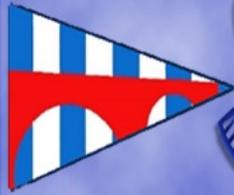


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DECEPTION PASS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

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Calendar of Upcoming Classes

CPR/AED/FIRST AID CLASS—

Dates to be determined

January 0800 1200

February 0800-1200

(Oak Harbor Fire Department)

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A gentle reminder about dinner RSVP's. The chefs, who are your fellow members, work hard to plan, buy, prepare and deliver fabulous meals based on your responses to the RSVP requests. We understand that plans change, but if you find, after sending us your RSVP, that you are not going to be there, please let us know as soon as possible so we can keep our costs to the minimum. If you do not attend a dinner you have reserved and not cancelled, please remit your check payable to DPSPS c/o Treasurer Lt/C Pam Truog. Thanks! Pat

Unit 16
United States
Sail and Power Squadron

LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER, Bob McCrary

Bob and his dog Pecos moved to Oak Harbor earlier this summer, fulfilling a longtime dream to settle down in the Pacific Northwest. Having grown up in 3rd

world countries and lived many places, he considers Tucson to be his hometown.

Bob is a retired Urban Planner, working mostly in transportation at a regional level in Arizona and California. He is a veteran of the US Navy's Submarine Service. Bob is also a tournament



rated chess player and a member of the American Planning Association, Sigma Chi Fraternity, VFW Post 7392, and the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

Bob is an avid sailor, hiker, wilderness backpacker, fisherman, and amateur naturalist. Despite learning how to sail decades ago he just now bought his first boat, a Cal 20 named *Deilf!* Bob is excited to join the Squadron and fully connect with the local mariner culture.

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



Volunteering

Our squadron is healthy and making good progress. However, we now need to fill some critical leadership positions in our squadron for next year. Our Nominating Committee is hard at work trying to fill those positions. When they call you, please give what they ask careful consideration. It is crucial for us to fill these positions in order to insure the long-term viability of our squadron.

Progress will not happen without your involvement. We need volunteers to make all of this happen. So please say yes when you are asked to help. With your efforts, this squadron will continue to save lives through boating education.

Membership

We have one new member this last month! See article on our new member, **Bob McCrary!** A great addition to our squadron. Wait till you read his story!

Everyone in the squadron needs to promote other boaters to sign up for our courses and promote membership in the squadron. Please talk to your friends, relatives and neighbors about what we offer!

New Safety and Travel Benefits.

USPS offered new worldwide Safety and Travel Benefits for all current members and their families beginning October 2019. The program is now up and running, and each of you should have received a notification. It is also included in this Spindrift. The program is free initially but will cost you a small amount each year when you renew your squadron dues

Member Vessel Survey

We sent out our first member survey via SurveyMonkey last month. Our first survey focuses on learning about the vessels you own. Their name, size, location, etc. This is the first of several surveys designed to find out more about our squadron members. This vessel survey has several applications, the primary being to set up a cruising program for the squadron based on the types of boats we own, speed, capability, etc. Other uses are for determining what classes we offer, capability of on the water training, and to get you in touch with other owners of boats like yours. I have summarized the results in this Spindrift. We currently have over 40 boats in the squadron!

Seminars and Course Survey

Our second survey asked what seminars and courses you are interested in taking. That helps **Karen** know what to schedule in the coming year. The results are summarized in this edition of the Spindrift. Don't forget to sign up when your favorite course becomes available!

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December Dinner meeting

The **Christmas Holiday dinner meeting** was held the evening of December 12 at OHYC. With 40 people in attendance, we filled the Toys for Tots donation box and many more packages were stacked around it! See photos on this great event in this newsletter! The gourmet dinner featuring roast pork with all the trimmings, prepared by Chef's **Ted, Paula** and **Karen**, was awesome! All of this occurred while we were entertained by **Jerry Liggett** and his band, *The West Beach Turnaround!* Their music was perfect for the evening!

There are two important articles in this newsletter, one on "Cold Weather Exposure", and the other on "Fire Extinguishers". Be sure to read them to bring you up to speed on these two important subjects.

In addition, **Monem** has written an article on COOP Charting, one of our duties as squadron members. He has included a very generous offer! Be sure and find it!

Steve Pye has written a colorful history of his exciting boating experience on his yacht, PYEYED II. You will enjoy reading it!

Finally, we have included an application for the Annual District 16 Conference. It will be held in Tukwila during March 13-15, 2020. Please consider attending. It is a good experience and the workshops alone are worth the trip. If enough members want to attend, I will see about putting together a ride group for the event.

We have some fun, exciting events coming up!

The January Dinner meeting will be held on January 9 at OHYC. We have two speakers this evening! The first speaker will be **Paula** who will be speaking about the use of Social Media. The second will be **Steppe** who will tell us the results of his and **Cat's** visit to ICOM 911 find out what happens when you have an emergency on the water and call 911. We all need to know the answer to that! Details are in the attached flyer.

