotdog availability if received after this date!

	<u># of guests</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Saturday Evening Potluck -- Hamburgers & Hotdogs furnished	_____	\$ _____
\$7 per person, \$3.50 for children (12 & under) meat & hall rental		
Vegetarian Burger or Hotdog (please circle if desired)	_____	\$ _____
Bring side dish for those on your boat plus extra		
Sunday Breakfast: \$12 per person, \$6 for children (12 & under)	_____	\$ _____
(50 person minimum required by Sons of Norway)		

MOORAGE RESERVATIONS

To secure reservations, pay D16 for **Friday** night moorage in advance at the rate of \$0.60 per foot (includes power).

Deadline for slip reservations is **13 June 2008**.

Need to cancel? Please notify **both** Joanna Webster **AND** the Port of Poulsbo (360.779.9905) Cancellations accepted within 72 hours of arrival date. Thursday arrival must be reserved through the Port **for Thursday only**.

Tie up requests: (please circle)
Bow or Stern Port or Starboard

Boat Length _____ X \$0.60 = \$ _____
(Minimum charge 30 ft slip \$18.00)
Payment is for Friday Night Moorage only

Arrival Date: Thursday Friday (circle)

Saturday Potluck: Total \$ _____

Boat Name: _____

Sunday Breakfast Total \$ _____

LOA _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Special Docking **please** indicate needs: _____

Rendezvous Grand Total \$ _____

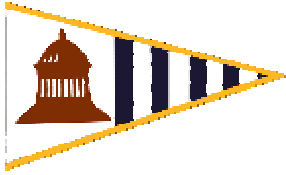
Reach the D/16 Docking Crew on **Channel 72**

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Poulsbo Inn -1.800.597.5151 Mention **Power Squadron 08** for group rate of \$80 for double queen
Eagle Tree RV Park - 360.598-5988

Make checks payable to: District 16 and send before 13 June to: D/Lt/C Joanna Webster, AP 31820 37 th Ave SW, Federal Way, WA 98023-2176	information or questions call	For Rendezvous
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jimjoweb@aol.com 253.927-7474 (cell 253-350-0056 after 25 June) Joanna Webster



**The Olympia Sail & Power Squadron's
Change of Watch
The Olympia Golf and Country Club
Tuesday, April 8, 2008**

The Olympia Sail and Power Squadron C.O.W. will be held at the Olympia Country and Golf Club. You don't want to miss this premier social event of the year for the Squadron.

Social hour is at 1830 and dinner is at 1930
Dinner choice of entrees':

**Prime Rib,
Salmon
Vegetarian Entree.**

All dinners include salad, coffee, and desert.

\$32.00 each person.

Make your check out to the Olympia Power Squadron and mail to:

Rose Ann Walker
3650A Simmons Mill Ct SW
Tumwater, WA 98512
360 754-0393

She would really like these checks by the end of MARCH. A facsimile of the reservation form is included at the bottom of this page.

Name _____

Total number in your party _____

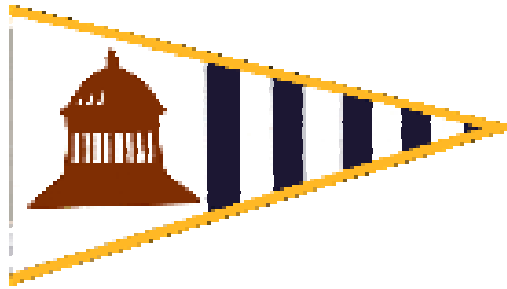
Choice >>>>>> **PRIME#** _____ **SALMON #** _____ **VEGGY #** _____

\$ Amount enclosed @ \$32/person _____



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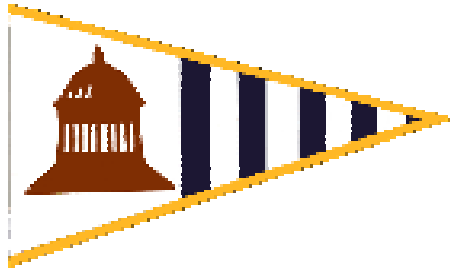
- 14 Executive meeting at Hawks Prairie
 - 16 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*
 - 8 **Change of Watch – See Flyer.**
- ## May 2008
- 12 Executive meeting at (To be announced)
 - 14 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*
 - 19 Squadron Meeting at Olympia Yacht Club.

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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.



THE SEAMAN'S LOG

The Voice of the
OLYMPIA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

May 2008



FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Wow! It gets a little dizzy way up here on top of the Bridge (I've sorta been used to being "under the Bridge"). I'm looking forward to a fun year...but, yes, it will have its challenges. Wow! Wouldn't life be boring if nothing "unexpected" ever came up? Oh well, enough chit chat...I will get down to business and give you all my first Commander's message.

Let's start with the Change of Watch (COW), summarizing the goals I outlined. If you attended the COW, you can stop reading for a while...unless you happen to have fallen asleep and missed them. Let me start out by saying what a great job (35 Merit Marks this year) the Squadron does in so many areas, i.e. interesting meetings, boating classes, VSCs, and other community outreaches. So, my focus is on those areas where we could use some improvement. The goals I presented are challenging and will not be easy to attain. However, where's the fun and challenge in doing what you KNOW can be accomplished?

Goal #1...Increase our membership retention. It makes no sense to bring in new members if we are not going to make the effort to retain them, and the ones we already have on board. How? We need to make more personal contacts with our new members.. Let's all try and do a little better job in keeping in touch with our new members, and the other members we may not have seen around in a long time. If you see someone at a meeting you do not recognize, then go up and introduce yourself. Ask them to sit with you. In fact, I may be contacting some of YOU to follow up with a new member as a quasi-mentor for a short while. In the last 5 years, our membership has declined from 125 to 82...not a good trend. But, we are turning it around!

Goal #2... Bring in new members. We

really can't do goal #1 if we don't bring in some new members. Our goal this year is to bring in 6 new members. That doesn't sound like many, but it's more than we have added in the last two years combined. Do you enjoy your membership? Do you get something out of it? If your answer is "yes", then don't be bashful to invite others to join you in the fun. Invite a boating friend to join us at one of our special meetings or events. In fact, we are having a fun event at our May 19th meeting, the Personal Services Auction. I am also challenging our Vessel Safety Examiners and Public Boating Class teachers to become more active in spreading the good news of Squadron membership.

Goal #3...Reach out to younger families and youth. We aren't getting any younger folks, look around. We need to get out of our comfort zone and do more to bring in younger families and educate the kids about boating safety. How? Let's start looking for more opportunities to teach boating safety to younger groups, i.e. Scout Troops, Boys and Girls Clubs, church youth groups, etc. How about some outreach to younger boater families, water ski club, jet ski club, fishing clubs, etc. Maybe we can do some things to get us in closer contact with the Sea Scouts. Next month, we have been invited to be a part of the Children's Hands On Museum June 6th. Get on the sign-up sheet to help out.

Goal #4...Increase our FUNd Raising by \$1,000 this year. These last few years we have seen our bank account go down quite a bit. Most of our public outreach programs cost money, they don't raise money. We are off to a good start with the Coffee Stop Program. Thanks to Skip Hash for getting the ball rolling. By the time you read this, we will have completed a coffee stop Fund Raiser. Another FUNd Raiser is our Personal Services Auction coming up at our May 19th meeting. You can bring a friend and be a part of achieving Goal

2 and 4 at the same time !

As grand and wonderful as goals are, let's remember:

“Achieving goals is all right if we don't let them deprive us of interesting detours and we're having some fun getting there!” Tim

Cdr Tim Miller, P
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FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

The Executive Officer

FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Please mark your calendars for June 6th 1730-1930 at the Children's Hands On Museum where we will have a presentation of water safety geared solely for the kids. There will be a clown, balloons, whistles, coloring books and most of all, lots of fun. I will have a sign-up sheet at the May General Meeting for all that are interested in helping out. Don't forget to sign-up for the District Rendezvous (Pirates of the Caribbean) Poulosbo, June 27th-29th. Information and sign-up sheets are in the back of the Seaman's Log. I will also have extra copies at the General Meeting as well. I will be recuperating from shoulder surgery when this article comes out, so I pitifully ask for your assistance in helping put these wonderful shows together.

The Cross Family 2008 Spring Break Vacation.

Our family decided to head south for a much needed Spring Break vacation, visiting a few of Rebecca's relatives. We flew into Memphis for the night and also to see the historical Graceland Estate. It was amazing that even today, 30 years since his passing, people still weep at his gravesite. He was a great singer and entertainer from what I can recall, but I myself couldn't muster up a teardrop. So like Elvis, we left the building and drove to Meridian, Miss., Birmingham, Alabama, Foley, Alabama, and Ocean Springs, Miss., to meet Rebecca's mom, sisters and relatives.

A lot of emphasis was placed on The Big Easy (New Orleans) but other places such as Ocean Springs, Biloxi and Gulfport were also devastated during Hurricane Katrina. Several of Rebecca's relatives lost their homes and some are still living in hotels trying desperately to get back on their feet. During this trip I wanted to see the

devastation first hand, although 3 years later what I had seen and heard to on the news. We drove along the coast on Highway 90 across the Biloxi Bridge, which just reopened in October to find an exuberant amount of for sale signs and foundation slabs. There were a couple of new houses being built. That showed signs of a city in the midst of a re-awakening with the help of state and federal funding. But at the same time we passed by the remnants of a FEMA trailer park, just a little depressing. At the very end of the sandy white beaches are a string of hotels such as The Hard Rock Hotel and The Beau Rivage Resort, thanks to a change in the law that now allows casinos to be on land as long as they are within 800 ft. of the shore. I hope to come back in the future to see a thriving community and maybe rent a jet ski, and then walking over to a nearby restaurant that is not a Waffle House for a large cool glass of southern sweet tea.

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Olympia Squadron walks away with HONORS from the Fall Conference

We all had a great time at the District Fall Conference in La Conner this year. What a fun place to visit. The main challenge was to keep Maggie's spending to a minimum at all of the wonderful art stores. Oh yea, the Conference itself was lots of fun and, as always, very informative. It's always good to see old friends from other Squadrons we don't get to see very often, and a great time to make new friends.

Unfortunately, our Commander, Stan Scott, and his wife Bobbie were both under the weather and unable to attend. This was a bad time for illness...our Educational Officer, Dan Briscoe, was also busy fighting the flu bug. However, we still had a respectable representation from Olympia Squadron with Donna and Paul Davis attending their first conference, Rose Ann and Bill Walker, Viki and Chuck Sharp and Maggie and Tim Miller.

We were honored by the following

Squadron and individual awards:

Educational Fund Honor Roll. Olympia Sail and Power Squadron (our 23rd year for this award)

Distinction in Journalism Olympia Sail and Power Squadron (Seaman's Log, Skip Hash, editor)

National Vessel Safety Check Honor Roll

Olympia Sail and Power Squadron (VSC chairman, Tim Miller)

Certificate of Educational Proficiency .Dan Briscoe (completing all courses thru AP plus 3 electives)

Century Club Award....Viki Sharp. Second year in a row with over 100 Vessel Safety Checks

Safety Honor Roll....Jim Harden, District and Squadron Safety Officer (no certificate for this one)

Cdr. Tim Miller, P



Squadron Educational Officer's Report April 2008

By Dan Briscoe

As some of you all ready know, I have had to make the tough decision to step down as the SEO for our Squadron. Once I started working at Microsoft, I quickly became overwhelmed between long hours of work, commuting 100 miles a day and the job requiring me to take classes and self study on my own. I guess it's kind of like falling overboard without a life jacket on, while single handing a sailboat hundreds of miles off shore and watching your boat sail away without you. You not only feel totally helpless and lost but you discover the water is cold too! I feel I have let all of you down but I'm sure if we can get someone to step up to the plate who can give the job a little more attention than I can, we will do just fine.

On a different note, we will have our Instructor Development class this summer. It will be (probably) a one day class taught by Jim Harden. Please contact Jim if you would like to take the class.

The charting portion of the Squadron Boating Class on May 24th was canceled because we don't have any instructor's available on that day and we are just finishing a Public Charting Class.

Only one person showed interest in the Skipper Saver class so that will be cancelled as well.

Our next Public Boating Class will be Saturday May 17th at the Lacey main fire station.

Our next member classes should be Seamanship taught by Bill Walker in the fall followed by Piloting taught by Nick Brower (and possibly Pat Brower) in the winter. Contact them if you are interested in either or both of these classes.

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FROM THE BILGE

HELP HELP HELP PAN PAN PAN

In your wisdom you have elected someone as your Administrative Officer who really doesn't know enough about the job. Obviously there's more to it than I anticipated. I guess that's what comes from following in the footsteps of ... oh, I remember, there wasn't an Admin. in '07-'08. That old sea dog Tim Miller says it's my job to see that we all have fun. Alas, I lack appropriate experience. Paul and I have been to several of the Squadron's Christmas parties, so we do know that drink + eat + bid = fun. We've been to two Squadron wine tastings where drink + eat + learn = fun. But we've never been to a Squadron rendezvous or cruise, so I'm looking for help. Please let me know what you'd like to do again, what you'd prefer not to do again, and what new things you're game to try. Don't forget to include thoughts on where and when you want to do these – assuming spring and summer ever arrive.

Check the Activity Calendar included in this issue for the Squadron activities for the year.

As a boating group, we all really should go somewhere in boats. However, Paul and I have an extended family (our sisters and our cousins, whom we number by dozens, and our aunts) that gathers for Memorial Weekend. Perhaps you do too.

What about the Children's Museum program? Would those who helped with it before please let me know what you did, so I can start planning with that basis. Remember, "Well begun is half done".

That leaves the wine tasting. The best places

already have been claimed by other groups, so I'm looking for volunteers with big back yards to invite us over. Shade trees would be nice, an available restroom is a necessity, and we can all bring our own chairs, along with an appetizer or two. All you'd have to do is greet us with a smile.

So ... if you'd all just share your knowledge and experience with me, I'll be able to do the quality job that you deserve.

I only know where Frye Cove is because I saw it on the fire district map that's posted in Character's Corner Tavern.

TACOMA BOAT SHOW

Attending a boat show is a sure fire way to get a person excited about getting back on the water. Even a boat show held indoors without a breeze or the scent of salt water whets the appetite for summer's favorite pastime. It occurred to me before we headed north that no one at our Squadron had asked for volunteers to help the Tacoma Squadron man the USPS booth at the Tacoma Boat Show. I entered the Dome prepared to chastise the Tacomans for not offering the real South Sounders an opportunity to help, and to have a good excuse to get out of yard work for a day. I headed straight for the spot where the booth had been last year and had a very dismaying surprise. There was no USPS booth there! What an omission, a missed chance to chat with like minded people and to keep them up to date on the classes we offer, on information about Washington's new licensing requirements, on getting a free Vessel Safety Inspection, on joining America's Boating Club.

The Coast Guard and Auxiliary did have a booth, and the representatives in their uniform shirts, campaign ribbons, and inflatable PFDs were very impressive. Did you know that the federal government is providing the Auxiliary and USPS with inflatable PFDs? These are to be worn during vessel exams, safety programs, and in every situation where it sets a good example for our audience. Wearing a life jacket should be a habit for all of us whenever we're on the water. Inflatable PFDs make that an easy habit to form.

BOAT SMART FROM THE START

Lt/C Donna Davis, P
Admin Officer



DO YOU NEED TO BORROW A PFD?

Our Squadron has available FREE loaner PFDs for members, friends, neighbors, and the general public. These are made available to us through the WA State Parks Dept. and the US Boat Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water.

If you need one, or more, please contact me.

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Editor's note:

Just remember: anything that can go wrong probably will when you least expect it! (Or it already has, and you don't know it yet.)

Any member can submit articles for inclusion in the next Seaman's Log. If I don't send your email back to you, do not assume that I received it.

The Editor reserves all editorial privileges for the content of the Seaman's Log. The Editor serves at the pleasure of the Commander.

"E" numbers can start with any letter A-F. Check this issue carefully.



2008 ROSTER

The Olympia Sail & Power Squadron 2008 Roster is available. They may be picked up at any General Meeting.

P/C Rose Ann Walker, AP

Roster Chair



TWO TIME NATIONAL WINNERS

For the second year in a row, Vessel Examiner, **Viki Sharp**, has been honored with the prestigious national Century Club award. This award is presented to a Vessel Examiner (VE) who completes 100 or more Vessel Safety Checks in one year. You can imagine, there are very few VEs in our entire USPS doing a 100 or more VSCs this represents nearly 100 hours of inspecting boats to see if they meet federal and state safety regulations). Viki was the only VE in

our entire District who received this honor. In fact, she completed more VSCs than most entire Squadron's in our District completed. Wow. What a way go VIKI!!!!

