

Spindrift



AUGUST 2020

DECEPTION PASS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

Calendar of Upcoming Classes

CPR/AED/FIRST AID CLASS— as of July 20, 2020:

"With all of the Covid-19 restrictions in place, we are not planning on having any public CPR / First Aid classes through the month of August. Half way through August, we will re-evaluate and see if we will have any classes in September or October. (Oak Harbor Fire Department

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Crossing Georgia Straits, Ralph Gamble

Unit 16
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Sail and Power Squadron



COLD WATER SAFETY

tips for boaters

- Always wear a life jacket, even experienced swimmers.
- Check weather and water conditions. Wind is crucial and impacts safe boating.
- File (and stick to) a float plan.
- Carry two forms of emergency communications, preferably on your body, that work while wet.
- Always designate a lookout and don't drive at high speeds.
- Be alert. Avoid alcohol and marijuana.
- Get educated and follow all navigation rules.



Read about Cold Water Safety on page 10

DPSPS continues to make contributions towards containing COVID 19 on Whidbey Island. We have helped distribute over 1000 hand made masks, mostly to first responders, health care workers, and educational workers. The Squadron is partnering with DEM, Whidbey DIYers, an online group producing and distributing masks.

Mask distribution has slowed recently, although it could surge again along with the virus itself. Wearing masks in public (especially unventilated indoor spaces) is the single, easiest way we can help mitigate the virus as citizens. **DPSPS** wants to continue to support our community during these very challenging times. If anyone can identify a need for masks or has another completely different idea on how to help, please contact Pat or myself. Thank you!

Bob McCrary, Covid-19 Response Coordinator



**FROM YOUR SQUADRON COMMANDER,
PAT WATERS, JN**

THE STATE OF THE SQUADRON, AUGUST 2020

Hi folks,

I had difficulty writing this article this morning. Like many other organizations, we are struggling to meet our mandated 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 and important cause. For whatever reason, boating fatalities are on the increase this year. They need us!

Yet, under the pandemic guidelines we are prevented from holding in person seminars, courses, and our always famous dinner meetings. We have no current local facility that would allow us to hold courses, no insurance to cover us if we did and finally our national is not allowing any squadron to hold in person courses at this time.

Another disappointment is while boating in the San Juan's is now open, our access to Canada is denied. It looks like only a small chance that this will change before the end of this summer's boating season.

There is good news however! We have now filled all but one office. **Shawn Haugen** has volunteered to be our new Executive Officer, **Bob Nelson** volunteered as our new Boating Officer, and **Jerry Liggett** volunteered to be our new Safety Officer! These fill a real need in our squadron. Thanks to you three!!

The only board position remaining to be filled is **Administrative Officer**. The major role is obtaining speakers and organizing our dinner meetings. However, with the current pandemic limitations, those are not occurring. Why then do we need one now? Glad you asked! We need that person because they are also a bridge officer and need to participate and vote critical decisions regarding our future. Currently the ExCom meets once a month online rather than in person. **Please volunteer for this important position, we need to fill it!**

We also need volunteers for the nominating committee, who will select the Bridge officers for next year. Please consider volunteering and let **Shawn** know if you are interested.

Another success is our SERAT fleet! At long last we have now 14 members signed up for SERAT and 8 boats in the fleet! We now have our members registered on AlertSense, ready to be activated in an emergency. We are the only SERAT squadron in the District and one of the very few nationally. We have run several test activations lately and several more or on the way. For details, see **Bill Coltrin's** excellent article on SERAT in this Spindrift. What we need now is more of you to sign up as crew during an emergency. Our skippers will need you!

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In addition, we have one new member in our squadron, **Mike Rambo**. You can read all about Mike in this Spindrift. He lives in Oak Harbor and is anxious to start taking our seminars courses. Please reach out and welcome him aboard! Thanks to **Fred Lemke** for offering to be his sponsor. Way to go, Fred!

Speaking of membership, our only squadron income right now is from you renewing your membership. Unfortunately, several you have failed to do so. Please, when it is time, renew your membership promptly. It is the only way we can cover our costs and remain a strong squadron.

