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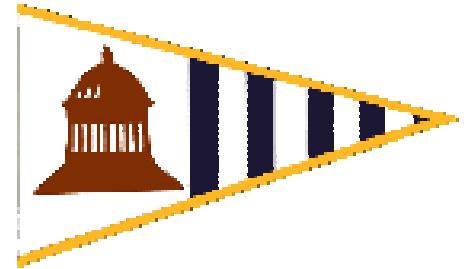




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FROM THE BRIDGE

Commander's Message

Maggie and I have made it down to old sunny Ajijic, Mexico, safe and sound. Last year I enjoyed playing tennis at the public course right next to the lake. I haven't played any tennis since my shoulder surgery last year, but thought this would be a good time to start up again.

A group of old fogies met there every morning at 8 am and played a couple of hours.

So this morning I got up at 6 am and took off for the courts, a few miles away. After about an hour of walking and taking the public bus (you can go just about anywhere for 50 cents), I arrived at the lakeside courts with my racquet in hand. I thought some folks gave me a few odd stares as I walked the last mile or so with my racquet in hand. Lo and behold, when I got there I found that I had brought the wrong equipment!!!! What I needed was some scuba gear, both courts were totally under water and only the tops on the tennis net posts were showing. The courts are right next to the lake that had risen quite a bit this past year. There was one lone heron standing out in the middle of the courts, I guess waiting for someone to play tennis with.

The moral of the story is be prepared for the unexpected and have the right equipment! As a boater, are you prepared for the unexpected? Have you taken the boating classes that will prepare you for that unexpected event? Is your boat equipped properly for that unexpected emergency? Have you had a Vessel Safety Check on your boat? Be sure to start out the New Year right and plan what USPS courses you will be taking and call your Vessel Examiner to complete the VSC on your boat. Don't put them off.

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FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Executive Officer's Report

What a fantastic Christmas party at the Olympia Country and Golf Club put together by Phil and Dorothy Tenkhoff. It was both an elegant and rewarding night for everyone involved. There was a dessert auction filled with homemade, decadent treats by master chefs which was reflected in the \$400 collected for Community Youth Services. You should all be rewarded for helping out such a worthy cause. Thank-you!

Talk about "six degrees of separation"; I have just read another Dirk Pitt adventure written by Clive Cussler. This book makes many references to things that I am too familiar with. Kind of spooky if you ask me. 1. First Attempt-the name of the ship that was once docked in Olympia. 2. Coelacanth- a fish thought to be extinct for 70 million years before being found off the East Coast of Africa. Also, the last fish I am trying to catch in the DS game "Animal Crossing" that I am currently playing. 3. One of the characters is bald and he continues to deny that he stole someone's identity until he cannot shave and grows hair. The person he killed and stole their identity had Alopecia, which is an autoimmune disease, that fights hair growth. This is the same disease that my son and I have. Small world isn't it?

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Assistant Squadron Educational Officer's Report

The Education Department hopes that everyone had a pleasant and safe Holiday season. For those who still believe in Santa Clause, Ho, Ho, Ho! Hopefully the weather will simply warm up a bit and rain.

First up, the ELDER SPIRIT 4-H BoatSmart class has been set for Saturday, January 17th, 2009. This is a free class for 4-H members, using donated material. There may be some participation of paid family members. Bill Walker will be the Class Manager as we will be gone. We will need instructors and assistants. I will do the BCA record keeping and print the certificates. I want to thank the folks who donated their old BoatSmart texts to the kids.

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The National Education Office has approved the Educational Officer and the Assistant Educational Officer.

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 Executive Officer Lt/C Donna Davis, P
 Educational Officer P/C Tim A. Miller, P
 Administrative Officer P/C Bobbie Scott, P
 Secretary Lt/C Patricia J. Bower, JN
 Treasurer P/C Rose Ann Walker, AP
 Assist Educational Officer 1Lt Nick Brower, JN

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**WHERE, OH WHERE IS THE EDITOR
 NOW?**

Where is the Editor? Last Monday night it got down to 4 degrees above zero. Today the high was 75 degrees. The Editor would like to have some feedback.

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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.) We got here on Friday the 19th. Had to go get a router on Monday to get Internet on my computer. Got hit

hard with the flu Monday night and spent Christmas in bed. The positive of this is we are at a place we can stay an unlimited time. My health has returned enough today, the 28th; to get two newsletters compiled, edited, and ready for mailing.

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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.

How to keep your Editor happy?

Submit your articles on time!

Thanks, *Ed*



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

Kathryn Querry,
OSPS Webmaster



*****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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USPS District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch
DoubleTree Suites
Seattle – Southcenter, Washington
27-29 March 2009

Seattle Sail and Power Squadron welcomes you to the USPS 2009 District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch.

Home for the District 16 2009 Spring Conference and Change of Watch will be the DoubleTree Suites adjacent to the recently remodeled Southcenter Shopping Mall during the last weekend in March 2009. Good company, scintillating conversation, knowledgeable speakers, exciting tours, and memorable food await you. The DoubleTree Suites are in a prime location to serve as a base for exploring much this area has to offer. Optional tours of either the Museum of Flight or the Weyerhaeuser Botanical Gardens (Rhododendron Species Foundation Gardens and adjacent Weyerhaeuser Bonsai Garden) have been arranged. The Museum of Flight is a great place for children with lots of activities and learning opportunities and the gardens provide a unique and tranquil experience, belied by their proximity to I-5.

A registration form is included in this issue and also may be found on the district website at: www.usps.org/localusps/d16/. Forms will also be included in your Squadron newsletters. Attendees are asked to pre-register, and may choose one or more of the catered meals. The conference itself is free. Events include a Friday evening no host cocktail reception with light hors d'oeuvres where one may meet Chief Commander Creighton Maynard's representative. Saturday will begin at 0800 with breakfast meetings for the Squadron Commanders, Executive Officers, Educational Officers, and other incoming Squadron Officers. There will also be a good buffet breakfast for general attendees if desired. The conference will be called to order at 0930, Saturday 28 March 2009. A hosted social hour will be held prior to the banquet Saturday evening. Tickets for this event will be provided in your registration packets. The hotel room rate is guaranteed up to **6 March 2009** at \$109/night plus taxes. *Make your hotel reservation by 6 March 2009 and you will be included in a drawing for a free overnight stay at the DoubleTree Suites at Southcenter.* When making your reservation, refer to **USPS D16 Spring Conference, GROUP CODE D16** to get the special room rate.

You are invited to bring your laptop to the DB2000 presentation Saturday afternoon. To help defray the cost of the conference, SSAPS has been holding a fundraiser.

T-shirts and sweatshirts displaying the District and Squadron burgees are available for pre-order. It is not too late to order. Please go to the D16 web-site (www.usps.org/localusps/d16/) to see photos of items for sale and to download an order form with instructions for ordering. To avoid shipping costs, specify delivery at the 2009 Spring Conference. Mail your order by 6 March 2009 to the address provided on the downloaded order form. The D16 mugs will be available at the conference and may be purchased onsite without preordering.

REGISTRATION FORM
District 16 Spring Conference Meeting & Change of Watch
27 – 29 March 2009
Seattle, Washington

Name _____
 Squadron: _____
 (Please include rank and/or grade)
 Phone: _____ Spouse/Guest name _____
 Address: _____ City/State/ZIP _____

E-Mail Address for Conformation of Registration and Payment _____

First time attending a district conference? Yes _____

Please Note: This is an activity registration form. There is no charge for attending conference meetings.

Early Bird prices apply for reservations postmarked no later than March 6, 2009.

Regular prices apply to reservations postmarked after March 6, 2009 (Space Avail)

Regular Activity	Early Bird	After 3/6/09	No. People	Total
Friday Reception – 1900				
No Host Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres	\$20	\$22	_____	\$_____
Saturday Officer Breakfast Meetings - 0800				
Commander/Exec Officer	\$18	\$20	_____	\$_____
Educational Officer/ASEO	\$18	\$20	_____	\$_____
All other incoming Squadron Officers	\$18	\$20	_____	\$_____
P/D/C – Order from Hotel Menu in reserved area	--	--	_____	\$ N/A
All Other attendees	\$18	\$20	_____	\$_____
Saturday Alternative Activity –				
Boeing Museum of Flight	\$35	\$38	_____	\$_____
Weyerhaeuser Rhododendron & Bonsai Gardens	\$30	\$33	_____	\$_____
Saturday Conference Luncheon: Open to All				
Salad and Potato Buffet Bar	\$22	\$25	_____	\$_____
Saturday Evening Social Hour				
		Complementary	_____	\$ N/A
Saturday Evening Banquet (Both entrees include dessert)				
Mesquite Roasted Breast of Chicken (Pineapple Salsa & Polenta)	\$36	\$40	_____	\$_____
Apple Filled Pork Loin	\$36	\$40	_____	\$_____
Dietary Restrictions _____	\$36	\$40	_____	\$_____
Total (In US Funds)				\$_____

Hotel Reservations

Make reservations directly with Doubletree Guest Suites (Southcenter) not later than Friday, **March 6, 2009.**

Mention USPS D16 Spring Conference, GROUP CODE D16 to get the conference rate of \$109 plus 12.4% tax.

For Hotel Reservations, call: (206) 575-8220

Payment and Conference Reservations

Or Central Reservations 1-800-222-8733

Mail this form and payment in US funds;

Or by mail to: Doubletree Guest Suites

Mail to: **P/C William Field, AP**

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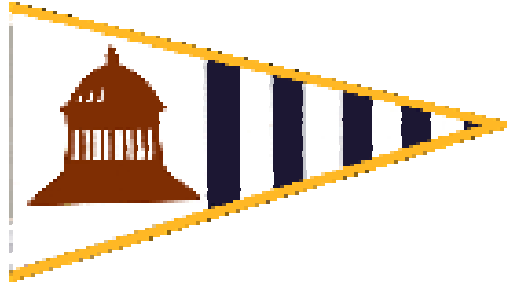
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February 2009

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- 16 Olympia Yacht Club
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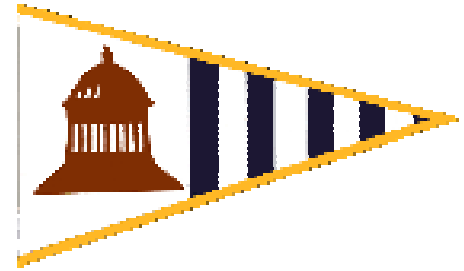
Squadron meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 1930, unless otherwise specified. Call one of the Officers for the location. Summer meetings (July & August) are usually held at different locations. Executive Committee meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at places *to be 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.



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It sure is relaxing being down here in Mexico and enjoying all of this sunshine. Now this doesn't mean I haven't had my challenges. As you will recall from my last month's message, as soon as I arrived here, I ran to the public tennis courts, only to find they were under water. Lake Chapala got awfully high this year. Yesterday, I encountered my **BIGGEST CHALLENGE**. My computer got infected and nothing was working right no Internet, no email, nothing. My lifeline is my computer. Without the computer; we have NO mail or phone. I also couldn't write this article to submit to the Seaman's Log.

Now, if I was home, this wouldn't have been as much of a challenge. But down here in Mexico, a small village with no computer shops, this was a "double dare" challenge. To make a long story somewhat short, I was drinking my cerveza (beer) and sharing my woes with another tourist at poolside. I guess life isn't that bad. A young man happened to walk by and heard my sad story. He introduced himself as a "computer hacker/geek" from New York and said, "No problem, I can fix it." A few hours later he finally had my computer up and running again.

That's the nice thing about life in general, there is usually someone around when you need them. That's especially true with our **Olympia Sail & Power Squadron**. When I got ready to leave for Mexico, we arranged to have a neighbor pick up our mail. But I was a little concerned about anything important that might come from USPS. Bobbie Scott volunteered to call the neighbor and pick up any needed USPS mail, and Stan Scott agreed to go by Sportsman's Warehouse and pick up gift cards for our meeting raffle, "Thanks!" Stan and Bobbie. Probably the biggest thanks goes to Jerry Cross who is covering for me for all of those things a Commander is

suppose to do, while I am gone. There is also Nick Brower who keeps in touch and makes sure everything is running smoothly in our Education Dept. "Thanks!" Jerry and Nick.

Speaking of keeping in touch, it sure is great to hear from my friends back home. I have especially enjoyed hearing from our new members, Jack Porter and Bill & Dana Eppenstein. Bill and Dana have kept me posted on all of the terrible weather up your way, as well as the progress on their new boat. I was glad to hear Jack enjoyed his Advanced Boating Class and his eye condition seems to be getting better. Thanks Bill, Dana and Jack.

So, whether it's spending several hours repairing a computer, just a couple of minutes dropping off an email, picking up some mail or gift cards, or filling in for someone when they're gone, they all mean so very much. I am on the look out for a stranger to assist or an old or new friend to brighten up their day. How about you?

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The winning membership number for a free Squadron course was NOT claimed. The winner was # E218506 (Darlene Helwig). *(The winning number has been in place the last 2 months.)*



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A New Year, a new President and hopefully a safe year of boating adventures for all. With tough economic times ahead in our future this is a good time to reach out to your neighbor or fellow boater. You can always bring a friend to any of our meetings and/or our rendezvous. Hope to see you there.

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We will be participating in the Cabelas Spring Great Outdoor Days Captain Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, March 7 from 8am-6pm and March 8 from 10am - 5pm. This will be a great event to help promote the organization, offer our boating course and possibly recruit a member or two. I will be e-mailing a sign-up roster and looking for volunteers to help man the table.

Don't forget to sign-up for the USPS District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch, March 27-29.

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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.

How to keep your Editor happy?

Submit your articles on time!

Thanks, *Ed*



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FEBRUARY MEETING

Our February 16 meeting will be, as usual, on Presidents' Day, starting at 1830 with a potluck dinner. That's just two days after Valentine's Day, so either a romantic dish or one relating to our honored Presidents, Washington and Lincoln, would be appropriate. If you would like, I can send you the recipes used at the Inaugural Luncheon of our most recent President. If you start now, you'll have plenty of time to round up the lobsters, ducks, or pheasants for your chosen dish. The apples for Inaugural Dessert you can get at the last minute. No shortage of those in the Apple State. Be sure to wear or carry something red or pink, and watch out for flying mistletoe.

At 1930, John DeMeyer of the Olympia Yacht Club will talk to us about the proposed dismantling of the Deschutes River Dam and the effect this project will have on the southwest end of Budd Bay. This should be of great interest to all boaters in the area, so please feel free to bring guests who would be interested in this information. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers after his talk.

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2009 VESSEL SAFETY CHECK SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>See Footnotes</u>	<u>VE In-Charge</u>
3/28	Shelton Yacht Club Clean Up Day 0900 - 1300	3	
	Olympia Yacht Club Safety Day 0930 - 1300	3	Nick and Pat
5/2	Boating Opening Day @ Swantown Boat Launch Walk the Docks anytime	1	
	Wooden Boat Show @ Swantown Boat launch Walk the Docks anytime	1	
5/16-22	National Safe Boating Week Walk the Docks anytime		
	District Rendezvous @ Poulsbo Anytime	2	
	Bridge Breakfast Location TBA Anytime	2	
	Annual Wine Tasting Longbranch Anytime	2	
9/5	Harbor Days @ Swantown Boat Launch 1400 - 1800	1	
	1. VEs will visit the visitor dock area 2. VEs will "walk the docks" at all Organization functions. 3. VEs will do VSC on member boats		



<i>February 2009</i>			
3	Piloting Class Begins	1900-2100	Mullin Road Fire Station 6500 Mullin Rd. SE, Lacey
7	District Spring Council		Agate Pass Squadron
9	USPS National Conference		Anaheim, CA
9	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
16	General Meeting 1830: Pot Luck – "Romantic Dinner" 1930: General Meeting – Speaker John DeMeyer	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
<i>March 2009</i>			

9	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	(TBA)
16	General Meeting 1900: Social Time 1930: U.S. Coast Guard Speaker from Seattle	1900-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
18	Pre-registration for Public Boating Class	1700	Lacey Fire Station 6500 Mullen Rd., Lacey
21	Public Boating Class	0800-1700	Lacey Fire Station 1231 Franz St. SE, Lacey
27-28	District Spring Conference		Seattle

April 2009

2-5	Tacoma Boat Show		Tacoma Dome
13	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	(TBA)
18	Skipper Saver Class		(Contact Nick or Pat Brower 360-493-1678)
20	Change of Watch 1800: No Host Bar 1900: Dinner and Meeting	1800-2100	Panorama City – Garden Room -- 1751 Circle Lane, SE, Lacey

May 2009

11	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	(TBA)
18	General Meeting 1900: Social Time 1930: Speaker (TBA)	1900-2100	Olympia Yacht Club

June 2009

3	Pre-registration for Public Boating Class	1700	Lacey Fire Station 6500 Mullen Rd. Lacey
6	Public Boating Class	0800-1700	Lacey Fire Station 1231 Franz St. SE, Lacey
8	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	(TBA)
15	General Meeting 1830: Pot luck dinner – “Sail Into Summer” – Bring your favorite recipe for boat trip food 1930: Speaker (TBA)	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club



BOATERS - SAVE THE DATE - FEBRUARY 17TH

RECREATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON-Your Voice In Olympia ANNOUNCING LEGISLATIVE DAY 2009 MEMBERS, DELEGATES, GUESTS, ALL BOATERS INVITED!

Tuesday, February 17th, 2009
Anthony's Home Port (On the Waterfront)
704 Columbia St., Olympia, WA. 98508

The purpose of Legislative Day is to allow RBAW members & guests to join together with their elected Legislators in one location and discuss current issues and concerns of the boating community. RBAW members should arrive by 5:00 PM at Anthony's for a briefing on our present issues for discussion with the Legislators attending. The Legislators are invited from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

Directions to Anthony's: From I-5 take the State Legislature Exit and go to Capital Way. Turn right and go downhill all the way to the Farmer's Market

Parking is free and plentiful.

All House and Senate Members will be invited, however, we urge you to personally invite the Senators and Representatives from your district to discuss our specific issues. A variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres', seafood and other, will be served along with wine, beer, soft drinks or other non-alcoholic beverages. There is no charge to our guests the Legislators. However, there is a member charge of \$20.00 per person.

