

Summer 2023



## A NOTE FROM COMMANDER JERRY

Greetings Boaters!

I hope your summer has been blessed with time on the water, or at least sharing time with friends who are inclined to be out on it.

I recently returned from a few days in the San Juan's and I want to assure you that they are right where I left them.

Still amazing, still attainable, and still offering you the challenges, and rewards for being a safe boater.

A few of us recently met at Garrison Bay. We were there to practice anchoring, but the quality time and great food with friends on a boat was icing on the cake. I encourage you to plan on joining the next adventure.

Thanks to those who returned their cruise plans for review. The point of the exercise was preparation in identifying tides and currents as well as routes to a destination that would result in the safest passage for your boat. Cruise planning also includes identifying common obstacles to conquer, such as Deception Pass, planning a route at a time that the currents and wind work with you for both time and fuel savings. It's also crucial to plan getting to your destination at a time of day that ensures there is good anchor or dock space for you.

*(Commander Jerry's message continued on page 3)*



**Squadron members Ross and Jennifer Geller and Jerry Liggett and friends met up recently at Garrison Bay, on San Juan Island.**

### **Time to Renew Your Membership Dues?**

Thank you for your continued support as we get back up-to-speed from that storm we call the "Pandemic". It's easy to renew your dues, either by mail, or by [clicking here!](#)

### **Save the Dates**

#### **Tuesday, July 18 - 6 p.m. Squadron Meeting, OHYC**

How to prepare for the unplanned on the water -how to radio for help and what to say, and how to get out of sticky situations.

#### **Tuesday, August 15, Squadron Picnic...** more information to follow.



# SPINDRIFT



**Our Crabbing 101 seminar, held June 20, was a success!** A big "thank you" is due to John Hudson, who led the program, and to his wife Anita for her delicious crab appetizers! Over 40 squadron members and guests from the community learned how to catch Dungeness crab from the shore or boat, including making sure you've got the proper equipment, the best bait, license requirements and regulations, and the best locations to drop your crab pots.

Thank you to members who shared their experiences and expertise, as well.

## NOW WHAT?

Ahh, the rest of the world wishes it had our problems ... what to do with all that Dungeness crab we've caught. Please send in your favorite recipe or tips - they'll be compiled and shared with other members.

Please email them to Jennifer Geller at [geller.jen@gmail.com](mailto:geller.jen@gmail.com).



Click on this link for a recipe to [Thai crab fried rice](#).



### The Ensign Summer 2023

Need some good pool or beach reading? Check out The Ensign's [Summer 2023](#) issue online. Read the [digital flipbook](#), [download a PDF](#) to your favorite reader or [order a print copy from MagCloud](#).

In this issue, we follow our intrepid octogenarians on part five of their Down East Circle Route Cruise. You'll also find a gem of a tale excerpted from [Bold Sea Stories 2](#), the latest book by award-winning author Marlin Bree. Prepare for hurricane season by reading "Riding Out Rita" and learn how one member kept himself and his boat safe during that storm.

Find all this and more in the latest issue of [The Ensign magazine](#).

### Read the Newest Edition of *The Ensign*.

Since 1914, it's been the official magazine of [United States Power Squadrons](#), [America's Boating Club](#). Every issue contains boating tips and sage advice from experienced boaters who've been there, done that, and literally wrote the books. <https://theensign.org/the-ensign-summer-2023/>



## HAVE YOU WATCHED AMERICA'S BOATING CHANNEL?

America's Boating Channel, sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard and produced by United States Power Squadrons, is the official showcase and repository for digital videos focused on boating safety and boater education. Check out the latest:

### Collision Avoidance

Sound knowledge of the navigation rules helps prevent boating accidents. If you need a refresher before getting out on the water, visit the helpful library of videos produced by America's Boating Channel. These videos are available to USPS members to view or download for free at [bit.ly/USPSABC](https://bit.ly/USPSABC). Grant-funded through the U.S. Coast Guard, they also are available on [YouTube](#) and via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku or FireTV.

For example, Season Four's "[Behavioral Consequences](#)"

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWq=jshx8yU&t=44s>) video addresses the dangers of not following the rules of the road and offers tips for responsible boating. In the Season Five video "[Collision Avoidance](#)"

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cXv6s7wqjE&t=1s>) viewers learn how to determine stand-on and give-way vessels and get tips for steering clear of potentially dangerous situations.

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Crabbing season is here, and after last month's meeting on proper crabbing techniques, you're a pro. Seize the opportunity! Rule of thumb is July and August and a crab endorsement on your fishing license.

I will update you further on salmon offerings and techniques this year but keep in mind that every 2 years the Pink Salmon invade! This is the year! This fish requires some different catching and handling methods to ensure that the fillets are tasty and firm. The season is usually at the end of August and first of September. For those few weeks, the fishing is fast and plentiful.

Our Education Officers are soliciting your input for future classes. Please forward the suggestions to Reggie [rawcohi@gmail.com](mailto:rawcohi@gmail.com), Chip [chipw1945@gmail.com](mailto:chipw1945@gmail.com), or myself [jliggett4@hotmail.com](mailto:jliggett4@hotmail.com). and we will prioritize topics to fit your interests.

I once read that "every docking you walk away from, dry, is a good docking." If you can still use the boat, it's a great docking.

My challenge to you is, first of all, practice, practice, practice. Then, let's be the example that other boaters want to emulate. When you see others having problems, invite them to join us!

Commander Jerry





## ONBOARD CHECKLIST

(reprinted from America's Boating Compass, June 2023)

<https://boatingcompass.org/onboard-checklist/>

Prepare for any on-the-water trip with an onboard checklist of all the tools and supplies you should have on your boat. The suggestions below go beyond what's required to pass a Vessel Safety Check. Some will be more suited for outboards and some for inboard-powered boats. Although not all inclusive, this list will get you thinking about your boat's specific needs.

### Tools

At minimum, you need

- a pair of pliers
- screwdrivers (flat and Phillips)
- an adjustable wrench
- a sharp knife
- a stainless steel multi-tool

You can store small groups of tools in zippered baggies. The farther from shore you venture, the more tools you should carry. Tool kits in form-fitted plastic cases are great. Before putting them away, give the tools a dusting of metal protectant. These kits usually contain an assortment of sockets.

Additionally, a dead-blow mallet (rubber/brass) can encourage a hung-up starter. A hacksaw and spare blades are mandatory if you have all-chain rode. Consider adding magnetic and claw part retrievers, locking pliers, and tongue-and-groove pliers. A small stainless steel wire brush for cleaning electrical contacts just might save the day.

### Supplies

Duct tape, electrical tape and stainless safety wire can be used to fix leaks, tears and hold things together. (A great substitute for electrical tape, the new silicon tape can even temporarily seal a leaky fuel hose.)

You also might need

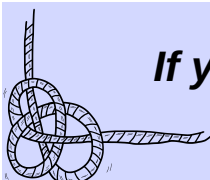
- a small selection of hose clamps
- a tube of sealant
- oil, fuel, coolant and steering fluids and filters
- fuel filters and spare fuel
- swim masks and snorkels

Tapered wooden plugs (or even a Nerf football) can be shoved into a broken sea cock or hole in the hull. On inboards, a spare impeller and puller could come in handy. -Capt. Ted Schindler II

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of America's Boating  
Compass?



<https://boatingcompass.org>



***If you have any questions about the Spindrift, or have any boating pics to share, email Jen Geller***