In this Spindrift you will also find an article about the new i911 system designed to pinpoint your location on the water if you call 911 in an emergency. If you have not signed up for this yet, please do so. It is free of course!

I am still enormously proud of you and your tremendous persistent help of others in our community during this pandemic. We may not be offering classes and seminars now, but many of you are busy helping our local communities and health care workers during this crisis.

Many of our you are making non-surgical cloth masks and distributing these to local health and public workers. Some are helping neighbors by shopping and delivering groceries to them. Others have volunteered to keep in contact with neighbors who are challenged medically and/or by age. Some are cooking and helping serve at the local dining café for the homeless. Others are distributing food at our local food banks. Some are driving vans to pick up and move our homeless population to dining facilities and shelters. **You are all just awesome!**

Bob McCrary, 916-206-1114, rmccrary09@gmail.com is our coordinator of our various efforts to help the community and our local health care workers. Please contact Bob if you need any help or are offering to help. Also, see Bob's list enclosed listing those local organizations in urgent need for donations. Thanks Bob!

Without a doubt, the best way of conducting our meetings, classes and seminars is face to face. However, the corona virus limits that exposure in the foreseeable future. We need to find an alternate means of conducting our business. Our ExCom meetings are currently held using GoToMeeting. **Steve Pye** is our technical guru that enabled us to do so. We are becoming comfortable with this medium and **Chip White**, our Education Officer, looking into using it for seminars and/or courses this Fall. See his update in this Spindrift.

Speaking of classes, it is a good time now to train some new instructors for our classes, as well as recertify our existing instructors. Please let Chip or I know if you would like to volunteer. It is easy to do, extremely fun, rewarding and up to you what you want to teach. We especially need help in our ABC classes.

For those disappointed that the Wooden Boat Festival in Port Townsend was canceled this year, all is not lost! They are going to do it online instead. Sue has included the details for registering in this Spindrift. I already have done so!

Getting through this pandemic and recovering is very dependent on people helping people, especially on our island. We all need empathy, courage, persistence, and resilience. Please call your fellow members frequently and stay in touch with them. Quarantine can become a lonely exercise without others in your life.

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I believe soon we will get through this crisis, recover, and return to a more normal lifestyle. Having survived we will develop new capabilities and skills that will enable us to thrive in the new environment. As always, please get in touch with me if I can help in any way.

Stay warm, stay well,

Pat



URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEER!

Thanks to Shawn for volunteering to be our new XO, we have only one position left to fill, that of Administration Officer (AO).

I would like you to carefully consider volunteering for this position. It is not difficult or require a major commitment of your time and energy. In fact, due to the ongoing pandemic we most likely will not have our usual monthly dinner meetings for the foreseeable future.

However, as AO, you would still fill a vital role in our organization. You would become a voting member of the squadron's executive committee and help us decide what we do to meet future needs and keep the squadron thriving in these trying times. The executive committee normally meets online only once a month.

A short description of the AO role is below. Please give me a call and volunteer!

Administration Officer (AO)

The primary role of the AO is to plan and conduct our monthly dinner meetings. That includes signing up reservations, creating dinner flyers, arranging for speakers and of course planning the menu. In this role, the AO will work closely with the Commander and may be asked to assist him from time to time.

Thanks! Cdr Pat Waters

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHAWN HAUGEN



I hope everyone is staying safe this summer. These really are strange times we're in. But the good news is our hobby (boating) is one of the few things left we can do safely!

Oak Harbor Marina has certainly been bustling every since the beginning of crabbing season. It's good to see people getting out and enjoying themselves on their boats with friends and family. If you're lucky enough to live on a boat like I do, sometimes people will stop by and just give you several cooked crab for dinner!

I never take for granted living on Whidbey Island. From all the wonderful parks and beaches to the farm land and forests, living here is an absolute joy. Add to that the sun and waters of Puget Sound and you get an overwhelming sense of peace. Just what we need in times like these.



