

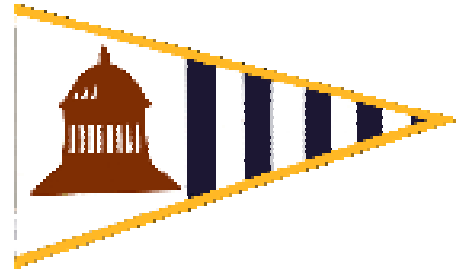


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OLYMPIA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

January 2011

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FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

How did you like our first ever (almost-) all internet Seaman's Log? I thought it turned out quite well, and the addition of color here and there is pretty nifty. Without our having to worry about postage costs/ weight/ volume, we have plenty of room for articles from any of our members who have interesting or educational or humorous boating stories to share. This is your chance to be a published author! Sharpen up the quill pen and, ... oh, oil the keyboard and get to work.

Leaving here on a Monday to go to Bend, OR and Sunriver for Thanksgiving, we broke trail through the snow on Arkada Ct and a bit of Lynch Rd. No one horse open sleigh for us, but a Suburban with four wheel drive, thank goodness, as we passed an assortment of cars askew or in ditches before we even got to Hwy 101. We haven't seen November snow here before, and I hope it doesn't mean that we've had our annual allotment and won't get some around Christmas. "Dashing through the puddles..." just doesn't have much charm to it.

Paul and I attended the Bellevue Squadron dinner and dance (how many bands have just a singer/tambourine player, two drummers, and five guitars?) and on another night with Rotary boating friends we got to see lighted boats from the Tacoma Yacht Club deck. There's only one lighted boat here at Arcadia Point, and that's a small one on our neighbors' dock and sturdily guy-wired to it. Thanks to all in any

community who work so hard in generally icky weather to decorate their boats and bring joy to so many observers.

I hope you made it to our Christmas Party. Together with 30 other attendees, Paul and I certainly enjoyed ourselves. We came home with a Rebecca Cross pecan pie and a Dorothy Tenkhoff loaf of tea bread, perfect for Christmas morning. We all greeted guests and new members and celebrated member birthdays with reasonably on-key singing. Our auctioneer, Jerry Cross, ably assisted by our own "Vanna" Sharp, enticed members to be generous in their bidding. Their result: happy eating for many members and \$560 (our biggest total ever) for our Squadron's donation to Olympia's Community Youth Services, which we have supported for several years. Phil and Dorothy Tenkhoff were our hosts for the evening at the Olympia CGC, and the decorations, dinner, and service were all first rate, just as we knew they would be. Thank you again, Phil and Dorothy.

Whatever weather the New Year brings us, we'll be cozy and warm in the OYC for our meetings, with good friends, interesting speakers, a chance to exchange tall tales of boating and to jump start plans for summer cruising. I hope to see you in January for "Hot Drink Night". Oh, and if there's a class you think would make your summer trip safer and securer, let me know. I'll see if we have a trained (and available) instructor.

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SEATTLE BOAT SHOW

Once again District 16 will have a booth in the Qwest Event Center at the Boat Show, which runs from Friday, January 21st through Sunday the 30th. “Who mans the booth?” you ask. “Squadron members from all over the state who volunteer for the opportunity.” is the answer. If you’d like to join the crew, please contact John Winkler of the Bellevue Squadron at D16@q.com. Weekday hours are 1100 to 1900, Saturdays from 1000 to 1900, and Sundays from 1000 to 1800. Shifts are generally two hours, but I’m sure you’re welcome to stay longer and to alternate time with time browsing the show.

Cdr. Donna



EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

I wanted to thank everyone for attending the Annual Christmas party. I am sure everyone had a good time and that Community Youth Services will benefit from our enjoyment. The meal and hospitality from Olympia Golf and Country Club was wonderful and a BIG THANK-YOU to Phil and Dorothy Tenkhoff for putting it all together.

With that said, my official report is over. On behalf of my family, we would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year,

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The Squadron's annual Christmas party, as always, left me excited and ready for the rest of the holidays. A huge tree, a crackling fire, sparkling lights, a marvelous dinner, 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 yummy homemade desserts. Stan & I got a blue-ribbon plate of lemon bars and Nanaimo bars contributed by Pat Brower. There's nothing better than the combination of lemon bars and coffee! What a wonderful way to kick off the holidays!

As you're marking your 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 member takes on a bit of the task, work can be accomplished easily; well, more easily. Somewhat easily. PLEASE 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 matches your time slot, interests, and talents. You can get a lot done for the Squadron and the boating community, and you can have fun doing it. We're fun people to work with! Call us! Volunteer! You'll be glad you did!

Our next meeting will take place on Monday, January 17th. 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 LOTS of additives for all of them. If that isn't enough, we'll have a guest speaker from the Olympia Historical Society speaking about the history and future of our

downtown area as it is impacted by flooding issues. Will the new courthouse be high enough? Come and find out.

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BRIDGE MEETING

The next Bridge meeting is January 10th. 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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Travels of the Oyster Shell 2010.

I have had both sides of an oyster shell under my seat in the one ton since the end of August 2008. Therefore, the Oyster Shell has traveled. Hence the title "Travels of the Oyster Shell". The 2010 indicates that this is a later journey story.

This is the story of our trip to Nevada City, California, for an annual family reunion at Thanksgiving. We planed to leave Hoodspport by noon on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, right after church. However, I am ahead of my story.

On the 17th, 8 days before Thanksgiving, we went to North Seattle, so Joanne could see her retinal specialist. Both dogs, Rubie and Coco, acted normal as we left. When we got home, Rubie was at the door announcing our arrival while Coco was listless on the couch. The Vet was called Thursday, the 18th and Coco visited her that afternoon. She had an infection in the anal glands for which we received medications. Usually, she responds after 12 – 18 hours of first dose of Meds. However, by Friday afternoon, I had decided not to hook up the trailer until after church because Coco had not improved.

Early Saturday AM, Coco still had not improved. The Vet was visited again late Saturday morning, got more Meds and an appointment for Monday Morning.

Sunday afternoon, I got everything ready to drop the hitch on the ball and depart, safety chains hooked up, anti sway bar in position, and the weight distributing bars in place ready to tension. (It wasn't going to be that easy.)

Monday AM, we have 5½" of snow on the ground. The Olds doesn't do well in the snow. The Vet is 15 miles away. It is ½ mile to the state highway. I disconnect the safety chains, dropped the weight distributing bars, and moved the anti-sway bar and I am ready to go. Four-wheel-drive is wonderful if you need it to get out. Did I mention that our driveway is over 500 feet long? We, and everyone else, are driving slowly as we go to the Vet's.

While at the Vet, blood was drawn to see what else might be happening. We would be notified about 1000 Tuesday Morning. OK! Monday night, we lost power

shortly after midnight until just before noon Tuesday. Tuesday morning I am out early. Now we have 9½ inches of snow. It had been so cold that metal froze to metal. *Everything* is frozen. After 2 hours, I finally get all hooked up, move the truck and trailer forward about 20 feet for ease of loading passengers, and got in the house to hear the phone ring.

The Vet has called about the blood draw on Saturday. Coco has Lupus. "Unhook the trailer, we are going in to see the Vet to pick-up medications." Did I mention that the trailer electric jack had decided to freeze and not work? One hour later, I have the trailer back in position, unhooked, and am on my way to the Vet for more meds. The phone call to Nevada City was made. "We are not going south because of weather and a very sick dog." The Siskiyou Pass was accumulating snow at a significant rate. This was our trip to California this year.

Skip Hash, *Ed.*

Epilog: December 12, 2010

Coco is doing much better. She does not have Lupus. It seems that Joanne had dropped a bottle of her Benicar, and Coco found one that Joanne didn't find. She was doing ok until she developed the infection and then her system went south. Coco is still not quite herself, but almost. Coco's full name is Coco Chanel Hash, and she has papers to prove it.



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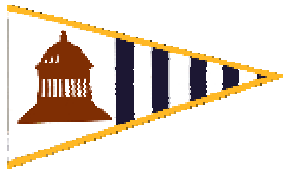
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17	General Meeting Annual Hot Beverage Event Speaker: Olympia Historical Society, "Is a Catastrophic Flood in Olympia's Future?"	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
29	Bellevue Crab Feed		Mercer Island VFW Hall
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12	District 16 Spring Council		Friday Harbor
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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

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Executive Committee meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at places *to be announced* in the Seaman's Log, starting at 1900 except in July and August when they are held at Rendezvous. **THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.**

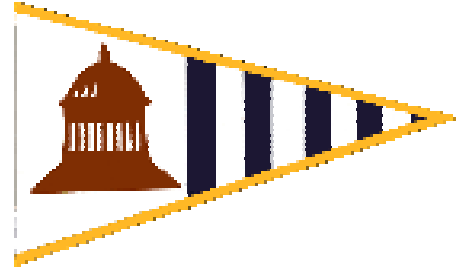


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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

In February there is so much to do. First, there are Groundhogs to look for on the 2nd as they make their prognostications. Then there's another New Year to celebrate on the 3rd, with fireworks, egg rolls, and chow mein; on the 12th, the District 16 Council in Friday Harbor; our Squadron Bridge (14th) and General (21st) Meetings; Presidents to honor on the 21st with speeches and cherry pie; on the 14th, sweethearts to cherish with words of love, flowers and chocolates; the District 16 Officers' Training day on the 26th at the Queen City Yacht Club in Seattle, and on the 28th the Bremerton Squadron's **BIG** Get-to-Know-Us Spaghetti Dinner. Special note: The Commander of the Bremerton Squadron is of Italian descent and has a super-special spaghetti sauce recipe! For a short month, February sure is a very busy one.

Boating! There's always some good weather in February, so if you go boating, it's a two-for-one deal: you have fun getting out on the water, and you can start your check list of maintenance-items-that-need-work on your boat before any long cruises take place in spring (can't wait) or summer (ah, at last). For us, it's the cabin heat, which is the reason we haven't ventured to Jarrell's Cove or farther, on the clear, crisp, cold sunny days that Mother Nature sometimes teases us with in winter. Plus, Santa brought us some new accessories for the Cobb B-B-Q we use on the boat. I'm anxious to try roasting and stir frying there. This B-B-Q was invented in South Africa, is

about the size of a tall, old-fashioned hat box, stays cool on the outside and bottom, and is safe to use on the fiber-glass sole of our cockpit. Believe me, we tested it thoroughly at home before using it on the boat and it's great.

Events to plan for in the spring include Captain's Weekend at Cabela's on March 5 & 6. Help with the Squadron booth there, then wear your vendor's badge when you go through the cashier's line and get a discount off your regular price purchases. Good deal. The District 16 Conference will be held in Bremerton on the 25th and 26th. See P/C Jim Harden installed as District Admin. April brings our Change of Watch on Monday, the 18th at Panorama. Then on the 7th of May there's the District 16 Education Seminar put on by Deception Pass, at a place yet to be announced. May also brings us Safe Boating Week. June preps us for our longer summer cruises by taking us to the District Rendezvous, where our own P/C Jim Harden will delight us with his inventive agenda. Interspersed with all this will be our regular Squadron meetings, with the great speakers Bobbie Scott has arranged for us.

At the February meeting our nominating committee will present a slate of officers for the coming year. I hope their job will be made easier by those who enjoy the Squadron and believe in the precepts of US (Be a Better Boater) PS, education and boating safety, who will step up and say, "What can I do to help?" There are plenty of opportunities, whatever your talents.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE

02	Punxsutawney Phil
02	Donna Davis
04	Peggy McHugo
09	Margaret Tollefson Tudor
12	Abraham Lincoln
14	Cupid
14	Judy Ball
17	Barbara Blake
18	Bill Walker
22	George Washington
22	Doug Danielson
22	Robert Wolf
23	Viki Sharp

Let's toast them all with birthday pie.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

It all started 5 summers ago when I was trying to dock my newly purchased boat. The slip was located at Martin Marina and was subjected to an occasional breeze coming across the water from the west-side of Olympia. Unfortunately during these occasions my fly-bridge tends to double as a wind sail which, as you can imagine, complicates things a bit. In my mind I thought I was thoroughly under control, even though I was doing circles in the marina and attracting quite a few onlookers. Rebecca, of course, had other ideas as she stood in the back of the boat cringing every time I shifted in or out of gear and especially when I hit the throttle. After about a half-hour of trying, my luck finally ran out and one big breeze threw me for a loop. The only thing I could safely do at the time was

to place the boat into neutral and go along for the ride. Luckily, we drifted right into a rubber dingy tied up along the side of a 48 foot Grand Banks that stopped our momentum. A female voice yelled out to Rebecca and said, "Just push-off honey. You won't hurt it." At the same time, a man came running out and asked for a line and said he would assist us into our slip. The couple was Stan and Dalia Lavender, who just so happened to be the Administrative and Recruitment Officer for the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron. This first encounter led to fun times and dear friendships that we will treasure forever.

It is now with sweet sorrow that I have decided to not renew my membership this month in the Squadron. My job responsibilities and requirements have increased considerably, along with the kids being involved in more after school activities. I feel that I need to commit more time to my first true love and our kids. Like most people will tell you, family needs to come first, and I just don't want any regrets later down the road.

Rebecca, Jared, Cassandra and I will miss everyone, but will treasure our memories of the times we have spent with all of you. We will hopefully be moving in the near future into another house, but it will be in the Olympia area so that we can stay in touch or see you in passing. With that said, thanks for everything. We wish you "Calm seas and fair winds".

