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NOSPS Upcoming Events

Mar 9—Bridge Meeting
Mar 12—NOSPS Dinner Meeting & Talent Show
Mar 24 & 25—ABC Course

District 16 Upcoming Events

Mar 9th&10th—Change of Watch - Oak Harbor



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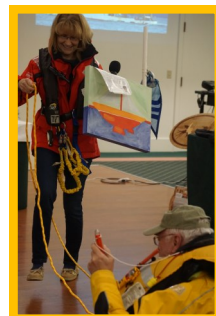
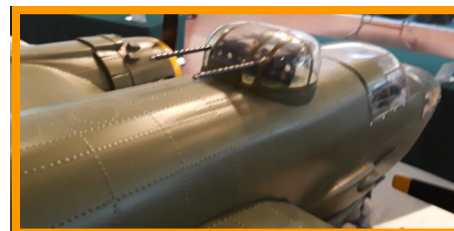
Raymond Madsen, AP

I always knew that we had a lot of talent among our members of NOSPS, but how eclectic we are I would never have guessed. If you did not attend our February Talent Showcase dinner you really missed out. It was great! Everything from robotics to an 8 foot B25 Bomber, to Driftwood sculptures, to fusion glass work, to paintings, to quilts, to beautiful woodwork, and homemade canoes, and so much more. It gave us a chance to mingle and spend a relaxed evening together. The success of the evening goes to each of the presenters and to Nila Madsen for putting it together. If you did miss out, our website northolympicboaters.com will have pictures of the several projects. Check it out!



Talent
Showcase

8 ft. B25
Bomber



We were also entertained by Duane and Suzy Webb as Duane fell overboard. Each month they provide us with their *Easy Life and Safety Presentation*. They always find a way to entertain and train us!

With NOSPS cruises soon coming up it is time to plan and get them on your schedule. Our Cruise Director Sandy Stem had cruise binders out for us to sign up and printed information for each cruise to pick up. She has been doing a great job. Check out her article in this month's Straitlines about our upcoming cruises and make sure you let her know of the ones you would like to go on. She will need members going to accept roles as Cruise Captains for the different cruises. Be the one to do it.

We learned about one of our members who was responsible for organizing the largest at sea rescue of over 500 people from a sinking cruise ship in the Gulf of Alaska...our own Dick Schoel. —>



He will be telling us about this as our guest speaker at the May dinner. If you have ever been at one of our dock parties with Dick, you know you will be in for a treat. You will not want to miss that.

Our squadron Admin Officer each month makes sure that we have a great dinner and speaker planned. If it has been a while since you have attended these dinner meetings come and join in.

Each of our squadron department heads and chairs work hard to ensure that member's needs are met. Read their articles of current and upcoming events. Check out the website calendar and don't miss out. Some great things are upcoming like a full day Radar seminar, an on the water Man Overboard training exercise and our North Olympic Women on the Water (NOWW) have several events scheduled to help create a better on-board boating experience.

On board our boat Blue Heron, Nila has been practicing docking at the state park during these winter months. She has gained experience and confidence and brought the boat into the marina and docked it at our slip. She would want full disclosure; Z-Kat normally behind us was gone so there was more room for "parallel parking". The point is, now is a good time to brush off the cobwebs and practice some boating skills. The state park is a great place to practice tying up to mooring balls, side docking and even anchoring.



Great JOB Nila!!!



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**Executive
Officer**

Raymond Mahalick, P

Thanks to all the talented members who shared their accomplishments at the February dinner and talent show. Our Squadron is very fortunate to have such a wide range of interests and skills within our membership, a ton of knowledge is to be found among our membership!

Thanks and congratulations are also in order for our newsletter Straitlines, and our website. Both were recognized by National and received the "Distinctive Communicator Award". Special thanks to Alayne Fellows and Nila Madsen for their tireless efforts to ensure these communicative tools are up to date and useful to our membership. Also thanks to Commander Ray Madsen for his inception of "Neptune's Corner" to the Straitlines, making it even more relevant for our members.

As for me, I am looking forward to getting my boat back in the water after some non forecasted maintenance issues and doing some Blackmouth fishing!

