

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



of the *North Olympic Peninsula*



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Happy
Valentine's
Day



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Thursday, February 2nd will be District 16's Annual Meeting and Change of Watch. Announcement of a Zoom link will come out the week before the meeting. Also, there may be another meeting beforehand to discuss the By-law changes but I have no information on that yet. I'll let everyone know as soon as I hear. Our next formal squadron meeting will be held at the Port Angeles Yacht Club on February 13th. The guest speaker will be Chris Boyd. Read the Admin Officer's article for more information about our monthly meeting.

This winter so far has been a great time to take short day cruises to explore places we haven't been before. My wife and I had never been to Mystery Bay on Marrowstone Island and planned to go when the weather and tides cooperated for a perfect trip. On Friday, January 20, the weather and tides appeared ideal and we set off from John Wayne Marina with our friend Diane Lacy at 10:00 a.m. We arrived at the entrance to Mystery Bay about an hour before high tide and found it somewhat challenging with all the twists and turns in the channel. By closely observing the chart plotter and depth gauge it quickly became apparent that if you simply headed directly from one buoy to the next there would be a strong likelihood of running aground. However, we successfully maneuvered all the twists and turns and had a marvelous time and explored all of Mystery Bay, Kilisut Harbor, and Scow Bay. The weather was sunny with temperatures in the upper 40's to mid 50's. Overall, the trip was an excellent time to become comfortable with my boat's handling characteristics.

I encourage others to take advantage of this good weather for what Diane calls a pre-shake-down cruise to the spring shake-down cruise.

Next steps will be to install a swim ladder and crane the first of February to increase our boat's ability to get a person overboard out of the water successfully and safely. Then we'll be off for more day trips to familiarize ourselves with our wonderful and unique water environment.

Stay warm and dry as we wait for another cruising year ahead.

Bellevue—Bellingham—Bremerton—Deception Pass—Everett—Friday Harbour—North Olympic

North Star — Olympia — Point Wilson — Poverty Bay — Seattle — Skagit Bay — Spokane — Tacoma



Tom Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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The Mary James

I have been out of the area for the holidays.

I must say upon return how truly lucky we are to live here in the North Olympic Peninsula. My sinuses are a lot happier with our moist air. Life is just easy here. Day to day errands are down in minutes versus half days of the city. We've had some gorgeous days here in January.

Yes! it was time to get The Mary James out and stretch her sea legs. Cool crisp winter days are great on the water. The weather, wind, wave, current apps need viewed by the hour this time of year but there are some great weather windows! Logs are another matter. There's a lot of them so going is slow.

Have fun! Be safe! And keep your eyes open.

Again I like to thank all those involved in the education classes. They are the backbone of our group. It's nice to see the classes have started live again!

Look for those weather windows and capture a few moments on the water this winter!



Karen Mahalick

Membership Chair

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MEMBERSHIP

Come for the Boating Education.

Stay for the friends



We welcomed aboard the Sisk family in January; Roderic, Wendy and Catherine. Bernie Armstrong influenced them to join and Roderic is taking advantage of the \$70.00 membership price for the Engine Maintenance class. Non members pay \$140.00. Their boat is the Nordic Rose, docked at John Wayne Marina. If you see them on board stop and say hello.



DIANE LACY

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Magic Carpet—>



Yeah, it's the New Year, we've turned the corner to the lengthening sunlight and occasional glimpses of spring weather!

The December Holiday Turkey Potluck came off very well, despite imminent weather that caused some folks to use caution and stay home. Many thanks to the folks who helped, **Judy Armstrong** wasn't able to attend due to you-know-what, but her son, **Sean** came to the club the day before and 'spatch-cooked' all the turkeys - and we used her 'Herbed Mayonnaise Basted Turkey' recipe which was terrific! **Andrea Williams** and **Sally Calkins** helped with the set-up, tracking the members' payments and clean-up, augmented by **Tom O'Laughlin** who stayed late leaving the kitchen like we were never there! And special thanks to **Paul Kolesnikoff** who was stellar in coordinating the event and complying with the PAYC venue policies.

Our speaker **Chris Boyd** was also unable to attend due to an emergency....*which* leads me to our February General Meeting event, where he will be our speaker on his single-handed Great Loop adventure.