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ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT
FROM THE END OF THE BRIDGE

It's already February! If January is behind us, can spring be far behind? Well, yes, actually, but let's not think about that right now. The days are getting longer! This month, our meeting speaker will be Vivian Eason, Emergency Management Coordinator for Thurston County Emergency Management Agency, speaking about how to be prepared for all kinds of emergencies. This is something we can all improve on, even if we already have water set aside, flashlights at the ready, and all those standard things. This will be not only an interesting talk, but one that could save our lives as well. The meeting will commence at the usual time, 1930, but come a few minutes early to have a cuppa coffee with friends. After next month we may not be having friendly beverages at our meetings, since Schnatterlys will be retiring as Stewards at Change of Watch after long and faithful service. No one else has stepped forward to take over the post. This is a job that means a great deal to the Squadron, adding fun and fellowship to the meetings and other events. It also brings in some much-needed revenue to the Squadron. If you are interested in doing this vital and much-appreciated job for the Squadron, call Stan Scott at 491-5157 or Jerry Cross at 923-5425.

Next month, in March, the speaker is a surprise. It will be a surprise to me, too, since I haven't succeeded in tying anyone down yet. But we will have a speaker, and we will certainly have a potluck in honor of St. Paddy's Day, so come at 1830 wearing your best green or orange fashions, and bring your best Irish - or other - recipes. I'll reveal the identity of the speaker in next month's newsletter. Call me!

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BRIDGE MEETING

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HELP IS NEEDED!

The Squadron needs your help. We need to fill our Bridge and other empty positions for the coming year. After a poll of the membership, it looks like only Treasurer can be filled. The others are still vacant, most particularly Education Officer. This position is, and has been vacant, and our Education Program has been limited. Education is the focus of our outreach for the public, and our reason for being. Without someone in that position, our Public Education Program cannot continue.

We also need help with our Stewardship Program, which makes refreshments and raffles available at the

monthly meetings, and other activities. This helps to make our meetings a success, and is a source of some revenue. However, unless we can find someone willing to take that program for at least the coming year, it will go into retirement at the Change of Watch.

As the Squadron is the focus for the public in terms of boating safety education, the Bridge is the focus for our membership in making their talents available to the Squadron. If any of you out there can help with any of these needs, please get in touch with either Stan Scott or Jerry Cross

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Spring Conference and Change of watch 25 – 26 March 2011 Kitsap Conference Center Bremerton, Washington

The District 16 Spring Conference will be held at the Kitsap Conference Center in Bremerton, Washington on 25 – 26 March, 2011. The Conference Center is located in downtown Bremerton, on the waterfront, next to the ferry terminal. Please make your Conference reservations by 1 March, to take advantage of the earlybird rates. The Hampton Inn is located adjacent to the Conference Center. If needed, additional hotel rooms will be available at the Fairfield Inn only a block away. Call Hampton Inn first, and they will help coordinate with Fairfield if necessary. The room rate for both hotels is \$99.00 per night. Please make hotel reservations prior to 10 March to ensure the contract rate. Parking will cost \$7.00 per day for those staying at the hotels. For those driving in, there is parking under the Conference Center for a small fee. Enter the parking lot at North end of Hampton Inn Suites. Breakfast is complimentary for those staying at the hotels. Breakfast for non-hotel guests is \$7.00, paid directly to the hotel. As an alternative, there are several nice restaurants close by. No officers' breakfast meetings are planned.

The Friday night reception for the Chief's Representative and dinner will be in the Fountain Room at the Puget Sound Naval Museum. It is a two story white building

located at 251 First Street right next to the ferry terminal. We will have registration set up from 1700 –1900 in the Fountain Room with the reception and dinner starting at 1800. On Saturday, the registration desk will be located in the Conference Center and be open from 0800-1000. The Conference will start at 0900 at the Center. The Saturday evening festivities will take place in the Conference Center.

We hope to make the Conference move along quickly by having many of the Officer's reports presented in writing and available for the membership to read. This will reduce the time for the business meeting and give us more time to explore other issues of interest to all members. Of course, there will be time for attendees to ask questions about the reports that are presented. Our speakers will be different this year with an emphasis on topics of interest to all. Saturday evening will be more in line with the Canadian trend of being casual, with the uniform being blazers and ties for the bridge.

Since the Conference will be held in downtown Bremerton, most places of interest are within walking distance. For example, we are having the Friday Social in the same building as the Navy Museum. The museum is one block from the Conference Center. The Port Orchard people ferry landing is next to the Washington State ferry dock. The *Turner Joy*, a Vietnam era destroyer, has been converted into a museum. It is located just north of the marina. The Puppet Museum is located at 257 4th St just east of the Bremerton Historical Museum at 289 - 4th St. All of these places are within a short walk from the Conference Center and the hotels. If that weren't enough, Anthony's Home Port Restaurant has recently opened nearby on the waterfront.

Driving Directions:

From I-5:

Take Exit #132, SR 16 (in Tacoma) toward Bremerton. Merge on to SR 3 N toward Bremerton. Take Kitsap Way exit in Bremerton. Head east toward city center on Kitsap Way. Follow signs for Seattle Ferry. Kitsap Way turns into 6th St at Wycoff. Continue on 6th St to Warren Ave. Turn right. At dead end, turn left on Burwell. Stay to right and turn right onto Pacific following signs to Ferry drop off and pickup lane. Continue toward ferry landing. The street turns into Washington Ave. Hampton Inn and Suites is on right.

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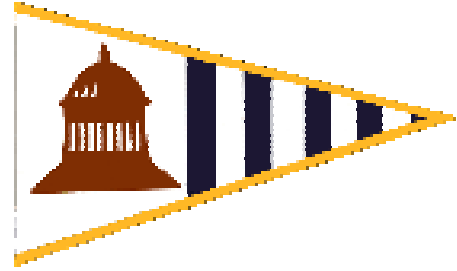


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FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

View very restricted today from the bridge, as snow falls and the rest of the world disappears in a blur of white. As the temperature lurks a bit above freezing, the blanket of white doesn't last for long. The sun even appears briefly to tease us, and then the white stuff takes over again. Of course, if you honed your navigation skills in Squadron classes, this weather won't keep you from venturing forth in the Salish Sea.

There are lots of events in the near future, and some will have been completed by the time this reaches you. Incoming officers from all the Squadrons will meet in Seattle on 2/26 for training and enthusiasm building. On 2/28 the Bremerton Squadron will hold a dinner for the public to explain the purpose of USPS and how membership can advance one's boating skills safety awareness. Cabela's will hold its Captain's Weekend on March 5-6, with lots of information about boating, boating safety, and other outdoor activities. We'll have a booth there to hand out information, offer vessel safety checks, and explain the value of our classes.

Our March General meeting will begin at 1830, aka 6:30 pm, with a St. Patrick's Day inspired potluck. I've already looked up a recipe for Dublin Coddle. Perhaps the Schnatterlys will have green beer available. Bobbie has promised an exciting speaker, and we may have information from incoming District Commander Hank Willis about his grant application to BOAT U S for funding for a

Safe Boating Expo, which he would like to hold at Swantown Marina in May. The Expo would be aimed at would-be boaters as well as current boaters and would include boat rides in Budd Inlet, vessel safety exams, hands on activities for adults and children, marlinspike seamanship demonstrations, and safety demonstrations. There would be plenty of opportunities for our members to help, and members of other Squadrons would participate as well. All in all, this would turn out to be a very big deal if/when funded. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

The District Spring Conference will be held in Bremerton on March 25 and 26 in the Kitsap Conference Center abeam the marina. It's a really nice facility. The agenda isn't yet available, so be sure to check the District website regularly for up to the minute information.

Other dates to mark on your calendar: our Change of Watch on April 18 at the restaurant at Panorama, the District Education Seminar on May 7th presented by Deception Pass Squadron, and the Bellevue Salmon bake in Brownsville on June 17 and 18. The Bellevue Squadron members will make you feel welcome, and they really do know how to cook salmon on planks over an open fire. Yum.

The District Rendezvous will be held on June 24 and 25, once again in Poulsbo, one of my favorite destinations. There are so many fun things to see within easy walking distance of the marina, and it's a great place to shop for treats for grandchildren. Friday evening will find us

sharing hors d'oeuvres, beverages and stories on the docks, a change from the usual communal event in Norse Hall, although the Saturday programs and barbecue dinner will take place there, as is traditional.

Hank Willis is proposing a post- rendezvous cruise that would take you to Roche Harbor, Sidney, Montague Harbor, and places I'm not familiar with: Clam Bay, Nanaimo, Lasqueti Island, Lund, Prideaux Haven, Gorge Harbor; and Campbell River. The fleet would disband there, and you could go on to Desolation Sound or wend your way back home. Interested skippers will have a meeting at the Spring Conference to learn more, to ask questions, and to make suggestions. It sounds like an ambitious plan.

An alternative, if you'd like to join with other boaters when you travel in the summer, would be to check the various Squadron newsletters via the District website. Other Squadrons have cruises scheduled throughout the summer. You would be welcome to join them, if you would feel more comfortable traveling with others. For instance, Bellevue plans to be in La Conner July 22 and 23, in Maple Bay on Vancouver Island on July 29 and 30, and in Port Browning on Pender Island August 12 and 13. There's plenty of time in that schedule to do some exploring on your own between scheduled stops. I can almost guarantee that you could do the whole trip without any snow blocking your view or teasing your radar.

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CELEBRATING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

As we do every month, we send our best wishes to those members who have

achieved another year of successful boating, or life experience sans boat:

- 03 Barbara Blake and Joanne Demeyer
- 07 Daniel Coleman and Kendal Lemn
- 13 Chuck Sharp
- 22 Rich LaRosa

I hope all of you will join us at our March meeting and potluck, so we can salute you in song, in honor of your achievement.

Cdr Donna



PRESENT NEWS ABOUT A FORMER MEMBER

It's always interesting to learn what's going on in the life of those we once knew in our Squadron. Former member Ames Swartsfager, previously our Squadron's chaplain, has written a book. He and his wife Judy who lived here aboard their boat "Sea Song" at Swantown, now live in Granby, Connecticut. They will be visiting Olympia in March, as part of a cross-country tour promoting his book, *Between the Devil and the Deep, Memoir of a Maverick Priest*. It's the story of his life, from his time as a gang member in the Mission District in San Francisco, to the back streets of Hong Kong, to the city room of a newspaper where news was made, not just written about, to Central America as a missionary, to prison as a chaplain.

Could he fall back into the life of his youth? He looked to the sea and sailing for respite, and there are tales from his travels, the excitement of storms at sea. Learn why their boat got its name. (Well, you probably know why, as Ames and Judy sang sea chanties as a program at Squadron meetings.) Armchair adventures plus inspiration to make the best of your life are between the covers. Now beset by Myasthenia Gravis, Ames still has the inner strength that turned his life around.

Ames and Judy will be at St. John's Episcopal Church, 19th and Capitol Way, on Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 PM for a book signing. They would enjoy seeing friends from their days in Olympia.



AIDEZ-MOI, HELP!

Sea Scout Ship No. 110 "Charles N. Curtis" is in need of financial help. Unforeseen failure of the structure supporting the vessel's steering necessitated her going to the yard in March for extensive repair. See the attached letter for details. I submitted the issue to the Squadron meeting held on February 21st, suggesting we consider the request at our next Board Meeting on March 14th.

Your input and support will be appreciated by the Sea Scouts and the undersigned.

P/Lt/C Bill Walker, JN



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ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE END OF THE BRIDGE

March is certainly coming in like a lion... or maybe an angry rhinoceros. I'm looking out my window at a blizzard, with a couple of inches of white fluff on the ground so far. The prediction for the coming week is: snow, ice, record-breaking cold, wind, pounding rain, thunder & lightning... is there anything the weather-person has left out? Well, at least the March meeting on the 21st should warm us up! We'll have our usual St. Paddy's day potluck dinner starting at 1830. Wear your best green or orange, bring your best Irish (or not) dish, and join the fun! Our speaker will be someone from Joint Base Lewis-McChord to tell us about

the impact on our lives that all the expansion there will make over the next year or so; traffic, schools, shopping, you name it. I was on the base some years ago for a "Walk For Exercise" event. My Dad, who was there during the "Great War" in 1917 & 1918, went along for a little while. He was amazed at the changes, and it's nearly doubled in size since then. This should be an interesting program.

While you're thinking about programs, don't forget to sign up for the Change of Watch dinner at Panorama in April. There will NOT be a regular meeting at the Yacht Club in April. The Change of Watch will take its place. See you there. Any meal that I don't have to cook or clean up after is a GOOD meal!!

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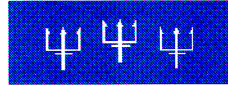
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Olympia Sail & Power Squadron

2011

Change of Watch

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

When: Monday, 18 April 2011
1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner

	<u>Dinner Choices</u>	<u>Price</u>
Prime Rib		30.00
Salmon		30.00
Chicken Saltimbocca(Breast of chicken with prosciutto ham, provolone & sage in a light Marsala sauce)		30.00

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

Your reservation must be received no later than April 8 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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2011 COW Reservation Form

Name(s): _____

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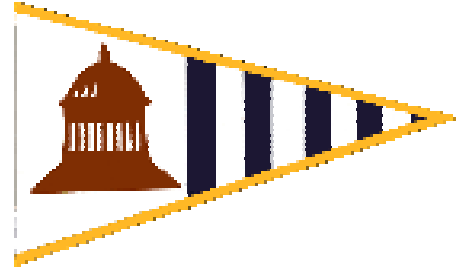


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"Joint Base Lewis McChord" embroidered on a shirt would take up all of it, so our March speaker Joe Piek wore JBLM on his chest. Formerly in the Army, but retired now as a Lieutenant Colonel, Joe is a civilian employee on the Base, in Public Relations. He gave us a history of the base, created in 1917 when the people of Pierce County voted, by a margin of 8 to 1, to bond themselves for two million dollars to purchase 70,000 acres of land which they gave to the government for an Army Base. Of course, if the government ceases to use the land for that purpose, the county wants it back.