By the way, your Olympia Squadron has also been recognized on the National Honor Roll for the second year in a row over 300 VSCs each year. This is more VSCs than any other Squadron in our District. Good job, Olympia Vessel Examiners!

Cdr. Tim Miller, P
VSC Chairman



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A Special Note For Anyone Submitting Articles For The Seaman's Log

The editor is responsible for all formatting. If you want a full page with special formatting, say so in the email. Otherwise, I will change the formatting of articles to make them fit where I want them. It helps a whole lot if the articles are in Word 97 (97 to 2003 are compatible), **with 12 point type, using Times New Roman. Do Not Format With The Space Bar or the Tab key.** Special paragraph formatting can be done using "Format-paragraph-" to center a line. Do not use the Enter Key at the end of a line. Press "enter" only at the complete end of a paragraph.

This is not the Commander's newsletter. This is the Squadron's newsletter. All members can submit articles, even the Editor.

Thanks, Ed.



Hands On Children's Museum

Once again, we have been invited to do a display at the Hands On Children's Museum. The first Friday of June is a time when non-profit

organizations can sign up for a room where they can put on a display or demonstration for children. Two years ago when we did this, we had a Boating Safety demonstration with a cold water immersion tank, rope toss, "canoe" paddling, and water safety puzzles. Thanks to our multi-talented current Commander, we had a clown who not only clowned around for the kids, but made balloon animals. Both kids and parents had a blast.

At the May General Meeting we will have a signup sheet for this event. If you can spend a couple of hours (1700-1930) helping us have fun with kids on June 6, please sign up! We had a great time before, and lots of people came through. It's a good chance to get some exposure with a younger age group.

Bobbie Scott
491-5157



“Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody’s going to know whether you did it or not.” Reader’s Digest February 2002

Thanks, Ed.



Next Bridge Meeting

Every month our Bridge meeting is at a different location. It’s a lot of fun trying out all of these different menus and enjoying the fellowship of dinner with our friends and Bridge members.

There is nothing like a good meal and maybe a glass of wine to get to know someone a little better.

By the way, you can be a new or an old member to join us...you don’t have to be a Bridge member. Why not plan on joining us next month for our Bridge meeting?

When: Monday, May 12.

Time: Dinner is at 1800 and the meeting starts at 1900 we are done by 2100.

Where: Nickelby’s Restaurant, 600 Trosper Way SW, Tumwater (same exit as for Costco).

Cdr. Tim Miller, P



OUTSTANDING PERSONAL SERVICE (OPS) AUCTION

In May, our program will be a fund raising auction, with a very nice potluck dinner. The main dish will be a delicious Honey Baked Ham

provided by the Squadron. The potluck will start at 6:30 pm followed by the auction at 7:30 pm.

The following services are to be auctioned:

- All day fishing trip with all equipment provided...Tim Miller
- Greek dinner for 4 – 6 people, served at winner’s home...Donna Davis
- Two dozen cookies a month, for three months...Jane Shiner
- Tamale cooking class, (take the tamales home). For up to 6 people. Served with lots of Margaritas and a Mexican meal at the chef’s home...Tim & Maggie Miller
- Five hours of computer work...Dan Briscoe
- A spa manicure and pedicure at the Lone Star Salon...Darlene Helwig
- A style haircut and spa manicure at the Lone Star Salon...Darlene Helwig
- Eight hours help/tutoring in Power Point or Excel...Clyde Shiner
- One fresh baked pie a month for 6 months....Viki Sharp

Help our Squadron raise money. Volunteer your personal services. Call me,

Maggie Miller, at 360-413-0311

or email at tennistm@comcast.net.

P/LtC Maggie Miller



MICHELANGELO II, WHERE ARE YOU?

Did you know that the Power Squadrons have a **Youth Poster Contest?** Perhaps there lies within our Squadron’s children or grandchildren a brilliant artist just waiting to be discovered. Now’s the time to see what talent exists in the 6-8, 9-11, and 12-14 age groups. This year’s theme is **BOAT SAFELY – KEEP OUR WATERS CLEAN.** Judges for the Squadron contest will not be Squadron members. Entries will be due no later than the close of the June 16 General Meeting at the Olympia Yacht Club, so that they can be judged before the District Rendezvous in Poulsbo. Winners in each category will be entered in the District competition, and from there it’s just one step to the national judging in Detroit at the Governing Board meeting in September. An entry form and a copy of the rules are attached to this newsletter. For additional copies of the form or to see award winners from previous contests, go to the USPS website and enter Youth Poster

Contest in the search box. What, no computer? Then give me a call and I'll mail you additional copies, as needed. Information and forms will also be available at our booth at the Kids Faire in Lacey, May 17-18 and at the Hands on Children's Museum on June 6. We will not be contacting the schools for entries, and those entries which come from kids who have picked up forms at the two Squadron events will be sponsored by the "designated chairman". That's me.

PUT THOSE PENCILS, CRAYONS, PAINTS TO WORK NOW!

See the Poster Contest Article elsewhere in this issue.

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SQUADRON MEMBERS HONORED

Every year your Squadron Executive Committee selects two members for our Squadron's most prestigious awards. These awards were presented at our Change of Watch (COW) dinner/meeting this month. The awards and honorees are:

The Stan Gruessing Educational Award.

This award was established in 1992 for significant contribution to the Squadron education program. The recipient of this highly coveted award went to **P/C Clyde Shiner, SN**. Congratulations, Clyde !

The Milton Webber Participation Award.

This award was established in 2001 for a member's significant participation in Squadron activities (elected officers are not eligible). This award represents many hours of time and effort contributing to our Squadron and outreach to our community. **Bobbie Scott** was the well deserved recipient of this honor. Great job, Bobbie !



Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Update

Our Vessel Examiners (VEs) are off and running in 2008. On March 29, your VEs met at the Shelton Yacht club and again participated in

their annual Clean-up/Safety Day. The VEs attending included Nick and Pat Brower, Bill Walker, Skip Hash and Jim Harden. We also had our two Vessel Examiners "in training" with us...Paul Davis and Maggie Miller. The event was organized by our own Jim Harden, Commodore of the Shelton Yacht Club. We all got a few VSCs under our belt, and had a fun time in spite of the rather cold, but thankfully dry day.

This year we are off to a little slower start than last year, but we are starting to gain some momentum. Jim Harden is off to a fast start this year completing 18 VSCs already. But, watch out, Jim, our VSC queen, Viki Sharp, hasn't gotten out of the starting blocks yet.

This month, the Olympia Yacht Club has invited our VEs to return for their annual Safety Day taking place on Sat., April 26 from 0900 – 1300. This is another fun event and an opportunity for all Vessel Examiners to get a few more VSCs. Thanks to Nick and Pat Brower for making this event possible for our Vessel Examiners.

Have you had a Vessel Safety Check on your boat yet? Now is the time before you get busy on the water. As a Power Squadron member, we set the example. ALL Power Squadron members should have a VSC on their boat. Call a Vessel Examiner today:

Nick Brower	Tim Miller
Pat Brower	Viki Sharp
Jim Hanson	Clyde Shiner
Debbie Harden	Darlene Helwig
Jim Harden	Kathryn Querry
Skip Hash	William Walker
Paul Davis	
Maggie Miller	

If you would like information about how YOU can join this elite group...give me a call.

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District 16 Does Vessel Safety Checks at Trawler Fest 2008

Lt Robert J. Miller, AP, Skagit Bay

District 16 will have a booth at the 2008 Trawler Fest in Anacortes during 22-25 May 2008. Located in the main exhibitor tent on the recently renovated shore-side facilities of Cap Sante Boat Haven, the booth will serve the 1,000 to 1,300 expected attendees of the Trawler Fest, a national boat show and conference relating to the trawler life style, sponsored by PassageMaker Magazine. Volunteers from local Squadrons of District 16 will present the United States Power Squadrons and its educational opportunities, as well as promoting vessel safety exams. In addition, our intrepid Vessel Safety Examiners will provide vessel exams to the 30-40 guest boats expected for the show, as well as being available to the owners of the several hundred boats making Cap Sante their home.

This is the first time the District has participated in the Trawler Fest, which had been held in Poulsbo for the past several years. Cdr Steppe Williford, AP, of Deception Pass brought up the concept during the District Change of Watch in March and sought out several other persons to discuss the possibility of having a booth. Incoming Commander John Bellinger, N, of the Skagit Bay Squadron agreed to take on the responsibility of recruiting volunteers to man the booth and to schedule Vessel Safety Examiners. For more information, contact John directly at jr.bellinger@verizon.net. District Vessel Safety Check Chair, P/C Jackie Smith, AP, is coordinating the district's involvement and is providing the booth and materials.

The organizers of Trawler Fest prepared the following material on the show:

Trawler Fest, the notable cruising-under-power event is coming to Anacortes, WA May 22–25. This special event combines a boat show, education, and community fun into one big boating experience! Hundreds of cruisers will be exploring over 50 in-water showboats, talking with over 40 companies exhibiting on land, taking in-depth cruising seminars, and making new friends at the interactive evening activities.

Trawler Fest offers a variety of morning seminars as well as hands-on afternoon activities. Seminars are presented by industry experts and cover topics ranging from destinations and lifestyle to practical maintenance, health, and safety subjects. When not expanding their boating knowledge, cruisers have the opportunity to explore a diverse group of cruising powerboats in the water and marine products and services on land. For more information see trawlerfest.com.



May 2008

2 - 5	Coffee Stop Fund Raiser CANCELLED 24 hours a day E154054	1000 (5/2) – 0200 (5/5)	Elma Rest Area
3	Skipper Saver Class CANCELLED	0900 - 1600	Guest dock @ Percival... Brower's boat
3	Opening Day of Boating Season... VSCs	1400-1700	Swantown Boat Launch



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

District 16 Rendezvous

Port of Poulsbo

27 – 29 June 2008

Pillage & Plunder

Fun & Frolic

Hunt for Treasure

DOCKING: THE docking specialists from Tacoma will be assisting arrival of pirate ships with your docking needs. **EVERYONE** is to call in on **Channel 72 PRIOR** to entering the marina. Even if you don't wish assistance docking, let Tacoma know you have arrived. Thursday night reservations must be made directly with the Port of Poulsbo, 360.779.9905.E116685

REGISTRATION: #E-24 on BRIZO Friday & Saturday, times will be posted

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL: 1700 - 1900 Sons of Norway hall, top floor. Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share and try out some specialty drinks plus beer & wine available.

SATURDAY an entire day packed with special events you won't want to miss!

- **OPENING CEREMONY** - 1000 out in front of the Sons of Norway deck area.
- **GAMES** - Both kids and adults - Events & time announcements posted near dock office.
- **TREASURE ISLAND HUNT** - Information when you register at 'BRIZO' #E-24
- **BEST PIRATE COSTUME** - A parade of costumes in the afternoon on E Dock
- **PIRATES POTLUCK:** Hamburgers and all the necessary trimmings furnished. Bring side dishes to accompany those hamburgers, enough for those on your boat plus extra. Plates will be provided, bring your own utensils only. Vegetarian burgers & hotdogs will be provided **IF** requested on your application form.
- **SILENT AUCTION:** Each Squadron is to bring one or two new items for the auction (total value of approximately \$50). This year the Dessert Auction will be part of the Silent Auction. Each Squadron is requested to bring **ONLY ONE** dessert to the auction. You can bid as a table to secure your evening dessert.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Enjoy a hearty buffet breakfast (scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, pancakes, fruit, fruit juice, coffee, tea, milk and water) before the Pirates take to the seas or highways home. Breakfast will be served from 0900 to 1100 at the Sons of Norway Hall.

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

32nd Annual District 16 Rendezvous

Port of Poulsbo

Registration Information

27-29 June 2008

Name: _____ Squadron: _____

Phone: _____
(List spouse or guest names, use back for additional names)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

E/mail _____ 1st time at D16 Rendezvous? _____

Meal Reservations: Reservations for all meals must be received on or before **13 June**. No guarantees for hamburger or hotdog availability if received after this date!

	<u># of guests</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Saturday Evening Potluck -- Hamburgers & Hotdogs furnished	_____	\$ _____

\$7 per person, \$3.50 for children (12 & under) meat & hall rental

Vegetarian Burger or Hotdog (please circle if desired) _____ \$ _____

Bring side dish for those on your boat plus extra

Sunday Breakfast: \$12 per person, \$6 for children (12 & under)	_____	\$ _____
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(50 person minimum required by Sons of Norway)

MOORAGE RESERVATIONS

To secure reservations, pay D16 for **Friday** night moorage in advance at the rate of \$0.60 per foot (includes power).

Deadline for slip reservations is **13 June 2008**.

Need to cancel? Please notify **both** Joanna Webster **AND** the Port of Poulsbo (360.779.9905) Cancellations accepted within 72 hours of arrival date. Thursday arrival must be reserved through the Port **for Thursday only**.

Tie up requests: (please circle)

Bow or Stern Port or Starboard

Boat Length _____ X \$0.60 = \$ _____

(Minimum charge 30 ft slip \$18.00)

Payment is for Friday Night Moorage only

Arrival Date: Thursday Friday (circle)

Saturday Potluck: Total \$ _____

Boat Name: _____

Sunday Breakfast Total \$ _____

LOA _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Special Docking **please** indicate needs: _____

Rendezvous Grand Total \$ _____

Reach the D/16 Docking Crew on **Channel 72**

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Poulsbo Inn -1.800.597.5151 Mention **Power Squadron 08** for group rate of \$80 for double queen
Eagle Tree RV Park - 360.598-5988

Make checks payable to: **District 16** and send before **13 June** to: _____ For Rendezvous

D/Lt/C Joanna Webster, AP _____ information or

31820 37th Ave SW, Federal Way, WA 98023-2176 _____ questions call

jimjoweb@aol.com 253.927-7474 (cell 253-350-0056 after 25 June) Joanna Webster

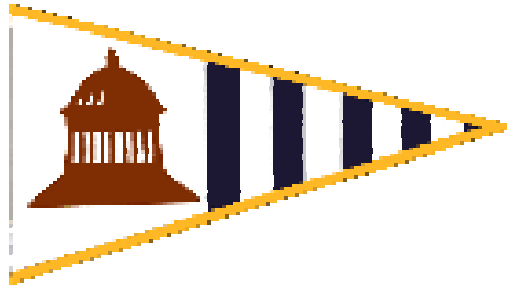


The model is scratch built using 14" bass wood strips & then covered w/fiberglass. Estimated weight: 700 lbs. The beam is 52" The length is about 30' It can carry 2 persons. The model is powered by a 15 hp outboard engine located under rear gun turret.



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ON THE HORIZON

May 2008

- 12 Executive meeting at Nickleby's
- 14 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*
- 19 Squadron Meeting at Olympia Yacht Club.

June 2008

- 9 Executive meeting at ????????
- 10 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*
- 16 Squadron Meeting at Olympia Yacht Club.

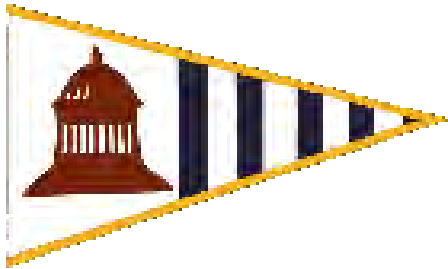
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Squadron meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 1930, unless otherwise specified. Call one of the Officers for the location. Summer meetings (July & August) are usually held at different locations. Executive Committee meetings are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



THE SEAMAN'S LOG

The Voice of the
OLYMPIA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

June 2008



FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

At the time I'm writing this message, it is the middle of May and we are still waiting for old Mr. Sun to show his face. Hopefully, by the time you read this, it will be sunny and bright with a lot of fun boating trips planned this summer. Looking back, we had a pretty busy May this year! The Vessel Examiners were out walking the docks for VSCs during the Opening Day of Boating Season, the Wooden Boat Show and during National Safe Boating Week. Speaking of National Safe Boating Week, the city council and mayors of Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater all signed a Proclamation declaring Safe Boating Week, and representatives of your Squadron were there to accept the Proclamations. Some of our members travelled to the District Educational Seminar in Monroe, while others helped out at the Lacey Kids' Fair and still other participated at Rest Stop coffee fund-raiser. Just about the time you are receiving this newsletter, we are getting ready for a fun time at the Children's Hands-on Museum (June 6).