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING DINNER

Where: Port Angeles Yacht Club

Speaker: Chris Boyd

Date: Monday, February 13th

Time: 5:30 – 6:00 Social Time, 6:00 Dinner

CATERED BY SERGIO'S HACIENDA

MENU, BUFFET STYLE

Selection of Enchiladas, Tacos, Burritos

Beans, Rice, Chips/Salsa

Cost: \$22/PP

VERY IMPORTANT:

RSVP by February 6th! To:

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BERNIE ARMSTRONG
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ABC of NOP Education Update

Please visit your ABC of NOP website, to learn what is happening and join in.

In education news, we have two courses in progress. Ray Mahalick and Ken Barnaby are presenting Engine Maintenance Tuesdays 10:00 am at the Port Angeles Yacht Club. Engine Maintenance has seven students attending. Bernie Armstrong is presenting Marine Navigation (Piloting), also at the Port Angeles Yacht Club on Thursday Evenings at 7:00 pm. Marine Navigation has four students.

January's Clinic was a presentation on GPS and AIS, covering a history of the development of GPS, then a discussion of AIS (Automatic Identification System), what it does and the value of having it on your boat. The presentation also discussed types of AIS units, costs and installation considerations.

Coming February 4th will be a great clinic on Composite Materials Repair. It will be extensive and provide an opportunity for hands on learning. If you've ever suffered damage to your boat and discovered the true meaning of a "Boat Buck" (1 Boat Buck = \$1000), you may want to attend this clinic. Randy Blackburn-Lappin will be your guide for this excellent experience. If you wish to attend the clinic, please let me know at seo.abcofnop@gmail.com.

Composite Repair Clinic Feb 4th and Mar 4th at 10:00am

Are you a boat owner who wants to know how to fix the scratches, dents or holes in your cherished vessel? If so, America's Boating Club and Port Angeles Yacht Club are presenting a clinic on repairing and refinishing damage to composite materials. The clinic will be held in two sessions, February 4th and March 4th 10:00 am at the **Port Angeles Yacht Club** and promises to be informative and entertaining.

To cover the cost of materials, there will be a \$10 charge to cover both sessions. If you wish to attend, please email seo.abcofnop@gmail.com or text 602-743-5041 and provide your name. There are only 24 seats available, so don't delay!

USPS PLEDGE

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Judy Armstrong

Cruise Director

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Calling all cruisers and those who
want to be cruisers!

See You in
Spring of '23:

Please watch for our scheduled cruises next month !



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other than .doc, .docx, .jpg,
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7. All pictures are to be submitted as .jpg format
8. Run "spell check" before submitting your article

Thank you for your cooperation in making my task a lot easier and go a little faster!

FREE - 2023 Vessel Safety Checks are available & a great way to get ready for an enjoyable & safe boating season.

Please visit the following link, to learn more & make a reservation for a courtesy VSC on your boat.

<https://northolympicboaters.com/civic/vessel-safety/>

Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you from your squadron

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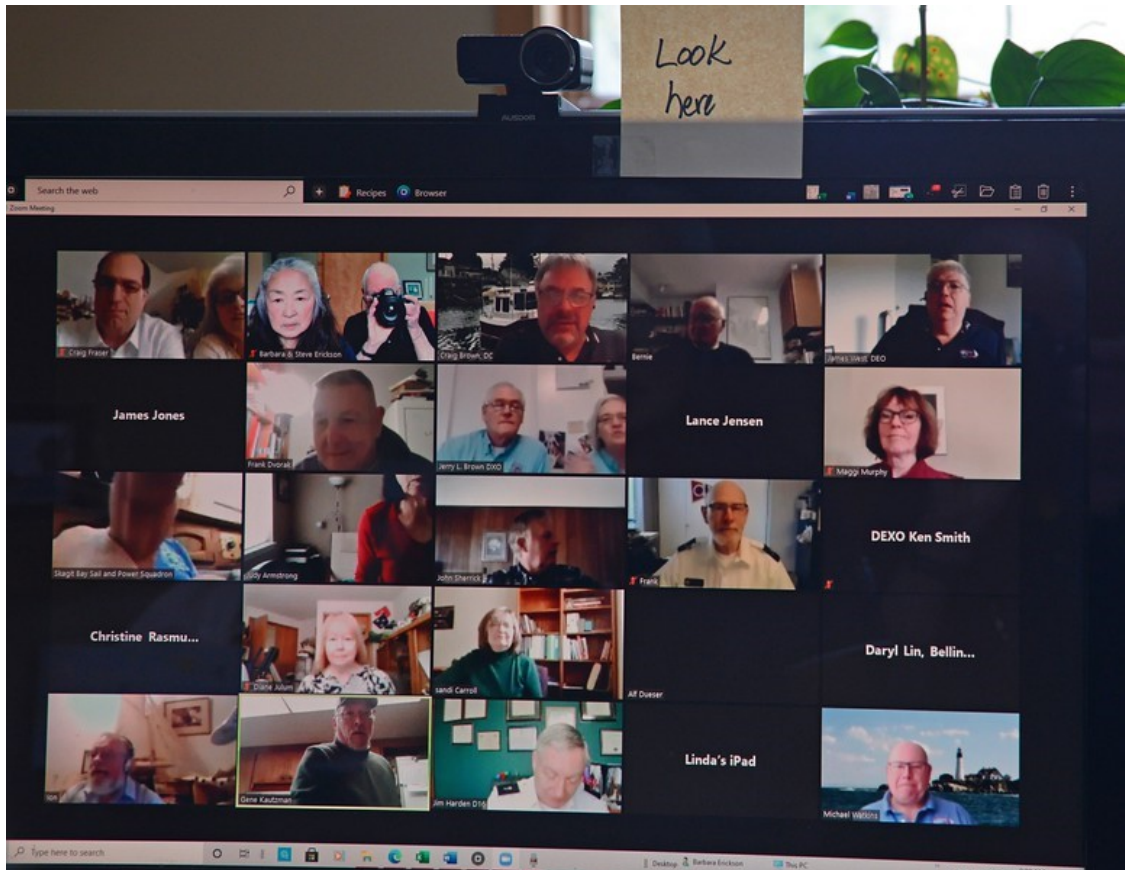
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Does this look familiar?