Within 90 days of when the first staff arrived, there were 757 buildings built and 422 other structures. Barracks were ready for occupancy by recruits 60 days after the building contractor got the plans. Obviously, no environmental impact statements were required. The airfield was opened in 1930 and in 1947 became a part of the new U S Air Force. The two entities operated independently for over 60 years, before being joined together in 2010.

How big is this new organization? More than I would have estimated. There are about 46,000 military personnel, 53,000 dependents, and 13,000 civilian workers. Wikipedia tells me that 120,000 military retirees use Madigan Medical Services. So do new babies, six new babies every day!

I'm not knowledgeable enough to tell you about the different military groups that call JBLM their home, you can find that

out on the Base web-site, but I can tell you that JBLM is the most requested posting the army has. Is it valuable to us or just a nuisance that overloads I-5? Having JBLM is like having an entire additional city, one where every resident has a rich uncle, generous to his kin. The economic impact on our area is tremendous. Let's hope all these JBLMites want to learn to be safe, happy boaters.

Our St. Patrick-themed potluck featured Irish dishes: smoked fish, colcannon, Dublin coddle, corned beef and cabbage, soda bread, and Irish cream pie. Bobbie Scott won the "Best Use of Green" prize by combining it with orange in her garments, honoring all parts of the island, and by bringing a multiplicity of green decorations for our tables. As always, the Schnatterlys did exemplary work as our Stewards and Raffle Committee, and we owe them many thanks for their service to us for so long. They deserve a happy retirement from the job.

Be sure to join us at our Change of Watch, on our regular meeting day, the third Monday in April, the 18th, at Chambers House Restaurant at Panorama City. Look for the reservation form elsewhere in the Log. (The Saltimbocca is really good there.)

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In April it's "Three Cheers." for Clyde Shiner on the 12th, for Mike Contris and Mark Johnson on the 14th, for Deanna Schnatterly on the 30th, and for all of them on the 18th at our Change of Watch. We'll sing!



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ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT

Is everybody ready for the Change of Watch? Or the Continuation of Watch? Or the Guess Who's Going To Be Part of the Next Watch?

You won't know the answer to all this if you don't come to the big dinner & get together on Monday, April 18 at The Chambers House Restaurant at Panorama City, in the Garden Room. Maybe some surprised people will stand up and offer to fill all the open slots on the Board! That would be a real surprise for all of us!

We only have a few times each year when we dress up and get together with lots of time to chat and exchange boating stories or just tall stories. This is one of them, so get your money & application in now!

This will be our regular meeting for April. We won't be meeting at the Yacht Club.

In May, we'll have a return visit from Les Eldridge. He has written several new books since we saw him last, and will be speaking on Queen Elizabeth (that's the first QE) and Drake. Recent scholarship has shown that Sir Francis Drake made an extensive voyage into Puget Sound and up to Alaska's 57th parallel in 1579, but the Queen forced him to conceal it in order to confuse the Spaniards. In view of all the problems this queen had with the Spaniards, this is not surprising. The details should

make for an interesting evening. Les will have all his books for sale as usual, including two new ones, the one on Drake, and another which is about the Secret Confederate societies of the northwest coast during the Civil War. If there's time, he may tell us a little about this book, too. I didn't know there were secret Confederate groups this far north. Do you suppose some of us had Rebel ancestors here?

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TRAWLER FEST

Once again Passage Maker Magazine brings Trawler Fest and Trawler Fest University to the Northwest. This year's event takes place in Anacortes in May, 10 and 11 for the University and 12 through 14 for the boat show and seminars. A new

benefit this year for Power Squadron members is that all of the University classes earn credit for the Boat Operators Certificate that USPS is now awarding. Here's an opportunity to accomplish two goals with one educational experience, get more valuable information and build credits toward your BOC.

The workshops this year include one on diesel engines, provided by the developer of the Lehman Ford diesel engine, with both theory and "hands-on basic engine preventive and maintenance procedures" which all diesel owners should know, and "repair", which I'm more than willing to leave to the experts.

Well-known writer on all things boat related, Steve D'Antonio, will teach a new course on "Bringing the Fun Back to Boat Ownership". I don't know if he has any influence over fuel prices, but even if not, learning how to "make your boat more reliable, less costly (maybe he does have!), and safer", especially when customized for each student, should make summer cruising much less worrisome and much more enjoyable.

"Women's-only Boat Handling", with its "hands-on approach to boating principles, techniques, and applications of proper and safe navigation" should make life happier for women who understand the potential in every boat trip of having to move into the job of skipper, or who just want to learn more from someone who doesn't yell. (Remember that old story from Seattle about how half the divorce attorneys would be out of work if the Ballard Locks were removed.)

One class is already wait-listed, "Building Cruising Confidence as a Couple". Nicely alliterative, it's a class I think should be taken after W B H has boosted a woman's boating know-how. "Learning to formulate a plan and effectively communicate together" is a good

idea in relationships in all circumstances, not just cruising. It's good to learn "what works in the real world", but as for "what does not", we've undoubtedly already learned that on our own!

The ninety minute seminars given on Fest days include "Confessions of a Galley Slave", which sounds like fun and is applicable to land-based situations as well. Bob Sweet, author of **The Weekend Navigator**, essential reading for our advanced classes, will have a session on anchoring. This should be valuable for members who join the post-Rendezvous cruise to Campbell River, as most nights on the way will be spent at anchor. Then move on to "Practical Considerations for Spare-Parts Outfitting", another valuable resource for summer cruisers, for you just never know....

"Bringing Satcom Costs Down to Earth" may not be essential for Sound cruisers, but there's nothing wrong with wishful thinking. The same wishful thinking goes for "Financing the Boat of Your Dreams". We all know what we'd like (for Paul, radar and a stainless steel arch; for me, a real oven, not just a microwave; an island bed, easy to make; a bit more salon room, for my paperback books and needlepoint; and for both of us, yes, Steve D'Antonio, cheaper fuel), and we all know that, short of a major Powerball win, it ain't gonna happen.

When classes are over, there will be many boats to see, compare, and lust for, and Anacortes is fun place to visit. We enjoyed our over-night at Cap Sante Boat Haven last summer, at the best docking spot in the marina, i.e., shortest walk to the laundry room.

Additional information about Trawler Fest is available via the internet, at www.trawlerfest.com, and by telephone, at 888-487-2953.

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Marine Battery and Charging Systems

by Gary Ball

When designing a battery and charging system for your boat, there are three major battery types to consider. The first are flooded batteries, which use a liquid medium to carry electrolyte between the battery plates. The second are gel batteries, which rely on gelatinous silica slurry to suspend the electrolyte conductor, which surrounds the battery's plates. The third are AGM batteries that use a matting of densely packed fiberglass material to hold electrolyte in suspension between the battery plates.

There are pros and cons for the different battery technologies. Wet-cells (flooded batteries) potentially last longer and cost less. They are tolerant of abuse, including overcharges. They are slow to recharge. If charge times are limited, the total cost of energy produced can be relatively high.

Gel-Cells and AGMs may cost more and potentially have a shorter life. They are sensitive to overcharging. They charge faster and if charge times are limited, this helps reduce the total cost for the energy produced

Wet-cells need periodic equalization, which requires a specialized regulator. Gassing occurs near full charge, which can cause an explosive risk. Their terminal voltage falls under heavy loads.

Gel-cells and AGMs do not require equalization but a specialized regulator is advised. No gassing occurs in normal circumstances and the terminal voltage holds up better under heavy loads.

Wet-cells are position-sensitive. They can't be mounted on their sides or upside-down. They will vent chlorine gas if submerged. They have a high rate of self-discharge and require regular maintenance.

Gel-Cells and AGMs are not position-sensitive. They can even be upside-down and can be submerged safely. They have a low rate of self-discharge and require little maintenance.

The first step to designing a battery system is to calculate the power requirements of the boat. Second is to determine the necessary battery storage capacity. Third is to install adequate charging capabilities and establish correct voltage regulation levels to maintain system. Finally, we should install a good monitoring system.

Calculating power requirements means determining the number of amp-hours used daily. 1 amp for 10 hours is 10 amp-hrs and 100 amps for 5 minutes (.08hours) is 8 amp-hrs. Add up amp-hours (Ah) for all loads on the boat, which includes lights, refrigeration, fans, electronics, pumps, inverter, etc. An amp-hour meter makes this real easy. For our example, let's assume we use 100 Ah per day.

To determine the size of the battery bank, we need to know how often you are going to use the engine. Motoring every day will mean we need to put back (charge) 100 Ah every day. Motoring every other day will mean we need to put back or charge 200 Ah (or twice the capacity).

How far do you want to discharge your batteries? Discharging 100% leaves no emergency reserve and is very hard on the battery. Discharging to 50% is easy on the battery and helps good batteries last many years. If we need 100 Ah and we discharge the battery to the 50% level, we need a 200 Ah battery.

How high are you going to charge the batteries when you motor? Discharged batteries can be charged relatively quickly to 70% to 80% of fully-charged level. Assuming we discharge to 50% and recharge to 80%, we are using 30% of the

battery's capacity. Therefore we need about 333 Ah battery capacity. ($100 \text{ Ah} \div 0.3 = 333 \text{ Ah}$) This provides a good balance of battery life, recharge time and cost.

Next, consider the age factor. As batteries age, capacity decreases. Let's add a fudge factor of 20%. For your boat using 100 Ah daily and utilizing 30% of battery capacity implies a 333 Ah battery. Adding 20% fudge factor brings the capacity to about 400 Ah, which is about the capacity of two 8D-sized batteries in parallel.

One final check is to ensure that the highest sustainable load is no more than 25% of the capacity of the battery bank. Assume your microwave oven on the inverter uses 90 Amps. Therefore your battery bank needs to be at least 360 Ah. ($90 \div 0.25 = 360$)

If batteries are going to be deeply discharged, or engine-time needs to be kept to a minimum, we need a BIGGER alternator! Typical boat alternators are 50 to 70 amp but their real output is probably much lower!

There are four critical factors for choosing the alternator; the mounting configuration, size of the drive belt, battery size and technology. There are four alternator mounting configurations; 1" Single-Foot (Motorola style), 2" Single-Foot (Delco style), 3.15" I.D. Dual-Foot (Hitachi style) and 4" I.D. Dual-Foot (J-180 style).

The determining factor in sizing the alternator is normally the maximum current the batteries can absorb without damage, which is called the *charge acceptance rate*. The alternator should have an output level of 25% (wet cells) to 40% (gel cells or AGM) of the Ah rating of the battery bank.

For our example of a 400 Ah battery, the alternator should output between 100 amps and 160 amps (25% to 40% of capacity). We need to distinguish between "real" output and rated output. In many

cases, output will decline by 25% at elevated temperatures.

To establishing correct voltage regulation requires using a multistep regulator with different phases; *bulk* charge, *absorption* charge, *float* charge and *Equalization* charge.

Bulk charge is where maximum alternator current output is maintained until battery comes up to about 14.2 to 14.4 volts. The current is more or less constant, but not always. The bulk charge restores about 75% of charge.

The absorption charge is where the alternator current is decreased while output voltage is held to 14.2 to 14.4 volts. This is a constant-voltage charge and continues until charge current declines to 2% of battery's amp-hour rating, which are about 8 amps in our example. At its termination, a battery will be very nearly fully charged.

If absorption phase were to continue beyond fully charged state, the battery would be damaged. The regulator detects this and goes to float charge, which is a lower constant-voltage float setting of about

13.2 to 13.4 volts. It can be left here indefinitely.

Some regulators have an equalization (conditioning) charge, which is essential for obtaining the maximum life expectancy from wet-cell deep-cycle batteries. Sulfation is a problem for batteries that are repeatedly discharged and never brought back to 100% state of charge. After the battery is completely charged, hold charging current to 3% to 4% of battery capacity for 2 - 3 hours (about 12 to 16 amps in our example). Do not do this for gel-cells or AGM batteries!

Add a good monitoring system, which should be able to monitor individual battery voltages to 0.01 volt, amps going into (charging) or out of (discharging) each battery and amp-hours used from each battery.

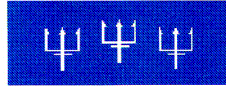
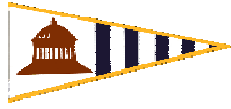
Some other things to consider are temperature compensation where at higher temperatures, charging voltages need to be lowered.