Advance payment is requested so that we can determine the number of attendees and provide adequate service. If necessary, you may call in your reservation and pay at the door.

Please SEND your check of \$20.00 per person to:

Recreational Boating Association of Washington
C/o Louise Condon (206) 783-7251 (H) 206-290-8041 (C)
5202 Greenwood Avenue N
Seattle, WA. 98103

E-mail: louise.condon@msn.com

Name/s: _____

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

Number attendees paid for: _____
Total Amount enclosed \$ _____
Club Affiliation if any: _____

SUPPORT BOATING in WASHINGTON STATE - JOIN RBAW. Individual membership is only \$15/year which entitles you to the Newsletter, discounts at Fisheries Supply, discounts to Boat/US Membership & West Marine discounts, and the privilege to fly the RBAW flag from your boat. Go to- <http://www.rbaw.org>.



FROM THE ADMIN

Can you believe this fog? We've had it day after day out here at the entrance to Hammersley Inlet. Just looking at it makes me cold and gloomy. Some days it never clears at all, and we're cloaked in a white blanket all our waking hours. As I write, Squaxin Island and Hungerford Point have disappeared from the face of the earth. When we drove to Olympia for Monday's meeting, we saw the sun only from the Black Lake exit to TOP Foods. When we got out of the store with our two purchases, the fog had descended again. Nonetheless, our speaker, Charles Swift, and his law partner, Cathy McDonald, arrived from Seattle right on time to meet us for dinner at the Oyster House. This gave us and the Hardens, who joined us, a chance to get to know them and learn about their boating experience, before we shared them with our members.

After enjoying our warming grog, Charlie's talk about the history of pirates was just the thing. He scrolled us far back in history, but really began with details in about the 16th century. It was surprising to learn that pirates had a "contractual" plan for obligations for a venture and division of spoils, and that the quartermaster, who oversaw the rules, was the most powerful officer aboard ship. The fate of pirates when caught in olden times was swift and sure, starting with a report during the time of King Henry III in England in 1241, when pirate William Maurice was hanged, drawn and quartered. Nowadays, with concern over granting everyone their civil rights, no one knows what to do with the villains they capture.

I've long heard about "millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute", but now I find it was really "millions for defense, but not three times

what everybody else is paying for tribute”.

In February our speaker will be John DeMeyer of the Olympia Yacht Club, talking to us about the proposed removal of the Deschutes River Dam. This action would have significant physical and fiscal consequences for the south end of Budd Inlet and the surrounding area. Local boaters should learn about these and how they in turn will be affected. John joined OSPS in 1987. He has 15 Merit Marks, which show he is deeply involved in boating issues.

The meeting will begin at 1830 with a potluck dinner celebrating Valentine’s Day. Red and pink will be the colors of the evening, and your dishes should have an aura of romance about them. Use your imagination! The program will start at 1930, with a brief business meeting to follow. See you and your guest there.

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USPS District 16 Spring Conference and Change
of Watch
DoubleTree Suites
Seattle – Southcenter, Washington
27-29 March 2009

Seattle Sail and Power Squadron welcomes you to the USPS 2009 District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch.

Home for the District 16 2009 Spring Conference and Change of Watch will be the DoubleTree Suites adjacent to the recently remodeled Southcenter Shopping Mall during the last weekend in March 2009. Good company, scintillating conversation, knowledgeable speakers, exciting tours, and memorable food await you. The DoubleTree Suites are in a prime location to serve as a base for exploring much this area has to offer. Optional tours of either the Museum of Flight or the Weyerhaeuser Botanical Gardens (Rhododendron Species Foundation Gardens and adjacent Weyerhaeuser Bonsai Garden) have been arranged. The Museum of Flight is a great place for children with lots of

activities and learning opportunities and the gardens provide a unique and tranquil experience, belied by their proximity to I-5.

A registration form is included in this issue and also may be found on the district website at: www.usps.org/localusps/d16/. Forms will also be included in your Squadron newsletters. Attendees are asked to pre-register, and may choose one or more of the catered meals. The conference itself is free. Events include a Friday evening no host cocktail reception with light hors d’oeuvres where one may meet Chief Commander Creighton Maynard’s representative. Saturday will begin at 0800 with breakfast meetings for the Squadron Commanders, Executive Officers, Educational Officers, and other incoming Squadron Officers. There will also be a good buffet breakfast for general attendees if desired. The conference will be called to order at 0930, Saturday 28 March 2009. A hosted social hour will be held prior to the banquet Saturday evening. Tickets for this event will be provided in your registration packets. The hotel room rate is guaranteed up to **6 March 2009** at \$109/night plus taxes. *Make your hotel reservation by 6 March 2009 and you will be included in a drawing for a free overnight stay at the DoubleTree Suites at Southcenter.* When making your reservation, refer to **USPS D16 Spring Conference, GROUP CODE D16** to get the special room rate.

You are invited to bring your laptop to the DB2000 presentation Saturday afternoon. To help defray the cost of the conference, SSAPS has been holding a fundraiser.

T-shirts and sweatshirts displaying the District and Squadron burgees are available for pre-order. It is not too late to order. Please go to the D16 web-site (www.usps.org/localusps/d16/) to see photos of items for sale and to download an order form with instructions for ordering. To avoid shipping costs, specify delivery at the 2009 Spring Conference. Mail your order by 6 March 2009 to the address provided on the downloaded order form. The D16 mugs will be available at the conference and may be purchased onsite without preordering.

REGISTRATION FORM
District 16 Spring Conference Meeting & Change of Watch
27 – 29 March 2009
Seattle, Washington

Name _____
 Squadron: _____
 (Please include rank and/or grade)
 Phone: _____ Spouse/Guest name _____
 Address: _____ City/State/ZIP _____

E-Mail Address for Conformation of Registration and Payment _____

First time attending a district conference? Yes _____

Please Note: This is an activity registration form. There is no charge for attending conference meetings.

Early Bird prices apply for reservations postmarked no later than March 6, 2009.

Regular prices apply to reservations postmarked after March 6, 2009 (Space Avail)

Regular Activity	Early Bird	After 3/6/09	No. People	Total
Friday Reception – 1900				
No Host Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres	\$20	\$22	_____	\$_____
Saturday Officer Breakfast Meetings - 0800				
Commander/Exec Officer	\$18	\$20	_____	\$_____
Educational Officer/ASEO	\$18	\$20	_____	\$_____
All other incoming Squadron Officers	\$18	\$20	_____	\$_____
P/D/C – Order from Hotel Menu in reserved area	--	--	_____	\$ N/A
All Other attendees	\$18	\$20	_____	\$_____
Saturday Alternative Activity –				
Boeing Museum of Flight	\$35	\$38	_____	\$_____
Weyerhaeuser Rhododendron & Bonsai Gardens	\$30	\$33	_____	\$_____
Saturday Conference Luncheon: Open to All				
Salad and Potato Buffet Bar	\$22	\$25	_____	\$_____
Saturday Evening Social Hour Complementary _____ \$ N/A				
Saturday Evening Banquet (Both entrees include dessert)				
Mesquite Roasted Breast of Chicken (Pineapple Salsa & Polenta)	\$36	\$40	_____	\$_____
Apple Filled Pork Loin	\$36	\$40	_____	\$_____
Dietary Restrictions _____	\$36	\$40	_____	\$_____
Total (In US Funds)				\$_____

Hotel Reservations

Make reservations directly with Doubletree Guest Suites (Southcenter) not later than Friday, **March 6, 2009.**

Mention USPS D16 Spring Conference, GROUP CODE D16 to get the conference rate of \$109 plus 12.4% tax.

For Hotel Reservations, call: (206) 575-8220

Payment and Conference Reservations

Or Central Reservations 1-800-222-8733

Mail this form and payment in US funds;

Or by mail to: Doubletree Guest Suites

Mail to: **P/C William Field, AP**

16500 Southcenter Parkway

11201 – 3rd Ave SE, #40-D, Everett, WA 98208.

Seattle, WA 98188

(206) 319-8163 farafield32@msn.com

Make checks payable to D16 Spring Conference

Contact Person: - P/C Barbara Reine, AP (206) 547-7391 email – sunnyside2@clearwire.net

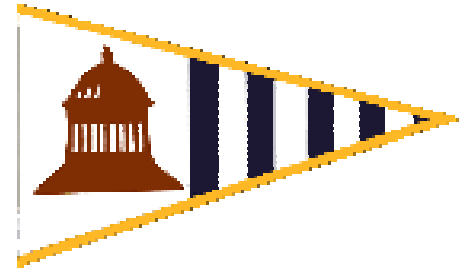
Hotel questions? Call them directly at the local telephone number given above



THE SEAMAN'S LOG

The Voice of the
OLYMPIA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

March 2009



FROM THE BRIDGE

The Commander's message

By the time you read this message, Maggie and I will be back from Mexico and into the swing of things in good ole Olympia. However, as I write this article, we are still enjoying the Mexican hospitality and all of the sunshine. We are looking forward to an all day trip tomorrow to a small town just out of Guadalajara called Tequila. I'll bet you can't guess what they are famous for? Yes, we may even sample some of their handiwork and bring a little home with us.

Speaking of looking forward to something, I hope you ALL will be joining us this year for our big gala event at the Olympia Country Club, the annual Change of Watch (aka COW). If you have never attended one, please put this on your calendar now. Joining us again this year will be the recently installed District Commander, **D/C Barbara Erickson, AP**. In addition to installing our new Bridge Officers, Barbara will be presenting several awards to our Squadron. Two of these awards are for National Recognition. The first is honoring three of our Squadron members who received the National Safety Award: **Lt/C Jerry Cross, P, J.A. Jones, AP and Rich LaRosa, S**. We will be showing a brief TV news video telling about this heroic rescue. The second area of national recognition is the Distinguished Civic Service Award for our Squadron's contributions to the community in 2008. There will be many other individuals recognized for their outstanding service to the Squadron, along with fun and games; I may even bring a little Tequila from Tequila. Attached to the end of the Seaman's Log is the COW reservation form, get yours in now.

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FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Executive Officer's Report

First and foremost, a big heartfelt thank-you to the entire Squadron for your instruction without criticism, kindness, and your patience with me while I filled in for Tim during his absence. Thanks to all of you for your friendship and that special talent you have to offer. I am honored to be part of a wonderful organization that makes you feel like part of the family despite any short comings. Believe me; I know I have a long way too go. In fact, I don't know if I will ever be knowledgeable in Robert's Rules of Order!!!

Spring Council Meeting

On February 7th, Lt/C Donna Davis, Lt Paul Davis, P/C Rose Ann Walker, P/C Jim Harden, P/C Debbie Harden, and I attended the Spring Council meeting at the Poulsbo Yacht Club. V/C Frank Dvorak offered up some challenges Squadrons will face in the upcoming year due to everyone facing some sort of financial decline. Besides the economy, attendance has also been down at the various Council Meetings and Conferences. Just a reminder, these events along with our own Bridge Meetings are open to everyone. You never know, you might learn something new or, better yet, meet a new friend. P.S. The food isn't all that bad.

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BRIDGE MEETING

The next Bridge meeting is March 9th. 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 PM. This should be a wonderful meeting filled with stories from our illustrious Commander Tim Miller, recently returning from "South of the Border".

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**Assistant Squadron Educational
Officer's Report**
**OLYMPIA SAIL AND POWER
SQUADRON ACTIVITIES**
PUBLIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE

The Olympia Sail & Power Squadron will offer a public **Boating Safety Class**.

This is a **one day** class which covers basic boating safety, boat handling, trailer safety, boating rules and regulations, aids to navigation and other boating information.

Satisfactory completion of the Boating Safety Class, meets the requirements for obtaining the **Washington State Boater Education Card**, which is now required for power boat operation in Washington for persons age 25 and under. The Boater Education Cards are issued by the WA State Parks & Recreation Commission. The Washington Boaters Education Card will progressively cover older boaters each year.

Our next **Boating Safety Class** will be held on **SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009**.

CLASS LOCATION: Lacey Fire District 3, Headquarters Station 31 at **1231 Franz St. SE**, Lacey

CLASS STARTS at 8:00 AM and will run until about 5:00 PM. This is an "all day" class. There is a closed book examination at the end of the class.

COST is \$40.00 per person which includes a text and support material. For more than 1 person (**couples**): \$40.00 for one person, with one text, and \$15.00 for a second person sharing text. (\$55.00)

Pre-registration for this class will be Wednesday evening, March 18. 5:30PM to 7:30PM: Lacey Fire District 3, **Station 33**, at 6500 **Mullin Rd. SE Lacey**.

We recommend *PRE-REGISTRATION* so that you will have the text to study before the class. **Pre-registration** for this class may also be done by phone or e-mail but the text WILL NOT be available before the class starts.

SKIPPER SAVER COURSE

The Olympia Sail & Power Squadron will also offer a **SKIPPER SAVER** class on Saturday, **April 18, 2009**. **SKIPPER SAVER** teaches your family members and friends what to do and how to operate the boat if you become disabled for any reason, from a fall overboard to something as simple as a sprained ankle or seasickness. This guide is must-reading for anyone who may have to take over operation of a vessel in an emergency.

This class may be restricted in size as the plan is to hold it aboard our boat, *TIMEOUT*.

The **SKIPPER SAVER** class enrollment will close on March 16th.

For more Information on either of these classes, please Contact:

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2009 - 2010 Squadron Nominations

In accordance with the By Laws of the Olympia Sail & Power Squadron;

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of March at such time and place as the Executive Committee may designate, at which time an election of officers and member of elective committees, including the chairman thereof, shall be held. Written notice of the annual meeting, containing a list of all active members nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to positions within this Squadron, shall be sent to each active member by the Secretary, in such manner as determined by the Executive Committee, at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

Candidates for office to be voted upon at the this Annual Meeting are being nominated by the Nominating Committee as provided or by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the Secretary at least 15 days before this date.

The National Education Office has approved the Educational Officer and the Assistant Educational Officer.

The Nominating Committee submits the following officers for the 2009 – 2010 year:

Commander	Jerry Cross, P
Executive Officer	Lt/C Donna Davis, P
Educational Officer	P/C Tim A. Miller, P
Administrative Officer	P/C Bobbie Scott, P
Secretary	Lt/C Patricia J. Bower, JN
Treasurer	P/C Rose Ann Walker, AP
Assist Educational Officer	1Lt Nick Brower, JN

Executive Committee
1yr P/C Clyde Shiner, SN
2yr Lt. Paul Davis, P
3yr P/C Jim Harden, JN

Nominating Committee
1yr P/C Bobbie Scott, P
2yr P/C Stan Scott, P
3yr P/C Tim Miller, P

Rules Committee
1yr D/Lt. Bill Walker, AP
2yr P/Lt. Maggie Miller,
3 yr Lt. Rick Schnatterly, P

Auditing Committee
1yr Lt. Deanna Schnatterly, P
2yr Lt. Viki Sharp, S
3yr Lt/C Patricia J. Bower, JN

Nominating Committee
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Scott, P, P/C Stan Scott, P
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HIDE AND SEEK

A few months ago we started hiding someone's membership number in the Seaman's Log. If the member identifies his/her number, then they are entitled to a free tuition fee in one of our Squadron courses. We are sorry, Gary Sholes, you didn't claim your prize last month. We hope for better hunting this month. Our Editor has been pretty tricky in hiding this number in past issues. Can you find it? If you find it, and it is YOUR number, please contact me.

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WHERE, OH WHERE IS THE EDITOR NOW?

Where is the Editor? Freezing at night and shorts & T-shirts during the day. The Editor would like to have some feedback. Where is the editor? I can see a big "A" on the hill.

N32°22'29"S98°35'03"E10°27'92"W112°52'31"

DISTRICT 16 SPRING COUNCIL

Since this was our first Council, Paul and I went to Poulsbo on Friday night to get the lay of the land. Having been to District Rendezvous there, we already knew the lay of the water. We'd picked out a place for dinner from the AAA guide, but the motel had a notebook in the lobby with information about a lot of restaurants in the area. One was the Whiskey Creek Steakhouse in Keyport. Paul had just read about this in Nor'westing, so that's where we decided to go. The picture in the magazine showed a nice dock for boaters to tie up to, and said that the steakhouse was just two blocks away. In reality, the major portion of the dock tilts seaward, and any one mooring on the front side will get wet feet.

We plan to go one day early to this year's Rendezvous so we can dinghy over for dinner as we enjoyed our Manhattans, our meal and their music.

On Saturday morning you were represented by seven of our members; Crosses, Hardens, Rose Ann Walker, and Davises. We all started with breakfast and socializing and moved right on to business and the slate of officers for District Bridge for 2009-2010, including Barbara Erickson, a friend to our Squadron, for Commander; Joanna Webster, who has also visited here, as XO, and Jim Harden, now where have I heard that name. Looks like a good slate. Then the committee in charge of the 2010 national cruise talked about their plans. They asked for and received \$2500 from the District as seed money for cruise expenses. They have a great website. Google "Nor'westing 2010 National Cruise", which has lots of information, including the itinerary: from Anacortes to Roche Harbor to Victoria (two nights) to Sidney to Friday Harbor and back to Anacortes. There are already 17 spots

taken of the 30 spots allotted Dist. 16 members. So if you want to join the fleet in September of next year, get signed up now. It sounds like a great cruise.

This year's Rendezvous in Poulsbo will respect the concerns about the national economy by keeping prices low, but there will be the popular steak dinner on Saturday night. Although there won't be an over-all theme or a costume parade, there will be pari-mutuel sailboat racing, so everyone might want to come dressed as Dennis Connor. The Poulsbo Marina has changed its reservation policy. Be sure to comply with the new instructions about that.

Once again, recruitment and retention will be stressed during the next year. I'm sure our Squadron will be working on that assiduously, and doing a great job.

The only disappointment we had in this Council was that Paul and I didn't think to go to one of those great bakeries in downtown Poulsbo and get our group some wonderful, fresh cinnamon rolls or sticky buns for our breakfast. We'll know better next time.

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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.



SQUADRON ACTIVITY CALENDAR

If you are a committee chairperson, or for whatever reason you want to put in a date of an upcoming event, please let Phil know:

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WHAT IS A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)?

Some of our newer members may not be familiar with a VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC).

