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NOSPS Upcoming Events

**March 11— Bridge Meeting
And NOSPS Dinner Meeting**

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I think most of us are looking forward to the upcoming boating season maybe just a little more than usual this year, especially after our recent snowstorms. Spring will get here! Heck, our first planned cruise is in less than a month!

The short notice food drive to help out the Port Angeles Coast Guard was a resounding success. Over \$2,600.00 was donated in gift cards and food items, your generosity was very much appreciated by those folks. Even though the shutdown ended, the Chiefs in charge assured me the donations would be distributed fairly and any items left over would be turned over to local food banks. This was a good thing that we did.

I previously mentioned that as far as the future of John Wayne Marina is concerned, this would be an information gathering year. That still holds true but the Sequim Gazette recently reported that John Wayne Enterprises, headed by John Wayne's son, has evidently changed it's stance on the future of the Marina.

The Port of Port Angeles has requested a face to face meeting with Mr. Wayne to discuss the matter. To my understanding, Wayne Enterprises was initially not opposed to a possible sale but now has changed it's position to against any sale of the Marina.

But as I have said before, this issue is not over by any means, so please stay informed as this issue unfolds.



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I.C.E - Have you included your emergency contact information on your Smart Phone?

If you haven't done so, it's a good idea to try it on your smartphone. Adding I.C.E. (In Case of Emergency) information to your lock screen could save yours or someone else's life. After setting it up, anyone can access your emergency information

only in an emergency situation. None of your other information can be accessed. Think of it **like an I.D. bracelet that has your name, medical issues and emergency contact.** Everyone's phone is different, so look online to see how to add it to your phone. It takes about 15 minutes - well spent time if it happened to save a life.

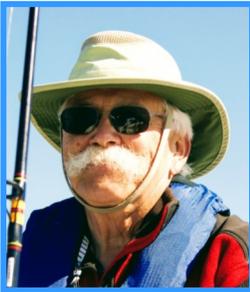
March 10th our time springs forward! Spring really is coming. (Unless Washington state decides to end DST)

With our extended Olympic Peninsula snowstorm behind us, (hopefully) signs of Spring have appeared. With warmer temps we can be coaxed out of our homes and disregard yard work if we use the excuse it's that time of year for our boat's Spring Checkup! Check all fire extinguishers ensuring the gauge is in the green with any that are low serviced or replaced. Visual distress kits checked with expired flares removed to be disposed of (save them for this year's picnic for practice!!) Have you considered a distress light instead of continually replacing flares? Smoke and CO detectors working? Life jackets inspected for overall integrity and dated cartridges?

Basic engine inspections will remind you of what you learned in Engine Maintenance class. Replacement of the water separating fuel filter. As part of its replacement, an inspection of the entire fuel system. Are the tanks secure, tight, and dry on the exterior? What is the condition of the deck fill hoses? Is the deck fill ground wire clean and intact? Are the fill hoses securely double clamped at both ends? What is the condition of all fuel lines from tanks to pump? Are fuel shutoff valves operable and in good condition? How about pouring the contents of the used fuel filter in a glass jar and letting it settle overnight to observe the condition of fuel in the tanks. A visible separation would indicate the presence of water that has settled out of the fuel. Taking care of these inspections and maintenance tasks now while the weather is encouraging us out of hibernation will hopefully avoid any downtime and reveal unsafe components before sunny days return. Remember, the FROSTBITE cruise is only a few weeks away! (weather permitting). With quite a few boats signed up for it, we should have lots of member sightings down on the docks!

Speaking of Vessel readiness, have you had your 2019 Vessel Safety Check completed? We have our 2019 VSC stickers and our examiners available. Some already have them completed. Let's see if we can get 100% participation from all who currently own a boat. Encourage fellow non-member boaters to have a Safety Check as well. It may save their life. We have heard and shared stories how this was helpful to new to boating (and experienced) boaters when they were stopped by the Coast Guard for inspection. It won't keep them from boarding but it indicates immediately that you are a likely responsible boater and have all requirements in place.