On a sadder note, the Opening Day of boating season this year started out with several boating mishaps and tragedies. One of those I experienced personally. I was out shrimping the Hood Canal on Opening Day and a really strong unexpected wind came up. Right in front of the boat launch, a 20' fishing boat over-turned with 9 people on board. Fortunately, there were a lot of other fishing boats around to aid in the rescue and there were no fatalities. What in the world are 9 people doing in a 20'boat and most of them without PFDs???? Oh well, go figure. When **you** are out boating this summer, please remember...*70% of all boating accident fatalities occur when they are least expected and the boaters are NOT wearing their PFD.* **Wear your PFD at all times.**

Speaking about getting out on the water,

don't forget that many our members don't have boats. So when you're planning that day cruise, you might think about inviting one of our boatless members to come along with you. Also, if you're a power boater, wouldn't it be fun to crew on a fellow member's sailboat? On the other hand, some on you sailors out there may like to join a power cruiser for a relaxing trip up to Tides Tavern for a cool one. So don't be bashful, share the joy of boating with others this summer....and do it safely.

Lastly, a reminder, we have no general meeting in July and August...so you won't want to miss our June meeting on the 18th. However, we do have a lot of fun things planned throughout the summer, so be sure to check the Squadron Activity Calendar at the end of the Seaman's Log. See ya all there!

Cdr Tim Miller, P

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FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

The Executive Officer

Ahoy my fellow buccaneers! Your days are numbered to sign-up for the District Rendezvous in Poulsbo. You have until June 13th to lay claim on your bounty. Don't procrastinate! Send in your registration today. Remember, anything and everything we do in this Squadron is put on by the members of the organization for the members. Just don't sit on the sidelines. It's better to become involved. Everyone has a talent we can use. Be careful, you just might enjoy yourself and make some new friends at the same time, I have and am sure glad I did!!

A Day In The Life Of An XO

When I agreed to accept the position as the Executive Officer, I did not imagine that I would be talking to the Mayor of Tumwater on live

television or leading a Bridge meeting for the first time in front of a group filled mostly with Past Commanders, within my first month of duty. What an eye opener!! It all began one Monday morning when I met our illustrious Commander Tim, for breakfast at the Hawk's Prairie Restaurant. We were going over some things that needed to be done while he was "gone fishin in Mexico". He asked me if I was able to go to the Tumwater City Council meeting. I said, "Of course I can go on Wednesday." thinking that I would attend the Olympia City Council meeting and observe Tim in action and just do a repeat performance the following evening. That was until Tim said, "No, they are both on the same night, tomorrow." That was when I just wanted to take another Vicodin, „cause this was causing me more angst than my shoulder was. He did mention that Jim Harden was a friend of the Tumwater Mayor. Good, I would just call Jim and ask him to accompany me. Boy was that a can of worms. I called Jim and he says not a problem and then says what are you wearing? I let him know I was thinking about a business suit. I have plenty and thought I would be one sharply dressed man. That is until I was sadly informed that the summer uniform is white pants, shirt, shoes, blue blazer, and burgundy tie. Aha, I have a blue blazer. Thirty ties and not one of a solid color. Back to the 1980's for me when I was a teenager and thought wearing tennis shoes and a 3-piece suit at high school graduation was cool. My other option was to wear gray slacks. Of course, I own all the shades of gray, but not the color I have seen at the Change of Watch for example. Oh, and by the way, I should have a speech of about 2 minutes to let them know about our Squadron's history and accomplishments. Here I thought dressing the part was going to be the hard part. So off to the store I go. Six stores later and the closest thing to white pants I could find was 100% linen. They looked like something out of an old Miami Vice episode. The only problem was, they were so thin you could see the stitching design on my socks. So back to the second option of gray pants, a little bit easier, I only had to go to 3 stores. I went home with a smile, proud that I was able to find a suitable maritime apparel that would represent my Squadron accordingly. That was until I could not locate my name tag, I still needed to write a speech and I had less than 24 hours to do so. I

decided I would just go to bed and wake up early in the morning and start researching the Squadron's web-sites for information and then find my badge. Well the early part came true, just in time for my wife to inform me I would be taking care of a sick child. No problem, he would stay in his bed and get well, while I did my work. Murphy's Law would not allow that to happen. I want to print my speech and find out that the toner was out in our printer. "Come on son, you look better, let's go for a ride and Daddy will buy you a toy. I have some print cartridges I have to buy." All ended well except for the name tag which I decided was not worth the stress anymore. I'd done the best that I could do.

The Tumwater City Council meeting went well. When I got home, my kids were telling me they had seen me on the television. I was so ecstatic that they watched something informative rather than the Disney Channel. That was abruptly interrupted when they asked for their pencil. The Mayor gave the Police officers prior to us, who got promotions, a city pencil for them, their wives and kids, but I only brought one home. What a dose of reality, being proud of my accomplishments through all the hoops and hurdles to be swept away by the lack of a pencil.

Was this all unexpected when I decided to hold an office position? Yes. Is it stressful at times? Sure. Is the outcome worth it all? You bet! But, the most important questions is, could I do this all alone? The answer is an ABSOLUTE NO!!! Without the help from my family, and guidance from Tim Miller and my new uncle Jim Harden, along with a kind word from Debbie Harden, I would be stuck in the doldrums. Thanks, for your time and patience as all the new officers try their best for you. I am looking forward to my next adventure. Thank-you Debbie for giving me another pencil. I am now in the running for Daddy of the Year.

Executive Officer
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Salty Proverbs

Red sky at night, sailors delight,
Red sky in morning, sailors take warning.

Evening red and morning gray help the traveler on his way,
Evening gray and morning red bring rain upon his head.

Beware bolts from the north or west, in south or east the bolts be best.

Rainbow in the morning, gives you fair warning.
Rainbow to windward, foul fall the day.
Rainbow to leeward, rain runs away.

When a halo rings the sun, rain's approaching on the run.

A wind from the south has rain in its mouth



Squadron Educational Officer's Report

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UP FROM THE BILGE

Wow, it's finally spring, and all that sunshine lures us out on the water. I hope all the spring cleaning of the boat was finished when the gloomy weather was here, so that now you can go out to play afloat. Our Squadron has several activities planned, so be sure to check the calendar for current information. What about other Squadrons? Perhaps there are interesting and new places to go to and meet with other USPSers from farther up the Sound. I've sent letters to the appropriate people (I hope) in the six other Squadrons in the South Sound, to see if they'll be doing anything in which our members can participate, while we try to maximize our boating fun.

Right off I received a response from Bellevue, which will be holding a 50th Anniversary Salmon Bake at their rendezvous in Brownsville on the 20-22 of June. Paul and I have already signed up, and now they're looking for a flotilla from Olympia. Walk-ins welcome, but as with float-ins, bring your own libations, appetizers to share, and a favorite side dish to go with the salmon. There will be special activities for kids, Saturday breakfast is provided, and the total cost per person is \$20. What a deal! More information is

available on the Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron web-site.

Since many of them will be spending the week between their rendezvous and the District one in Poulsbo, perhaps we can entice some of them down to Olympia and meet for nautical socializing.

Other Squadrons I've contacted are Bremerton (not all that far), Possession Sound, Poverty Bay, Seattle and Tacoma. Not all of them have helpful web-sites, so I have no other information...yet. I'll let you know when I do.

Bellevue signup:

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Registration requirements for small craft and tenders

There has been conversation about the requirements for registering and displaying the vessel registration number on small boats and, in particular, a dinghy on a cruising boat. The laws of Washington State provided the following information:

* Vessels powered by human power, such as canoes, kayaks, and rowboats, are **exempt** from Washington State registration requirements.

Sailboats under 16' without a motor are exempt.

* Vessels under 16' in overall length with 10 hp or less and are used on waters where there is no federal jurisdiction are also **exempt** from WA State registration.

* Personal watercraft (Jet Ski, Sea-Doo, AquaTrax, Wave Runner, etc) are **required** to be registered.

What is the requirement for dinghies that are used in federal waters? (*i.e. on salt water in our cruising areas such as the Puget Sound, Hood Canal, and the San Juan's*).

* If it is a **tender** to the **parent vessel** and is **less than 10 hp**, and is used **only for direct transportation** from between that vessel and the shore and for no other purposes, it is **exempt** from registration. (*If you use the dinghy for checking*

crab pots, then it must be registered as that is not a "ship to shore" purpose).

* To be properly identified as a tender to the parent vessel, it must display the numbers of the parent vessel with an **additional suffix** number following the vessel registration number. (Example: WN 5678 EF **1** or WN-5678-EF-**1**).

* If you have a second tender vessel, the registration number will be the next consecutive number.

(Example: WN 5678 EF **2**, or WN-5678-EF-**2**).

Cdr. Tim Miller, P
VSC Chairman



DO YOU NEED TO BORROW A PFD?

Our Squadron has available FREE loaner PFDs for members, friends, neighbors, and the general public. These are made available to us through the WA State Parks Dept. and the US Boat Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water.

If you need one, or more, please contact me.

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Editor's note:

Just remember: anything that can go wrong probably will when you least expect it! (Or it already has, and you don't know it yet.)

Any member can submit articles for inclusion in the next Seaman's Log. If I don't send your email back to you, do not assume that I received it.

The Editor reserves all editorial privileges for the content of the Seaman's Log. The Editor serves at the pleasure of the Commander.

"E" numbers can start with any letter A-F. Check this issue carefully.



2008 ROSTER

The Olympia Sail & Power Squadron 2008 Roster is available. They may be picked up at any General Meeting.

P/C Rose Ann Walker, AP
Roster Chair



Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Update

Your Squadron Vessel Examiners have had a busy couple of months with VSCs at Shelton and Olympia Yacht clubs, along with "walking the docks" during Opening Day of boating season, National Safe Boating Week and the Wooden Boat Festival.

We had a good turn out at the Olympia Yacht club with 8 Vessel Examiners completing 20 VSCs. Thanks for a great job...Jim Hanson, Viki Sharp, Darlene Helwig, Clyde Shiner, Tim Miller, and especially to, Pat and Nick Brower for arranging the event!

We are currently in second place for the most VSCs completed (56) in our District, just behind Tacoma Squadron. Jim Harden is determined to be the number one Vessel Examiner this year. He has a total **22** VSCs to date.

Have you had a VSC on your boat yet?

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CHILDREN'S POSTER CONTEST

There's still time to get your kids and grandkids, and any other kids you know, busy with pencils, pens and paints. Our deadline for entries in the Grand USPS Poster Contest is June 16, and the place is convenient – at our June general meeting. That leaves time for judging at the local level before I take the posters to the District Rendezvous in Poulsbo. You'll surely want to be there if someone you know is a local winner here.

There are three divisions, 6-8, 9-11, and 12-14. If you've looked at the USPS web-site, you know that even the youngest age group can produce some very good artwork. We'll be handing out entry forms at the Lacey Kids' Fair and at the Children's Museum, and they're available on the USPS website or from me. Local winners will receive a certificate, and national winners will receive a cash prize. Encourage the kids you know to do serious work so they can start their own college fund with a check from USPS!

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**A Special Note For Anyone Submitting Articles
For The Seaman's Log**

The editor is responsible for all formatting. If you want a full page with special formatting, say so in the email. Otherwise, I will change the formatting of articles to make them fit where I want them. It helps a whole lot if the articles are in Word 97 (97 to 2003 are compatible), **with 12 point type, using Times New Roman. Do Not Format With The Space Bar or the Tab key.** Special paragraph formatting can be done using "Format-paragraph-" to center a line. Do not use the Enter Key at the end of a line. Press "enter" only at the complete end of a paragraph.

This is not the Commander's newsletter. This is the Squadron's newsletter. All members can submit articles, even the Editor.

Thanks, Ed.



BRIDGE BREAKFAST COMING IN JULY

You won't want to miss this year's annual Bridge Breakfast coming up Saturday, July 12 at the Longbranch Marina. This is always a fun event where your Bridge prepares breakfast for all attendees. Your chef will be Jim Harden making his world famous "omelets in a bag". All you have to bring is your favorite fixin' to put in the omelet i.e. bacon bits, mushrooms, cheese, whatever.

We will all meet at the covered dock area at 0900 for breakfast and then stick around and visit as long as you want. Some folks will be arriving by boat on Friday afternoon (cocktail hour?). Some may be staying over the weekend.

Remember, some of our folks don't have boats. Soooo, if you have the room and the

inclination, invite someone to join you on your boat. Otherwise, this can be a fun “drive by car” event.

Tim



“Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody’s going to know whether you did it or not.” Reader’s Digest February 2002

Thanks, Ed.



Next Bridge Meeting

Every month our Bridge meeting is at a different location. It’s a lot of fun trying out all of these different menus and enjoying the fellowship of dinner with our friends and Bridge members.

There is nothing like a good meal and maybe a glass of wine to get to know someone a little better.

By the way, you can be a new or an old member to join us...you don’t have to be a Bridge member. Why not plan on joining us next month for our Bridge meeting?

When: Monday, June 9.

Time: Dinner is at 1800 and the meeting starts at 1900 we are done by 2100.

Where: Nickelby’s Restaurant, 600 Trosper Way SW, Tumwater (same exit as for Costco).

Cdr. Tim Miller, P



OUTSTANDING PERSONAL SERVICE (OPS) AUCTION

Ahoy everyone!

Here's the bad news, the Auction at this month's meeting was cancelled due a very low attendance.

Here's the good news...the Auction will be held at our Sept. 15 meeting in conjunction with our Ice Cream Social.

See ya at the June meeting,
Tim



DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

Wow! There were 8 members of the Squadron at the seminar in Monroe! A really great turnout from our group. The Everett Squadron did a great job of putting on the session. I took notes so that

we can learn from the things they did right. Now, who will be in charge of the homemade biscotti next year, that we enjoyed this year at breakfast and at the morning beverage break?

Stan Scott left Bobbie with us while he went off to annoy fish. Dan Briscoe came on his gorgeous new metallic red motorcycle, which seems to have everything on it except a washer and dryer. He invited everyone to join him in driving to dinner in Leavenworth to enjoy the signs of spring, but had no takers. I think we all felt we couldn’t keep up with him.

Seminar topics included spreading the word about us and our classes and what’s new therein (including the new America’s Boating Course which should be available for teaching in the fall); the new navigation course was presented (in unfathomable detail); and we learned about the Automated Identification System from a representative of SeaCAS (enough to know my husband wants one).

The internet signup for new members has been implemented by USPS, and three weeks into the program 25 new members had been signed up nationally, the first in NY, the second in WA. Way to go Bellevue! Learn more about this at our June meeting.

Thinking of getting into “politics”? It was suggested that members get involved in local marine board activities so they can get on the boards and infiltrate them with wisdom and ideas based on knowledge and experience. We’ve certainly got members with lots of that.

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Our new web-page is now up and running, it really looks nice.

Please be sure to visit it and put it on your "Favorite list". <http://www.oly-sps.org/>

There is still some work to do on it (implement the membership roster and some other details).

A BIG thanks to Kathryn Query...our Webmaster for developing and maintaining this site. If you have any thing you would like to see on the web-page, contact Kathryn at: kquery3@comcast.net.

Tim



June 2008

1-2	Coffee Stop fund raiser (5/30 - 6/1)...24 hrs a day	5/30 @ 0800 6/1 @ 0200	Elma Rest stop
6	Children's Hand's On Museum OSP presentation	1700 - 1930	Children's Hand's On Museum, Olympia
9	Bridge (Executive) meeting Dinner 1800 Meeting 1900	1800 - 2100	Nickelby's Restaurant Tumwater
14	Instructor Develop class	0900-1500	Home of Jim and Debbie Harden
16	Deadline to submit posters for the USPS Children's Poster Contest		
16	General Meeting Auction	1930-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
20-22	Bellevue Squadron Rendezvous 50 th Anniversary Salmon Bake		Brownsville
27- 29	District Rendezvous (Pirates of the Caribbean)		Poulsbo

July 2008 - No General Meeting in July

12	Bridge Breakfast	0900	Longbranch Marina
26	Operations Training class	0900-1300	Home of Jim and Debbie Harden
27	Clam Dig and Picnic Clam Dig 0900 Lunch 1130	0900 – 1400	Frye Cove

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Be sure to check the latest edition of the Activities Calendar since everything is subject to change



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

District 16 Rendezvous

Port of Poulsbo

27 – 29 June 2008

Pillage & Plunder

Fun & Frolic

Hunt for Treasure

DOCKING: THE docking specialists from Tacoma will be assisting arrival of pirate ships with your docking needs. **EVERYONE** is to call in on **Channel 72 PRIOR** to entering the marina. Even if you don't wish assistance docking, let Tacoma know you have arrived. Thursday night reservations must be made directly with the Port of Poulsbo, 360.779.9905.E11685

REGISTRATION: #E-24 on BRIZO Friday & Saturday, times will be posted

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL: 1700 - 1900 Sons of Norway hall, top floor. Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres to share and try out some specialty drinks plus beer & wine available.