**For questions regarding our
NOSPS Web site please contact
Nila Madsen at
nila.madsen@gmail.com**

USPS PLEDGE

I do solemnly pledge to: Abide by the by-laws of the United States Power Squadrons®; Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship; Maintain my boat and operate it legally; Render assistance whenever possible; and conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor and respect to the United States Power Squadrons.®



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**Administrative
Officer**

Bob Stem, AP

I keep telling myself that spring is not far off as I look out my window at all the snow and freezing temperature on the thermometer! I'm sure that like me you all are anxious to get out boating again and enjoy all the wonderful opportunities we have as boaters. Sandy Stem has been working hard to put together a great cruise schedule for us. Be sure to look at it in the Cruising Corner and sign up for the cruises. Sign up books are available at the dinner meetings or you can call Sandy at 360-681-8466 to let her know which cruise or cruises you are interested in.

I think everyone can agree we have a lot of very talented people in NOSPS! We had a very good turn out of members showcasing their talents and hobbies and even some demonstrations at the dinner meeting. A big thank you goes out to Nila Madsen for all the time and effort she put into making the talent showcase a success. She did an amazing job.

Our next meeting will be March 12 and our speaker will be Doug Miller who will be talking about the next generation AIS solutions.

Milltech Marine has been selling Automatic Identification System (AIS) solutions for a dozen years. Over this time AIS solutions for recreational boaters have evolved from simple receive-only devices to "smart" devices that integrate multiple vessel functions & provide new ways to make boating even safer. Come to this talk to see how the latest AIS products can play a bigger role on your boat.

Doug Miller is president and founder of Milltech Marine, a Port Orchard-based provider of Automatic Identification System (AIS) solutions for the marine market. Doug began sailing at an early age and has always had a passion for combining the thrill of sailing with a love for high tech toys. He began Milltech Marine in 2005 in response to a keen interest in the emerging AIS standard and the need for solutions for recreational boaters. Over the last decade, Milltech Marine has sold thousands of AIS solutions to recreational, commercial and military customers. Doug is a NMEA certified Advanced Marine Electronics Installer and NMEA 2000 Installer. Doug and his wife Karin use "Naiad", their Hunter 42 Passage sailboat, as a test bed for many of the products that are sold on Milltech Marine's web site www.milltechmarine.com.

Sunland has done a great job of providing us with outstanding meals. If you get a chance be sure to let the staff know that you appreciate their efforts!

Arrange for your Free 2018 Vessel Safety Check from a North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron Vessel Safety Examiner by calling:

Duane Webb (360)773-7009

Torben Blichfeld (360) 477-4575

Bob Stem (360) 460-3278

Bob Bond (360) 582-9364

Doug Schwarz (360) 683-1444

Tom Foley (360) 681-6848

Ted Shanks (360) 582-0253



<http://www.northolympicboaters.com/vessel-safety-check.html>

Find your membership number in this issue of the Straitlines and win a free dinner at the next Membership Meeting!

Approved Non-Pyrotechnic Devices:

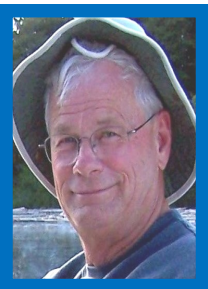
NOTE: carrying both these devices will meet all U.S. Coast Guard day and night requirements.



**Handheld
Electronic Distress
Signal Device**
Min. battery life:
6 hrs.
(nighttime only)



**Minimum 36" Square
Orange Flag**
With black disk and
square printed on both
sides
(daytime only)



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**Education
Officer**

Ray Thomas, JN

2018 NOSPS Boating Courses and Boating Skills Clinics.

2018 NOSPS Boating Courses and Boating Skills Clinics. Cruise Planning is completed and students took exam on Feb. 20th. We have four classes in session; **Piloting, Junior Navigation, Navigation and Instructor Development.** It's time to sign-up for **Sail, Radar Navigation and ABC.** If you plan to take one or more of these courses, it's important to sign up **ASAP.** Your instructors need to know the number of students planning on attending to ensure that enough student books are available.