The February Valentine dinner will feature our Past Commander, **Anne Katherine**, speaking of her wild, exciting adventures as a park ranger this last summer. More details will be in next month's *Spin-drift*.

Karen has scheduled a **new ABC course** at OHYC for two Saturdays, January 4 & 11. See attached flyer. Please print and distribute this flyer where you shop, have coffee, eat lunch, etc. We want to enroll as many new boaters as possible. Educating new boaters is our most important squadron objective and is instrumental in saving lives out on the water.

Karen has also scheduled a **new Piloting course** starting February 7 and meeting every Tuesday through March 10. This is the next course to take after Boat Handling and will help you become proficient at charting a course, both using well tested mechanical means and more modern GPS methods. **Monem** has offered to teach this course, a very knowledgeable, experienced teacher. If you have completed Boat Handling in the last year or two, this course is your next. See the flyer for signup in-

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I will be teaching another **New Member Orientation Seminar** on a Saturday, to be determined in January or February at OHYC, from 11am to 1pm. If you have only been a member for a year or less, this seminar will tell you how to get the most out of your membership. It is a fun, entertaining seminar covering who we are, what we offer, and the many financial and other benefits we offer. Please contact me if you have any questions or want to sign up.

I will also conduct another **Mentor Training Workshop** on a Saturday in February or March at OHYC from 11am to 1pm. We now have seven trained mentors and one now assigned to mentor two of our new members! Please consider becoming a mentor to a new member and let me know if you want me to sign you up for the workshop. Mentoring is easy to do, very rewarding and makes a big difference in creating an active, educated new member, likely to stay in the squadron for a lifetime. While I will be specifically inviting those that have already signed up to be mentors, the workshop is open to everyone. Come, join us, and find out what mentoring is all about! Just let me know if you are attending, as I need a total count of students.

Reaching Out

I recently had lunch with several leaders of the South Whidbey Yacht Club. See <https://swyachtclub.org/> I will be giving a talk to them at their March meeting on who we are and what we offer in the way of education. This is an opportunity to expand our education opportunities as well as our membership as they have over 100 members on the island. Although their primary focus is racing and teaching sailing in small sailboats (El Toro's and Pelican's), they do have a number of members with larger boats, some moored in Oak Harbor.

Some of the other squadrons in our district have made good progress in filling their classes and membership by reaching out to other boating organizations and offering educational classes and clinics. We reach out of course to OHYC, but there are other boating organizations on our island and in Anacortes.

Please give this some thought and let me know your suggestions as to what organizations we can reach out to. For example, Poverty Bay Squadron gave an Electronics seminar at a Ranger Tug rendezvous and 300 people attended! This could be a valuable marketing strategy for us!

Have fun!

Thank you! Pat

BOAT SURVEY

ITEM	NUMBER
BOATS OWNED	41
NON-BOAT OWNERS	13
SAILBOATS	7
POWER BOATS (NOT TRAWLERS)	23
TRAWLERS OWNED	10
ENGINE TYPE	
INBOARD	20
OUTBOARD	13
Inboard/Outboard	3
LOCATION	
OAK HARBOR	18
ON TRAILER	11
ANACORTES	5
LA CONNOR	3
MARINERS COVE	2
CLINTON	1
SIZE	
40 FT. AND ABOVE	9
30-39 FT.	12
20-29 FT.	12
BELOW 20 FT.	5

SEMINARS & COURSES SURVEY RESULTS

24 RESPONDENTS (12/5/2019)

TITLE	VOTE
SEMINARS	
NW WEATHER	11
ONBOARD ELECTRONICS	11
TIDES & CURRENTS	11
ONBOARD EMERGENCIES	9
VHF/DSC MARINE RADIOS	9
AIS MARINE ELECTRONICS	8
SHRIMPING 101	7
CRUISING NORTH	6
SUDDENLY IN COMMAND	5
CRABBING 101	5
STANDARD COURSES	
PILOTING	11
ADVANCED PILOTING	6
JUNIOR NAVIGATION	5
NAVIGATION	5
BOAT HANDLING	4
ELECTIVE COURSES	
RADAR FOR BOATERS	11
ENGINE MAINTENANCE	9
MARINE COMMUNICATIONS	9
ELECTRONIC NAVIGATION	9
MARINE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS	7
WEATHER	6
CRUISE PLANNING	5
INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT	3
SAIL	3

THOUGHTS FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICER P/CDR BOB NELSON, JN

As we look forward to 2020 with hopefully good eye-sight (pun intended) our squadron is going to need new members to step up and take offices that will help this organization to continue to promote safe boating. We will need an executive officer that is also willing to serve as Commander in 2021. We will also need an

Squadron Education officer. This position is key to growing the squadron by coordinating the activities that make education classes a reality. People that take the ABC Class and Boat Handling realize there is more to learn to be a safe boater. Boating is so much more fun when you know where you are and what you are doing! For those who have taken the classes remember that "to teach is to know". This becomes clear when you prepare a lesson and understand the need to explain the why and how involved. The teacher learns too!! Please think seriously about stepping up to keep this squadron alive.

