

SPINDRIFT

Calendar of Upcoming Classes

Boat Handling Course continue until
Nov. 26

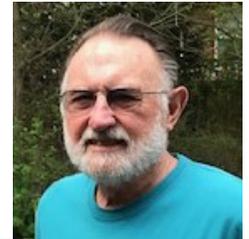
CPR/AED/FIRST AID CLASS—

November 12th 0800 1200 (Tuesday)
Oak Harbor Fire Department

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Just 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



SERAT UPDATE— BILL COLTRIN

My wife and I have experienced both a major earthquake and wildfires while living in Southern California. There is nothing quite like getting thrown out of bed at 6 AM by a 6.4 earthquake and having to help your neighbor shore up his wall! In another event, putting out a fire on a neighbor's roof after he fell off of that roof and broke his ankle. Yes, in these events, there is fear and confusion. Not knowing where to go and what to do, especially if someone is hurt, is the worst thing.

Here on the island in the DPSPS, we have a unique opportunity to dispel some of those fears and anxieties in the event of a major catastrophe. The SERAT (Squadron Emergency Response Team) with its trained captains, boat crews, shore crews, and prepared vessels can help first responders and our neighbors.

After the shock wears off and our own families are taken care of, we in SERAT have volunteered to help move people and supplies on and off the island. In a major earthquake, that bridge that we all know and love may well be history, knowing what only a 6.4 quake can do!

When that would happen is of course, unknown. It could be in the near term, or the distant future. That's why we need to have a supply of volunteers to fill in for those that move on in the future.

So, to the members of the DPSPS out there, give me a call and get involved. Get trained and prepare to use your boating skills, first aid, and knowledge of the local waters.

In other words, help us help our neighbors.

Thanks, Bill Coltrin

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

Membership

I am delighted to tell you that for the second month in a row, we are number 1 in the district for recruiting new members and retaining the ones we have! Awesome! See details under Membership in this Spindrifft. Thank **Hiller West**, our Membership officer, next time you see him! By the way, everyone in the squadron needs to promote other boaters to sign up for our courses and promote membership in the squadron. That way we will stay number one!

Distinctive Communicator Award

Thanks to **Dave Flomerfelt**, we have won the Distinctive Communicator Award for 2019 for our Website! Way to go Dave! See enclosed article on how to reach our website. It is the source for not only past Spindriffts, but contact information for our members, and other important information.

Merit Marks submitted and awarded

We recently submitted our inputs for Merit Marks for 2019. I am proud to tell you that 22 of our members were awarded Merit Marks for their hard work and devotion to club offices and activities. I am proud of all of you!

New Safety and Travel Benefits

IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ! Recently all members of USPS received an email announcing **New Worldwide Safety and Travel Benefits in cooperation with Dan Boater**. I was just notified by our **District Commander that the coverage under Dan Boater has not begun due to a problem with data entry. Please wait until you are notified that you are officially covered before assuming you have this new insurance.**

October Dinner meeting

The October dinner meeting was a great success! **Karen** supplied us a great Chinese dinner and we listened to **Ferd**, the OHYC Commodore, who talked about the many, fun yacht club activities and how our DPSPS can share in many of them. Thanks Karen and Ferd!

We have some fun, exciting events coming up!

Our November dinner meeting will be on November 14 at OHYC. Our new Administration Officer, **Cat Felker**, has invited a speaker that has chilling, breathtaking true experience in our local waters you just will not want to miss! See attached flyer for details and reservations. We have invited all members of OHYC to join us also for this event. You will not want to miss this one!

The Holiday dinner meeting will be held the evening of December 12 at OHYC. We will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots at this event. Please add this to your calendar and see the attached flyer for reservation information. You need to make reservations early for this one!

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Mentoring Workshop

We conducted a mentor training workshop on Saturday, October 19, at OHYC. We now have seven trained mentors and one now assigned to mentor two of our new members! We will be holding the mentor training workshop periodically in the future. Please consider becoming a mentor to a new member and let me know if you want me to sign you up. 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!

