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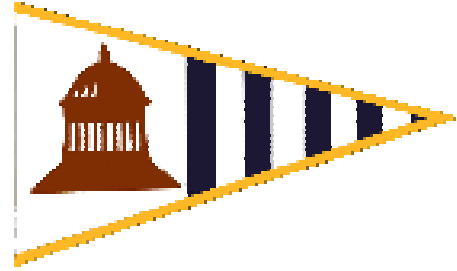




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January 2010, E232475



## FROM THE BRIDGE

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Has everyone thawed out after the recent cold snap to have a wonderful and joyous holiday season? I sure hope you did. As far as my family goes, our kids, Cassandra and Jared, both broke the same bone - on the same foot - just 5 days apart and 2 weeks before Christmas. I know, what are the odds of this occurring? Just so you know, casts and crutches don't work that well in a 2 story house!!! Sometimes family togetherness is just meant to be. Like the commercial says, "Some-things are just Priceless".

Did everyone find what Santa got for them underneath their tree or in their driveway? You know, the GPS, the touch screen monitor, the integrated radar system, or the latest and greatest fishing boat on a trailer. Don't worry, neither did I. I guess I will just have to try to be less naughty and a little more nicer in 2010. If that happens, you can recognize me as the bored guy sitting in the corner at the monthly Squadron meetings.

Thanks to Kendall joining the Squadron at the annual Christmas party. We raised \$450 for Community Youth Services. We can proudly close out 2009. A big THANKS to Barb / Steve Erickson for joining us at the Christmas Party, on her birthday no less! Is that dedication and commitment beyond the call of duty or what?! Congratulations to the Education Department for jumping into 2010 with both feet. They are starting out with a Public Boating Class and lots of classes for

members, to include AP and JN. Maybe we can go look at the celestial sights together? Just don't tell my wife.

I look forward to seeing everyone in 2010 for some new boating adventures. That is, once my engine is replaced.

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Even on a day when it seems that nothing good is going to happen, but yucky things will, there can be a ray of sunshine. We received a thank you letter from Community Youth Services for the donation we made via the Christmas Party. A personal letter, from a person we know, Barbara Wakefield, sister of our nephew-in-law and wife of the managing editor of The Olympian, Jerry Wakefield. Jerry's the guy I was able to influence to print the article about the rescue award from USPS for our brave members.

I appreciate the letter/receipt, but we don't get to itemize deductions anymore.

Keep Wrapping!

Executive Officer

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

The Squadron's annual Christmas party, as always, left me excited and ready for the rest of the holidays. You couldn't get more for your money. A huge tree, a crackling fire, sparkling lights, and great friends. Every year it seems the Olympia Country and Golf Club outdoes itself with decorations! After dinner we raised money for Community Youth Services by auctioning off homemade, yummy desserts! What a way to start the Christmas season!

As you're marking your activity calendar for the remainder of the year, think of the Squadron! The Nominating Committee is hard at work filling offices. We need members to step up and call us! When each of us takes on a bit of the task, the work can be accomplished easily. Well, more easily, somewhat easily. Call us and let us know if you can help. We have a wide range of jobs available; there's sure to be one that just fits your time slot, interests, and definition of Somewhat Easy. We not only get a lot of important jobs done for the Squadron and the boating community, we have fun doing it. Join us! Volunteer! Call! You'll be glad you did!

Our next meeting will take place on January 21<sup>st</sup>. If that isn't deep midwinter I don't know what is. We'll be brightening up the long, dark days with our annual Hot Beverage Blowout at 1830. We'll have everything from green tea and apple cider mix to hot cocoa and the usual coffee, with additives for all these. You'll feel even warmer when our guest speaker arrives - she's Pam McHugh, owner of Boston Harbor Marina, with a PowerPoint program on activities at the Harbor. You'll get to see whales making spectacular leaps in the sparkling sun, bathers lying on warm sand, boaters wearing only shorts and tees. I vaguely remember these activities. It'll be fun to be reminded that summer will come again, someday. Meanwhile, stay safe, stay

warm, and we'll see you on the 21<sup>st</sup> for a hot drink and a really spectacular program.

Administrative Officer

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## OUR ANNUAL WINE

It's that time! Our annual wine tasting will take place at the Walter Dacon Winery just on our side of Shelton on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 8 PM. This place makes great wines, so I hope we can all make it for an evening of good fellowship, and learn something about wines. The wine tasting is always one of our most enjoyable events, and this winery is quite close. For this event we have agreed with the winery to pay \$15.00 each, for which we get lots of tasting and abundant finger food.

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## SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER REPORT

Would you be interested in teaching one of our seminars, advanced grade classes or an elective? Is there a particular seminar or course you would be interested in attending? If your answer is, "Yes.", please get in touch with me.

We are now accepting students for our upcoming Jr. Navigation class starting March 2. Pre-payment and pre-registration are required at least 30 prior to the first class. Don't wait until the last minute. Enroll NOW (contact me).

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

- Jan. 5...**Advanced Piloting class** (Jim Harden and John Demeyer)
- Jan. 9...**GPS Seminar** (Gary Ball)
- Jan. 23...**Public Boating class**
- Jan. 30...**Radar Seminar** (Jerry Cross)
- March 2... **Jr. Navigation class** (Clyde Shiner and Phil Tenkhoff)
- April 17...Public Boating class

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## SAFETY REPORT

Just a few things to look out for during the rest of the winter months, especially after the recent boat fires at Lake Washington and Lake Union. Make sure of your footing on and around the docks. Check your electrical connections and wiring for wear and tear. Keep heaters and dehumidifiers in good working order and

away from curtains or other combustible items. Reduce the amount of mold and other contaminants by removing all non-essential items, food and cushions off your vessel. If you keep your boat in a marina, pay close attention to the zincs, especially if you have a out-drive. Warm up the engine to the operating temperature at least monthly. Keep the water tanks empty to prevent the lines from freezing. For more information, consult your local marine mechanic or your latest "Sea" magazine for helpful hints.

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Hi All,

The following web site provides a world-wide map displaying active coverage of ships/yachts/boats that have AIS transponders on-board. It provides free real-time information to the public about ship movements and ports, mainly across the coast-lines of Europe and N. America. The web site allows one to view the entire world or zoom down to a specific location. It will automatically refresh every 100 seconds or one can manually refresh. If you put your cursor on any of the ship icons, you will get a readout of ship name, speed and direction. Give it a try. It will provide you with a little more insight to AIS. Also, go to Frequently Ask Questions for more information.

Ray Thomas, Commander  
North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron  
P.S. This email was sent to all D/16 Squadron Commander and D/16 Officers  
<http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/default.aspx?level0=100>



## GELCOAT repair class

Do you have some Gelcoat repairs needed on your boat? Did you think it was too expensive to have those repairs done by

a professional? Have you thought about someday fixing some of those minor Gelcoat problems yourself, but have just never gotten around to it? Frankly, do you think you ever will???

You're in luck! Now is the time to learn how to "do it yourself". One of our Squadron members, **Bill Eppenstein**, has the expertise to teach you and he has all of the materials for a fun and educational class. The class will be at Bill's home and will last about an hour or so.

Class size is limited, so sign up early, contact me. The class will be offered sometime in Feb. or March, after it warms up a little, on a date that meets the needs of most students.

**THE CLASS IS FREE!!!!**

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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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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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**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS  
IN JANUARY**

Gary Ball, Dorothy Tenkhoff, and Rick Schnatterly.

Congratulations! Come celebrate with us and have some cake at the January General Meeting.

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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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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.*  
Not here, I lost it. *Ed.*



**BRIDGE MEETING**

The next Bridge meeting is January 11<sup>th</sup>. 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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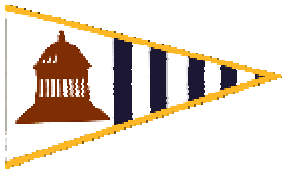
As I discussed at a Bridge Meeting, please do not format your work with the space bar or tab key. I have to take it all out. If there is a special format, like the reservation form for the Christmas Party, send it that way and ask for a separate page.

Second note, everything you send to [seamanslog@yahoo.com](mailto:seamanslog@yahoo.com), goes into the Seaman's Log.

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# ON THE HORIZON

## January 2010

- 11 Executive meeting at Tea Leaf Restaurant.
- 18 Meeting At Olympia Yacht Club
- 17 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

## February 2010

- 8 Executive meeting at TBA.
- 15 Meeting At Olympia Yacht Club
- 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.

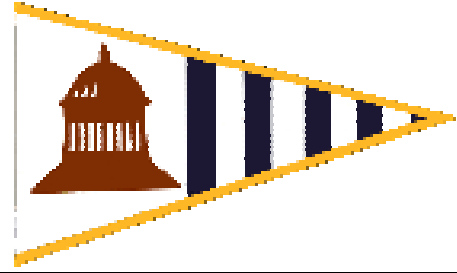
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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

What can I say? It was kind of a gloomy 2009 due to the poor economy. The aftermath continues as everyone tries to bounce back, but the effects will continue to linger for quite awhile. It definitely hit us hard in the membership department. Many non-renewals, along with just a few joining in. I am experiencing this first hand since I am in the process of selling my house and buying another to accommodate my mom into our household. I am optimistic that I will be in my new house sometime between Spring Conference and Poulsbo. If I may utilize a line from a Michael Bubble song, "It is a new dawn, it is a new day and I feel good." I know that I am loved and blessed just to have a wonderful wife, healthy kids (despite both having a broken foot right now) and great friends which include all Power Squadron members. What else can anybody ask for? My Life Is Good!!!

With that being said, our own Tim Miller has sprinted out of the gates for 2010. He was a feature article in the most recent "Ensign" magazine and has set-up a multitude of educational classes and seminars. I don't know how he wrangled me into teaching a Radar Seminar. Just goes to show you what an outstanding SEO he is. Way to go Tim!!!!

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Once again, everybody's talking about the weather, yet I see no stop-the-rain dances. Perhaps we're lulled by the mild temperatures that have accompanied the most recent deluges. I had to agree with a clerk I chatted with during the after-Jan.1 Christmas shopping, who said she really misses the snow. Coming here from Central Oregon's high desert, so do I.

On the south side of the entrance to Hammersley Inlet, where we live, we're protected from the prevailing winds and weather out of the southwest, but we do get hammered when Mother Nature sends us strong winds out of the north. These usually come when we're away, and they can bring some serious consequences. The first one we experienced, the wind came up as we were leaving for Portland. When we returned the next day, the wind was over. So was the roof of the water's edge storage unit built by our predecessors ... all over the yard. So we cleaned up the yard and removed the roof supports, making a nice open place to sit right by the beach. Then we bought a perfect boat for us, and replaced the aging and deteriorating dock, walkway and big float, using the original pilings, which our float builder said were in good condition.

Time passes and once again away we go, only to return and find that the middle piling had snapped off at the base and was pointing south. Fortunately, our boat is kept on the north side of the dock and was unharmed, as was our niece's smaller sailboat on the south side. Whew! But it



sure hurts to have to pay for the repairs to the new dock.

Now we come to last December, when we went north to attend the Bellevue Squadron's Christmas party. We returned after two days, arriving in the dark. Yes, we could see that our white boat was still there. That's always a nice sight. In the morning we could see that the walkway out looked odd. It had a dip that wasn't there when we left, so Paul went down to inspect. Going down the stairs he could see that two of our encapsulated flotation pieces were lying on the beach. Fortunately, our eastside neighbor had found them there and tied them up for us. The workman doing the grading for the west side house-to-be said there had been a tremendous wind and big waves. Once again our boat was safe and unharmed. Thank you Paul, for your excellent mooring skills. Getting flotation back under the two sections of walkway will be a major job. I hope our relatives, who were our building crew for the walkway, are willing to do the job. I think we avoided any bad results from the big wind that went through the area, the night before I write this, by staying home for a change.

We're going to the Spring Council in Port Townsend in February. I certainly hope the winds stay calm while we're away. What a great place and time to have the Council, on Valentine's Day weekend in a very scenic spot. Not only can you go and learn about what's happening in the District, but you can also treat your sweetie to a romantic rendezvous by car or by boat. The Castle Key Restaurant in the Manresa Castle Hotel will have a "Jazz Night" on Saturday after the meeting is over, with Jenny Davis (no relation, I'm tone disabled) singing some great love songs. Sweeties deserve love songs.

If you won't be going to Council, I suggest you treat you sweetie to a lovely brunch at home. I'll share a recipe with you

for a special dish of puffy German pancakes. Anyone who can measure and plot a course can measure and prepare this dish.

Heat your oven to 425 degrees. For each serving you need 1 egg, ¼ cup flour, ¼ cup milk, and 1 to 1 ½ Tbl butter. An 8 inch pie pan is good for one serving, a 9 inch square pan for 2 servings, and a 9 x 13 pan for 4 or 5. (How many sweeties do you have?) Melt the butter, pour it in the pan, and tilt the pan to coat it thoroughly with the butter. Beat the other ingredients together until smooth, pour into the prepared pan(s), pop in the oven, and no opening the oven door until the baking time is up. Then you can peek to see if you need to add a bit more time. The pancakes should be puffed and golden brown. Single servings take 15 minutes, a 9 x 13 takes about 25. Interpolate if need be. (I use Pyrex or Corningware pans.)

