

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF DECEPTION PASS

May 2022



SHRIMPING SEASON IS HERE, BUT DON'T BLINK, YOU'LL MISS IT!

The America's Boating Club (ABC) of Deception Pass is offering a free how-to seminar on Shrimping in Local Waters, to be held virtually via Zoom, Tuesday, May 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Squadron members can learn how to catch shrimp in the waters surrounding Whidbey and Fidalgo islands, as well as how to buy the necessary equipment, how to properly rig your pots, avoid losing your gear and catch more shrimp.

According to course instructor Jerry Liggett, shrimping season is very short – in some locations, only two days for a few hours each day, so preparation is key to successful shrimping.

Jerry said that Spot shrimp are the largest shrimp species found in local waters, and are tasty and fun to catch. However, "the learning curve can be frustrating. In addition to equipment advice and licensing requirements and regulations, we'll gladly share our experience, as well as shrimping lore and opinions on the best locations, times and tides."

Liggett said that one of the most frequent questions he's asked is, "I've caught the shrimp, now what?" He promised to share some preparation and cooking advice as well. The Zoom log-in information will be emailed to members prior to the event date. Any nonmembers wanting to attend can contact Jerry at jliggett4@hotmail.com.



Happenings

May 16 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cruising The San Juan Islands - virtual seminar/part 2 - sponsored by Friday Harbor Power Squadron

May 17 6:30-8:30 p.m. Shrimping Local Waters - virtual seminar

June 11 1 p.m. Family Boating presentation, Oak Harbor Library

Check out website for more info, or contact Commander Shawn at Shawnhaugen@me.com



Shrimping Season Opens May 25 in Many Areas of Sound

This information was obtained from the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife. For more detailed and complete information, visit <https://wdfw.wa.gov>

Many areas of Puget Sound will open for recreational spot shrimp fishing beginning May 25.

Also known as prawns, spot shrimp are the largest shrimp in Puget Sound and may grow up to nine inches in length, and the popular spot shrimp fishery is an exciting spring-time activity.

In all areas, the daily limit is 80 spot shrimp; with a total daily weight limit of 10 pounds (whole shrimp) all species combined.

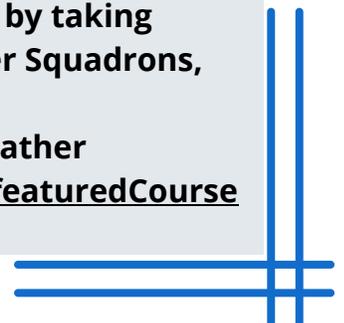
2022 Puget Sound recreational spot shrimp seasons are as follows:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Area 4 east of the Bonilla-Tatoosh line and Marine Area 5 (western Strait of Juan de Fuca): Open May 25 each day until further notice for all shrimp species. Daylight hours only.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Area 6 (Port Angeles Harbor, eastern Strait of Juan de Fuca, excluding the Discovery Bay Shrimp District): Open May 25-28, June 9-11, June 23-25, July 7-9, and July 21-23. Daylight hours.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Area 6 (Discovery Bay Shrimp District): Open on May 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. only.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Area 7 South (Iceberg Point, Point Colville, Biz Point, Salmon Bank) and Marine Area 7 East (northern Rosario Strait, Bellingham Bay, <u>Sucia</u> and <u>Matia</u> islands, Strait of Georgia): Open May 25-28 and June 9-11. Daylight hours.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Area 7 West (San Juan Channel, <u>Speiden</u> Channel, Stuart, and Waldron islands): Open May 25-28, June 9-11, June 23-25, and July 7-9. Daylight hours.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Areas 8-1 (Saratoga Passage, Deception Pass) and 8-2 (Port Susan, Port Gardner, Everett): Open on May 25 and June 9 from 8 a.m. to noon only. Note: Divers may take shrimp by hand or hand-held device from 7 p.m. until midnight on May 25 and June 9 in Marine Area 8-2.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Area 9 (Edmonds, Port Townsend Bay, Admiralty Inlet): Open on May 25 from 8 a.m. to noon only.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Area 10 (Elliott Bay): Will remain closed for 2022 (this is the portion of Marine Area 10 east of a line from West Point to <u>Alki</u> Point).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Area 10 (outside Elliott Bay): Open May 25 from 8 a.m. to noon (this is the portion of Marine Area 10 west of a line from West Point to <u>Alki</u> Point).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Area 11 (Tacoma-Vashon Island): Open May 25 from 8 a.m. to noon.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Area 12 (Hood Canal Shrimp District): Open on May 25, May 28, June 9, and June 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. only.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Area 13 (South Puget Sound, <u>Carr</u> Inlet): Closed for spot shrimp harvest this season due to continued low abundance.

What's Up With the Weather?

Maybe you've heard the old joke about how God made weather forecasters to make economists look good. While it may have rung true in the past, today's modern forecasting tools make weather prediction stunningly accurate.

Discover these new forecasting tools and learn how to use them by taking Modern Weather Forecasting, a seminar from United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club.

Get weather-wise for your next boat trip. Sign up for Modern Weather Forecasting today! <https://uspsonline.lmscheckout.com/Course/featuredCourse>





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Cruising The San Juan Islands Seminar—Part 2

This Mastering the Salish Sea Seminar is being held via Zoom on Monday May 16, 2022 6:30 – 8:30pm

Itineraries will be shared for any interest, from Island Highlights, Experiencing Wildlife and Wilderness, Gunkholing in Secluded Coves or Tasting Island life. Join us for this fun and informative Seminar

The seminar is free to Power Squadron and SJI Yacht Club Members and the Sea Scouts.
For non-member participation there is a \$25 fee.

To Register go to: www.abcsji.org and register on-line or contact Ann Einboden at SEO@abcsji.org



Dreaming of Cruising the San Juan Islands?

Deception Pass Squadron Members have been cordially invited to participate in the upcoming "Cruising the San Juan Islands" seminar, courtesy of the Friday Harbor Power Squadron. The seminar is free to members of the America's Boating Club/Power Squadron members, but you must register in advance at www.abcsji.org.

Education Update

Jerry Liggett reports that the Deception Pass squadron recently held its first live ABC class in two years! According to Jerry, through the painstaking preparation and presentation by the instructors, there was a one hundred percent pass rate.

Special thanks to Chip and Reg White, Jim Wagner, Steppe Williford, Shawn Haugen, Fred Lemke, Bob and Karen Nelson for their committment to the squadron and safe boating.

We haven't quite made the decision to hold all squadron seminars and courses all in-person, as virtual ability makes it possible to reach those who can't attend in person.

"Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not get bent of shape." Thanks for hanging in with us.

Looking to become more involved in squadron activities and leadership? Contact Commander Shawn at shawnhaugen@me.com. It's a great way to make new friends, put your skills and talents to good use, and make a difference in your community.