1. What is a VSC?

It is a voluntary check of a boat by a certified Vessel Examiner (VE) to determine

If the boat meets federal, state and local boating safety regulations, and an opportunity to educate the boat owner about safe boating practices.

2. Who is a Vessel Examiner (VE)?

A trained, qualified boating safety volunteer or employee what has been certified

by their organization (i.e. United State Sail and Power Squadron).

Answer the following question:

The purpose of a Squadron performing Vessel Safety Checks is:

- a). To see which member can do the most VSCs in one year.
- b). To complete more VSCs than any other Squadron in our District
- c). To assure that the boating public is safe and educate boat owners about boating safety issues.

Gosh....I hope you passed this little quiz.

If YOU are interested in having a VSC on your boat or are interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner, please contact me or one of your Squadron's VEs.

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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.

How to keep your Editor happy?

Submit your articles on time!

Thanks, Ed



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SQUADRON MEETING PROGRAMS

In February, our speaker was John Demeyer of the Olympia Yacht Club, talking with us about the proposal to remove the dam on the Deschutes River which forms Capitol Lake. He talked about the history of the south end of Budd Bay and the dredging over the years, done to keep the area a usable waterfront. The Commission studying the area is to finish its work and makes its proposal this June, choosing from four alternatives: 1) do nothing, and in 30-40 years the lake area will be all marsh; 2) manage the lake as a lake and dredge it every ten years; 3) breach the dam and create an estuary, filling and emptying with the tide; and 4) breach the existing dam and build a new one, maintaining a lake on the eastern part of the present lake and creating an estuary on the western side.

This issue should be of vital interest to all area boaters, past, present, and future, as well as to everyone interested in the economic consequences, as well as the livability consequences, of the Commission's decision. To learn more about this topic, you can contact "Save the Lake" at savecapitollake@gmail.com. 201 N. Simmons St., Olympia, WA 98507.

Our March speaker will come to us from the Seattle Coast Guard Station and will talk to us about what's going on in Puget Sound, including both general boating information and Homeland Security concerns. This is sure to be an interesting program. Please feel free to invite your boating friends to join us that evening. We'll have social time from 1900, with the program beginning at 1930.

April is the month for our Change of Watch Banquet, when the program will be the installation of our new Bridge. I don't yet know who our District 16 guest/installing officer will be, but I know you'll want to attend the dinner to honor both the old and the new Bridge and to learn the very latest from the District level. Plan to be at Panorama City on April 20, at 1800 for social time and 1900 for dinner.

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A Message from United States Power Squadrons

Dear United States Power Squadrons members,

The Ship's Store in conjunction with Headquarters Marketing has developed a program for Squadrons and districts that allows members to purchase Squadron emblem merchandise from a company that will provide a 10% rebate on each item purchased. The rebate will be issued to each Squadron on a monthly basis.

The company is yourboatsname.com, a division of UMSCO Corp. in Dallas. They have been in business for 17 years and have developed a reputation for quality work with personal service and extremely quick turnaround. They are a current supplier to the Ship's Store.

This is a purely voluntary program. While some Squadrons will want to keep their own programs, many will opt for this one. Here are some of the advantages of the program:

- Your Squadron receives a 10% rebate on all purchases on a monthly basis
- No need for Squadrons to stock Squadron emblem merchandise that could go unsold or out of date
- No minimum orders

- A one-step, easy-to-use store that offers hundreds of quality products and quick order fulfillment
- A secure encrypted checkout site to protect your credit card details
- Products that allow for personalization of multiple logos (for example, USPS logo, Squadron burgee, the name of your boat, and other logos)
- All Squadron burgees are on file
- Special order merchandise. If you can't find it, they will
- The principal of the company is a life-long boater and knows what you want.

To participate in the program, you can go to the USPS welcome page at www.yourboatsname.com/35.html and **sign up for membership**, identifying yourself as a member of **YOUR** USPS Squadron. Once you've registered, you're done with the details. Just shop and your Squadron will receive a 10% rebate check at the end of each month.

Again, this is a strictly voluntary program. If you have any questions, you may contact the owner, Robert Fielder, at 214-221-0532 or HQ Marketing at 888-367-8777 x 228.

Sincerely,

Tom Kemp

Manager of Marketing & Development Services
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An Obituary printed in the London Times,
Interesting and sadly rather true

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies. **Don't spend more than you can earn**, and reliable strategies **adults, not children, are in charge**.

His health began to deteriorate rapidly

when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student; only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion, or an Aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live, as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims did.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.



**USPS District 16 Spring Conference and
Change of Watch
DoubleTree Suites
Seattle – SouthCenter, Washington
27-29 March 2009**

Seattle Sail and Power Squadron welcomes you to the USPS 2009 District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch.

Home for the District 16 2009 Spring

Conference and Change of Watch will be the DoubleTree Suites adjacent to the recently remodeled SouthCenter Shopping Mall, during the last weekend in March 2009. Good company, scintillating conversation, knowledgeable speakers, exciting tours, and memorable food await you. The DoubleTree Suites are in a prime location to serve as a base for exploring much this area has to offer. Optional tours of either the Museum of Flight or the Weyerhaeuser Botanical Gardens, Rhododendron Species Foundation Gardens and adjacent Weyerhaeuser Bonsai Garden have been arranged. The Museum of Flight is a great place for children with lots of activities and learning opportunities. The gardens provide a unique and tranquil experience, belied by their proximity to I-5.

A registration form is included in this issue and also may be found on the district website at: www.usps.org/localusps/d16/. Forms will also be included in your Squadron newsletters. Attendees are asked to pre-register, and may choose one or more of the catered meals. The Conference itself is free. Events include a Friday evening no host cocktail reception with light hors d'oeuvres where one may meet Chief Commander Creighton Maynard's representative. Saturday will begin at 0800 with breakfast meetings for the Squadron Commanders, Executive Officers, Educational Officers, and other incoming Squadron Officers. There will also be a good buffet breakfast for general attendees if desired. The Conference will be called to order at 0930, Saturday 28 March 2009. A hosted social hour will be held prior to the banquet Saturday evening. Tickets for this event will be provided in your registration packets. The hotel room rate is guaranteed up to **6 March 2009** at \$109/night plus taxes. *Make your hotel reservation by 6 March 2009 and you will be included in a drawing for a free overnight stay at the DoubleTree Suites at SouthCenter.* When making your reservation, refer to **USPS D16 Spring Conference, GROUP CODE D16** to get the special room rate.

You are invited to bring your laptop to the DB2000 presentation Saturday afternoon. To help defray the cost of the conference, SSAPS has been holding a fundraiser.

T-shirts and sweatshirts displaying the District and Squadron burgees are available for pre-order. It is not too late to order. Please go to the D16

web-site (www.usps.org/localusps/d16/) to see photos of items for sale and to download an order form with instructions for ordering. To avoid shipping costs, specify delivery at the 2009 Spring Conference. Mail your order by 6 March 2009 to

the address provided on the downloaded order form. The D16 mugs will be available at the conference and may be purchased onsite without preordering.

2009 VESSEL SAFETY CHECK SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>See Footnotes</u>	<u>VE In-Charge</u>
3/28	Shelton Yacht Club Clean Up Day 0900 - 1300	3	
	Olympia Yacht Club Safety Day 0930 - 1300	3	Nick and Pat
5/2	Boating Opening Day @ Swantown Boat Launch Walk the Docks anytime	1	
	Wooden Boat Show @ Swantown Boat launch Walk the Docks anytime	1	
5/16-22	National Safe Boating Week Walk the Docks anytime		
	District Rendezvous @ Poulsbo Anytime	2	
	Bridge Breakfast Location TBA Anytime	2	
	Annual Wine Tasting Longbranch Anytime	2	
9/5	Harbor Days @ Swantown Boat Launch 1400 - 1800	1	
	1. VEs will visit the visitor dock area 2. VEs will "walk the docks" at all Organization functions. 3. VEs will do VSC on member boats		

Squadron Calendar

March 2009			
7-8	Cabellas Captains Weekend	0730-1800 (Sat) 0930-1800 (Sun)	Cabellas

9	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
16	General Meeting 1900: Social Time 1930: U.S. Coast Guard Speaker from Seattle	1900-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
18	Pre-registration for Public Boating Class	1730-1930	Lacey Fire Station 6500 Mullen Rd. Lacey
21	Public Boating Class	0800-1700	Lacey Fire Station 1231 Franz St. SE Lacey
27-28	District Spring Conference		Seattle
<i>April 2009</i>			
2-5	Tacoma Boat Show		Tacoma Dome
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18	Skipper Saver Class		(Contact Nick or Pat Brower 360-493-1678)
20	Change of Watch 1800: No Host Bar 1900: Dinner and Meeting	1800-2100	Panorama City – Garden Room -- 1751 Circle Lane, SE, Lacey
<i>May 2009</i>			
11	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
18	General Meeting 1900: Social Time 1930: Speaker (TBA)	1900-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
<i>June 2009</i>			
3	Pre-registration for Public Boating Class	1700	Lacey Fire Station 6500 Mullen Rd. Lacey
6	Public Boating Class	0800-1700	Lacey Fire Station 1231 Franz St. SE Lacey
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15	General Meeting 1830: Pot luck dinner – “Sail Into Summer” – Bring your favorite recipe for boat trip food 1930: Speaker (TBA)	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
19-21	District Rendezvous		Poulsbo

REGISTRATION FORM
District 16 Spring Conference Meeting & Change of Watch
27 – 29 March 2009
Seattle, Washington

Name _____
 Squadron: _____
 (Please include rank and/or grade)
 Phone: _____ Spouse/Guest name _____
 Address: _____ City/State/ZIP _____

E-Mail Address for Conformation of Registration and Payment _____

First time attending a district conference? Yes _____

Please Note: This is an activity registration form. There is no charge for attending conference meetings.

Early Bird prices apply for reservations postmarked no later than March 6, 2009.

Regular prices apply to reservations postmarked after March 6, 2009 (Space Avail)

Regular Activity	Early Bird	After 3/6/09	No. People	Total
Friday Reception – 1900				
No Host Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres	\$20	\$22	_____	\$_____
Saturday Officer Breakfast Meetings - 0800				
Commander/Exec Officer	\$18	\$20	_____	\$_____
Educational Officer/ASEO	\$18	\$20	_____	\$_____
All other incoming Squadron Officers	\$18	\$20	_____	\$_____
P/D/C – Order from Hotel Menu in reserved area	--	--	_____	\$ N/A
All Other attendees	\$18	\$20	_____	\$_____
Saturday Alternative Activity –				
Boeing Museum of Flight	\$35	\$38	_____	\$_____
Weyerhaeuser Rhododendron & Bonsai Gardens	\$30	\$33	_____	\$_____
Saturday Conference Luncheon: Open to All				
Salad and Potato Buffet Bar	\$22	\$25	_____	\$_____
Saturday Evening Social Hour Complementary _____ \$ N/A				
Saturday Evening Banquet (Both entrees include dessert)				
Mesquite Roasted Breast of Chicken (Pineapple Salsa & Polenta)	\$36	\$40	_____	\$_____
Apple Filled Pork Loin	\$36	\$40	_____	\$_____
Dietary Restrictions _____	\$36	\$40	_____	\$_____
Total (In US Funds)				\$_____

Hotel Reservations

Make reservations directly with Doubletree Guest Suites (Southcenter) not later than Friday, **March 6, 2009.**

Mention USPS D16 Spring Conference, GROUP CODE D16 to get the conference rate of \$109 plus 12.4% tax.

For Hotel Reservations, call: (206) 575-8220

Or Central Reservations 1-800-222-8733

Or by mail to: Doubletree Guest Suites

16500 Southcenter Parkway

Seattle, WA 98188

Payment and Conference Reservations

Mail this form and payment in US funds;

Mail to: **P/C William Field, AP**

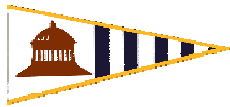
11201 – 3rd Ave SE, #40-D, Everett, WA 98208.

(206) 319-8163 farafield32@msn.com

Make checks payable to D16 Spring Conference

Contact Person: - P/C Barbara Reine, AP (206) 547-7391 email – sunnyside2@clearwire.net

Hotel questions? Call them directly at the local telephone number given above



Olympia Sail & Power Squadron 2009 Change of Watch

Where: Chambers House restaurant (Panorama City)...The Garden Room
1751 Circle Ln.
Lacey, WA.

When: Monday, 20 April 2009
1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner

Dinner Choices

	<u>Price</u>
Prime Rib	23.00
Salmon	23.00
Chicken Tommasso (Breast of chicken with prosciutto and mushrooms in a Marsala sauce)	23.00

What to wear: *Gentlemen...business Suit, Blazer or Uniform "A"*
Ladies... semi-formal

Your reservation must be received no later than April 10 to be honored.

Please detach and mail your reservation to:
P/C Rose Ann Walker, 3650A Simmons Mill Ct. SW, Tumwater WA 98512
Checks payable to: Olympia Sail and Power Squadron

Cut and detach here

2009 COW Reservation Form

Name(s): _____

Choices

How many?

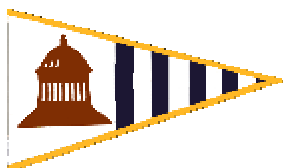
Prime rib	_____
Salmon	_____
Chicken	_____

Total remittance \$ _____

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ON THE HORIZON

March 2009

- 9 Executive meeting at The Tea Leaf Restaurant
- 16 Olympia Yacht Club
- 18 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

April 2009

- 13 Executive meeting at TBA
- 20 COW, Panorama City
- 18 *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.

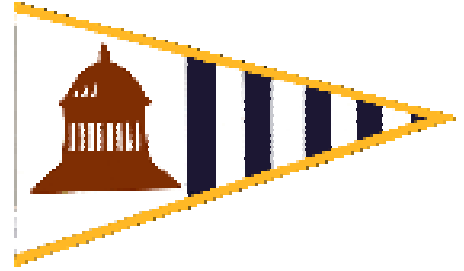
THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.



THE SEAMAN'S LOG

The Voice of the
OLYMPIA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

April 2009



FROM THE BRIDGE

Commander's message

I bet a lot of you remember the old TV serial, "The Lone Ranger". At the end of each program, you would see the Lone Ranger riding out of town. One old guy would lean over a horse and ask another old feller, "Who was that masked man"? The Lone Ranger would then give a great big, "Hi Ho Silver, away". Well, that's sort'a how I feel, now that I'll be stepping down as your Commander. This has been a great year with many fond memories. There have been some challenges, a few disappointments and lot of fun along the way. I want to extend a great big "Thank you" to all of the Bridge members and, especially to our Executive Officer, **Jerry (Tonto) Cross**, who took over the helm while Maggie and I enjoyed the sun of Mexico for three months.

We had a lot of great things happen in 2008. We also picked up a little more money than expected in our finances, due to some very successful fund raisers. One of our major goals was reaching out to the youth. Those events included: Kid's Hand's On Museum, the Lacey Fun Fair, Kid's Poster Contest, and a free Public Boating Class for underprivileged kids.

One of the disappointments was our membership retention went down, not a good thing. We had 7 new members join. But, we had more than 7 members not renew. However, I am confident that under the leadership of our new Bridge, and the support of you all, we will do better next year.

Finally, what I am most proud about this year is our Squadron receiving the National Distinguished Civic Service Award. This award is based on the total hours of service our Squadron contributed to our community. This includes our outreach not only in Squadron events such as Vessel Safety Checks and providing Public Boating Classes, but also includes all of the other things our members do to improve their community; Harbor Patrol, neighborhood projects, environmental community services, fish habitat improvement, etc. **Our Squadron contributed 1120 hours of public service!** On top of that, we were one of the smallest Squadrons competing for this honor. You all deserve a "BIG THANKS!" and "Congratulations."

Now, unlike the Lone Ranger, I am not riding out of town, but simply riding on to a new adventure, to become your Squadron Education Officer. I hope to see you at the Change of Watch (4/20), It's still not too late to register.

Cdr. Tim Miller, P
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Thanks to Tim for going out his way to get all the supplies from my wife's work while I was feeling a bit under the weather. I should have recognized the flu front that was brewing up, especially the black anvil cloud that was looming over my staff a few weeks ago. I know I passed the Weather

Class. I must have taken a snooze during this portion of the class.

We had a wonderful time at Cabela's Captain's Weekend. I know I left a few hundred dollars lighter in my wallet. Tim and I worked the first shift on Saturday. I will tell you the customers flew past us like a bunch of sharks in a feeding frenzy. They were snatching up cleaning stations, rods and reels by the arm fulls. I swear one lady must have had over 30 rods herself. I wonder if I will be seeing any of these items on E-Bay or Craigs-List any time soon. This was a missed opportunity for someone who wanted to ease into helping out the Squadron.

The boat shows are easy to do. You will be working with someone else and get to meet some wonderful people along the way. In fact, Tim and I met one of our Squadrons Past Commanders who served 25 years ago.

I would like to thank all of you who helped out our booth, especially Jim Hanson for the materials he supplied when my shipment did not come in on time. This was another successful event that was possible because of a outstanding team effort.

Executive Officer
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FROM THE ADMIN

When will it ever stop snowing, raining, wind-ing, fogging, glooming, depressing? Why wasn't there a part of March that was a lamb? It should be time to go out and prep the boat for spring, not time to huddle indoors in front of the fireplace.

If you were huddled indoors and didn't get to our March meeting, you missed an opportunity to voice your choices for next year's Bridge. More than that, you missed an informative presentation from

Jennifer Hopper of Taylor Shellfish. We learned a lot about clam, mussel, and oyster farming, and about geoducks, in a class by themselves. For those of you who would like to give shellfish farming a try there's nothing like being on your beach and enjoying a fresh oyster from that beach, downed in one big slurp, and there are no weeds to pull.

How fast the shellfish mature depends on many factors including water temperature, tides, and currents. Our beach at Arcadia Point happens to be a great place to grow oysters. The Pacifics we planted last summer are already right for eating raw. A simple flip of the wrist with a good oyster knife gets the shell open, and there's a perfect hors d'oeuvre. These are also good in oyster stew, but because they're only about a quarter to a half dollar size, I'm not patient enough to get a pint measure filled before I start diminishing my quantity by noisy nibbling.