I serve these pancakes with fresh lemon wedges and powdered sugar, but maple syrup is great, too. Or try canned pie filling, warmed and thinned with an appropriate liqueur. Whipped cream? Why not? Ham, bacon or sausage? Of course! Perhaps a mimosa before, a luxury chocolate after. Sing a love song or two yourself, and be sure to do the cleaning up afterwards.

Or just join us in Pt. Townsend Sunday morning.

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

We'll be back to our normal 1930 start time for February (coffee and chat starting at 1900). Our speaker will be Charlene Krise from the Squaxin Tribal Museum. She will be speaking on the watery, boat history of their tribe around The Sound, and current programs to help

rehabilitate many local salt-water species, especially geoduck and salmon. She has an exciting Power Point program, but will be unable to show us any of the tribe's large historical canoes, since they wouldn't fit in the doors of the Yacht Club. Darn it! She would love to have any of us visit the museum to see their many artifacts. They're quite close for those who live in Shelton, or even on the west side of Olympia.

The March meeting will be our traditional St. Paddy's day potluck at 1830, with green decorations. Bring any kind of a dish, and feel free to wear green - or orange, or a combination of the two. How about a green shirt and bright orange pants? Or an orange wig with a green sweatshirt? Tim? How about that?

Our speaker will be Bruce Marshall from Swantown with a look at future plans for the Marina, and what effect the changes in Capitol Lake will have on the Marina water levels.

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## SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER REPORT

January has been a busy month for the education dept. **Gary Ball** taught a well attended GPS Seminar on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. We have a Marine Radar Seminar coming up the end of the month on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. This Seminar will be taught by **Jerry Cross** and it looks like it will be a full class. We're having an Education Dept. planning meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> at my house beginning at 1900. If you want to be a part of an exciting program, come join us. Lastly, in the month of January (the. 23<sup>rd</sup>), we have another Public Boating Class coming up. Be sure to tell your friends.

A big thanks to **Gary Ball** who has stepped forward and volunteered to teach a Piloting class which is scheduled to begin Feb.15. We have 6 students enrolled,

including **John Turner, Guy Craynor, Dave and Maraget Tollefson, Debra Tollefson** and **Austin Lambert**. **Thanks to Dave Tollefson**, we also have two new Squadron members, as well as Pilot Class students, his sister Debra, and his friend, Austin.

By the way, the clock is ticking and here's something else to remind your boating friends about ... **the new Boating Education Law now is in effect for everyone from 12 thru 30 years of age.**

So what's in the future for your Education Dept?

Feb. 8, Public Boating Class for WDOT

March, Jr. Navigation Class begins

April 17, Public Boating class

"Your education dept. is always looking for a few good volunteers"

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### **2010-2011 Squadron Nominations**

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 members 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 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 Nominating Committee submits the following officers for the 2010-2011 year:

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Educational Officer	Open
Secretary	Open
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2 yr	P/C Tim Miller, P
3 yr	P/C Jerry Cross, P

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3 yr	P/C Mike Contris, JN

Auditing Committee:

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3 yr	Lt. Phil Tenkhoff, N

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY**

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**"Encourage & Inspire"**  
**February 13, 2010**  
**Masonic Lodge, Port Townsend**

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**“Encourage & Inspire”**

- Train the Trainer
- Merit Mark: Tricks of the Trade
- Adding FUN to your squadron
- Marketing, Membership & Me

**1530 Council Adjourned**



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Business Meeting

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1751 Circle Ln.  
Lacey, Wa.

**When:** Monday, 19 April 2010  
1800 Social Hour  
1900 Dinner

	<u>Dinner Choices</u>	<u>Price</u>
Prime Rib		25.00
Salmon		25.00
Chicken Tommasso (Breast of chicken with prosciutto and mushrooms in a Marsala sauce)		25.00

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

**Your reservation must be received no later than April 5 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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#### 2010 COW Reservation Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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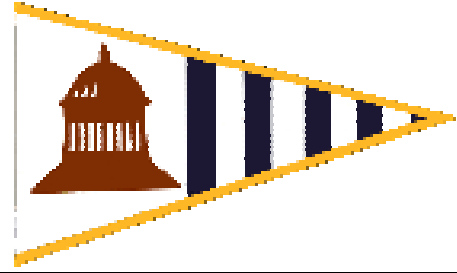
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March 2010



## **FROM THE BRIDGE**

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

How ironic is it that I travel several hundred miles to Penticton, Canada where there are literally hundreds of wineries and I don't even have a taste? But I go 15 miles down the road to the Walter-Dacon Winery for a Squadron tasting just a few weeks ago and drink several glasses of white wine. This, I guess is just a reminder that you tend to be more comfortable close to home. Speaking of comfort zone, I just taught a Radar Seminar class for the Squadron. I teach students all the time in my professional job. That is a subject I have been familiar with for the past 25 years. I did have a lot of interpolation about teaching a class I was familiar with but not a true expert in. The only fear a lot of us have when trying something new is usually embarrassment or failure. This is where a little studying of the material provided by the Power Squadron, along with a good support system within the Squadron, will pull you through with flying colors every time. It may seem like you are alone, but if you look around you, there is always someone who has been where you are and will lend you a helping hand. Thanks to the Olympia Squadron, the class went off without a hitch. The Power Squadron should feel like your second family or your home away from home.

I only have a few more articles left that I am responsible for before I become more of a reader. I will still submit an article from time to time when I think I have something to share for the good of the order.

This is just to let you know that everyone can participate in all aspects for the betterment of the Squadron. You don't need to hold a Bridge position to be a participant, although there are many Bridge positions available for this upcoming year.

This past weekend I was able to go to Port Townsend for the first time to attend the District 16 Spring Council Meeting. Although I didn't get to see much of the town, it seemed like a place I would like to go back to with my family. What I did get to do was meet with old friends, Cdr. Ray and Sandra Thomas of North Olympic, Larry and Cindy Warren of Tacoma, along with many other enjoyable people. Enjoying the company and conversation with others about our love and interest in boating is what being a Power Squadron member is all about.

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## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

This may count as spring weather, because it's raining and it rains here in the spring. There are even three daffodils in bloom in our yard. Unfortunately, they're in places where there aren't supposed to be things growing, but the bright yellow blooms are cheerful, nonetheless. We're just home from Spring Council in Port Townsend.



Paul and I drove up on Friday night and stayed in one of the 1890s buildings that are now hotels. It was 36 stairs up to our floor and 24 more to the third floor. I must learn to pack less! Arriving early gave us a chance to talk with D/Cdr. Barbara Erickson about the "Uncommitted Funds" proposal, as well as to enjoy fellowship with local Squadron members. The Nifty Fifties juke joint stayed open late (after 5:00!) just for us, all 9 of us.

More than 70 people attended the Council, which opened with the formalities of protocol; plunged on with the roll call of Squadrons (which overlooked three, who stood up to be counted, in case there's an award); elided gracefully into approving fall minutes; contemplated the favorable numbers in the budget and financial reports; stumbled through the "Uncommitted Funds" report so that the issue must be clarified and voted on at Spring Conference; and got up-to-date on the radio-controlled, voice-activated boat with an animatronic seagull that the District has commissioned as a teaching tool for kids, and which should make its debut at the Poulsbo Rendezvous in June.

The District Nominating Committee reported on the slate of officers two female Commanders in a row! The official announcement of the disbanding of the Possession Sound Squadron was made, and sad sighs were heard over that.

Several Bridge members attended the national meeting in Orlando and reported on happenings

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

I don't know about March coming in like a lion. The sun is streaming brightly

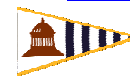
through my dirty windows, highlighting dust motes and reminding me that the apple trees need pruning, the flower beds are a mess, and the house is knee deep in dust bunnies. As usual, I'll put all this off until May, by which time it won't matter because we'll be off somewhere in the boat.

So we may as well just plow our way to the Yacht Club through weeds & dust balls, and whip up something tasty for the March St. Paddy's Day potluck. I may do corned beef with colcannon. How about that for Irish? If you're so inclined, wear something green for the evening, or orange, maybe? A green shirt with a blaze orange hat? I could wear a green shirt with a bright orange hunting vest that's been in mothballs for ages, since we don't hunt anymore. Our speaker for the meeting will be Bruce Marshall of Swantown, speaking about future plans for the Marina, and what effect, if any, the proposed elimination of Capital Lake will have on development in the area.

Speaking of things that need to be done, have you sent in your reservation for Change of Watch? It's always a blast; let's try to have everybody there! Dust off your duds, do up your hair (in Stan's case, both hairs) and we'll have a great time!

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### **SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER REPORT**

So what is going on in our Education department?

Our new **Junior Navigation** class was delayed a week and starts March 9. The instructors are **Clyde Shiner** and **Phil Tenkhoff**. The students enrolled include: **Gary Ball**, **Rich LaRosa**, **Bill Walker** and **Rose Ann Walker**. Our **Piloting** class started last month.

Perhaps we should rename this class, Tollefsons and friends. Enrolled in the class are **Dave and Margaret Tollefson**, along with sister **Debra** and her husband **Yanni**, and a friend of the family, **Austin Lampert**. In addition, we have two other members taking this course; **John Turner** and **Guy Craynor**. I am sure they will learn a lot under the tutelage of **Gary Ball**. Finally, let's not forget the Gelcoat Repair class that is scheduled for March 27 (see article in Seaman's Log).

Finally, don't forget to remind your boating friends that the new Boater Education requirement is now up to age 30. Guess what, we just happen to have a Public Boating Class that will qualify someone for the Boater Education Card, the class is scheduled for Sat. April 17.

In closing, I'd like to give a BIG "thank you" to Nick Brower, our assistant Squadron Education Officer, who has done such a tremendous job over the past several years in making our Squadron one of the most successful in District 16 for presenting Public Boating classes.

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**2010-2011 Squadron Nominations**

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 members 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

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Candidates for office to be voted upon at the 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 Nominating Committee submits the following officers for the 2010-2011 year:  
 Commander: Lt/C Donna Davis, P  
 Executive Officer: Guy Cranor, S  
 Administrative Officer Open  
 Educational Officer Open  
 Secretary Open  
 Treasurer P/C Rose Ann Walker, AP  
 Assistant Educational Officer Open

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 1 yr. Lt. Paul Davis, P  
 2 yr. D/Lt Jim Harden, JN  
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 2 yr. P/C Tim Miller, P  
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### **TAKE THIS QUICK QUIZ**

- ✓ Do you like to see people learn and grow?
- ✓ Would you want like to see our Squadron grow?
- ✓ Do you enjoy new challenges?
- ✓ Do you believe in boating education?
- ✓ Do you have some computer skills?
- ✓ Do you have some organizational skills?
- ✓ Would you enjoy learning new skills?

If you said "Yes." to most of the above, then you are a strong candidate to become the Squadron's Education Officer (SEO) for 2010. If this sounds interesting and you'd like to know more, please contact me. I will be available to the new SEO in training and assistance.

At this time, we have no one who has volunteered to accept the nomination for this position for next year (starts in April 2010). This is a critical position to fill in our Squadron if we are going to fulfill the training needs of our members and the public.

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Our newest sworn-in member is Kendal Lemn, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader (otherwise known as Top Dog) at Chinook Middle School. Kendal enjoys boating (totally), sports, especially football, (great) and school (somewhat). His least favorite class is English (boring), and his most favorite is MATH! Kendal, how could you? After I passed algebra with a "D", the second time around! Welcome, oh brilliant new member!

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9	Junior Navigation Class Begins	1900-2100	Lacey Fire Station 6500 Mullen Road Lacey
15	General Meeting 1830: Potluck - St. Patrick's Day Theme 1930: Speaker: Bruce Marshall, "Swantown Future Plans"	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
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## *Cooperative Charting Update* D16/Lt Inez Schwartz, JN



I want to bring all the Squadrons up to date on the D16 CoCh Challenge and to announce the dates for upcoming Cooperative Charting workshops.

**D16 CoCh Challenge** We have done what it takes and more so! Thanks to the whole D16 Cooperative Charting Team!

As you know the Challenge for D16 was to reach 75% Squadron participation in CoCh report submissions. That would place us on the National Cooperative Charting Honor Roll as a District. The challenge was to have that accomplished by January 31, 2010. As of this writing we are at 69% of our 75% goal. That translates into 11 of 16 Squadrons participating. Twelve Squadrons represent 75%. The effort made has been tremendous and of course signifies far more accomplished than if no challenge had been given. As D16 CoCh Chairman, I am proud to have had a part in the expanded education and great civil service that Cooperative Charting represents.