On a final note, we are making some small changes, deletions and updates to our website, northolympicboaters.com. It is always an ongoing process, but will be concentrated on over the next few weeks. If you have any suggestions of what you would like to view, access or change, please let me know and I can see if it is viable for our site. Remember to check the online **CALENDAR** for upcoming events, and the **EVENTS** tab for further details and contacts. If you have any fabulous related photos that you would like to share, **PLEASE** send them to me. Our 2019 Galley is being added to. Go on periodically and check it out! If you want to contact another member, the updated rosters are there for easy access. Many of us use them on an almost daily basis! Also, if you are not sure who is on a Committee or what Committees there are, they are included in this newsletter and online as well. If you have forgotten the password for our Member private pages, shoot me an email. xo.nosps.nilamadsen@gmail.com



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Enough with the snow! As boaters, we all understand how weather affects what we do on the water, and when and how we do it. The recent snow event has shown how it affects our daily on-the-beach activities as well. We only had to cancel the February dinner meeting, while a disappointment, is minor compared to the impact some folks have had to deal

with. This writer was housebound for four days. But warmer weather is coming, and with it, the opportunity to cruise one of the best places on the planet to do it.

In keeping with keeping an eye on the weather, we are lucky to have a presentation from Arleen Prochazka, a weather forecaster with decades of experience at the March Dinner Meeting. Arleen grew up in Roundup, Montana. She enlisted in the Air Force in 1987 and retired in 2011 as a Senior Master Sergeant. She spent those 24 years in the weather career field as an observer, forecaster, and superintendent. She had state side assignments in New York, Colorado, and Washington, where she retired from McChord Air Force Base. She had three assignments to Alaska, overseas assignments to Korea and Germany, and deployments to Turkey, Qatar, Iraq, and Afghanistan. She is married to Shawn Prochazka, who is also a veteran Air Force Weather Forecaster. They have been full time RVers for almost eight years exploring their own country.

Her presentation will consist of local weather affects, changes in weather forecasting ability in last 30 years, and tools that you as an individual can use for planning.

Hoping for a good turnout, and please, please RSVP to ao.nosps.kenwilliams@gmail.com sooner rather than later.

Any suggestions regarding future presentations are welcome. Although we cannot pay for presentations, travel accommodations may be possible. And, of course, dinner for the presenter and a companion are provided.

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USPS PLEDGE

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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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Breaking News from National: Moving to Electronic Education Courses

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R/C Bob Rayburn from our national Education Department has released this bulletin, which is extracted below, on a New Delivery Model for Courses that is in development:

“ The Educational Department is developing an additional model for online course delivery by squadrons...

Using a blended delivery strategy instructors teach through online meeting services such as GoToMeeting or Free Conference Call...

..the traditional PowerPoint presentations will be narrated and placed online to enable registered students to access each lesson on their own schedule [along with a student manual they will read before each scheduled class]

[one] major change is the need to develop questions, activities, visuals, and discussions that involve students and allow them to build their understanding of the content during online class meetings with the instructors ... the instructor will not be delivering the content but instead will answer questions, facilitate discussion, and provide the student with opportunities to apply the information learned.

One advantage with online teaching is that students can join a class offered by any squadron. A full set of our courses could be available to members without their own squadron having to find instructors, obtain classrooms, or schedule courses.

We will ask squadron instructors to agree to work with students that live near them. This will allow a personal connection with the student and the opportunity to involve them in other classes and encourage membership in the local squadron.

The personal connection not only helps the student build skills but distinguishes our education program from solely online content.”

Sounds like a nice addition to our current classroom model, although I have a number of questions, and don't anticipate that this initiative will completely replace it. More to come as this develops!

District 16 members

The time is quickly approaching to our Spring Conference in Bellevue, Washington. Don't miss out on the opportunity to know what is going on in your organization. There will be reports from the Annual Meeting as well as sessions focused on squadron development including membership. Call the hotel and reserve space. Order your meals on the Everett Sail and Power Squadron website Pay Pal . Hope to see you there !

Go to the District 16 website for more information and to download the registration form:

<https://www.uspsd16.org/event>

Attention DIY's & those Curious to Learn More

North Olympic Sail & Power Squadron (NOSPS)

Marine Composites & Repair Clinic

FREE to the Public

Composites are all around us in our daily lives (automobiles, watercraft, RVs, aircraft, bicycles, sports equipment of all sorts, etc...) Would you like to know more about the different types of composites, how they are made & why, how to maintain & repair gel coat & fiberglass on your boat yourself, & how to safely manage a damaged hull emergency?