Be sure to consider attending the March 3rd Free Boating Safety Clinic on the ends and outs of **"Purchasing That New Boat" by Randy Roberts.** The clinic will be held on Saturday starting, at 10am to 12pm, at the "Gathering Place", Sunland Golf and Country Club, 135 Fairway Drive, Sequim. Based on his current experience, topics to be discussed include considerations for what boat to buy, how to search for that perfect boat, and all aspects of the buying process to include insurance and boat surveys. The presentation is from the perspective of a buyer rather than the boat broker. For more information about this clinic or the North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron, visit www.northolympicboaters.com or contact the squadron at education.nosps@gmail.com.

To learn the content and register for our courses, go to our NOSPS website www.northolympicboaters.com click on "Education", and then under "Course Descriptions", click on "more information" on any of the listed courses you may be interested in. You can sign up on line or send your request to sign up on-line or send a request to Ray Thomas, Squadron Education Officer at raythomas@olympen.com

Following are the 2018 Advanced Grades, Electives Courses and Boating Skills Clinics scheduled.

Courses

Class	Start Date	Time	Contact	Venue
Piloting	Jan 3, 2018	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Ray Madsen	SBYC
Junior Navigation	Jan 3, 2018	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Ron Jones	SBYC
Navigation	Jan 11, 2018	2:00 PM-4:00 PM	Ron Jones	SBYC
Instructor Dev.	Feb 8, 2018	9:00 AM-11:00 AM	Gordon Bilyard	SBYC
Radar Navigation	Mar 17, 2018	10:00-4:00 PM	Ray Thomas	PAYC
Sail	Mar 21, 2018	1:30PM-3:30PM	Mike Witkin	SBYC
ABC	Mar 24 & 25	8:30 -4:30 PM	Gordon Bilyard	PAYC

Boating Skills Clinics

Purchasing that Boat	Mar 3, 2018	10:00 – 12:00 PM	Randy Roberts	Sunland
Man Overboard	Apr 7, 2018	10:00 – 12:00 PM	Steve Allen	SBYC

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Attention Boaters!

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- Designed for all boaters – PWC operators, water skiers, anglers, hunters, power boaters, sailors
- Learn in a classroom setting from experts with local knowledge
- Six months free membership in U.S. Power Squadrons
- Cost is \$ 60 for course, plus \$ 10.00 to WA for boater ed. card

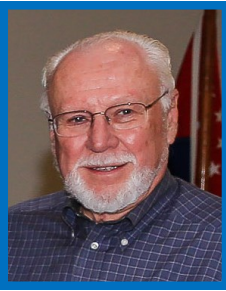
**March 24-25 at Port Angeles Yacht Club, 1305 Marine Drive,
at the west end of the boat basin, at the water's edge.**

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM both days.

To register contact Gordon Bilyard @ 360-681-2404.

Registration deadline is Sunday, March 4.

Boater Safety — Rules of the Road — State/Federal Regulations — Adverse Conditions and Emergencies
Anchoring — Docking — Trailing — Nautical Charts — Tides and Currents — Communications Afloat



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Safety Officer

Duane Webb, SN



**Bilge Pumps:
the unsung heroes that
could save you**

You may not think about your bilge pump very often, but its one of the most important safety features on your boat. It can also get you in trouble.

One of our members recently had a diesel fuel tank corrode through and leak many gallons of diesel into his bilge. One of the quick thinking first responders immediately directed him to cut the wires to the bilge pump! Although many boats will have on "off switch" for the pump at the helm, often the pump is connected directly to the battery, and this was the safest way to avoid an overboard oil spill.

But normally the bilge pump is our friend, whether we are on the boat or not. Its ultimate job is to keep your boat from sinking. When was the last time you tested it? How was it tested? Did you document it in your maintenance log? Do you have an hour meter on your pump to tell what it's been up to while you were away? Do you have a non-electric manual hand operated bilge pump installed and have you tried it out to get the feel of it? These often have a separate handle, and the pump handle should be tied or stowed close by. A couple of times a year run a fresh water hose from the dock into your bilge and see when the pump goes on. It's a good test and also cleans thing up down there. Don't go off to lunch, though, after staring the hose running!