MOA between DPSPs & OHYC

The revised Memorandum of Agreement between the squadron and OHYC has been approved by your Ex-Com and signed by both parties! **Ferd Johns**, OHYC Commodore as well as squadron member, and I share a common passion to develop a better, more involved relationship between our squadron and OHYC members. We have extensively revised the Memorandum of Agreement between our two organizations so that we can have more dinner meetings in their facility, hold more or all of our courses and seminars in the yacht club, have mutual activities and sign up more of their members for our education courses. Ask me if you would like a copy of the MOA to review.

Member Vessel Survey

We sent out our first member survey via SurveyMonkey this 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. If you haven't already, please take a few minutes, fill the survey out and return.

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 totally free to both our squadron and our members and easy to sign up. When you make a purchase, Amazon donates to our squadron. See insert in this Spindrift for directions on how to sign up for this. I have already done that! It's easy! Please join me!

Reaching Out

Finally, 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

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Summary

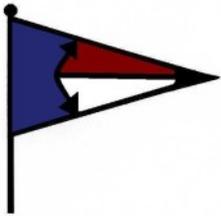
Our squadron is healthy and making good progress. However, we still need to fill a critical position in our squadron, that of a Public Relations and Marketing Officer. We also need to find another member for the Nomination Committee. Please let me know if you are interested in one of these positions. It will be difficult to be successful this year and next year without filling these positions!

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.

Thank you!

Pat

**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



**DECEPTION PASS SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
NEAR TERM CALENDAR OF 2019 EVENTS**

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| Nov. 4 | Executive Committee Meeting at OHYC |
| Nov. 14 | Monthly Dinner Meeting at OHYC |
| Dec. 9 | Executive Committee Meeting at OHYC |
| Dec. 12 | Christmas Dinner Meeting at OHYC |

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
LT/CDR CAT FELKER, S



DINNER NEWS:

November 14th:

Space is running out for your chance to spend a special evening with guest Michael Powers, whose story is featured in September's edition of Seattle Met Magazine. (Reference attached Dinner Flyer, pg.).

Dinner is \$15 pp, and gets you a home-cooked spaghetti & meatball dinner!!

Text Cat ASAP to reserve your place. 360.420.4474.



December 12th:

Our squadron is partnering with the Marines Toys for Tots organization. We will have a collection box at the OHYC November 1st. Please consider buying a gift for a child and leave it, unwrapped, in the Toys For Tots collection box. Bring it with you to the dinner! (The age group 12-17 years always has the lowest supply of gifts). The dinner menu and cost are still in work; stay tuned to this space!

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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|-----------------|----------------|
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| Bill Coltrin | 1-360-675-8102 |
| Dave Flomerfelt | 1-360-240-0989 |



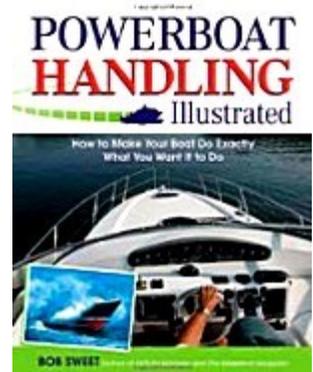
ONGOING AND UPCOMING CLASSES FROM EDUCATION OFFICER P/LT CDR KAREN NELSON, AP



EDUCATION— it's not just for kids!

The Boat Handling class is well underway with 12 students. So far, they've learned the Rules of the Road from Step Williford and how to Boat with Confidence from Monem.... Next up is Docking and Undocking (is that even a word???) with Fred Lemke, followed by the ever-popular Anchoring.

You will soon receive a survey that will include questions about seminars and classes. Please think about what, if anything, you'd like to take - and if you'd prefer quick, 2-4 hour seminars or 4-6 week classes. We've got it all - Weather, Engine Maintenance, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Navigation plus seminars on Provisioning, Suddenly Skipper (what to do - after you've checked the insurance policy - if the skipper keels over), anchoring (including what anchor/s to use)....There are lots more. AND, we'll create some if you have a new and improved idea. Let us know.



ATTENTION ALL SKIPPERS, ON-THE-WATER-TRAINING

Education Officer, Karen Nelson, AP

November 2019

We need your expertise to help our newer members become better boaters.

Please contact our SEO **Karen Nelson AP**,

360-320-3803, knelson2007@gmail.com and offer to volunteer to take a newer member out on their boat for a few hours and teach them what they need to become proficient at handling their boat.