To let you know how significant this is on a national level, only 3 other districts have attained honor roll status. District ranking is determined by a sliding scale of points in proportion to number of members. At this writing, D16 ranked 7<sup>th</sup> of 33 districts nationwide! Last year, D16 ranked 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition to checking the Credit Reports link on CCWeb Main Menu, the individual and Squadron ranking is posted on the D16 Website under Cooperative Charting, as well as on the Sail Angle D16 CoCh Challenge Group page.

NOAA/NOS do not end the reporting year until March 31<sup>st</sup>. To have time to process these reports in a timely manner, all reports need to be to me prior to March 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to add sufficient activity to reach Squadron or individual honor roll status will have until then to submit reports. I fully expect that when you read this we will have attained National District Honor Roll status!

For all of us who have submitted, or have been listed as an observer on, a report this CoCh year beginning April 1, 2009 – we are going to celebrate with a party at the D16 Spring Conference in Tacoma! Party time and place will be posted at the registration table.

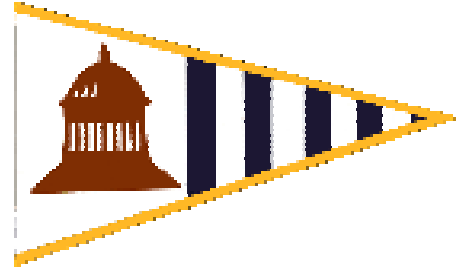
**Upcoming Cooperative Charting Workshops Two 2010 CoCh Workshops will be held before the main cruising season gets into high gear. The first will be held March 27<sup>th</sup> the Saturday following the D16 Spring Conference. Asst. CoCh Chuck Leavitt has secured a classroom at the Skagit Valley College for the 0900-1500 workshop. Our main focus will be more in-depth training in making reports, and we will have hands-on work with the CCWeb site. The second workshop is currently set for April 17<sup>th</sup>. The site for that workshop has not been confirmed but will be more convenient for the bulk of the southern and western Squadrons. Check with your Squadron Commanders for handouts provided at the Spring Council meeting in Pt. Townsend in February. There will also be more information provided at the Tacoma Spring Conference registration table.**



# THE SEAMAN'S LOG

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OLYMPIA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

April 2010



## FROM THE BRIDGE

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Just like all of the other Commanders across the District, I am starting to tie up any loose ends and begin to turn the reins over to a new and deserving individual. I can tell you there are a lot of things to do besides setting up for a COW and saying goodbye. There are Commander Challenge reports, boating classes, safety days at local marinas and other items that tend to carry-over for awhile. This is definitely not a job that consists of just a few emails. It is time consuming, challenging, demanding and sometimes nerve racking when parliamentary proceedings are being called into question. But despite it all, I had a wonderful time and made some long lasting friendships with people from other Squadrons that I might never have met unless I was a Commander. Maybe one day down the road I would be willing to once again go down this road again, but now I will just assist the Squadron whenever and where ever I can. Especially since it is this type of person that makes a Commander look good. Thanks for the memories that I will treasure for a long time to come.

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Tillotson's Elementary Grammar, 1897

Now you know. P/C Bobbie Scott, P



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

When it's time to write my next article for the Seaman's Log, I'll be standing at the helm of our organization. What a daunting thought! Just as summer vacation cleanses the mind of how to diagram sentences and where to put the decimal point when you're doing long division, cold, wet, windy winters wipe away the skills learned in leisurely boating escapades of summer. Finding the square root? No way! Steering a straight line? Same again!

Yet, it will be my job to rouse your enthusiasm for boating and for boating education, both giving and getting, when I'm not sure that my fingers remember how to tie off on a cleat, where to hang the plumb line, the lubber line, the laundry line. What do I need to do this Squadron job? I need all of you!

Yes, we'll all be challenged, not just me. Right off, it will be by the Commander's Challenge. This District program was initiated by Frank Dvorak, now the Chief Commander of USPS. It lists activities the Squadron officers and members can participate in and awards points for doing so. If your Squadron garners the greatest number of points, you win a trophy. More to the point, you've had a busy, bang-up year. Alas, some of the activities are to be done by Bridge offices we haven't filled for the coming year. There's a place for you if you're interested in helping with: class planning, teaching,



organizing rendezvous and social activities, getting speakers for the general meetings, writing articles for The Seaman's Log, Cardinal Points, or the Ensign. Can you cook? The summer picnic and the annual Bridge Breakfast need you. Do you have a boating friend? Increased membership is a District goal, while I expect mine will be more modest – holding our own. If we all get into the act, we'll have a great year together.

Speaking of great, how about the two days some of us spent at Cabela's? We got to talk with some interesting people, sign up some prospects for vessel safety inspections, get a list of potential students, say hello to some friends and neighbors, and do a little shopping. Thanks to the perseverance of Viki Sharp, we got vendor nametags which entitled us to money off our purchases. My shopping was mostly for food items from the general store, and my savings were 20%. I don't know if that savings would have applied to the Cabela's-theme Ford F250, crew cab, long bed, diesel pickup truck that was located by our booth. At a sticker price of \$60,000, even a 20% reduction wouldn't tempt. Our first house didn't cost that much. Neither did our second!

We're in our fourth house now, right on the water, looking at Squaxin Island, Pickering Passage and Hammersley Inlet, and waiting for good boating weather. (So I can renew my relationship with all those lines.) Boats are more fun than pickup trucks I think, and I expect you all agree, since you're part of OSPS. I'm looking forward to this year with you, and I hope we have a full schedule of fun, fellowship, education, and satisfaction. If you all come to the Change of Watch, we can start out the year with a bang. See you there!

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If you want a copy of the application, just Google "Washington Boater Education Card Application" or give me a call. I have a supply of the forms.

P/C Tim Miller  
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### **ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE END OF THE BRIDGE**

It's hard to believe that this is my last article as Administrative Officer. It's been fun, and sometimes a challenge, to find speakers for our meetings. Some of the speakers found us, and some seem to want to run and hide. We'd been contacting the people from the Washington State Ferry system once or twice a month for nearly six months, making phone calls and sending emails in an attempt to get a speaker. Finally, we sent off, by snail mail, an official-looking letter on Squadron letterhead. That resulted almost immediately in a telephone call assuring us that they would have a speaker available, but that the person who was critical to this operation was not in her office. She would, however, be phoning directly. That was two months ago and no call has been forthcoming, so we're going to try the Official Letter approach again soon. Wish us luck.

Some of our best speakers have been people from our own Squadron. We have one more coming up this year, our own Rich LaRosa, who will be hosting a wine tasting at the June meeting. Rich is a super wine

maker and will be discussing wines and grapes as we sip.

If you have a hobby or interest that people might like to hear about, whether boat-related or not, please let me know. Although I won't be serving as Admin Officer after April, we're always looking for interesting speakers. I know most of us do other things besides go boating, and most of us belong to other organizations besides our Squadron. Tell us about that other part of your life! Talk to me at a meeting, or call me at home. If it interests you, it will certainly interest others too.

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**BOBBIE HAHN**

Bobbie Hahn, former member of Olympia Sail & Power Squadron and wife of Past Commander Fred Hahn, passed away on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a celebration of life on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 to 5 p.m. at Tug Boat Annie's.

Rose Ann



**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL**

Mike Contris, Leah Hatzialexiou, Mark Johnson, Genene Kluck, Douglas Pook, Deanna Schnatterly and Clyde Shiner. Congratulations!

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**SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER  
REPORT**

By the time you read this article, our Pilot class, taught by Gary Ball, will just about be concluded and our Junior Navigation class, under the tutelage of Clyde Shiner and Phil Tenkhoff, will have just begun. Other than our Public Boating

Class scheduled for April 17, we have no other classes scheduled this year until our new Squadron Education Officer, SEO, takes the reins over in April after the Change of Watch, who ever that may be. In the meantime, in the absence of an acting SEO, if there is enough interest shown in any particular class, we can probably make it happen even without a new SEO.

Here is a quick summary of what happened this year in our Education Dept.

10 member classes...	48 students
4 Seminars...	35 students
7 Public Boating classes...	<u>117</u> students
Total students	200

These classes just "didn't happen", they are the result of many dedicated Squadron members volunteering their time and efforts to the benefit of our other members and the community. Please join me in thanking them for making this another successful education year for your Squadron, in no particular order:

- |               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Jim Harden    | Bill Walker       |
| Bobbie Scott  | Jim Hanson        |
| Jerry Cross   | Gary Ball         |
| Nick Brower   | Pat Brower        |
| Phil Tenkhoff | Clyde Shiner      |
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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



"That's why I am only the leader. I am not expected to be right, only to have the best people surrounding me."

*From somewhere...Ed.*



**Hidden Membership Number**

Yippee!!! We had a winner. One of our newer and youngest members, **Kendal Lemn**, found his hidden membership number in last month's Seaman's Log. His prize is a free member's class of his choice. He has already elected to take Seamanship.

There is another winning number in this issue. Is it yours? If so, contact me right away.

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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

([kquerry3@comcast.net](mailto:kquerry3@comcast.net)).



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

We have several new members to welcome this month. They are all signed up for classes, or are taking classes now. If you see any of them at meetings, be sure to welcome them to our organization. They are:

- **Hernan and Carrie Gonzalez**
- **Debra Tollefson**
- **Yanni Hatzialexiou**
- **Alex Hatzialexiou**
- **Jordan Hatzialexiou**
- **Leah Hatzialexiou**
- **Austin Lampert**

We hope to see you all out on the water with us this coming summer! Welcome to the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron!

P/C Bobbie Scott, P  
Membership chair  
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**Boston Harbor Marina**

Spring & Summer Schedule  
Starting in April, Boston harbor Marina will have a wine tasting once a month on the third Friday of the month.  
Wine tasting Schedule:

- April 16, 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.
  - May 21, 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.
  - June 18, 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
  - July 16, plan is BBQ with beer and/or wine tasting 4 - 7 P.M.
  - August 20, same plan as July
- Sunday Breakfast on the Dock will begin the first Sunday in May, 9-11 A.M.  
Mothers' Day will be a special menu, TBA  
Now you know. P/C Bobbie Scott, P



### **BRIDGE MEETING**

The next Bridge meeting is April 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 meeting @ 7:00 PM. Remember, you don't have to be on the Bridge to attend.

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### **Editor's Notes**

As I discussed at a Bridge Meeting, please do not format your work with the space bar or tab key. I have to take it all out. If there is a special format, like the reservation form for the Christmas Party, send it that way and ask for a separate page.

Second note, everything you send to [seamanslog@yahoo.com](mailto:seamanslog@yahoo.com), goes into the Seaman's Log.



### **Tillotson's Elementary Grammar, 1897**

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So, now you know more.

P/C Bobbie Scott, P

## *Squadron Calendar*

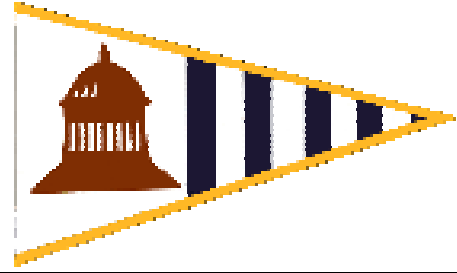
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## FROM THE BRIDGE

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The first order of business is to thank all of you for the confidence you've placed in me by electing and installing me as Squadron Commander. On the other hand, perhaps I ought to congratulate you on your unusual sense of humor. All of you should have attended the Change of Watch to celebrate the successes of Commander Jerry's year and to get a foretaste of the year to come. It was a very happy evening, with much talk and much laughter.

As usual when she is asked, Bobbie Scott gave us a thoughtful invocation. Dinner was excellent. Guests were introduced, including D/C Joanna Webster, D/Lt/C Hank Willis; and Past Commanders stood to a sitting ovation. Wayne (Pete) Peterson was inducted as a new member, and we all renewed our affirmation of the USPS pledge with him. Reports? None! On to awards.

C Jerry began with the USPS awards, Merit Marks, by the fives: The Stan Guessing Educational Award for contributions in boating went to Tim Miller. Deanna Schnatterly, our faithful steward, received the Milton Weber Participation Award. Jerry handed out many Certificates of Appreciation to the members who had helped him over the course of the year to keep the Squadron running smoothly. There was a special thank you to his wife Rebecca for putting up with all the time that Squadron affairs took him away from family. His message repeated the year's goals and outlined how well those were

accomplished. It was a very good year ending with a bang at Swantown Safety Day with more VSEs there than ever before, 24, and a huge ABC class on the same day with 35 students.

D/C Joanna spoke a few words about the District Education Day. Hank Willis advertised the USPS Board Meeting in Bellevue in September. Our own D/Lt/C Jim invited us to the District Rendezvous. Then it was time for the old Bridge to be dismissed and the new one to be sworn in. It had seemed as if the Bridge would be a very small one, with me as Commander and Rose Ann Walker as Treasurer. Thanks to a before-the-program caucus of involved members out in the hallway, and to the words of Bobbie Scott, who said she has already arranged for speakers for our general meetings, we now have an almost complete Bridge. Jerry Cross will serve as Executive Officer, Bobbie as Admin, and Jim Harden as Secretary. Thank you, good-hearted people for taking on these jobs. Volunteers for the job of SEO are gratefully accepted.