Some good numbers to remember (on rested wet-cell batteries) are 12.70 volts is fully charged and 12.20 volts is about 50%



<i>April 2011</i>			
11	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Mercado Ristorante 111 MARKET ST. NW OLYMPIA, E205607
17	Tacoma Daffodil Festival Marine Parade		Tacoma Yacht Club
18	Change of Watch	1800-2100	Panorama City Restaurant 1650 Circle Loop SE - Lacey
30	Washington Dragon Boat Festival (Sponsored by St. Martin's University)		Port Plaza, Olympia
<i>May 2011</i>			
7	District 16 Educational Seminar		Deception Pass Squadron
7	Seattle Opening Day of Boating		
9	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Mercado Ristorante 111 Market St. NW Olympia
10-11	Trawler Fest University		Anacortes
12-14	Trawler Fest		Anacortes
14	Swantown Boating Safety Day		Swantown Marina
16	General Meeting Speaker: Les Eldridge, Topic "Elizabeth and Drake"	1900-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
21	ABC Class	0800	Main Lacey Fire Station
21	Olympia Yacht Club Boating Day for Women		Olympia Yacht Club (Contact Pat Brower, tugcap@aol.com or 493- 1678
21-27	National Safe Boating Week		
<i>June 2011</i>			
13	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	
17-18	Bellevue Salmon Bake		Brownsville
20	General Meeting "Hello to Summer Potluck" Speaker: Vivian Eason, "Preparation for Disasters"	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
24-26	District Rendezvous		Poulsbo. Check Seaman's Log for Information and Registration





Olympia Sail & Power Squadron 2011

Change of Watch

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

When: Monday, 18 April 2011
1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner

<u>Dinner Choices</u>	<u>Price</u>
Prime Rib	30.00
Salmon	30.00
Chicken Saltimbocca(Breast of chicken with prosciutto ham, provolone & sage in a light Marsala sauce)	30.00

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

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Checks payable to: Olympia Sail and Power Squadron

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2011 COW Reservation Form

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Choices

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Salmon
Chicken

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Total remittance

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WHALES

Once upon a time, long, long ago, an itinerant and aging 35 ton whale grounded on the north shore of Jefferson County, Washington. The citizens of San Juan de Fuca stood amazed at the whale's sheer bulk. At first, they realized that the male whale had not gone out with the receding tide but, had in fact, expired.

After a day or so of being newsworthy, and a local phenomenon, they realized they had a high price to pay for their entertainment, especially since their community was essentially downwind. Most seriously disturbed was the landowner-baron, upon whose beach the wayward denizen of the deep had come to rest.

A week passed and the constituents of Mr. Smith, the landowner and local political leader, began to question what he was going to do about this situation. 35 tons of body odor was beyond comprehension and would require skill and determination and people power. Mr. Smith gave the problem deep thought and come to a solution.

As a political figure, Mr. Smith had connections in the State Capitol at the office of the Governor who was of the same political persuasion. He recalled that the Governor had control of a military group to which this mammalian disaster could be referred. Smith made a phone call to the Governor, who in turn called the Adjutant General, Commander of the Military Department of the State, Air and Army National Guard. Other than reconnaissance for position finding, an air strike: napalm, high explosive and strafing, would not be more than a bad plan. However, MDSW had a maritime unit equipped with people, demolition engineers, landing craft 70-foot LCM-8 and a 1200 horse power tug boat, 100 foot, 250 ton [quantity: 1]. The tug was much younger than the whale and in better condition. The AG called the colonel commanding the maritime unit and said, "Fix it!"

The tug, and attendant small craft, set sail from their base in Puget Sound to arrive at their destiny, giving the working end of a 9 inch towline for a landing craft to carry to the beached behemoth. As attachment tackle, the engineers of the Tug had prepared a ten foot length of 1 inch steel pipe, one end sharpened for penetration.

Skipper had decided to tow the deceased by the head, driving said pipe into the vent hole. The bosun and his deck-dummies were unable to penetrate the whale's hide at that point and his fins were poorly located about which to affect a good tow-point. What to do?

One of the engine room crew pointed out that the deceased was more or less on his back, tail toward the sea, and that his male appendage was erect at right angles to the axis of the overall length of the corpus, not so delectable. Seeing the opportunity for a solid tow point, the deckies threw 2 hitches around the body just before the tail and locked that with a round-turn and 2 half-hitches about the aforesaid appendage.

Little more to be said: tug gathered way, easy strain on towline, and tug and tow headed west to international waters. Arriving at Lat ____ West and Lo ____ North, the demolition team implanted 50 lbs of age-dated explosive, a short length of fuse and a waterproof timer in the corpus not-so-delectum. A pause, ignition and a thump, and Mr. Whale was crabbait.

An environmental solution for Washington State, and a popular reelection of the Governor and Mr. Smith.

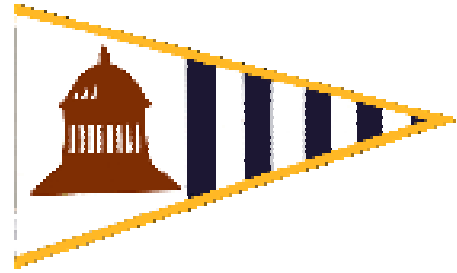


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FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Once again it was our Squadron's Change of Watch, and once again I believe that all who attended had a good time. With a social time that indeed lasted an hour, there was a chance to speak with everyone there, especially those whom we don't get to see often. Out of town guests were D/C Hank Willis, DEO Travis Smith, P/D/C Joanna Webster, P/D/C Barbara Erickson and her husband Steve, the District photographer, and Bremerton CDR Kevin Pisani and EO Jean Muenzenberger. It was an honor to have them.

If you attended last year, just reread your notes on my goals for the year, as they are much the same: maintaining our level of membership; keeping a sound financial base; teaching classes, at least one of each level; adding a summer social activity to keep us in touch; passing on a secure Squadron to the next commander; and having fun doing all of these things. With your continued help, I think we can accomplish all of these things.

As usual we celebrated birthdays, singing melodiously for Clyde Shiner, Mike Contris, and Deanna Schnatterly. Chambers House Restaurant picked up the slack for me: I didn't take pie, but was saved from a sin of omission as they served Boston Cream Pie for dessert.

There were awards to our Squadron from USPS and the National Boating Federation for our educational outreach, and from the District for participation in Co-op Charting. There were awards to many

members from me, for their outstanding commitment to the Squadron and their investment of time and talent in keeping OSPS strong. Hurrah for my/our officers and committee chairmen, who are the ones that really keep this Squadron going!

The Squadron gives two very special awards, to two very special people. Both are perpetual awards, and neither is awarded every year, only when there are members contributing well above and beyond the standard level. The Stanley Guessing Award for Educational Achievement goes to Gary Ball. A relatively new member, he took classes progressively, became certified as an instructor, and is teaching his way through the USPS curriculum. He is a great asset to our educational program! Congratulations, Gary! This award means you'll be our USPS Chapman Award nominee.

The Milton Webber Award goes to a member who is not an officer and who has been exemplary in his or her efforts in behalf of the Squadron. That award goes, this year, to Rick Schnatterly, half of the Stewardship Team (Deanna won the award last year) that provides us with refreshments (wine and beer and soft drinks and coffee and bottled water) and raffles (with imaginative prizes that they seek out hither and yon). They come the farthest of any of our members (through rain and sleet and dark of night, etc.), are always early, and lug around enough equipment to completely fill their car. When we have a Potluck they are right on time to set up the tables and chairs, put out the plates and flatware and have

everything in good order as our chefs arrive with their pots. Theirs is not a glamorous job, but the Schnatterlys give it all the care and concern as if it were. Congratulations, Rick!

I hope I've given you enough of a taste of what a pleasant evening we had at the Change of Watch, with good friends, good food and service, and a chance to show our appreciation to those who work hard on our Squadron's behalf that you'll join in next April as we carry on this tradition.

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CEEBRATING MEMBER BIRTHDAYS MAY BIRTHDAYS

The stork had an easy time of it this month: Cynthia Cameron on May 6, Patti Ingersoll on May 10, and Pat Brower on May 20. Congratulations, ladies, you look as young as ever!



If you have any ads to put in, please put them into Word, right side up, so I can change size. Thanks, Ed.



ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT

End of the Bridge

Those of us who attended the Change of Watch at Panorama City had an absolutely fabulous time. One of our three goals as an organization is enjoying each other's company as a club, and we certainly did that. It was great!

May will be even better if possible, as our speaker will be local author Les Eldridge giving us a return visit to talk about his new book on Drake and Elizabeth. Come to the meeting and find out how Sir Francis ended up right here in Puget Sound - only it

wasn't Puget Sound yet. Nobody found out about the trip until many years later even though it was a first in the world. Elizabeth wanted to hush it up. Why did this happen? Come to the meeting and find out! See you May 16th.

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BRIDGE MEETING

The next Bridge meeting is May 9th. This meeting will be held at Mercado Ristorante, 111 Market St. NW, Olympia. Dinner will start @ 6:00 PM and meeting @ 7:00 PM. Remember, you don't have to be on the Bridge to attend.



SPRING CONFERENCE IN BREMERTON

The weather cooperated to make this a really good conference, one of the best Paul and I have attended. The Hotel and Conference Center overlook the Bremerton marina. Watching the ferries and private boats come and go was a great temptation. The agenda looked too good to bypass, so boat watching was limited to break times.

The Coast Guard representative was the first person to speak, telling us about the push for enhanced federal rules and enforcement for boating, including mandatory PFDs to be worn when on any boat under 18 feet, and federal boater education requirements and "card". Sorry, but I think that education card would morph into a federal boating license, and to me that's a usurpation by the feds of what is a right of the states, just like vehicle driver's licenses. PFDs? Sunny day, quiet lake, calm Sound water, dinking around, catching some rays. Is it the best use of government funds to spend them on ticketing you for not having your PFD on? (Don't get me going on light bulbs, showerheads, toilet flushing or San Francisco's plugged-up-sewer problems!)

I'll save the information from the speaker from the Washington State Ferries for the next Log and astound you with the

numbers, but for now this is the teaser: We live with the largest auto ferry system in the world!

Time was saved for invited speakers by having many committee reports presented in written form. Some facts and figures briefly: The treasurer finds our finances in good shape and our budget, barring a financial tsunami, an accurate predictor of the year's income and expenses. The Public Relations Committee needs a chairman, so if you have the qualifications and the time, please volunteer. The new USPS cyber Squadron has 1216 members now, and many people who joined it originally have become members of traditional Squadrons. Alas, none have joined ours.

Chief Commander Frank Dvorak's message was delivered by Vice Commander Richard Peoples of the Banana River Squadron in Florida. Frank's goal is to have USPS become the foremost provider of advanced training in boat operation, both on the water and in the classroom. The ABC 3 class is available on the Internet, has a new price, \$39.95, and comes with six months free USPS membership. Those coming to a class in Olympia can get their feet wet in basic boating just by walking to the class.

USPS has made some changes in its by-laws, and every Squadron has to change its by-laws to match. Hey, committee members, go to the USPS, for "Rules" and see what changes you should be making in our document.

USPS has hired two new paid employees. National Program Director Ray Tsuneyoshi is the retired Boating Law Administrator for California. As a result of his efforts in submitting grant requests to the Coast Guard, he has obtained funds to pay the salaries for himself and new Outreach Coordinator Sue Lee.

Richard's closing admonition was to Squadron commanders and other officers,

that when we receive information from USPS or the District, be sure to send it on to our members. In the modern age, more and more comes via the internet, and too many are apt to say, "I'll do it later", then never do it at all.

Many awards were given during the day, and we're proud recipients of a VSE one, with ten certified examiners 157 exams given. Let's hear it for our team!

Finally, at the banquet, a farewell was said to D/Cdr Joanna Webster, with thanks for a job well done, and new District 16 officers were installed: Cdr Hank, Willis, Exec Travis Smith, DEO Karen McClean, Admin John Sherrick, Sect. Rob Barnes, Treas. J. Chris Brown, and ADEO Ron Jones.

It was announced that Inez Schwartz of Co Op charting fame would replace Tim Miller on the District Nominating Committee. We all know that she can become a member of the committee, but no one can replace our Tim!

Bremerton did an excellent job of putting on the conference, and I'm not just saying that because I won two raffle prizes. It was an event well organized, on time, and interesting. Now let's see what Friday Harbor Squadron can do when it hosts the fall council and conference in Bellevue in October.

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HELP IS NEEDED!

The Squadron needs your help. We need to fill our Bridge and other empty positions for the coming year.

We also need help with our Stewardship Program, which makes refreshments and raffles available at the monthly meetings, and other activities. This helps to make our meetings a success, and is

a source of some revenue. However, unless we can find someone willing to take that program for at least the coming year, it will go into retirement at the Change of Watch.

As the Squadron is the focus for the public in terms of boating safety education, the Bridge is the focus for our membership in making their talents available to the Squadron. If any of you out there can help with any of these needs, please get in touch with the Commander.



ROSTER

The 2011-2012 Roster is now available.

You can either pick one up at any General Meeting or have one sent to you by e-mail.

P/C Rose Ann Walker, JN
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YOUR SQUADRON NEEDS YOU!

On Saturday, May 14th, we'll be joining Swantown Marina's Safety Day with a Safe Boating Expo. You may have seen our magazine and newspaper announcements and advertising, mentioning vessel safety inspections, fire extinguisher practice, flare demonstrations, kid stuff, including PFD Seagull, the District's remote control PWC riding advisor on wearing your life jackets, and Budd Bay boat rides.

YOUR SQUADRON NEEDS YOU!

DC Hank Willis applied for a grant from BoatUS to pay for rented boasts for the rides, but alas the criteria for the awards has changed (no problem), and so has the time schedule for awarding money (big problem). Rental boasts are available, but we have no funds to rent them. I'm looking to members to take up the slack.

YOUR SQUADRON NEEDS YOU!

