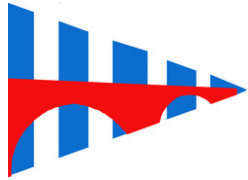


April 2023



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Let's Get Back to Boating!

A Note from Jerry Liggett, Acting Squadron Commander

A lot has happened in recent months - our educational classes continue, and we had 10 students successfully complete basic boating safety and WA state certification last month. Several of them enthusiastically joined as club members! The training cadre is polished and did an exemplary job in their presentations.

Spring is here - time to dust off our boats and to re-hone our boating skills. To that end, please join me and your fellow boaters in marking your calendars for the *second Tuesday of each month* at 6 PM.

We'll reignite our monthly schedule of meetings, starting with Tuesday, April 11, at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club and will be a modified pot luck dinner, featuring pulled pork - attendees can provide side dishes, salads and desserts.



And it's not just about the food! We will be refocusing our time together towards Boating Safety and Skills.

The first meeting will be all about anchoring. This can be a perishable skill and Steppe Williford will share the virtues of doing it right and keeping off the rocks. We will also feature anchoring at Garrison Bay -one of our favorite places. It will be a great time to get back together! We'll also will be getting a list together for the "official" squadron name tags, if you never received yours when joining.

Our Club has its roots in boating education and sharing our knowledge and passion with other boaters. The social aspect of training and the fun of boating adventures, has kept us viable since 1914. Let's keep the tradition going!





Line Handling

(reprinted from America's Boating Compass/March 2023)



Line handling isn't taught in most classes or found in most textbooks; instead, it's often passed by word of mouth from person to person. I had been boating for many years before I learned the following line handling techniques.

Tying up

There's a saying, "Don't tie the dock to the boat; tie the boat to the dock." This also applies during raft-ups. It means to keep the adjustment and control of your boat on your own boat. Always pass the eye of the dock line to the dock (or other boat). The person on the dock (or boat) should put the eye around the cleat. Cleat-off the dock line on your boat. Now you can easily adjust your dock line without leaving your boat. Once understood, this technique seems so simple and obvious.

Heaving

When heaving a dock line, don't aim at the receiving person's head. No one wants a wet dock line in the face, but we often have to dodge them.

If you are on the receiving end of a thrown dock line, hold out your arm to one side to encourage the thrower to aim to the side instead of your head.

Coiling

When coiling a line, don't put half-twists into each loop. This causes the line to tangle and fall into the water. As you coil a wet line, the line naturally wants to form a figure 8 for each coil; let it. Practice this technique, and you may be surprised to find the line much easier to coil and toss. *—John Martin*

Want to learn more? Watch our "[Knots to Know](#)" series to learn the seven basic knots all boaters should know.





Mark Your Calendars:

Member Meetings/Second Tuesdays

- April 11
- May 9
- June 13
- July 11
- August 8
- September 12

Are you aware of the legal requirement for using an engine cut-off switch (ECOS)? This is a requirement that could save your life. For an overview of the importance of specialized safety equipment for recreational boating that will shut down the engine in an emergency, such as the boat operator falling overboard, take time to view a video on the subject. America's Boating Channel™ has produced two videos to help viewers learn about traditional lanyard type devices, as well as the new wireless systems. View "Engine Cut-Off Devices" and "Wear an ECOS" at <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel>. These and other safe boating videos are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel on YouTube as a fun and educational introduction to what our organization has to offer.

Time to Renew Your Membership Dues? Thank you for your continued support as we get back up-to-speed from that storm we call the "Pandemic". It's easy to renew your dues, either by mail, or by [clicking here!](#)

Welcome  Fisheries Supply

SWAPMEET

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 | 5 AM - 1 PM

SPECIAL AMAZING! Quality LOOK! Sale! ONLY! SAVE!

Join hundreds of other fellow boaters, bargain hunters, and deal makers to celebrate what has become a Pacific NW tradition

- The biggest maritime flea market in the Pacific NW
- Bargain with your fellow-boaters, marine retailers, and deal seekers on a wide variety of products
- Great pricing on clearance, overstock, factory blemished, lightly used, and returned products*

Fisheries Supply Swap Meet is a maritime flea market, full of boating goods, old and new parts, outboards, buoys, dock line, coolers, heaters, chain, clothing, and much more.

When	Where
Saturday, April 29, 2023 5 AM - 1 PM**	Fisheries Supply*** 1900 N. Northlake Way Seattle, WA 98103

* Fisheries will be offering great pricing on clearance, discontinued, overstock, scratch and dent products, and last season's clothing. No returns. All sales are final

** Opens at 5am downstairs across from Gas Works parking lot and 7am upstairs. Die-hard bargain boaters have been known to arrive the night before to stake out a good parking spot, although sellers are not allowed to use the lower tier of the upper parking lot (closest to the store entrance). Come as early as you like to get the best deals.

*** Across from, but not in, Gasworks Park

Let's go shopping! For more info, visit <https://www.fisheriessupply.com/swap-meet>

If you have any questions about the Spindrift, or have any boating pics to share, email [Jen Geller](mailto:Jen.Geller@fisheriessupply.com)

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BUY-SWAP-SELL

Whidbey/Fidalgo Community
Marine Swap Meet

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 10A.M. TO 2 P.M.
Oak Harbor Yacht Club in the parking lot
1301 SE Catalina Drive, Oak Harbor

- Bring your cash and stock up on used and useful tools, marine hardware, supplies, and more. Please note this is for marine/boating related items only! No professional vendors.
- Want to sell at the swap meet? Each seller will receive some space. Please bring your own setup materials such as tarps, tents, tables, etc.—we do not provide them. Setup starts no earlier than 9:30 AM and you must vacate by 2:30 PM. We do not provide payment systems and there is no wifi on site. Bring your own change and decide your own credit card or check policies.



We will also be selling crab gear, clean and inspected, including pots, leaded line, bait bags, legal floats - just add bait and you're crabbing! \$25-\$35 each complete setup. Yes, crazy, but true! P.S. They sell fast. Blink and they'll be gone.

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