Jennifer also provided us with written material, the *Low Tide Lowdown*, Taylor's newsletter, and an information sheet about their current contretemps with the state Commissioner of Public Lands, Peter Goldmark, that has resulted in Taylor's filling suit against him over the disputed tidelands and the shellfish crops thereon, ready, or past ready, to harvest. I doubt that this situation will be resolved promptly.

For those of you who missed the handouts, you'll find Xinh Dwelley's Oyster Stew recipe below.

I know Bobbie Scott has been working to set up some interesting programs for next year. You won't want to miss any of the meetings before our summer break for boating.

Be sure to join us next month at the Change of Watch. The restaurant at Panorama City will be a new venue for us. Going some place new is always fun. You

get to have a fellowship time with friends, a great dinner, a chance to meet the new Bridge, and an opportunity to do a group Bring-on-Spring dance with your boating buddies.

See you April 20th at the party!

LT/CDR DONNA DAVIS, P, AO

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XINH DWELLEY'S OYSTER STEW

2 PINTS SHUCKED OYSTERS

½ C BUTTER

2 CLOVES GARLIC, CHOPPED

1 MEDIUM ONION, CHOPPED

1 CAN EVAPORATED MILK

4 C MILK

2 TSP SALT

1 TSP PEPPER

5 FRESH BASIL LEAVES, CHOPPED
(OR ½ TSP DRIED)

½ C BACON BITS (NOT OPTIONAL AT
OUR HOUSE)

Blanch oyster for 2 to 3 minutes. Drain and cut into bite-sized pieces. Melt butter in a pot and brown garlic. Add onion and sauté until done. Add oysters, milks, salt, pepper, basil and (if desired) bacon bits. Stir until warm. **DO NOT BOIL.** Garnish with chopped parsley and green onions.
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Webpage Update

Have you visited your Squadron webpage lately? Check it out...there is always something new and interesting. Our webpage now has the latest edition of our Seaman's Log if you prefer to read it "on-line" or want to look up a past article.

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



VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS (VSC)

At the time I am writing this article, we are just getting off the ground with our Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) for the year. I am sure this will be another "banner year" for your Squadron's Vessel Examiners. We started out the year with VSCs at the Shelton Yacht Club, 3/21, on their member boats. This is always a fun event for everyone. Coming up soon, 4/18, will be VSCs at the Swantown Marina for their Tenant's Safety Day. On 4/25, we will be at the Olympia Yacht Club to do VSCs on their member boats. Finally, May 5th is the official Opening Day of Boating Season and your Vessel Examiners will again be walking the docks to make the waters of South Sound a safe place to boat.

As a Squadron member, we should lead by example in boating safety. Every member should have a VSC on their boat. Call a Vessel Examiner today and arrange to have one.

Vessel Examiners

Nick Brower

Pat Brower

Paul Davis

Jim Hanson

Debbie Harden

Jim Harden

Skip Hash

Darlene Hellwig

Tim Miller

Kathryn Querry

Viki Sharp

Clyde Shiner

William Walker



NEW VSC CHAIRPERSON

After 3 years as your VSC Chairman, I am passing the torch to Debbie Harden. Three years have been a lot of fun, full of challenges, sometimes frustrating and, most times, very fulfilling. One of the

more challenging aspects recently has been finding a capable and willing Vessel Examiner (VE) to take over this position.

Debbie has been a VE longer than I have been a member of the Squadron. She has consistently been among the leaders of our VEs in completing the most VSCs every year. She is a strong advocate of Boater Safety and Education. VSC chairperson is just one more experience for Debbie in our Squadron. Among many other positions she has held is Past Commander. She knows how to motivate and lead others.

Join me in supporting Debbie in this new endeavor. I know that under her leadership our Squadron will continue to lead our District in VSCs completed.

By the way, you might want to let Debbie know if you are interested in becoming a Vessel Examiner or having a VSC on your boat.

Tim Miller
VSC Chairman (former)



MAY PROGRAM

Ron Wanttaja, (Want-TIE-ah), a systems engineer for Boeing's Spacecraft Division, has a day job designing space launch vehicles, analyzing earth orbits, and dreaming up such interesting craft as the International Space Station. In his spare time he builds and flies light airplanes, and writes books on building, buying and owning airplanes. He also writes Young Adult historical novels set aboard U.S. Navy ships during the War of 1812.

At our May meeting he will be doing a Power Point presentation on an experimental SUBMARINE he and some friends built. Where did they build this semi-deep diving sub? Puget Sound?

No, for several summers he was the skipper of the only working submarine in North Dakota!

As he says, it's really tough to find submarine design assistance in North Dakota. Errors in design can prove - umm, well, awkward to say the least, when your submersible submerges for the first time.

Come and share an enjoyable and humorous evening with author, pilot (USAF Ret.), spacecraft designer and Submarine Commander Extraordinaire, Ron Wanttaja.

P/C Bobbie Scott, P

Finding the hidden member number

OK...it's been 3 months now and NO one has found their member number hidden somewhere in the Seaman's Log. If you find your number, you win a free member class of your choosing. Sorry, Jim Hanson, you missed out. It was your number last month.

Our editor is pretty tricky in hiding the member number. Can you find yours this month. If you do, call me right away and claim your prize.

Tim Miller
(360)413-0311



Bridge Meeting

The next Bridge meeting is April 13th. 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 PM. Remember, you don't have to be on the Bridge to attend.

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What is a COW?

Does it eat grass? No, but there are better things to eat i.e. prime rib, salmon, etc.
 Does it run in a herd? More or less.
 Does it give milk? Yes, and stronger drink if you prefer.
 Does it have a long tail? No, but it does dress up pretty fancy.
 Is it content? Yes, it's even been know to be an outright "party goer".

The COW is coming **April 20**, .don't miss it. The **deadline for registration is April 10**. Read more about it on the Registration Form at the back of this issue of the Seaman's Log. This is one of our regular, but very special, meetings, where our new Bridge Officers are installed.

See ya there,
Cdr. Tim Miller, P



New Classes Being Offered

We are now preparing for our upcoming Elective and Seminar classes. A signup sheet has been passed around at our general meetings. However, you may not have been present to sign up for a class you are interested in taking.

The **Elective classes** are offered only to Squadron members. They are generally taught one night a week for 6 – 10 weeks and are an in-depth study on the topic.

The **Seminars** are available to both Squadron members and **non-members**. If you have a neighbor or friend who might be interested in one of these Seminars, let them know.

The Seminars are generally taught in one 2 hour session on a Saturday or Sunday.

ELECTIVES

Engine Maintenance
Marine Electronics
Sail
Weather

SEMINARS

Knots, Bends & Hitches
Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio
Using GPS
Marine Radar
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0800 Registration and Breakfast

0900 Call to Meeting — D/Lt Ronald Jones, SN

Flag Salute — D16 Flag Lt.

Invocation — P/D/C Carolyn Black, AP

Host Squadron — CDR Jerry Cross, P, Olympia

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1000 Break

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1045 Dona Wolfe — Washington State Parks Boating Program

1105 Daniel Shipman — U.S.C.G. 13th District Boating Safety Specialist

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1200 Lunch

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1600 Adjourn





Olympia Sail & Power Squadron

2009 Change of Watch

Where: Chambers House restaurant (Panorama City)...The Garden Room
 1751 Circle Ln.
 Lacey, Wa.

When: Monday, 20 April 2009
 1800 Social Hour
 1900 Dinner

<u>Dinner Choices</u>	<u>Price</u>
Prime Rib	23.00
Salmon	23.00
Chicken Tommasso (Breast of chicken with prosciutto and mushrooms in a Marsala sauce)	23.00

What to wear: *Gentlemen...business Suit, Blazer or Uniform "A"*
Ladies... semi-formal

Your reservation must be received no later than April 10 to be honored.

Please detach and mail your reservation to:
 P/C Rose Ann Walker, 3650A Simmons Mill Ct. SW, Tumwater WA 98512
 Checks payable to: Olympia Sail and Power Squadron

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2009 COW Reservation Form

Name(s): _____

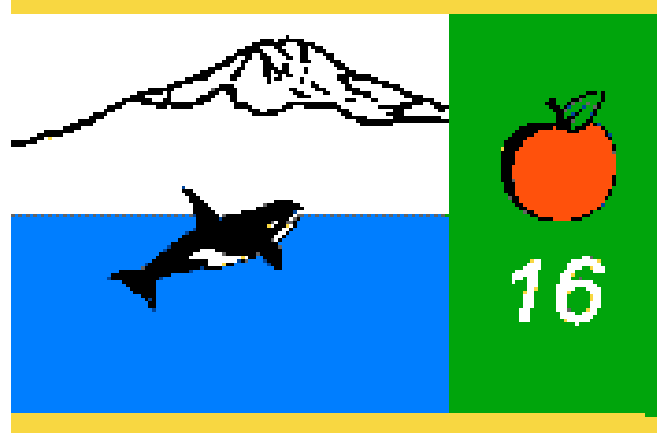
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Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Squadron _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

(Please make Checks payable to “OSPS – Dist 16 Seminar”)

Continental Breakfast & Lunch

Attending only no meals

Until: 19 April 2009 **\$19.00**

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Lodging is on your own:

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nearby.

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Directions: From Puyallup, WA take Hwy 161/Meridian St south for 15 miles then Camp Arnold will be on your right just off of Barney Larsen Rd. Meals are in the chow hall and seminar in the gym.

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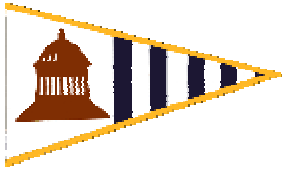
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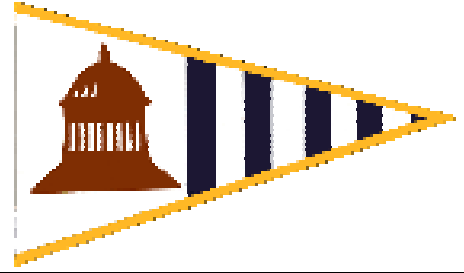
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FROM THE BRIDGE

Commander's message

I want to thank everyone involved, or who participated in the Change Of Watch, it was wonderful to have the District 16 Bridge attend as well. That was until the night was spoiled by some obtrusive bovine that rudely interrupted my opening remarks. (I will escort her to the May general meeting if she will fit in the bed of my truck). I believe this upcoming year will be an interesting one due to the influence of the economy on everyone. We should have a wonderful outcome because of the strength and dedication of our members. I hope to continue on the path that was so graciously paved by our out going commander, Tim Miller, with only some minor changes or additions along the way. We have already had some interest from a few people at the Swantown Safety Days who might want to join our Squadron. So we are off to a good start, and just need to keep the momentum going. Our next big event to attract prospective members will be at the Lacey Fun Fair on May 16-17.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Here before your very eyes, the Peter Principle comes to life. You know it, the concept of a person rising to the level of her incompetence. I haven't yet figured out what the Admin is supposed to do, or how,

and you optimists have elected me Executive Officer. Jerry Cross kindly provided me with an outline of my responsibilities. "External Affairs" sounds interesting—so long as I don't tell my husband about them! Wait! Wait! There's an itemized list: Boat Shows, Cooperative Charting, Liaison, Legislative, Public Relations, Radio Technical, and Safety. Back to sentence one. What a learning opportunity year we'll have together. So far, I can turn on the radio in our house and change it from AM to FM.

Everyone who attended the Change of Watch will be writing to tell you how much fun it was. Our District Bridge was well represented by officers of all sizes: Commander Barbara Erickson (small), Executive Officer Joanna Webster (medium), and Administrative Officer Hank Willis (large), plus our official and enthusiastic photographer, Steve Erickson. We can expect to see some good photos on the District website. The irrepressible Millers brought a "Name This Member" photo quiz and awarded Jerry Cross a life-sized cow. Holstein, I believe. That should keep the Crosses in fertilizer for quite a while.

There was a table full of awards, plaques, and certificates for the Squadron and its members, probably enumerated in someone else's article, and there were raffle prizes for the lucky, plus good fellowship for all attending.

You'll get another opportunity for Squadron and District fellowship, and for more boating education, by attending the

Education Day on Saturday, May 9, at Camp Arnold on Hwy 167 near Eatonville. There is already a contingent of OSPS members with reservations at the Mill Village Motel for Friday night, so you know there will be plenty of camaraderie as well as much learning. Great to have this scheduled just before boating season begins, when our enthusiasm is at its peak.

Next, the Rendezvous in Poulsbo in June. Boaters can use it as a jumping off place for a longer cruise. Members without boats will find it near enough to reach easily for a day or an overnight mini-vacation. Let's start this new year with a burst of activity.

Executive Officer
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ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE END OF THE BRIDGE

Can you believe it? We've actually seen a big yellow disk in the sky once or twice. The snow and hail has finally melted off our boat, and we're beginning to think about taking it out somewhere, as soon as we get our Vessel Safety Check for the year. Tim would have done it already, but he's still traumatized from his experience with Stan's life jacket last year. (It's a genuine antique, and is probably older than some of our members).

Don't worry, Tim, Stan got a new jacket, the mold and rust finally ate clear through the old vest.

To get pumped for the boating season, come to the May meeting and hear a great and really different program. Check the calendar for all the activities coming up in the next month or two. For a start, why not join us at a board, Bridge, meeting? They're even more relaxed and fun than the general meetings, and you get to throw in

ideas for neat things to do. Time and place of meetings are listed in the calendar. Start thinking now about what dish to bring to our last regular meeting of the year, June 15. It's a potluck, so time will be one hour earlier, at 1830. The program will be super! Be sure you save the date of June 19-21. That's the big District Rendezvous. It's always a fantastic weekend filled with food, activities, fun, shopping, games, and good fellowship. Let's all get our boats going and join the whole District at Poulsbo. We're going. See you there!

Admin Officer
P/C Bobbie Scott, P
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Check out the new photo page on our Squadron web-page, really cool!!!

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

A big thanks to our Webmaster, Kathryn Querry, who keeps updating our web-page with new/cool stuff!!!!

Tim



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SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER **REPORT**

Ahoy everyone! Here I am again, not as your Squadron Commander, but wearing a new hat as your Squadron Education Officer. I am looking forward to a full and challenging year in the Education Department. One of our biggest challenges this year is the need for additional instructors. All of our current instructors have been teaching for our Squadron for a number of years. It's time for others to step up and join us. Let's all give a BIG THANKS to our current team of instructors:

Nick and Pat Brower
Jim and Debbie Harden
Tim Miller
Bobbie Scott
Clyde Shiner
Phil Tenkhoff
Bill Walker

We have teaching opportunities in our Public Boating Class, Advanced Grade and Elective classes, as well as Seminars, open to the public. A few of our members who have voiced an interest in teaching a class this next year include: **Jerry Cross, Paul Davis and Maggie Miller**. Why don't you join this elite group. Give me a call!

So what's happening in our education department besides needing new instructors? First of all, we have our Public Boating Classes. We are currently transitioning from the Squadron Boating Course to Americas Boating Course (ABC). The ABC is a much improved format, but will require quite a bit of re-write to fit it into our One Day Class. This year, we have also decided to set out a schedule for our Public Boating Class a year ahead of time. This will help folks plan for a class that fits their schedule. All of our Public Boating classes are taught on Saturday at the main fire station in Lacy, from 0800 to 1700, and here is our current schedule:

June 6

Sept. 26
Jan. 23

So, what's happening in our Advanced Grade and Member Elective Classes? Congratulations to the following members who recently completed the Piloting class taught by **Nick and Pat Brower, Dana and Bill Eppenstein, Dave Kuchenbecker, Richard LaRosa and Bruce Thompson. Donna Davis and Nick Nicholovich** both audited the course.

We are currently looking at a date to teach Advance Piloting and Seamanship. **Jim Harden** has stepped forward and will be teaching the AP class and **Bill Walker** will again be teaching Seamanship. To date, we have only two students signed up for Seamanship **Guy Cranor** and **Maggie Miller**. Anyone else interested? We have no other Elective courses or Advanced Grade courses planned at this time. However, we can do anything if there is interest shown.

Lastly, we have our Seminars that are open to Squadron members and non-members. Generally, these are 2 hour classes taught on a weekend with no testing. The Seminars we hope to offer, if there is enough interest shown include:

How to Use a Chart
Knots, Bends and Hitches
Boat Handling under Power
Onboard Weather Forecasting
Trailer your Boat
Marine Radar
Using GPS
Sail Trim and Rig Tuning

If you are interested in taking any of these Seminars, we will have sign-up sheets at our general meetings, or you can give me a call. Remember, these Seminars are also open to the public and we have to get the word out. I will be asking my fishing club if anyone is interested. What can you do to help us get this Seminar information to the public?

So, that's about it for now. You will hear more from me in the coming issues of the Seaman's Log about what's happening in our Education Dept.

P/C Tim Miller, P, SEO
tennistm@comcast.net



The new roster is available. Members can pick one up at any general or Bridge meeting.

Rose Ann



MAY PROGRAM

Our May program will be a first-person description of "commanding" a two-man submarine in the ... depths? of North Dakota. You say you didn't know there were watery deeps in North Dakota? You will after our speaker, Ron Wanttaja, finishes his Power Point program. A systems engineer for Boeing's Spacecraft Division, Mr. Wanttaja helped design the International Space Station. In his spare time he builds and flies light airplanes, writes books on building and owning airplanes, and writes Young Adult historical novels set aboard U.S. Navy ships during the War of 1812.

Come share an enjoyable and humorous evening with author, pilot (USAF Ret.), spacecraft designer and - yes, submarine commander Ron Wanttaja.

AND IN JUNE...

After our End-of-the-Year potluck, we will be honored to welcome well-known author Les Eldridge, speaking on "Mr. Lincoln's Navy". One of the more remarkable aspects of Lincoln's pursuit of the Civil War was his near-total reliance on the Navy Department for war strategy advice. Mr. Eldridge will also spend a few minutes talking about his series of novels set during the American Civil War at sea. He will be bringing copies of his novels, and also the Wilkes history he co-authored,

which has a great chapter for Puget Sound boaters, with all 300 place names Wilkes left in the Sound, alphabetized and cross-indexed by county, with the origins of the names.

Mr. Eldridge has retired several times - from being a three-term Thurston County Commissioner, doing dispute resolution, teaching maritime history at the college level, and working on various State and private agencies.