Tell Jason Brent that you want to help.

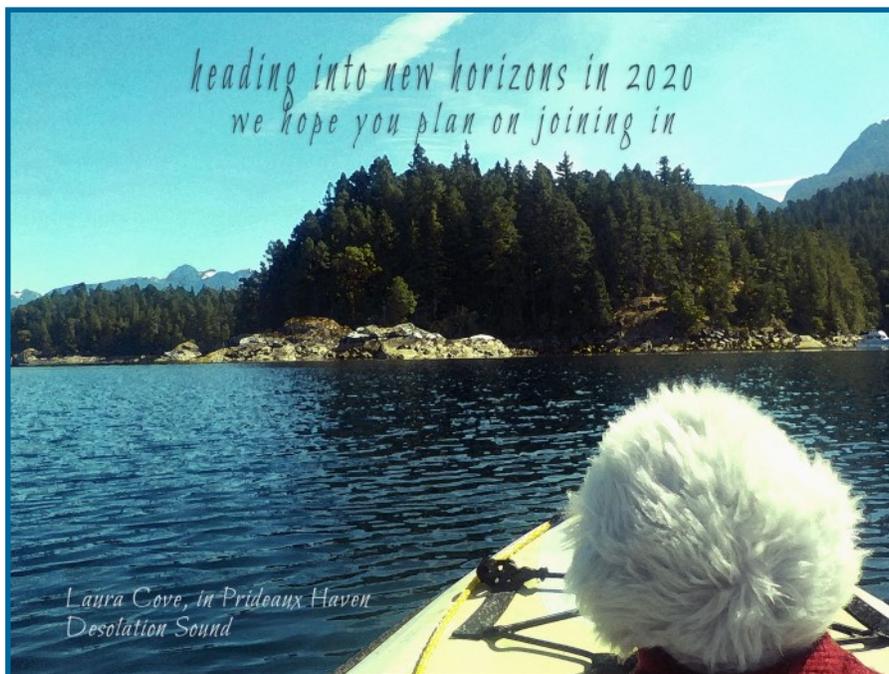
P/C Bob Nelson JN



DECEPTION PASS SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

NEAR TERM CALENDAR OF 2020 EVENTS

Jan. 4/11, 2020	ABC Course at OHYC
Jan. 6, 2020	Executive Committee Meeting at OHYC
Jan. 7-Mar. 10	Piloting Course at OHYC
Jan. 9 Monthly	Dinner Meeting at OHYC
Jan. TBD	New Member Orientation at OHYC
Jan. 24-Feb. 1	Seattle Boat Show
Feb. 10	Executive Committee Meeting at OHYC
Feb. 13	Monthly Dinner Meeting at OHYC
Feb. TBD	Mentor Training Workshop at OHYC
Mar. 2	Executive Committee Meeting at OHYC
Mar. 5	Monthly Dinner Meeting at OHYC
Mar. 13	New Officers Training, Des Moines YC
Mar. 13-15 D16	Spring Conference, Des Moines YC
Apr. 6	Executive Committee Meeting at OHYC
Apr. 9	Monthly Dinner Meeting at OHYC
May 11	Executive Committee Meeting at OHYC
May 14	Monthly Dinner Meeting at OHYC



**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LT/CDR CAT FELKER, S**

Please plan on attending the January Dinner Meeting – you won't want to miss this one! It's, "Double Feature Pizza Nite"!! Super casual, super relaxed with super good pizza. \$15 PP

Feature #1: Paula Mihok will present the important effect of social media in today's world for clubs and organizations. Learn how impactful social media can be to attract and retain new members. Social Media is vital for our continued success and survival!

Feature #2: For those of you who listened to Michael Powers presentation, "In the Straits", last month, we have a follow-up! It is inevitable boaters will call Island County 9-1-1 on cell phones, as we heard on Mr. Power's audio clips. So, what happens when a boater in distress cell call comes in? How is it processed? Who gets notified and how fast does assistance get dispatched? Can Island County 9-1-1 find us out on the water? Steppe Williford will provide you the results of a recent meeting with the Director and Operations Manager of Island County Communication Center.

Prelude to Valentines Day – February Dinner Meeting is on the 13th!! It's a Valentines Day theme, so pick out your prettiest and most handsome pink and red outfits. Details on dinner and entertainment coming soon. Our featured guest will be Past Commander Anne Katherine, who will regale us with incredible stories and pictures of her recent assignment with the National Parks organization...and how Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron helped her land the job!

Cat

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



In this season, be Grateful for Education, which keeps us safe on the water!

Piloting also begins in January - the 7th, to be exact. Again, it will be held at the yacht club, upstairs. Cost for the Piloting course for members is \$75, plus \$17 for the tools to take the class (if you already have them, there is no cost). If a spouse or partner takes the class with you, cost to them is \$35. Non members pay \$142 for the class plus supplies.