If you're looking for something to do I would suggest you volunteer to fill one of several openings in the squadron. We are currently looking for an administrative officer and we also need to fill positions related to the nominating committee. Please consider volunteering we really need your help. Until it's safe to gather once more, look after each other. Pick up the phone and call a friend. Check on the elderly and see if there's anything you can do to help. Just because we are forced to social distance doesn't mean we have to remain disconnected. And lastly, get out there and enjoy this wonderful Island we all call home!



Cheers

Shawn Haugen



CRUISING ACTIVITIES OFFICER NOTES

P/CDR BOB NELSON, JN

1. Do you want to cruise this Summer? Y/N
2. If Y and you haven't been out yet, what is holding you back?
3. Do you need/want more instruction/ planning tips/ boating stories to help or scare you?
4. Need a boat?with beer?
5. Need crew?...with beer?

Call or email me.
Bob Nelson

MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY STEVEN PYE

The squadron is working diligently to provide Covid-19 compliant options that will allow us to continue providing service to our members and the public, abet, not necessarily in the way we have provided them in the past. While we all would prefer to meet in person and teach our classes in person, this may not be a safe option, at least in the near term. As a result, the squadron has adopted GoToMeeting as a platform for holding meetings and teaching seminars and classes, when having in-person meetings are not

advisable. Your ExCom has held three meetings using the GoToMeeting platform and it worked well with not much of a learning curve. Bob Nelson also held the Cruise Seminar using GoToMeeting and it was recorded and is available for review at [this link](#):

Let me know if you wish more information or a practice session, and I will arrange it

Steven



NEWS FROM EDUCATION OFFICER LT/C CHIP WHITE, AP

As we move toward fall the Covid-19 restrictions continue create uncertainty. As a result we are preparing to provide the ABC course on line. We are working with the Bellingham Squadron and their partner the Bellingham Technical College on the project. We are also putting together our first online seminar Partner in Command.

We have received an additional \$500 grant from the Northwest Yacht Brokers Association in support of our Safe Boating for Kids. We will purchase additional life jackets and other materials in support of the class. Lets hope things open up so we can hold the classes for the kids.



PARTNER in COMMAND

"Skipper Saver"

A free seminar
TBD

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
For Boaters By Boaters

Designed to assist first mates and other less experience crew members to take control of a vessel in the event of disability or an emergency with the skipper. Join us for a relaxed, informal and educational session. Reservations are not required. For more information contact Pat Waters 360-720-2589 frenchsailor@comcast.net, or Fred Lemke 619-225-8734 flemke@hotmail.com

The seminar will cover

- Starting the engine
- Stopping the engine/dropping the sails
- Emergency use of the VHF marine radio
- Anchoring
- Handling onboard emergencies
- Returning the boat to a dock

The Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron

SERAT UPDATE— BILL COLTRIN



I have been spending some time thinking about what to write for this article. It came to me while reading yet another story about the COVID 19 pandemic. Let's face it, we were ill prepared, as individuals, county, state and country for the present situation. Did we have the necessary disinfectant, face masks, gloves, etc.? What about toilet paper? Plans had to be developed from the get-go. We are still learning what we need to do and how to do it.

The SERAT (Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team) in the DPSPS is preparing for a future emergency that may or may not occur in our lifetime. But nonetheless, we are trying to be prepared for such an event by preparing our boats, marine skills, and communication skills in order to help our community when a catastrophic emergency such as a major earthquake, fire, tsunami or windstorm occurs. Working with the Island County Dept. of Emergency Management (DEM), who directs our activities as volunteers, we will move materials, equipment, supplies, and possibly personnel on and off Whidbey Island.

So, I would like to suggest to those of you in the squadron who have been sitting and contemplating your navel for the last few months, or watching old DVDs and Netflix...Plan on joining the SERAT effort of DPSPS!