He became interested in the navies of the Civil War era because of the tremendous changes that took place during that time. The change from sail to steam, wooden hulls to iron, solid shot to exploding shells, the first use of turrets, mines, torpedoes and submarines, as well as amphibious warfare, all occurred during that time period.

He has nine books planned in the series, of which only two are finished and published. We have lots of maritime action to look forward to!

P/C Bobbie Scott, P



WHERE, OH WHERE IS THE EDITOR NOW?

Where is the Editor? Freezing at night and shorts & T-shirts during the day. Where is the editor?

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Bridge Meeting

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The next Bridge meeting is May 11th. 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 the meeting @ 7:00 PM. Just a reminder, you don't have to be on the Bridge to attend.

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USPS KIDS' POSTER CONTEST, 2008-2009

Yes, USPS' annual poster contest, and yes, I forgot to keep you all updated on that. Along with my apologies comes some helpful information for those with kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors who might be interested in competing for the district and national prize. After all, we did have winners from our Squadron last year. Why not have winners again this year?

Applications and rules are available on the USPS website for you to print up at your convenience and in the quantities you would like. For those without computers, or for those who like slow service or have trouble navigating the website, I have copies which I can send to you via the Post Office if you'll call, drop me a standard mail request, or even email me. (May I suggest you take the Squadron "Piloting" class, along with me, and become more computer efficient?)

This year's theme is **BOATING IS FUN**, and once again the age groups are 6 – 8, 9 – 11, and 12 – 14. Local judging will be done at the June General Meeting and potluck, the one with the "favorite boating dish" menu idea. Winners will go to Poulsbo the next weekend for District judging.

The Woodland Park Zoo in Seattle has a new Humboldt Penguin exhibit. Television announcements have shown penguins enjoying a big slide down into the water. What if an artist were to draw them sliding into a boat and sailing away? Woo Hoo! Maybe I'll enter this poster contest myself!

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MAY - HAPPY BIRTHDAYS !!!!

Congratulations and I hope you have a wonderful day.

- Cynthia Cameron - 6th
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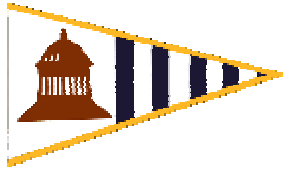
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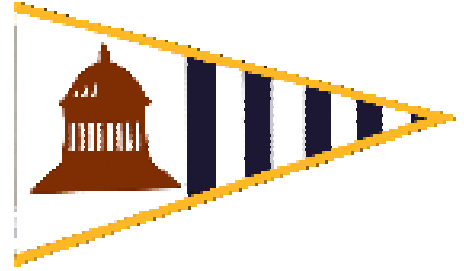
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FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Well, like President Obama, I was hopeful of meeting the needs of the Squadron and public while balancing the budget at the same time. Unfortunately, we have started out the year with a few non-renewing members, very little interest in our Public Boating Classes and some unexpected start-up costs to get our seminar courses up and running. With all that said, I fore see bright prospects for our Squadron in the months to come. Just like the weather, we will climb out from underneath this dismal cloud cover and start seeing bright sunshine. I know with prudent spending, and strong efforts put forth by our imaginative and very knowledgeable members, we are heading in the right direction. Remember, whether you are a long time member or were just sworn in, you have the time or talent that the Squadron can utilize to keep us productive. You are missing out on a great opportunity to make new friends and maybe learn something new from one of the old salty dogs. Don't sit on the sidelines or just take classes. **GET IN THE GAME AND GET INVOLVED!**

A big hearty **THANK-YOU** goes out to Jim Harden and Rose Ann Walker and their behind the scenes crew who put together a wonderful and enjoyable District Education Seminar. You folks made the Squadron look outstanding and set the bar high for future District events.

Please visit www.oly-sps.org the Squadron website. It's terrific!!!

Cdr. Jerry Cross, P



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Did you know that Power Squadrons are all about alphabet soup? For instance, there's A B C D E F. Always Be Considerate During Education and Fellowship. Okay, I made that one up myself, but I did it because of what I learned from another Squadron, North Olympic. You see, in their newsletter they always have a "boating exercise", and in May, it involved finding the compass course from certain givens, starting with "True". Having just taken ((and passed (again), whee!)) Piloting, I know to use T V M D C in a column, with arrows for up and down, adding or subtracting. Simple enough even for me. But NOSPS is much more sophisticated, with down, "Turkey Vultures Make Dangerous Companions" and up, "Can Dead Men Vote Twice". Since we've lived in Washington, we've not seen a turkey vulture, so I'll have to take the first phrase on faith. However, we've been here for several elections, and from all I've read, the latter is definitely true.

The June exercise involves a Pan-pan, Pan-pan, Pan-pan notice from the Seattle Coast Guard. A kayaker is reported overdue at "1825 Universal Coordinated Time". The question is, "What time is it in Seattle?" If the Coast Guard won't give me the time in PDT, that poor kayaker is a goner as far as I'm concerned. Even if I could figure the time for this place, were he overdue in Singapore or Sydney, I wouldn't

even know what day he was missing. (Thanks to P/R/C Bob Brummett, SN, for inspiring my thought processes for this article.)

As for the E and the F above, if you missed the District Seminar in Camp Arnold, you missed a lot of learning and a lot of fun. The Friday night fellowship, with boaters from as far away as Bellingham and Friday Harbor, even included guitar playing and group singing. Smart as we are about boating safety, even when we put our heads together we couldn't come up with all the words to even one whole song. Perhaps the District Rendezvous should have a seminar on sea chanteys, as well as the one on the (dreaded) convergent zone and Puget Sound weather.

Even if you can't come to Poulsbo for all of the Rendezvous, you should come for whatever time you can, to meet, greet, and share with other like-minded boaters. Of course boating safety is always a primary issue, but boating fellowship is a special added attraction. There will be many boats arriving at the marina on Thursday, full of friendly people, and during the day on Friday plenty of time to chat with them informally. On Friday evening there'll be an organized get together. What a great chance to talk with people who come from the often windy north part of the District and to learn from them where to take shelter on your extended vacation up north. Stop by *Prima Donna* to say hello, swap stories, and have fun. Paul and I will have beverages and nibbles available whenever we're on board. See you in Poulsbo!

Lt/Cdr Donna Davis, P, XO

P.S. Just to let you know how popular our neighborhood is out here at the entrance to Hammersley Inlet, on Monday last week, very early in the morning (before I usually am up) there were 19 (NINETEEN!) seals on our neighbors' dock. It's a good thing the neighbors replaced

most of their dock this year, for that load would surely have sunk the old one. I wish I had a picture for you, and for the Oysterfest photography competition.

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ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE END OF THE BRIDGE

We had a terrific program in May! If you weren't here, you missed a great time!

Now we've got another one coming up: Retired three-term County Commissioner Les Eldridge, a life-long maritime history enthusiast, will be speaking on "Mr. Lincoln's Navy", a look at Lincoln's remarkable reliance on the Department of the Navy for strategic advice during the Civil War.

Mr. Eldridge has also written a series of carefully researched novels on the American Civil War at sea. In order to make his characters and action authentic, he has traveled extensively around the U.S. doing research. (That's too bad, Les, but I suppose someone has to do it). He will finish with a brief discussion of those books, and one that's just out last year.

This is our last regular meeting until fall, so we will start with a POTLUCK at 1830. Let's get a jump on the District 16 Rendezvous by wearing casual island attire. What island?

We'll leave that up to you.

In keeping with the island theme, try to bring a dish using "Island" ingredients. Coconuts, pineapple.... Doesn't chocolate come from an island? I'm sure it must!

See you at 1830 with something Islandish!

P.S. I hope you've all got your reservations in for the District Rendezvous at Poulsbo! It's going to be great fun, plus Poulsbo is my favorite shopping Mecca!

June 19-21 is coming right up! Registration forms are in last month's Seaman's Log.

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VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS (VSC)

I hope everyone has had a safe and happy May. It seems our real Spring has been slow coming but when it gets going around here, watch out! I have lived many places around the world, but how can anyone compete with REAL TREES, MOUNTAINS and of course lots of WATER.


This is the reason it is so very important to teach boating safety to as many people as we can and make sure the boat they are on is also safe.

Thanks go to all who have worked so hard to make our events worthwhile. We have a great group of Examiners that are doing a big job. Our count so far in the system is 70 and we are right up there with the rest. Remember, there does not have to be an event in order to do Vessel Safety Checks. We have so many lakes, rivers and areas around Puget Sound and of course the coastline at the ocean. Lots of boats everywhere. Our neighbors, family and friends along with co-workers may not know what we are capable of, so pass the word that you are available to do this service.

I hope all members have had their boat done, and if not, then please contact one of our Examiners and we will set you right up.

See you on the water.

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Check out our Squadron web-page, really cool!!!

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

A big thanks to our Webmaster, Kathryn Querry, who keeps updating our web-page with new/cool stuff!!!!

Tim



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NEW MEMBERS

At our June Potluck, let's all welcome our new members. Wouldn't it be great if everyone came?

Our newest member, still to be sworn in, is **Guy Cranor**, who has a 34 foot Catalina sailboat. He and his wife **Diana** live in Grapeview and have been power boaters, but are switching to sail.

Guy is with Homeland Security and was a waterborne police officer protecting the Trident submarines at Bangor.

Our other recent members are **Spencer Scholes** (sworn in at the May meeting), **Bill and Dana Eppenstein**, **Dave and Patti Kuchenbecker**, and **Rich La Rosa**.

At the potluck, say hello to the new members. Invite them to sit with you. Find out what got them into boating, and what they are hoping to get out of membership. The potluck will have an "Island" theme, so wear your wildest island shirt and come for a great program, good food, and FUN!

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SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER

REPORT

See page 7.

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The new roster is available. Members can pick one up at any general or Bridge meeting.

Rose Ann



Our Coast Guard needs YOU

Become a "Citizen's Action Network" volunteer and help the U.S. Coast Guard save lives and property, prevent oil spills and protect wildlife, all from the comfort of your own home. This vital program enlists the assistance of residents, who live near navigable waterways, to assist the Coast Guard with their missions. The Coast Guard will call on Northwest Watch members to help investigate cases such as flare sightings or MAYDAY calls in their area, which puts volunteers right in the heart of the action. The only requirements to becoming a lifesaver are that volunteers must have access to a phone and a marine view from their home. The Northwest has an extensive amount of waterways and communities to protect, and the U.S. Coast Guard needs dependable and proactive

volunteers to aid in keeping our waters safe and clean.

Last year, a phone call went out about a stolen boat from up north. A CAN volunteer at Boston Harbor spotted the boat and the thieves were apprehended. Sound interesting? Learn more by going to the CAN website at: <http://www.uscg.mil/d13/can>
Or, call them at 206-220-7237.

Lt/C Tim Miller, P



PICNIC IN JULY

Save the date! Saturday, July 18.
Let's hope it doesn't rain! We are booked at Kitchen #3 at Priest Point Park from 1 PM to 5 PM. Kitchen 3 is down on the water side of the park, is the newest of the kitchens, and is also the smallest. It has no built-in barbecue, so we'll have to bring one (or two).

THE PARKING AT PRIEST POINT PARK HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY REDUCED. Many of the former parking spots have been replaced with tree trunks buried in the ground so you can't park there. Do not park on grass or in driveways. It makes the park staff unhappy. The nearest parking is about 40 feet away at the overlook, and if that's full, it's up above at the restrooms and the turnaround area. The park recommends carpooling, and after looking at the facility, I'd second that.

Alternatively, it may be nice to unload at the kitchen & then drive your car to the nearest parking spot. As always, the park has a No Alcohol policy, but we'll bring tons of pop, water, and coffee to wash down the junk food. See you there!

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Education notes for June

Bill and Dana Eppenstein, Bruce Thompson, Dave Kuchenbecker, Rich LaRosa, all passed their Piloting Course exams. WOW, that's 100% of the registered class.

The class ended on April 17 with the exams submitted to National for grading about the 27th.

Congratulations to you all. Pat & I are proud to have had such a bright group of PILOTS.

Nick and Pat Brower



Lucky Winner????

So far, no one has claimed the prize of a free boating class by finding their member number in the Seaman's Log. Be sure to read this month's Log carefully. If you find your number, give me a holler and claim your prize.

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Bridge Meeting

The next Bridge meeting is June 8th. This meeting will be held at The Tea Leaf Restaurant located at 4646 Pacific Ave. SE in Lacey. It lies between St. Martin's and Cut Rate Auto Parts. Dinner will start @ 6:00 PM and the meeting @ 7:00 PM. Just a reminder, you don't have to be on the Bridge to attend.

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<i>June 2009</i>			
3	Pre-registration for Public Boating Class	1700	Lacey Fire Station 6500 Mullen Rd. Lacey
6	Public Boating Class	0800-1700	Lacey Fire Station 1231 Franz St. SE Lacey
8	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
15	General Meeting 1830: Pot luck dinner – “Sail Into Summer” – Bring your favorite recipe for boat trip food 1930: Les Eldridge, “Lincoln and His Relationship to the US Navy”	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
19-21	District Rendezvous		Poulsbo
<i>July 2009</i>			
18	Picnic	1300-1700	Priest Point Park, Kitchen #3
<i>August 2009</i>			
7	Children’s Hands on Museum	1800-2000	Children’s Hands on Museum
22-23	Wine Tasting and Bridge Breakfast		Arabellas Marina Gig Harbor
<i>September 2009</i>			
14	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	TBA
21	General Meeting Tim Miller – Crewing on the Lady Washington	1930-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
26	Public Boating Class	0800-1700	Lacey Fire Station 1231 Franz St. SE Lacey

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Between the Galley and the Bilge

Well, I've been in my new job as Education Officer for just about a month now, and a lot has been going on. I just thought I was busy as Commander.

First of all, what's happening in our **Public Boating classes**? Yes, I know, probably everyone reading this article has completed the Basic Public Boating Class. However, you folks are our best form of advertising to promote this class! Maybe you know a boating or fishing friend who would benefit from this course. Don't forget the Mandatory Boater Education Law. This year the law applies to everyone 25 years or younger, next year it goes up to age 30 and so on. Get the word out!! Here are the dates of our next classes:

June 6, 2009

Sep. 26, 2009

Jan. 23, 2010

At all of our meetings, we will have flyers advertising our Public Boating classes and everyone is encouraged to take one or two and post them at your favorite market, club or organization.

Last month I mentioned that we needed some new instructors to step forward, but that was not the only thing we needed new in our Education Dept. Our old and tired laptop computer was wearing out (sorta like me). I think we got it just about the time our old "overhead projector" (remember those?) was giving out. We have now purchased a brand new laptop (ThinkPad SL5000) for a real bargain price. It is a great workhorse machine.

So what else is going on of interest in your Education Dept, you ask? In our **Elective** courses, **Maggie Miller** just enjoyed the "two on one" teaching of Skipper Saver class from **Pat and Nick Brower** aboard their boat, the Time Out. We also had 10 members attend the Instructor's recertification class at our education Seminar in Eatonville. Congratulations to:

Nick and Pat Brower

Jim and Debbie Harden

Clyde Shiner

Bobbie Scott

Paul and Donna Davis

Jerry Cross

Tim Miller

Wow, what a great Education Seminar it was. It was a beautiful location, with good attendance, great weather, and an informative program. Let's give a BIG thanks to **Jim Harden** for organizing this event!

Finally, how are we promoting our **Seminars**? I recently contacted the Director of Community Classes at Puget Sound College and we are looking into the feasibility of teaching some of our Seminars through their Community Education Program. We are hoping this will work out. USPS has several great two hours seminars. However, we still need instructors. Are you ready to join us?

SEO

Tim

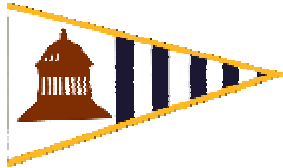
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- 8 Executive meeting at TBA
- 15 Olympia Yacht Club
- 18 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

July/August 2009

- TBA Executive meeting at Rendezvous
- TBA Meetings At Rendezvous
- 18 Aug *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

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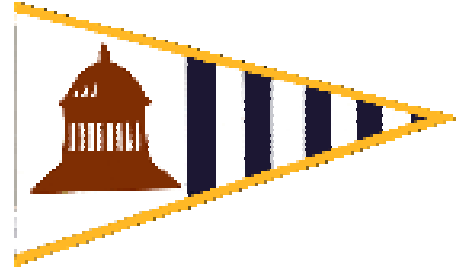
Squadron meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 1930, unless otherwise specified. Call one of the Officers for the location. Summer meetings (July & August) are usually held at different locations. Executive Committee meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at places *to be 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.



THE SEAMAN'S LOG

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JULY/AUGUST 2009



FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I might not know Roberts Rules of Order very well but I sure am familiar with Murphy's Law!!! Our family has tried several times to go to the District Poulsbo Rendezvous without much success. One year after having the boat serviced we lost a belt and blew out the fuel pump before we made it to the Olympia Shoal. The next year I had shoulder surgery and went by car. The following year we overheated near the same spot and ended up driving again. One more shoulder surgery which now leads us up to this year. I was going to be proactive and have some electronics checked out, oil and Zincs changed. I thought a basic spring check-out of the boat was worth the peace of mind without going through another Cross family adventure. At least, that's what we call it when things don't go quite as planned.

So to the Swantown haul-out dock with the kids I went to have the boat pulled in the morning and back in the water the following morning. I showed up bright and early with coffee in hand full of exuberance anticipating the fun that would be shared by everyone when the boat was back in the water. OK, usually it is just me that is all giddy about taking the boat out unless we are spending the night somewhere. After the boat was pressure washed and put up on blocks, my fellow Harbor Patrol member, friend and Shurtz's mechanic Pavin, along with, you guessed it, MURPHY, showed up to start looking the boat over. That is when Pavin pointed out a clamp that was broken on the out-drive boot. He pulled on the boot

and that was when sea-water, along with my money, started flowing too freely for my liking. Oh, and by the way, it's been 2 years since the bottom was painted and I am getting some flaking on the stern. This is, I guess, a situation you can compare to being between a rock and a hard place. The person who came up with this saying was probably a boater and I'm sure Murphy was some type of yachtsman.

