

Deception Sail and Power Squadron

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SPINDRIFT

Calendar of Events

May 4 Penn Cove Water Festival, Coupeville 011- 1700

May 13 Executive Committee Meeting at OHYC 0930

May 14 DPSPS Monthly Dinner meeting at NAS Whidbey CPO Club
Presentation: *Custom Border Protection and Reporting Requirements for Private Boaters*
Presenter: Port Director, US Custom Border Protection 1800

May 16-19 Anacortes Boat & Yacht Show

June 8 Boating Safety for Kids, Reg White, Fort Casey Park

June 15 Crabbing 101, John Hudson 0100

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Unit 16
United States sail and
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Windsurfing on Swantown Lake

photo by Tony Truog

The May 14 dinner meeting will be held at the NAS Whidbey Chief Petty Officers Club, 1080 W Ault Field Road, Oak Harbor.

The program for the evening will be a presentation by Anthony Zumpano, Port Director, US Custom Border Protection. He will be explaining Custom Border Protection and Reporting Requirements for Private Boaters, including the new ROAM app and its advantages.

This is a subject we all need to know!

Arrive around 5:30 pm The CPO club will be open for refreshments. The staff will begin taking orders around 6pm and the program should begin around 7pm. Dinner is \$15 per person., gratuity not included.

The menu choices for this event are:

- *Sirloin Steak
- *Captains Platter (beer battered cod, coconut prawns and clam strips)
- *Herb Roasted Chicken

These all come with a side salad, potato and fresh vegetable (except the pasta and the captain platter) and dinner rolls with butter.

Hope to see you there! Cdr Pat Waters





FROM YOUR NEW SQUADRON COMMANDER, PAT WATERS, JR

This a critical year for us. We need to stop the decline in our membership largely the result of many of our most experienced long term members leaving our squadron. We also need to fill two critical positions in our squadron; Administrative Officer and our new position, Public Relations and Marketing Officer. Please let me know if you are interested in one of these positions. We will not be successful this year without filling these two positions!

The good news is the **Pam Truog** is going to continue as our Treasurer, **Karen Nelson** has volunteered once more to be our all-important Education officer, **Jason Brent** is taking Karen's place as our Secretary, **Bob Nelson** has volunteered as Executive officer and **Hiller West** has taken on the position of Membership officer. In addition, **Reg White** is again our Assistant Education officer, along with **Jason Brent** and **Tony Truog**. **Jason** is also continuing his role in scheduling on the water training to our *ABC and Boat Handling* students. Finally, **Bill Coltrin** has taken **Paul Holzbaur's** place as our SERAT leader. We have a great team!

I wish to thank a few of our members for their recent efforts in this last year.

Mark Casteel for organizing and conducting the Annual Swap meet. Unfortunately, it was ended early due to the unrelenting rain. **Ted Mihok** for his excellent Jamboree this year that resulted in at least a dozen people signing up for more information on our upcoming classes. **Jerry Liggett** for an awesome first seminar on *How to Catch Shrimp* in the local waters. He had a standing room only, large crowd fascinated by this presentation. **Steppe** for all his hard work and efforts this year as Commander as well as an excellent *Cruising North Seminar*. **Paul Holzbaur** for his huge efforts in getting SERAT going and getting the participants the education they need to qualify. Finally, **Cat Felker** for her truly excellent efforts in organizing and conducting our participation in *Holland Happenings* this year, bringing her boat and dressing up in her famous pirate's costume!

We have some fun, exciting events coming up in the new future.

On **May 4th** there is the *Penn Cove Water Festival*, see attached flyer. Last year we supplied three patrol boats for the canoe races. This year no one has volunteered but we will be represented yours truly again on the committee boat as race starter.

May 13 is our Executive committee or ExCom meeting in the OHYC at 9:30am. Come and join us and become familiar with how your squadron operates.

May 14 is our dinner meeting at the CPO club. See attached information on that event. Our Speaker is Anthony Zumpano, US Customs Border Protection Port Director. Anthony is going to speak on the new reporting requirements for private Boaters called ROAM. We all need to go to this one!