Paul and I will be using our 34 foot boat, with a big cockpit, but we would like to have two more boats available, anywhere from 15 feet to however big you have. Owners will be skippers, but other members will be on board to tell the benefits of being an educated boater, which means additional volunteers for that job. The Squadron has lots of PFDs, enough for all comers. There will be a short ride around the bay, and the event will last from 9:00 am until 1:00pm. Please volunteer with your boat or to be a proctor on the rides or to sit at a desk and register prospective students for our ABC class on the 21st, or for any class, or to hand out kit bags to kids or just to hang out with us, wearing your insignia and a great big smile answering questions and making boating seem like fun. Even in the rain.

YOUR SQUADRON NEEDS YOU TO VOLUNTEER!

If we can get people interested in boating, that's a good thing. If we can get people interested in joining our Squadron, that's a great thing! Please help!

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Vessel Safety Checks

Complementary Vessel Safety Checks (VSC's) were offered at Olympia Yacht Club on April 23, 2011. Twenty two boat inspections were completed by Olympia Sail and Power Squadron inspectors. Thanks are given to the boat owners participating and to the inspectors for providing their time and expertise. Vessel Examiners were Pat Brower, Jim Hanson, Jim Harden, Debbie Harden, Viki Sharp and Skip Hash. We had SUN and a great turn out.
Pat Brower



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Planning for an extended cruise up north
by Gary and Judy Ball
When you plan to do an extended cruise north of Desolation Sound for several

months, it takes a lot more planning than for a trip to the San Juan or Gulf Islands. There are three major items that need to be planned around: yourself and your spouse, your home and finally the boat.

When it comes to preparing yourself, the major issues are probably related to healthcare. You should not leave until you have had your annual medical and dental checkups. A medical or dental problem that could have been prevented is not what you need when you are several days away from help. You need to insure that your prescriptions are filled for the length of time you will be gone.

Using bill-pay services through your bank or brokerage account is a great way to solve the bill paying issue. You may want to think about how you are going to communicate with family and loved ones at home. Cell phone coverage is very limited and Internet service is probably limited to larger marinas. Bottom-line; don't count on it very often.

You need to arrange who will take care of the house and yard maintenance. Since the post office will only hold mail for 30 days, you will need to temporarily forward your mail for the duration of your trip. Putting utilities on vacation hold may be a good idea. If Comcast is your Internet provider, you may choose to leave your Internet active but stop the TV. That way you can access your email through the web at times during your trip. Finally, remember to disconnect those car batteries. If you don't, it is likely you will not be able to start your cars upon returning home until you apply a charge to the batteries.

Now, let's talk about the boat. You need to carry paper charts (at least 1:75,000) of all the areas to be cruised. Computers do and will fail. Some excellent cruising publications include: Waggoner Cruising Guide, Ports and Passes, Douglass's books,

Inside Passage Route Planning Maps, and The Burgee – Premier Marina Guidebook.

Anchoring up north can be a challenge at times. Expect to anchor in deeper water. If you use chain plus nylon rode, try for two times your boat length in chain and 450 feet of total chain plus nylon rode. If you use all chain, try for a minimum of 300 feet. You should expect to stern tie at times. 400 feet of polypropylene line works great for this.

When it comes to preventative maintenance on the boat, make sure all problems are fixed before you leave home. Problems never seem to just go away. Make sure your batteries are in good shape. They will get worked hard during an extended trip. Before leaving home, routine maintenance should include changing the oil and all fuel filters, new saltwater pump impellers, clean heat exchangers, ensuring the head works great and replacing any worn engine hoses.

Carrying spare parts and tools is very dependent on your mechanical capability and storage area. As a minimum, you should carry spare fuel filters, extra oil, transmission fluid, anti-freeze, distilled water, alternator belts, zincs, engine hoses and a rebuild kit for the head. It is not easy to get specific parts for your boat up north and flying them in gets very expensive.

You should carry manuals for all your boat systems as well as phone numbers for key repair technicians back home. These numbers can be invaluable at times.

Before leaving home, think of backup plans for different failures on the boat. These might include failures of the windlass, toilet, macerator, stove and fresh water pump.

Preparing the galley is one of the most challenging jobs. Supplies are limited up north and they are expensive. A vacuum sealer is a nice accessory to carry, if you have room. Boxed milk is very handy. It can

be stored the entire summer and does not have to be refrigerated until opened. The green “Debbie” vegetable bags are useful for extending the life of fresh fruit and vegetables. It is a good idea to create an inventory list of what food is located on the boat and maybe the storage location.

When you travel north you will experience many things that you have not seen before. One of those is tannin water. It is not bad water. It just does not look appetizing. It comes from the tannin in all the cedar trees. Large tides over 20 feet are quite common. You will experience fast currents in narrow passages, which is why it is most important to travel these at slack. Currents don’t always match the tables. This is especially true in the spring due to the large amounts of fresh-water runoff from snow melting and entering the water via waterfalls. You will probably have to deal with lots of commercial fishing boats and gill nets. Keep a sharp lookout. Rain and fog are very common, even in the middle of summer. Radar is very important. Don’t be surprised if you see whole trees floating in the water. Landslides into the water are not uncommon.

If you are planning a trip north, don’t hesitate to ask others who have done the trip for their tips. Traveling north of Desolation Sound is a wonderful boating experience and you don’t have to have a large yacht to enjoy this trip.



TIME TO THINK RENDEZVOUS

Elsewhere in the Log you should find an information form and a registration form for the District Rendezvous, once again to be held in Poulsbo, June 24-26. DXO Travis Smith and PDC Joanna

Webster have picked as the theme “Rock & Roll “60s”. I think we can all relate to that, in one way or another. Some things will remain the same: Boat Operator Certification stuff; fire extinguisher and flare practice; Sea Scouts doing the opening ceremony; Saturday afternoon better boating seminar; Saturday evening dinner, barbecue at the Sons of Norway Hall, please bring a dessert to share; and a silent auction for which our Squadron already has a contribution prepared.

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2011 DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS

"Rock & Roll 60's"
PORT OF POULSBO
24-26 JUNE, 2011

Who, What, When & Where . . . Docking: We'll have our Tacoma Squadron's Docking Specialists again this year, who will be assisting in the arrival of boats for docking. Everybody is required to call in on **VHF 72**, prior to entering the marina. Even if you do not wish assistance in docking, please inform the docking crew you have arrived.

Registration: Friday and Saturday, rendezvous check-in will be at the Multi Purpose Room (MPR) located at the entrance to "E" dock. Times for registration will be posted on front of the building. You must send in the \$5.00 dock reservation fee (non-refundable) with your reservation to ensure that you will have a confirmed slip. The remainder of your moorage fees (for your entire stay), must be paid directly to the Port of Poulsbo, i.e., **not to District 16**. Please check in on **VHF 72** when your boat arrives at the marina. The reservation for your meals and moorage must be received by **11 June 2011**. No guarantees for the Four-Star BBQ dinner or dock space after this date.

Boat Operator Certifier Qualification: BOC qualification and training will be available for both Inland and Coastal Navigator. Sign up now as space is limited.

Inland Navigation: Inland certifiers will be available on Thursday, 23 June, and Friday, 24 June, to witness power boat handling skill demonstrations and sign off on passports for this level. If there is a need, training may be available on Wednesday, 22 June. This training will be similar to last year's program. It takes about three to four hours to complete the training.

Coastal Navigator: Coastal certifiers will be available Thursday, 23 June, and Friday, 24 June, to witness navigation and boat handling skill demonstrations. Note: Inland navigator on-the-water skill demonstrations must be completed first. This demonstration takes about five hours and is performed in the candidate's own vessel. If you want to receive credit for either Inland or Coastal Navigator, *you need to obtain an Inland or Coastal Navigator Candidate Kit by ordering through your SEO, prior to the class.*

For questions and sign-ups contact L.D Brown @ 425-454-0115 (home) / 425-785-3844 (cell) or ldandrudy@att.net.

Fire Extinguisher and Flare Practice: A fire extinguisher practice session is planned for Saturday

morning between 1030 and 1200 at the adjacent park's fire pit. During the same time, there will be shooting of outdated aerial and hand-held flares on the beach behind the Sons of Norway Hall. If you have any outdated flares, please bring them to the practice. This is a great opportunity to obtain "hands-on" experience with your on-board safety equipment. Don't wait until you have an emergency to figure out how to use these critical items. **Bob Miller, SN (Poverty Bay)** will be the Range Safety Officer for the two exercises.

Friday Night Social: "Dock Tail Party" from 1700-1900 on "E" Dock." **Please bring hors d'oeuvres** to share. We'll have tables set up between boats on the finger docks for your food plates. All alcoholic beverages must remain within the docks and cannot pass the ramp.

Saturday Morning's Opening Ceremony: It will **begin at 1000 SHARP** on the outside grass area which is directly at the rear of the Sons of Norway Hall's activity area. We will have the pleasure of the **SSS Hurricane Sea Scouts** being our honor guard to present the colors; followed by **P/D/C Kari Black, AP (Everett)** giving the invocation.

USPS Seminar: One of our district's seminar presenters will be leading a USPS Seminar at the Sons of Norway Hall (upper floor) on Saturday from **1300 to 1400**. The presenter will be a certified instructor who has extensive experience utilizing and applying the information presented in the seminar. If you want to learn more about how to be a smarter and safer boater, be sure to attend this free seminar. The seminar topic and presenter will be announced in your Squadron newsletters.

Youth Poster Contest: Susan Tarpley (Everett) will be displaying the youth poster entries for reviewing in the Sons of Norway Hall (upper floor) until 1800. The submitted posters will be judged by a panel of judges at Fall Conference. First place winner in each of the three age groups will move on to the USPS Fall Governing Board in Greensboro, N.C.

Saturday Evening Dinner: Squadron members will be served finger licking wood fired Carolina BBQ Pulled Pork and BBQ Chicken, supplied by Mikes Four Star BBQ. Side dishes offered are corn on the cob, smoky BBQ beans, and sweet corn bread. **Please bring a dessert to share.** All plates and utensils will be provided. The Sons of Norway will provide a "No Host Bar" from 1700 until 2200. Dinner cost is \$13.00 for adults; \$6.50 for children (12 and under). Dinner will be served at **1800**.

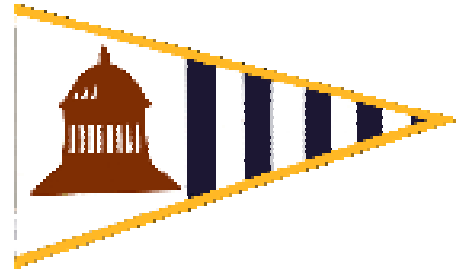


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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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Say hello to the newest member of your 2011-2012 Bridge, Dalia Lavender. Former member Dalia was elected as Administrative Officer at our May meeting and has some ideas about summer activities to keep Squadron members in touch and on the go during July and August. Now that we have a taste of good weather, I'm sure we're all excited about doing fun things by boat and with our boating friends, even if our boats are but memories.

A good way to start summer is to join the District Rendezvous in Poulsbo, June 24 and 25. Of course you can come early. Get there on Thursday the 23rd and dine out in one of the fun places to eat along the main street. Spend Friday morning browsing in the cute shops and the afternoon greeting the boaters as they arrive. The evening brings a "docktail party". Everyone should bring an appetizer, hors d'oeuvre, canapé, snack, or nibbly to share, and of course, your own beverage(s) of choice. Everyone from the Squadron is welcome to join us on our boat. For we have a big cockpit. If you have a small fold-up table, please bring that for your appetizer, or plan to hold yours on your lap. Alas, the Jewel Box Theater season ends the previous weekend, so there's no musical to see after hunger and thirst are satisfied.

Saturday brings the formal opening with local Sea Scouts, then fire extinguisher and flare demos, a seminar on anchoring, some free time, and a barbecue dinner at the

Sons of Norway Hall. The Sons will be manning the no-host bar this year. Boaters are to bring a dessert to share, yum! Every Squadron will provide a new nautical item for the silent auction. Olympia's contribution is a pair of West Marine boat shoes, size 10M. A good deal for someone.

Squadron members did a great job at Swantown Safety Day. Vessel Safety Examiners Pat Brower, Jim Harden, Jim Hanson, Viki Sharp, and Bill Walker were kept busy, while Debbie Harden and Kendal Lemn, Rose Ann Walker, Stan and Bobbie Scott, Chuck Sharp, and Paul Davis staffed the information tables. Jim Hanson did the flare demonstration, with assistance from Rich LaRosa. Pete Peterson was there with his camera. Many thanks to all participants.

Unfortunately, PFD Seagull suffered from a wheel cramp (or too much grog) and spent his time going around in circles. But like humans in the same condition, his voice was still sturdy. He talked with, and surprised, many kids and posed for parents with cameras. I hope he gets to visit us again.

Be sure to attend the June meeting, preceded at 1830 with a potluck dinner. Bring your favorite summer picnic dishes, wear your shorts and favorite t-shirts, and share your vacation plans. Bobbie Scott has an important speaker coming to talk with us. Laugh and learn. You'll be glad you came.

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**CEEBRATING MEMBER
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

At our June meeting we'll give good wishes to both the June- and July- birthday members, with birthday pie for everyone present. Come and give song to:

Jane Shiner	June 1
Judith Kruller	June 3
Austin Lampert	June 3
Skip Hash	June 11
David Tollefson	June 19
and	
Phillips Cameron	July 7
John Turner	July 30

None of them look a bit older.



If you think you have something to say in the Seaman's Log, submit it. The Editor retains editorial control of the newsletter. If the Editor likes it, it's in.



ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT

End of the Bridge

Ahoy, members! We are hoping to get back on track with boating activities and membership! We need to improve our attendance at all our functions, especially the fun ones that are planned for the future year!

