

# SPINWRIGHT



## Commander's Corner

Hi Everyone!

Hope this note finds you all doing well. I was just at my sister's house and they went full-on Griswold (National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation) for their Christmas tree this year! It may be wider than it is tall. My nephew said it was twelve feet originally, but they had to cut it on top and bottom until it eventually fit in the house. I'd laugh, but I've been guilty of the same, on more than one occasion. In fact, if you were to look at my mother's ceiling in her living room, you'd find a brown streak where I tried to stand up a tree one year. To all of you with plastic trees, I can only say you're missing all the fun.

Thanks to our very own Jennifer we have a new public service message and new signs to distribute now. Flyers and business cards too! I'll be going around this month putting them up at marinas and boat ramps as well as a few stores. She did a wonderful job creating them and getting them made.

I signed the new MOA with Oak Harbor Yacht Club tonight and it will take effect in January and last for the next two years. I'm excited about our two organizations getting back together and promoting each other in social activities as well as boating education seminars and classes. A big thanks to Danny Kaiser at OHYC for all his help in making this happen. Originally, I wanted to resume in-person meetings in January but many of our members will still be out of town. It may still be on Zoom. However, we will plan to begin in-person meetings no later than February, For those still not comfortable meeting just yet, I will be working on a hybrid presentation of the meetings so you can still participate.

Until then, take care of one another, and Merry Christmas to you all!  
Cheers, Shawn

## CALENDAR

**ExComm meeting via Zoom** -January 4,  
2022 6:30 p.m.

**General Membership Meeting** - January  
13, 2022 6:30 p.m.

**PLEASE CHECK OUT PAGE TWO FOR A VERY  
IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM JERRY, OUR  
SEO**

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## COLD WATER KILLS

### Life Jackets Save Lives. Wear Your Life Jacket!

Our local waters are very cold - even in summer. A fall into cold water can cause your body to go into shock, increasing your risk of drowning. And it happens quickly.

- Cold Water Shock - 1 minute
- Cold Incapacitation - 10 minutes
- Hypothermia - 1 hour

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### Washington State Boaters Card

Washington state law requires recreational boaters to complete a boating safety course and carry a Washington State Boater Education Card. You are required to have the card if you fit the following criteria:

- You operate a vessel with a 15-horsepower (or greater) motor
- You were born after Jan. 1, 1955
- You are 12 years of age or older

for more info: <https://parks.state.wa.us/442/Mandatory-Boater-Education>

### COLD WATER KILLS Life Jackets Save Lives Wear Your Life Jacket!

Our local waters are very cold - even in summer. A fall into cold water can bring on cold water immersion, causing your body to go into shock, increasing your risk of drowning.

Cold water immersion is not the same as hypothermia. It refers to the effect that a sudden shock of cold water has on your breathing. If you fall in, you may have an automatic gasp reflex as soon as you hit that cold water. If your head is under water, you can ingest water, drown, or have a constricted windpipe and suffocate.

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FOR MORE INFO: [HTTPS://BOATBEAT.ORG/FACT-SHEETS/STAGES-OF-COLD-WATER-IMMERSION/](https://BOATBEAT.ORG/FACT-SHEETS/STAGES-OF-COLD-WATER-IMMERSION/)

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Our squadron recently launched a new public service campaign to remind people about the dangers of the cold local waters, and the need to always wear a life jacket. This sign, which also identifies us as the sponsor of the loaner life-jacket program, will hang at the Oak Harbor Marina. The new flyers serve a dual purpose - sharing information about our squadron and the programs we offer, and on the flip side, important messages about the required Washington State Boaters Card, and again, the dangers of cold water. These flyers will be useful at emergency preparedness and other community events. Similar posters will be going up in area marine stores, marinas and boat ramps. Let us know if you've got a good location for one!

# Squadron Input Needed Immediately

Message from Jerry Liggett, squadron educational officer

To say it has been a less-productive year in the area of boating education would be an understatement. We don't know where the COVID ride is taking us, but it's time for our squadron to move forward. The social aspect of training and the fun of boating adventures with like-minded people has kept us viable and relevant, but it's looking like virtual classes are here to stay, for the time being at least.

In recent meetings with the District 16 squadrons, there's a consensus that rather than sticking to our essential "meat and potatoes" classes (ABC, Seamanship, and Piloting), there is a need to look at specific needs and interests in the squadron's *local area*.

How about a hybrid situation of online classes combined with smaller group hands-on training? Some ideas are:

- navigating Deception Pass
- cruising the San Juan Islands
- anchoring
- understanding local charts
- winds and currents of Puget Sound
- on-water, hands-on docking and departing.

Thanks for your input and help in keeping our squadron relevant and viable. Contact me immediately with your ideas.



## Immediate Action Item:

**PLEASE email me at: [jlignett4@hotmail.com](mailto:jlignett4@hotmail.com) with 3 ideas for boating classes. I will compile the list and we will prioritize which classes to move on immediately.**



## Holiday Shop at Our Ship's Store

Located in La Conner, Clever Kathy Designs is a professional embroidery and garment embellishment shop.

Official squadron design and artwork is available to customize shirts, jackets, hats, accessories and more.

Check out our website for more information, and to check out the entire product catalog. Or visit the shop at 128 1st Street, La Conner.