May 16-19 is the *Anacortes Boat & Yacht Show*. The Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron is leading a joint effort with the Bellingham and Everett Squadrons to participate in the 2nd annual show May 16 – 19, 2019, on beautiful Fidalgo Island (Cap Sante Marina). This year, the Show will feature 250 new and brokerage boats on display in-water, on land, and at nearby boatyards, plus a 10,000 square foot area of accessories and service providers. It's the perfect place to start our boating season. Hours of the Show are 10 AM – 6 PM, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Come meet members from the other Squadrons at the America's Boating Club tent, see the boats and gear; enjoy the food, entertainment and family fun, and begin your boating adventure at the 2019 Anacortes Boat & Yacht Show. Contact Cat Felker if you want to help at this event. Continue next page

June 8th at Fort Casey, Reg will be conducting a Boating Safety for Kids Seminar, a really fun event.

Contact Reg for details and if you want to help.

June 15th, John Hudson is going to present his famous seminar on Crabbing at the OHYC. See attached flyer. You don't want to miss this; he is very entertaining!

After that you get the rest of June and all of July to go cruising. See you out on the water!

NEW YEAR DIRECTION?

Instead of listing our priorities and goals for the coming year, and due to the fact that we ran short of time at the Change of Watch and that resulted in my shortening and running quickly through what I wanted to present, I have included my presentation here again in it's entirety. I would like each of you to read it carefully as it is the road we need to take this year if the squadron is going to continue to grow and thrive. Your comments are welcome!

PAST PROGRESS

This past year, under **Steppe's** leadership, we have made a lot of progress.

For membership we have signed up 23 new members in the past year, which represents an amazing 30% growth!

We became an official SERAT squadron, the second in the nation, which is teamed with the Island County Dept. of Emergency Management to respond to major disasters. We provide a means to move people and supplies around Whidbey Island by water rather than roads. **Paul** has done a great job of organizing this and **Bill** is going to take his place this coming year. Thanks Paul and Bill!

In education, we opened advanced classes like *Boat Handling* and *Piloting* to non-members. We expanded on the water training to both *ABC* and *Boat Handling* students. We expanded advertising for classes to boating magazines as well as local newsletters and advertised island wide. We also offered home study for seldom taught advanced courses and for members that can't make it to Oak Harbor for classes.

In the long run, I would like to explore offering classes elsewhere, like Langley, Coupeville or Freeland, either in person or via computers using Free Conference Call or Go to Meeting.

FUTURE PROGRESS

So, what plans do we have for this coming year?

First, we are going to set clear and measurable goals in finance, membership and education. This will focus us on what is most important for us to achieve, minimize expenditures and give us a measure of progress.

We are fortunate that we have our boating courses to draw potential new members and we offer them good discounts now if they sign up during ABC or Boat Handling courses.

We now need to do a even better job of advertising, and for that we need to fill our Public Relations and Marketing position. Our greatest need right now is a volunteer for that position! If you are interested, please let me know.

We also need to better define island organizations such as golf clubs, yacht clubs, the naval base, athletic clubs, and interact with them so they know who we are and what we do.

The average age of our members is well over 65 now. We need to recruit younger members. We need to increase our exposure at youth activities to promote young families to join our squadron. That means we become a major presence at children and school events.

We need more children's boating program with parent participation like what Reg offers at the local libraries. We need to also offer training in kayaking and paddle boarding that bring in younger families. Continue next page

Finally, we need to carefully consider what courses, seminars, and interest groups we can create that will entice our spouses to get more involved in squadron activities. I need your input on that. Basically, we need to promote what we are good at and have fun doing!

Our biggest focus, however, needs to be on retaining the members we have. **Monem**, in the recent District Winter newsletter, said "Member Retention must be our highest priority; our continued existence depends on it."

Last year, even though we recruited 23 new members, we lost 17 members, which represents a loss of 22% of our membership! We cannot continue to lose members at that rate and survive! Healthy nonprofit organizations typically lose only 3 to 5% of their members each year.

In most organizations like ours, there are two typical spikes in those leaving. One is newer members after a year or two. The other is those that have been in an organization for many years. The solutions for each are quite different.

Frequently new members are totally bewildered by the power squadron's huge and complex organization and how they fit into it. It's more frustrating than most organizations because they need to develop an understanding of not one, but three levels; National, District, and squadron. I am still trying to understand it.

To help them we need to first assign one of our members as a mentor to each new member. That doesn't mean you have to adopt them and have them live with you, but it does mean that you become the go to person to answer their questions, invite them to meetings, and help them sign up for classes. I am going to be asking for volunteers to be mentors soon. Please volunteer and when we have several of you signed up, I would be happy to train you.

The other thing we need to help our new members is to develop and give them an orientation class. I intend to put one together soon with the help of some of our newer members and conduct it every two or three months.