Please join us for this 2-part FREE CLINIC, where we will cover:

(Part 1 - Feb 2) Composites Basics, Marine Composites Maintenance, Marine Composites Damage Types, Hands-On Gel Coat Repair

(Part 2 - March 2) Finish the Hands-On Gel Coat Repair, Introduction to Composite Structural Repair Methods, & Emergency Boat Hull Repairs.

You will be glad you attended & picked up some valuable knowledge & skills. See you there! Open to the Public; Teens & Youth Welcome.

Place: Port Angeles YMCA

302 South Francis Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362
In the "Y House"

Dates: 2 February 2019 & 2 March 2019

Time: 1000 – 1200 noon

Instructor: Randy Blackburn-Lappin

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Is Your Inflatable PFD Ready and Safe??

How often do we check our PFD's? I know Duane changed the CO2 cylinders in ours last year. I did not even know they could expire. Let's all check ours out as this boating season begins, as safety begins with each one of us!

Do-It-Yourself: Check Your Inflatable Life Vest

Our inflatable life vests are so likable because they're so light and comfortable that they eliminate excuses for not wearing them. However, they have to work reliably and that requires a bit of owner-maintenance. Unlike traditional foam-filled "inherently buoyant" vests, inflatables have several components that have to work together for the vest to function, and that is doubly true for vests with automatic inflators and safety harnesses.

Checking out your brand new vest:

It is recommended that the first thing you should do with a new vest—before ever taking it aboard—is to unfold the vest and inflate it using the oral inflation tube to be sure it has no leaks in the bladder and is safe to wear. Leave it inflated overnight. If it is still holding air the next day, deflate it, refold it and use it with confidence. If the new vest won't hold air, return it for a replacement. This test is very simple to perform and if you learn how to do this as soon as you get your vest, you won't put it off when it's time for a detailed inspection.

Regular inspections when you put the PFD on:

Check the exterior for abrasions, loose thread or other signs of wear. Make a habit of checking the Service Indicator that is visible inside the clear plastic window to make sure the status is green. Green means your PFD is armed and ready to inflate. Red means the vest can only be manually inflated and needs service. In that case, you'll need a Rearming Kit

Perform a detailed inspection at least once per year, at the beginning of the boating season, you should inflate the PFD and go over the CO2 cylinder, the bobbin, and any other of the various pins or parts that make it work. It is recommended performing this inspection every two to three months if you wear your vest regularly, or if your boating location is hot and humid, since the inflation mechanism may be subject to corrosion.

This time, unfold the vest and carefully remove the CO2 cylinder and the bobbin. Check the bottom of the cylinder and make sure it has not been punctured and discharged, and that it does not show any sort of damage. Check the date that is stamped on the bobbin (note that some vests, like the Mustang models with the Hammar hydrostatic inflators, have the expiration date printed on the exterior of the inflator). **If the bobbin is more than three years old, get a new one**, regardless of how intact it appears to look. Bobbins have to dissolve like an aspirin pill when they come in contact with water, which is how the device activates itself, so don't mess around with out-of-date equipment.

If your vest has a safety harness, check the stitching, inspect the D-ring that clips to your tether, and be sure the whistle is still present (as well as an operational strobe light, if you've installed one). Be sure the bladder is intact without tears or holes, and the oral inflating tube and reflective tape are in good shape.

Most vests have "care instructions" sewn inside the fabric cover that will cover all of this in detail and, especially important, will provide the part number for the re-arming kit you may need to purchase that will contain the cylinder, bobbin and other replacement parts. Cylinders come in a variety of sizes, diameters and thread patterns specific to each model of life jacket. Some vests also need pins or "pills" to activate. Always use the exact model of re-arming kit intended for your specific model of vest

Single-point visual inspection window on most of the Automatic Inflatable vest. 1F type inflator. Green means the CO2 canister is charged and a bobbin is in place.

Inflate the vest, as before, with the oral inflation tube. Leave it inflated for at least 16 hours. Consider giving the vest a quick wash in warm soapy water, followed by a rinse with fresh water, especially if you're a salt-water boater, since salt is just as gritty and corrosive to life vests as to other boating gear. You can also perform the leak test by submerging your vest in a bathtub or sink, and check it for pinhole leaks.

