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April 9th



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Commander

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As I close my tenure as your Commander I am deeply saddened by the passing of Jim Jones, who has been a long-time member and past Commander of the North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron. He will be greatly missed.

This past year we started to leave the pandemic behind and again meet in person. We tried to learn your interests and your expectations in order to make the squadron more relevant to you. We sent out surveys and made a few changes with the hope of encouraging members to become more active, but unfortunately that did not pan out as anticipated. Only a few members returned the surveys and meetings continued to have low turnouts.

This past year nationally ten squadrons passed out of existence due to low numbers of members. Will ours be next? If that happens, where will we get the best information for local knowledge of our waterways and the best places to go? It's up to us to sink or swim.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Commander this past year.

Here is the 2023-2024 Proposed Bridge Commander: Ray Mahalick Executive Officer: Tom Fitzpatrick Administrative officer: Diane Lacy w/ Chuck Sullivan Treasurer: Jan Jones Education Officer: Bernie Armstrong Secretary: Karen Mahalick Members at Large: **Doug Schwarz** Open Open

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The Mary Jane

It seems as spring is trying to arrive. There are certainly sunnier days and the plants are getting happier. It's the time to get the boats ready and prepared for the season. That feels good !!

The winter did have on the water opportunities fishing in Canada. However, the 35 degree days with a little breeze that makes it feel about 20 makes me appreciate the boating and fishing season coming up. Even the 45 degree days feel good now.

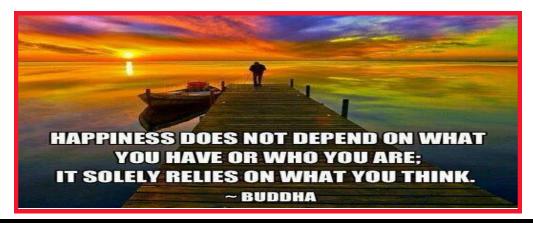
It was interesting on these excursions the number of times The Mary James was boarded or stopped by a variety of enforcement services doing their job. These included the Canadian police, Canadian fisheries and US Coast Guard. It got to a point where I thought I was going to know them all on a first name basis. One thing stood out in each of these occurrences. That was the gratitude I have for those in our organization that devote their time and service to the boat inspections . I could relax as they checked out The Mary James knowing she had been vessel safety checked. It is nice to have these fine service personal of the Coast Guard and Enforcement on the water daily but we are all fortunate to have the members that devote time to inspection and preparedness.

Our organization struggles for members and its survival. Most of us are of the old guard. We are used to clubs, service groups and organizations being of service, volunteerism and human to human interaction as the way we were programmed in our professions. We can pretty much say the younger generations do not share the same approach where interacting is more via Cell Phones and social media.

Hopefully we all together derive a model of interaction, Education, Sharing, and Communication that bridges the generations. We can all start by providing input, volunteering, being of service, and enjoying our dinners.

There are bout 67 of us now. We can get a lot done if we all chip in.

Let's get out on the water and capture some moments.





We are one month closer to summertime cruising and coming to the end of our NOSPS calendar of events.

Our final General Meeting Dinner and the Change of Watch will be Monday, **April 10th** with **Stymies** as the planned venue. We have 20 RSVPs and hopefully we'll have enough to meet the banquet group minimum.



"Sailors, with their built-in sense of order, service, and discipline, should really be running the world."

USPS PLEDGE

I do solemnly pledge to: Abide by the bylaws 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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BERNIE ARMSTRONG Education Officer

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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 that have recently completed. Ray Mahalick and Ken Barnaby presented Engine Maintenance Tuesdays 10:00 am at the Port Angeles Yacht Club. Engine Maintenance had seven students.

Bernie Armstrong presented Marine Navigation (Piloting), also at the Port Angeles Yacht Club on Thursday Evenings at 7:00 pm. Marine Navigation had four students.

Final exams have completed and are awaiting grading. We hope to have results soon.

The second half of Randy Blackburn-Lappin's great clinic on Composite Materials Repair was held March 4th. The second half focused on finishing the repairs that attendees began in the February 4th session.

We are hoping to present four courses this fall after everyone is back from cruising. It will depend on participation of our instructors and anyone who is willing to assist, and possibly even become a certified instructor.

Remember our informal motto, "Come for the Education and Stay for the Friends."

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

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

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MEMBERSHIP Come for the Boating Education. Stay for the friends

We have 67 active members as of the 25th of March; Notice the chart of how our members are listed at the National level. Single unit members are those individuals who did not join with a family member.

Family unit members are the primary members and their family unit members.