Most electric pumps can be activated with both auto and manual switches, with a float switch in the bilge that turns on the pump when a certain water level is reached. You may wish to have less water standing in your bilge than the float switch allows, so the manual switch at the helm can help you lower that and also test that the pump is working. On our boat the manual hand pump gets us to the lowest level of water.

Bilge water (or oil as in the case above) can come from inside or outside your boat. True hardy sailors will dip a finger into the water and see if it tastes sweet or salty. Water tanks or toilet systems can leak, usually slowly at first, and may give you a rising bilge. But the shaft seal, any through-hull fitting or hose clamp, or your raw water system line could be the source. Rainwater always seems to find a way into your bilge.

What if your electric bilge pump fails to work? Boat US April/May 2016 had a quick check -list tear out sheet that I will summarize below. (One could argue with the sequence, perhaps)

1. Try the manual switch at the helm. If it runs, then the problem is most likely with the float switch
2. Check the float switch for debris that may be jamming it
3. Make sure the battery switch or other connector is on
4. Check the fuse or circuit breaker
5. Check the wiring for broken or loose connections, corrosion
6. Check the pump for burnt smell or other signs of overheating
7. Power off and check the impeller in the pump for free rotation
8. Check the intake screen over the pump for clogs or debris
9. Check the outflow hose for obstruction or kinks

On our boat we carry a spare electric bilge pump, with water -proof quick connectors already wired. For cruising to Alaska I recently purchased a small gas powered water pump made by Honda in case of catastrophic water leaks, such as a hull breach from rocks. Hope to never need it, but I have tested it and it really pumps!



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Membership Chair

Sandy Thomas, AP

Come for the Boating Education. Stay for the friends

**New Members Corner
Welcome Aboard !**

Membership TEAM
Yes, we now have a TEAM

Sally Calkins at cdrsally@gmail.com and
Karen Mahalick at kmahalick@hotmail.com

Last month I included information on our "Squadron Burgee" from our New Member Booklet, which is given to all new members of the Squadron. This month I will continue with information on how and when our own American flag is to be flown on our boats.

In general, Flags are signals. Each one conveys to others something specific about a vessel or its personnel, whether it is nationality, club affiliation, maneuvering situation, office held or any number of things. Also, each flag has a specific location from which it is flown and a specific time for flying.

The U.S. Ensign (the official national and merchant flag of the United States) is the fifty-star American flag. All U.S. vessels, whether commercial, governmental or pleasure, whether large or small, are entitled to fly this "ensign" when the vessel is in commission. It is generally flown from the flagstaff, at the stern, but there are two alternatives for gaff-rigged masts and for Marconi-rigged sailboats. On boats with an outboard motor or overhanging boom, which prevents the flagstaff from being amid ship, the flagstaff should be located to starboard on the taffrail or top of the transom. The US. Ensign is flown only between 0800 and sunset, except when entering or leaving port.

If you have questions concerning membership, check our website or drop an email to any one of us on the membership team:

Website: www.northolympicboaters.com.

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Karen Mahalick: kmahalick@hotmail.com



Meet the **New Members!** Please be sure and welcome our new members

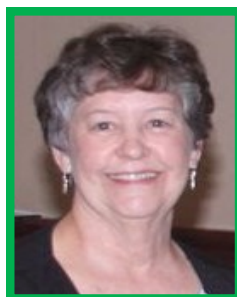


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Membership Chair and NOWW

Sandy Thomas, AP

\$1,000 NOWW Marine Science Scholarship for Women:

The NOWW Scholarship opportunity has been posted and opened by the Peninsula College Foundation for all Peninsula College students to review and apply. We are so excited to have this underway and to help support a woman who is interested in working in a field that will work to improve our marine environment, especially that of the Salish Sea.