With a team composed entirely of Past Commanders to support me, this year should be a breeze. My goals for the coming year are pretty basic, and I think they're doable:

- Maintain a constant level of membership
- The Squadron remains financially stable
- Offer a variety and a reasonable number of classes, despite the lack of an SEO
- Interesting programs and speakers will draw our new members to our general meetings

- have one new social activity on our summer calendar
- Good fellowship and fun will be a continuing part of our members' time together.

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### **Safety Report**

Keep your eyes and ears open not just on the water but at the docks also, since there has been an increase in thefts at the marinas lately. Just remember that when you are getting everything prepared for the upcoming boating season others are too. Unfortunately, some of those folks are not boaters but opportunists. They are looking for unsecured dinghy's, motors, electronics and anything else they can get their hands on to sell. It doesn't matter if it is small or large in size, just that it is available. For instance, a friend of mine just had his whole dock box stolen from his slip. With its contents it weighed over 125 lbs. Not only is it costly to replace items, it is a feeling of unrest that someone was in your personal stuff that sometimes never goes away.

Be prudent in locking and storing your goods away properly and take things off the boat if you can. A little bit of extra time and work in the beginning and end of a boating adventure can reap large rewards and peace of mind for years to come.

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### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE**

Yes, my time in retirement was short lived to say the least, all of about 15 minutes. I am back on the Bridge as your

Executive Officer and look forward to assisting your new commander as much as I am able. I look forward to seeing you all again at the general meeting.

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

I was out to lunch when I wrote last month's column! Rich LaRosa will be doing a wine tasting at our MAY meeting. THIS month! We will meet at 1830 for an unparalleled social and gastronomic experience. There will be cheeses and crackers to cleanse our palates between vintages, so the tables will be out and the wines will be poured. Come and sip with us! Rich is a winemaker of vast experience and interesting tales.

Our speaker at the JUNE meeting will be our own Jim Hanson, speaking about boating safety issues for the summer season and upcoming changes in the local aids to navigation.

We will end the business season and begin the FUN season with a potluck, so wear your most relaxed, off-to-the-beaches

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If you find your membership number in this issue, notify the Commander.

*ED*



### POSTER CONTEST TIME

All you members who have youngsters age 6 to 14 in your family, it's National USPS Youth Poster Contest time! The contest is open to all children, not just the offspring of members, and the application forms and rules are out! I'll have copies to hand out at the next several meetings, so get 'em while they're hot! Let's have lots of entries from our Squadron this year! The theme for 2010 is: Water Smarts: Boat Safe and Clean. Our Squadron has done well in recent years, so let's see if we can get a national prize this year!

P/C Bobbie Scott, P



### SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER REPORT

This will be the last SEO report in the Seaman's Log from "yours truly" and I hope someone steps up soon to take over the duties of Squadron Education Officer. It is a challenging position, but very rewarding. If you think you might be interested, I will spend whatever time is necessary to get you up and running.

By the time you read this article, our Pilot class will have concluded and our Jr. Navigation class will be about half over. Our Advanced Piloting class finished last month with 5 graduates, all passing the exam with flying colors:

Gary Ball	Rose Ann Walker
Bill Walker	Donna Davis
Paul Davis	

Good job, Jim Harden (Instructor)!!

Gary Ball has volunteered to teach our next Advanced Piloting class. If you are interested, be sure to let Gary know.

Here's something new from USPS Headquarters, our "member only" classes are now available to the general public. If anyone wants to take one of our upcoming classes, they just pay the class fee and a



membership fee. Oh well, this may be new for USPS, but we've already been doing it. Just ask the Tollefson family.

Lastly, I hope you are planning to attend this year's Education Seminar at the John Wayne Marina in Sequim, WA on May 8.

May 22 -28 is Safe Boating Week!!!  
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### **TAKE THIS QUICK QUIZ**

- ✓ Do you like to see people learn and grow?
- ✓ Would you want like to see our Squadron grow?
- ✓ Do you enjoy new challenges?
- ✓ Do you believe in boating education?
- ✓ Do you have some computer skills?
- ✓ Do you have some organizational skills?
- ✓ Would you enjoy learning new skills?

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This is a critical position to fill in our Squadron if we are going to fulfill the

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Patricia Brower, Cynthia Cameron,  
Patti Ingersoll and Nicholas Nicholyavich.  
P/C Jerry Cross, AP



## **Boston Harbor Marina**

Spring & Summer Schedule

Starting in April, Boston Harbor Marina will have a wine tasting once a month on the third Friday of the month.

Wine tasting Schedule:

- May 21, 5:00 - 6:30 P.M.
  - June 18, 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
  - July 16, plan is BBQ with beer and/or wine tasting 4 - 7 P.M.
  - August 20, same plan as July
- Sunday Breakfast on the Dock will begin the first Sunday in May, 9-11 A.M.  
Mothers' Day will be a special menu, TBA  
Now you know. P/C Bobbie Scott, P



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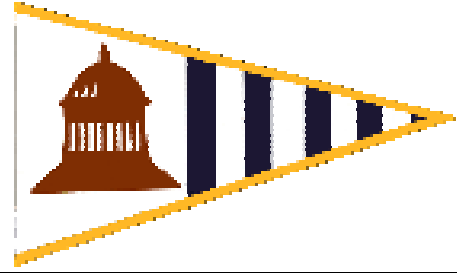
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To travel farther north, again go to the District website, click on the Squadron roster, and then click on the various Squadrons to read their cruise schedules for the summer. This is a fraternal organization, and you're welcome to join any group that is going where and when you want to go. In fact, some Squadrons have associate memberships, at a minimal cost, which will give you their newsletter so you can plan your activities with them well in advance. We attended the Annual Bellevue Salmon Bake in Brownsville and had such a good time that we became associate members of the Bellevue Squadron. Last summer, we cruised with them to Maple Bay on

Vancouver Island, and to Otter Bay on Pender Island. Meet new people, make new friends.

North Olympic, out of Sequim, has cruises all year long, several to Canada, and Seattle and Bellevue have sister Squadrons in the Canadian Power Squadrons that they combine forces with in the summer, on the water, and in the winter, on the land. Opportunities for fellowship and fun abound in USPS, and you should take advantage of as many as you can.

Don't forget to pick up your Puget Sound Passport at any participating marina. Be sure to get it stamped wherever you stay overnight. Four stamps win you a tee shirt, and a full page of stamps might get you one of 25 prizes, worth up to \$500. Now that would make boating even more worthwhile!

I look forward to seeing you at our June general meeting and potluck, in July and August on the water, and in September back at the OYC for a program by our own Gary Ball, wowing us with info about batteries for boats. Have you heard the one about the AGM and the farmer's daughter?

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### EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Are you ready for a bright and sunny summer boating season? I would be if my boat didn't still need a major engine repair. I know I will still make it to all the functions

by driving my truck, staying in a hotel, car pooling with others in order to support the Squadron and spend time with my friends. Just want everyone to know you can still have fun and join in even if you don't have a boat!!!

Thanks, to everyone that helped out at The Hands On Children's Museum. If you were not able to help out at this function, don't fret. There are still a lot of opportunities in the future to help out.

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

The weather has finally straightened out!!! How good it is to wear shorts and a short-sleeved shirt instead of Under Armor; long johns, and a ski jacket! I just put away my heavy wool socks and ear brassiere today. For our last regular meeting of the year, our brilliant Commander has come up with a fun idea. We'll start at 1830 with an ethnic potluck. Bring a dish representing your ethnic heritage. If you don't know any dishes from your country of origin, there's lots of information on the internet, and tons of cookbooks out there. If you have no idea where you came from, or don't really care, how about bringing a dish from some place you've always wanted to visit?

Okay, I've always wanted to visit Antarctica, but that doesn't count. (An ice cube, maybe?) Let's label our offerings with the name of the dish and the country of origin. This should be different, tasty, and lots of fun!

Our speaker for June is our own Jim Hanson, with a timely discussion of safety topics to keep us all in one piece as we head

out for vacations, on the water or otherwise. Yes, we all know lots about safety already, but new information is coming out all the time. Jim will get us up to speed with the latest.

If you get a chance, be sure to welcome new member, Wayne "Pete" Peterson. There will be more on this in the next issue. Watch this space.

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### Vessel Safety Check Report

Your Vessel Safety Examiners have been busy. At this time I have logged in 107 examinations. I have 4 in hand awaiting special handling, and there are more exams that have not yet been handed in.

We attended the Shelton Yacht Club Clean up day, the Olympia Yacht Club Safety Day, the Swantown Safety Day, and did examinations for trailer boats at the Sportsmen's Warehouse.

Your examiners are also performing the exams on their own wherever and whenever needed. If you need your boat done, or know someone who does, please contact me or any other of our examiners who would be happy to help.

So far, our lead examiners are Viki Sharp, with 29; Jim Harden with 17 and Pat Brower with 14.

Great job everyone for your good work! We are very close to our 2009 total of 138. Let's see if we can't beat that amount.

In case you would like a reminder of who your Squadron examiners are, see below:

Pat Brower, Nick Brower, Vick Sharp, Jim Hanson, Bill Walker, Jim Harden, Debbie Harden, Skip Hash, Tim Miller and Kathryn Querry.

P/C Debbie Harden  
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### **Upcoming Advanced Piloting (AP) class**

An Advanced Piloting (AP) class will be held in the fall starting on Monday, October 18 and will continue for eight weeks. All classes being held on Monday, except the class scheduled for November 15, which will be held on Tuesday, November 16. Classes will run from 7pm to 9pm each evening. You will learn to use electronic navigation tools such as chart plotters, radars, and depth sounders. We will cover positioning and avoidance techniques, as well as dealing with tides and currents, which, as you know, are prevalent in our local waters.

Class materials need to be ordered by September 18 so you must register and pay for your materials before that date. Cost of the class is \$40. If you do not have *Weekend Navigator*, the cost is \$55.

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## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

At our June meeting we'll honor our members born in that month; Rebecca Cross, Skip Hash, Judith Kruller, Jane Shiner, and David Tollefson. Because we don't meet in July, we'll also honor John Turner and Phillip Cameron. Won't you all join us at our potluck on the 21<sup>st</sup> for some ethnic edibles, up-to-date information from Jim Hanson, and birthday pie. No candles, no counting.



## MAY WINETASTING MARCHETTI WINES

Our member, Rich La Rosa, presented a low key, down to earth, pomposity free, presentation on wine and

wine making. Why does he do it? Like grandfather, father, and uncle, - like grandson, son, and nephew. Pictured on the label is his grandfather. The quotation on the monument pictured, the welcome to the boats arriving in Messina, Sicily, "We welcome you and all of civilization". That's a truism, for grandfather met grandmother-to-be there and married her here, in Washington.

Wine making is not just in the family blood, it's in the family taste buds as well. Rich's taste is for red wine. His is made the European way, with no added chemicals, no steel barrels, only oak, French, American, or, recently, Hungarian barrels. He uses whichever is best suited for the varietal he is aging.

We tried them all, Cabernet Franc; Pistolero, a Malbec; Sangiovese, from the grapes that are the primary ingredient of Chianti; Cabernet Sauvignon; Tempranillo, which is from a Spanish grape; and Zinfandel Dessert Wine. I would call it "Port of Zinfandel", but the Portugese government won't let him call it that. My favorites were the Pistolero, not just for the great name, and the Tempranillo. Which were yours?

Because of local zoning laws, Rich has no tasting room or retail store at the winery. He does exhibit at many festivals and such throughout the state. My husband and I found his wine at Oysterfest before we knew him through OSPS. If you want to know more about Rich's wines, or purchase them, look up his website, [www.marchettiwines.com](http://www.marchettiwines.com). He provides free delivery in the area, and I'm sure that includes right to your boat.

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P.S. It was enjoyable to have one of our own members talk about his hobby-turned-



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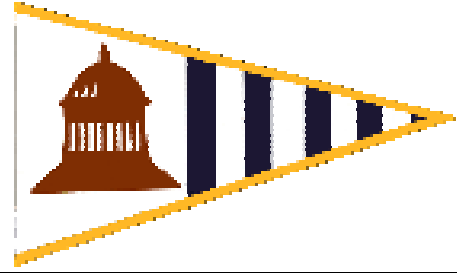
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First, there's the District 16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo, June 25-27. You can find the schedule and registration forms on the District 16 website ([www.USPS.org/d16](http://www.USPS.org/d16)), and you can find the marina by following the Hardens, Davises, or Crosses by boat, or the Walkers, Sharps, et al by car. There's a chili cook-off on Friday, and I think we should aim for first prize. How about it, galley slaves?