SATURDAY an entire day packed with special events you won't want to miss!

- **OPENING CEREMONY** - 1000 out in front of the Sons of Norway deck area.
- **GAMES** - Both kids and adults - Events & time announcements posted near dock office.
- **TREASURE ISLAND HUNT** - Information when you register at 'BRIZO' #E-24
- **BEST PIRATE COSTUME** - A parade of costumes in the afternoon on E Dock
- **PIRATES POTLUCK:** Hamburgers and all the necessary trimmings furnished. Bring side dishes to accompany those hamburgers, enough for those on your boat plus extra. Plates will be provided, bring your own utensils only. Vegetarian burgers & hotdogs will be provided **IF** requested on your application form.
- **SILENT AUCTION:** Each Squadron is to bring one or two new items for the auction (total value of approximately \$50). This year the Dessert Auction will be part of the Silent Auction. Each Squadron is requested to bring **ONLY ONE** dessert to the auction. You can bid as a table to secure your evening dessert.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Enjoy a hearty buffet breakfast (scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, pancakes, fruit, fruit juice, coffee, tea, milk and water) before the Pirates take to the seas or highways home. Breakfast will be served from 0900 to 1100 at the Sons of Norway Hall.

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

32nd Annual District 16 Rendezvous

Port of Poulsbo

Registration Information

27-29 June 2008

Name: _____ Squadron: _____

Phone: _____
(List spouse or guest names, use back for additional names)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

E/mail _____ 1st time at D16 Rendezvous? _____

Meal Reservations: Reservations for all meals must be received on or before **13 June**. No guarantees for hamburger or hotdog availability if received after this date!

	<u># of guests</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Saturday Evening Potluck -- Hamburgers & Hotdogs furnished	_____	\$ _____
\$7 per person, \$3.50 for children (12 & under) meat & hall rental	_____	\$ _____
Vegetarian Burger or Hotdog (please circle if desired)	_____	\$ _____
Bring side dish for those on your boat plus extra		
Sunday Breakfast: \$12 per person, \$6 for children (12 & under)	_____	\$ _____
(50 person minimum required by Sons of Norway)		

MOORAGE RESERVATIONS

To secure reservations, pay D16 for **Friday** night moorage in advance at the rate of \$0.60 per foot (includes power).

Deadline for slip reservations is **13 June 2008**.

Need to cancel? Please notify **both** Joanna Webster **AND** the Port of Poulsbo (360.779.9905) Cancellations accepted within 72 hours of arrival date. Thursday arrival must be reserved through the Port **for Thursday only**.

Tie up requests: (please circle)
 Bow or Stern Port or Starboard

Boat Length _____ X \$0.60 = \$ _____
(Minimum charge 30 ft slip \$18.00)
 Payment is for Friday Night Moorage only

Arrival Date: Thursday Friday (circle)

Saturday Potluck: Total \$ _____

Boat Name: _____

Sunday Breakfast Total \$ _____

LOA _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Special Docking please indicate needs: _____

Rendezvous Grand Total \$ _____

Reach the D/16 Docking Crew on **Channel 72**

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Poulsbo Inn -1.800.597.5151 Mention **Power Squadron 08** for group rate of \$80 for double queen
Eagle Tree RV Park - 360.598-5988

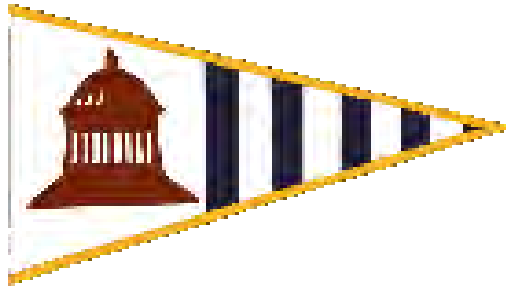
Make checks payable to: **District 16** and send before **13 June** to: _____ For Rendezvous
 D/Lt/C Joanna Webster, AP _____ information or
 31820 37th Ave SW, Federal Way, WA 98023-2176 _____ questions call

jimjoweb@aol.com 253.927-7474 (cell 253-350-0056 after 25 June) Joanna Webster



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ON THE HORIZON

June 2008

- 9 Executive meeting at Nickleby's
- 10 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*
- 16 Squadron Meeting at Olympia Yacht Club.

July and August 2008

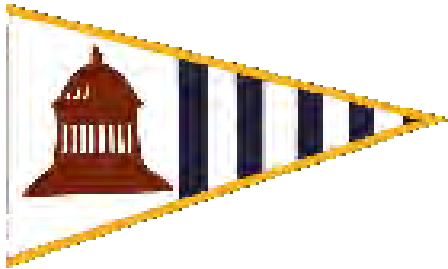
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Squadron meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 1930, unless otherwise specified. Call one of the Officers for the location. Summer meetings (July & August) are usually held at different locations. Executive Committee meetings are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



THE SEAMAN'S LOG

The Voice of the
OLYMPIA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
July/August 2008



FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I've always heard the saying "It's lonely at the top." Well, I was never sure what that meant until just now. I am writing this article at 1:00 AM in the morning at the Elma Rest Stop. My shift ends at 2:00 AM and I haven't had a customer in an hour. However, for the most part, it has been a lot of fun and an opportunity to meet a lot of folks. Frankly, I had never thought how appreciative folks are of a simple cup of coffee. I had viewed this Rest Stop fund raiser as just that, a fund raiser. I overlooked the more important aspect, an opportunity to help someone. I couldn't believe how happy some folks were to see me and get that steaming hot cup of coffee in order to hit the road again. It just wasn't the coffee. While Maggie and I were setting up the Coffee Stop early Friday morning, I had a lady come over and ask for a "jump" for her battery, Ya never want to miss an opportunity for an "random act of kindness".

Now that I think about it, this has really been a pretty neat experience. Again, while Maggie and I were on our early morning shift at the Rest Stop, our cell phone rang. We hardly ever have our cell phone on and it startled us. Well, naturally, Maggie thought it was one of the crew calling about the Coffee Stop and she answered the phone rather "un-professionally". I could tell right away by her red face that it was not one of you. She shyly said "It's for you, Honey." Wow! What a surprise! It was a lady calling to borrow some PFDs for her visiting grandchildren. In fact, she had borrowed 6 of them last year and needed 6 more again this year. She was just ecstatic that we're still giving out free loaner PFDs.

This last month I attended the Lacey Kids Fun Fair and the Children's Hands On Museum. At both of these events I had the opportunity to "clown around" a little with kids and help them become more aware of boating safety in a fun

way. At the Kids Fun Fair, I gave the kids a test before I would make them a balloon animal. I showed them a PFD and asked them what it was, what it was used for and have they ever used one? Wow! Just about every kid out there got 100%.

Sometimes when we go to assist someone, we may even end up getting paid back in a very material way. Let me tell you what happened at my last two Vessel Safety Checks for boaters of a fishing club I belong to. I really enjoy doing these VSCs, since it gives me the opportunity to get to know the members better. They need all the boating safety education they can get. We also have fun swapping fishing stories. Well anyway, getting back to my story, I really didn't know either of these boaters very well and it was great to get to know them better. However, one of them ended up giving me a couple of pounds of frozen salmon and halibut. The other gave me some elk sausage, pepperoni sticks and ground elk meat. Who say's it doesn't pay to be a Vessel Safety Examiner (gosh, I hope I'm not breaking any rules accepting gratuities).

Bottom line, we have a lot of fun in the Squadron and we learn a lot about boating through the many classes available to us. However, one of bigger benefits to membership in our Squadron is our opportunities for public service to our community. Someone once said something like this (I think it was a Squadron Commander) "Ask not what your Squadron can do for you, but what you can do for your Squadron" In closing, while you are out boating this summer, remember there is always time to "give someone a hand".

Cdr Tim Miller, P

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FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

I hope everyone was able to make it to the District 16 Rendezvous. It is a nice chance to meet up with your counterparts from other Squadrons and an opportunity to meet some new friends. I am sure you had a fun time. I know my kids always seem to enjoy it.

Our next big boat show will be Harbor Days, August 29th-31st, located in downtown Olympia. I know this seems a long way away, but it should give you time to clear your calendars and lend a hand. I will be e-mailing a sign-up sheet to you shortly.

My last couple of articles I have submitted, I tried to keep them a little bit whimsical. Unfortunately, my mind has been stressed by work, the end of the school year for the kids, and may seem a bit dreary like our recent weather forecasts. I did, however, come along a nautical poem I would like to share with you. It is one of the reasons I love to live here close to the Sound, where I can gaze over the water and dream endlessly.

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Eternity at Sea

That if I would,
I would stand immortally at sea
Gazing for eternity at sea

The beauty struck sea
I'd set leave of quay
To immortally find way

Stand upon the ocean shore
Reverberating sea splashing at my feet
Shore washing sea, covering my feet

To close my eyes is to be at sea
This dream lasts all day to me
One day is like twenty years at sea

That if I would,

I would stand immortally at sea
Hoping for eternity at sea

Wonder covered sea
I would bless the shore
And leave to be once more

Out at sea to sail
And stand upon a ship and sway
Listen to the creak of the wood, and say

To close my eyes is to be at sea
A dream that lasts eternity
Eternity, guaranteed, to live

Would one day be eternity
I would spend it out at sea
Stand upon the ocean shore, foaming at my feet
Annie Cordelia Adams

I hope you enjoyed this as
much as I enjoy knowing all of you.

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UP FROM THE BILGE Or: HOW TO SPEND A SUMMER VACATION

Just in case you can't think of what to do with all those wonderful sunny days we're going to have soon (I hope), here's an outline of what your Squadron has available for you to enjoy this summer. After the hugs and farewells-until-September at the June general meeting, you can soon reunite with some familiar faces by going to the Bellevue Squadron Rendezvous in Brownsville, June 20-22. (We're calling this one "joint" for evaluation purposes.) Registration information is on the BSPS website. The Salmon Barbecue and Potluck is an early dinner on

Saturday, and there should be food enough for anyone dropping in just for that. It's their 50th Anniversary Salmon Dinner, and merriment will prevail. While some OSPSians will be going by car, Paul and I will be boating up, and there's a lot of room for guests aboard Prima Donna at cocktail time.

One more week, and it's District Rendezvous time in Poulsbo, June 27-29. Anyone with a big electric mixer with a dough hook should come looking like an authentic pirate. The Rendezvous has a Caribbean theme, and the town has a Scandinavian theme. You'll get a trip around the world and never have to show a passport. With two great bakeries downtown, why would anyone want to stay home? There's plenty of space in our cockpit for socializing on Friday and Saturday, and you can walk the planks of the marina and meet new friends, walk the streets of town and browse the bookstores, dress shops, and art galleries. Quilters, there's even a special shop for you.

You have to mow the lawn, you say? Do that on Fourth of July weekend, then come to the next event, the Bridge Breakfast at Longbranch. Those guys who look great in uniforms look great in chef's hats, too. Jim Harden will make his famous omelets in bags, and yours will be just what you want because you bring your favorite fillings. The time is set for 9:00 AM, so motor over (on land or sea) the night before to be first in line for those great side dishes the other officers will prepare. You'll get to have a pleasant evening Friday, sharing beverages, appetizers, and tall tales with your Squadron mates. There'll be games after breakfast, to burn up those calories from second helpings.

You get a weekend at home to mow again, then off to the Hardens' for Operations Training on Sat. the 26th, if you need it. (You must be pre-registered.) On Sun. the 27th it's the clam dig and picnic, rescheduled to Penrose Point State Park. Clam digging starts around 9:00 AM, after a low tide at 7:30 AM. Optimists plan a lunch featuring steamers at about 11:30, but be sure to bring some crackers and peanut butter along with your favorite summer picnic dish, just in case.

Now you have two free weekends to mow the grass, paint the house, and can the vegetables from your garden before it's off to Longbranch on Aug. 15 for the Annual Wine Tasting Social. Mike

Contris is in charge of teaching, and your conscience is in charge of your tasting. Bring a bottle of a wine you want to share, conjure up an intriguing appetizer, and spend a pleasant day with friends. Longbranch is a nice marina to spend the night in if you come by boat. Communal breakfast is on Sunday morning. Share your cornflakes, just not too early.

Summer's coming to an end, but not without a few last hurrahs. First, the Beachcrest Bash at Millers' on Saturday, August 23, a potluck with games, a scavenger hunt, group singing, a dancing chorus line and a greased pig race. Some of that anyway, and prizes. Bring the kids and grandkids for a day of fun, food, and friends. The Bash is our last social before the regular meeting schedule begins again in September, but not our last summer event. The second hurrah is the booth we have at Harbor Days on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 28-30. We'll be back by the Kissing Statue at Percival Landing, with information for adults, whistles for kids, and a stamp for the event passports. Volunteers will be needed, so watch your email for sign-up sheets. Come and share your knowledge of boating with the crowd and spread your enthusiasm for boating safety. Our Squadron needs to grow, and it's every member's job to participate in helping to make that happen. Harbor Days is a good place to get the word out about the value of joining our group and of continuing one's boater education.

In September, we'll be back on our regular meeting schedule. On the 15th at the general meeting we'll have a program, a bit of the service auction, and an ice cream social. We can talk about all the fun things we did in our summer vacations!

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DO YOU NEED TO BORROW A PFD?

Our Squadron has available FREE loaner PFDs for members, friends, neighbors, and the general public. These are made available to us through the WA State Parks Dept. and the US Boat Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water.

If you need one, or more, please contact me.

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NEWS FLASH....CLAM DIG PICNIC UPDATE

There has been another change of plans for the Clam Dig Picnic on July 27...Clams and clamming seasons are "too elusive". We are changing the Clam Dig to a simple picnic and here's what's happening:

- When: Sat. July 27
- Time: 1130 hours
- Where: Burfoot Park (out near Boston Harbor)

The Squadron will furnish the burgers, buns and condiments. The rest is potluck. Bring a side dish, dessert, chips, etc. You will also need to bring your own serving ware. A \$5 donation would be welcome.



HOW TO REACH OUR DESTINATION WHEN IT ISN'T ON A CHART

All of your Bridge Officers have their appointed duties, but they aren't the only ones who make the Squadron work. All of the members are participants in the success of our activities. We need your active participation now, in giving us your ideas in how to get the Squadron to a safe port called "Sound Financial Basis". In the past, the Squadron had accumulated a reserve fund that in recent years has been depleted as the income from educational classes has decreased. Dues and class fees no longer cover annual club operating expenses. Somewhere there must be some ideas that would help to get us back on course.

One idea was to man the Coffee Stop at Elma, and we've done that on two occasions this calendar year. It's hard to get volunteers for job, and for the recent session, a weekend, Skip Hash

recruited other organizations to help fill in the time slots. Of course, those organizations shared in the profits, so that our group earned \$211.09 for the seven shifts we covered. Yes, the money came from non-members, and that's good, but at what cost to the members who volunteered to earn it? The earning took 42 Coffee Stop hours, 66 person hours done a minimum of 27 miles from home. For our small car that trip uses a gallon of gas to, and a gallon of gas from. Four bucks a gallon, say, and Washington's minimum wage is the second highest in the nation. If this were a business, it would be a shaky one indeed.

Next idea, a Personal Services Auction, to be held in conjunction with a potluck, the Commander and his wife providing and preparing the hams that were the main dish. Sounds like fun to me, but despite advertising the event in the Seaman's Log and by email, as well as word of mouth, attendance was lower than normal. It was a regular meeting night, the weather was no worse than usual, and the goal was to support the Squadron. What was amiss? The auction was postponed, and the donations can received only \$23 from the 18 people present.

Donated services will be auctioned off over several meetings, so the idea may be a success over time. Perhaps it could be enhanced by putting out a donations can for suggestions by members of what they would like to buy. Not an international dinner, but some ready-to-eat casseroles for the freezer's "emergency" shelf. Perhaps a boat ride when someone has out of town guests to entertain. Need help with addressing invitations or Christmas cards? Need a bartender for an evening soiree? Always wanted to ride on the back of a snazzy red Harley, between the microwave oven and the HD television set?