Upcoming Events:

We are fortunate to have several NOWW members offering to take responsibility for planning workshops on boating topics for which they have some expertise and which might be of interest to our fellow women boaters. As a result, two workshops were selected for the next few months:

1. Simple Recipes for Onboard Cooking/Snacks--This will be a demonstration of simple appetizers, main courses and desserts that can be made onboard using equipment that can and has been used on small and large boats alike. Lunch using the food we make will follow. Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite recipe. RSVP to: Nila Madsen, nila.madsen@gmail.com or 360-775-5352

Who: Nila Madsen, organizer

When: March 19, 2018, 11 am – 1 pm

Where: Catherine Bilyard's home – 660 Happy View Lane, Sequim

2. Using the Hook and Moor Tool for Attaching Your Boat to a Buoy: Suzy Webb will demonstrate the use of this ingenious tool that makes attaching your boat to a buoy much easier. Opportunities to practice will be provided.

Who: Suzy Webb, organizer

When: April 16, 2018, 1 pm – 3 pm

Where: Dock G by the Webb sailboat—more details to follow

Suzy Webb will demonstrate the use of this ingenious tool that makes hooking your boat to a buoy much easier. Opportunities to practice will be provided.

Do you have an idea for a workshop for women? We would love to hear about it. Drop an email to either Sandy (sandythomas@olypen.com) or Linda (drindabond@gmail.com).



Sandy Stem

Cruise
Director



**Cruzin'
Corner**

There are some great cruises planned for the 2018 cruising season! Cruise sign up books will be available at the March dinner meeting. Please sign up so I know how many boats will be participating. I look forward to cruising with you!

2018 NOSPS Cruise Schedule:

Shakedown Cruise, San Juan's

May 2 to 5 Friday Harbor, Stuart Island, Rosario Resort

Memorial Day Cruise - in conjunction with PA Yacht club

May 19 to June 4 A) Destination Port—Telegraph Harbour, Thetis Island, BC, May 25th
B) Cruise will include various destinations (to be decided) in Canada both before and After Telegraphy Harbour

USPS District 16 Rendezvous

June 8th to 10th Poulsbo

Hood Canal Cruise

July 14th to July 18th Port Ludlow and Pleasant Harbor

South Sound Cruise Edmonds, Point Defiance, Olympia, Des Moines, Kingston
August 20th to 26th, 27th

Desolation Sound

September 12 to 25, 26 Sidney, Silva Bay, Pender Harbor, Powell River, Desolation Sound, Provincial Marine Park, Gorge Harbor, Comox, Schooner Cove, Chemainus, Stuart Island or Roche Harbor



NEPTUNE'S CORNER

By: Emily and John Matthews



I learned to sail reading books. I was born in San Jose, California, into a family with no experience in boating. A friend's father would take me sailing in his International Fourteen around San Francisco Bay. Later, when we were allowed to take the boat alone, we were triggered by small craft warnings to get out on the water.

Following high school, I left home for U.C. Berkeley and then onto Medical School in Boston. These seven years were filled with studies, allowing only an occasional sail on Cape Cod. This is where I met Emily, a vivacious adventurous dietician from Oklahoma. She was constantly concerned what might be lurking in the ocean if we should capsize, but we had other interests in music, theatre, and canoeing, so we just occasionally talked about sailing.

Two days after graduation, we were married in Boston and headed to San Diego for six years of internship, research, Orthopedic Surgery residency, and University teaching. During these years, we were blessed with the next sailing generation, Laurie and Greg.

In this interval, Emily and I joined a sailing club, qualifying on Victory Twenty-ones and Cal 27s, experiencing surprise surfacing submarines, and friendly Gray Whales very close alongside. We were able to squeeze in four years of sailing before moving to Bozeman, Montana at age 40. Here is where I learned to sail, reading every available weekend volumes of piloting books, sailing technique, and charts of the Puget Sound.

Family vacations consisted of chartered vessels in the Virgin Islands, the San Juan, and Gulf Islands. Emily took time to join five women in Bellingham to obtain a chartering certificate, I continued to read. We would usually lease a Pacific Seacraft 40 and after months of study, the four of us would arrive with charts, tide tables, wind and current information, Ham license, and a sextant which we never knew how to use. Active Pass and Pole Pass became our classroom.