2022 Spring Conference and Change of Watch
happened on Zoom!



SAVE THE DATE!

In-person at the Port of Everett

2023 DISTRICT 16 SPRING CONFERENCE AND
CHANGE OF WATCH

Saturday, 11 March 2023

Stay tuned, more details to follow soon!

SAVE THE DATE!

9—11 JUNE 2023

POULSBO DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS

2022 rendezvous, the Bridge + P/D/C Jim Harden prepared breakfast—pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages for everyone!



Everyone is waiting for your arrival!

Or maybe they are practicing tossing the life ring to a drowning person.



SWAP and SHOP

If you have an item or items you would like to sell?
Please send the information to our Editor Alayne Fellows
and she will list it here!

NEW

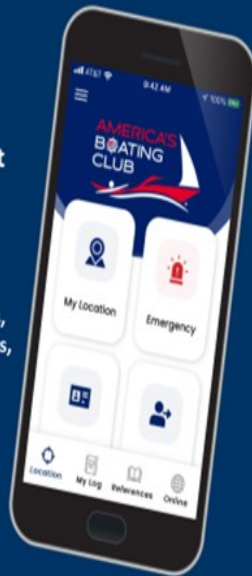
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Each new member is assigned a membership number.

That number is on your membership certificate.

SAVE IT!!

You need it to enroll in courses

Also you are given a Pin number.

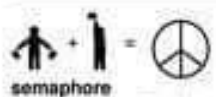
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SAVE IT!!

phonetic alphabet

A alpha	B bravo	C charlie
D delta	E echo	F foxtrot
G golf	H hotel	I india
J juliett	K kilo	L lima
M mike	N november	O oscar
P papa	Q quebec	R romeo
S sierra	T tango	U uniform
V victor	W whiskey	X xray
Y yankee	Z zulu	

With this NATO alphabet chart you will no longer use "M as In Mancy" during a support call with your mom, or while defusing a bomb.



semaphore
Pre-electronic flag letter signals for naval communication represented in a circle. The peace sign was created by combining the letters N (Nuclear) and D (Disarmament).



international morse code
The world's first digital code. The length of each letter's code corresponds to the frequency of that letter's usage in Morristown, New Jersey's newspaper in 1837.



international code of signals
These maritime flags are used to visually communicate letters and messages while maintaining radio silence.

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Bruce Cutting

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Carl Zetterberg

Bridge Meeting

Monday February 6, 2023 08:30 am

Sequim Bay Yacht Club

All members are welcome to attend

**February General Meeting
Port Angeles Yacht Club**

**Monday February 13th, 2023
5:30 PM-6:00 pm Social Time, 6:00 PM Dinner**

**Catered by: Sergio's Hacienda
Buffet Style menu of
Enchiladas, Tacos, Burritos, Beans, Rice, Chips & Salsa
Cost: \$22.00 per person**

**Very Important: RSVP by February 6th to:
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