



WE'RE BACK AND IN-PERSON!

Join us Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. for our long-overdue, in-person Squadron meeting, at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club. You'll get the scoop on happenings at the national and local levels, but most importantly, you can catch up on news of dear friends, acquaintant and meet new friends.

Commander Shawn has promised to provide pizza for everyone, so please come. Your attendance is vital to our squadron's success, and we will be seeking your input on future activities and events. If you can't attend, or aren't ready to attend in-person, please contact Shawn at shawnhaugen@me.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 24

Squadron Meeting, Oak Harbor Yacht Club, 7-8 p.m.
(ExComm meets from 6-7 p.m.
Pizza dinner.

Saturdays, April 2 & 9

America's Boating Course 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oak Harbor Yacht Club



The Squadron continues to spread the message that Cold Water Kills, and the need for life jackets. Posters are at several local marinas, marine service businesses and retailers throughout Fidalgo and Whidbey islands. If you know somewhere that could use one, contact Jen Geller at geller.jen@gmail.com. Thanks for your help. Can't do it without you.

AND JERRY COMES THROUGH AGAIN!

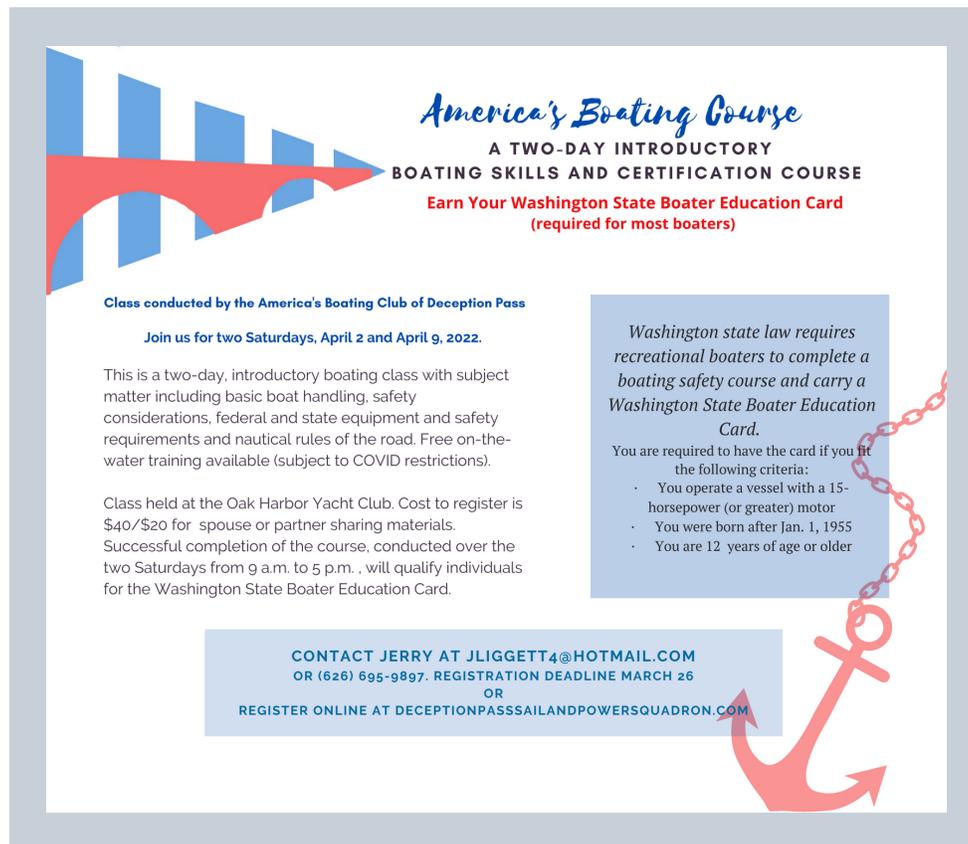
Many thanks, again, to Jerry Liggett, for organizing the February 5 crab pot fundraiser.

Every few months, the Washington Fish & Wildlife Department (WFWD) donates recovered crab pots to the squadron and other local nonprofits to assist with their fundraising efforts. These pots are cleaned and inspected, and complete with rigging that includes approximately 80 feet of leaded line, new rot cord, bait bags or boxes, and state-legal floats.

According to Jerry, the cost to buy the gear brand-new could easily exceed one hundred dollars, but ours are usually priced between \$25-\$35. It's no wonder that people have been lining up an hour before the event starts!

The money earned from these events help support our boating education efforts on Whidbey and Fidalgo islands.

Next one should be coming up soon, so stay tuned. In fact, squadron members are more-than-welcome to come help set up and mingle. But don't be prepared for an all-day event. The pots go fast, sometimes selling out within half an hour. For more info, contact Jerry at jlignett4@hotmail.com.



America's Boating Course
A TWO-DAY INTRODUCTORY
BOATING SKILLS AND CERTIFICATION COURSE
Earn Your Washington State Boater Education Card
(required for most boaters)

Class conducted by the America's Boating Club of Deception Pass
Join us for two Saturdays, April 2 and April 9, 2022.

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. Free on-the-water training available (subject to COVID restrictions).

Class held at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club. Cost to register is \$40/\$20 for spouse or partner sharing materials. Successful completion of the course, conducted over the two Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., will qualify individuals for the Washington State Boater Education 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

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