Please email me (knelson2007@gmail.com) with any ideas you have for new, untried seminars - we'll try to create one. In the meantime, a seminar on Northwest Weather is coming up this winter.





SERAT UPDATE— BILL COLTRIN

A few months ago, I pointed out that the squadron needs more volunteers for the SERAT (squadron emergency response assistance team) commitment. Since that time the SILENCE HAS BEEN DEAFENING!

In order for the effort to continue we need to have more involvement. This is because there will always be attrition from people leaving, and/or the selling of boats. We need boats, along with captains and crew, who are willing to help out the first responders in the event of an overwhelming catastrophe on Whidbey Island.

Please give me a call if you might be interested. I will tell you what is needed as far as individual training and boat information. You don't need to have a boat to help out, just the desire to help your fellow man in an emergency.

With that, I'm off to see the grandkids for Christmas. Hope you all have a great holiday and wonderful New Year.

Bill Coltrin

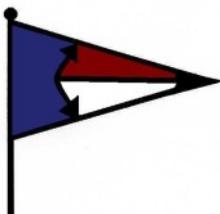
cell- 805-766-0202/ home 360-675-8102

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



**LET'S STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR BOATING PARTNERS -
OAK HARBOR YACHT CLUB**



<https://www.ohyc.org/> Oak Harbor Yacht Club website

<https://www.ohyc.org/newsletter> Oak Harbor Yacht Club newsletters

COLD AIR EXPOSURE You can suffer cold weather injury on water and dry land

As boaters, we are familiar with the dangers of cold water immersion, but exposure to cold air can also be deadly, resulting in frostbite and hypothermia.

Frostbite

Frostbite occurs when tissue freezes with cellular ice crystal formation causing blockage of the blood vessels, decreasing oxygen flow to the tissue. Like burn injuries, there are several levels of frostbite injury based on the depth of the frozen tissue.

Frostnip is the mildest form of cold injury. It's characterized by pain, redness and numbness of the affected body part. It's reversible with rewarming and does not result in tissue loss unless it's repeated over many years, which causes fat pad atrophy.

First-degree frostbite involves superficial layers of skin and causes redness and swelling but no skin destruction. It's similar to first-degree sunburn. Second-degree frostbite causes redness and swelling along with blister formation and partial thickness skin destruction, like second-degree sunburn. Third-degree frostbite involves the full thickness of the skin and commonly results in blood-filled blisters. Fourth-degree frostbite involves full thickness skin destruction along with freezing of the muscle and bone, resulting in gangrene.

Frostbite treatment involves slow rewarming using warm, not hot, water. Never rub frostbite to rewarm it as this will cause irreparable damage. Be careful around campfires since frostbitten areas may be desensitized and can easily be burned. Do not rewarm frostbite if there's any chance it will refreeze. It's best to leave it frozen until definitive help arrives.

Hypothermia

Hypothermia is defined as having a core body temperature below 95 degrees Fahrenheit. Severe hypothermia is having core body temperature below 86 degrees Fahrenheit. Core body temperature can drop rapidly, as with immersion in near-freezing water, or slowly and imperceptibly, as occurs in more temperate environments.

Older adults are more susceptible to hypothermia because they have a decreased ability to produce heat and conserve heat through vasoconstriction. In addition, many medicines commonly taken by older adults contribute to increased risk of hypothermia. Children are also at increased risk due to having an increased body surface area relative to their mass as well as limited energy reserves. Kids standing at the bus stop in shorts and a hoodie are in real danger.

Besides lower core body temperature, which frequently requires a special thermometer to obtain, initial signs of hypothermia include decreased level of consciousness and confusion. Many hypothermic people are found lying in the snow without clothes on, having taken them off because they believed they were too hot. Their skin may look gray and ashen and is cold to the touch. They have decreased heart rate and blood pressure.

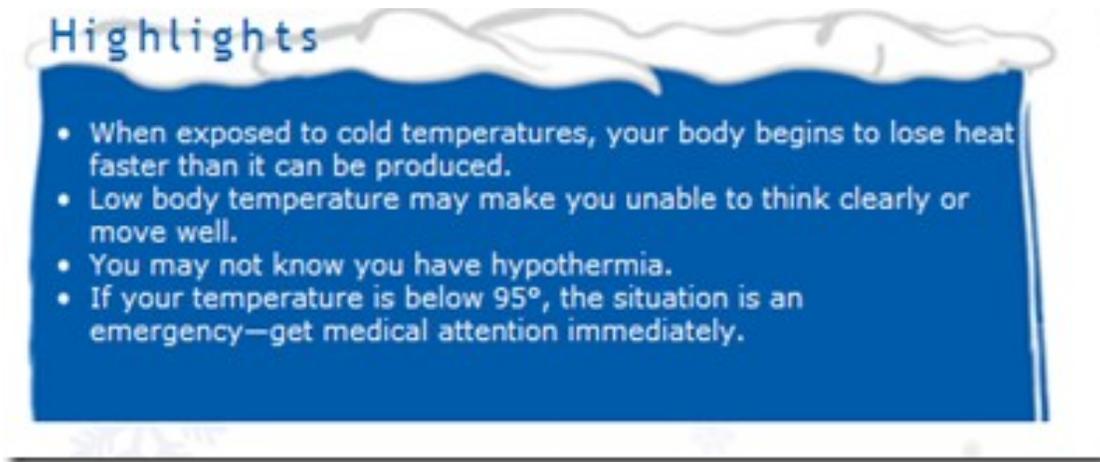
In severe hypothermia, victims may have no detectable heartbeat or signs of life; however, many can still be resuscitated. Hypothermia is treated by whole body rewarming using blankets and another person's body heat. If the casualty is conscious, he or she should drink warm liquids. In the hospital, core rewarming is done using warm IV fluids, warm gastric lavage and enemas, and even warm fluids run through chest tubes.