We do not have any new members to report this month.

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Current Members Only



Spring has sprung-Our thoughts are for peace !





Judy Armstrong

Cruise Director

Ahoy cruisers and potential cruisers!

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It is that time of year again, when we start daydreaming about relaxing on our boats in summer's most beautiful ports of call. Perhaps we are also thinking of docktails with other friendly boaters at the end of a day's passage. Well, have we got a deal for you.

Generally, in pre-Covid times, both local yacht clubs and our ABC squadron would publish a list of group cruises for each year's boating season. A season that is now fast upon us. The Port Angeles Yacht Club has put together their schedule, which is included in this month's Strait Lines. I have not yet heard from Sequim Bay Yacht Club, but will send out an update when theirs becomes available.

As for our group, last year we had participants for our pre-shakedown cruise in early April and some of our members participated in the P.A. Yacht Club sponsored Memorial Day Cruise, but things kind of fell apart after that. Boaters showed interest, but schedules did not align for either of the planned South Sound cruises.

So, this year Bernie and I have some cruising dates planned and destinations in mind. We are happy to have others join us on any or all ventures. We are also putting out this request for any other cruisers who are planning for this summer's boating and would like to captain a group cruise. (If this is you, contact me at: <u>cruising.nosps@gmail.com</u>)

Bernie and I are planning the following:

April 14th – 24th San Juan Islands

June 1st – July 10th north through the Canadian Gulf Islands and east Vancouver Island then where ever our fancy takes us.

August - At least two weeks in the South Sound

Fall – Somewhere between September 15th and October 7th a baseball cruise to a weekday Mariner's game, with 2-3 nights at Bell Harbor Marina. (It is easier to book a group at Bell Harbor after Labor Day on weekdays.)

If we have any boaters interested in joining us, we will firm up our itinerary and call the Marina's for group space availability. We generally alternate our nights between state and provincial parks, anchorages, and marinas; hitting a marina every 3rd or 4th night for showers, laundry, and provisions. Meanwhile, get your boats tuned up, your chart and current books out, and start your wish list of cruising destinations.





PAYC 2023 Cruise Schedule

Pre-Shakedown Short Cruise > April 8th - 11th

a) Sequim Bay, Townsend (Mystery Bay or Point Hudson)

Shakedown Cruise > April 22th – April 30th

a) Destination Ports – Garrison Bay (anchor)/or Roche Harbor Marina, Stuart Island or Sucia Island, Deer Harbor Marina, Friday Harbor

Memorial Day Cruise > May 20th – June 1st

- a) Destination Port Telegraph Harbour Marina, Thetis Island, B.C.
- b) Cruise will include various destinations in Canada both before after Telegraph Harbour (such as Sidney, Ganges, Mill Bay, Maple Bay, Genoa Bay, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Pender Island, Montague Harbour)

Maritime Festival Parade and Blessing of the Fleet > June 10th

- a) Opening boat parade past City Pier to open the Maritime Festival
- b) Starts at 10:00 from water in front of Yacht Club

Solstice Cruise > June 21st

- c) Overnight cruise or evening paddle to celebrate the Summer Solstice
- d) Locations and plan will be announced in early June

Mid/South Sound Cruise – June 17th – June 30th

a) Destinations – To Olympia or Tacoma and points in between (Kingston, Gig Harbor, Poulsbo, Port Townsend, Bremerton, Port Orchard)

July 4th Boat Parade

- a) Parade cruise in Port Angeles Harbor from Yacht Club along Port Angeles Waterfront
- b) BBQ and activities at PAYC after parade

San Juan Islands and Points North Cruise - July 14th - July 25th

a) Destinations – San Juans Islands

Swinomish Channel and Whidbey Cruise – September 13th – September 26nd

a) Northeast through the San Juan Islands to Anacortes, La Conner, Oak Harbor, Coupeville, Everett, Port Ludlow, Port Townsend

"To the lighthouse" - Virginia Woolf Cruise – Date TBD

- a) Day trip to Dungeness Lighthouse
- b) Anchor out your boat and hike to the lighthouse

Port Angeles City Pier "Take-Over" Events - various dates to be announced

- a) Wednesday Night Rendezvous of boats and Club members for "Concerts on the Pier"
- b) Listen to the music and socialize on the piers and boats

Navigation Rallies - various dates to be announced

- a) A boating event that will improve your boating and navigation skills
- b) Look for future announcements

Notes:

- A Cruise Planning and Captain's Meeting will be held prior to each cruise
- Participating boaters need to commit to specific cruises as soon as possible to help with marina coordination
- Each boater will make individual marina reservation, as instructed by the cruise director

Jim Jones passed away in his sleep March 19, 2023 at his home in Sequim. In his first course, the ABC taken at Hollywood Beach in Port Angeles, he met many members. He and most of the class then took the series of subjects ending with navigation under Bob Brummett and Ron Jones. Jim eventually earned the rank of senior navigator.