The following is an abbreviated list of the requirements posed by the USPS and DEM:

1. **All Volunteers** - must have a desire to help your fellow citizens on Whidbey Island, in the event of a catastrophic emergency.
2. **All Volunteers** - must be members of the DPSPS.
3. **All Volunteers**- must have up-to-date CPR//FIRST AID/AED Certification, which expires every two years.
4. **All Volunteers**- must obtain DEM Volunteer Credentials with digital self photograph. Applications will be supplied by DPSPS.
5. **All Volunteers** must have the ALERT SENSE Emergency Communication App, which requires a cell-phone and email information. ALERT SENSE gives communication capability between emergency volunteers (instructions are provided)
6. **Captains** - must have at least the Pilot grade from the USPS, or a Captain's license from the USCG.
7. **Marine Crew** - must have at least the Boat Handling grade (was called Seamanship) from the USPS.
8. **Land Crew/auxiliary** - No USPS grade required, however, the ABC and Boat Handling classes are recommended. Cannot participate in water activities. To be used in ground transportation and communication.

If your interest is peaked (I hope), but you don't have a boat, *no problema!* As you can see, many positions don't require being a boat owner. Like me, you can always be a crew member or a captain without a boat. But if you do have a boat that you'd like to use for an emergency, great!

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If an accident occurs while using your vessel in a SERAT training or actual DEM activated emergency, you will have insurance coverage by either the DEM or USPS.

The following is an abbreviated list of boat requirements and information about its capabilities under many situations. A form will require information about your boat's capacity, cruising speed, approximate maximum range, plus identifying markers of the boat.

Other items of note:

1. **Trailerable boats** are great, in fact desirable, because they can be moved to relatively remote locations on the island faster than boats moored in a marina. This, of course, this depends on where the boat is stored.
2. **Size** — No specific size is required but the boat should be able to carry at least two people (captain and one crew) and approximately 200 lbs. of equipment, supplies, and/or material. Larger boats, with a dinghy, are desirable for on and off loading of equipment, supplies and personnel in shallow waters.
3. **Vessel Safety Check**—Every boat is required to have an up-to-date Vessel Safety Check Decal (annually) from either USPS or the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Pay particular attention to PFD requirements (life jackets) for all potential passengers. A good, working VHF radio with DSC is mandatory and can be a life saver! A GPS is also highly recommended, along with charts of local waters.
4. Every volunteer captain/boat owner is required to supply a complete description of their vessel, plus a water level profile color digital photograph of your boat. A complete list of required information will be given at the time of volunteering.

I know this seems like a bit much, but out on the ocean, the Coast Guard and other emergency responders want to know who you are and your capabilities.

Thank you for reading (if I haven't lost you yet) my long dissertation; but the squadron is truly in need of more volunteers, and I wanted to provide you all with enough information so that you can make a decision to join SERAT based on facts, .

I believe it to be a very worthwhile endeavor. I personally hate to be "caught with my pants down" not knowing what to do or where to go, or ??? I don't want this great place, with all its wonderful people to NOT be prepared!

So, by the time this pandemic is over, you could have completed all these steps and be a certified volunteer while not bored to death!

Please give me a call if you are interested.

Bill Coltrin, SERAT Team Leader

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BOAT SAFETY

JERRY LIGGETT

Deception Pass Squadron. America's Boating Club, recently conducted our first online ExCom meeting. (Board Meeting). The purpose was of course, how we can actually get back on the water and use due caution (due to Covid 19) while doing it! Most of us are in "THAT GROUP" that makes us even more cautious.

To that end, we discussed the perils of large classroom training in enclosed, familiar, locations that have been the backbone of our organization. Not to mention our lost season of great social interaction.

For the immediate future, no large groups without "Social Distancing". Basically, 6 ft from each family group and wear your mask while in public locations indoors. In lieu of hand shaking, you may point an elbow at the person to be greeted and expect a similar gesture in return. One solution was to go to the Dollar Store and pick up some pool noodles with your family color. When meeting those with another color pool noodle, and you are within striking distance (yep, that would be about 6ft.) then you may release your pent-up boredom, energy, and frustration, by simply engaging in a brief "Pirate-esque" duel with your pool noodle. We are discussing a brief training manual on the art of dueling with noodles (Not Really) and how-to Perry, Lunge, Belestria and in short. alert others that you will defend your social space! I have included a video to assist you in being the victor in these encounters. simply substitute your favorite pool noodle for the fencing foil depicted. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdDRz3e4tNw>)

But I digress.