Cold Exposure continued.

You may think you're not at risk for cold weather injuries because you live in a warm climate, but cold-related deaths have occurred in every state. People have become hypothermic in their own homes. I recently read about a man who kept his house at 62 degrees Fahrenheit to save on heating bills. His son found him wandering about in a T-shirt, mumbling and incoherent. On arrival to the emergency room, he was found to be profoundly hypothermic.

For tips on how to avoid cold weather injuries, check out the January 2020 Compass newsletter. –Jeff Short

This article first appeared in Anchor Watch, the newsletter of Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron/5.



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.

Spindrift Editor: Sue Waters: slowwaters@gmail.com



FIRE EXTINGUISHERS 101

What type is best for your boat?

Fire extinguishers come in three classes, A, B and C, which match the type of fire they extinguish:

- **Class A fire:** wood, paper, rubber, plastic, textiles
- **Class B fire:** flammable liquids (gasoline, oil and grease)
- **Class C fire:** electrical equipment

A fire extinguisher will carry a label showing the class of fire for which it's best suited.

The most widely available, least expensive and most practical fire extinguisher for a recreational boat is a dry chemical type that's made to put out two classes of fires: B and C. Plain water, which is almost always available, will extinguish a Class A fire.

Dry chemical extinguishers, which are the most popular and reasonably priced, are generally Type BC extinguishers. They leave a messy residue that will cause corrosion unless cleaned up immediately.

Fixed extinguisher systems are available for use in engine compartments and enclosed spaces. These extinguishers are designed for automatic deployment and can be invaluable in saving a boat with an engine fire. Their use is strongly recommended for any boat with an inboard, in-board/outboard, or jet drive engine in an enclosed space. They will discharge without opening the engine compartment, thus avoiding the risk of adding oxygen. Do not enter a compartment after a fixed system has discharged until the compartment has cooled and been well ventilated to avoid reigniting a fire by introducing air into the compartment.

Portable extinguishers should never be mounted in the engine compartment.

Sizes of fire extinguishers

Dry chemical extinguishers come in two sizes to describe the amount of extinguishing chemical it holds per U.S. Coast Guard regulations:

- **Size I** dry chemical extinguishers must contain a minimum of 2 pounds of dry chemical.
- **Size II** extinguishers require at least 10 pounds of dry chemical.

Fire extinguisher requirements

Fire extinguishers are required on boats with

- inboard engines and outboard boats with closed compartments for storing permanent or portable tanks,
- permanently installed fuel tanks, and
- closed compartments or living spaces.

Type B, gasoline or fuel fires, are the most common type experienced on a boat, so that's the type specified in the requirements.

Purchase only extinguishers certified as Coast Guard-approved by an independent testing agency such as Underwriters Laboratories Inc. Look for the part of the label that reads "Marine Type USCG."

The minimum number of portable extinguishers required depends on the length of the boat.



Fire extinguisher locations

Mount your extinguishers away from the fire hazards so that you will be able to get to them safely. Make sure they don't project into a busy passageway. Steering stations, galleys and passenger cockpits are logical locations. If you sleep aboard, keep one near your bunk.

Maintenance

- Check your extinguisher gauges monthly to make sure they're at full pressure. Gauges may occasionally be unreliable. Be sure the discharge nozzle is clean; insects love to build nests inside.
- Slowly rock your dry chemical extinguishers from an upright to an upside-down position several times. If you feel a thud, the chemical is stuck together and the extinguisher will no longer function properly.
- Immediately replace and properly dispose of old extinguishers. Size I and Size II can be recharged. Check for corrosion or mechanical damage to

the extinguisher case. If they are the rechargeable type (metal head, not plastic), take them to a qualified fire extinguisher service for an annual inspection.

How to use a fire extinguisher

The key to controlling a fire is to put it out while it's still small. Your chances are better if you have more than the minimum required extinguishers. Hold the extinguisher upright and use the P.A.S.S. (pull, aim, squeeze, sweep) technique:

- **Pull** the safety pin, usually located around the handle of the extinguisher.
- **Aim** the fire extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- **Squeeze** the handle and begin to discharge the extinguisher.
- **Sweep** the extinguisher side to side while aiming at the base of the fire until the fire is out. Many local fire departments provide practice opportunities.