When you've finished, hang the vest up to dry in a well-ventilated location that's out of direct sunlight. After it dries, deflate it using the small tool attached to the oral inflation tube, carefully squeezing out all the air so the device will fold compactly enough to fit back into its cover. Then re-arm your PFD with the bobbin and CO2 cylinder (both of which have not yet reached their expiration dates) and re-pack the vest according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Now, with the Service Indicator showing green, you can wear your life vest with confidence. The point of inflatable life vests, and what makes them worth these extra maintenance chores, is their comfort, light weight and ease of use. **The best life vest, after all, is the one you will wear, whenever you're on the water.**

Info from article written by Tom Burden, Last updated 12/17/2018 from West Marine "The West Advisor"



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North Olympic Women on the Water (NOWW)

Many thanks to all who attended NOWW's first planning meeting. Four women from the Port Angeles Yacht Club also came. Between the two groups, we expect to have a healthy turnout for each event.

Some of the best news is that we will be able to use the Port Angeles Yacht Club for some of our activities.

Discussed were when to hold some of the sessions. Some could be spur of the moment, particularly before, during, or after a scheduled cruise.

As part of our fund-raising campaign to continue to offer scholarships, we plan to hold at least one potluck/dance either shortly before or after a few of the cruises.



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Come for the Boating Education. Stay for the friends

Did you know that you can find the names, addresses and emails for all current members within our website? The first one lists names, addresses, emails, and telephone numbers which is titled "Printable Roster." Next is a roster with only names, email addresses and

telephone numbers titled "Roster At-a-Glance." And the third is a list of Boat Names and Owners.

This month I am asking each of you to check these rosters to make sure the information is correct. First, go to our website, www.northolympicboaters.com and click on "Members" in the banner across the middle of the page. Once there, you will need the "Members Only" password which was in your new member packet. (Or ask any of the membership committee folks listed below.) After entering your password, open each of the rosters and check to make sure your information is correct.

Current addresses are vital so that members receive notification of any meeting, class or event that NOSPS may be holding or other items of importance. If you find errors, please drop an email to any of the Membership Committee folks listed below.

The Boat Names and Owners list has not been updated in some time, so please let us know about your boat so that we can list it.

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If you have questions concerning membership, including renewal of your dues, drop an email to any one of us on the membership team. Always watch our website: www.northolympicboaters.com for answers to questions or contact:

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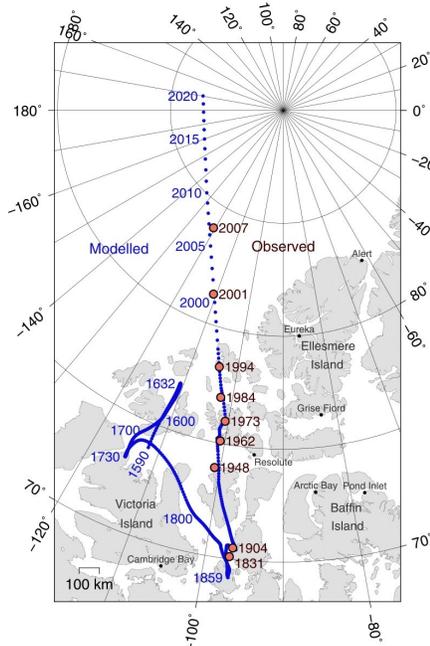
Cruzin' Corner

In January this year, we took Blue Heron over to the San Juan Islands. We had calm water in the Strait. The weather required only a light jacket. Friday Harbor offers after 4 nights stay a free night in the off season so we used our free night. At Jones Island the ramp was removed for the season so we tied up to a mooring ball. When we arrived at Reid Harbor, Stuart Island we were the only boat which was nice until a 40 footer tied up next to us. As we slowly passed by the south end of Spieden Island we stopped and enjoyed watching several eagles perched and perhaps as many as 200 wildlife, including Mouflon sheep, Sika and Fallow deer. We carefully monitored the weather before and during our cruise, knowing the weather can change fast. We headed home on the 27th and about 10 miles out of Sequim with Nila at the helm, some Dall dolphins surfaced alongside and followed us for a distance.



Just 11 days later the great snow storm hit Sequim and we were snowed in for 4 days before being dug out.