USPS will cover you, the boat and other occupants on the boat with insurance. Our bridge officers will help you with the details and requirements. For those members wanting on the water training, please contact Karen to arrange it.



LOOK AT THESE STATISTICS! THE 2ND MONTH WE ARE NUMBER ONE

| | 28 Feb 2019 Total | Totals as of 30 September 2019 | Member Growth/Loss | Standing by Member Growth/Loss | % Gain | Standing by % Gain | Average Standing | Final Rank |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Deception Pass | 79 | 86 | 7 | 1 | 8.86% | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Skagit Bay | 50 | 54 | 4 | 2 | 8.00% | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Tacoma | 142 | 146 | 4 | 2 | 2.82% | 3 | 2.5 | 3 |
| Agate Pass | 36 | 37 | 1 | 4 | 2.78% | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Friday Harbor | 150 | 147 | -3 | 6 | -2.00% | 5 | 5.5 | 5 |
| North Olympic | 136 | 133 | -3 | 6 | -2.21% | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Everett | 110 | 107 | -3 | 6 | -2.73% | 7 | 6.5 | 7 |
| Point Wilson | 23 | 22 | -1 | 5 | -4.35% | 8 | 6.5 | 7 |
| Spokane | 47 | 43 | -4 | 9 | -8.51% | 11 | 10 | 9 |
| Bellevue | 190 | 178 | -12 | 12 | -6.32% | 9 | 10.5 | 10 |
| North Star | 27 | 23 | -4 | 9 | -14.81% | 14 | 11.5 | 11 |
| Bellingham | 190 | 174 | -16 | 14 | -8.42% | 10 | 12 | 12 |
| Seattle | 161 | 146 | -15 | 13 | -9.32% | 12 | 12.5 | 13 |
| Bremerton | 62 | 52 | -10 | 11 | -16.13% | 15 | 13 | 14 |
| Poverty Bay | 128 | 112 | -16 | 14 | -12.50% | 13 | 13.5 | 15 |
| Total | 1531 | 1460 | -71 | | -4.64% | | | |

Legend: change from previous month

blue = increase!

Red = decrease

Black = no change

WE WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE THIS MONTH: Colette and Ralph Gamble's MV *Raven*



MV Raven stern tied in Grace Harbor, BC

Raven is our 36 foot tri-cabin, Chung Hwa Boat (CHB) built in Taiwan in 1983. Ronald Reagan was President! She has twin, 120 HP, Ford Lehman engines, forward and aft berths and 2 heads with a shower and bathtub. Bathtub also functions as a hold for Dungeness crabs awaiting dinner.

Raven was purchased in 2016 from the original owner who had taken her to Southern Alaska each summer. She was docked at F dock for a year waiting for a covered slip. Colette has had several sail boats but this is my first boat and, next to marrying Colette, it was the happiest day of my life...

After the purchase survey was completed by Matt Harris and deemed "ready to burn to the water line", we began familiarization, reparations and systems updates which took over a year. Colette does the bright work (varnish) and Ralph does the caulking (no one ever compliments on the caulking) and acts as waste system engineer.

We had a great coach, Curt Adams, to take us through dock ramming exercises and basics of cruising.

Our maiden solo voyage was Oak Harbor to Coupeville with much anxiety facing the currents and wind that day. It was a big day and felt much like a 16-year-old getting a driver's license and going to the store alone to get items for mom.

Each summer we expanded our circle of influence by joining OHYC cruises to the San Juans and Canada.

Our most memorable passages were in our first year to Skagit and Hope Islands tied to buoys and this past summer, going thru Deception Pass to Friday Harbor in Fog and loss of GPS and VHS under the bridge. (Aooooga....U turn!).

Additionally, this summer we joined a cruise to Quadra Island, BC led by Bob and Karen Nelson, to visit the Octopus Islands and many ports of call in between during 23 days of cruising and 440 nautical miles.

I am going to get a bumper sticker "Ask me About my Stern Tie"

So, the learning curve was quite steep and now, we are the OHYC cruise directors for 2019.