Never partially discharge extinguishers to test them; they may leak and become unusable. Always recharge or replace partially discharged extinguishers. Purchase only Coast Guard-approved extinguishers designed for marine use.

To learn more, take our [America's Boating Course](#).



This information is provided to you from [United States Power Squadron Compass](#) newsletter

DON'T MISS OUT ON SAFETY AND TRAVEL BENEFITS

United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, has partnered with DAN Boater to offer worldwide travel safety benefits for all current members and their families beginning in January 2020.

Get full details including updated opt-out information at danboater.org/abc.

We've pushed back the start date to give all members a chance to review their benefit status. To decline these benefits, primary active members should click the button below to log in to their Member Profile, scroll down to "Receive DAN Boater Benefits" and click "No." To accept these free benefits, you don't need to do a thing. You and your family will receive valuable travel safety benefits from DAN Boater until your next dues renewal.

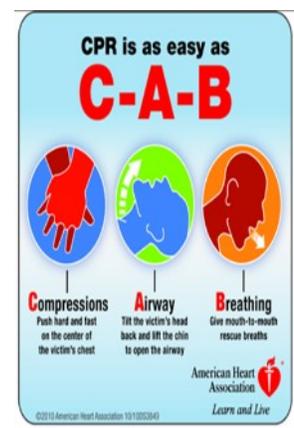
When renewing your annual membership online, you can choose to continue these valuable travel safety benefits as part of your individual or family membership for only \$25 per year or decline them at checkout. This is taken directly from your ABC website

[Check My Benefit Status](#)

The CPR/AED/First Aid Classes are:

January 0800-1200ish Date TBD
February 0800-1200ish Date TBD

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



COOPERATIVE CHARTING PROGRAM

The Cooperative Charting program is a major public service program of the USPS-Americas Boating Club. For half a Century the program was conducted in a partnership with NOAA. During that time, the program was recognized by our partners as one of the most effective user-participation programs in the Federal Services. Approximately 5 years ago NOAA revised their priorities because of technological advances and diminishing resources. NOAA did not renew their Memorandum of Agreement with USPS and the Cooperative Charting National Committee began revising the program and seeking other partners. Currently the National Cooperative Charting Committee sponsors two programs, the Geodetic Marks Program and the Nautical Program. Effective January 1, 2020 the Committee will reestablish the marina reporting program. Details of the Marina reporting program will be available in January 2020.

The Geodetic Marks Program is conducted in cooperation with NOAA's National Geodetic Survey Division (NGSD). In the Geodetic Program members "verify the accuracy of reference points established on the surface of the earth by local, State and National agencies". Many valuable Geodetic Marks are destroyed by erosion, construction, and new roads. Locating these marks and reporting their condition together with any changes in the directions for locating them is very helpful for the various agencies.

The Nautical Program is conducted in cooperation with the Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The program includes inspection of Aids to Navigation and Bridge Inspection. In the Nautical Program members inspect an area to verify that Aids to Navigation and other features are consistent with the information provided in the latest chart of the area and the current Light List. If no discrepancy is observed a Verification report is prepared and submitted to the National Cooperative Charting Committee. If a discrepancy is observed a Discrepancy Report is prepared and submitted to the Committee and to the Coast Guard or USACE as appropriate.

The Cooperative Charting program of the Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron was very active during the past decade. It was regularly included on the National Honor roll and was recognized as the top program in our District. I hope many of you will be interested in being involved in the Cooperative Charting program. You will find details about the Program on the Cooperative Charting Committee site on USPS.org, you need to login on the site with your member information. Contact me by phone or email if you have any questions. PC Mark Casteel and I plan to go out on Sea Nile to survey the Aids Navigation near the Island. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know and I will provide you with the details of our cruise.

PDC Mahmoud Abdel-Monem, SN



WE WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE THIS MONTH: STEVE PYE, *PYEEYED II*

The short history is I had chartered a GB 42 Motor Yacht in the Caribbean and a GB 42 Classic in the San Juan's, so I knew I wanted the GB 49 if I bought a boat. My job transferred me to the Philippines in 1994 and decided I would rather live on a boat. I bought this 1984 GB 49 in Fort Lauderdale in 1994, took it from Fort Lauderdale to Fort Meyers through the Okeechobee and then on to Houston, crossing the Gulf of Mexico, where it was loaded on a ship and transported to the Philippines. I lived on it in the Philippines, cruising among the islands during my time off, with short trips to Anilao and Puerto Galera on weekends and longer trips to Palawan, Sulu Sea, Boracay, Caron and other destinations during vacations. I made a side trip to Hong Kong and back to have stabilizers installed and to deal with Philippine Customs, who were having a problem with my length of stay. I retired in 2002 and took the Pyeeyed II from Manila to Kaohsiung Taiwan, where it was loaded on a ship to Vancouver BC. Since 2002, cruising has been in the Puget Sound and San Juan's in the US and the Gulf Islands, Desolation Sound and the Boughton's in Canada.