Or do you have a suggestion for some other way to raise funds for our group that would yield us income from non-members? Deficit spending may work for governments, but it isn't available to us. Put on your thinking caps and work on finding the way for us to reach our safe port of financial stability.

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District 16 Photos

Photos of many Squadron and District events can be viewed at SmugMug on the web @: <http://usps-d16.smugmug.com/> Lots of neat photos...including our own Squadron. Put it on your favorites list.



Editor's note:

Just remember: anything that can go wrong probably will when you least expect it! (Or it already has, and you don't know it yet.)

Any member can submit articles for inclusion in the next Seaman's Log. If I don't send your email back to you, do not assume that I received it.

The Editor reserves all editorial privileges for the content of the Seaman's Log. The Editor serves at the pleasure of the Commander.

"E" numbers can start with any letter A-F. Check this issue carefully.



IT'S COMING, IT'S COMING...THE BEACHCREST BASH

Wow, how time flies! It seems like just a couple of months ago we had our annual Beachcrest Bash. Here it is a year later and it's coming up next month. Put it on your calendar now, Saturday, Aug. 23 starting at noon.

Last year was a blast...remember the water balloon volleyball game and the PFD toss? You'll never forget the bowling competition with frozen game hens (they held up pretty well), along with all of the great Barbecue food, drinks and camaraderie. Be sure to join us. A Beachcrest Bash flyer is attached to the Seaman's Log (and, don't forget to take with you the gate key password....5021#).

See ya there,
Tim and Maggie Miller



Coffee Stop Fund Raiser

Last month was our second Coffee Stop fund raiser at the Elma Rest Stop. We didn't have enough volunteers to staff all of the shifts for the full 3 days. Skip Hash was able to locate another organization to help us staff and we shared the profits with them. We ended up bringing into our coffers a total of \$211.09. Thanks to the

following volunteers who made this all happen:

Cookie donors:

Viki Sharp
Pat Brower
Dorothy Tenkhoff

Coffee Stop volunteers:

Skip Hash
Stan and Bobbie Scott
Jim and Debbie Harden
Paul and Donna Davis
Tim and Maggie Miller



Vessel Safety Checks Update

Your Vessel Examiners are still on the march with 90 Vessel Safety Checks to date. Viki finally got out of the starting gate and now has 14 VSCs, following our leader, Jim Harden with 23. Viki is handicapped a little this year, since she has taken on a full time job at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. By the time you read this article we should have picked up some more VSCs at the Bellevue and District Rendezvous'. We are still in second place behind Tacoma in our District, but there is plenty of time to get some more.

Vessel Examiner	Inspected
Nick Brower	12
Pat Brower	10
Jim Hanson	6
Debbie Harden	6
Jim Harden	26
Skip Hash	7
Tim Miller	8
Vikki Sharp	14
Clyde Shiner	4
Darlene Hedwig	2
Kathryn Query	3
William Walker	2
Squadron Total	100

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**A Special Note For Anyone Submitting Articles
For The Seaman's Log**

The editor is responsible for all formatting. If you want a full page with special formatting, say so in the email. Otherwise, I will change the formatting of articles to make them fit where I want them. It helps a whole lot if the articles are in Word 97 (97 to 2003 are compatible), **with 12 point type, using Times New Roman. Do Not Format With The Space Bar or the Tab key.** Special paragraph formatting can be done using "Format-paragraph-" to center a line. Do not use the Enter Key at the end of a line. Press "enter" only at the complete end of a paragraph.

This is not the Commander's newsletter. This is the Squadron's newsletter. All members can submit articles, even the Editor.

Thanks, Ed.



BRIDGE BREAKFAST COMING IN JULY

You won't want to miss this year's Annual Bridge Breakfast coming up Saturday, July 12 at the Longbranch Marina. This is always a fun event where your Bridge prepares breakfast for all attendees. Your chef will be Jim Harden making his world famous "omelets in a bag". All you have to bring is your favorite fixin's to put in the omelet, i.e. bacon bits, mushrooms, cheese, whatever.

We will all meet at the covered dock area at 0900 for breakfast and then stick around and visit as long as you want. Some folks will be arriving by boat on Friday afternoon (cocktail hour?). Some may be staying over the weekend.

Remember, some of our folks don't have boats. Soooo, if you have the room and the inclination, invite someone to join you on your boat. Otherwise, this can be a fun "drive by car" event.

Tim



"Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not." Reader's Digest February 2002

Thanks, Ed.



Next Bridge Meeting

Every month our Bridge meeting is at a different location. It's a lot of fun trying out all of these different menus and enjoying the fellowship of dinner with our friends and Bridge members.

There is nothing like a good meal and maybe a glass of wine to get to know someone a little better.

By the way, you can be a new or an old member to join us...you don't have to be a Bridge member. Why not plan on joining us next month for our Bridge meeting?

- When: Monday, September 8, 2008.
- Time: Dinner is at 1800 and the meeting starts at 1900 we are done by 2100.
- Where: Nickelby's Restaurant, 600 Trospen Way SW, Tumwater (same exit as for Costco).
Cdr. Tim Miller, P



How to keep your Editor happy!



<http://www.oly-sps.org>

There it is – the new OSPS website! Type it into your internet browser address line and bookmark it as a Favorite for easy regular access. The web has a fresh, updated look, and uses Flash technology to provide a picture slideshow on the home page.

Things that will work differently from the old website are:

Roster: For confidentiality, you will need to put in your first and last name, then your ID number. Next, a copy of Rose Ann Walker's excellent document with all Squadron information will open. Once inside the document, use the "Find" feature to locate a specific name.

More Photos: Still working on the photo functionality and look, but at least we have something in there that keeps us inside our own website, rather than moving us to a separate website, which would be okay but not preferable.

Otherwise, I believe the site is compliant with all National guidelines. If you notice anything

that is not, please let me know. I am open to your suggestions for this new website.

Kathryn Querry,
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WELCOME ABOARD

Let's all welcome aboard our newest Squadron member, Jack Porter. Jack is a graduate of our last public boating class. Before retiring in Olympia, Jack owned an office supply store in Aberdeen. He is a busy guy and recently started taking piano lessons in order to play his grand piano. At our last meeting, Jack was the winning bidder for one of Viki Sharp's delicious pies. He then graciously gave the pie to Jerry and Rebecca Cross to share with their kids. It is obvious Jack is the kind of person to pitch in and do the right thing. Thanks for joining our group, Jack!

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REMINDER

There is no general meeting in July or August and there is no Seaman's Log published in August...have a nice summer.





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September 2008

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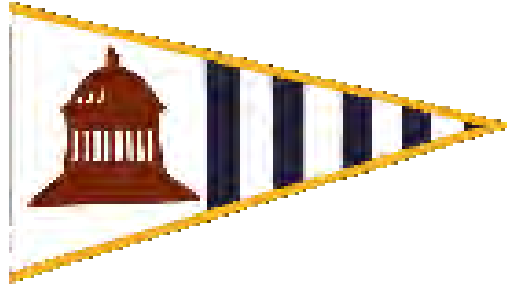
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July and August 2008

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Squadron Meeting at rendezvous.

September 2008

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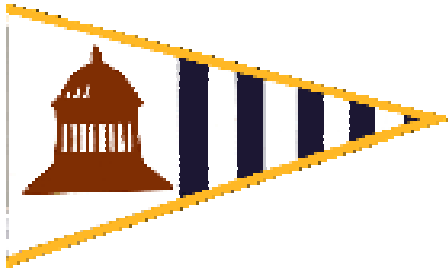
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THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.



THE SEAMAN'S LOG

The Voice of the
OLYMPIA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
September 2008



FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

In spite of our somewhat wet summer, I hope you all had a great time this summer. Maggie and I started out with our annual summer pilgrimage to our old hometown of Grants Pass, Oregon to visit old friends and relatives. Wow, how the grandkids grow up so fast! As always, we had a great time....lots of barbecues, rafting the Rogue River and, yes, maybe even a beer or two. One of the greatest things about this annual trip is it reminds me why we decided to retire here in Olympia, Washington. The day we arrived in Grants Pass it was a 106 degrees....the rest of the week it cooled down to the low hundreds and high nineties. Now, Grants Pass is a really lovely place...but, if you're not on the river, that's just too darn hot, no matter how much clothing you take off. Yea, we may complain a little about our weather here in Olympia, but it's still pretty simple to put on an extra shirt, coat or even a raincoat (no big deal).

So what's been happening this summer with the Squadron? We started out July with our Bridge Breakfast. What we lacked in quantity of attendees, we made up for in quality of a fun time!! Next, there was a good turnout of students attending the Operations Training conducted by Jim Harden. Now they will all know on which side of their shirt to display their name tag. OOPs! Just kidding. This is a class EVERY member needs to attend. If you haven't taken it yet, be sure to do so the next time it is available. We hope you didn't miss our picnic at Burfoot Park at the end of July. Good attendance and great burgers flipped by Paul Davis. We were also unexpectedly blessed with a clear day! In August, we started out with a booth for Family Days at Sportsman's Warehouse. Lots of kids and lots of fun. A young girl caught a Rainbow trout in the trout pond that was just about as tall as she was (weighed in at 10 lbs.). Gosh I think I'm going to give up lake fishing and go to

these trout pond events instead. At our booth, we had a lot of kids take our "double dog dare" for the hypothermia jar. What a kick watching them try to keep their arm in that freezing water! By the way, our newest member, Jack Porter, helped out at the booth, the first of many to follow Jack, under the tutelage of Bill Walker. At the time of the writing this article, we still have Beachcrest Bash and Harbor Days booth still ahead of us in August.

What's next? We have our first (after summer) Squadron meeting coming up Monday, Sept. 15 at 1830. We will kick it off with our Second Annual ice-cream social thanks to Stan and Bobbie Scott for coming up with this fun annual event. We will also have several Personal Service items to auction off. We hope to see you all at this fun event and meeting. Our District Bridge has been invited to attend. See ya there,

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FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer with many memorable and safe adventures. My boating summer has just begun this month since my shoulder surgery. I just completed Harbor Patrol without a hitch and am so looking forward to taking our boat over to Longbranch for the wine tasting this upcoming weekend. I attended several classes at the Harden's home. They are a very warm and gracious couple, besides being very knowledgeable about boating. I don't know how much of the instruction I will retain, but my eyes were opened to a writer named Clyde W. Ford, from Bellingham. It may not seem like a big feat when someone picks up a book and actually reads the words and not just look at the pictures. Oops!., I guess you can tell what kind of books I buy. Yes,

you were correct I buy Boating magazines, I love the look of a wide stern and a curvaceous bow. I'm sorry, I was telling a story before I went adrift wasn't I. Well, if you ask my wife, she has never seen me read a book since we have been together. While we were vacationing in Long Beach with her mom I read 2. It started when I was walking the Ilwaco docks and looking at the tuna being strung up by the charter boats while the kids and ladies did some shopping. They were buying and I was dreaming. I guess we were both in our happy place at the time. Well, it was getting close to dinner so I went to track them down and discuss our dinner plans for the evening. I found them in a book store called Time Enough Books. I went inside and met the owner, who by the way is the wife of an Ocean Tug-boat Captain. How cute is that? I asked if she had any books by Clyde Ford. She looked and came back saying that she didn't have any used ones, but did have 2 new ones. I couldn't decide which one I wanted to buy since I know how I am about reading books. Rebecca came over and saved me by saying they looked interesting and she would read them if I didn't. We bought them both. The names of the books are Red Herring and Precious Cargo. The premise is about Charlie Noble, a retired Coast Guard Commander who becomes a maritime private investigator in Bellingham. What is nice is that everything takes place in the San Juans or the greater Puget Sound area. Take a peek, but be warned, you may get hooked on reading like I did. It's never to late to learn.

On a more official note, your Commander and I are looking at putting in for the Distinguished Civic Service Award. This is given to the Squadron that dedicates voluntary hours to their community I will need to know your name, group or organization, what you do for them, dates and times if possible and how many total hours of voluntary service you gave. So what I would like for you to do is send me an e-mail, or bring your information to the September meeting. Thanks and take care.

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Squadron Educational Officer's Report

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UP FROM THE BILGE A SUMMER OF BOATING

Since the summer of 2006 was devoted to maintaining the dock at our house, with the help of family, and the summer of 2007 was devoted to maintaining the boat, with the help of Pettit Marine, this was to be our actual boating summer. It has been, even with many gray days like the one I see out my windows this morning. In May, Swantown to meet with boating friends from Tacoma. We were one-third of the fleet, but there were four carloads of drive-ins. To Poulsbo with friends from Seattle. We were one-half the fleet, four carloads. To Brownsville for the 50th Anniversary Bellevue S & P S Salmon Bake. One boat and one car from Olympia. About 30 boats there, from 20-something to 65 feet, and well over 100 people at dinner. Now that's a rendezvous! We had so much fun with this group that we signed up as associate members of their Squadron so we can legitimately crash their other events.

Back to Poulsbo for the District 16 gathering. Just one boat from Olympia and three cars, and all ten of us could sit in our cockpit and enjoy the companionship, although Gerry's and Rebecca's kids didn't sit still for long. Such energy. There were about 70 boats participating and 200 people at the banquet. One of the motor yachts, tied too firmly to the dock, suffered when an evening wind arose and it heeled over, causing water to come in from somewhere secret. The owner was falling behind with his bailing until he figured out where the water was coming from. The shower sump was the villain, and once water was forced in by the angle the sump began siphoning the bay water. This just goes to show that bad things can happen even when the weather situation is pretty benign and the surroundings are safe.

Our big adventure in July was a nine day trip to the Mainship Owners' rendezvous in Port Ludlow. With a night in Brownsville on the way and two in Port Townsend, one in Kingston and

one in Tacoma on the way back, it was a real vacation.

It's fun to be with other motor boats like your own so you can learn from their owners and not have to do all the research by yourself, especially when you didn't even know there was a solution to your problem (besides shooting all the seagulls). We now have a Gull Sweep, a sort of wind-powered scarecrow for boats, to keep the gulls from sitting on and, ...whatever, on our canvas top. We've learned about "Poop-Be-Gone", a special cleaner for canvas tops that works for seagull, cormorant, or even pelican produced problems. If the problem is really bad, you can order the 55 gallon drum for \$1350. While at Port Ludlow we watched a Coast Guard boat come in and fill up with fuel. I'm sure that, at \$5.35 a gallon for diesel, the Skipper had a very high limit on "our" credit card.

We followed a Mainship Trawler to Port Townsend, an older boat our length but with a narrower beam. I figured if they were okay in the waves, we were okay in the waves. The wind continued, making the Strait very bouncy, so we cancelled our plan to spend a night in Sequim Bay and spent a second night at the Point Hudson Marina. The docks are new and very nice, and the new showers are the roomiest and cleanest we've seen. The selection of restaurants within walking distance is great. Vessel Assist put on a demonstration for us by aiding a sailboat with a line wrapped around its propeller shaft which we could see when it got hauled out. Our boat rolled a lot on our way back south from Pt. T. Between Double Bluff on Whidbey Island and Foulweather Bluff on the mainland where the water looked most agitated, with waves breaking on each other at the perpendicular, we passed through calmly, a pleasant surprise. Looks can be deceiving.

We like the Main Street Ale House near the marina and the ferry dock in Kingston. The restaurant and the fuel prices at the marina make that a popular stopping place for us. Finally, we tried the new marina in front of the Glass Museum in Tacoma. We got a bag of rewards for stopping there, a flashlight, coffee mug, floating key ring, food and beverage coupons. We plan to go back and see the museums from there. Paul is willing to tie up to the dock at Johnny's Seafood for me to shop.

We're planning for more nice weather this

month and in September. We still have places we want to see before the boating season is over. Here's hoping the rainy season isn't anxious to start again.

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DO YOU NEED TO BORROW A PFD?

Our Squadron has available FREE loaner PFDs for members, friends, neighbors, and the general public. These are made available to us through the WA State Parks Dept. and the US Boat Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water.

If you need one, or more, please contact me.

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UP FROM THE BILGE

You won't find a calendar of events for the coming year all planned and ready for this column. I'm hoping to get input at the September meeting on what we should do and if anyone is interested in doing something different. Although there are many boats listed in our Squadron roster, not many people seem to attend events by boat. I've looked at web sites and read newsletters from other Squadrons. They do some interesting things, from short or long cruises in the Sound and up into Canada, to cruises to Alaska on those very big ships. I don't want to be a travel agent, but perhaps we could join or piggy back on the more adventuresome of other group's plans.