As planned we retired at age 56, splitting our time between our Sequim farm and a house in Rockport, Maine. I found a 1982 TaShing Panda 40 in Camden, which we reassembled each year for a four month sailing season into the Penobscott Bay. We taught ourselves the use of GPS, radar, chart plotter, sail trim and anchoring, always continuing to pencil on paper charts. We would pull into small coves for the night, later to be joined by one or two tall ships serenading us with laughter and music. We sailed north into Buck's Harbor, where a call ahead to the harbor master, who would bake a Key lime pie. One summer, we spent a week on a mooring in Brooklyn Maine taking courses at the Wooden Boat School. When the weather was poor, we would visit boat schools, sail lofts, maritime museums, and whaling museums in Nantucket and New Bedford. Of course, we didn't miss the festivals in Mystic Seaport or Newport.

In 2008 we returned full time to Sequim and transported Ceilidh (Gaelic for gathering of the clan) to Port Townsend. I became interested in a degree in welding, assisting in developing a welding school at the School of Wooden Boat building in Port Hadlock. During this time, we discovered Emily had developed Melanoma in the brain and our emphasis in life was now devoted to her survival now over six years. We would spend nights aboard Ceilidh, but no more cruising summers. I later discovered I could divert my attention from studying melanoma by taking NOSPS courses in Sailing, Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, Navigation, and Weather. Finally, I was able to thoroughly understand all of the reading I had done over the previous thirty years.

So, we learned how to sail reading books, but I most enjoyed reading these books alongside very experienced sailors from this squadron. It is time we give up our Ceilidh as we move back to Montana joining grandchildren, but please look for us chartering once again with family, in the San Juan and Gulf islands.

Thank you to all, Emily and John Matthews

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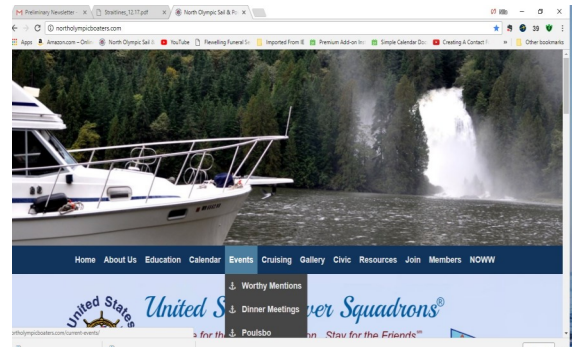
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Media Minims

By Nila Madsen, Web Master

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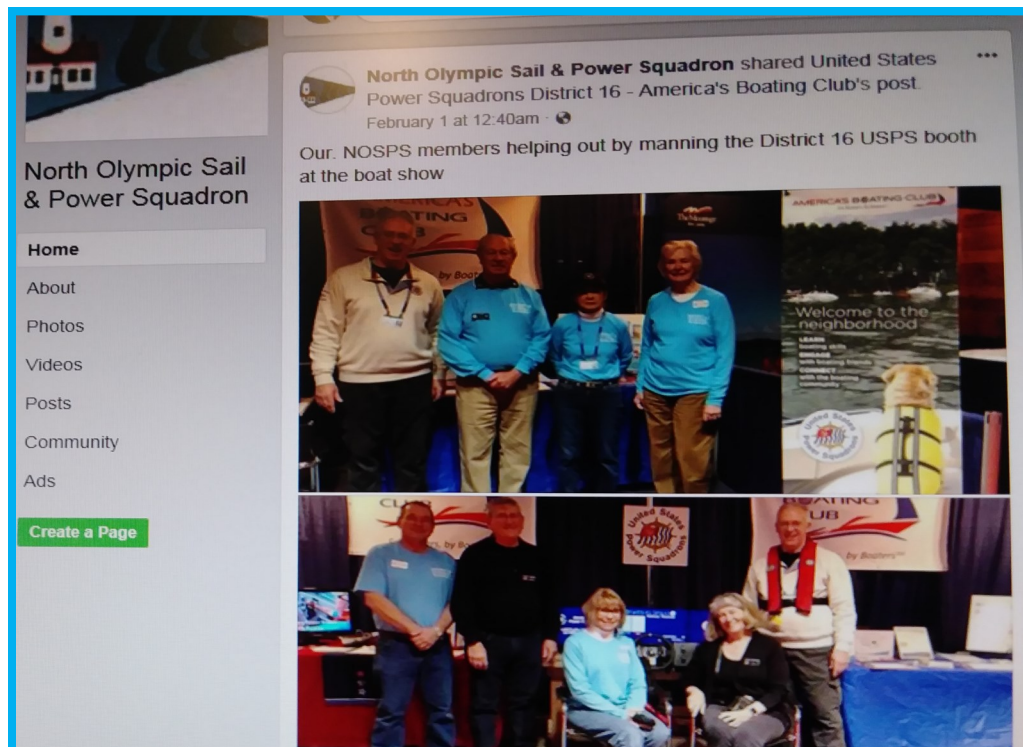
You have been directed to the “Gallery” page of our website before but you are encouraged to check it out again! Photos from the **February Dinner Meeting “TALENT SHOWCASE”** have been added. So if you didn’t make it to the show or participated or may have missed a display on that evening – go to our website, click on the **GALLERY** button on the menu bar to see the 2018 Gallery of Photos. Enjoy!