In our meeting we actually discussed some safe alternatives to in classroom training, to include smaller class sizes, having classes outdoors, and my personal favorite, exercising our boats! With instruction on subjects like, cruising preparation, anchoring, anchoring over night, with field trips to our local islands to exercise the training. Bring your pool noodles!

We are also conducting a membership drive. If you refer a new member, you will receive a pool noodle!

UC Davis study revealed that mask use is not just to protect others from infection by you, "**risk of infection to the wearer is decreased by 65 percent**".

<https://www.ucdavis.edu/coronavirus/news/your-mask-cuts-own-risk-65-percent/>

THE SUN MAY SHINE, BUT PUGET SOUND WATERS ARE DANGEROUSLY COLD

Public Relations & Marketing Officer Lt Jennifer Geller

National Boating Safety Week is May 16-22, and [The Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron \(DPS\)](#) reminds boaters, kayakers and paddlers that the sun may be shining on the Puget Sound islands, but the water is chilly, and a fall into the water could be dangerous and deadly. Wearing a life jacket is essential to survival.

With recent water temperatures hovering under fifty degrees, a fall into the water could bring on *cold water immersion*, which is the cause of many boating-related fatalities.

According to DPS Commander Pat Waters, cold water immersion refers to the affect that that sudden shock of cold water has on your breathing. “You fall in, and you have an automatic gasp reflex action as soon as you immerse in water under fifty degrees. If your head is under water, you can ingest water, drown, or have a constricted windpipe and suffocate.”

Even experienced swimmers can experience shock within one minute in the frigid water and lose muscle control within 10 minutes.

According to the National Safe Boating Council, accidents on the water will happen much too fast to reach and put on a stowed life jacket. Drowning is the reported cause of death in 77 percent of all boating fatalities – and 84 percent of drowning victims in recreational boating accidents were not wearing a life jacket in 2018

According to DPS Commander Pat Waters, the onset of sunnier skies and the loosening of COVID-19 restrictions, will bring locals and visitors to our beaches and waters. “It’s not just those on the bigger boats heading out, but anyone on smaller boats, kayaks, jet-skiers, and paddleboards that need to heed the life jacket requirement.

Waters also stressed the importance of dressing properly for the weather. “Always wear layers, and bring an extra set of clothes in case you get wet.”

The Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron (DPS) is a 44-year-old nonprofit organization. It is a member of the United States Power Squadrons, the world’s largest boating education organization. DPS has over 75 members from Whidbey and Fidalgo islands.

We are part of America's Boating Club, a squadron of the United States Power Squadrons, a non-profit boating organization dedicated to education & training of safe boating activities.

<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2020-nsbc-fact-sheet-cold-water-boating.pdf>

<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2020-nsbc-fact-sheet-boating-safety-tips.pdf>

<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2020-nsbc-fact-sheet-have-the-right-life-jacket.pdf>

THE 13TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT HAS IMPLEMENTED A NEW SYSTEM TO ASSIST MARINERS IN DISTRESS ON THE WATERS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Across Washington and Oregon, mariners can provide vital location information to Coast Guard rescue crews from their smartphones without having to download an application. In addition to common life-saving devices known to mariners, such as Electronic Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB's) and VHF radios, the Coast Guard now has the i911 application as an additional tool to provide lifesaving information from a mariner's cell phone.

The i911 system is a free service developed by Callyo Incorporated. It provides fast and accurate location data to the Coast Guard in a simple web-based interface. If a mariner has recently or is actively connected to a cell-tower, the user's smartphone could provide Global Positioning System information—potentially up to 20-nautical miles offshore. The Coast Guard has the ability to send a text message to the mariner's cell phone requesting permission to access the GPS location information. All the mariner needs to do is enable location information in their smartphone settings and click the link provided in the text message.