With summer around the corner, Bobbie has planned an excellent potluck agenda for June! Don't forget your sun enticing outfit! Mid July will bring a Rendezvous to Jarrell Cove State Park, not too far away for boaters and not too far away for drivers! Support our local State Parks, get back on the water, and experience boat safety. August will bring another adventure to be received by email. It'll be fun and on the water! Olympia Sail and Power Squadron is about safety and fun, especially in numbers! Come on out and

test the waters and the new and old members!

Dalia Lavender, P
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Bobbie's addition submitted early.

It's THE END of the rainiest spring on record, and we're all frustrated and anxious to get WARM! Let's welcome June with a potluck at our last regular meeting of the year. Bring a summertime dish. We can at least pretend, even if the weather isn't cooperating! If you wish, and think you won't freeze, wear something suitable for warm weather, shorts, sandals, and a ski jacket with a rain slicker over it?

Remember the Nisqually quake? Stan & I were up skiing, and got back to find our house in a terrible mess, with bookcases emptied onto the floor, china broken, equipment tipped over, cracked walls - and that was only a small one compared to what Japan just went through. Our speaker for June will be Vivian Eason, Emergency Management Coordinator for Thurston County Emergency Services, speaking on "Getting Ready For The Big One"... and also for fires, floods, or whatever other nasty things may jump out at us. Are you ready? Come and find out. I THINK I am, but we'll see how ready our family is on Monday, the 20th of June, at 1930. Our speaker says she'll have handouts for us to check off the items we have on hand for emergencies. It isn't often that we have a speaker who could literally save our lives. Don't miss it! We'll gather an hour earlier than usual, at 1830, for dinner and conversation before the program.

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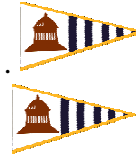
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BRIDGE MEETING

The next Bridge meeting is June 13th. This meeting will be held at Mercado Ristorante, 111 Market St. NW, Olympia. 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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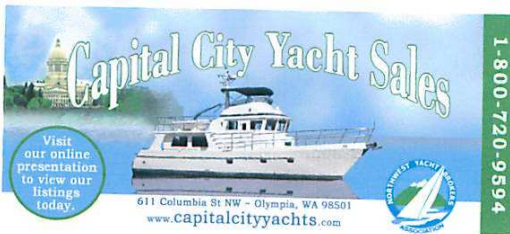
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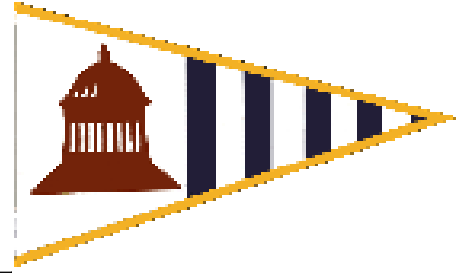
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Life is full of surprises, and Monday night was full of life! As we drove in to the OYC parking lot, we saw the big sign on the front steps to "USE SIDE ENTRANCE". One of the double doors was propped open, and the space behind it was filled with plastic sheeting. What's going on?

As good stewards, even when they have vacated the job, the Schnatterlys were there first and related that a member said that maintenance was going on so we couldn't use the place, and "Gee, too bad nobody called you." Really now! Half the floor was covered with plastic that we weren't to walk on, the burgee display was taken down, with part on the floor and part on two long tables, and things were in general disarray. Still, there was room for tables to be set up, and member Robbie Robinson arrived to help with that. The lectern was found and set up on the starboard beam. The summer potluck got underway, and Deanna came to me and said that there weren't any switches for the lights. All the covers had been removed and only wires were visible, stuffed in the boxes. Who knew when the meeting might end if we held it after the program, which might mean meeting in the dark. So dinner and meeting coincided. (Fortunately the restroom lights were still operable.)

Vivian Eason easonv@co.thurston.wa.us, with county's emergency management team, gave us some good news: down here at the end of the Sound, we should be safe from any trans-oceanic tsunamis. She shared a

personal insight, that even with all her training and experience in the field, she's still afraid of earthquakes. They come without warning, and one doesn't know where they might hit. Still, it's possible to be prepared. For instance: put a pair of sturdy shoes, old ones are fine; a hard hat; a flashlight with batteries stored outside of the light; a whistle; and work gloves in a bag to keep under your bed. To be super safe, have a bag at work as well.

She handed out bags that have a pre-disaster shopping list on them and helpful information in them, including a whistle and a 24 week chart for building up a 3 to 7 day supply kit with food, water, and first-aid supplies, and for developing a plan to respond to the event by turning off water and gas, getting family members together, and selecting an out of area contact person. There's even advice for providing supplies for your pets.

The bag also included a copy of the state's Emergency Resource Guide, with web site addresses for state emergency management, www.emd.wa.gov and the state health department, www.doh.wa.gov. If you weren't present, you can get your own bag and helpful information from the county: www.co.thurston.wa.us/em and 360-754-3360 for general information look up www.WhoDependsOnYou.com.

It was a good meeting, with favorite summer dishes at the potluck and members dressed for warm weather fun, including two in scanty bikinis. It was a pleasure to arrive and depart in daylight!

Be sure to check the article by our new Admin Officer, Dalia Lavender, for information on our summer rendezvous. She has good things planned for July and August that you won't want to miss. Jim Harden has two classes scheduled for July. Contact him if you're interested in teacher training or operations training. Paul and I will see you again in September. We hope there will be good weather, to keep us busy boating up north until late August.

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TRAVELLING TO ALASKA IN YOUR EASY CHAIR

Our members Gary and Judy Ball are spending the summer seeing Alaska by their boat. I think that even those of us who have taken a cruise ship to Alaska harbor a dream of doing the trip on our own. If it's turned from a dream to an "impossible dream", place for humming, here, now you have a chance to take the trip vicariously.

The Balls are traveling with friends, taking pictures, and keeping an online diary for us to share. Here is the website: www.coastalexplorer.net/users/gvball/blog. If you click on the location latitude and longitude of the postings, Google Earth will open and show you where the boat was located when they wrote the entry. I've tried it, and it worked for me. I'm sure it will work for you. Their pictures are great, and they're generous to share them with their stay-at-home Squadron-mates.

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EDUCATIONAL OFFICER REPORT

What's been happening? I had the pleasure of re-certifying one of our Chapman award-

winning instructors the other night. Naturally, I think that I learned more about teaching from one of the true masters than I did in teaching the re-certification. A good time was had by both as we explored the different aspects of teaching. Now Bill Walker has his re-certification, just in time for me to possibly miss the September class.

What's coming up? I have an Instructor Development class for four people scheduled at my house 9:00 on July 16th. Donna and Paul Davis will be there along with two folks from Back East who are vacationing in Ocean Shores this summer. This will be a real pleasure to meet people from another Squadron/District. Anyone who would like to take the Instructor Development course is welcome, so please contact me so I can order you the test.

I will be traveling to Ocean Shores to present the Operations Training course to the vacationers from Back East. With them taking two courses this summer, it doesn't seem like much of a vacation.

What's in the future? We have an ABC Basic Boating Course set for the end of September. So far, we have a couple of people interested, but have room for many more. Please talk with your boating friends, neighbors, and other acquaintances to help fill out the class.

I must continue to ask each of you – What classes do you want? Please let me know what you want to learn, because we have a great team of instructors ready to teach. Hopefully, we can get a Navigation Course scheduled and maybe we can get Mike to sign up.

See ya around the docks.

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SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

Raise a cheer, raise a glass, raise your voice in song to our members who will

celebrate birthdays in July and August. Paul and I will miss both summer gatherings, so there won't be any birthday pie. All the more reason to toast these friends another way.

Phillips Cameron	July 7
John Turner	July 30
Deb Harden	August 3
Holly Robinson	August 13
Spencer Scholes	August 14
Don Ingersoll	August 20



LEADERSHIP TRAINING

District 16 is offering a rare opportunity to those interested in leadership training. The National Training Program will be held in the District in Federal Way next October. The instructor will be Stf/C Anita Walker, JN, who is a very active member of USPS and was a leadership development trainer in her professional life, both on-staff for major firms and as a consultant. She developed these courses which have traditionally been given only at National Meetings, but now are being offered, slowly but surely, to all Districts.

Dates for the classes in our District will be Saturday October 8 for Administrative Training and Sunday October 9 for Executive Training, at the Comfort Inn, 31622 Pacific Avenue in Federal Way. These classes are offered **free** for current Squadron Administrative and Executive Officers and Commanders. There will be a \$60 charge for other attendees, which includes the materials, coffee breaks, and lunch. Currently, D/C Hank Willis is pondering how to have the District pay for one-half of the fee for general membership attendees. I will update you with the result of his pondering after the rendezvous, when the "how to" will be discussed.

FYI, this course is what the District paid the way for the District's leadership trainer to attend a year or two ago, and the amount for that makes the charge for here a mere pittance. While Federal Way is within driving distance for attending the sessions, the Comfort Inn is offering a special rate of \$69, plus tax for the event. Group Code 3280 will get you the special deal.

As I write this, the information about the classes has not yet reached the District website. If you want to register or to get more information, contact P/D/C Joanna Webster at 253-927-7474 or jimjoweb@aol.com. Class size is limited, and registrations must be in by Sept 8. Since the training you get can be useful in any organization you belong to, this really is a good chance to improve your membership skills for every activity you have. Take advantage of it if you can.

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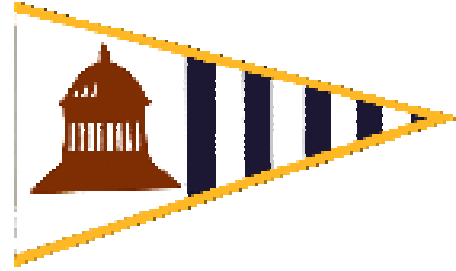




THE SEAMAN'S LOG

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FROM THE BRIDGE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

How fast summer has gone by! Appropriate weather finely came to us, and as soon as we adjusted to it, the nights got nippy again. That means the furnace on our boat will quit working. Hey, my calendar says that summer lasts through September 22nd. Mother Nature, keep that good boating weather coming.

Our first General Meeting will soon be here. You should mark it on your calendar now: Monday, September 19th. Be sure to attend for our ice-cream social, starting by 1900. Time to share summer reminiscences with your mates. We'll have an interesting lead-off program followed by a General Meeting at which I'll ask you to put on your thinking caps.

While we were away, my computer collected a lot of emails going around amongst the District Bridge and the Squadron Commanders, concerning ways to change how the District operates. The intention is improvement, so people really need to be honest in their discussions about these issues. For example, should the Councils and Conferences be held in the same place every year? Would this be a cost saving if the facility knew it had a regular customer? Who would be in charge, if the meetings weren't assigned to a particular Squadron and held in its vicinity?

Are there too many of these meetings? Could there be voting by email, so that some of the meetings could be

eliminated? Would more members, new members, attend if the meetings were less frequent, or would it still be the same core group of the faithful few? What about two year terms for District Bridge members, so they really get a handle on their job in each office? I might add that since being the Treasurer or Secretary involve different skills than the other three positions, why not let people with those skills fill those jobs for more than a year, without the threat of having to move on?

While I'm talking about Bridge positions, let me remind you of the great Leadership Training classes that will take place in the District in October, the 8th and 9th. These are classes that are ordinarily given only at the National USPS meetings. It's a special opportunity to have them here in Federal Way. The District will pay half of the charge, so it's only \$30 to attend. What you'll learn can be useful in any other group you belong to, perhaps even in your job, if you haven't joined the ranks of the retired. Registration forms can be found on the District 16 website.

Let's get this year off with a bang. See you at the ice-cream social. Yes, you can bring a really big spoon!

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NEW OSPS WEBSITE LOCATION!

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EDUCATIONAL OFFICER REPORT

Summer finds us spread all over the Sound enjoying boating and (finally) the nice weather.

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

I was able to teach an Instructor Development class to three members in July which went really well. We enjoyed hamburgers cooked on the grill for lunch along with Deb's great tasting macaroni salad and potato salad. The students are still working on their 15 minute presentation but I know they will do fine.

I traveled to Ocean Shores to teach an Operations Training class to two students from Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron. What great people. P/C Bob Hodgson, N has agreed to teach an "N" class here in Olympia next May. Naturally, this depends on our Squadron providing an instructor to grade sites and exams. We also will need to come up with enough students to make the class worthwhile, maybe 5 or 6. If you are interested in taking the "N" class, please contact me.

I will be teaching a Vessel Examiners class in September. If you are interested in doing vessel examinations and meeting a whole lot of nice people while looking over their boats, give me a call.

WHAT'S NEW?

An announcement about a new seminar titled "Tides and Currents" is now available from USPS Headquarters. The seminar may be ordered using the Educational Department on-line shopping cart. The seminar description is as follows:

Even if you are an inland boater, you may travel to an area where knowing about tides and tidal currents is important. The seminar deals with how the sun and moon create tidal patterns, sources of information about tides and tidal currents, simple ways to predict height of tide and current flow and how to use both print and electronic tide tables.

See ya around the docks.

P/C James V. Harden Jr., JN
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If you think you have something to say in the Seaman's Log, submit it. The Editor retains editorial control of the newsletter. If the Editor likes it, it's in.



ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT

Cruising by water or land is the aim this summer for the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron!! Fun in the sun, family and friends, young and old all are welcome for our events!