Now that my bank account is \$3000 smaller, I am confident that our family will be enjoying the \$12 steak dinner in Poulsbo Saturday evening. I don't think our weeklong California spring break vacation cost that much and we even got to bring home some souvenirs. I am hoping for the best, if not, at least I will have something to write about for my next article.

Enjoy the summer activities you have planned. Hopefully one will be at a Squadron function. But foremost, have fun and be safe!! visit- www.oly-sps.org

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Summer; time to go boating; going north always from here; seen it before; won't miss anything if I'm reading: bring on a good book. At a placid 7 knots when we cruise, there's plenty of time to see the sights and to enjoy summer reading. Of course, if you were at the Squadron meeting on Monday, you have three of Les

Eldridge's novels about competing navies before and during the American Civil War. You might even have a copy of The Wilkes Expedition, more properly called The United States Exploratory Expedition, 1838 – 1842. Commander Charles Wilkes covered the globe on this voyage. But for those who live in the northwest, the points of interest will be all those places he named, often for members of the crew and staff, in Washington and Oregon. Pickering Passage is just outside our living room windows, Totten, Eld, and Budd Inlets to our starboard when we head out for the north. McNeil Island, The Narrows, Gig Harbor. Without Chas. Wilkes, we'd never know where we are.

When I can find novels that combine boating with strong female characters, then I'm doubly blessed. The Captain's Wife by Douglas Kelley, is a novel based on the few facts known about Mary Patten, an extraordinary woman. Her husband Joshua was the captain of a clipper ship, Neptune's Car. Both had a good reputation for speed in sailing from New York to San Francisco. For Joshua and Mary's second trip together, in 1855 when she was just 20, the second mate was replaced with a person not of Joshua's choosing, which, combined with the captain's illness and long stretches of bad weather, resulted in serious problems on the voyage. Mary had learned from her husband how to use charts of winds and currents and to take the boat's position using a sextant. How many of today's boaters can do that?

Well, the first mate ended up in the brig, Joshua became ill and steadily worsened, Mary was pregnant. The second mate was young and relatively inexperienced, and Cape Horn weather was awful. All this would make a great movie, although I pity the actors and actress who would have to endure like circumstances in making the movie.

How did it all turn out? You can borrow my book and find out.

The second novel is by Dana Stabenow, who usually writes about things that happen in Alaska on land. Like The Captain's Wife, it's about a married couple, Hugh Rincon, a CIA analyst and his estranged wife Sara Lange, who commands the Coast Guard cutter "Sojourner Truth" in the waters off Alaska. There's a bomb explosion in Thailand, North Korean terrorists, a SCUD missile sold, no, no, not on ebay, but definitely "off the books", a Russian ship going where it shouldn't, and all that kind of exciting stuff. Not going to tell you more, but if Harrison Ford has a (much) younger sister, she can star in the movie that's made from this book.

Happy Reading! Happy Sailing!

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ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE END OF THE BRIDGE

We had a great crowd and a great time at our last meeting of the year. Those of us who were there went home smiling. We had fun, lots to eat, and we learned something from our speaker, author Les Eldridge. If you missed Donna's Brandy Alexander pie, you really missed a treat! Now here comes summer! The next thing up is the annual PICNIC! This year it will be at Priest Point Park, Kitchen #3, on Saturday, July 18, from 1300 to 1700. Kitchen 3 is on the water side, across from the viewpoint. Parking is limited, so please carpool, or drop off your picnic baskets at the kitchen, park up above, and walk back down. Our intrepid Commander will be bringing a barbecue grill, plus hamburgers, hot dogs, cold pop, and water to drink.

What you should bring: Your own plates, utensils, and napkins (we'll have some if you forget)

A side dish, salad, or dessert.

Any special drinks you may like (no alcohol is allowed in city parks)

There are several large picnic tables. Outside the kitchen area the ground slopes off steeply. If you plan to bring chairs, you may want to drive through & take a look at the area first.

In August, we're combining the wine tasting with the Bridge Breakfast for a bang-up weekend at Arabella's Landing in Gig Harbor. Always a top favorite with our Squadron, Arabella's has great amenities and easy access to beautiful "downtown" Gig Harbor.

Activities will begin on Friday evening, August 21 with hors d'oeuvres on the dock. Bring a plate of your favorites. Saturday morning, on your own for breakfast and shopping. Our annual wine tasting, hosted by Mike and Vonnie Contris, begins at 4 PM in the Lounge area above the dock. That's the room with the sink and microwave next to the office. Bring snacks to share, to "clear the palate" between tastings, or just to scarf down. If you wish, bring a bottle of favorite wine, or perhaps a new discovery. (or just something with a weird name that you've wanted to try.)

Sunday morning from 0900 to 1100 we will be in the Lounge again for the Great Bridge Breakfast. Every tasty snack that you can think of for breakfast, all cooked by your Bridge Officers! Just bring yourself! We'll have coffee, juice, and food in abundance.

As always, you may come by boat or by car to Gig Harbor - it's an easy drive from Olympia.

If you're planning to go by boat, please call your reservations in to Arabella's as soon as possible. We need a minimum of 7 boats registered by August 1. Their phone

number is (253) 851-1793. See you all at Arabella's!

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VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS (VSC) VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINERS

Summer is here at last. At least the weather is starting to act like our normal summer.

Our Squadron is doing well in providing Vessel Safety Examinations for our fellow boaters. In fact, that is what I want to share with you -- stories of fellow boaters.

How many times have you noted while doing a VSE that a story is being shared? Sometimes it is about specific problems having to do with the engine, electronics, how often the zincs have had to be replaced due to a HOT marina or maybe something happened that we can share as a learning experience. Several weeks ago we were on an outing at Dock Street Marina in Tacoma, which is one of my favorite ones so far as it is so close to shopping. But I digressed. I was doing a VSC for a boater that had just taken his boat back from his Broker as it is for sale. He had decided to take it back home and use it while waiting to sell it.

When I asked to see his registration he could not find it. Turns out the Broker had it. Here is a very important thing to remember. Always have your registration on the boat when you use it. Hopefully he got home without being boarded as it could have been very costly.

Another boater that I worked with that day had to get a new light bulb for his navigation lights. Turns out he had just replaced the bulb not long before that but,

again, we are talking about a boat. If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong.

Check out your own vessel just before you take it out. You never know what damage those WATER GREMLINS have been up to.

See you on the water.

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We have a winner!!!

Donna Davis proved she is an avid reader of our Seaman's Log when she found her membership number hidden in last month's issue. She is now entitled to one free member class either "advanced" or "elective". Great job, Donna!

Who will be our next winner...it may be you. It pays to read the Seaman's Log.

Tim (SEO)



Check out our Squadron web-page, really cool!!!

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A big thanks to our Webmaster, Kathryn Querry, who keeps updating our web-page with new/cool stuff!!!!

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SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER
REPORT

See page 7.

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SAFETY OFFICER

Please make sure you secure your dinghy and other boating accessories on your boat at the dockside. Just recently on a sunny Sunday afternoon with a lot of people and boaters around the docks a dinghy was stolen from Martin Marina. This marina does have locked gates like most marinas do but where there is a will there is a way. Luckily for the owner the dinghy was recovered along with the person who had taken it.

I have seen in various articles, most recently in Nor'westing magazine, the Coast Guard is emphasizing the rules when navigating in close proximity to military boats, aircraft etc. You must stay at least 500 yards away from a naval vessel larger than 100 feet in length. This area is called the Naval Vessel Protection Zone. When within 500 yards of a naval vessel, all boaters, both commercial and recreational, shall operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course. No vessel or person may approach within 100 yards of the naval vessel unless authorized by the Coast Guard or the naval vessel. Violation of the NVPZ is a felony offense punishable by up to 6 years in prison and fines up to \$250,000.

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JUNE-JULY-AUGUST HAPPY
BIRTHDAYS !!!

Congratulations and I hope you have a wonderful day. Come celebrate some dessert with them at the June meeting.

JUNE

Jane Shiner – 1st
Judith Kruller – 3rd
Glen Thompson – 10th
Skip Hash – 11th
Rebecca Cross – 16th
David Tollefson – 19th
Joanne Woolard – 30th

JULY

Phillip Cameron - 7th

AUGUST

Deborah Harden - 3rd
Holly Robinson - 13th
Spencer Scholes - 14th
Donald Ingersoll - 20th
Rick Carr - 25th
Jerry Cross - 28th

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PICNIC IN JULY

Save the date! Saturday, July 18.
Let's hope it doesn't rain! We are booked at Kitchen #3 at Priest Point Park from 1 PM to 5 PM. Kitchen 3 is down on the water side of the park, is the newest of the kitchens, and is also the smallest. It has no built-in barbecue, so we'll have to bring one (or two).

THE PARKING AT PRIEST POINT PARK HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY REDUCED. Many of the former parking spots have been replaced with tree trunks buried in the ground so you can't park there. Do not park on grass or in driveways. It makes the park staff unhappy. The nearest parking is about 40 feet away at the overlook, and if that's full, it's up above at the restrooms and the turnaround area. The park recommends carpooling, and after looking at the facility, I'd second that.

Alternatively, it may be nice to unload at the kitchen & then drive your car to the nearest parking spot. As always, the park has a No Alcohol policy, but we'll bring tons of pop, water, and coffee to wash down the junk food. See you there!

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Here's what Thomas Jefferson thinks about democracy; "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give it to those who would not."



Hello Dorothy,

Wow, what a great article in yesterday's Olympian (Saturday) about the heroic efforts of our Squadron members J. Jones, Rich LaRosa and Jerry Cross while on Harbor Patrol duty.

I know we were both questioning if this article would ever appear. All of your dedicated efforts to get it published finally paid off...THANKS!

Tim

"boating is fun...we'll show you how"

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



Thanks Cabela's

Cabela's in Lacey has donated to our Squadron two \$25 gift certificates to be used at our monthly meeting raffles. Let's all give Cabela's a great big "Thank You".

Would you take a couple of minutes and ask one on our local businesses in town if they might like to donate a gift to our Squadron raffle? If we don't ask, we will never know.



<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d16/>



They told me not to get the trailer too deep into the water.



<i>July 2009</i>			
18	Picnic	1300-1700	Priest Point Park, Kitchen #3
<i>August 2009</i>			
7	Children's Hands on Museum	1800-2000	Children's Hands on Museum
22-23	Wine Tasting and Bridge Breakfast		Arabellas Marina Gig Harbor
<i>September 2009</i>			
14	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	TBA
21	General Meeting Tim Miller – Crewing on the Lady Washington	1930-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
26	Public Boating Class	0800-1700	Lacey Fire Station 1231 Franz St. SE Lacey

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

Between the Galley and the Bilge

We are going to do something a little different this year for our Educational class materials. If you are interested in taking any of our upcoming educational classes, you can submit your check to me NOW for the class material. Why wait. The material may be ordered even if you don't plan on taking the class. However, there are NO refunds.

We do not have a start date for any of these classes yet, but it would be helpful if you had the material ahead of time to review. The deadline for ordering class materials is 30 days prior to the start of class.

Here are the classes being planned at this time for 2009-10:

<u>ADVANCED CLASSES</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Non-member cost</u>
Seamanship	\$45	\$160 (includes a Family Squadron membership)
Advanced Piloting	\$40	
Navigation	\$165	
<u>SEMINARS:</u>		
GPS	\$25	\$35
Marine Radar	\$30	\$40

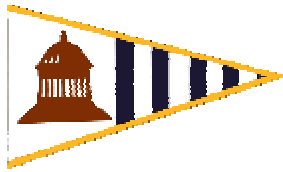
If you wish to order student material for ANY seminar or course offered by USPS, please let me know and I will get you a price quote. Go to our USPS homepage for a list of all classes offered. Please make your check payable to: Olympia Sail and Power Squadron Mail to: P/C Tim Miller, 5021 Beverly Dr. NE, Lacey WA 98516.

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ON THE HORIZON

July/August 2009

- TBA** Executive meeting at Rendezvous
TBA Meetings At Rendezvous
18 Aug *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

September 2009

- 14** Executive meeting at Rendezvous
21 Meetings At Rendezvous
17 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

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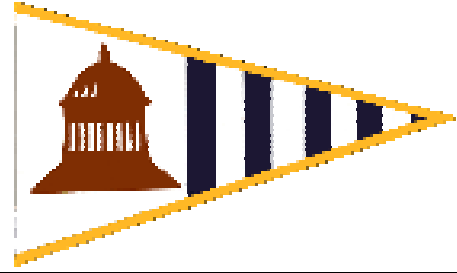
Squadron meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 1930, unless otherwise specified. Call one of the Officers for the location. Summer meetings (July & August) are usually held at different locations. Executive Committee meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at places *to be 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.**



THE SEAMAN'S LOG

The Voice of the
OLYMPIA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
SEPTEMBER 2009



FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer / boating season. There was certainly no lack of sunshine or boating accidents. Boating safety should be number one on everyone's list regardless of the weather condition. Unfortunately, most people only don a life-jacket when there is imminent danger or the weather turns ugly. Most of the boating fatalities this year were due to people not wearing a PFD. It makes our job a little bit more challenging to change the public focus to wearing a life-jacket at all times. The life-jacket manufacturers have noticed this and have changed the styles to be less bulky and more comfortable. The Olympia Harbor Patrol, along with the assistance of Dairy Queen, pass out ice cream coupons to kids that are wearing a PFD while on the water. We emphasize this in the Basic Boating course and at every public event or booth we participate in. If we can make a difference, change one person's habits of wearing a PFD, and save a life, then we have done our job as a boating safety organization. This is what keeps me participating in the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron.

My time so far as a commander has been a challenging one to say the least, with many lows and only an occasional high. When I accepted the office I knew increasing the membership and retaining our current members would be a daunting task, of knowing that some would incur financial difficulties and would have to cut out extracurricular activities like the Squadron.

We have sadly had a few members sail off into the horizon. Our condolences are with their families. I had to cancel the picnic due to very limited participation. I apologize to those of you who do not have e-mail and were planning to attend, but were not contacted by me. It was oversight on my part. My boat made it to the District Rendezvous at Poulsbo for the very first time, but the Hardens and Davises had mechanical difficulties. When I got back to Olympia I found out I had a small oil leak, that has since turned into a engine replacement so my boating season is done for now. Those were the low points

The highs were making it to Poulsbo where I was able to talk with a couple contemplating joining our Squadron. I was able to spend some special time with old boating friends and make new ones, especially Ray Thomas, the Commander for North Olympic Squadron. Seeing the enthusiasm of the kids at The Hands On Children Museum was great. They just loved throwing a line bag made out of a plastic grocery bag. It's just a reminder that it is the simple things that makes life enjoyable. The number one high is being a fellow member of the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron. Where else can you find people who can share their vast experience without cost, lend a hand at the dock or be willing to share a glass of wine without a second thought. The Squadron is filled with hardworking individuals working together as one unit. A home away from home. Sometimes everyone just looks at the numbers whether it is financial or amount of

members increased or lost. I believe a Squadron's net worth is in the quality, not quantity, of its members. Columbia Bend doesn't even have a full bridge.

Remember, our goal is education of the public and to promote safe boating whenever we can. Thanks for your efforts and friendship.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE HOW WE SPENT OUR SUMMER VACATION

This was the summer we were going to go boating. After having projects to do at the house for the last two summers, this was travel time. We started with the District Rendezvous in Poulsbo, and that's as far as we got. The engine made a horrible noise when it was time to leave on Sunday. Our goal had been Seattle to see a Mariner's game, and have Father's Day dinner with our kids, then fill in time cruising until the Bellevue Squadron Salmon Bake in Brownsville. Our Squadron engine gurus, Nick Brower and Bill Walker, examined the engine and surroundings, heard the sound, yelled "turn it off", and cancelled our travel plans for the next ten days. Fortunately, there's a good diesel mechanic in Poulsbo, and on the next Sunday he installed our re-built turbocharger so we could return home.

Alas, the boat didn't get up to speed on that trip when at speed RPMs, so Paul had it hauled out. That meant missing our next event, the Mainship Owner's Rendezvous in Genoa Bay on Vancouver Island. The boss at Pettit Marine had a lot of ideas about what might be the cause, most of which sounded as if they would remove all the dollars from the "cruise funds"

column in our budget. To our delight it was just barnacles on the propeller and on the bow-thruster. With that cleared off, a new dedicated starting battery, new zincs, touched up bottom paint, and a repaired furnace, we were ready to circumnavigate the Sound.

As associate members of the Bellevue Squadron, we decided to join their annual Canadian cruise to Maple Bay on Vancouver Island and Otter Bay on North Pender. Our intended and actual loading and departure days turned out to be 100 degree days. The stairway to our dock gets longer and steeper every time we traverse it, so Paul devised a loading crane from a crab pot and a long line. Supplies were wedged in, in reasonable amounts, and hung from our deck to me on the beach for staging on the walk-out. What a relief to the knees! Of course it took longer than we planned, so our departure was a couple of hours later than we intended. Going at full throttle to get us to Kingston at our ETA meant a wonderful cooling breeze all the way. The marina has a small electric cart you can borrow for free to go shopping for the groceries and supplies you discovered on the way that you omitted in your preparations. (Remember, the last Cruise Planning class was cancelled.)

On through Deception Pass to Blind Bay on Shaw Island for our first night at anchor and the first onboard test, successful, of our Cobb barbecue. It's about the size of a big stock pot, uses 8-12 briquets, stays cool on the outside, and can sit safely right in our cockpit. Since we've no place to attach a Magma type barbecue, this South African product is a great find for us.

Next stop, Customs at Bedwell Harbor for Canadian Customs, then Port Browning on North Pender at the marina. Good news, the facilities are all being remodeled, in sequence, the pub and café first. Bad news, the marina restrooms and showers were closed as "works in progress".

Fortunately, the pub restrooms were available, but showers were at the gas station uphill, down dale, and far enough away that you'd be sweaty all over again by the time you got back.

We spent three nights in Maple Bay with Bellevue and with the NorVan Squadron. The marina is great with a big gazebo for group dinners in welcomed shade, owners who will drive you to Duncan in a van to replenish used up supplies (the independent liquor store has a vast selection of B C wines) or to the Raptor Center, and good restaurants are readily available, even a pub whose bar is made from part of an old wooden brigantine.