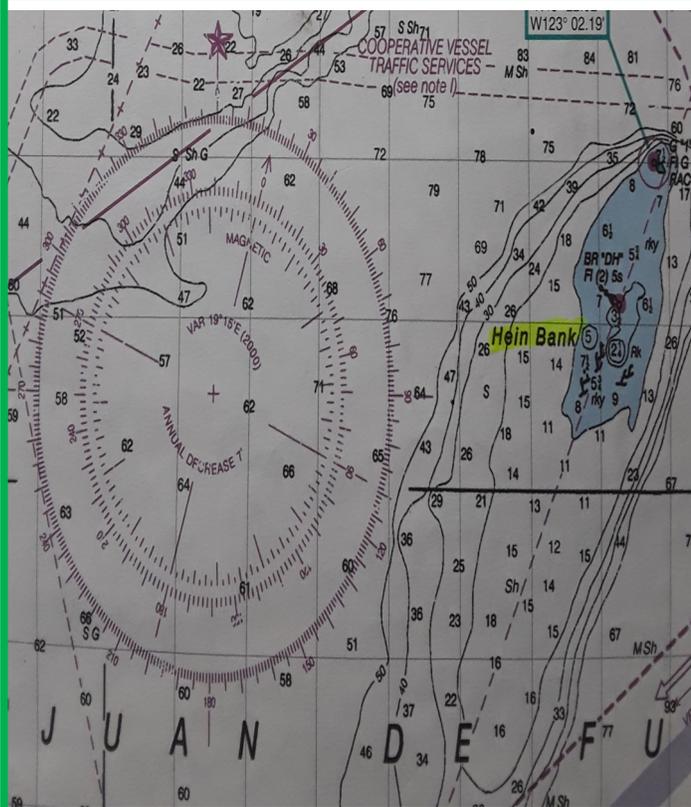
One of the great things about being members of NOSPS is the classes and clinics where we learn and gain confidence about cruising the waters of the Pacific Northwest. The weather is one of the things we must know. Understanding the valuable tools available we can predict the tides and currents which dictate when we leave or arrive at certain destinations. The wind dictates if we go.



By extension, in our in our Piloting and Advanced Piloting classes we learn about charting our courses and navigating with the use of the magnetic compass.

Because our charts are based on True North we learn how about Variation (or Deviation) TVM of the magnetic north pole.

We have learned “that the Earth’s magnetic field is generated by currents in the Earth’s liquid iron outer core...at least 1800 miles beneath our feet.” “It is true that the magnetic north pole is currently moving....towards Siberia at a rate of almost 40 miles per year.”



“...we know that the magnetic poles wander regularly and erratically.” In our Piloting classes we learn how to read our charts and how to use the Compass Rose which shows the magnetic and true directions. On this chart near Hein Bank is a Compass Rose and in the center is the “Var 19° 15’ E (2000) Annual Decrease 7’ which means the magnetic variation in 2000 was 19° East, but it is decreasing at an annual rate of 7’ annually. Now in 2019 the variation should be approximately 18° East.

(the information above was adapted from an article MAGNETIC NORTH IS ON THE MOVE!! (and why we shouldn't worry) posted by Waggoner Guest) see the full article at <https://waggonerguide.com/magneticnorthonthemove>

With March now here, it is time to get our boats ready for cruising. Our first NOSPS scheduled cruise is the 6 day Frost Bite Cruise, weather permitting scheduled for March 25-31st where we have port of calls to Friday Harbor (San Juan Island), Deer Harbor (Orcas Island), Reid Harbor (Stuart Island) and Garrison Bay (San Juan Island). In January we held a pre-cruise meeting to go over this and the other 6 scheduled cruises throughout 2019. At that meeting 7 boats have interest in going on the Frost Bite Cruise. We will be holding a pre-cruise meeting about 10 days prior to departure to make plans, discuss options and begin to watch the weather close. If you did not have the chance to attend the January meeting, check out the Cruise Schedule and Cruising Guide on the NOSPS website <http://northolympicboaters.com> by clicking on the CRUISING tab. You can still sign up for this or any of the other cruises either on-line or by contacting me directly.

We had a contest for a free copy of the 2019 Waggoners Cruising Guide and 2019 Ports and Passes. We are going to modify this contest by any one that signed up either on-line, direct contact to me or on the sign-up sheet at the January pre-cruise meeting or the sign up sheet that will be at the March dinner meeting, we will have a drawing of those that signed up for a winner that night.

One of the great cruises each year is the Telegraph Harbor joint cruise with the PAYC over Memorial Day weekend. It is 3 days of fun games, dock parties, BBQ and a chance to get to know other boaters.