Boston Harbor Rendezvous! Sunshine, Sunshine is what greeted us at the Boston Harbor Rendezvous!! The harbormaster did an excellent job of locating us a great space!! We had THREE boats for our rendezvous!! The Harden's boat is Hagbart, R. Robinson's boat is Rokense, and Lavender's boat is Cyderworks! We had a by sea and by land crowd for the whole weekend.

Fourth of July Decorations!! By Viki. Friday night on the large hot dock, we started with appetizers of every kind. Bratwurst on a stick, skewered chicken, cheeses and crackers, shrimp and a variety of beverages. A trivia game was enjoyed and Jim Harden was the winner! We had 12 in all, members and guests!!

Jim dressed the dock! Saturday morning we started with coffee furnished by Jim Harden and muffins furnished by the Walkers!! Michael and Mr. Michael from the Tacoma Power Squadron joined us for visits and conversation; and we were graced with Viki Sharps presence. You know Viki, born in 1826, has continued to amaze us over the years. Her age of 184 hasn't slowed her down a bit!! We were all

amazed at how full of spirit she was! She did a short demonstration of voice communication, something about more vodka in her orange juice. We then proceeded with building our bags of omelets. As was demonstrated by Jim: Select bag, mark with name, add eggs, tomatoes, bacon, onions and cheese if desired, squish around, squeeze air out, drop in boiling water, pull out after 10 minutes and squish around again and re-drop for 5 minutes, remove and serve on paper plate, season with salt and pepper if desired. Walla, no fuss, no mess and no cleanup. 10 folks were present for breakfast! Lunch and early afternoon were free time! We had 15 guests off and on during the afternoon. Of course Viki and I had to take a couple dips in the Sound, which was very refreshing during the hot afternoon!

Fourth of July Dinner! We had hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts and assorted beverages for our Saturday dinner!! We had 8 for dinner. Pat was the winner of our paper game and was awarded a gold coin and a crossword puzzle book. Cameron's were present who we hadn't seen in awhile! Congratulations on Cindy's retirement! All in all it was an awesome weekend with weather and friends of all walks!!

Friday, September 2nd, Saturday, September 3rd, Sunday, September 4th, 2011

Olympia Harbor Days Booth: Please volunteer your time for manning our booth! It is a time to recruit new members and pass out boating safety information.

Call me to schedule your time!!! (360) 480-4920

Monday, September 19th, 2011, will be our ice cream social for which Donna Davis plans to make homemade toffee ice cream topping and **Gary and Judy Ball will be**

enlightening us with tales of their Alaska Cruise!!

Sunday, September 25th, 2011, mark your calendars for our annual **SALMON BAKE and WHITE ELEPHANT SALE!!!!** Our Salmon Bake event hosted by the Viki and Chuck Sharp promises to be even better this year. First, we've changed the date in hopes of enticing the sun! Festivities will start at 12:00 p.m. with plans to eat at 1:00 o'clock. We will have a affordable pay as you go bar. The Squadron will furnish the salmon, not fish sticks. Please bring a side dish of choice, or dessert. The day will end with our fund raiser, the "White Elephant". For the new folks you are to bring any item wrapped so it will be a mystery!! We then auction off the item to the highest bidder!! You could take home the treasure of a lifetime or your white elephant item for next year. You just never know what you will get!! We guarantee a lot of laughs!! This event always comes with good times and tales!.

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LOST AT SEA

The following members have not renewed their membership:

Phil & Cyndi Cameron
Dan Coleman
Don & Patti Ingersoll
Tim & Maggie Miller
John Porter
Doug Ryser

If you have already picked up the 2011-2012 roster, please remove the above names.



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FAIR NOTICE

The Fair is coming to Puyallup in September.

The Squadron is starting its educational year and looking for a new Editor for the Seaman's Log. E183463

This editor's last issue will be not later than December 2011.

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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.

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DO YOU LIKE BARBECUE?

On our boating vacation, we spent our last night in the Bremerton marina. I treated Paul to a wonderful lunch, milkshakes at the Coldstone Creamery, and he reciprocated by getting dinner. In that sentence “getting” means purchasing, not preparing. He bought us barbecue from Bugaloo’s which is located on the waterfront promenade, between the Seattle ferry dock and the USS Turner Joy. This is convenience for boaters staying in the marina overnight, and for drop-in waterfront visitors, as the marina provides a big number of tables and chairs for picnickers along the promenade.

The sign on the food building says “Voted #1 in Western WA”. We were happy to give it a test. Portions are large, and one dinner serves two. If you can’t agree on which meat to choose, get a combo dinner and make both diners happy. Parking is available nearby in both Bremerton and Port Orchard. You can go to either place and ride the passenger ferry across, have a walk through old town Pt O, eat in Bremerton while watching the big ferries and - if you’re lucky - the Orcas in Sinclair Bay. Authentic accompaniments available for your BBQ include sweet potato pie and ice-cold sweetened iced tea.

You can have a picnic without doing any work, and a pleasant day out at a time of your own choosing. The food shop is open seven days a week from 10 AM to 8 PM Sun through Thurs, to 9:00 PM on Fri and Sat. If you’re there when the marina offices are open, be sure to look in and see the Olympia Sail & Power Squadron burgees on display in both ports.

Cdr Donna

PS: Why not take along a kitchen garbage bag for your disposables? There are plenty

of garbage cans around to leave your trash in, but if the cans get full, the seagulls can get in, grab stuff with their bills, and spill paper plates, napkins, bones, etc. on the walkways. Ick. I guess their moms never taught them any manners.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING

District 16 is offering a rare opportunity to those interested in Leadership Training. The National Training Program will be held in the District in Federal Way next October. The instructor will be Stf/C Anita Walker, JN, who is a very active member of USPS and was a leadership development trainer in her professional life, both on-staff for major firms and as a consultant. She developed these courses which have traditionally been given only at National Meetings, but now are being offered, slowly but surely, to all Districts.

Dates for the classes in our District will be Saturday October 8 for Administrative Training and Sunday October 9 for Executive Training, at the Comfort Inn, 31622 Pacific Avenue in Federal Way. These classes are offered **free** for current Squadron Administrative and Executive Officers and Commanders. There will be a \$60 charge for other attendees, which includes the materials, coffee breaks, and lunch. Currently, D/C Hank Willis is pondering how to have the District pay for one-half of the fee for general membership attendees. I will update you with the result of his pondering after the rendezvous, when the "how to" will be discussed.

FYI, this course is what the District paid the way for the District's leadership trainer to attend a year or two ago, and the amount for that makes the charge for here a mere pittance. While Federal Way is within

driving distance for attending the sessions, the Comfort Inn is offering a special rate of \$69, plus tax for the event. Group Code 3280 will get you the special deal.

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Message Relay from Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW):

Subject: USCG ALERT -- SHOALING IN THE SWINOMISH CHANNEL

Greetings,

This message is sent on behalf of the Captain of the Port Puget Sound to alert all boaters regarding shoaling in the Swinomish Channel. This information was provided in a Local Notice to Mariners, but since recreational boats are grounding on the shoals, we are putting this information out again for general distribution and posting in area marinas. The Local Notice to Mariners follows:

WASHINGTON - STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA TO STRAIT OF GEORGIA - SWINOMISH CHANNEL - Reported shoaling

Numerous soundings of shoaling in the Swinomish Channel have been reported. The primary locations for the shoaling have

been from the Swinomish Channel South Entrance, north to the vicinity of La Conner, WA.

Some depths have been reported as two (2) feet less than the charted depths. Mariners are advised to use caution when transiting this waterway due to the reported shoaling.

We also remind boaters to monitor the tides closely (the controlling depth for the channel is less than 5.5 - 6 ft). Some of the shoaling is near the center of this narrow waterway.

Kindly note that the US Coast Guard Navigation Center has an excellent site where you can sign up to have the Local Notice to Mariners e-mailed to you when it comes out every week. That site is: (<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lnmDistrict®ion=13>).

We thank marina organizations for notifying their members, and marina managers for posting this alert and advising boaters heading this way to take extra caution transiting the Swinomish Channel.

Very respectfully,

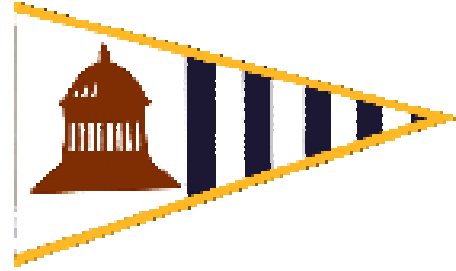
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FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Summer weather, and with luck, Indian summer close behind. I hope you enjoyed going boating, or thinking about boating, or reading about boating, while the weather was right. Our plans for an extended cruise this summer came to fruition, after a late start due to unplanned, but necessary boat maintenance. We had nearly five weeks out. We went as far north as Nanaimo, had very good weather, and can't wait to get back to Ladysmith on Vancouver Island. Ladysmith Maritime Society Marina is awaiting delivery in October of a new, \$1.6 million (Canadian) floating office, rest room and shower room, meeting room, barge with a second story, 1800 square foot conference area. Perhaps the Vancouver Island CPS will invite Dist 16 for a summer rendezvous there!

The District had its first cruise planned for this summer, after the rendezvous in Poulsbo. There was a lot of interest in going up to Campbell River as a group, offering novices the comfort of being with experienced sailors as well as seeing new places and getting advice about and experience at anchoring, as most nights would be at anchor. At the Spring Conference, seventeen boats indicated intention to be a part of the fleet. When departure time came, there were only three, D/C Hank's and two Seattle Squadron boats. On our cruise we found on night three that our windlass wouldn't work and that anchoring wouldn't be an option for us. Not a problem, as we like marinas. The same

can't be said for D/C Hank when his windlass quit working. So did his head. With P/D/C Joanna Webster and D/Lt Inez Schwartz as his crew, the old sea dog's alternative for the latter situation was not available. One third of the fleet turned stern and headed for home. The best laid plans . . .

If you really want to know about summer cruising, you should have come to our Sept meeting. Gary and Judy Ball gave us a wonderful show of pictures from their four month trip to Alaska. Although we saw a lot of gray sky in the pictures, they had radiant tans. They had wonderful stories about wild life, and great, almost unbelievable, pictures of bears, otters, and salmon filled waters; waterfalls, icebergs, glaciers, small towns, old ruins, totem poles, bald eagles, and beached derelict boats. They caught crabs for their dinners, no, their banquets. If you belong to any other group that could use fascinating speakers, why not give Gary and Judy a call?

We had a short presentation from Friends of Estuaries on their education programs about estuaries, beaches, and flora and fauna in the South Sound. Since its creation, the organization has increased the number of volunteers and the extent of its programs in teaching beach visitors about the history and ecology of the tidelands of the area.

It's time to make reservations for the District 16 Council/Conference. Look for forms in the back of this issue. There's information in the District Newsletter, Cardinal Points, as well. Discounted meal prices lasted only through September 26, but

there is no charge or registration fee to attend the conference itself. There are places to eat in the hotel and in the surrounding area. The Red Lion Hotel is close to downtown Bellevue. Come early and enjoy the shopping opportunities of a big, sophisticated city.

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EDUCATIONAL OFFICER REPORT

What's been happening?

We had an ABC class with five students in attendance and the good news is that all the students passed the exam. Thanks go to our ASEO Paul Davis, AP for arranging the Fire Hall and doing all the contacting of the students. Thanks also go to our great instructors P/Lt/C Bill Walker, JN and P/C Clyde Shiner, N for their dedication and expertise.

What's coming up?

We are pursuing a Seamanship Class on 18 October 2011 with the interest expressed by the recent new members from the ABC class. The class will be held at the Harden's home with instructors yet to be determined. The class will be held on Tuesday nights for two hours and should be completed in seven weeks. Final plans are being followed to confirm the students, books and instructors.

What's in the future?

We are still planning on a Piloting class starting 3 January 2012. If you have completed Seamanship and want to sign up for this class, please contact me. The class will be held at the Harden's home. The class will be held on Tuesday nights for two hours and should be completed in eight weeks.

I must continue to ask each of you, What classes do you want? Please let me know what you want to learn because we have a great team of instructors ready to teach. Hopefully, we can get a Navigation course scheduled for next summer with the help of a friend from Bellingham.

See ya around the docks.

P/C James V. Harden Jr., JN
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THE SALMON BAKE

No matter what kind of weather you prefer, there was a bit of it at our salmon bake. Wear your jacket; shed your jacket; pop inside to keep dry; ease outside to let the sun warm you; just wait a few minutes and your favorite weather will come by again.

Chuck and Viki Sharp have a multi-use event building that opens up to their yard, so cooking the salmon, corn, and clams took place outside, with a bevy of kibitzers, while tables for dining and the beverage distribution center were set up inside for coziness. There was a lot of socializing, a great variety of potluck treats (even B-B-Q chicken livers! yum), and a spirited auction to benefit the Squadron and our educational programs. Cleverly disguised items included a beautiful hand-knit stole perfect for winter snuggling; adventure books to read when summer boating-adventure weather has passed; wine to enjoy while you're reading; and enough treasured art objects to fill a small "Ye Olde . . . Shoppe".

Some lucky attendees got to take home extra salmon, clams and corn, for future enjoyment. Had I known there were more clams, there wouldn't have been any "extra" ones!

Thanks to all who helped, attended, joined in the spirited bidding, and to Taylor Shellfish, who generously donated the clams

for our party. Put a reminder on next year's September calendar that this is a soiree you don't want to miss.