Would going some South Sound place different than Longbranch be attractive to members? We've enjoyed staying at the Brownsville Marina, which has a gazebo for small group gatherings. It isn't very far. We could try that early in the spring, before we get to the old stand-bys: Bridge Breakfast, Wine Tasting, Beachcrest Bash. Unless it rains as much as we know it can, everyone will be going to the Salmon Bake by wheeled vehicle.

Email me with your ideas for events, or talk with me by phone or at the ice-cream social coming up, when we gather once again, on the third Monday of September.

Oh, and if you're enjoying the fruits of

summer but don't want to share them with those pesky fruit flies, fill a small glass (jelly? shot?) half full of cider vinegar, add two drops of liquid dish detergent, and set it out to attract the little pests. I don't know why it works, but it does. My peaches are pest free. My little glass has winged sediment.

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District 16 Photos

Photos of many Squadron and District events can be viewed at SmugMug on the web @: <http://usps-d16.smugmug.com/> Lots of neat photos ... including our own Squadron. Put it on your favorites list.



Editor's note:

Just remember: anything that can go wrong probably will when you least expect it! (Or it already has, and you don't know it yet.)

Any member can submit articles for inclusion in the next Seaman's Log. If I don't send your email back to you, do not assume that I received it.

The Editor reserves all editorial privileges for the content of the Seaman's Log. The Editor serves at the pleasure of the Commander.



UP FROM THE BILGE

When it comes to boating savvy, you all have lots more than I have. Even so, I decided you all might benefit from having this article forwarded on to you. It's written by Jeff Rencken and first appeared, I understand, in the April issue of "SEA Magazine". I got it from The Pirates* Log of the Poverty Bay Squadron, July/August, 2008.

"10 Steps to a Sanitized Freshwater System
by Jeff Rencken

1. First, take a look inside your tanks. Dark and damp areas, like your water tank and hoses, are prime candidates for bacteria, film and slime growth. Water tanks should have access ports large enough to get an arm in. If you see sludge or slime, remove

it before you start. There are all sorts of commercially available tank sanitizers and cleaners out there, but all that is really required is a simple chlorine bleach and water solution run through your system.

2. Turn the hot water tank off.
3. Prepare a solution of ¼ cup of household bleach to a gallon of water for each 15 gallons of tank capacity.
4. Add the solution to the freshwater tank.
5. Fill the freshwater tank with clean water. This will mix the solution in the tank.
6. With the water pump on, open each faucet including the shower and any deck washdowns connected to the freshwater system. Make sure you run the treated water through both cold and hot water lines. Run the water until the chlorine smell is noticeable.
7. Close all valves and faucets and allow the solution to stand in the lines at least four hours.
8. Fill water tank with freshwater and run water through all outlets (hot and cold) until the smell of chlorine is gone.
9. Flush each faucet for several minutes each, repeating until the tank is again empty.
10. Fill the tank again. The water should now be safe to drink, but if the chlorine odor is too strong you can add a mixture of ½ cup of baking soda and a gallon of water to the freshwater tank. Repeat the fresh water flush.

If you follow these simple steps you will be rewarded with a safe and sanitary fresh water system."

* I'm the kind of person who thinks there should be an apostrophe attached to this word, but PBS&PS didn't use one, so I didn't either.

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IF YOU OWN A FLARE GUN...READ THIS ARTICLE

A few years ago, the company who makes most of our flare pistols, Orion, issued a recall on them. I know what you're thinking, "Yeah, but I'm sure mine is just fine".

When I went to check my own, I found it was one of those they recalled. The fire chamber could not be opened. I took it down to my local boat dealer. I'm not sure where I bought it, but any dealer who sells them will take care of you. They gave me a new gun.

Well, that's not the end of the story. Since then, while doing Vessel Safety Checks, I have come across 3 others that had the same problem. They wouldn't work!

Check your flare pistol and recommend a VSC to you boating buddies.

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A Special Note For Anyone Submitting Articles For The Seaman's Log

The editor is responsible for all formatting. If you want a full page with special formatting, say so in the email. Otherwise, I will change the formatting of articles to make them fit where I want them. It helps a whole lot if the articles are in Word 97 (97 to 2003 are compatible), **with 12 point type, using Times New Roman. Do Not Format With The Space Bar or the Tab key.** Special paragraph formatting can be done using "Format-paragraph-" to center a line. Do not use the Enter Key at the end of a line. Press "enter" only at the complete end of a paragraph.

This is not the Commander's newsletter. This is the Squadron's newsletter. All members can submit articles, even the Editor.

Thanks, Ed.



Have you had your Vessel Safety Check yet?

We would hope that every Squadron member would have a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) on their boat (or boats if you have more than one...this includes your dinghy)...have you had your VSC yet, it's not too late. Contact any Squadron Vessel Examiner (VE).

While we are talking about our Squadron VEs, the next time you see one, give them a big

thanks and pat on the back. They are the greatest!!! The VSCs that these VEs perform not only make our community a safer place to live, but it may save a life or at least an expensive fine. By the way, our Squadron continues to lead our District with the most VCSs completed to date, 176, for the umpteenth time. The Squadron with the next highest number of VSCs is Tacoma with 107 and they have twice the membership we have.

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“Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody’s going to know whether you did it or not.” Reader’s Digest February 2002

Thanks, Ed.



Next Bridge Meeting

Every month our Bridge meeting is at a different location. It’s a lot of fun trying out all of the different menus and enjoying the fellowship of dinner with our friends and Bridge members.

There is nothing like a good meal and maybe a glass of wine to get to know someone a little better.

By the way, you can be a new or an old member to join us. You don’t have to be a Bridge member. Why not plan on joining us next month for our Bridge meeting?

- When: Monday, September 8, 2008.
- Time: Dinner is at 1800 and the meeting starts at 1900 we are done by 2100.

- Where: Nickelby’s Restaurant, 600 Trosper Way SW, Tumwater, same exit as for Costco.
Cdr. Tim Miller, P



How to keep your Editor happy?

Submit your articles on time!



<http://www.oly-sps.org>

There it is – the new OSPS website! Type it into your internet browser address line and bookmark it as a Favorite for easy regular access. The web has a fresh, updated look, and uses Flash technology to provide a picture slideshow on the home page.

Things that will work differently from the old website are:

Roster: For confidentiality, you will need to put in your first and last name, then your ID number. Next, a copy of Rose Ann Walker’s excellent document with all Squadron information will open. Once inside the document, use the “Find” feature to locate a specific name.

More Photos: Still working on the photo functionality and look, but at least we have something in there that keeps us inside our own website, rather than moving us to a separate website, which would be okay but not preferable.

Otherwise, I believe the site is compliant with all National guidelines. If you notice anything that is not, please let me know. I am open to your suggestions for this new website.

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The Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, “Why did you just do that? This

guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!” This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, “The Law of the Garbage Truck.”

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they’ll dump it on you. Don’t take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don’t take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life’s too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so..... “Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don’t.” Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!~ Thanks Sasha Sicks



This article found in the SENIORS SUNSET TIMES, JUNE 2008.

A short course in Human Relations

- The six most important words: “I admit I made a mistake.”
- The five most important words: “You did a good job.”
- The four most important words: “What is your opinion?”
- The three most important words: “If you please.”
- The two most important words: “Thank you.”
- The one most important word: “We”
- The least important word: “I”



Safety Officer Article

Here is the summary report from 2007 concerning recreation boating casualties. We still have room for improvement.

2007 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY NATIONAL RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY PROGRAM

- When comparing 2006 and 2007, the number of deaths dropped from 710 to 685.

However, other casualty figures increased: accidents rose from 4967 to 5191, injuries rose from 3474 to 3673, and damages rose from \$43,670,424 to \$53,106,496.

- Over two-thirds of all fatal boating accident victims drowned, and of those, ninety (90) percent were not wearing a life jacket.
- Only fourteen (14) percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received boating safety instruction.
- Three out of every four boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.
- Operator inattention, careless/reckless operation, passenger/skier behavior, excessive speed, and alcohol use rank as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; it was listed as the leading factor in 21% of the deaths.
- Sixteen (16) children age 12 and under lost their lives while boating in 2007, compared to 29 children in 2006 and 21 children in 2005. Half (8) of the children who died in 2007 died from drowning.
- The most common types of vessels involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (44%), personal watercraft (24%), and cabin motorboats (15%). The number of deaths associated with the use of canoes/kayaks increased to 107 in 2007 as compared with 99 in 2006.
- The 12,875,568 vessels registered by the States in 2007 represent a one percent increase from last year when 12,746,126 vessels were registered.

Additional information can be found at the NSBLA internet site: <http://www.nsbla.org>.

P/C Jim Harden
Squadron Safety Officer



Message from RBAW Board member Kellie Hammett

This subject may have been broached before and many may already know of this scheme. My license is coming up for renewal soon (after ten years). There is an outfit doing business under the name of 'Business Radio Licensing' and they somehow are aware of my impending renewal. From them, I received a rather official looking cover letter and copy of a government renewal form. They are asking for a processing fee of \$340.

At first blush, it looked rather suspicious especially considering the amount of the fee, so I just filed it away for future reference. A few days later, along comes a 'Renewal Reminder Notice' from the FCC, so I do some investigating by calling the FCC about how to go about renewing due to the very confusing nature of the 'Notice.' I

was then given a web-site (www.wireless.fcc.gov/uls) to actually complete the renewal process. Too bad this site doesn't appear on the notice (could be so much simpler). While I was on the phone with the FCC, I inquired about 'Business Radio Licensing' and was told (as I suspected) that this third party just collects the fee plus \$180 (FCC fee is \$160) and sends the form you completed to the FCC.

So much for our government giving us the protection we deserve and pay for! Why can't they give us some kind of heads-up on something like this? Makes one wonder how many fall for this rip-off.

You guys need to be careful.

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Squadron Calendar of Upcoming Events

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25	Public Boatsmart Class	0800-1700	Lacey Fire station Franz Rd.

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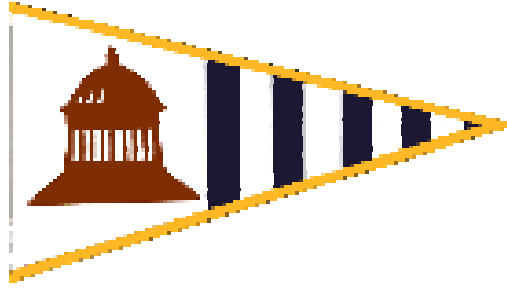
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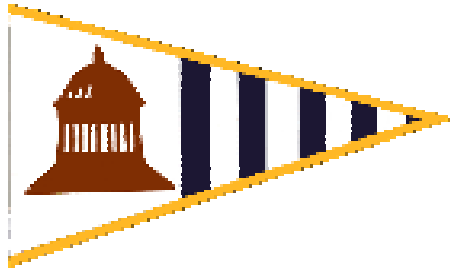
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October 2008



FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Can you believe it, summer is over! Where did it go? I don't even think it showed up! The good news is our Squadron meetings are going again after a summer vacation, and lots of fun things are coming up. To mention a few, we have our annual Salmon Bake, the Christmas party, and District Fall Conference coming up. Be sure to check out our Activities calendar for upcoming events and activities, see the end of the Seaman's Log. I'm also looking forward to our upcoming speakers getting lined up by our Admin. Officer, Donna Davis, for our General Meetings.

Why did you join the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron? Was it for the advanced boating classes, Rendezvous', getting to know more fellow boaters, helping in promoting safe boating to the public, or just to have some fun? Are you getting what you expected? If not, why not? Please let me know if we are not meeting your expectations and what can we do to improve things. Remember, being a member of our Squadron is "not a spectator sport"...it takes everyone to make it successful!

If you haven't been to a meeting for awhile, put it on your calendar now to make the next one.

If you haven't attended one of our fun activities, put one on your calendar now.

If you have never attended a District Conference, put the Spring Conference on your calendar.

We miss you!

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NEW BRIDGE MEETING LOCATION

As many of you know, for the past year or so we have been having our Bridge dinner/

meetings, the second Monday of each month, at different restaurant locations in hopes of finding a permanent location. It has been fun and exciting trying out all of these different venues.

Well, we have finally selected a permanent dinner/meeting location. The winner is....NICKELBY'S RESTAURANT in Tumwater. Here are the criteria for our selection:

- Reasonable prices
- Good food
- Great service
- Quiet
- Convenient location just off the freeway at the Trospen exit, same as for Costco.
- Appropriate seating for a meeting

Remember, **all** members are invited to these dinner/meetings. Come join us!!!!

See ya there,
Tim



FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Executive Officers Report

HARBOR DAYS

A big thank-you to everyone who participated one way or another during Harbor Days. This was the most productive boat show event we have ever had since I took over 3 years ago. We had 28 people sign-up for a boating class, 4 for a VSC, 2 prospective members and 2 transfer members. How awesome is that? We even got invited to a joint rendezvous with Poverty Bay Power Squadron over at Swantown Marina. Jim and Debbie Harden, Stan and Bobbie Scott along with myself attended their potluck. Joanna Webster was so gracious in letting us on her boat so we could escape the rain. We were welcomed with open arms by everybody and I hope we can hook up with them again in the future.

OYSTERFEST

The next boat show event will be at Oysterfest

in Shelton. This is a great time to share your knowledge of boating to others and at the same time eat some great food. It is quite OK not to count calories when your there. In fact I believe it is proper etiquette not to. Hopefully we will get as many sign-ups if not more than our last boat show.

DISTINGUISHED CIVIC SERVICE AWARD

Don't forget to send me or your commander your Civic Service hours for the Distinguished Civic Service Award. This is kind of an obscure award but probably one of the more meaningful ones, since this is given to the Squadron that gives the most time and effort back to their community. This covers the whole gam-met from boating classes and events to adopt a highway program, cleaning up your neighborhood or any volunteer activity you do. We believe we have a good chance to win this, especially since we are one of the only Squadrons in the district that do shows at all boating and children events outside of the Tacoma/Seattle boat show.

PERSONAL SERVICE AUCTION

Money well spent, that is how I describe my purchase at the personal service auction. I had the successful bid for a day of fishing with Tim Miller aboard the stunning "Sea Otter". My son, Jared, was so excited that he had his PFD on before we even left our driveway. The fishing started off a little bit slow due to the wind making us drift off of Tim's secret spots. Sorry Tim, I have a good memory and was taking a lot of mental notes. LOL. When we finally got somewhat out of the wind our rod tips were beginning to bend with some frequency. Jared was so happy in catching and landing his first fish, and yes, his dad was glad and was even more ecstatic for being there. We also had the pleasure of dropping a couple of crab pots earlier in the day, so we were excited when we found full pots. We ended up catching a Bullhead, Salmon "5 inches", 2 Dog Sharks, Starfish, Red Rock Crab and 8 Dungeness Crab. We let all of the fish go, but we were able to take 5 Dungeness home. That was, of course, after our cleaning class from our skipper. By the way, what a wonderful, patient and knowledgeable host and skipper we had in Tim. If you ever get the chance to go out fishing with him, please don't miss the opportunity. My only regret was that I didn't get pictures of the crabs. Fortunately I will be going out with my daughter Cassandra in a couple of weeks. See you then Tim. I hope you're ready. I

have a pretty excited girl wanting to catch some crabs.

As you can tell by my story, we had a wonderful time and a memory that will be cherished forever. This is only one of the many reasons to tell your friends to join the Squadron or for you to join us at the monthly meeting.

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Assistant Squadron Educational Officer's Report

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

The Public Boating Course, (BoatSmart) class schedule will be held October 25th, at the Lacey Fire Department Headquarters Station. The location is at Franz St. and Pacific Ave SE across from St. Martin University. Class will start at 8:00 AM and run until 5:30 PM with a one hour break for lunch. This is a one-day class, which satisfies the Washington State Boaters Education requirements.

We have a Seamanship class underway. Bill Walker (360-754-0393) is the instructor. There are 3 folks signed up for this class; Maggie Miller, Jack Porter and Rich LaRosa. Rich is a candidate for membership. There will be three Review Sections for this class. The first will be held Sept. 20th. The next two Review Sessions will be determined at a later date.

There will be a list circulated during the September General Meeting to determine the education interests of the membership. Please sign up for the classes that interest you.

PLEASE NOTE!! Dan Briscoe, current SEO, has informed the Commander that he will not be renewing his membership. We need a candidate for Squadron Education Officer (SEO) and as of Change of Watch, a new Assistant Education Officer (ASEO).

The SEO is a vital position within our Squadron and must be filled. Please consider filling this position. Without an SEO, there will be no Education Department. The Education Department is one of the most important parts of the Squadrons' activities.