Ralph and Colette Gamble





Crossing the Straits of Georgia

Photo by Ralph Gamble

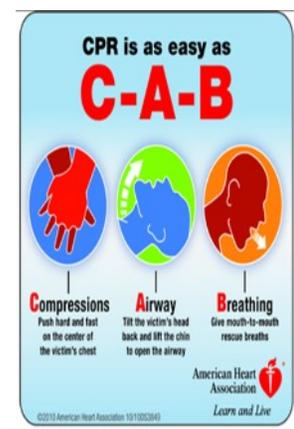
The CPR/AED/First Aid Classes are:

November 12th 0800-1200ish (Tuesday)

December 9th 0800-1200ish (Monday)

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



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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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>

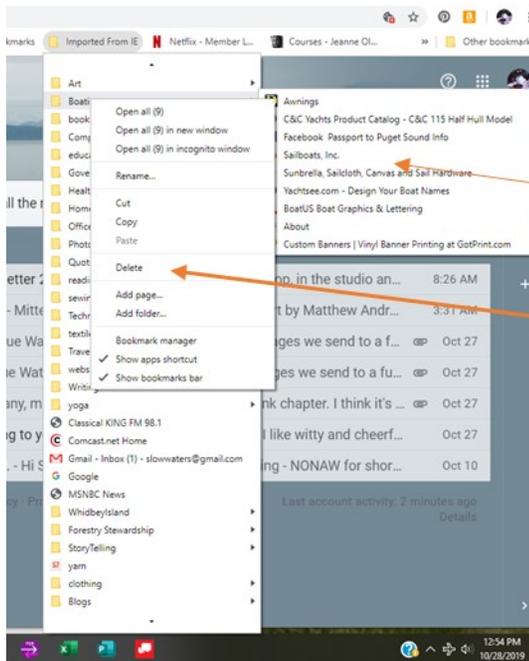
(*This does work every time I, the editor, tried it)



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

1. Open your web browser, **Ctrl+Click** to follow link <https://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-dp> link
<https://www.usps.org/localusps/sss-dp> (*This does work every time I, the editor, tried it)

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!

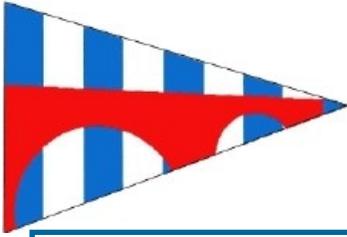


Should you already have a DPSPS title in Bookmark Favorites, we urge you to clear it out prior to accessing the current link to our site.

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!



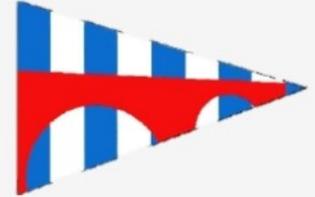
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All members are welcome to attend the Executive Committee (ExCom) Meetings on the second Monday of each month, (except June and July), at 0930 in the ballroom of the OHYC. If you have an agenda item, please contact the squadron commander Pat Waters,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



America's Boating Club®
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Presents:
A SPECIAL EVENING
DINNER

WITH MICHAEL POWERS

JOIN US FROM 5:30 PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

Oak Harbor Yacht Club,
1301 SE Catalina Dr, Oak Harbor, WA 98277



May 2, 2019: Opening day of halibut fishing. An early morning launch from Coronet Bay with a best friend. Treacherous water under the Deception Pass Bridge hammers the 20' Duckworth. They didn't know that an hour after launching, only one of them would survive.

DINNER \$15 PP. RSVP BEFORE NOV. 12TH
PLEASE CALL/TEXT CAT FELKER TO HOLD YOUR SEAT 360-420-4474



SAVE THE DATE

Watch for details to be announced soon

The poster features a festive background with gold stars and a large red gift box with a gold ribbon. In the bottom right corner, there are holly leaves, red berries, and a pine cone. The text is centered and includes the following information:

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Supporting the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

Christmas Dinner and Toy Drive
Oak Harbor Yacht Club
December 12, 2019
5:30 PM: *Opening Ceremonies*
6:00 PM: *Eat, Drink and Be Cheerful!*
(Menu and Price details coming soon)

Please call or text Cat to hold your place: 360-420-4474

Every Child has a Christmas!
Bring an Unwrapped Toy