To travel farther north, again go to the District website, click on the Squadron Roster, and then click on the various Squadrons to read their cruise schedules for the summer. This is a fraternal organization, and you're welcome to join any group that is going where and when you want to go. In fact, some Squadrons have associate memberships, at a minimal cost, which will give you their newsletter so you can plan your activities with them well in advance. We attended the annual Bellevue salmon bake in Brownsville and had such a good time that we became associate members of the Bellevue Squadron. Last summer we cruised with them to Maple Bay on Vancouver Island, and to Otter Bay on Pender Island. Meet new people, make new friends.

North Olympic, out of Sequim, has cruises all year long, several to Canada. Seattle and Bellevue have sister Squadrons in the Canadian Power Squadrons that they combine forces with summer (on the water) and winter (on the land). Opportunities for fellowship and fun abound in USPS, and you should take advantage of as many as you can. Don't forget to pick up your Puget

Sound Passport at any participating marina. Be sure to get it stamped wherever you stay overnight. Four stamps win you a tee-shirt, and a full page of stamps might get you one of 25 prizes worth up to \$500. Now that would make boating even more worthwhile!

I look forward to seeing you at our June general meeting and potluck, in July and August on the water, and in September back at the OYC for a program by our own Gary Ball, wowing us with info about batteries for boats. Have you heard the one about the AGM and the farmer's daughter?

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WILLIAM R. TAYLOR a former member of Olympia Sail & Power.

William R. 94 01/03/1916 05/28/2010  
William R. Taylor, retired forest ranger, died May 28, 2010, in Vancouver at age 94. William Richard Taylor was born Jan. 3, 1916, to Charles R. and Mary Ellen Taylor in Waterbury, Conn. He was raised in Holbrook, Mass., 13 miles south of Boston. He graduated from Sumner High School in 1933. He spent a year at Northeastern University in Boston and then completed a year at the New York State Ranger School in Wanakena, N.Y., graduating in 1937. After graduation, he found work with the Appalachian Mountain Club as a hutmaster in Pinkham Notch during the winters; and Lonesome Lake, Franconia Notch during the

summers. By 1939, he was working for the U.S. Forest Service in New Hampshire, and was then drafted into the U.S. Army in February 1940. He served in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1945 in anti-aircraft artillery, rising to the rank of staff sergeant. He served in the U.S., Iceland, and Europe. After being discharged, he earned a bachelor's degree in forestry from the New York School of Forestry at Syracuse University. He received his master's degree from the University of Idaho. Bill's employment with the Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service began in Spokane, followed by short-term employment in Priest River, Idaho; Berkeley, Calif.; Spokane; and Olympia. A permanent appointment to the U.S. Forest Service came in 1952 to the Mount Baker National Forest, followed by assignments to the Siuslaw National Forest; the Siskiyou National Forest as district ranger of the Chetco district; the Umpqua National Forest as district ranger of the Diamond Lake district; and his final assignment was to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest as land exchange specialist. He retired in 1979. Bill was a charter member of the Society of American Foresters, and a member of the American Forestry Association. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Vancouver. He married Janet Miner in 1941. She died in Tacoma in 1991. He married Betty Smyth in December 1992 in Grants Pass. Survivors include his wife of 17 years; children, Barbara and Jim; grandchildren, Rebecca and Michael; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1935 and his father in 1953. The following words describe Bill's enjoyment of working and camping in the forests: Rocks are my pillow; Cold ground is my bed. I use the blue sky for my blanket, Moonlight for my spread. A memorial service was held at 2 PM Monday, June 14,

2010, in Trinity Lutheran Church , 309 W. 39th St., Vancouver. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to Trinity Lutheran. Northwood Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



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Well, I hope everyone enjoyed the District Rendezvous in Poulsbo. It is always wonderful to meet old friends, peruse all the quaint little shops and of course stop by to partake of any thing scrumptious the bakery has to offer. Unfortunately, we had to go by vehicle since our house is still on the market. I promised Rebecca that I wouldn't replace the engine on the boat 'till we move into our new house. Hopefully, that will be sooner rather than later!!! I want to go out and soak some of my new pots and taste some fresh crabs. I suppose it doesn't help one bit that I am watching Deadliest Catch while writing this article.

I guess there is no big hurry, especially if you take into account the amount of wet weather we have endured here lately, especially during National

Boating Safety Week. If I look on the positive side, my truck gets 1 or 2 more miles to the gallon than the boat so I'll definitely save some money over the summer. If I don't see you on the water, look me up in the parking lot when you reach the docks.

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

This is not goodbye, but, as the British would say, "Ta-ta." We're heading for the San Juans, but not in our boat, for the next couple of months. Hope you all get a chance to get out on the water this summer, if summer EVER arrives. Remember there are no meetings in July and August, but we'll see you same time, same place (Olympia Yacht Club, 1830 for potluck dinner, 1930 for the meeting) on the third Monday in September, the 20<sup>th</sup>. Gary Ball will tell us fascinating facts about boat batteries. The last time our battery had a problem I wished fervently that I knew ANY more facts, fascinating or otherwise.

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"That's why I am only the leader. I am not expected to be right, only to have the best people surrounding me."

*From somewhere...Ed.*



### **WELCOME NEW MEMBER!**

**Wayne L. "Pete" Peterson** was sworn in at the Change of Watch on April 19. Pete and his wife Karen are originally from the San Diego area where they both

worked before retiring and moving to the Pacific Northwest in 2003. They just bought a new (to them) 22.5 foot Bayliner which will be delivered by the time you read this. The name of their boat is still to be decided. Isn't it fun to think about what you're going to name a boat? They hope to make several trips this summer, as soon as they check out all the systems. VSC people, maybe someone should give Pete a call.

Pete also enjoys hiking, fishing, and skiing, and like many of us, is a Police Harbor Patrol member. Wife Karen enjoys gardening. Welcome!

If you see Pete at a meeting, be sure you say "Hello" and introduce yourself. Remember, for every new person there are a lot of us, and it takes a while to learn all the names.

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Membership



The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife reminds recreational boaters to give Orca whales & other marine mammals a wide berth. State law requires boaters to stay at least 100 yards away from southern resident Orca whales. Boaters who unexpectedly come into closer proximity to a whale are required to stop immediately, disengage their transmission, & allow the whales to pass. These regulations apply to all boats, including persons in the water with a PFD. It is also unlawful to intercept an Orca by remaining in its path until it comes within 100 yards of you.



**Upcoming Advanced Piloting (AP) class**

An Advanced Piloting (AP) class will be held in the fall starting on Monday, October 18 and will continue for eight weeks. All classes will be held on Monday, except the class scheduled for November 15, which will be held on Tuesday, November

16. Classes will run from 7pm to 9pm each evening. You will learn to use electronic navigation tools such as chart plotters, radars, and depth sounders. We will cover positioning and avoidance techniques, as well as dealing with tides and currents, which, as you know, are prevalent in our local waters.

Class materials need to be ordered by September 18 so you must register and pay for your materials before that date. Cost of the class is \$40. If you do not have *Weekend Navigator*, the cost is \$55.

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**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS  
SUMMER BIRTHDAYS**

While we don't have meetings in July and August, we do have members with birthdays in those months, which we'll all want to celebrate. How should one go about that when we don't gather together for birthday pie? Why not call up each one and ask what his or her favorite pie is and eat an appropriate piece in each one's honor! Oh, you think everyone will be out boating in July and August and not answering the phone? Well then, pick your favorite pie and continue the procedure. Or, if summer

ever comes, substitute an ice cream cone or ice cream sandwich.

July babies: Phil Cameron, John Turner, and Dave Tollefson

August babies: Jerry Cross, Deb Harden, Don Ingersoll, Holly Robinson, and Spencer Scholes



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**CORRECT WORDS MATTER**

In any specialized activity, such as math or medicine or boating, if you use the correct "technical" term when referring to something, rather than the on-the-street word, you know those in your field will understand exactly what you mean. Plus, in



doing so, you will impress your compatriots and astound your friends.

For the old salts in our Squadron, who like me, are losing some vocabulary, and for the new boaters, who haven't expanded theirs yet, I recommend the Sailing Pocket Dictionary copyright © 2001 by Henry Beard and Roy McKie, Workman Publishing Co. Highly praised by the most famous (and only) wordsmith/sailor I know of, the late William F., "never use a one-syllable word when a five-syllable word will do" Buckley Jr. Here are a few definitions, from A to Z, that will make clear to you why:

**A** - Nautical prefix indicating condition or direction. Thus, a boat that is drifting is adrift and something off the side of the boat is abaft. Some other common examples of this form: *abash* (toward another boat); *awhiff* (toward an area of low tide); *aglub* (sinking); *aduff* (seated); *adaft* (mentally unbalanced); *asludge* (in an oil slick); *abarf* (under the weather); and *amuck* (caught in the mud).

**assumed position** - An arbitrary location for a vessel selected as the preliminary step in celestial navigation prior to determining its intermediate Wrong Position, its partially

corrected Inaccurate Position, and its final completely miscomputed Incorrect Position.

**channel** - Narrow stretch of deep or dredged waterway bordered by buoys or markers that separates two or more grounded boats. (See "Hammersley Inlet")

**hazard** - 1. Any boat over 2 feet in length. 2. The skipper of any such craft. 3. Any body of water. 4. Any body of land within 100 yards of any body of water.

**oil** - Thick, viscous substance poured by sailors on troubled waters in former times, but now more often frequently poured on troubled beaches, troubled marshes, and troubled seabirds.

**piloting** - The art of getting lost in sight of land as opposed to the distinct and far more complex science of navigation used to get lost in offshore waters.

**swamp** - One of several synonyms of "sink," including "founder," "scuttle," "pitchpole," "capsize," and "broach." Interestingly, "float" is the only word that describes the opposite condition.

**zephyr** - Warm, pleasant breeze. Named after the mythical Greek god of wishful thinking, false hopes, and unreliable forecasts.

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## *Squadron Calendar*

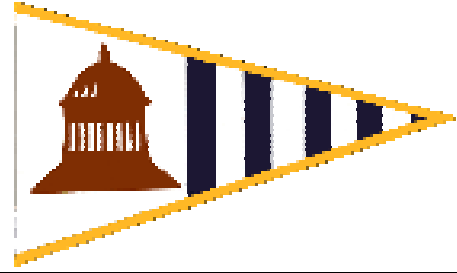
<i>July 2010 – August 2010</i>			
	<i>Time to Enjoy Cruising Puget Sound!!</i>	E151373.	
<i>September 2010</i>			
13	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
20	General Meeting Potluck Dinner @ 1830 Meeting @ 1930 Speaker: Gary Ball – High Output Alternators and Battery Systems	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club





# THE SEAMAN'S LOG

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## FROM THE BRIDGE

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Before we've had enough of summer, here comes September and the start of our Squadron school year. In summer we put to practical use all the things we learned in our Boating Education classes that take place in the inclement weather months. In September we reminisce with our fellow members about what we've done, about what we wanted to do but didn't, and about what we wished we'd known while we were doing our thing. Paul and I have fun things to reminisce about, and we hope you do, too. Be sure to share when meetings start again.

Although the Northwest Marine Trade Association announced their "Passport to Puget Sound" at the Seattle Boat Show last January, running through December 31, we didn't pay much attention until May 1, when we got our first stamp in Swantown. Four stamps in a row win you a free t-shirt. In June we did three weekend trips, to Bremerton, Poulsbo, and Brownsville, from which we had two more stamps. Our real summer boating didn't begin until the week after July 4<sup>th</sup>, when we set out to attend the Mainship Owners' Rendezvous in Port Ludlow. We didn't hurry. We spent our first night in Gig Harbor with a stamp from Arabella's Landing, the second night in Kingston for stamp number five. Non-contiguous. I hope you all know about the cute little electric pick-up truck that the Kingston Marina has for guests to use. It makes grocery shopping a pleasure when you don't have to trudge

uphill to the store and lug heavy bags downhill when you return.

Port Ludlow is very quiet, but we met there to relax and to talk about our boats and to peek at the others, so quiet is okay. Our convenor always has a factory rep there and educational speakers for us. This year we got a virtual tour of the factory where the boats are now made, in New Jersey. Mainships are a part of the Luhrs group, which is weathering the economic slowdown reasonably well, although with belts tightened, ship building condensed to one spot. Much was discussed about how boat lengths are measured and why our boats have different "numbers" when we've just been told their dimensions are the same. Elsewhere this would be called "grade inflation". Did you know that the Italians measure their boats on the diagonal!

Our second speaker was Captain Jay Niederhauser, a Past President of the Puget Sound Pilots Association. Unlike the tests in our USPS classes, the Pilots' tests aren't open book. They have to draw accurate charts of the Sound waterways from memory. The list of prerequisites before they can start sitting for exams is long. No wonder there aren't any pilots younger than mid-forties. The captain showed us some very scary pictures of foolish people boating dangerously in the vicinity of freighters. He emphasized that pilots can get permission to take the big boats outside the shipping lanes, so always be alert. His advice on radar and AIS: if you absolutely have to use them to get where you're going, don't go. Might may not always make right, but it definitely

can make a mess of you. Incidentally, by Washington law the Puget Sound pilots are limited in their liability for errors in judgment, aim, and such to \$5000. Since the cranes at the ports cost about \$20,000,000 each, without this limit there'd be no pilots.

