

# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF DECEPTION PASS

January 2024



## Commanders Corner

We are about to start another year and another class in our cruise preparation series. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 5:30 PM at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club. June is getting closer and we are focusing our monthly meetings on getting you prepared to make a successful trip to Princess Louisa Inlet. The classes feature local relevance and perspective and focus on what you need for successful cruise preparation.

This month's speaker is Port Director Anthony Zumpano from US Customs and Border Protection. He'll bring us all up to date regarding requirements to cross the border. Specifically, crossing with a boat! This training is important as the rules have changed recently. CANPASS is no longer valid. Join us to learn the latest about avoiding the delays and pitfalls shared by the unprepared.

### Introductory Boating and Certification Course:

Let your friends know that we will be offering America's Boating Course on March 23 and 30, 2024. Chip and Reggie White will be heading up this class series. This is the class that makes new boaters eligible for the Washington boater's card. Click [here](#) to register. We are searching for more members to learn to be presenters at our classes by "shadowing" our current instructors. It's fun, and you can make a big contribution to our community boating safety efforts!

### We Need Your Involvement:

Your current executive board members' terms expire at the end of June. Please consider a leadership path. Being an active part of America's Boating Club is a valuable, necessary community service that saves lives.

I hope to see you on the 16th. Join us for the pot luck Dinner starting at 5:30!

Commander Jerry



Ross and Jen Geller spent time this holiday season boating in Jupiter, FL and the intracoastal waterway. They spotted Tiger Wood's yacht *Privacy*. *Privacy's* value is estimated at \$20 million, with annual running costs around \$2 million. Where did you go? Email your photos to [Jen Geller](#)

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Start the new year off right by diving into your favorite boating magazine! The Winter 2024 issue of The Ensign is out now.

## Squadron Leadership Opportunities

**Membership Officer:**The Membership Officer's duties include making sure membership forms filled out correctly, work with treasurer and secretary to make sure new members are added to the rolls and mailing lists.

**Emergency Response Team Leader:**We're looking for a member interested in resurrecting and heading up our emergency response team that will coordinate with city, county and federal agencies.

Contact 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.



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## Squadron Member Meeting Tuesday, January 16, 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 crossing into Canada, with a featured speaker from U.S. Customs & Border Protection.

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