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DO YOU NEED TO BORROW A PFD?

Our Squadron has available FREE loaner PFDs for members, friends, neighbors, and the general public. These are made available to us through the WA State Parks Dept. and the US Boat Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water.

If you need one, or more, please contact me.

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WEAR IT!

"Wear it". This is the 2008 motto from the US Coast Guard. They are referring to life jackets. Life jackets are no good if they are not being worn. Most all boating drownings occur because a life jacket is not being worn. Most of these

drownings occur when the boater least expects it!

Most life jackets are not comfortable to wear all of the time you are on a boat, especially in warm weather. So, what is the answer? We are recommending boaters purchase and use inflatable life jackets. After you put one on, you hardly know you are wearing it.

In co-operation with Mustang Co., all United States Power Squadrons are being supplied with a quantity of inflatable life jackets, free!, to be worn by Vessel Examiners, Public educators and boating booth representatives. The number allocated to each Squadron was based on its number of Vessel Examiners.

Our Olympia Squadron has been furnished with 13 inflatable life jackets. One will be distributed to each Vessel Examiner. These should be worn during all Vessel Safety Checks and official VSC events. Our Squadron instructors for public boating classes should also wear one when teaching a class. Representatives of our Squadron at boat shows and boating both events should wear one while at the booth. If you need to use one for a class or boating booth event, please contact one of our Vessel Examiners to borrow one.

Remember, we set the example!

Cdr. Tim Miller, P
VSC Chairperson



MERIT MARKS

All committee chairs and Board Members need to turn in Squadron members who have given of their time and talents during this year so they can be awarded a Merit Mark.

The deadline for submitting this information to me is October 15, 2008.

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**A Special Note For Anyone Submitting Articles
For The Seaman's Log**

The editor is responsible for all formatting. If you want a full page with special formatting, say so in the email. Otherwise, I will change the formatting of articles to make them fit where I want them. It helps a whole lot if the articles are in Word 97 (97 to 2003 are compatible), **with 12 point type, using Times New Roman. Do Not Format With The Space Bar or the Tab key.** Special paragraph formatting can be done using "Format-paragraph" to center a line. Do not use the Enter Key at the end of a line. Press "enter" only at the complete end of a paragraph.

This is not the Commander's newsletter. This is the Squadron's newsletter. All members can submit articles, even the Editor.

Thanks, Ed.



How to keep your Editor happy?

Submit your articles on time!

The absolute egg in your face deadline is the Wednesday after the General Meeting.



<http://www.oly-sps.org>

There it is – the new OSPS website! Type it into your internet browser address line and bookmark it as a Favorite for easy regular access. The web has a fresh, updated look, and uses Flash technology to provide a picture slideshow on the home page.

Things that will work differently from the old website are:

Roster: For confidentiality, you will need to put in your first and last name, then your ID number. Next, a copy of Rose Ann Walker's excellent document with all Squadron information will open. Once inside the document, use the "Find" feature to locate a specific name.

More Photos: Still working on the photo functionality and look, but at least we have something in there that keeps us inside our own website, rather than moving us to a separate website, which would be okay but not preferable.

Otherwise, I believe the site is compliant with all National guidelines. If you notice anything

that is not, please let me know. I am open to your suggestions for this new website.

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Kathryn Querry,



Squadron Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 2008

4 - 5	Oyster Fest...OPS booth	All Day	Mason County Fairgrounds
10 - 11	District 16 Fall Conference		Bellingham
19	Salmon Bake		The Sharp's
13	Bridge (Executive) Meeting Dinner 1800 Meeting 1900	1800-2100	Nickelby's restaurant 600 Trosper Rd. SW Tumwater
15	Pre-registration...Boatsmart	1730 - 1930	Lacey Fire station 6500 Mullen Rd SE
20	General Meeting Potluck...1830 Meeting...1930	1830 - 2100	Olympia Yacht Club
25	Public boating class...Boatsmart	0800-1700	Lacey Fire station 1231 Franz St. SE

November 2008

10	Bridge (Executive) Meeting Dinner 1800 Meeting 1900	1800-2100	Nickelby's restaurant 600 Trosper Rd. SW Tumwater
17	General Meeting Hot beverage social hour Meeting	1900 1930-2100	Olympia Yacht Club

December 2008

8	Bridge (Executive) Meeting Dinner 1800 Meeting 1900	1800-2100	Nickelby's restaurant 600 Trosper Rd. SW Tumwater
9	Annual Christmas Party...Dessert auction	No host bar 1800 Dinner 1900	Olympia Country Club

Be sure to check the latest edition of the Activities Calendar since everything is subject to change

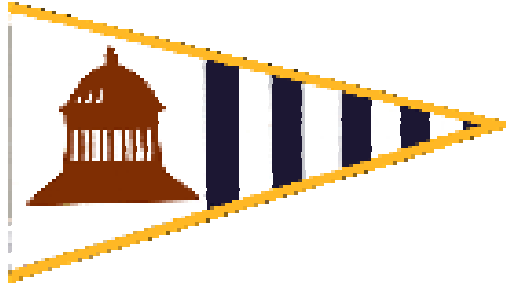


Marine Radar for sale, price: remove all radar cable from boat! Contact the Editor.



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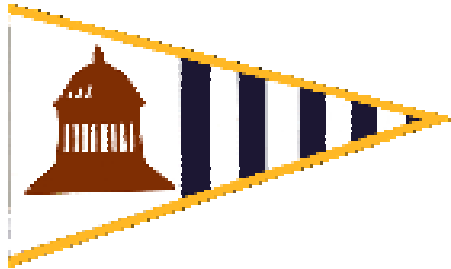
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Commander's Message

YIKES....MY HEART STOPPED. I looked down and there was my wife's parachute hanging in the trees right next to the power lines!!!! Was this a dream nightmare? Did we parachute from an airplane? No, but here is the rest of the story.

Maggie's birthday and mine are right next to each other and we treated each other to a Parasailing adventure. This was one of the last things on our Bucket List. It sounded pretty safe. We each flew in tandem with experienced pilots who had done this thousands of times with no mishaps. It was a beautiful day as I watched Maggie running down the hill off of Tiger Mountain with her pilot in tandem behind her. She took off like a bird in flight. About 20 minutes later, I took off with my pilot. It was spectacular; until we approached the landing sight and spotted Maggie's parachute in the trees, real close to the power lines and the road. Later, I learned that an unexpected gust of wind tossed them off course. They were heading right toward the power lines. When just a few feet from the power lines, the pilot was able to veer into the trees and make a relatively safe landing.

The story has a happy ending. They crashed through the trees and ended up only inches from the ground. Yes, Maggie had some really bad bumps and bruises, but nothing too serious.

The really good news is. Maggie is ready to try it again next spring. That takes some courage.

So you're asking "What does this have to do with boating or our Squadron?" Maybe nothing, but it's a fun story to tell. On the other hand, maybe it does. Sometimes things don't go as smoothly as we expected or hoped for. Your Squadron Nominating Committee is going through that experience right now. One of the most

important positions in our Squadron, Education Officer (EO), has not been filled. The prospects for filling the position does not look promising. Some have said we might crash if we don't get one. Yes, we might experience a few bumps and bruises along the way without an SEO, but we won't crash.

However, it is still very important that we have an SEO. If you have already been asked to accept the nomination for this position, please consider it again. If you haven't been asked, and you think this might be of something of interest to you, contact our nominating chairperson, **Deborah Harden**.

You don't need to be an educator or a teacher for this position. It only requires DEDICATION and organizational skills. Are you the ONE?

While we are on the subject, let me say a great big THANK YOU to our current Assistant Education Officer, **Nick Brower**, who has been doing a fantastic job in running our Education Department while our current EO is busy with a new job and health issues.

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D16 2009 Spring Conference Fund Raiser

Seattle Sail & Power Squadron is raising funds to help defray the costs of the D16 2009 Spring Conference by selling D16 T-shirts, short and long sleeve, pullover sweatshirts, ¼ zip sweatshirts and ceramic mugs. All items are decorated with the 17 burgees of the Squadrons in D16 and the D16 flag. Please go to the D16 website: <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d16> to view these items and to find instructions on how to place your order. Contact Barbara Reine: sunnyside2@clearwire.net or by phone @ 206-

547-7391 with questions.



Be Informed About
Cooperative Charting
P/C Inez Schwartz, AP
D16 CoCh Chair

Cooperative Charting

- Provides a vital service for you and other recreational boaters
- Provides opportunities to practice seamanship and piloting skills
- Provides a reason (excuse) to use your boat regularly
- Remember - every day spent on the water extends your life a day

Cooperative Charting Committee is under the Executive Department

- Organization
 - D16 Cooperative Charting Committee
 - A staff group organized to grow Squadron Cooperative Charting Committees
 - Squadron Cooperative Charting Committee
 - A staff group organized to plan, supervise, motivate and train Squadron members to perform Cooperative Charting activities.

So you've heard a little buzz lately about Cooperative Charting (CoCh) and you're wondering how to get involved? Wow! How perceptive of me! Perhaps you've even checked out the CoCh page at <http://www.usps.org/national/coch/index.htm> and already know there are several areas and activities that make up the program. But...you are skeptical how just your input would really make a difference. Well, just your input won't really make a difference. Ah, that isn't what you

expected me to say, now is it? It is true that one person, doing a lot, can make a difference. However one person, doing a little, linked with other people who do a little too, can make a significant difference. In the big scheme of things; having an impact on adding quality and safety to our boating experience, doing a small part to reduce the government costs to provide charts and publications that are accurate, and having meaningful activities that attract new membership to our Squadrons, being part of the CoCh team might be an area you may want to check out further.

Over the past couple of years since geodetic marker recovery was deleted from award status, nautical activity throughout District 16 has been anywhere from non existent to minimal, with a few pockets of spectacular. This last year Poverty Bay Sail & Power Squadron achieved Honor Roll Status with their Reports Activity.

We at the District level are very much committed to help grow the individual Squadrons with programs that will develop new interest as well as keep current members involved. We want to help prepare and train for CoCh activities that are both challenging and fun. With a little tweaking of current training that is available, each Squadron can do their part to contribute to a dynamic CoCh program.

During the next several months, my assistant, Chuck Leavitt, and I want to provide you the best opportunity to find out how this program works. We can show you how it can benefit your Squadron with a series of presentations geared specifically to your needs. That being said, we need to know where you want to go with this. Making the Honor Roll is a good goal to shoot for. It is based on being awarded a certain number of points for the year. The level for the points is determined by the size of your Squadron so that any Squadron has an opportunity to meet the minimum. There are points for time and distances you have to travel, points for supporting evidence you provide, in addition to the set points for the activity you are pursuing. Up to six members may participate on any one report so all can get credit towards personal Honor Roll as well as Squadron Honor Roll positions.

Are you teaching a Piloting or Advanced Piloting class? CoCh gives you an opportunity for your students to apply these skills directly and

participate in an on-the-water experience. We can show how CoCh can be tied in with Predicted Log involvement. We'd also like to show you how your Squadron can participate in depth surveys or range surveys. Just keeping up with the local facilities or marinas that are part of the Coast Pilot in your area is a good objective.

Because CoCh is not just doing an activity, but also requires some pretty precise reporting, we are looking for members who wish to gain or already have skills in computer data entry and verifying proper reporting. CoCh reports are processed through government data bases and do require a certain level of strict adherence to regulations. There are plenty of little jobs within each activity to use the multiple skill sets found within your Squadron.

If either Chuck or I haven't approached your Squadron as yet, give us a call and let us know what dates you might have available for us to share with you this fun and worthwhile program. If you have questions or ideas on how we can better serve you, contact me at ischwartz@quixnet.net or 360 697-5008. Chuck can be reached at cleavitt@whidbey.com



FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Executive Officers Report

Fall Conference

The Fall Conference was a new experience for me but at the same time a chance to get together with old friends. We did however score as a Squadron and able to bring home 7 awards, and I one a raffle drawing for a coffee basket.

Bell Award ... Best Squadron participation at D16 Rendezvous

Excellence in Boating Education ... Student/Membership ratio 2nd Place

Excellence in Teaching ... Clyde Shiner Education Proficiency Award S, P, AP and 3 electives ... Rose Ann Walker, Jay Jones

Educational Achievement All courses and electives ... Phil Tenkhoff

Teaching Aid competition ... Tim Miller

Congratulations to all of you for a job well done.

Oysterfest

Well, it was another wet and rainy day in Shelton for the annual Oysterfest. I was surprised that so many people still came. Unfortunately, they didn't come to sign up for any VSC's or Boat Classes.

We had only 7 people sign-up for a Boat Class. Thank You for those of you who survived the long wet hike across the parking lot and manned the booth. Your dedication to boating safety is very commendable and I appreciate all the assistance you offer throughout all the boat show events. We have several months off before the next show. Until then, take care and thanks again.

Personal Note

The past several months have been very fulfilling to my family and me. We had a wonderful time in Poulsbo, a great time fishing and crabbing thanks to the personal service auction, a new fish from the salmon bake auction, along with a new book collection. Oh, and I think I learned a thing or two along the way. It is sometimes a difficult task to fulfill the duties of the job when you are learning as you go along. But it does make it easier with all the advice and pointers I have received so far, so keep those words of encouragement coming!!! It is nice to be able to be a part of a group that has a variety of people that are willing to share their vast knowledge with others so freely. Some of you have already made great impacts; such as, walking me through my first visit with a mayor, being there when my kids have caught their first fish and crab, and to all of you for just being a friend with a kind word.

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Assistant Squadron Educational Officer's Report

The OSPS Education Department held a meeting Wednesday, October 8th. There were no earth-shattering decisions made.

We did agree to hold another Boating Safety Class, BoatSmart for want of a better name, in November.

The November class will be held Saturday Nov.22, 8AM to 5PM. AT THE MULLIN ROAD FIRE STATION. The Headquarters Station was not available.

The size and seating at Mullin Road STATION 33 restricts us to a MAXIMUM of 20 students. PRE-REGISTRATION will be held at STATION 33 Mullin Road on Wednesday, Nov

12, 5:30 to 7:30PM. I need at least one volunteer to assist.

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In the event you haven't heard, USPS now has Liability Insurance covering On-the-Water (OTW) activities. You will no doubt hear more about this in the near future.

Now that we are covered, the Boat Operator Certification program is up and running. The material to start members on their journey to Certification is in stock at Headquarters. SEOs can now order the Inland Navigator starter package, which contains a US Sailing Manual (describing the OTW requirements), Certification Application, Passport, and IN Certification Guide booklet.

If your Squadron does not have a BOC Certifier, please submit a recommendation and have that person update his/her USPS resume on line.

Many answers to questions can be found on the USPS [http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/Educational Department BOC web pages](http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/Educational%20Department%20BOC%20web%20pages), and you can contact any certifier or contact me at the address below.

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UP FROM THE BILGE

Admin Officer's Report

This is the first time I've had you all in my computer in one group, and boy am I going to write to you often now that I do! There were three OSPS events in October. October was a very busy month for Paul and me, which meant I had to rely on your help to make my part of the events run smoothly.

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TIME TO WINTERIZE

Not only is it time to winterize your boat, but take some extra time to winterize your safety gear.

Make sure all of your PFDs and flares are protected from moisture and mildew. It's a good idea to take you PFDs out of the storage compartment and lay them out somewhere in the fresh air. If you are not going to be using your boat for a while, it's not a bad idea to take them home with you and put them in dry storage.

Your flares also hate moisture. It's suggested to store your flares (VDS) year round in a moisture proof container. Those nice round orange container are nice. Check to be sure the rubber gasket is still in place. Another place to store them is in any sturdy waterproof container, such as a heavy duty zip lock bag.

If you have any questions or concerns about safety equipment on your vessel, just ask one of your friendly Squadron Vessel Examiners (VE).

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Band Members Wanted

Hank Willis, our District 16 Secretary is trying to put together a Band made up of District 16 members. Here's what he has to say...

I thought that it might be fun to put together a District 16 Band. If we could get 5-10 people wanting to dust off their old instruments and have some fun together, we could play at the upcoming Spring Conference. Perhaps during noon lunch?

If this is successful, perhaps we could perform in 2010 at the National Meeting in Bellevue.

My thoughts are to keep it light, with music from Scott Joplin, Glenn Miller, and perhaps Sousa. If we have the interest, I will purchase some music to get us started and send it to each musician. After practicing individually for awhile, we could hold a rehearsal to practice together. I don't expect us to become experts. I just want to have fun."