He was commander of our Squadron and also the District 16 power squadron. He also attended several national meetings in Orlando, Florida and San Diego, California.

Besides boating, he also enjoyed hiking, culminating in a memorable assent of Mt. Rainier with his two brothers-in-law and nephew.

Being a very active member of our Power Squadron and a Dear Friend, he will be very much missed by all of us that knew him. Jim was 83 years young. Our condolences to Jan and their family. R.I.P. Jim Jones

His Funeral is scheduled for April 14 at St Josephs in Sequim, time to be determined.



Alayne Fellows,

Please send all articles to: Email: alaynef@gmail.com

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How to send documents or articles for the Newsletter

- 1. Please have your articles to me by the 25th by 5PM. (If you are going to be late, please let me know)
- 2. Please use Calibri 12 pt front for your articles
- 3. Please Single Space lines
- 4. Indent 3 spaces with each new paragraph
- 5. Label your article with your first and last name.
- 6. Submit all articles in word format and attached to your email.
- 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!



D/16 Annual Poulsbo Rendezvous June 9 – 11, 2023



It is time once again to SAVE THE DATE for one of our favorite district events. The Poulsbo Rendezvous. The place where there is plenty of slips for boaters, the Poulsbo Inn for those who come by car, and a destination for RVers! All happening in the city of Poulsbo – known for itsfamous-and-we-can't-miss-it Sluys' Bakery! That in itself motivates considering attending this year! Being in Poulsbo brings a welcome set of memories and opportunities for new ones.

COME JOIN US!

DOCKING: Dave McBride and crew will be assisting the boats with docking *Thursday—Saturday*. Everybody is required to call in on **VHF 72**, prior to entering the marina. Even if you do not wish assistance in docking, please inform the docking crew you have arrived.

<u>REGISTRATION</u>: Friday and Saturday, rendezvous check-in will be at the multi-purpose room (pictured) located at the entrance to "E" dock. Times for registration will be posted on front of the building. You must send in the \$10.00 dock reservation fee (non-refundable) with your reservation to ensure you will have a confirmed slip. The remainder of your moorage fees (for your entire stay) must be paid directly to the Port of Poulsbo. **The reservation for your meals and moorage must be received by May 18,2023.** No guarantees for the dinner or dock space after this date.

NEW THIS YEAR! It is always good to add something new to stir things up. This year we are fortunate to have two new items!

- A Co-op Charting Adventure led by Dave McBride that will feature the search for geodetic markers and a navigational aid component. Opportunity to learn about this fun, adventurous, and rewarding skill!
- A "Share the Wealth" Silent Auction! This auction will provide an opportunity for the squadrons and the District to earn rewards. Yes, each squadron that donates an item (\$50.00 value) for the auction will receive a share of the proceeds. It is a win-win for everyone!

FRIDAY, June 9, 2023

- **1:30pm:** Flare Shoot Training. Join Craig Brown for the Flare Shoot training session on the beach at the end of the boardwalk. This is a great opportunity to obtain "hands-on" experience with your on-board safety equipment. Don't wait until you have an emergency to figure out how to use these critical items.
- 5:30pm 7:30pm:_Attend our traditional "Dock Party" on "E" Dock." Members/Guests will setup tables and chairs (tents or covering depending on weather). Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share to this BYOB event! All alcoholic beverages must remain within the docks and cannot pass the ramp.

SATURDAY:

- 9:00am: Wake up to the smell of freshly brewed coffee and join us for pastries in the Multi-purpose building!
 10:30am Co-op Charting Adventure: Practical hands-on search for geodetic marks in the area. Join Dave McBride and Jim West at the Multi-purpose building to begin skill building in the art of geodetics! Put on your walking shoes and get ready to have fun and perform a bit of civic service!
- 1:00pm: Fire Extinguisher (real fire) practice and training at the Fire Pit.
- **3:00pm:** Man-Overboard Recovery practice heaving line throw & recover "Oscar" (the same weight & size of a person) from the water on "E Dock." Bring your life jacket.
- **5:30pm: Pre-Silent Auction.** Each squadron is asked to donate a **new** item valued at \$50.00. Bring your items to the Poulsbo Yacht Club. Raffle winners will be announced at 7:30pm.
- **6:00pm:** Make your way to the Poulsbo Yacht Club for a delicious grilled chicken breast meal! Includes baked potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, and dessert. BYOB (Water & soda will be available). All plates and utensils will be provided. Dinner cost is \$25.00 per person reserve on the Registration Form!