The Coast Guard can then utilize the provided positions to direct search assets to the mariner's location.

THE 13TH DISTRICT CONTINUES TO ADAPT WITH MODERN TIMES TO ASSIST MARINERS IN DISTRESS

In an age where smartphones are an essential part of everyday life, the i911 system is another tool that can be used by Coast Guard search and rescue teams to provide rapid assistance in the maritime domain. While this new technology is highly effective, mariners are advised that i911 should not replace standard VHF radios. VHF channel-16 remains the most reliable means of communication for mariners in distress.

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“While VHF radio remains the most reliable form of distress communication, this tool gives the Coast Guard another avenue to rapidly locate mariners in distress utilizing smart phone technology,” said Lt. Cmdr. Colin Boyle, the 13th District's command center chief. “In addition, the location sharing feature is only utilized during an active search and rescue case and can be turned off by the mariner at any time.”

This tool is readily available to first responder agencies across the country, including the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard ran a pilot program from May – November 2019, in which the new application was instrumental to resolving several search and rescue cases in the New England region. It has been authorized for Coast Guard command centers across the entire country as of March 20, 2020.

i911 pairs newly available consumer smartphone technology with a simple web based interface for dispatchers to locate emergency callers, without requiring the download of a mobile app.

The process begins with a verified first responder creating a free account at i911.com, then entering the mobile number of the emergency caller. If the caller is actively connected with or has recently contacted 911, precise automatic device location may be immediately available without any further action.

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The caller's location information displays as a map marker on the dispatcher's screen. If automatic location is not available, the first responder is presented with the option to send an SMS (text message) to the caller, which when opened, asks the user for consent to share their exact whereabouts with emergency services.

Navigate to i911.com and enter the following information:

First Name

Last Name

Email address

Password (8 characters or more)

Review and agree to the i911 terms

Check the box to prove that you're not a robot

Next, you'll need to provide your mobile phone number capable of receiving SMS

Enter your Public Safety Answer Point (PSAP) or Agency's Name

The i911 will provide a dropdown giving you a list of agency names, select the matching name. If your agency is not listed, select "My agency isn't listed" and enter the name manually

Select **START LOCATING!**

You'll receive a confirmation email, use the confirmation link to complete your registration

At first, you'll only be able to locate your own number provided in the registration. Once your registration is reviewed and verified as a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) or as a first responder, you can begin locating emergency callers. We'll notify you once your registration has been reviewed and accepted.

For any questions regarding i911 please visit their website at <http://i911.zendesk.com/>

This story was provided courtesy of the [USCG 13th District Pacific Northwest](#)

MEET OUR NEW MEMBER, MIKE RAMBO

Hello fellow squadron members.

I am a new member and was asked to introduce and present a little about myself. I was raised in Delaware, am a former Marine, a retired city police officer and have a wife, Danielle, and 17-year old son, Sean. I grew up being around the water. My dad had a part-time business that was known as Marine Radio Service, back before the computer industry took-off. He installed radars, lorans, depth finders, etc. and I would carry his tools and help him whenever I could. We vacationed in Maine each summer and he bought a little 14' Crestliner with an 18hp Evinrude so we could boat and fish the lakes on our vacations. That is my main experience in boating but now have an 18' walk-around cuddy that I intend to get into the water soon.

My wife and boy gifted me with a membership to DPSPS for Father's Day this year. I'm very inexperienced with operating a boat in salt water and I'm hoping to not only learn a lot from you folks but to assist and participate when I can and, of course, when this coronavirus issue allows.

I appreciate your time and wish you good health!