Several of our newer members who are new at boating have told me they would really like to go cruising with some of our more experienced members as they would feel safer doing so. I recognize our squadron does not have a cruise program. However, there is something out there that is called "boating buddies", entirely voluntary, that is easy to implement and would meet their needs. I am going to ask our EXCOM to approve that program as part of what we offer to new members.

So, how do we retain older members who have been in the squadron for many years. There is a famous quote which I have found to be always true; "People join an organization because of what they do. People stay in an organization due to the social contacts they make".

What we need to do is to create interest groups within our squadron for our members. Groups interested in fishing, knitting, reading, exercise, walking, marathons, sailboat racing, those that are WSU or U of W graduates and other categories. In the long run, I have seen this approach work better in retaining older members than any other.

How do we form such groups? That's easy. We go out with a questionnaire to all our members asking about their interests, education, and other organizations they belong to. We will compile the results and for each group, send you the list of everyone who also checked that category. It is then entirely up to you to get in touch with each other, and if you want, meet on a regular basis.

CONCLUSION

There are some other things we can do but these are the major tasks we need to do in order to recruit and train members.

However, progress will not happen without your involvement. We will need volunteers to make all of this happen. So please say yes when you are asked to help. Continue next page

Let me leave you with one more thought. Most of you may not be aware that we have a mission. Just like the Fire Dept., police and other organizations, our mission is Saving lives! U.S. Coast Guard statistics indicate that 81% of boating deaths occurred on boats where the operator had not received formal boating safety instruction. We save lives by educating boaters, a very noble cause.

Thank you!

Pat



BRIDGE OFFICERS 2019-2020

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All members are welcome to attend the Executive Committee (ExCom) Meetings on the second Monday of each month, (except June and July), at 0930 in the ballroom of the OHYC. If you have an agenda item, please contact the squadron commander Pat Waters, five (5) days prior to the meeting date so that it can be included.

THOUGHTS FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICER P/CDR BOB NELSON, JN

Mark your calendar for June 8. From 11 AM to 2 PM the Washington State Park and Recreation Commission is holding a boating safety outreach at Fort Casey. Reg White will be teaching the kids and several of us will be manning the tent and talking boats and the education classes we offer in Oak Harbor. It may be a beautiful day to spend in the park. Join us!

Want to cruise with others? Want to hike island trails and enjoy evening meals and conversations with other boaters? Let me know; maybe, if there is enough interest, we can set a squadron cruising schedule.

You may not be aware, but the Oak Harbor Yacht Club does have a cruising schedule and has invited us to join them in the past. Since their cruises are partially financed through their dues, non-members are asked for a nominal amount to cover expenses. Again, IF you are interested in cruising, let me know.

Bob Nelson (JN) 360-632-2700



ONGOING AND UPCOMING CLASSES FROM EDUCATION OFFICER P/LT CDR KAREN NELSON, AP



UPDATE FROM MEMBERSHIP OFFICER HILLER WEST

The squadron's membership stood at 77 as of the end of February. Since then we added 7 (Rob Sebo, Rick Barror, Gary Johnson, Don & Michele Zisette, Rex & Suzi DuPuis) and lost 1 (Rileen Haugen), for a current total of 83.



ATTENTION ALL SKIPPERS ON-THE-WATER-TRAINING

Assistant Education Officer, Jason Brent, AP

The time has come to implement our squadron on the water training. We have had seven responses from members who would like to tap into your expertise as they begin their boating adventure.

We need you to help them become better boaters. So far, we have requests for help with launching and retrieving, general operation and more. Their boats are as follows:

1 -15' fishing boat

1 – 16' fishing boat

1 – 26' San Juan sail boat

and others

1 – 15' Point Jude sail boat

1 – Boston Whaler

1- Hewes Craft

Please contact me at (619) 733-3450 or bjasonbrent@yahoo.com and I will connect you with a student. USPS will provide insurance and our bridge will assist you in the requirements which are currently in effect.



SERAT UPDATE— BILL COLTRIN

Hi everyone! I'm writing as the new guy taking over the SERAT activity for the squadron from Paul Holzbaur. First, I would like to thank Paul for his excellent work organizing the squadron's participation in SERAT. That includes getting nine vessels and their captains to volunteer, plus an additional thirteen crew members. Crew members include the captains' first mates, as well as other boaters wanting to help in the event of an emergency. At this time, several captains and crew members are getting an education in boat handling through the squadron and CPR/AED training from the NW Fire Department.