Any takers? If you are interested, contact Hank @ hanksharonwillis@aol.com.

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Sportsman's Warehouse in Lacey is the only regular commercial sponsor of our raffle. For quite some time now, Sportsman's Warehouse has been providing us with \$50 for all of our raffles with a gift card or merchandise. Sportsman's Warehouse deserves our patronage. They have what you want when it comes to boating, fishing, hunting, clothing and anything else to do with the outdoors, and at great prices.

When you go in, ask to see Mitch, general mgr, and thank him for his support. If you visit the fishing dept., drop by and say "Hi" to the dept. mgr., Erik. Try and ask Erik a question he can't answer about fishing. Here is a store where the staff knows what they are talking about.

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The Boater's Bookshelf

A Tale of Two Subs; An Untold Story of World War II, Two Sister Ships, and Extraordinary Heroism

By Jonathan J. McCullough

Grand Central Publishing, 2008. 277 pages plus maps and photographs

This is an interesting look at a tiny piece of WWII, and a gripping story once it gets into the meat of the issue. The first few pages describe action aboard a sub during a war patrol. It's a great introduction, but the remainder of the first half of the book is taken up with discussions of Navy decoding and intelligence operations, and various snafus and personality clashes at high levels in both the Navy and Washington, D.C. This book reminds me a lot of Ben Hur. The plots all come together in the end, and you see the reason for all the time spent describing the intricacies of Japanese, German, and American secret codes. But it's a bit tedious to wade through at times.

The two sister ships are the *Sculpin* and the *Squalus*. Those of you who are of a certain age may remember the flaming headlines when the *Squalus* sank on her first trial run after launching in 1939. With the first-ever use of the "Momsen Lung", half the crew was saved, and the *Squalus* was eventually raised, refitted, renamed the *Sailfish*, and sent out on war patrols. But the boat never got over the reputation of being a cursed ship that had killed half her crew, and continued to be dogged by bad luck. How the lives of the two boats and their crews intertwined during four

years of war in the Pacific is the story of the second half of this book. It's uncanny, thrilling, and the well-remembered names of islands and battles bring back sharp memories of the war years. The author has used extensive interviews with survivors of both boats to get accurate details.

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P/C Bobbie Scott, P



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Olympia Sail and Power Squadron
Christmas Party
December 8, 2008

The annual Olympia Sail and Power Squadron Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at the Olympia Country and Golf Club. This is always one of the highlights of the year for the Squadron. It is a great opportunity to share a meal with your fellow Squadron members. The country club is always decorated in a festive manner which contributes to the celebration of the season.

Once again, we will have a dessert auction to benefit Olympia Community Youth Services. This auction has been very popular over the last few years, offers an opportunity to take home a great holiday dessert, and benefits some of the underprivileged young people of our community.

Please complete the reservation form below as soon as possible so that we may work with the country club to plan the evening.

Christmas Party Reservation

Date: December 9, 2008

Place: Olympia Country and Golf Club

3636 Country Club Road

Olympia, WA

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 Cocktails; 7:00 – 10:00 Dinner and Auction

Cost: \$30 per person (includes tax and gratuity)

Name(s): _____

Meal Choice (please specify the number of each type desired):

Prime Rib: _____

Salmon: _____

Vegetarian: _____

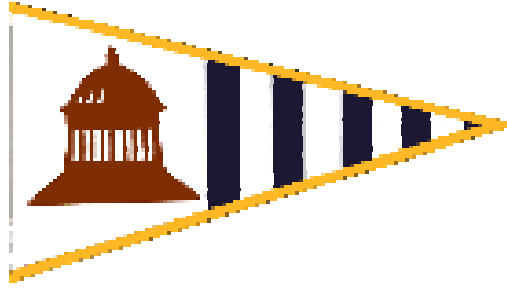
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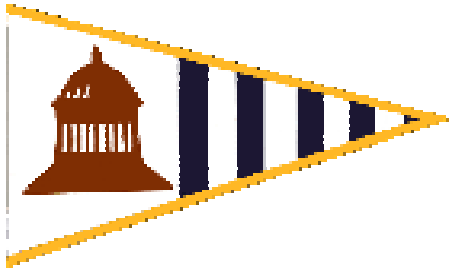
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Squadron meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 1930, unless otherwise specified. Call one of the Officers for the location. Summer meetings (July & August) are usually held at different locations. Executive Committee meetings are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



THE SEAMAN'S LOG

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December 2008



FROM THE BRIDGE

Commander's Message

Back in April when I accepted the position of our Squadron Commander, I set several goals for the year. Frankly, there were a couple of them I was confident we would accomplish. However a couple were also just on my "wish list". The "wish list" included:

1. Increasing our membership by 6 new members
2. Increasing retention by 2% (this means having more new members join than we have present members resigning due to moving, age, dis-interest, etc.)

However, it now looks like this "wish list" may really turn out to be obtainable goals. Due to the hard work of everyone in our Squadron, our membership is increasing more than it has in many, many years. So far this year, we have **9 new members**, and a few more pending. I'm not exactly sure of our retention stats. to date, but I am pretty sure we are exceeding that target also.

I especially want to thank our Squadron Assistant Education Officer, Nick Brower, and all of the Public Boating instructors, who have been a great part of bringing in new members from our Public Boating classes. Also, a big thanks to our Boat Event Chairman, Jerry Cross, and all of the volunteers at our boating event booths, for the positive influence they have had on our new member recruitment. Finally, a great big welcome to all of our new members! We wish you the best and we promise to do all we can to accomplish your goals for joining our Squadron.

In closing this article, let me say, "Hasta luego." Or "Until I see you again". By the time you read this, Maggie and I will be sunning ourselves down in old Mexico. We figure it will take us until about March 1 to warm up enough to come back home to the gray skies. However, I will have my laptop and computer phone, so I will be keeping in touch. Don't hesitate to drop me a line

and ask "How's the weather?" Fortunately, while I am gone, our most able Executive Officer, Jerry Cross, will be conducting business as usual.

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THE HUNT IS ON!

A lot of you will remember when we use to "hide" a membership number somewhere in the Seaman's Log. Well, we are starting it up again.

Here's how it works. In every issue of the Seaman's Log, we will have someone's membership number hidden somewhere in the Seaman's Log. Gosh, that means you need to read everything to find it. The winning number is entitled to a FREE enrollment in any of our member courses. However, the winner must claim their prize within 30 days. In order to claim your prize, contact me announcing you are the winner.

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At our last meeting we welcomed several new members into our Squadron.

Our new members include:

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*Rich LaRosa

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*Bill and Dana Eppenstein. Bill is being re-instated into membership

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You might want to update your directory with these new names.



FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Executive Officer's Report

Just a little tid-bit about being prepared for the unexpected while you are out boating regardless if you are a seasoned skipper. As a member of the Olympia Harbor Patrol, I have the opportunity to learn from our own or others' mishaps that hopefully will make me a better boater. This past week we were doing our annual night training. This is done so that we can be more prepared to handle an emergency in less than ideal lighting and conditions. We especially practice Man Overboard procedures utilizing the electronics and a grid search. Our prop is a PFD tied to a couple of fenders to simulate a body in the water. It was named "Oscar". The intent is to throw Oscar overboard and utilize the GPS system to relocate the position where he went overboard. We did this without a hitch on the first attempt, back on board under 5 minutes. On the second attempt, we didn't fair as well. We were not able to locate Oscar anywhere. We back tracked over our position, used binoculars and night vision goggles to locate him. After doing an extensive grid search over a mile plus area, we found the PFD without the fenders. This is all happening under a full moon and still waters. What was ironic is that a few days later under bad weather and white caps, "Oscar-2" was lost as well.

We now have a "Fred" that is weighted and hopefully not a flight risk as his cousins were. So remember, even with the latest in electronics and equipment available, anything can happen to anyone at anytime and under any condition.

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BRIDGE MEETING

The next Bridge meeting is December 8th. This meeting will be held at The Tea Leaf Restaurant located at 4646 Pacific Ave. SE in Lacey. It lies between St. Martins and Cut Rate Auto Parts. Dinner will start @ 6:00 PM and meeting @ 7:00

Executive Officer
Lt/C Gerald D Cross, P



Assistant Squadron Educational Officer's Report

The Education Department held a Boating Safety Class Saturday Nov.22nd. There were only 3 students at the class, but all passed. One student was a 13-year-old boy who got 100% on his exam. Good work, Jack!

We are not planning to do a Boating Safety Class in December.

The Elder Spirit 4-H club Boating Safety Class is in the works for either January or February. This will be a boating safety class based on old BoatSmart class texts donated by OSPS members to the 4-H club. The Education Department will teach the full class to the club members. Thanks to all who donated BoatSmart books.

Pat & I are gearing up to teach the PILOTING course. This class will start in early February like Tues. the 3rd. and is about 10 weekly meetings long. We need to have some concrete indication of interest from those folks who want to take Piloting. Books will need to be ordered by mid December for this class.

Piloting and other advanced classes can be "challenged" by those who desire to do so. The Ed. Dept. will be glad to order texts and proctor exams for those who want to go this route. Let me know if you want to order texts, etc. Please note that some classes need be completed in sequence Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Jr. Navigator Etc.

The Education Department also needs more folks interested in teaching various classes. Some of these classes can be seminars that are one or two meetings of a specialized subject like Knots and Marlinespike Seamanship, RADAR, GPS, Boat Handling,

We also need more instructors for the public boating courses like Boating Safety and the ChartSmart Class. Please take a look at helping with our Education Programs. Education is a very rewarding field.

If you want more information on classes and Seminars, how to get involved in teaching, ideas for classes, or ANYTHING regarding the Ed Department, please contact me.

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In the event you haven't heard, USPS now has Liability Insurance covering On-the-Water (OTW) activities. You will no doubt hear more about this in the near future.

Now that we are covered, the Boat Operator Certification program is up and running. The material to start members on their journey to Certification is in stock at Headquarters. SEOs can now order the Inland Navigator starter package, which contains a US Sailing Manual (describing the OTW requirements), Certification Application, Passport and IN Certification Guide booklet.

If your Squadron does not have a BOC Certifier, please submit a recommendation and have that person update his/her USPS resume on line.

Many answers to questions can be found on the USPS [http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/Educational Department BOC/](http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/Educational%20Department%20BOC/), web pages, and you can contact any certifier, or contact me at the address below.

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FROM THE ADMIN

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

If you missed our Monday meeting to stay home and watch Monday night football, you made the wrong choice. Our Squadron meeting was a lot of fun. We even had four new members sworn in. Several guests were there to share hospitality and the Browers' excellent program.

We started with adult hot beverages, and people doctored their coffee, cocoa, hot cider and wassail with liqueurs, brandy, chocolate syrup, and whipped cream. It was a taste testing event. It seemed so popular that we're going to repeat it at the January meeting. It'll still be cold out then, and warm drinks will be welcome, as they were before a program about Alaska. We saw many pictures of Nick and Pat bundled in their warm clothes or in shiny, wet rain gear. We did see them in shorts too, so when you're inspired to

replicate their trip, take some of everything.

I wish they'd been able to put up a **HUGE** map and highlight the source of each picture with a red laser dot, so we could follow along more closely. Some of my favorite pictures were of the totem poles and the ice bergs. Some of the berg close-ups were so beautiful that the bergs should be preserved somehow in a museum. One series of pictures was of Nick collecting an ice sample from a small berg. Pat surprised us by taking the remnant out of a cooler to show to us. To bring it all the way home meant almost no freezer space for meat on the trip home. Nick is a good sport.

They had a display of books and charts that they used, and the planning must have taken them all winter. Having been a tugboat captain in those waters, Nick has plenty of boating experience, but it's a different kind of boating than tourist travel alone to hidden anchorages, up narrow channels, with widely spaced opportunities to buy food and fuel. Their program was a wonderful vicarious adventure. It was a precursor of interesting programs to come.

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WHERE, OH WHERE HAS THE EDITOR GONE?

Where is the editor? Last night it got cold enough for people that live here to turn on the heat and to wear coats this morning. It was 68 degrees this morning at 0845. I can see one of Henry Flagler's famous bridges from in front of the house.

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Editor's note:

Just remember: anything that can go wrong probably will when you least expect it! (Or it already has, and you don't know it yet.)

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SQUADRON ACTIVITY CALENDAR

We have someone new doing our Squadron Activity Calendar, Phil Tenkhoff. Our Squadron Calendar is what keeps everyone advised of what's going on. It is published in our monthly newsletter, The Seaman's Log, as well as in our local web-page. This lets our membership, as well as the public, know what is going on in our Squadron.

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VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS UPDATE

We are approaching the end of the year and our Vessel Safety Checks are starting to slow down somewhat. However, as usual, we are the leading Squadron in our District for the most VSCs this past year, 243 to date. Another fantastic year for our elite Vessel Examiners!

Frankly, I can't remember the last time we were not the Squadron with the most VSCs in our District. Most importantly, this is just not a matter of "who has the most", it really means we have contacted the most boat owners and provided them with a one on one boating safety education.

Again, this year for the 3rd year in a row, Viki Sharp has completed over 100 VSCs, qualifying her for the honor of membership into the Century Club. Very few VEs are awarded this national honor. She is the only Century Award winner in our entire District.

If you would like to join up with this elite crew, or learn more about becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner, please contact me.

Don't forget to get a Vessel Safety Check on your boat early in 2009.

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SAVE THE TIME, 01/19/09

We're going to have a very special speaker at our January meeting, LCDR Charles Swift USN (Ret.), who will talk about **Pirates, Privateers and Buccaneers.** Do you know the difference between them? Come to our meeting on January 19, at 1900 for hot beverages and a tot of rum), and then at 1930 enjoy the program. You'll learn the difference between the lore and myths of these high seas characters and villains and the realities of who they were and what they actually did. Come, bring your friends and fellow boaters and hear how the deeds of pirates in the Americas played an important role in the establishment of modern day maritime law and international law. With the current news about world piracy today, what could be more timely?

Charles Swift graduated from the US Naval Academy with a major in history. He served seven years as a Surface Warfare Officer before obtaining his law degree and serving as a Navy JAG for 13 years in the primary capacity of Criminal Defense Attorney. He has just finished with a very successful representation of Salim Hamdan, a detainee at Guantanamo Bay and former driver for Osama Bin Laden, in the first War Crime Trial since WWII. Last year, Charles was a visiting professor at Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, Georgia. He currently lives in Seattle and has opened a private criminal defense law practice there.

Charles loves the history and lore of pirates and sees definite parallels in pirates of yesteryear and modern day terrorists. He believes the history of piracy and how America dealt with piracy in the 1700s and 1800s sets important precedents in how we can, and should, deal with terrorism today. This is a program you really don't want to miss.

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Christmas Party
December 8, 2008

The annual Olympia Sail and Power Squadron Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at the Olympia Country and Golf Club. This is always one of the highlights of the year for the Squadron. It is a great opportunity to share a meal with your fellow Squadron members. The Country Club is always decorated in a festive manner which contributes to the celebration of the season.

Once again, we will have a dessert auction to benefit Olympia Community Youth Services. This auction has been very popular over the last few years, offers an opportunity to take home a great holiday dessert, and benefits some of the underprivileged young people of our community.

Please complete the reservation form below as soon as possible so that we can work with the Country Club to plan the evening.

Christmas Party Reservation

Date: December 9, 2008

Place: Olympia Country and Golf Club
3636 Country Club Road
Olympia, WA

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 Cocktails; 7:00 – 10:00 Dinner and Auction

Cost: \$30 per person (includes tax and gratuity)

Name(s): _____

Meal Choice (please specify the number of each type desired):

Prime Rib: _____

Salmon: _____

Vegetarian: _____

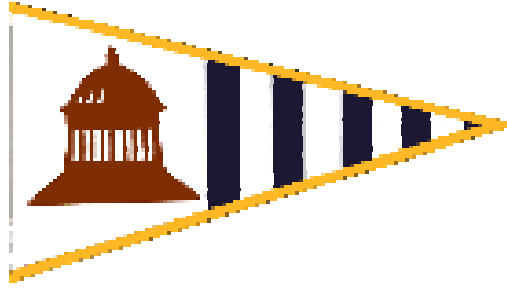
Please return this form with your check made out to the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron to:

Dorothy Tenkhoff
4014 Country Club Drive
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ON THE HORIZON

December 2008

- 8 Executive meeting at Tea Leaf III Restaurant
- 9 Olympia Country and Golf Club, See reservation form
- 10 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

January 2009

- 5 Executive meeting at TBA
- 12 Olympia Yacht Club
- 14 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

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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.