Sincerely, Mike Rambo



LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS NEEDING DONATIONS

<p>ORGANIZATION CONTACT ADDRESS PHONE WEBSITE FACEBOOK 501 C 3 SUMMARY DESCRIPTION</p>
<p>GOOSEFOOT FOUNDATION Sandra Whiting PO Box 114, Langley 98260 360-321-4145 goosefoot.org Facebook: yes 501 C 3: yes economic development, social support</p>
<p>OAK HARBOR MAIN ST ASSOC Hayley Samford 851 SE Pioneer Way #202, Oak Harbor 98277 360-279-8995 oakharbormainstreet.org Facebook: yes 501 C 3: no small business association</p>
<p>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Orin Kolaitis 380 SE Pioneer Way Ste. 103, Oak Harbor 98277 360-679-9444 islandcountyhabitat.org Facebook: yes 501 C 3: yes affordable housing</p>
<p>PBY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION Wil Shellenberger 270 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor 98277 360-240-9500 pbymf.org Facebook: yes 501 C 3: yes naval history</p>
<p>CADA - PO Box 190, Oak Harbor 98277 360-675-7057 cadacanhelp.org - Facebook: yes 501 C 3: yes crises hotline, victim support</p>
<p>WHIDBEY ISLAND ARTS COUNCIL Kay Parsons 15 NW Birch St, Coupeville 98239 360-320-6454 islandartscouncil.org Facebook: yes 501 C 3: yes support for the arts and local artists</p>

<p>ISLAND SENIOR RESOURCES Cheryl Weiser 14594 SR 525, Langley 98260 360-321-1600 senior-resources.org Facebook: yes 501 C 3: yes adult care, medical & social support</p>
<p>COUPEVILLE HISTORIC WATERFRONT Vicki Chambers PO Box 121, Coupeville 98239 360-320-1143 coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com Facebook: yes 501 C 3: no Small business association</p>
<p>COUPEVILLE MARITIME HERITAGE Dr Wylie Vracin PO Box 532, Coupeville 98239 360-320-4337 schoonersuva.org Facebook: yes 501 C 3: no Maritime education</p>
<p>WAIF Serene Armstrong 60 Rhododendron Park Rd, Coupeville 360-678-8700 waifanimals.org Facebook: yes 501 C 3: yes Animal welfare</p>
<p>LANGLEY MAINSTREET ASSOC Michaleen McGarry 195 Second St, Langley 98260 360-499-6789 langleymainstreet.org Facebook: yes 501 C 3: no Small business association</p>
<p>N. WHIDBEY HELP HOUSE Jean Wieman 1091 SE Hathaway St, Oak Harbor 98277 360-675-0681 No website Facebook: yes 501 C 3: yes food bank</p>
<p>GOOD CHEER FOOD BANK Kathryn Stevens 2812 Grimm Rd, Langley 98260 360-221-6454 goodcheer.org Facebook: yes 501 C 3: yes food bank, other social support</p>

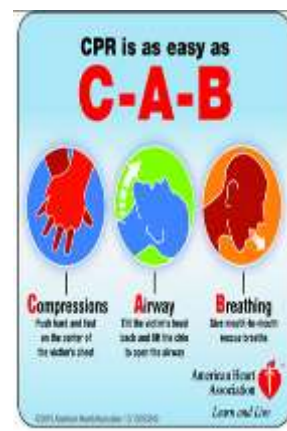
DECEPTION PASS SAIL & POWER SQUADRON CALENDAR

August 10	Online Excom meeting
Sept. 7	Online ExCom meeting
Sept. 12	Virtual Wooden Boat Festival
Sept. 19	Swap meet at OHYC Cancelled
Sept. TBD	Online ABC course
Oct. 5	Online ExCom meeting
Oct. TBD	Online Boat Handling Course
Nov. 9	Online ExCom meeting
Dec. 7	Online ExCom meeting

The CPR/AED/First Aid Class Schedule:

as of July 20, 2020: "With all of the Covid-19 restrictions in place, we are not planning on having any public CPR / First Aid classes through the month of August. Half way through August, we will re-evaluate and see if we will have any classes in September or October. Craig

All classes are in our stations training room 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



I got a chance to go Shrimping on Sunday! Last day to fish Iceberg Point.

I can't say it was an uneventful trip. We pulled up a shrimp pot and discovered either the original Corona virus or a 100-legged octopus had attached to my shrimp pot. I have never seen anything like it. It may have actually (or not) come from Mars.