This year the PAYC has donated a Crewsaver brand PFD for a grand prize, but you have to be there and take part in the activities. Come and join!





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2019 CRUISE-ACTIVITIES GUIDE AND SCHEDULE

DATES	DAYS	NAME OF CRUISE-ACTIVITY	CAPTAIN
MARCH 25-31st	6 days	Frost Bite Cruise – San Juan Is.	NOSPS
April 9th-12th	4 days	Shake Down Cruise	Ted Shanks (SBYC)
April 22-29th	8 days	San Juan Islands – short cruise	NOSPS
May 6 th	1 day	Sequim Bay State Park BBQ & OTW	Ted Shanks (SBYC)
May 20 th -June 11 th	23 days	Vancouver Is. Telegraph Harbor Rendezvous & Desolation Sound	Wendy Schmidt (PAYC)
June 8-9 th	2 days	PA Maritime Festival	PAYC
June 22-28th	8 days	D-16 Rendezvous	NOSPS
July TBD	7 days	DUDES CRUISE	NOSPS
Aug TBD	11 days	Vancouver City or South Sound	NOSPS
Sep 7 th	1 day	NOSPS Picnic	NOSPS
Sep 9-20th	11 days	Desolation Sound/Chatterbox Falls	NOSPS
Sep 21 st	1 day	Sequim Waterfront Day	
Oct 2-4th	3 days	Victoria – Sidney	SBYC
Oct 5 th	1 day	NOSPS Saturday Clinic	NOSPS

Note: This is still a work in progress. All dates and places may change. The dates though have been coordinated to try coordinate, accommodate and avoid previously scheduled activities. Please contact Ray Madsen rwmadsen@gmail.com for more information. Cruises are in Red



CROSSING THE BORDER

Some of the most beautiful boating in the world is in our own backyard and the further north we go, the more beautiful and exciting it becomes, which means crossing the border into Canadian waters.

If you do not have a passport, now is the time to get one. If

you do have a passport, consider getting a NEXUS card or I68 for easier entry into Canadian and US waters.

Also as of 31 August 2018 U.S. Custom and Border Protection has come out with a new APP for your smart phone called CBP ROAM that will allow you to check into with the U.S. Customs and Border Patron using your smart phone.

Our squadron Website northolympicboaters.com CRUISING section has been updated with a lot of new information. Check it out and keep coming back as the website will be our primary way of keeping you informed with updated and new information and tips. To register for the cruises, to ask questions or provide any suggestions, use the Contact Form by clicking 2019 Schedules. You can also download to view and print the 2019 preliminary Cruising Schedule and Guide. *This Schedule and Guide will change as the Cruising Committee work out details of dates and places.*



NEPTUNE'S CORNER By Bob and Sandy Stem



Pipe Dream



Bob, Sandy & Pepper

When we married in 2006, we lived north of Spokane in Deer Park, WA. We went to Hawaii for our honeymoon and enjoyed snorkeling. While snorkeling, Bob saw scuba divers below him and thought about getting certified in scuba diving. We got scuba certified in 2007.

While visiting Bob's brother Don Stem and wife Deta in Sequim, we became interested in moving to Sequim. The 95 inches of snow in Deer Park, WA that winter and the closeness to more scuba diving opportunities in Sequim lead us to look for property in Sequim. We bought a wooded lot with a well and built a shop and moved to Sequim in June of 2009. We lived in our 24 foot trailer with our dog and 2 cats. We built a house and moved into it in August of 2010.

Our boating in Sequim started with a 19' Bayliner runabout, which we used for crabbing, fishing and scuba diving.

Don and Deta Stem introduced us to the NOSPS in 2011. We went to the Seattle Boat Show and decided to buy a new 21' Trophy fishing boat. We had a lot of fun fishing, crabbing and diving with that boat. We even took it to the San Juan Islands a few times.

We both took many NOSPS boating education classes and decided we wanted to get a cruising boat to be able to enjoy the NOSPS cruises. Don and Deta had been going to Alaska every year in their 37' Nordic Tug and we hoped that we could join them. In July of 2016 we purchased a 32' Bayliner with twin 150 hp diesel engines. We found the boat and purchased it from another USPS member while at the Poulsbo Rendezvous. Sandy retired from her job in April 2017 and we took off in the boat headed for Alaska, following Don and Deta. We had a great trip as far as Shearwater, BC. We turned around because of oil gauge problems. Our trip was 27 days up and back and we had a great time and learned a lot. We have enjoyed many cruises to various destinations since that time.