Paul also completed a large portion of a task assigned by the office of Emergency Management and NW Fire Department. This was to identify and locate potential shore landing sites on North Whidbey for loading and unloading of people and supplies. Forty sites have been identified. The next task is to photograph these sites from the water and label them by their latitude and longitude. I will be providing more information about this shortly.

In addition to this, all squadron members should try to get their First Aid, CPR/AED certification for your own and your crew's safety! As boating season approaches, you will also need to get your vessel safety checked. You can call Mark Casteel who coordinates safety check assignments, or call the boat checker directly.

Thanks to all our volunteers for SERAT! If anyone else in the squadron has an interest in joining this effort, please give me a call. Have a great summer!

Thanks, Bill

If you want a vessel safety check,
call one of the Vessel Examiners
from
Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron
to make an appointment!

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| Mark Casteel | 1-360-240-1546 |
| Dr. Monem | 1-360-279-8972 |
| Bill Coltrin | 1-360-675-8102 |
| Dave Flomerfelt | 1-360-240-0989 |



HERE IS A FUN PROJECT!

A request from District 16. They need help in finding a name for us, and we might win \$100 for the squadron! Please submit your suggestions to me and I will ask our board to review them and come up with an entry for our squadron. Please submit to Cmdr. Pat Waters, no later than Sunday, May 12.

Email: frenchsailor@comcast.net

As you all know, the District Marketing Team and your Bridge attempted to give the district a name instead of a number. We failed miserably! You pointed out that the name we offered - America's Boating Club WA & AK - isn't entirely accurate and totally ignores the members of Spokane who reside in Idaho.

We listened. We now are offering your squadron an opportunity to win \$100 if your entry is selected as representative of our entire membership.

The rules are simple:

1. One entry per squadron
2. Must exclude Vancouver, WA (Ft. Vancouver Squadron is a part of D/32)
3. Must include Fairbanks (North Star Squadron) and Spokane members who reside in Idaho
4. Deadline for submitting entries is **Friday, 24 May** with the winner being announced at the Poulsbo District Rendezvous, Saturday, 22 June 2019
5. Judges will be announced later this month and the decision of the three judges will be final!



ANACORTES BOAT AND YACHT SHOW: MAY 16 – 19, 2019

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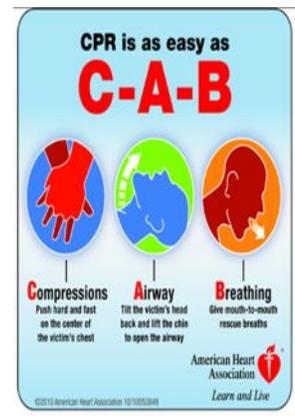
Photo by Tony Truog

The CPR/AED/First Aid Classes are:

May 15th (Wednesday) 0800-1200

June 24th (Monday) 0800-1200

All classes are instructed at the Oak Harbor Fire Department / 855 E. Whidbey Ave, Oak Harbor
You can register for the course by either emailing Craig Anderson at canderson@oakharbor.org leaving a voice mail at 360-279-4706



A NOTE FROM YOUR NEW EDITOR

This is your newsletter to distribute information that pertains to your squadron, District 16 squadrons and national headquarters. I'll be sending reminders out on the 20th of each month prior to publishing the next edition, to the Executive Officers. I would prefer replies by the 25th.

Together we can communicate opportunities to further our knowledge with upcoming classes and events that relate to time out on the Salish Seas.

Please feel free to send me your photos you would like to share, related to your boating journeys or as Tony Truog did this month. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Spindrift Editor: Sue Waters: slowwaters@gmail.com



WE WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE A MEMBER'S BOAT IN EACH ISSUE



If you would like to be featured, please submit a brief history and photos to the *Spindrift* editor slowwaters@gmail.com

Current owners, Erin Materson and Nelson Earnshaw are working on *White Spruce*. Below is a brief description of the boat with images.

The White Spruce

The M/V White Spruce was built in 1932 in the Harbor Shipyard in Vancouver, British Columbia. In 1945, the White Spruce was purchased by the B.C. Forest Service who put the boat to work serving the logging community of Ocean Falls. Although the White Spruce's story is not known, the boat fell into disrepair by the 1980s. The boat was rebuilt in Powell River, B.C. In 1997, the White Spruce was registered in the United States and brought to a covered slip in Seattle's Lockhaven Marina, which the White Spruce still calls home today.



