

February 2024



## Commanders Corner

Here is the review of our January meeting:

Thank you to all who attended and brought guests! We had 45-plus in attendance, the food was exceptional, and our speaker was interesting and well-prepared. It was great to have members of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club join us, and we hope to see them at our next meeting.

Port Director Anthony Zumpano from US Customs and Border Protection brought us all up to date regarding requirements to cross the border. Specifically, crossing with a boat! He discussed several of the ways for the necessary check-in when arriving back in the U.S., including a helpful overview of the CBP ROAM mobile application. I highly recommend every squadron member have this on your phone. Agent Zumpano's office in Anacortes is open and they are willing to personally walk you through any concerns or questions you might have to use the app. Stop By!

### **Overview of the CBP ROAM™ mobile application:**

CBP ROAM™ is a free mobile application that provides an option for pleasure boaters to report their U.S. entry to CBP via their personal smart device or a tablet located at local businesses to satisfy reporting requirements. In limited areas, travelers arriving in remote locations may also be eligible to use the CBP ROAM™ app. On September 15, 2021, CBP ROAM™ expanded its capabilities by adding the Cruising License features that allow users to apply for cruising licenses and report arrivals at domestic ports of call.

CBP ROAM™ qualifies as an Alternative Inspection System that satisfies the boat operator's legal requirement to report for face-to-face inspection in accordance with 8 CFR 235.1 with some exceptions:

- Travelers who require an I-94;
- Travelers who must pay duties on imported goods; and
- Other circumstances as applicable.

Travelers input their biographic, conveyance, and trip details and submit their trip for CBP Officer (CBPO) review. Once done, travelers receive push notifications and emails with their admissibility decision and next steps if applicable.

<https://www.cbp.gov/travel/pleasure-boats/pleasure-boat-overview/roam>

Jen Geller will be posting links to resources related to our cruise planning and preparedness, so if you missed a meeting, or didn't take notes, do not despair.

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Dont forget Princess Louisa Cruise, week 2 and 3 of June, 2024! February 20 is our next meeting. Chip and Jerry will discuss vessel preparedness and maintenance, spare parts to take on your cruise, and an introduction to portable solar generators and the new 12v portable refrigerator/freezers. (Keeps your Otter Pops frozen!)

By the way, we are in need of instructors for our ABC course offered in March. This is a great way to get involved, contribute, and give back to the community. Let your friends know that we will be offering THE ABC'S OF BOATING Class on March 23 and 30, 2024. Chip and Reggie White will be coordinating this class series. This is the class that makes our new boaters eligible to obtain their Washington Boater's Card. Our message is simple, Boat Safely, and we need everyone to be involved. GET INVOLVED!

Your current executive board members' terms will expire at the end of June. Please consider your leadership path and allow us to tell you about the simple and educational tasks that are part of the board. Being an active part of Americas Boating Club, is a community service and SAVES LIVES.

Till Next Meeting!  
Commander Jerry

## AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

### A TWO-DAY INTRODUCTORY BOATING SKILLS AND CERTIFICATION COURSE

Join us on Saturdays, March 23 and 30, 2024. This is a two-day, introductory boating class covering 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 you for the Washington State Boater Education Card now required for most boaters. Click [here](#) for more info and to register. Please share with friends or family who may be interested!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 16.



America's Boating Club of Deception Pass

## Squadron Member Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

Potluck Dinner  
please RSVP to Commander Jerry  
[jliggett4@hotmail.com](mailto:jliggett4@hotmail.com)

A lot of planning goes into setting up a cruising adventure. For all members interested, we're planning to set sail for Princess Louisa Inlet, British Columbia, mid June of 2024. Join us monthly for a series that focuses on completing a journey to one of the most beautiful boating destinations in the world. This month we'll discuss vessel preparation, maintenance and spare parts!

Any questions regarding the newsletter, or to submit your boating or squadron activity photos, please contact [Jen Geller](#).