I (**Bob**) grew up in a small town near the coast in northern California. After graduating from college I went in the Army and served for three years including one year in Viet Nam as a crew chief on a Medivac helicopter. When I got out of the military I went back to school and earned an MA degree in art. I later opened a pottery shop in Phoenix which I had for five years. Having sold my pottery business I moved to Montana where I returned to school and earned a BS degree in education and a Montana teaching certificate. I taught everything from kindergarten through college level.

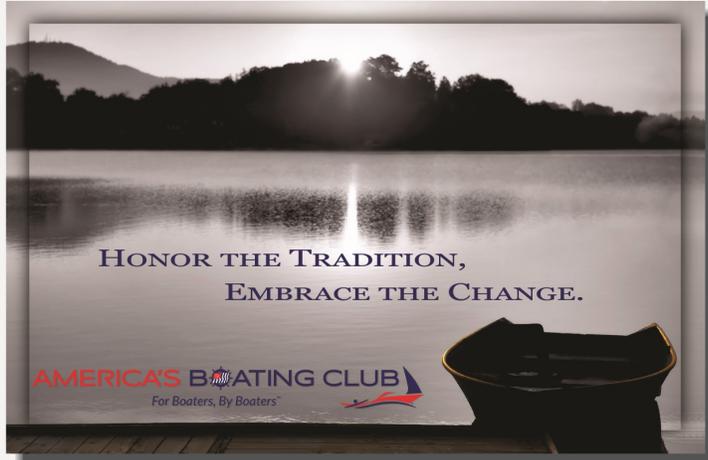
While living in Montana I took advantage of all the hunting and fishing opportunities that wonderful state offered and for about ten years had a 600 acre ranch and raised cattle and horses. During the summers I worked for an outfitter packing fishermen into the Bob Marshall wilderness with horses and mules. After twenty five years of teaching I retired and became a full time artist. I left Montana in 2005 and was lucky enough to meet Sandy.

Growing up in California our family was very involved in water sports and fishing. At one time we had four boats (not counting a life raft). I built a hydroplane when I was in high school. My brother and I had a sail boat (it was actually a surfboard with a sail). We also had a 21 foot cabin cruiser and an aluminum fishing boat. Needless to say we enjoyed a lot of time boating. After leaving home I owned everything from a canoe, several fishing boats to the 32 foot cruiser we now have.

As a member of NOSPS I was able to learn from all the great courses that the group offers and have taken many of the courses several times. NOSPS also has allowed me to make some great friends and visit places that I would never have seen otherwise.

Sandy grew up in eastern Washington and raised two children with her first husband on a small farm north of Spokane. We had cattle, horses, chickens, and sheep; leased and operated a dairy and grew hay and grain. I worked for the City of Spokane for 28 years, as an accounting clerk. My boating experience was limited to fishing in an aluminum boat on lakes in Washington and northern Idaho.

We have enjoyed several trips to tropical diving destinations. Our first dive in warm water was in Cozumel Mexico. It was heavenly! We have since gone to Bonaire, Fiji, Isla Mujeres Mexico, and several trips to Hawaii. In Fiji, the "Coral capital of the world," the sea life was abundant, the corals are beautiful and the shark dive was amazing! We have had memorable dives in Hawaii, seeing whales and diving with manta rays. In conclusion, we spend our retirement boating, traveling to tropical scuba destinations and making frequent visits to Spokane to see the kids and 6 grandkids.



District 16 Spring Conference

Friday, March 8th and
Saturday, March 9th 2019

Bellevue Hilton

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

Boehm's Candy Factory tour in Issaquah. Transportation leaves hotel at 1230.

Continue afternoon tour with a trip to view beautiful Snoqualmie Falls.

Cost \$30 (includes admission to Boehm's and transportation)

OR

"Walk on the Wild Side" guided tour led by Susan Tarpley, Everett's own naturalist.

Tour group will carpool to Mercer Slough and begin an interpretative walk of approximately 1.5 hour.

Walk is rated as EASY. Dress for outdoors, wear hiking boots / shoes. Bring your binoculars, water, field guides and explorers inquisitiveness. Will cancel if high winds and very cold temps occur.