White Spruce is one of the few remaining Canadian Forestry boats cruising the Puget Sound and Inside Passage today (<https://westcoastwood.wordpress.com>).

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Alaska yellow cedar planking on white oak frames

Bronze fasteners

Ironwood shoe

Length: 40 feet

Beam: 11.5 feet

Draft: 3.5 to 4 feet

Hull: full displacement (9,000 lbs.)

Engine: 1962 Cummins JT6 175 H.P. turbo diesel (3,625 hours 08/2017),

repowered: 1985, 2003

Transmission: Capital gear





Outgoing Commander Steppe



Incoming Commander Pat

Change of Watch

April 11, 2019



Certificate of Appreciation to Chefs Paula and Ted



District Cdr Annette Ferguson



A gift of appreciation from the Squadron to outgoing Commander Steppe and Membership Officer Mary



SERAT Officer Paul
Certificate of Appreciation



Karen and Bob acknowledged for their work with



Tony's receives his
Certificate of Appreciation
for his editorial skills on the
Spindrift Newsletter

Swearing in the 2019-2020 Bridge Officers



Free Crabbing 101 Seminar

**10AM Saturday, June 15th
Oak Harbor Yacht Club
1301 Catalina Dr.**

Jointly sponsored by the Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron and the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

Learn how to catch Dungeness crabs in this two hour seminar.

Subjects covered include:

- needed equipment
- the best baits
- license requirements/regulations
- Whidbey Island locations
- best times and tides
- crab lore and life cycles



See how to rig your pot to catch more crabs and avoid equipment loss and see the many different ways to catch crab from shore or boat. The seminar will include demonstrations and slides, and free coffee. A \$5 donation to the Power Squadron Education Fund is suggested.

**Reservations not required. For questions call John Hudson
360-240-2517.**

Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 21-23 June 2019

Registration:

Name(s): _____ Squadron: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

*****If you are coming for any of the rendezvous events PLEASE register*****

Registering only for events/fellowship (no food or moorage) circle YES

All meal & moorage reservations must be received per below prior to June 7, 2018.

No guarantee for moorage or catered dinners will be given after this date!!

Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB) "Dock Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock". Squadrons will have tables set up between their boats on the finger docks for serving hors d'oeuvres from their favorite Caribbean Island to share with fellow district members and guests.

Boat Operator Certification: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator and Advanced Coastal Navigator is pending. For questions or to sign-up contact ARD Bob Anderson at passage1@wavecable.com or Jim West at jwestboater@comcast.net or 360-656-5954.

Saturday Evening Dinner: Soft Shell Tacos or Enchiladas, Red Beans & Rice, Southwestern Corn, Chips and Salsa Bar **\$28/person**

Please **note selection & quantity:**

Beef Enchiladas _____ Chicken Soft Tacos _____ Vegetarian (Cheese Enchiladas) Total \$ _____

MOORAGE Reservations:

Pay a nonrefundable \$5 for moorage reservation prior to June 7, 2018. Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is \$1.15/foot + .75/visit (30' minimum & includes 30 amp electrical hook-up).

Please **circle your "1st choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard bow out port bow out starboard

Please **circle your "2nd choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard bow out port bow out starboard

Please **circle Arrival Day:** (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)

Estimated arrival time: _____

Prior to entering the marina hail "US Power Squadron" on Ch72 for docking instructions.

Boat Name: _____ **LOA** _____ **Beam** _____ **Draft** _____

Special Considerations: _____

Non-refundable Moorage Reservation Fee (\$5.00): \$ _____

Total Enclosed (food & moorage): \$ _____

LODGING: Call Guest House Inn at 360-697-4400. Reference "**US Power Squadron Dist 16**" for group rate of \$116 plus tax. **Group block rate closes May 24, 2018.** Please make your hotel reservations early. Make hotel reservation and payment directly with the hotel.

Registration and payment must be received prior to June 7, 2018. Please Send to:

D/Lt/C Debbie Richey/1233 Noble Fir Lane/Camano Island, WA 98282

Make checks payable to "USPS District 16"

For Questions Contact: Debbie Richey, Phone 360-387-1260 or drichey@rocketmail.com

Penn Cove Water Festival



Saturday, May 4, 2019
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Free family Festival celebrating the culture
of the Pacific Northwest Native Americans
with Canoe Races, Native music, dancing
and storytelling,
Native American Arts & Crafts Vendors,
Educational Exhibits,
Foods and Youth Activities.

For more information visit
www.penncovewaterfestival.com