Our last speaker was Jeff Ericson of Boat Electric in Seattle talking about heating and refrigeration on boats. I was happy to learn that our two systems were ones he recommends, although I still wonder why our refrigerator door falls off, generally on my left foot.

On departure day it was very foggy in Port Ludlow. The weather broadcast was for more of same in most directions. We were the only boat at the rendezvous without radar, so we took the Captain's advice and idled down Hood Canal to Pleasant Harbor. It was pleasant, with blue skies, gracious staff, friendly neighbors, huge showers, VHS tapes to rent for our antique player, a book swap, and souvenir mugs to match most boat color schemes, including ours.

No fog, calm seas, so we headed to Port Townsend, just ahead of the Indian paddlers going to their rendezvous at Neah Bay. We saw more than a dozen canoes, a small portion of the 1000 paddlers expected to complete the journey. From Pt. T. we decided to make the Passport Destinations our destinations. All in all we visited places we hadn't been to before, places we had been to that weren't on the score card, places where our kids got free meals from us, places to shop for birthday, anniversary, and Christmas presents, places to enjoy the company of old friends, and places to meet new ones.

When we picked up our T-shirt prize at the Bell Harbor Marina and learned it was the first one handed out there, we decided to get really serious and stay at all the remaining spots on our way home. We got to shop at the Saturday Farmers' Market in

Port Orchard, and saw the Ford Mustang "Biggest Little Car Show in the World" there on Sunday. We watched airplanes heading to SEATAC from our slip in Des Moines. We bought fresh fish at Johnny's in Tacoma, and got ice delivered by boat to our boat at Dock Street. Foss Waterway had a very good selection of ice cream bars and had the good weather to go with them.

The office crew at Swantown was almost as excited as we were when we turned in our completed passport there at the end of our cruise. We have ten t-shirts total and our choice of the 15 prizes provided by the participating marinas. After serious contemplation, we chose the \$500 haul-out package from Swantown, a reward to our boat for giving us a great summer vacation. There's still plenty of good boating weather left for you to get involved and win hotel stays, fancy meals, fuel, or even a "couples massage". Go for it!

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## LET'S CELEBRATE

When we get together again in September, it will be time for birthday pie. Besides those members mentioned in the summer edition of the Seaman's Log, we'll be singing to Paul Davis, John Demeyer, Deborah Schuetz, and Bobbie and Stan Scott. Be sure to be there so we can have a full choir.



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What does a boat with an oil leak, a hurt shoulder and the Seattle Mariners have in common? You guessed it. A dismal summer season!!! But now that the weather is cooling off, summer, and the baseball season is almost over, I can now look forward to the upcoming hockey season. As they say, better luck next year.

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

Welcome back from wherever you've been this summer, even if it's just out in your back yard gathered around the barbecue. We've got an exciting array of programs and activities lined up for the coming year. Can you believe we're planning for 2011 already? We'll start our September meeting with a potluck dinner at 1830 to get everybody in a festive mood. At 1930 our speaker will be Gary Ball, telling us about High Output Alternators and Battery Systems. In October, our speaker, tentatively, will be someone from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) on preparing for emergencies, such as earthquake, fire, etc. This will be a powerpoint program with handouts. November promises to be one of our best

ever: Gary and Judy Ball, with another powerpoint program, telling (and showing) us about their cruise through the Gulf Islands during the summer, and will cover not only the technical aspects, but planning, packing, and food handling. Both the October and November meetings will begin at the usual time, 1930, although you're welcome to come a few minutes early and schmooze over a cup of coffee. December, of course, will bring our wonderful Christmas party, and although plans have been made, you don't get to find out until later about the spring speakers. We don't want you to get overexcited!

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**OUTSIDE READING PROJECT**  
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### **Never too old to try something new**

Maggie and I are moving near to Bend, Oregon on September 30. Actually, we will be a little ways out of Bend, in a resort community called “Eagle Crest”. This has all happened very suddenly. In July we made a visit down that way and decided that was where we wanted to live, more sunshine. We came home and put our house on the market and it sold right away. We then made another trip to Bend to look at houses. We bought one.

We are saddened but excited about this move. We will sorely miss all of our friends and the wonderful area of South Puget Sound. However, we will not miss the overcast and rain. Tim is excited to get back to river rafting and fly-fishing. Maggie is excited about all of the very active quilting groups in the area.

After Sept. 30, our new address is:  
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Come visit us when you're in the area!!!  
Your friends,

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**MORE CORRECT WORDS**

This is a continuation of our nautical vocabulary lesson, taught by Henry Beard and Roy McKie, op cit supra at Seaman's Log, Summer 2010. Expanding your knowledge of the fine points in any endeavor always leads to greater enjoyment in participation therein, as well as to greater accomplishment in the performance thereof.

**anchoring** A process during which the anchor is lowered and rancor is heightened.

**berth** Any horizontal surface whose total area does not exceed one-half of the surface area of an average man at rest, onto which at least one liter of some liquid seeps during

any 24-hour period and above which are not less than 10 kilograms of improperly secured objects.

**burdened vessel** The boat which, in a collision situation, did not have the right-of-way and would be well advised to exercise the right to remain silent.

**deck shoe** A canvas shoe with a rubber sole having a specially designed tread that provides for secure footing on deck unless the deck is wet, the shoe is somewhat worn, the deck is worn, or the shoe is wet.

**emergency** At sea, an emergency is presumed to exist whenever one or more persons find themselves on any floating craft in waters whose depth makes it impossible for the shortest one of them to stand on the bottom and still have his or her head completely above water.

**fix** 1. The estimated position of a boat. 2. The true position that a boat and its crew are in most of the time.

**flotsam** Anything floating in the water from which there is no response when an offer of a cocktail is made.

**right-of-way** Nautical legal principle that establishes whether or not a particular boat has the right to ram, or the duty to dodge, in any given marine encounter.



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<i>September 2010</i>			
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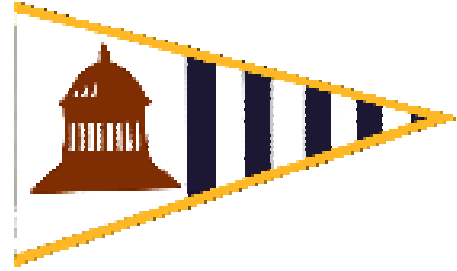
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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Where, oh where, are the beautiful days of September? It has always seemed to me that once school starts again, Mother Nature gives us her very best boating weather. Now fog shrouds my view of Squaxin Island. Rain has puddled on our concrete deck, with record setting levels of precip already, even before the month is over. Plans for overnights in Jarrell's Cove, or Anderson Island, or Port Orchard have been swamped. Plans for tying up in Longbranch have been scuttled by the County Commissioners who have closed down the land end of the marina, declaring the pilings holding the access ramp to be unsafe. How do those boat owners with permanent moorage there get to their boats? Swim from shore? Now it's time to eat hardtack, drink rum, peruse old treasure maps, and plot next summer's nautical adventures.

At our first meeting of the plotting and preparing season, Gary Ball gave us a great program on alternators and battery systems. Although I consider this area to be "man's work", I found his comparisons and formulae easy to understand and very interesting. From experience with our own boat, we do agree with him that boat designers put batteries in the hardest-to-get-to places, and when it comes to batteries, ease of maintenance really matters.

Have you made your reservations for the District 16 Fall Conference, October 29-30? The Call to Conference and Agenda are on the District website, and the reservation

form is there, as well as attached elsewhere in our newsletter. This year our national Bridge Rep will be R/C Jeff Hamilton, AP, and his wife Nancy from The Land of Ten Thousand Lakes, Minnesota; Minnetonka Power Squadron. He'll undoubtedly update us on the recent national governing board meeting in Bellevue and will answer our questions about new plans from USPS. Not only is conference a good place to greet friends, old and new, it's an opportunity glean good ideas from other Squadrons to adopt as our own.

For a short vacation in a foreign country, eh?, go to the Canadian Sail and Power Squadron website for information about their national meeting in Nanaimo, Oct. 22/23, "Get Hooked on the Island." Since CPS has the same number of members as USPS, from a general population one-tenth of ours, there should be some good gleaning in Nanaimo as well, along with enjoying the warm hospitality of our northerly neighbors.

When you receive this newsletter, there'll be just a few days left to plan and execute your ideas for auction items for the Salmon Bake. Let there be a plethora of items that make the lucky winners smile - and the losers be sorry they didn't bid more.

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## LET'S CELEBRATE

Squadron members with October birthdays are few, just Douglas Ryser and



Paul Tollefson. They'll get BIG slices of birthday pie. At the September meeting we included soon-to-be-former members Tim and Maggie Miller, now in their new home in Eagle Crest, Oregon, who are also Octoberians. Best wishes to all of you.



### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE**

Over Labor Day weekend, Cdr. Donna and I got together with the Tacoma and Poverty Bay Squadrons down at the Swantown Marina for some nice conversation and a few appetizers. It wasn't a big showing for our Squadron, but it does count for a joint Squadron meeting.

I haven't been out boating much lately, but my Golf game sure has improved. Now that it has been raining cats and dogs lately and I think I have even spotted a raccoon or two as well, my game might have to be put on hold for awhile. Till next month, try to stay in the preferred channel or the fairway, whatever the case maybe.

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Under the Weather!

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### **MERIT MARKS**

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

Any members, who have given time at various functions, please send me your name and what you did. We do not want to miss anyone.

The deadline for submitting this information to me is November 1, 2010.

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### **Never too old to try something new**

Maggie and I moved near to Bend, Oregon on September 30. Actually, we are a little ways out of Bend, in a resort community called "Eagle Crest". This has all happened very suddenly. In July, we made a visit down that way and decided that was where we wanted to live, more sunshine. We came home and put our house on the market and it sold right away. We then made another trip to Bend to look at houses. We bought one.

We are saddened but excited about this move. We will sorely miss all of our

friends and the wonderful area of South Puget Sound. However, we will not miss the overcast and rain. Tim is excited to get back to river rafting and fly-fishing. Maggie is excited about all of the very active quilting groups in the area.

After Sept. 30, our new address is:  
930 VICTORIA FALLS DR  
REDMOND OR 97756-7359

Our cell numbers are:

Tim (360) 280-6284

Maggie (360) 742-6704

Come visit us when you're in the area!!!

Your friends,

Tim and Maggie Miller



### VOCABULARY LESSON III

Forgive me for not reminding you of "Talk Like a Pirate Day" on September 19. Right now you should mark it on your calendar for next year. All you have to do is put a hearty "aaarrgh" before any of the Henry Beard/Roy McKie words you use, and you'll look like the genuine article. Of course, an eye patch, a three-cornered hat, and a peg leg will add greatly to the impression.

**bilge** – Narrow enclosed space at the very bottom of the inside of the hull where that strange grinding noise and that odd burning smell are coming from.

**cruise** – Waterborne pleasure journey embarked on by one or more people. A cruise may be successful if the same number of individuals who set out on it arrive, in roughly the same condition they set out in, at some piece of habitable dry land, with or without the boat.

**deviation** – Directional inaccuracy in a compass caused by its tendency to point at a tenth-of-an-ounce metal filling in the back of your jaw instead of the magnetic field of a 7,900-mile-diameter planet with

a mass of 6,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons.

**fitting out** – Series of maintenance tasks performed on boats ashore during good weather weekends in spring and summer months to make them ready for winter storage.

**grounding** – Embarrassing situation in which a sailor returns to shore without leaving his boat.\*

**helmsman** – Traditional term for whoever is at the tiller or wheel of a boat. Politically correct nautical American seapeople prefer gender-neutral substitutes such as helmsperson, steering committee chair, directionally tasked crew member, or individual filling a boat's unmet course-holding needs.

**hitch** – 1. A simple knot used as a temporary fastening. 2. Unexpected difficulty or delay in untying what now appears to be a complicated and permanent knot.

**lanyard** - A light line attached to a small article so that it can be secured somewhere well out of reach.

\* see Shelton Yacht Club, Commodore 2010-2011, op cit inthesoupra



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**BRIDGE MEETING**

The next Bridge meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 meeting @ 7:00 PM. Remember, you don't have to be on the Bridge to attend.



**Editor's Notes**

As I discussed at a Bridge Meeting, please do not format your work with the space bar or tab key. I have to take it all out. If there is a special format, like the reservation form for the Christmas Party, send it that way and ask for a separate page.