On our own until the next weekend, we chose to go to Telegraph Harbor, where we'd been about 25 years ago. I wanted to go through "the gut", which we had seen before but not been able to get through in a 37' Lord Nelson tug. We celebrated our anniversary with burgers at the PUB and chatted with a local who told us it was tricky to get through the gut, even at high tide in a dinghy. That meant either going in the wee small hours or the next evening, so we chose to go to Chemainus the next morning, find an ATM, enjoy the murals, and get me a much-needed haircut. The Chemainus Bakery is just a couple of blocks from the marina and it's really good, well worth a special stop in that town. Their cinnamon rolls set the standard (high) for that item.

Then to Montague Harbor on Galiano Island for a night on a mooring buoy, along with a lot of other boats. Watching some of them, we learned a lot about how to pickup a buoy, and how not to. In the harbor, there's a bakery in a several-times-remodeled car ferry. Dinghy up, take your turn going on board, chat with the wife/baker while you select your favorites, get the husband to carry all your packages while you scramble gracefully back into the dinghy, and enjoy

the cinnamon scent as you hurry back to your boat for a fresh baked sweet roll. Yum.

Next we went to Ganges on Salt Spring Island. We took the marina jitney boat to the far end of town and meandered our way through. The hardware store had cable ties so we could hang our USPS flags in odd places, green striped plates on close-out to match ones I'd bought for the boat at Fair Harbor; and a \$1,000.00 hand carved wood chair that was comfortable, but just wouldn't fit on our boat. Yes, there's a very good bakery, and I highly recommend their rhubarb pie. Our return path took us past a restaurant we'd read about in Cleats and Eats, House Piccolo, with a Finnish chef. (No lutefisk on the menu.) We made a reservation for later; and that evening celebrated our anniversary in style, from the foie gras appetizer to crepes filled with lingonberries and topped with whipped cream. Yes, we recommend that place, too, perfect for a special evening.

Back to North Pender, to Otter Bay Marina with the Bellevue-ians and the Vancouver Island South District (VISD) Canadians. It is nestled comfortably out of the wind in a protected part of the bay. A new owner has been making improvements, but weather and the water supply are beyond his power to control. There was no fresh water for filling boat tanks. Fortunately there was enough for marina operations, the café, restrooms, showers and laundry, so we were not in crisis. Our host VISD members were very friendly and hospitable, and challenging. We played games: imagine having to write a song about the theme of the rendezvous, using a list of words and phrases prepared for you by a committee of devious minds. Then there was a multiple choice quiz of theme related questions. Finally, we had to make a paper airplane, the theme was Flights of Fancy from construction materials given: 8 1/2 x 11 paper, paper clips, clear tape, scissors, and crayons. No singers on

our team, so-so on quizzes, a plane that couldn't get off the runway – we were lucky to come in fifth out of six.

There was a raffle at the Saturday banquet. The first ticket drawn was mine, so I got my choice of prizes. I didn't think I could make good use of a B C ferry certificate, I have enough jackets, so I'm going to the Grand Pacific Hotel in Victoria for a night of luxury. ((Paul thinks I'm taking him!)) VISD has a handsome trailer which they use for transporting tables, chairs, education supplies, barbecues, whatever they need to take around their district for classes, seminars, social events, etc. All their Squadron burgees are displayed in paint on the sides. One of their members has a big Ford F 150 Super Crew King Ranch Edition pickup truck to haul it. What a great opportunity for a District 16 guy who has always wanted a pickup, to offer to be the hauler of ours, if our District would spring for a trailer!

VISD sent us on our way Sunday morning strengthened with a great breakfast of pancakes and sausage. Since we had missed out on Genoa Bay with the Mainship people, we decided to make that our next stop. We had a pleasant trip back to Vancouver Island and arrived at the marina in plenty of time to get our laundry done before the late afternoon arrivals wanted to use the machines. Alas for our water tank, they too, were having a water shortage. We avoided the dirty dish problem by going to dinner at the Genoa Bay Café. Our reservation was for 8:00, and we didn't leave until 11:00, enjoyed great food from the chef and interesting conversation with other diners and finally with our host/waiter. One couple was particularly remarkable. She was from Yellow Knife in the Northwest Territories, and he was in the RCMP. Of course we asked him if he always got his man. He said not quite; he couldn't always get the evidence to prove a case, but he

always ended up knowing who the guilty person was. He even had one suspect confess to him and then laugh because, he said, "You don't have the evidence to charge me, do you?" This couple is a bit older than we are, has been married for 54 years, and now does their boating out of Tswassen in a 28 foot sailboat.

The next day it was raining, there was a wind and choppy water, so we tacked over to Cowichan Bay for water and fuel, where there was plenty of both.

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**ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT
FROM THE END OF THE BRIDGE**

On the Water!

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**VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS (VSC)
VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINERS**

On the Water!

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JOANNE WOOLARD

P/C Joanne Woolard, SN passed away in July. Joanne joined the Olympia Sail & Power Squadron in 1986. She was elected as Commander in 1996. She taught many classes including Navigation and several sections of the Public Boating Class.

We will miss her and the knowledge that she was always available if we had a question that we could not answer.



Check out our Squadron web-page,
really cool!!!

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

A big thanks to our Webmaster, Kathryn
Querry, who keeps updating our web-page
with new/cool stuff!!!!

Tim



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How to see the OSPS Roster on the website:

1. Go to <http://www.oly-sps.org>
2. Toward the upper right corner, click on "Squadron Roster";
3. At the login screen, type your first name in the User Name field;
4. Type your member number in the Password field;
5. Click Login.
6. In the next window, click to open the roster file;
7. Once in the roster .PDF file, you can use the Find feature in Adobe Reader to locate any name/ word in the file;
8. When you want to return to the OSPS website, click the link at the top of the first page of the roster file. Your internet browser Back button will not work, for security reasons.

If the Login page does not work for you, it is probably because I don't have your name and member number in the validation list. Please send me an email with first and last name, and member number. You can click on the "Webmaster" link at the bottom of any page on the website

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Crewing on the Lady Washington

By the time you receive this issue of the Seaman's Log, Harbor Days may be over (Sept. 5, 6 & 7). This year, Harbor Days in Olympia will be visited by the tall ships, The Lady Washington and her sister ship, the Hawaiian Chieftain. I hope you had the opportunity to tour these wonderful ships.

This summer I experienced the thrill of being a volunteer crew member aboard The Lady Washington. This ship is an exact replica of the original ship built back in the 1750s and was featured in the movie, Pirates of the Caribbean. The Lady Washington was completed in 1989 to commemorate the state of Washington's 100th birthday.

When I signed up for the trip, I had no idea of the challenges facing me. My first (and biggest challenge) was learning the terminology on this sailing ship. I am strictly a "power boater" and have only been on a sailing vessel two or three times in my life. I never realized that EVERYTHING on a sailing ship had a special name and that there was sooooo much work to do on this ship. There were names I'd never heard of before (and will probably never hear again)...Sweat and Tail, Baggywrinkles, Ratlines, Bunt, Clew, and Manspike (Marlinspike?) to name a few.

I learned early that crewing on a tall ship is not for the "faint-hearted". There was no one on the ship over 30 years of age! Our daily routine on the ship was just like it was 250 years ago. There was always work to be

done, in addition to conducting daily tours, there were our many daily chores, lots of hard work, challenging living quarters and long, long hours.

Well, my old body finally gave up and I had to call it quits and got off a couple of days before my planned two weeks were finished. However, I can say this was one of the most challenging things I've done so far on my "bucket list".

Be sure to attend our next Squadron meeting on Monday, Sept. 21 at 1900 when I will share all of these adventures on a PowerPoint photo slide show. Maybe you have a sailing friend or neighbor who would enjoy this presentation...invite them to our meeting.

P/C Tim Miller



Awards for Classes

A grant has been received from the USPS Educational Fund that rewards Squadron members for taking advanced courses. A competition in each of several course categories is being offered and prizes will be awarded via a drawing of all students that successfully complete the course by passing the final exam. The contest began July 1, 2009 and ends June 30, 2010. The awards will be announced and presented at the Seattle Governing Board, August 30 - September 4, 2010.

The available Prizes:

1. Seamanship (3) Handheld VHF radios
2. Piloting (3) Handheld GPS
3. Advanced Piloting (3) Sets of
Navigational software
4. JN (1) Chart Plotter
5. Weather (3) Barometers
6. Marine Electrical Systems (3) Multimeters
7. Engine Maintenance (3) Multimeters





Free training materials

Would you like to have a student book on “Predicted Log Races” or “Skipper Saver”...free? Our Squadron has a limited supply of these outdated teaching materials being offered to anyone who wants one...free.

The Predicted Log Race manual teaches you how to win a Predicted Log Race with guides simplifying calculations and provide practice contest training.

The Skipper Saver manual teaches basic boat handling to enable the first-mate to handle an emergency when the skipper is disabled.

These manuals will be available at our general meetings until we run out or contact me for one.

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Are you a winner????

There was no winner this last month for the member number hidden in the Seaman’s Log. See if you can find it in this issue? If you find your number, contact me to claim your prize...a free Squadron class.

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BRIDGE MEETING

The next Bridge meeting is September 14th. 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

PM. Remember, you don't have to be on the Bridge to attend.

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SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER REPORT

So what’s happening in our Education Dept.? The following students are just now completing their **Advanced Piloting** class taught by **Jim Harden:**

Jerry Cross **Dave Kuchenbecker**
Rich LaRosa **Nick Nicholovich**

The next AP class is scheduled to start Jan. 5, 2010.

We have several members now qualified to take the Junior Navigation class. We would like to offer this course in early spring of 2010. However, we are in need of an instructor for this course. Could that be you?

Registration is now being accepted for two upcoming Seminars, **GPS and Marine Radar**. Both of these seminars are on a Saturday and last for two hours each. The seminars are open to the public as well as OSPS members. Class size is limited to 10 students in GPS and 8 students to Marine Radar. Sign up soon.

If you are interested in taking a Seminar or Elective course, signup sheets are at our general meetings. If you cannot attend the meeting, call me and let me know what you are interested in taking. When we have enough interested students, we then plan the Seminar/class.

Don’t forget, we also have a **Public Boating** course coming up all day **Sept. 26**, and repeating again Jan. 23. Be sure to tell your friends and get them enrolled

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<u>Seminar</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Instructor(s)</u>
GPS	Oct. 17, 2009 10 am - noon	Olympia Police sub- station 221 Perry Rd.	Jim Hanson
Marine Radar	Oct. 31, 2009 10 am - noon	Olympia Police sub- station 221 Perry Rd.	Jim Hanson

ADVANCED CLASSES

<u>Course</u>
<p><u>Dates</u> <u>Location</u> <u>Instructor(s)</u></p> <p>Seamanship Oct.7, 2009 7 pm – 9 pm 10 weeks Lacey fire dept. 6500 Mullen Rd.</p> <p>Bill Walker</p> <p>Advanced Piloting Jan. 5, 2010 7pm -9 pm 8 weeks 5553 Wallaby Ct. Lacey Jim Harden & John DeMeyer</p>

Pre-registration and pre-payment for class materials is required for all Seminars and Classes



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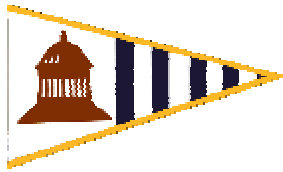
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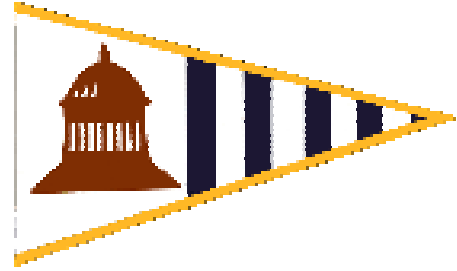
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FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back from all of your summer excursions. I'm sure it was filled with lasting memories to share with your friends and families. You probably enjoyed many sunny days and clear nights without having to worry about any precipitation in the forecast. But, as the Commander, I have to let you know that summer is over and fall is here to stay. Anybody that worked the booth or was anywhere near Olympia's Harbor Days festivities could attest to this. Mother Nature showed her personality with an enthusiastic down pour, especially on Sunday. Thanks to Jane and Clyde for being real troopers during the rain fest.

Now it is time to gear up and help out your Squadron!!! Stop in at one of the general meetings and listen to one of the many fantastic speakers Bobbie has set up for the next several months. Don't be shy, you can even bring a friend along if you wish. If meetings aren't your thing, you can increase your boating skills by signing up for an upcoming class. I just got done taking the Advanced Piloting class. Yes, it was challenging but I learned something through it all. I even got inspired to teach a seminar at the beginning of the year (OK that is actually one of my yearly goals, but give me credit for fulfilling it). Another aspect of participating in a Squadron activity is to meet new and interesting people. We have lost several members over the summer and added quite a few, so stop by and say hello.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

On the water!

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ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE END OF THE BRIDGE

It seemed like summer would never end, but in case you hadn't noticed, these October days are getting really short. It's officially fall.

Now will somebody please tell our grass to QUIT growing?!

We have lots of activities coming up this month. First off will be the annual Salmon Bake and White Elephant Auction at Chuck and Viki Sharp's house on Sunday, October 18, starting at 1200. This is one of our biggest events, and our only fund-raiser. Salmon, clams, and corn will be furnished by the Squadron. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Bring a WRAPPED item to be auctioned. It does not have to relate to boating, but should be useful and of some value. I save "stuff" that's too good to give to the Goodwill but not good enough to go to the trouble of putting on Ebay. Jerry, how's that live goldfish doing that you won last year? Bring some \$\$\$ along so you can bid on interesting-looking packages.

Everyone is invited, adults and kids alike. There'll be sodas, pay-as-you-go bar, lots of food, good company, and friends. You can't beat it.

We may need several people to get there a little early and help drag the necessary equipment out of Sharp's barn and set everything up. If you can help, please call Commander Jerry at 923-5425.

If you need directions to Sharp's house, call them at 866-7134.

How are you as an auctioneer? How fast can you talk? If you've always secretly wanted to try out, now's your chance. Call Commander Jerry.

The very next day.... Our speaker for this month's meeting, on Monday the 19th, will be David Carpenter from the Hiram Chittenden Locks in Ballard, speaking on Locking Through. He says his presentation will be fairly short so he can answer any questions we may have about bringing our boats through the Ballard locks. The meeting will start at 1830 with a potluck dinner. It will have a Halloween theme as usual, so bring a dish your family likes and come decked out in your spooky finest. Don't leave us officers to be the only ones making fools of ourselves.

On the other hand, my own image in the mirror, especially in the early morning, is scarier than any costume I have. Maybe I'll just leave the witch hat at home!

This makes two days in a row for potlucks! Sunday is salads, side dishes, and desserts only. Monday is main dishes or whatever you wish. I'm going to do something easy for one of them, but I'm going to be there with bells on for both! I hope to see all of you there!

WELCOME! To Gary and Judy Ball, our newest members, who have a 36 foot power boat, the Voyageur, and are interested in joining the ranks of our instructors. If you see them at a meeting, be sure to say "Hello".

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VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS (VSC) VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINERS

I sincerely hope everyone had a great summer! We went out a few times but it was our year to learn how boats breakdown and how the cost has gone up for mechanics. We even learned how to replace our shore power connection in the boat after finding that it had been removed. That was fun. Why is it that boat builders find the hardest ways to get to things to be fixed?

This year, so far, our Squadron is not leading the pack in Vessel Safety Checks. It looks like many other District 16 Squadrons have caught fire in getting these done. That is great, as it is our goal to keep the public safe.

I am proud of our Examiners for doing a good job so far this year. We have until the end of November to check more boats. Don't forget those trailer boats in your own neighborhoods..

See you on the water.

**P/C Debbie Harden, P
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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS !!!!

I apologize for omitting the September birthdays in the last Seaman's Log.

SEPTEMBER- Paul Davis, John Demeyer, Dana Eppenstein, Joseph Fitting, Dave Kuchenbecker, Deborah Schuetz, Bobbie Scott, Stan Scott.

OCTOBER- Guy Cranor, Maggie Miller, Tim Miller, Douglas Ryser, Paul Tollefson. Remember that at every general meeting we will celebrate with a cake and a song.

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4. Type your member number in the Password field;
5. Click Login.
6. In the next window, click to open the roster file;
7. Once in the roster .PDF file, you can use the Find feature in Adobe Reader to locate any name/ word in the file;
8. When you want to return to the OSPS website, click the link at the top of the first page of the roster file.

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SAFETY MESSAGE

Everyone always thinks that it will never happen to them. It will always be somebody else. I emulate a Boy Scout, I am prepared. Are you really? Are you the boater who skimps on safety equipment, but has to have the best GPS, Radar or Chart plotter available? Well, let me enlighten you on a close and personal story.

As many of you know, I work at St. Peter hospital and have many students intern within my department. It just so happened that a fellow peer of mine who I had worked with for a number of years in Tacoma had a son who would be studying in my area for his clinical studies. It had been quite a while since I had laid eyes on him, since he was about 10 or 11 and now he is 21 years old. I could easily see a lot of his dad in his personality. Like any young man, he sometimes thinks he is invincible and doesn't think about what is safe at the time but more about the adventure or fun to be had by all.

Unfortunately, this story does not have a happy ending. A friend of his, along with his twin brother, decided to go swimming in the Nisqually reach area. They noticed a small boat out in the water and tried to swim out to it. They got tired, and when only two made it back to shore, a call to 911 was made. The police and Coast

Guard did an intensive search but were not able to locate his body till the next day.

They were not being safe, treating the cold Puget Sound waters like a warm inland lake. Think safety first and let others you know to do the same. Be aware of your surroundings and know your limitations. I would hate to write another column with a heavy heart.

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Awards for Classes

A grant has been received from the USPS Educational Fund that rewards Squadron members for taking advanced courses. A competition in each of several course categories is being offered and prizes will be awarded via a drawing of all students that successfully complete the course by passing the final exam. The contest began July 1, 2009 and ends June 30, 2010. The awards will be announced and presented at the Seattle Governing Board, August 30 - September 4, 2010.