Lots of adventures to share, if you would like. Short synopsis is when the boat arrived in the Philippines, the keel had been crushed in transit, but no choice but to put in the water. Typhoon had gone through the Philippines and the boat yards were full, so we ran the gens and bilge pumps for 2 weeks, while hosting a Customs official, because we couldn't clear customs and then need a military escort to get to the boat yard. Lots of fun taking scuba divers to various locations. The 900 NM trips to Hong Kong and back and to Kaohsiung were adventures avoiding Typhoons and we arrived in Kaohsiung during the SARS epidemic, so got quarantined for 2 weeks. When the crane picked up the boat to put it on the ship, it dropped it and crushed the keel again, taking 2 days of repair by the Ocean Alexander yard. The cruising here has been blissfully uneventful. One other tidbit is that I was doing a lot of diving in the Philippines before I bought the boat, but got bent and signed the purchase agreement while I was in the Manila Hospital just before being air lifted to Guam for decompression treatments. I was no longer allowed to dive, but could still snorkel while my friends dove.

Steve



HOW TO ACCESS OUR CLUB'S WEBSITE with ease

Open your web browser and **copy** the following hyperlink

<https://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-dp>

(*This does work every time I, the editor, tried it)

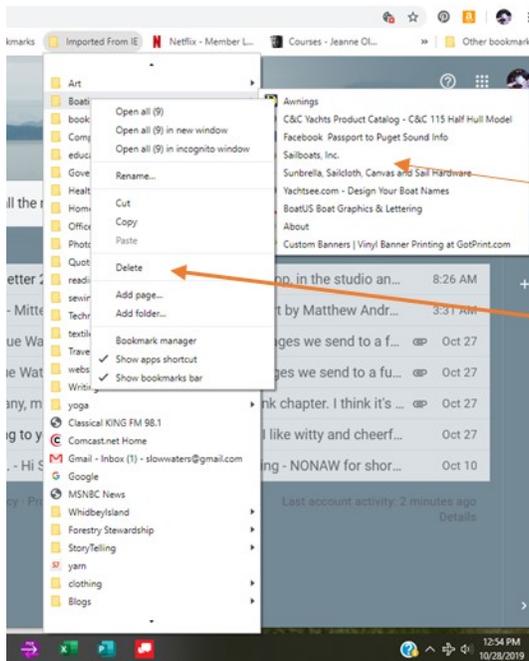


OR another sure entry to the club's website is simply to place your mouse over the hyperlink,

1. Open your web browser <https://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-dp> link
Ctrl+Click to follow link

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The message instructs you to hold down the Control key and left click on your mouse. This will jump you right to the DPSPS website!



Should you already have a DPSPS title in Bookmark Favorites, we urge you to clear it out prior to accessing the current link to our site.

To do this, go to your bookmark folder, locate your saved link to the old site. (Left click "for an action")

Next right click, (to obtain options to select what it is you want to do)- select delete.

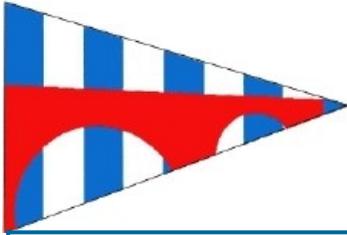
Now you are ready to save the correct URL for our squadron's website!



The Oak Harbor Yacht Club and the Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron generously filled The Toys for Tots for Whidbey Island over the top. Ted Mihok and his staff of kitchen warriors prepared a full meal for us.



Cat did a splendid job planning and organizing this year's Christmas Party. Our trusty treasurer Pam handled all the funds as she and Tony were preparing for their grand adventure to the Antarctica! *West Beach Turnaround* Band performed throughout the evening a blend of genres.



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.

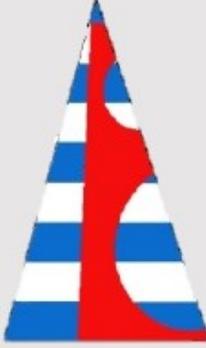


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JANUARY 9th – DOUBLE FEATURES!!

Dinner and TWO Presentations

Oak Harbor Yacht Club

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM (\$15 PP)

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1301 Catalina Dr
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Paula Mihok
Guest Speaker

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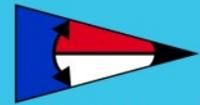
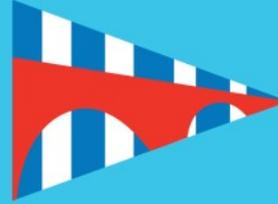
What Happens When Boaters Call Island County 9-1-1?