I did the only thing I could do. I put on 3 pairs of gloves, ripped it off my net, screamed like a little girl (all the while trying to remember slim Whitman Indian love call song. You remember the classic Mars Attacks movie. the song that made the Martian's heads explode). Then I threw the beast so hard that he skipped 25 times before submerging.

So, as you can clearly see, I am lucky to still be alive.

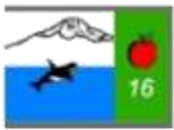
I am quite sure that as the Safety Officer, there is something to be gleaned from this serious encounter. (I just can't think of what it is.)

I guess if it looks like a virus, avoid it!

On a positive note. there were 6 of us, on 2 social distancing boats, and we came back with 6 limits of 80 Spot Shrimp each! Photos will be part of our next SHRIMP CLASS!

Aloha, Jerry





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PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FULL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Due to COVID-19 the “live” version of the D16 Fall Conference on October 9-11th , in Tukwila, WA has been cancelled. Keep October 10th (Saturday) reserved for a virtual meeting. The virtual meeting at minimum will be a business meeting, and hopefully we will be able to include some additional materials similar to what is normally scheduled. More specific logistics are TBD.

To be able to hold a virtual D16 Conference and conduct official business we're required to have a quorum. Therefore, members of the District Conference will be expected to attend the virtual meeting. The virtual meeting will be open to the D16 membership and guests.

If you have made any arrangements (reservations & etc.) to attend the conference you will need to cancel your own arrangements.

Please be patient as we work through this unprecedented year and as our communities deal with COVID-19. Stay safe. Keep in contact with each other. We need to continue Fellowship throughout this Stay@Home, while following guidelines.

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to make an appointment

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CONCERNING VESSEL EXAMS

Due to the on going Covid situation, the squadron will be not be conducting Vessel Exams in the near future.

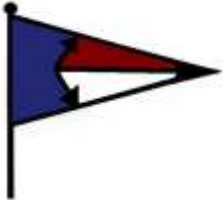
The Federal Requirements & Safety Tips handbook has a list of requirements, as well as the Washington state parks boating handbook, one of which you should already have on board....

If you have a question you can contact one of the Vessel Examiners

SWAP MEET UPDATE

The Squadron has been hosting the Swap Meet for 17 years, number 18 is going to be delayed until next spring.

P/C Mark Casteel VSE chair



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"WELCOME TO THE FIRST EVER VIRTUAL WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL!



What did we say when COVID-19 canceled the 44th Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival?

No problem, [we're taking it online!](#) We'll have hours of wooden boat and adventuring footage, including fascinating stories from our global wooden boat community. There will be a live master class and 8 featured videos on our Main Stage with live Q&As after each. We'll also have 9 other stages that mirror what you'd experience at the Festival in person, with fresh, exclusive, on-demand video content you've never seen before." (direct from the Wooden Boat Foundation website! Visit the website linked above to purchase your tickets to attend virtually.)

AMAZON SMILE

Your ExCom has passed a motion to set up an **AmazonSmile** account for our squadron. Our members and others can now make donations to our squadron in support of our education program when they make a purchase using AmazonSmile. It is **amazon**smile totally free to



A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR

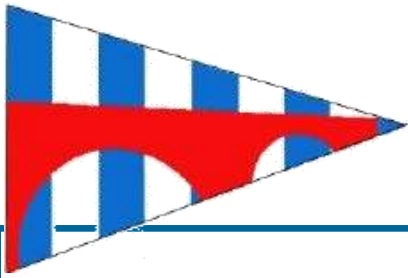
This is your newsletter to distribute information that pertains to your squadron, District 16 squadrons and national headquarters. I'll be sending reminders out on the 20th of each month prior to publishing the next edition, to the Executive Officers. I would prefer replies by the 27th.

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

Please feel free to send me your photos you would like to share to help illustrate this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

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To connect with these members, simply click on their name and you will be directed to writing an email to them.

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