The available Prizes:

1. Seamanship (3) Handheld VHF radios
2. Piloting (3) Handheld GPS
3. Advanced Piloting (3) Sets of
Navigational software
4. JN (1) Chart Plotter
5. Weather (3) Barometers
6. Marine Electrical Systems (3) Multimeters
7. Engine Maintenance (3) Multimeters



Ahoy folks,

In this month's Ensign there is an article about a new USPS weblink....Sail-Angle.com

All USPS members are encouraged to join up. Check it out at the USPS website

(www.usps.org) and click on Access Sail-Angle.com. It's sort of like a "face book" for boaters, but more to it.

Tim
"boating is fun
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BRIDGE MEETING

The next Bridge meeting is October 12th. 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 PM. Remember, you don't have to be on the Bridge to attend.

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SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER REPORT

Things are moving right along in our Education Department. Our Advanced Piloting class recently finished up. The Seamanship class is just now starting. Seminars are scheduled and we have Advanced Piloting and Navigation classes scheduled for future dates (check out our Squadron calendar). If there is a class or

Seminar you are interested in taking, but it is not now being offered, please give me a call.

Bill Walker starts a new Seamanship class on Oct 7 with the following students enrolled: **John Turner, Gary Ball, Guy Craynor, Spencer Scholes and the Tollefson family; David, Margaret, and Paul.**

If you haven't yet signed up for our brand new GPS or Radar seminars being taught by **Jim Hanson**, it's not too late. GPS will be taught Oct. 17 and Radar on Oct. 31. Class size is limited. The classes will be offered again in January

One of our newest members, **Gary Ball**, has just stepped up to the plate and is anxious to start teaching in our public boating classes. Gary has an extensive background in teaching financial seminars and he will be a great asset to our Education Department. Also, our Commander, **Jerry Cross**, will be teaching some future Seminars (as if he had nothing else to do). How about you? Are you ready to join this elite crew of fantastic educators? Perhaps you could teach a section of our Public Boating class, one of our member Advanced Classes, or a two hour Seminar.

Lastly, let's not forget our upcoming District Conference in Penticton, Canada Oct. 23 – 25. Do you have a "teaching aid" you would like to enter in the competition? If so, please let me know right away.

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Annual Christmas Party

The Olympia Sail and Power Squadron Christmas party will be held on Tuesday evening, December 8, at the Olympia Country and Golf Club. This is the premier social event of the year for the Squadron. It is a time to enjoy a superb holiday dinner in the company of fellow sail and power Squadron members.

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

Time: 6:30 – 7:30 Cocktails with no-host bar
7:30 – 9:00 Dinner and dessert auction

Menu Choices: Prime Rib
Salmon
Vegetarian Entrée

Price: \$32.00 per person

We are again planning to have a dessert auction as a part of the evening's activities. As has been our tradition, proceeds will go to Community Youth Services.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would return the form at the bottom of this page as soon as possible. That will help us greatly in the planning for this joyous event.

Please feel free to bring guests who you believe would enjoy the evening.

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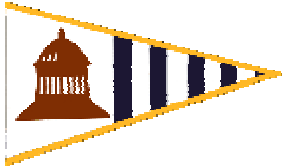
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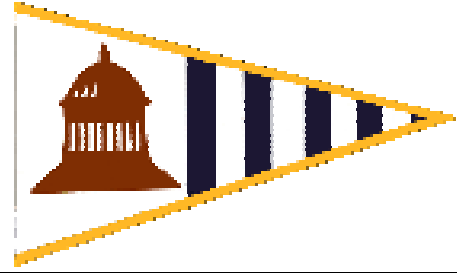
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I want to start off by saying what a wonderful time was had by all the kids we met during the Lacey Children's Fun Day. We gave out Safe Boating Activity bags to 115 kids. On the plus side, we also had some adults show interest in our Basic Boating class. This would not have been at all possible if it wasn't for the following people who helped work the booth: Rebecca Cross, Paul and Donna Davis, Bill and Rose Ann Walker and Kendall.

We will be very busy in the upcoming months with seminars, Basic and Advanced Boating classes. I would ask some of you to help out your Squadron and share your vast knowledge to others by assisting in teaching a class. This is the kind of participation that a Squadron needs to be viable throughout the year. We have a lot of requests from different groups that want us to teach them the Basic Boating course, which we will fulfill these requests because Safe Boating Through Education is what our organization is all about. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact your Education Officer, Tim Miller.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

After our wonderful boat trip this summer, I hoped that Paul and I could take

some overnights, or perhaps even some weekends, to visit South Sound sites before the rains and gloom befell us: Jarrell's Cove, Herron and Ketron Islands, Long Branch, Quartermaster Harbor. No, not Steilacoom. We stayed there once when we wanted to get a night-before start from home on a trip to La Conner. The Burgee said there were electrical hook-ups for transients at Steilacoom. Well, there weren't. We wouldn't have used one anyway. The confusion of extension cords for the permanent tenants—outdoor, indoor, every which way—laid on ill-repaired docks, looked like a disaster waiting to happen. It just took longer to happen than we had foreseen.

Alas, because we wanted a deck built on our house, our weekends got filled up with construction prep. Our only late summer trip was an afternoon taking the ladies of my book club around Harstine Island on a perfect day. Although most of the ladies are or were boaters themselves, "my turn to host with a boat ride" always has the best attendance. Once a boater, always a boater, even when you don't have a boat anymore. These ladies really enjoyed being—what is the nautical word for chauffeured?—transported afloat. Why can't all our weekend days be as beautiful as that Wednesday?

Oysterfest: Last year was wet, wet, wet, and business at our Squadron booth virtually nil. This year the weather and crowds were great, food booths' sales were lively, and many groups even sold out on Saturday. I don't think that where we were

set up last year was even used this year. Perhaps we should be set up by the "Love Your Septic System" booth. Surely that's a big draw, and we would have piggy-backed on their crowds.

All of you should have seen your Commander at the Children's Fair in Lacey. Jerry is magical with kids. It's not just that his knees can handle the squatting with the little ones (unlike those of the grandmas and grandpas who helped man the Squadron booth), but he just seems to know exactly what to say to engage kids, no matter what their age. Even the shyest "rescued" him with the throw bag. It was a delight to watch him.

Now that we live on the Sound I have tended to feel that the boaters in our former Squadron, Portland, don't really know boating. They're just on rivers. No tides with opposing currents and variable winds. But as we drove up the Columbia this week on our way to the Dixieland Jazz Festival in Sun Valley, I revised my opinion. The Columbia River was awash in white caps, more than I've ever seen there before. Our Suburban shook and swayed in the wind as we drove I-84. I pitied the tug boat captains who had to steer their awkward barges through the river's narrows, line them up with the locks, and get them safely to their destinations. The way our comparatively small car was buffeted about made it seem that theirs was an impossible job that day. Yet, before we were out of the gorge we were out of the wind, in a different world, and hopeful fishermen in small boats were gently bobbing on the river. We wished them well.

You all have received an invitation to our annual Christmas Party at the Olympia Country and Golf Club. This is one event when I really do hope to see all of our members there, enjoying old friendships or kindling new ones. It's a time to confirm that ours is a fraternal organization.

Friendship and fellowship spawn a willingness to share boating knowledge that leads us to say:

SAFE BOATING IS FUN! WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW!

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ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE END OF THE BRIDGE

Are you almost ready for Thanksgiving to be here? I'm not!!

I never did get a garden in. Can we go back about six months? Maybe that will let me get caught up!

Whether we're ready or not, here comes November! With it comes, not The Boys of Summer, but The Boys of Shurtz Marine to talk to us about why our boats won't start in the spring when they were JUST FINE when we put them away last week. They'll also cover what routine engine repairs we can tackle, what not to do, & how to tell the difference. They've promised to leave plenty of time for questions by frustrated boat owners whose marine engines won't behave as they should. Come and join us in good fellowship and learn something about your engines at the same time.

Those of you who weren't present at the Salmon Bake at Sharp's missed a truly great time! The weather actually cooperated, Jerry was a super auctioneer, and I haven't laughed so hard since the last one. The only down side was that, as usual, we all ate WAY too much.

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Weather Anyone?

Have you noticed there is a link on the home page of our website to Olympia weather conditions. Click on it to see the forecast for the week ahead, and the tides! I have found it to be very handy and use it often. If you have a good all-around weather website you like to use, please send me an email (kquery3@comcast.net). I'll list all the links I receive from you in an upcoming Seaman's Log.



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Are you a winner????

There was no winner this last month for the member number hidden in the Seaman's Log. See if you can find it in this issue. If you find your number, contact me to claim your prize, a free Squadron class.

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Ahoy there!

Your District is holding their annual Educational Seminar in May, 2010 in Sequim.

We are soliciting ideas for program content. Do you have any suggestions? Let me know.

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Awards for Classes

A grant has been received from the USPS Educational Fund that rewards Squadron members for taking advanced courses. A competition in each of several course categories is being offered and prizes will be awarded via a drawing of all students that successfully complete the course by passing the final exam. The contest began July 1, 2009 and ends June 30, 2010. The awards will be announced and presented at the Seattle Governing Board, August 30 - September 4, 2010.

The available Prizes:

1. Seamanship (3) Handheld VHF radios
2. Piloting (3) Handheld GPS
3. Advanced Piloting (3) Sets of Navigational software
4. JN (1) Chart Plotter
5. Weather (3) Barometers
6. Marine Electrical Systems (3) Multimeters
7. Engine Maintenance (3) Multimeters



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS !!!!

NOVEMBER- Jim Hanson, Dennis M^cHugo, Rose Ann Walker, Lee Wells.

Remember that at every general meeting we will celebrate with a cake and a song.

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SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER REPORT

Your Education Committee has been busy preparing a new and revised Public Boating Course. This new course offered by USPS is called America's Boating Course (ABC). It has been a challenge revising this 12 week course into a one day (8 hour) class. We are getting there, and this new course should be ready to present at our next Public Boating Class scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 23. A big thanks to all of those who have been working on this project: **Clyde Shiner, Jim Harden, Nick**

Brower, Bobbie Scott, Bill Walker and myself.

Thanks go out to **Jim Hanson** who just completed teaching the GPS and Marine Radar Seminars month, and also to **Bill Walker** who is teaching Seamanship. It will conclude this month.

So, what's on the horizon? Here is what we have coming up in 2010:

Advanced Piloting Class....	Jan. 5
GPS Seminar	Jan. 17
Radar Seminar	Jan. 30
Jr. Navigation Class	March 2

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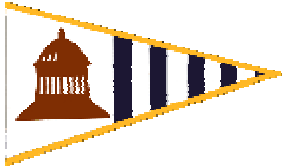
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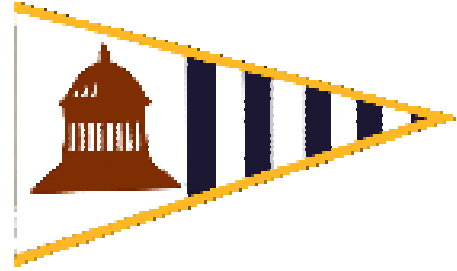
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The Voice of the
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December 2009



FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It is that time of year to celebrate the upcoming holidays. Time to reminisce upon the past and look forward toward the future. How things have change over the years in boating, with our forefathers sailing with crude oil based compasses, sextants to figure out your position and line to measure depth. Now we utilize touch screen displays, radar, GPS and depth sounders to make a safer voyage. In the past, people started as crew before they became the captain of a vessel. Now anyone can operate a vessel for a buck or two without any training. In my mind, any person operating a vessel needs, and should have, some type of basic boating course as a minimum. This is where our organization comes in to fill the gap along with other boating partners such as the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

My plea to you is that if you feel the same way I do, step-up to be recognized and participate in your Squadron. Every person has some type of talent that can be useful, any assistance is appreciated. When times get lean, that is the moment when everyone needs to lend a hand and help out their extended family. Most Squadrons only have about 20-25% of the membership that do all the work. I would like to see some new faces in one capacity or another. Start by attending a meeting. Our Administrative Officer has been busy getting very informative and interesting speakers for our monthly meetings. Come see what you have been missing.

On a very unfortunate and sad note, a long time Squadron member and friend to all, Louise Huffine, passed away November 4, 2009. Our prayers and condolences go out to her family during this difficult time.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

The Joint Conference in Penticton for US District 16 and Canada's West Mainland District was a fun experience in a beautiful location. It was the first International Joint Conference. Penticton lies on a band of land in the Okanagan Valley that separates Shaka Lake on the south from Okanagan Lake on the north. Water, water, everywhere, and not a tide in sight.

The southern end of the valley is the northern tip of the American Great Basin Desert, which extends all the way into Mexico. With terrain similar to the Sonoran Desert and Spain, the little town of Osoyoos has adopted an Iberian theme for construction in their town buildings. One might be on another continent ... except for the language, eh?

The first white settlers raised cattle here. In the early 1900s, apple and peach orchards began to take over. This became the fruit capital of Canada. At the end of the last century, the growing of grapes began to replace the orchards and now, vineyards,

vineyards, everywhere, and so much wine to drink.

Each day's program carried the headline "**WARNING! NO TIES** should be worn in Penticton! City Council carries scissors!" Friday's events started with wine tasting, a pasta dinner and separate council meetings. In ours, we covered the usual: current budget and financial statement, amended the budget to pay for the fuel expenses of those who were generous enough to offer their boats for the in-the-water part of training at the Rendezvous in Poulsbo, and to purchase supplies for a "Sammy Seagull" remote control boat on wheels. This boat can be carried in the back of an SUV or pick-up truck to boat shows and to other events, to use in promoting the Power Squadrons, boating education, and fun. The Everett Squadron has an Eagle Scout who will build this, with help, for his project. It will be available to all Squadrons on a first claimed, first served basis, with Everett as its home port.

USPS is no longer acting as an investor of Squadron funds, and what to do with the money returned to the Squadron, \$16,000, is an issue. The Council passed a motion to have the District Commander appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to make a recommendation on its use. Joanna Webster, the District XO, David Swolgaard of Agate Pass, David Sizenstock of Bellingham and I, were appointed by Barbara Erickson to the committee. We haven't yet met or teleconferenced, so any suggestions you have are still timely.

The Joint Conference meeting on Saturday gave us messages from both Chief Commanders, via their representatives. Did you know that both Canadian and US Power Squadrons have about the same number of members? However, the general population of Canada is 34 million, while our population is 300 million. Which means we have a lot of work to do to catch up with

their ratio. The Canadians have a plan for obtaining and maintaining membership which is available on the CPS website, with helpful ideas for doing both of those. The North Olympic Squadron has an annual membership satisfaction survey, and their membership chair checks in with those dropping membership to find out why. Might it help us to follow their example?

The afternoon provided time for a tour of some of the valley wineries, either with a group or independently. Some of the wineries are as impressive as anything I've seen in the Napa Valley. Fall colors were beautiful. Not all the land is in vineyards, and bright red apples hung on very small espaliered trees on many of the hillsides, perfect for picture taking. No wiggling. Highway construction made us feel right at home.

Not everyone pays attention to rules and regulations, and Gus Decock came to dinner Saturday night in white shirt, blue sportcoat, and beautiful multi-shaded red tie. Gus was the District Commander in 1982, has taken every course that USPS has and passed them all, attends every District event, is 90 years old, and now has a two piece red necktie, compliments of the Penticton City Council member boaters. Deserved respect, but didn't get it. Yes, Gus is a very good sport.

I think our Squadron had the greatest number attending from any of our District's Squadrons. If you join us next February in Port Townsend, we'll be sure to have, and you'll be sure to have fun, learn much, and make new friends.

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**ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT
FROM THE END OF THE BRIDGE**

It's the end of another year! Whee! I hope you're planning to attend the annual Christmas Party at the Olympia Country and Golf Club on December 8th. It's our great social event of the year!

At the January meeting, we'll be starting early - at 1830 - for our annual hot beverage blowout. Besides the usual coffee, we'll have hot cider, several kinds of cocoa, and all sorts of sinful additions for same. The Great White Cold may walk abroad, but we'll be warm and toasty and can spend some time chatting with hot cups in our hands. Then at 1930, we have a fantastic program! Pam McHugh, owner of the Boston Harbor Marina, has a Power Point show of things that go on at the marina. The pictures of orcas chasing seals have to be seen to be believed. She'll also talk about radio tagging of orcas that was done this year, and "Funny Things that Happened on the way to the Boat Launch." It'll be a great program!

While we're talking about programs, don't forget the wine tasting on Saturday, January 30th at the Walter Dacon Winery near Shelton. This will be from 6:00 PM to 10 PM - after the winery has closed to customers so we can have the place to ourselves. Exact directions and further information in the next Seaman's Log. Watch for it!

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Weather Anyone?

Have you noticed there is a link on the home page of our website to Olympia weather conditions. Click on it to see the forecast for the week ahead, and the tides! I have found it to be very handy and use it

often. If you have a good all-around weather website you like to use, please send me an email (kquery3@comcast.net). I'll list all the links I receive from you in an upcoming Seaman's Log.



Check out our Squadron web-page, really cool!!!

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

A big thanks to our Webmaster, Kathryn Query, who keeps updating our web-page with new/cool stuff!!!!

Tim



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2. Toward the upper right corner, click on "Squadron Roster";
3. At the login screen, type your first name in the User Name field;
4. Type your member number in the Password field;
5. Click Login.
6. In the next window, click to open the roster file;
7. Once in the roster .PDF file, you can use the Find feature in Adobe Reader to locate any name/ word in the file;
8. When you want to return to the OSPS website, click the link at the top of the first page of the roster file. Your

internet browser Back button will not work, for security reasons.

If the Login page does not work for you, it is probably because I don't have your name and member number in the validation list. Please send me an email with first and last name, and member number. You can click on the "Webmaster" link at the bottom of any page on the website

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HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER - Gary Scholes, John Porter, Jim Harden, Jay Jones, Melissa Johnson, Phil Tenkhoff, George Lonergan.
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Vacationers among you, take heed!
Lawyers among you, do you ever get any cases as interesting as this?

Note: The link takes you to excerpts from the judge's order, along with comments by the individual who posted them. The attachment is the complete order, which is also amusing.

Due to lack of space, you will have to wait till next month for this article. Ed.



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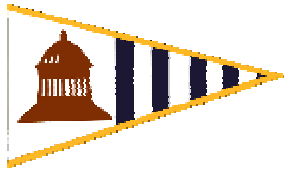
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