Meet in lobby 1215

Cost - One Smile

Group size limited to 15

OR

Shop 'til you drop. Visit Bellevue Square and the Shops at the Bravern. Transportation provided by hotel shuttle.

FRIDAY EVENING

Get ready to party! Wear your comfy clothes to a D16 picnic with adult beverages at a no host bar and entertainment led by Seattle's AO Robert Dahlin.

Join in for an Old Fashioned Cake Walk made new... D16 Wine Walk

Cost \$10 (guaranteed to win a great bottle of wine)

Caution! Laughing and having fun is required.

Sign up for Per-conference Events on PayPal
at www.everettsailandpowersquadron.com

See You There!



NOMINATION FOR THE COW BRIDGE MEMBERS

The Nomination Committee consists of the three Past Commanders Ray Madsen, Tom O’Laughlin and Sandy Thomas with the immediate Past Commander as the Nomination Chair. As required by our By-Laws, the Nomination Committee has asked the following individuals to serve as members of the NOSPS Bridge and was presented to the NOSPS members at the January business dinner meeting.

At the March business dinner meeting they will be presented for your sustaining vote:

As Commander, Nila Madsen
As Executive Officer, Ken Williams
As Administration Officer, Steve Allen

Other Bridge Members as presently constituted:
Education Officer – Duane Webb
Assistant Education Officer – Randy Blackburn-Lappin
Secretary – Randy Soderstram
Treasurer- Jan Jones
Members-at-large - Martin Cahoon, Sally Caulkins, John Hauck

Raymond Madsen, AP-IN
NOSPS Nomination Chair

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Jan Jones, N.

Asst. Treasurer
Alayne Fellows, P

Asst. Education Officer
Randy Blackburn-Lappin, ASEO

Members-At-Large
Sally Calkins
Martin Calhoon
John Hauck

Past Commander
Ray Madsen, AP

Committees:

Audit
Tom O'Laughlin, SN

Law Officer
Bob Bond, SP

Photographer
Suzy Webb, S
Duane Webb, N

Safety Officer
Suzy Webb

Budget & Finance
Sandy Stem, P-Chair
Alayne Fellows, P
Jan Jones, N

Liaison Officers
Ray Thomas, JN
Ted Shanks, SN
Steve DeBiddle, AP

Port Captain
Randy Blackburn-Lappin
Ted Shanks, SN

Ship Store
Jan Jones, N

Telephone
Penny Cahoon

Chaplin
Richard Schoel

Marketing/Public Relations
Nila Madsen, P

Planning
Guy Bear, SN
Sandy Thomas, AP
Ray Thomas, JN

Vessel Safety Examiners

Co-op Charting
volunteer needed

Member Orientation
Sandy Thomas, AP
Membership Team

Tom O'Laughlin, SN
Mike Witkin, AP
Ted Shanks, SN
Torben Blichfeld, SN

Bob Stem, AP
Doug Schwarz, SN
Ted Shanks, SN
Tom Foley, S
Torben Blichfeld, SN
Bob Bond, AP (CH)

Cruise Planning
Ray Madsen

Education
Duane Webb, SN- SEO
Randy Blackburn-Lappin, JN
Randy Roberts, P
Gordon Bilyard, AP,-ABC

Membership
Sandy Thomas, AP
Karen Mahalick
Sally Calkins, AP

Property Officer
Jan Jones, N

Webmaster
Nila Madsen, P

Historian
Volunteer needed

Merit Marks
Ted Shanks, SN

Radio/Technical
Bruce Cutting, AP

Women's Program
Audrea Williams (CH)
Sandy Thomas, AP

Nominating
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NOSPS MARCH DINNER MEETING

**When: Monday March 11, 2019 at Cedars at Dungeness, Banquet Room
1965 Woodcock Rd., Sequim
Happy Hour begins @ 1700 (5:00 pm)
Dinner will begin around 1800 (6:00 pm)
Presenter: @19:15 (7:15 pm)**

**Menu: Pan seared Chicken Breast nestled in a Buttery Lemon Caper Sauce. Served with Vegetables,
Mashed Potatoes, Caesar Salad, Rolls, Butter and Cake for dessert
\$25 per person**

Next Executive Board Meeting

**When: Monday March 11, 2019 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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