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The Salmon Bake is always a great event, and this year it's a perfect **ten, ten, ten**. Yes, it's on the tenth day of the tenth month of the tenth year of our new decade, century, and millennium. Could it be any better than that? Well, it could start at 1000, I guess, but 1200 is much more civilized, and that's when we'll gather. Once again the Sharps have offered their home, at 5517 Kinney Rd SW. If you have a tendency to get lost and no GPS to rely on, write this down: 866-7134.

The Squadron provides the salmon and steamer clams, and corn on the cob. Bring your own dental floss. Attendees bring snacks, salads, side dishes, desserts, beverages of choice, their own tableware, hearty appetites, and lots of money. The highlight of the day, beside good food and good fellowship, is the White Elephant Auction. This is the principal fund-raising event for Squadron operations. It's also a chance to exercise your imagination in putting together your auction items, with humor, creativity, originality, by theme, by

color, by country of manufacture. How about a fun clue to the contents? A package marked “Free Trip Inside” could hold a small “magic” carpet, not an airline ticket. A large waste basket could be “Mess Transportation”. Put on your thinking caps.

This is a good time to bring family, friends or potential members. The more, the merrier. Jerry Cross will be our auctioneer, and his silver tongue will lead to sprightly bidding competition. By the end of the event, you just might have all of your Christmas shopping for relatives completed!

Remember the important details: on the tenth of October of 2010, **10/10/10**. You’re going to have ten times the fun of a regular Squadron meeting. See you at the Sharp’s!



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The first leg of the voyage follows the ASTAS Tall Ship Challenge, the annual celebration of tall ships as it visits West Coast ports in Canada and the US. The voyage will transit waters of all five West Coast national marine sanctuaries and promote sanctuaries' connection to the past and future for Tall Ship Challenge audiences numbering hundreds of thousands.

The second and third legs are ocean crossings, to and from the Hawaiian Islands, marking the historic links between the Pacific Northwest, California, and the Hawaiian Islands. For more information: Contacts; Captain Les Bolton, Grays Harbor Historic Seaport; Robert Steelquist, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary.

(Information sponsored by NOAA and National Marine Sanctuaries)

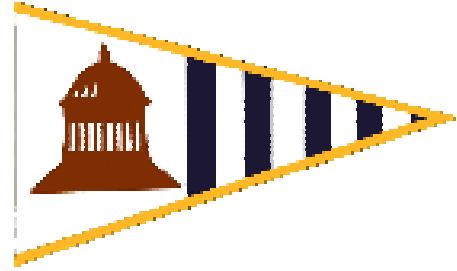


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November already? How can it be? Time passes so fast. Well Indian summer slipped by without my even seeing it through the rain.

Our Squadron is rich with members who volunteer, and that was true on the Kids' Day at Huntamer Park in Lacey in October. Jerry Cross was there bright and early to set up the tent, not an easy job when my promised work crew, Paul, tall enough to help with the tent, arrived late, due to the wonders of modern technology. In the old days, setting an alarm clock was easy: one set of numbers on a round dial. With electronics it turns out you can schedule to get up at 7:30 PM, if you miscalculate. Because of the weather we didn't have many takers for our bags of tricks, but the Walkers, the Hardens, Kendal and the rest of us enjoyed watching the brave little people who took on the rain and stomped it to mulch, in the gutters, in the grass, until they were soaked to the knees.

Sharps once again hosted us at the salmon bake. Weather doesn't matter when there is hospitality, friendship, good food, and a few laughs at the deceptively wrapped auction items which turn out to be nothing like expected. Perhaps someone made a list of the treasures to see which will be sacrificed to the good cause next year.

Bobbie Scott has been doing a great job at getting programs for us, so be sure to be at the November meeting. Blink, and it's December. Phil and Dorothy Tenkhoff have reserved Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of ... , for our

Christmas Party at the Olympia Country and Golf Club. Details will come later, but you can count on a dessert auction, so start planning your elaborate concoctions now. I'm partial to things with pecans, myself.

We have said a happy farewell to members Tim and Maggie Miller, wishing them good times in their new home in Central Oregon. We've said a sad farewell to Nick Brower as he has taken a final crossing of the bar. Nick had good stories to tell and shared them generously, was a backbone of our teaching department, and offered help whenever it was needed, including diagnosing "funny" engine sounds. He will be sorely missed, and our thoughts and deeds will be with Pat during this sad time.

Yes, it's November and time to see beyond the clouds of the day to the boating fun just a few short months away. Well, one short one, some regular size, unless they shrink in the Farmer's Almanac projected rain.

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### Obituary

Nicholas Vedder Brower Jr.

Nick (Chip) passed away at home on October 8, 2010 after a yearlong battle with cancer. He was born February 18, 1938, in Utica, New York to Nicholas and Evelyn Timm Brower. He spent his childhood in southern California living in Van Nuys, Quincy, and Redondo Beach. He attended

Verde Valley HS in Sedona, Arizona, and in California, El Camino Community College, San Francisco and Humboldt State Universities. While at college he met and married Pat, forming a partnership lasting 51 years. The arrival of children Gary and Vicki completed the family.

Nick held at a variety of jobs. He worked as a Television Engineer and announcer for stations in Eureka, Ca. and Klamath Falls, Or. Several years were spent as a City Police Officer and Volunteer Firefighter in Arcata, Ca. The call of the sea was always strong, and over the years Nick owned and operated five commercial fishing boats and learned to navigate offshore along the California, Oregon and Washington coasts. Offers to work on tugboats and sail the seas were enticing and he jumped at the opportunity, looking for a paycheck, travel, and adventure. When the commute from California to work on Foss Tugs out of Seattle became too much, the family packed up and moved to Olympia in 1969. Tug companies he worked for included Foss, Western Towboat, Marine Power and Logistics, Jore Corp. and Victory Marine. He obtained his Masters of Ocean's Coast Guard License which was still active when he passed away. He sailed the seas as a Captain towing barges all over world. Destinations included Alaska, Hawaii, Johnstone Atoll, Quadulane, Russia, Panama Canal, West and East Coasts of the US and South America. He trained for Seattle to Portland Bicycle Rides (STP) by riding a stationary bicycle in the tug's wheelhouse while traveling back and forth to Hawaii. After retiring, Nick and Pat bought a yacht and spent ten years cruising around Puget Sound, San Juan's, British Columbia and the Inside Passage to Alaska, exploring the wealth of coves, harbors, docks, inlets and waterways that Nick never had time to enjoy before as he passed them by on the tugs. Anchoring out, exploring and stopping at

towns and villages along the way brought an opportunity for new friends, experiences, and learning.

Nick was devoted to his family as it grew including children, spouses and grandchildren. He was passionate about the sea and everything thing nautical. He loved swapping stories with family, friends and strangers and he always had a good story to tell. He was interested in the maritime industry, naval history, any boat, ship, tug, yacht, submarine, fishing or any work boat. He was a history buff and loved antique cars and motorcycles, travel, promoting and teaching safety on the water. He had been a Cdr. on the Olympia Harbor Patrol and was active in the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron, the Olympia Yacht Club and the West Bay Literary and Oratorical Society. He belonged to and supported several maritime historical organizations.

He is survived by his wife Pat, son Gary and wife Cis Brower, daughter Vicki and husband Rob Shaw, grandchildren Sarah and Megan Brower, Ross and Nikko Shaw, brother Pete and wife Sue Brower. Nick has left us with a lifetime of memories. The family thanks Dr. Jim Lechner, the Western Washington Oncology staff and Hospice for their care and concern.

"I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky, and all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by". At Nick's request his ashes will be scattered at sea. A celebration of Nick's life will be planned for the future.

Family suggests those wishing to make donations may send them to the Columbia River Maritime Museum or the Salvation Army.

An open house Celebration of Life for Nick will be held November 13 from 1 to 4 PM at the Olympia Yacht Club, 201 Simons Street NW, Olympia, WA. Click on the following link to view his obituary, leave

condolences, memories or stories for the family.

<http://www.funeralalternatives.org/ObitResults.asp?ObitKey=1985>



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**THE NOVEMBER VOCABULARY LESSON**

Here's another lesson in philology from professors Henry Beard and Roy McKie. I hope you've been applying these lessons by working all the words into your conversations and correspondence.

**anchor** - Any of a number of heavy, hook-shaped devices that are dropped over the side of the boat on the end of a length of rope and/or chain, and which are designed to hold a vessel securely in place until a) the wind exceeds 2 knots, b) the owner and crew depart, or c) 3 AM

**bar** - Long, low-lying navigational hazard, usually awash, found at river mouths and harbor entrances, where it is composed of sand or mud, and ashore, where it is made of mahogany or some other dark wood. Sailors can be found in large numbers around both.

**bill** - Sharp point at the end of an anchor. 2. Sore point at the end of a stay in a pricey marina.

**buoy** - Navigational aid. There are several types and colors of buoys, of which the



most numerous are the black can (seen as a fuzzy black spot on the horizon); the red nun (seen as a fuzzy black spot on the horizon); the red or green day beacon (seen as a fuzzy black spot on the horizon); and the vertically striped black-and-white channel marker (seen as a fuzzy black spot on the horizon).

**flag** – Any of a number of signaling pennants or ensigns, designed to be flown upside down, in the wrong place, in the wrong order, or at an inappropriate time.

**hatch** – An opening in a deck leading to the cabin below with a cover designed to let water in while keeping fresh air out.

**navigational lights** – To assist in identification at night, all boats are required to carry various colored lights. Thus, for example, boats for sale display a string of 60-watt bulbs from stem to stern; houseboats are identified by a pair of yellow bug lights, a table lamp, and a small white light in a lantern held by a jockey statuette; and all haunted vessels are bathed in a light green or bluish glow.

**sextant** – An entertaining, albeit expensive device which, together with a good atlas, is of use in introducing the boatman to many interesting areas on the earth's surface which he and his craft are not within 1,000 nautical miles of.



#### **WHAT A FIRST-TIMER LEARNED AT A NATIONAL GOVERNING BOARD**

As D/16 Membership Committee, Recruitment person, I attended the two-hour Membership meeting and came away much more knowledgeable and inspired. **I learned the importance of stressing to our membership that we are members of a large national organization which offers us many benefits: ALL OF US ARE THE MEMBERSHIP, MARKETING AND**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS PEOPLE FOR USPS, AS WELL AS FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SQUADRONS AND DISTRICTS.** We need to make clear what we stand for: BOATING SAFETY AND EDUCATION. (We are not the U.S. Post Office!) All Squadron members must recruit!

**I learned National has been working hard to develop new member benefits.** After 1 December 2010, the \$25 Entrance Fee will be dropped for new members, and those taking the ABC3 course will receive a 6-month free membership. They urge us to track those people carefully, and encourage membership immediately. Other benefits include Discounted Vacations, Cruises, Wireless Cell Phones, Proactive Identity Theft Protection, and more coming soon. Go to [www.USPSbenefits.org](http://www.USPSbenefits.org) for more information.

**I learned about the Brunswick/USPS partnership.** That there are many Brunswick dealers nationwide, including Sea Ray, Bayliner, Meridian, Boston Whaler and others under the Brunswick umbrella. Brunswick investigated all other boating classes offered, and liked USPS classes best! They want monthly seminars in their showrooms, think our manuals make great references, encourage us to recruit at the classes, and are very interested in our Boat Operator's Certification. Dealers will pay a \$500.00 fee, for which they'll receive marketing materials, a selection of self-study books for retail sale, and one full membership in USPS. Local District and Squadron teams will work with the dealers in planning, training, scheduling classes and seminars, etc. A national hotline will be made available. If you contact a Brunswick dealer who has not heard of this, urge them to contact Brunswick.

**Other recruiting ideas** I learned about include: Get new prospects' names, addresses and e-mails at Boat Shows. Have internet access at boat show booths, and sign up people right away! Add new and Additional Active members on-line. Make new members feel like members immediately! Give ABC3 on-line: the names of those passing will go to the four Squadrons nearest to their zip-codes as is done with Cyber Squadrons. All of us members should carry brochures with us at all times and give them out whenever opportunity presents itself! This is a way to "give back" to your Squadron. Flyers, including "Learn from the Best," "Expand Your Boating Horizon's," "Recruiting from Cyber-Squadron," and others, can be downloaded from the USPS website. For help, look under "How-To." Use "On-line dues reporting," and have people pay on-line. Let members know you appreciate them! Call, send post cards, birthday and anniversary cards, etc., to keep in touch with members, especially the long-term people who have done so much to support the Squadron in the past, even though not active now.

**Unified Membership**, the new "a member is a member" amendment to the bylaws was passed on Saturday. This means that spouses or significant-others can join for half price, and all other family members living at home, up to age 23, are included as full members. (Those under 18 cannot vote or hold office). Single parents can join at the regular price and their children will also be members. **This is an important step for Squadrons to report to long-time members.** Many have spouses who have never joined as they didn't want to take the Basic Boating class, but have contributed greatly to the Squadron. As a Merit Mark Chair, I have become very aware of all the hours many of these people have worked, but couldn't even receive a Merit Mark

because they weren't "members!" Let's encourage these people to join us as full members, for half the price! \*Squadrons will still have the option to require a basic boating course for membership.