While in the Gallery note the photos in the **EDUCATION** and the **SAFETY DEMONSTRATION SECTIONS**.

FACEBOOK FEATURES North Olympic Sail & Power Squadron

Check out the latest news feeds from District 16 and National on our Facebook Page or for more detailed info check out their Facebook pages as well. District 16 shared a thanks to the Jones, Madsen's and Mahalicks for volunteering a shift at the recent boat show in Seattle in a post on their District FB page and shared on our NOSPS page.

If you read of a boating situation, see a video, etc. that would be of benefit to our members please notify our Commander Ray Madsen, media Nila Madsen, or Education Officer Ray Thomas to add it to our Facebook to share with our members





UNITED STATE POWER SQUADRON NEW WEBSITE:

Old: usps.org

NEW: beyondboating.org

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

If on some foggy day you should have to enter Port Angeles and you don't hear the Ediz Hook foghorn then this is what you do – go to channel 83A on your VHF – Click 5 times on the handle – this should start the Foghorn.

There is a Border Patrol trial plan called **Local Boater Option, (LBO)** where a float plan is filed for a trip into Canada and a password is issued for the boater to use when checking in with customs. There is no cost to the boater. Further information can be obtained by computer at the following:

www.SVRS.cbp.dhs.gov

If you have a Kidde brand fire extinguisher, please review the information regarding fire extinguisher recalls. The fire extinguisher can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

<https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2017/kidde>

Fire Chief Ben Andrews, Clallam County Fire District No. 3 AGENCY

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FALL CONFERENCE 2018

We need your help! Fall Conference will be here before we know it. There are lots of jobs open on the Conference committee. We need to choose a **Theme** for the conference and decorations for the tables. We need a chairman and committee for raffle baskets and items for the silent auction, registration, Raffle ticket sales and more. If you can help, please contact me at rkohl@olympus.net or spin.knit.read@gmail.com

**FOR SALE - PEARSON 35' SAILBOAT
with WESTERBEKE DIESEL ENGINE
"MORGANCE"**



She is rigged for single-handed sailing, has all new AC & DC wiring, new diesel furnace. She is in excellent condition and ready to sail. Sleeps 5 people. Comes with a Dinghy not shown, a Dodger not finished, Dock box and many extras.

To view her: go to slip G2 at Port Angeles Marina.

Contact Alayne Fellows @ (503) 804-9422 or email:
alaynef@gmail.com ***Asking \$12,000 as is or Best Offer***

NOSPS DINNER MEETING

Monday, MARCH 12th, 2018

Social Hour starts at 5:00 pm with the meeting starting at 6:00 pm

Where: Sunland Golf & Country Club

Menu: Grilled Jumbo Shrimp Skewers, Buttered Herbed

Baby Red Potatoes, Sautéed Julienne Carrots, Peppers & Onions,

Cole Slaw, and Variety of Nanimos Bars for dessert. Coffee, Tea, and water

Price is \$22 per person.

Executive Board Meeting

When: Friday March 9, 2018 at 8:30 am -10:30am

Where: Sunland Golf & Country Club, 109 Hilltop Dr. Sequim, WA 98382

NOSPS Bridge Meeting open to all members



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