Follow-up to Michael Powers, by **Steppe Williford**

Call or text Karen to reserve your seats (\$15 PP): 360-320-3803

DECEPTION PASS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON



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America's Boating Course

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 and 11, 2020

Registration deadline Monday, December 30, 2019

This is a two-day, introductory boating class with subject matter including basic boat handling, safety considerations, Federal and State equipment and safety requirements and nautical rules of the road. **Successful completion of the course will qualify individuals for the Washington State Boater Education Card now required for most boaters.**

Classes will be held at
the Oak Harbor Yacht Club
1301 Catalina Dr., Oak Harbor
Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm

Cost:

\$55 per person

\$20 for spouses or
partners sharing the text

Free on the water training available

(Please make checks payable to
Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron)

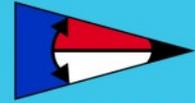
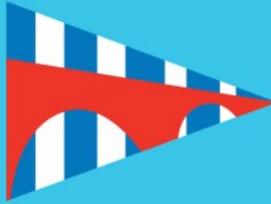


Baltimore Sun



For more information or to register for the course contact:
SEO Karen Nelson
knelson2007@gmail.com

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PILOTING COURSE

January 7 – March 4, 2020



Piloting is the first course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering coast and inland navigation. This course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning.

Topics covered include:

- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
- Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning.
- The "Seaman's Eye" – simple skills for checking that one is on course.



The course consist of 10 two-hour sessions,
every Thursday from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Classes start January 7 through March 4, 2020

Classes will be held at the
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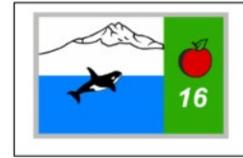
Cost is \$92 (including plotter and dividers), \$35 for
a spouse sharing the text, \$142 for non members

For more information or to register for the course contact :
SEO Karen Nelson
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Taking the mystery of getting to your designation safely through education from experienced mariners.



**“Educate like a Captain
Play like a Pirate”**



**Annual District 16 Conference
13-15 March 2020**

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest Name: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Squadron: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FUNCTION:	(Meal prices include gratuity & Sales tax)	*Early Bird \$*	Regular \$	# of People	Total \$
Friday – Incoming Officer training	1300 – 1600				
Des Moines YC - 22737 Marine View Dr, Des Moines see next page		XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
Friday – Registration	1500 - 1800	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
DoubleTree Suites - 16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila					
Friday - Dinner - dress as your favorite Captain or Pirate	1900 - 2000				
Spaghetti w/ meatballs, salad, garlic bread with music		\$38.00	\$43.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday – Breakfast	- Breakfast is available at the hotel	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Saturday – Tour of Seattle Chocolate Co	0930 – 1130				
see next page		XXX	\$10.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday – Clinic “Clarifying stray currents”	1330 – 1530				
see next page		XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
Saturday – Lunch	1200 - 1300				
Baja Salad Buffet; salad greens w/ assorted toppings available		\$28.00	\$33.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday – No-Host Social	1700 - 1800				
		XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
Saturday – Dinner	1800 - 2000				
1. <u>Garlic roasted Chicken w/ smoked mozzarella cream</u>		\$45.00	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
2. <u>Salmon Linguini</u>		\$45.00	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
All Entrees served with dinner salad, seasonal vegetables, new potatoes, coffee/decaf/tea					
Final chance for Raffle Tickets and Silent Auction bids					
* Early Bird prices apply only for Registrations post-marked by 15 January 2020					
Registrations & payment MUST be received prior to 21 February 2020					TOTAL:

Please make checks payable to: “Poverty Bay Sail & Power Squadron” and mail with Registration Form to: Joanna Webster, 31820 37th Ave SW, Federal Way, WA 98023-2176, Phone: (253) 927-7474.

Make **hotel reservations** directly with DoubleTree Suites no later than **Friday, 28 February 2020** by using below link or calling: (800) 222-8733. **Request Group Code “D16”** to get conference rate prices.

DoubleTree Suites, 16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila, WA

https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/SEASPDT-D16-20200313/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

** Please do NOT book your room through Expedia.com, hotels.com or similar sites.
 We do not get credit against our required room-night guarantee for those bookings**

For questions, please contact Joanna Webster at: (253) 927-7474 or email at jimjoweb@aol.com

Incoming Officer training

Those that sign up for this training will be contact via e-mail about options for getting to the Des Moines Yacht Club.

Seattle Chocolate Co. Tour

Experience chocolate at the Seattle Chocolate factory and flagship store. **Taste** their signature, smooth chocolate recipes throughout your journey. **Explore** their chocolate-making machines and the start-to-finish creation of their truffles. **Discover** the history of chocolate, the untold stories of Seattle Chocolate Company, and learn how they invent new flavors. Plus, share some ideas of your own!

Those that sign up for this tour will be contact via e-mail about transportation arrangements (time & place).

Clinic “Clarifying stray currents”

Why doesn't your boat's electrical work when connected to the new 30mA marina electrical systems. Why are your zincs wearing out fast. Why are we hearing more about electrocution of swimmers. Learn about what to look for on your boat to avoid these bit falls and avoid failing a marine survey.

Activities & shopping

There is lots of activities and shopping available within walking and/or free hotel shuttle ride of the hotel.