A new program, VIM (Very Important Member) is being implemented to "help Squadrons recognize members who help recruit and retain new members." A pin will be awarded to show that "he/she has performed a very important task in helping USPS grow." This will begin after the 2011 Annual Meeting. There is also in progress a "Communications Page," which will discuss Sail Angle, and a "New Members Page." Send in questions you think a new member might ask.

Submitted by Laurel Jo Redecker,  
D/16 Membership Committee, Recruiting,  
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Let us celebrate these November birthdays:

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Lee Wells
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Denny McHugo
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Jim Hanson
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Carrie Gonzalez
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Rose Ann Walker



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

Time: 1830 – 1930 Cocktails with no-host bar  
1930 – 2130 Dinner and dessert auction

Menu Choices: Prime Rib  
Salmon  
Pasta Primavera

Price: \$32.00 per person

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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### Christmas Party Reservation

Name	Meal Choice

Mail this form and your check made out to  
Olympia Sail and Power Squadron to:

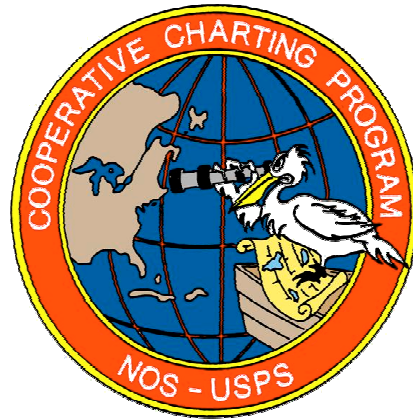
Phil and Dorothy Tenkhoff  
4014 Country Club Drive NW  
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## The Latest and Greatest from D16 Cooperative Charting Committee

Everyone did such a great job for the reporting year ending March 31, 2010. Are you up for another **Challenge**?

Nod your head up and down.

The D16 Cooperative Charting Committee, with help from some of Agate Pass members, has put together a list of possibilities for your Squadron. Should you accept the **Challenge**, you can use these suggestions, or expand on your own.



We have taken a look at what would be reasonable for your Squadron's area, checked the charts and Coast Pilot so you will have a head start in putting together your reports.

The rules are simple: Submit as many reports with as many points available prior to the March 15, 2011 deadline.

The object is to get each D16 Squadron on the 2011 NOS – USPS National Cooperative Charting Honor Roll, with as many individuals on the Honor Roll as well.

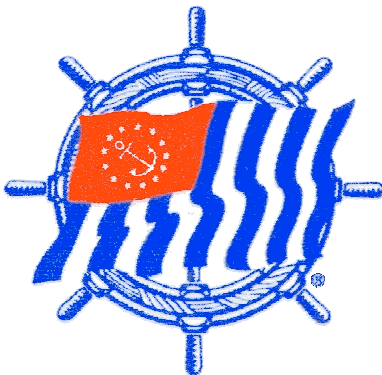
For those of you who accept and meet the **Challenge**, there will be recognition and celebration at D16 2011 Spring Conference. You know the fun we had last year....we're cooking up something even better.

All the details will be in handouts provided at the D16 Fall Council and Conference in Tacoma on October 29-30. This information will also be posted on the D16 web site Coop Charting page.

Head 'em up and roll 'em out!

P/C Inez Schwartz, JN  
**D16 CoCh Chair**

Chuck Leavitt, SN  
**D16 Asst CoCh Chair**



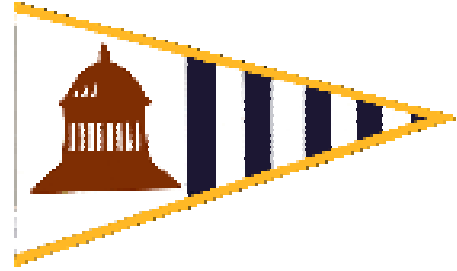


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## FROM THE BRIDGE

### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It's nice to see sunshine in the morning, when it appears, but it's sad to see the dark come down so early in the afternoon. Just a few days of La Niña and I'm looking forward to when I can say, "Ah, the days are getting longer now."

The Fall Conference in Tacoma was a good meeting. Chief Commander Frank Dvorak sent Jeff Hamilton of the Minnetonka Squadron and Chairman of the USPS Planning Committee as his representative for our pep talk. Of course, he talked about commitment to the cause and about tools for getting new members: cyber Squadrons, classes on line, six months free membership, waived national initiation fee, superior advanced training, "partnering" with Brunswick Boats for publicity/class sponsorships, member discounts at nautical vendors such as Jeppesen Marine and Weems & Plath, and co-ordinating with other boating groups such as Boat US, US Sailing, National Safe Boating Council, and the Canadian Power Squadron.

This seems a good time to mention one of the groups, the National Boating Federation, another boating group with boating education as their theme. In conjunction with USPS, they give out awards to three Squadrons in each USPS district, and Olympia is the proud possessor of second place in District 16! Congratulations to Tim Miller, our SEO, and to all our instructors for winning this

prestigious award. We'll be receiving the NBF newsletter, *The LOOKOUT*, which I'll bring to meetings to share.

Tidbits from speakers: WA State Parks has 8500 feet of public moorage, the largest in the nation. It's working with the Coast Guard on a federally funded program, developing a plan better, safer, soberer boating, with better navigation skills for boaters. Eighty-three per cent of the boating fatalities were NOT WEARING LIFE JACKETS. Since boat registration is down, the state has less money to contribute to better-boating projects.

The CG says that there is a strong support for national mandatory boating education. No wonder, when sixty per cent of the fatalities had no boating education at all. Novice boaters need us in order to eventually become safe and seasoned boaters.

Be sure to put the Seattle Boat Show on your calendars. It will run January 20 thru 30, and District 16 will have a booth. Let me know if you'd like to volunteer to help man it. Even if we don't gain any new members for our Squadron, we'll have accomplished much if we can get boaters concerned about safety, education, and being better boaters, and perhaps even joining another district Squadron.

PFD (Pretty Fancy Dude) Seagull, the robot, paid us a visit, and is he ever cute. He'll be at the boat show booth, and I bet he

gets us a lot of attention from adults as well as from kids. More for kids: there will be a Youth Poster Contest, with a new due date this time, and it's coming up fast. Entries must reach national by Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, so get those kids, grandkids and neighbor kids to work

Our second award went to Past Commander Jerry Cross for his contribution to the Cooperative Charting Program. We, and the United States Department of Commerce, Office Coast Survey, are very proud of his 282<sup>nd</sup> place award.

The conference ended with a banquet featuring ghosties and ghoulies and a lot of orange and black, and even some vicious red crabs waving their claws at us. Jeff and Nancy Hamilton told us how much they enjoyed being with us, which we knew from their willingness to talk with everyone and to answer any questions, no matter how many times they'd answered a similar question before. They got to fly out on Sunday on one of those beautiful bright blue days that I hate to have out-of-state visitors see.

Paul and I had a winning raffle ticket, and we were happy to drive home with a basket of goodies. We enjoyed the blue skies in Tacoma until they passed on, and we got to drive home in the rain.

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### **Captain S. M. Lavender, known for “Dead Men Tell No Tales”**

Eccentric worldly cruiser Captain S.M. Lavender died September 22, 2010 of rare European cancer at age 75. Captain S.M. Lavender was a well-educated and versed traveler aboard his 50-foot Grand Banks Motor Yacht. He conquered and

plundered the Puget Sound, British Columbia and Alaskan Coasts. He scoured the seas for teak and mahogany to keep his original wooden trawler in prime shape. He never needed the little blue pill. He will soon be forgotten, but his wood will be long remembered, the motor yacht.

His 5 wives, Mexican-Jewish olive skin and brown-eyed Dalia; French bosomed Sophie; English blonde fair skinned Marilyn; Swedish, voluminous Shawna; and Irish red haired Macy survive him.

Twenty children; Dalia E. M. Lavender-Lawyer and Thomas Lawyer of Oakridge, TN., Elena Marie Lavender-McDaniels and Justin McDaniel, of Nowhere, USA, Daniel Aaron Lavender of Lacey, WA., Carl Andrew Lavender of Lacey, WA, Juanita Leann Urlacher and Pat Urlacher of Pacific, WA., Robert Edward of Auburn, WA., Alex Vos of Fargo, ND., Andrea McLees of Olympia, WA., Cory Smith of Munroe, WA., Peter, Paul, Mary, John, Paul, George, Ringo, James, Taylor, of world traveling.

Thirty grandchildren; Zachary Aaron Lavender-Boswell, Tommy Lawyer, Jeremy Lawyer, Kayla Leann Sewell, Brian Edward Sewell, Kelcey Rose Lavender, Lilly Elizabeth Bowen, Nathan McDaniel, Victoria Jean Urlacher, Kyle Urlacher, Roselei Lavender, Jack, Bob, Marley, Elvis, Presley, Alice, Cooper, Joel, Walsh, Buddy, Holly, Ricky, Nelson, Bob, Tom, Joplin, Glen, Livet.



### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE**

Last month my article was aground due to work. As luck may have it, the tide has risen and now I have to submit an article. I would like to remind everyone



about the Coast Guard's - Paddle Smart Program. This is a program to identify kayaks, canoes, row boats, skiffs, etc. to have the owner's name and phone numbers written in waterproof ink and visibly located on the vessel. This way, they can contact the owner if the vessel is found and determine if a search and rescue is necessary or not.

This past month, in an area between Vashon and Blake Islands, there was a kayak found adrift and a search was started. The Coast Guard utilized a lifeboat and a helicopter at a cost of \$50,000 and jeopardized many lives during the search. The latest report stated nothing was found and they are still unsure who the owner of the craft is. All of this could have been easily avoided if the kayak included the owners contact information available to the rescuers. Pass the word onto your friends and families. Remember, small crafts account for the majority of new boat purchases.

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

Can you believe another year is about to end? I hope you're all planning to attend the annual Christmas Party at the Olympia Country and Golf Club on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. It's our premier social event of the year and our chance to be "high society" for an evening. Remember, there will be no meeting at the Yacht Club - or anyplace else - on the third Monday this month. The Christmas Party takes the place of our regular meeting. As you make plans for the party, you'll need to decide what kind of a home baked high caloric goodie to bring. After dinner, we'll be having our

usual dessert auction to benefit the Olympia Youth Service Center. Remember, your Commander is very partial to pecans, but I like dark chocolate. Bring money along so we can bid up some good prices to support the foster parents and homeless youth of our community. This is the Civic Service leg of our Power Squadron triangle. Let's send a nice check to the Youth Service Center!

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 & toasty spending time chatting with steaming cups in our hands. Then at 1930, we have a terrific program from the Olympia Historical Society on the history of downtown Olympia, Capital Lake/estuary, and the likelihood of flooding of past or present City Halls. (With or without parking.) See you at the Christmas party!!

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### **Celebrating Member Birthdays**

Several members of our Squadron were dropped off by the stork in December, just in time to be tax deductions for Mom and Dad. One very special member rode to his new home with Santa Claus.

12-01	Gary Scholes
12-14	John Porter
12-15	Jim Harden
12-20	Melissa Johnson
12-21	James Jones, Jr
12-22	Phil Tenkhoff
12-25	George Lonergan



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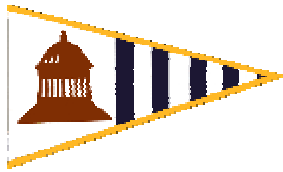
<i>December 2010</i>			
1 & 4	Olympia Yacht Club Lighted Boats in Budd Bay		www.olympiayachtclub.org
4	Bellevue Squadron Christmas Party	1800	Meydenbauer Yacht Club
10 & 11	Shelton Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade w/ Social gathering after the parade		Shelton Yacht Club
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<i>January 2011</i>			
10	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
17	General Meeting Annual Hot Beverage Event Speaker: Olympia Historical Society, "Is a Catastrophic Flood in Olympia's Future?"	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
29	Bellevue Crab Feed	TBD	Mercer Island VFW Hall
<i>February 2011</i>			
12	District 16 Spring Council		Friday Harbor
14	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
21	General Meeting Speaker: Vivian Eason, Thurston County Emergency Management, "Being Prepared for Emergencies"	1930-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
28	Bremerton Squadron Spaghetti Bash		Bremerton Yacht Club
<i>March 2011</i>			
14	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
21	General Meeting Potluck St. Patrick's Day Event Speaker: TBA	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
1-2	District 16 Spring Conference		Bremerton

<i>April 2011</i>			
11	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
TBD	Change of Watch		
30	Washington Dragon Boat Festival (Sponsored by St. Martin's University)		Port Plaza, Olympia
<i>May 2011</i>			
9	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
16	General Meeting Speaker: Les Eldridge, Topic TBA	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club

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## December 2010

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- 14 Meeting @ Olympia Country and Golf Club.
- 15 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

## January 2011

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- 17 Meeting @ Olympia Yacht Club.
- 11 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

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