Cdr Donna



ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT OCTOBER MEETING

Our Administrative Officer is currently on leave, so there is as yet no program scheduled for the October meeting on the 17th. However, the month's festive occasion is Halloween and we'll be celebrating it a little early, with a chance for you to come in costume. Our evening will also start a little early with a potluck of finger food, specifically Halloween treats, so there may well be genuine fingers! Here's a chance to get out those special recipes that please ghoulies and goblins and things that go bump in the night the most.

Gather together at 6:45 for social time and conversation. Program and general meeting to follow.



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

What a treat, two members with birthdays in October, Paul Tollefson and Wayne "Pete" Peterson. What a trick, the quality of our singing, but we're enthusiastic and loud. Please join us as we salute them.



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

The deadline for submitting this information to me is November 1, 2011.

P/C Rose Ann Walker, JN
Merit Mark Chair

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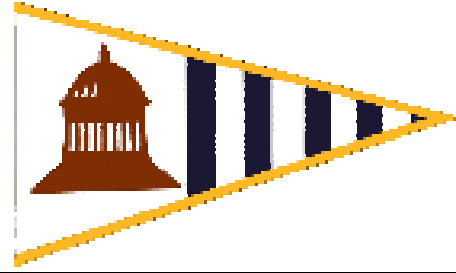
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Halloween is what I'm thinking of as I write this, both our General Meeting in October and the fun night to come. Rick and Deanna Schnatterly came in costume and Judy Ball had a festive sweater that honored the occasion. No actual fingers on any of the finger food platters, but Judy's stuffed eggs really did look like over-worked eyeballs, bleary and red veined. The eighteen of us present had a great social hour, wished Pete Peterson a Happy Birthday, and assembled for a very brief meeting.

Our principal topic that evening was what to do about diminishing membership numbers. How do we fulfill our purpose of boating education, of making boaters more knowledgeable, which makes everybody on the water safer? Our Chief Commander, Frank Dvorak says, "Membership is job one." The purpose of increasing membership is to involve people who are advocates of safe and knowledgeable boating, add them to our classes, and then to our teaching team.

At the Fall Conference there was a session labeled "Membership Demographics", a program prepared by USPS. I often think that people living east of the Mississippi River don't think like those living west of it, but there were enough ponderable points in the presentation that I would like to use it for our January meeting. More worthwhile to District 16 and its constituent Squadrons was the follow-up, a marketing presentation done by

Bill Monroe of the Bellevue Squadron. Marketing is his business, and he tasked us to consider who our target customers are and to find out what they are seeking.

Do you know that there's a Texas company which advertises in Washington that it's the official Washington state boater's exam company? What would one get from it, for \$20? What more do we have to offer? We have information about boating safety, know-how, fun, lifestyle, community, all from experienced boaters with local knowledge.

He also critiqued the District and Squadron web sites. He noticed that the home pages feature pictures of people, holding plaques, eating, standing around. Why aren't there pictures of water, boats, people having fun with them? Good question. It would be great if we could get his presentation for our January meeting as well. D/Cdr Hank Willis has appointed a marketing committee to be chaired by Christine Rasmussen. Getting the Squadrons to work together in promoting the organization will be a major goal.

There was also a guest speaker discussing and demonstrating (within reason) marine sanitation. I usually leave the hi-tech boat stuff to my crew, but a good, working system is so important (see D/Cdr Hank's report on the District Cruise) that I paid attention. Now I know how to keep the holding tank bacteria healthy and happy . . . and odor free. Thank you, Chris Piel!

One monetary item that I want to mention is the inclusion in the budget of \$250 to cover the deductible for any

member's boat damaged while used for on the water training. There hasn't been such an event in our District, but the BOC committee wanted this covered just in case.

As I had anticipated, there was a report from the Planning Committee and some discussion about revamping the District's meeting schedule, condensing the spring events, relying more on electronic communication, and having council members vote electronically between scheduled meetings. There needs to be much more discussion of this before any changes are made, including an understanding of what the national bylaws will allow the District to do.

As always, fellowship was good, and it's fun to share and compare with the folks from other Squadrons. Never pass up an opportunity to learn from others' successes.

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ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT

Howdy, from the Arkansas/Oklahoma border! Fall is upon us and winter right around the corner! I am still enjoying my time with Family 'n Friends. Have been able to spend quality time with my family and do hiking and biking with friends in the Ouachita National Forest!

Our speaker for November will be Kip Summers, Project Engineer for the Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation. She will be enlightening us about projects in the Puget Sound area. She will also have an open forum for your questions about any goings on! Be sure to mark your calendars and come on out for an evening of fall socializing and hearing what Kip has to say about our area.

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The November Bridge meeting will be held at Nickleby's on Monday the 14th at 6:00. You get to order off the w-h-o-l-e menu. The place has been painted and renovated; new carpet; new fancy restrooms, and many more customers for lunch than when we were there before. For December, TBA, depending on the comments I receive after this month's meeting.

Donna



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

The magic number this month is four:

Lee A Wells, Jr	11/04
Dennis McHugo	11/08
Jim Hanson	11/16
Rose Ann Walker	11/30

Come and help us celebrate their big days at our General Meeting on Monday, November 21st



ROSTER

The 2011-2012 Roster is now available. You can either pick one up at any General Meeting or have one sent to you by e-mail.

The street number for Gary and Judy Ball is incorrect in the roster.

It is listed as 9931 and should be 7931.

For any other corrections, please notify me.

P/C Rose Ann Walker, JN
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As I have said many times in the past, "If I don't send it back to you, I didn't get it." When you submit your articles, do not assume that I received it until you get it back.

Second note, everything you send to seamanslog@yahoo.com, goes into the Seaman's Log.

Not everyone has the latest version of Word. I am using Windows XP and it doesn't like using the new Word programs that put .DOCX extensions on files. Oh, I can run office 2007, but it has to install each time I want to use it because part of Word resides in the newer operation systems. I am currently using Office 97 but would prefer to use standalone Word 6.

If you have any ads to put in, please put them into Word, right side up, so I can change size. Thanks, *Ed*.



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COMMUNITY YOUTH SERVICES

For several years we have contributed the funds we raise in the Christmas goodie auction to CYS in Olympia. I've just looked up their website, to refresh myself on all that they do. It certainly is impressive. There are 21 different programs for youth that provide assistance in obtaining things as basic as where to get food, clothing, shelter, education, jobs. There are resources assisting in situations of domestic abuse. Even adults need help in dealing with such problems, especially when statistics show that the most dangerous time for victims is when they try to escape.

Start planning now for your pastry extravaganza, your work of edible art, your Guinness Record Book creation of calories. I'm salivating in anticipation.

Cdr Donna



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Olympia Squadron member and Past Commander William L. Grindstaff, AP has been a member of USPS for fifty years. USPS has provided the Squadron with a plaque and pin honoring his achievement, which I hope we can present to him at a suitably festive occasion. P/C Grindstaff served as the Squadron's Commander in 1966-67. He became a Senior Member in 1968 and a Life Member in 1989. He has acquired 35 Merit Marks as he continued in

service to the Squadron, to USPS, and to the boating community.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our esteemed member

<i>November 2011</i>			
14	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Nickleby's
21	General Meeting	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
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Place: Olympia Country and Golf Club
3636 Country Club Road
Olympia

Time: 1800 – 1900 Cocktails with no-host bar
1900 – 2130 Dinner and dessert auction

Buffet: Holiday Salad
Prime Rib and Roast Turkey
Vegetables
Potatoes
Dessert (Sorbet)

Price: \$34.00 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.

Christmas Party Reservation

Name(s)

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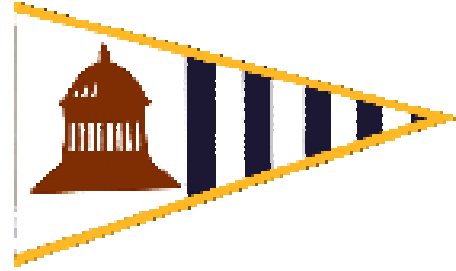
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FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Now Thanksgiving is just a memory, with a few souvenirs remaining: turkey soup and whatever treasures we got at Christmas bazaars and pre-Christmas sales. Next event, the Squadron Christmas Party, our premier social gathering at the always-beautifully-decorated Olympia Country and Golf Club. Join us for a relaxed and friendly evening, with our annual dessert auction in support of Olympia's Community Youth Services. What a great opportunity to do a good deed while purchasing a special dessert – one you don't have to make yourself. Reservations are due to the Tenkhoffs no later than Dec. 12. Keep reading The Log for more details.

Our November meeting speaker misread, or didn't read, his calendar, and failed to join us. We had more time to talk about the Squadron's future. We'll be doing more talking in January, after watching some materials USPS is providing, and undoubtedly talk through the spring as well, for we do have "issues" as the saying now goes, with declining membership numbers and another current saying "boots on the ground". For OSPS, I should really call it "keels in the water". How do we gain more public interest with fewer activity supporters in our organization? Reading the newspapers, watching television news, being out on the water ourselves, all these things tell us that the educational opportunities we provide are a very valuable commodity to the entire boating community. "SAFE Boating Is Fun . . . We'll teach you how!"

District 16 will again have a booth at the Seattle Boat Show which begins on Friday, January 27th. A new and improved set-up is in the works, and new material to handout will be available. All of the Squadrons in the District will be represented in the materials. The booth chairman would like to have members from all the Squadrons serving in the booth at some time during the ten day run. If you have the time to work a shift or two, please let me know so that I can send your name to Dennis Kinch, the booth head honcho. You'll get into the show for free. You'll meet people from other Squadrons, so you can mine their ideas in your area of interest, you'll get to see beautiful boats and their accessories, and you can sign up to win prizes from a variety of sources. Worth the effort? Just ask Jim and Debbie Harden!

As you've no doubt taken care to have your boats all winterized by now, I hope you'll have winterized yourselves, perhaps with blue filters over your windows so that you can see summer skies instead of the gray ones, and the gray water and gray landscapes as well that are outside our windows. Another cheering activity: create a great dessert for our auction, perhaps even two. Pecan pie is always a winner with me.

See you at the Christmas Party.
Wear your BLING!

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ON SAYING THANK YOU

There's a lot of work to be done in running a Squadron. Different jobs require different talents. Fitting the right person into a particular task is a great accomplishment. As our newsletter editor for many years, we've definitely had the right person in Lt. Skip A. Hash, P. Skip joined the Olympia Squadron in 2001. Although living in Hoodspert, a healthy distance from Olympia, he took on the job of editor and has produced an award-winning product for us for several years. His contributions to the Squadron have earned him 11 Merit Marks in the process.

This December issue is the last one he will produce. Skip is retiring from the job. The Squadron owes him a great big **THANK YOU** I know you join me in

extending that. His email address is oyster7@hctc.com, Subject line: SeaLog. You can send him your own personal thanks as well. It's people with a generosity of spirit, equating to a contribution of time and talent, that keep our Squadron working. Thank you again, Skip.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

How exciting for our members who were born in December! They get more than just birthday pie. We have a big party for them. Celebrate their special days at our special event, the Squadron Christmas Party, on Monday, Dec. 19. Honorees are Jim Harden, Melissa Johnson, Jim Jones, Dalia Lavender, Gary Scholes, and Phil Tenkhoff.



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Marine Toilet Paper - by Gary Ball

Have you ever wondered why it costs so much to buy marine toilet paper? Have you wondered if you really needed to use it? Well, I have, and I decided to run a little experiment.

I decided to run an experiment comparing a major brand of marine toilet paper sold at West Marine with the Kirkland brand sold at Costco. I took one square of each and placed it in a glass. I added 8 ounces of water to each glass. I let each glass stand for 24 hours. At the end of the 24 hour period, I took a spoon and stirred each glass a half dozen times.

I had expected that the marine toilet paper would fall apart more than the Kirkland brand but I was surprised. After stirring each glass, I used the spoon to lift the sheet of toilet paper out of the glass. The marine paper tore but was able to be lifted from the glass. The Costco brand not only tore easier but fell apart more as it was lifted. Looking into the water in the glass, there was far more small shreds of paper in the glass holding the Costco brand.

Now, this is not a totally scientific experiment. I have concluded that the Costco Kirkland brand of toilet paper should be able to be used in a marine sanitation system. It certainly costs less than the name brand marine toilet paper.

A future experiment might include using salt water instead of fresh water, or even seeing the difference when adding chemicals or enzymes to the water. Stay tuned.



Something and Someone Special

We're a very mobile society these days, moving from one job to another, one home to another, one spouse to another, one interest to another. It's something very special when a person finds an interest that stays a part of their lives for 50 years. The

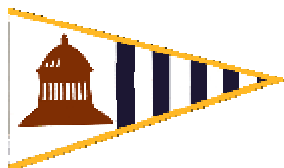
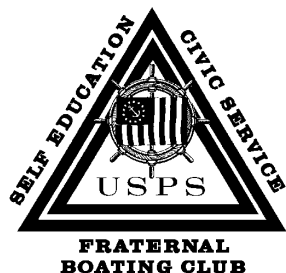
special interest I'm writing about is Olympia Sail and Power Squadron, and the special person is P/C William L. Grindstaff, AP, who will receive his 50 year award and pin at our Christmas Party. P/C Willie was Commander of the Squadron in 1968-69, became a Senior Member in 1968 and a Life Member in 1989. He's accumulated 35 Merit Marks in his OSPS career, showing a deep concern for boating safety and education, and a willingness to share his enthusiasm with others.

Come to the Christmas Party and join in honoring our special someone.

Cdr Donna Davis

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- 19 Meeting Christmas Party.
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- 16 Meeting @ Olympia Yacht Club.
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