Your Rendezvous host this year for docking is Dave McBride, davmcb@comcast.net and

Annette Ferguson, newfy03@gmail.com for general questions!

AMERICA'S B@ATING CLUB WASHINGTON * ALASKA * IDAHO

Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: June 8-11, 2023

Registration:

Name(s): "Cell" Phone: Squadron: _____ Email:

If you are coming for any of the rendezyous events PLEASE register Registering only for events/fellowship (no moorage or meal) circle YES

All reservations must be received per below prior to May 18, 2023.

No guarantee for meals or moorage will be given after this date!!

Friday Skills: Flare shoot (fire real flares) training in afternoon (1330). On Friday because of timing of Tides.

Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB&F) "Dock Party" from 5:00-7:30+PMon "E Dock". Members/guest set up tables & chairs (and tents/covers depending on weather) at the end of "E Dock". Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres & BYOB to share with fellow district members and guests.

Saturday Coffee & Sweets: 9:00AM at the Poulsbo Marina's "party barge".

Saturday Skills:

- Co-Op Chart (Geodetic & Navigational) practice/training in morning (1030) @ multi-purpose room.
- Fire Extinguisher (real fire) practice/training in early afternoon (1300) @ Fire Pit.
- Man Overboard Recovery practice heaving line throw & recover from the water "Oscar" (the same weight & size • of a person) in afternoon (1500) @ "E Dock" To-Be-Announced. Bring your life jacket.

Saturday Evening Dinner: 6:00PM at the Poulsbo Yacht Club. Catered Grilled chicken breast, Baked potato salad, Pasta salad, Baked beans, and Dessert. BYOB (Water & soda will be available). Please note quantity eating: ___ Total Meal Amount (\$25/person):

Dietary considerations: **MOORAGE Reservations:** Pay a nonrefundable \$10 for moorage reservation prior to May 18, 2023. Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is \$1.50 per foot (30' minimum). We recommend boats are "stern in" to facilitate socializing. Please circle your "1st choice" of moor: bow in port bow in starboard stern in port stern in starboard Please circle your "2nd choice" of moor: bow in port bow in starboard stern in port stern in starboard Please circle Arrival Day: (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday) Estimated arrival time: LOA _____ Beam ____ Draft _____ Boat Name: _____ Special Considerations: (will try to accommodate) Prior to entering the marina hail "America's Boating Club" on Ch72 for docking instructions (no self-assigning slips).

Non-refundable Moorage Reservation Fee (\$10.00): \$

LODGING:

Call Poulsbo Inn @ 360-779-3921 or 360-779-9737. Reference "District 16" for group rate of \$124.60/night plus tax. Group block rate closes June 1, 2023. Make your hotel reservations early and payment directly with the hotel.

Registration form and payment must be received prior to May 18, 2023. Please Send to:

Make payment out to "USPS District 16"

TOTAL (meals + moorage): \$

D/Lt/C David McBride 22245 Veteran St NE Poulsbo, WA 98370

For Questions Contact: David McBride at davmcb@comcast.net or 360-228-6003

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and she will list it here!



Membership Number and Pin

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.

Need Pin number to access member websites.

SAVE IT!!

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America's Boating Channel Urges Use of Engine Cut-Off Devices

Are you aware of the legal requirement for using engine cut-off devices? This is a requirement that could save your **life**.









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Are you aware of the legal requirement for using engine cut-off devices? This is a requirement that could save your life.

The requirement to use an engine cut-off switch (ECOS)



took effect on April 1, 2021, and applies to all U.S. waterways, with fines of \$100, \$250, and \$500 for the first, second, and third offenses, respectively. State and local authorities may choose to enforce the law differently, but using an engine cut-off switch is now the law for qualified vessels everywhere in the United States.

The law applies to all personal watercraft and recreational boats under 26 feet with motors capable of 115 pounds of static thrust (a little under 3 horsepower). Boats not currently equipped



with an engine cut-off switch are exempt, but that grandfather clause is closing fast. Another recent federal law required manufacturers to install engine cut-off switches on all new boats starting in January 2020.

Videos are available that offer an overview of the importance of specialized safety equipment for recreational boating that will shut down the engine in an emergency such as the boat operator falling overboard. America's

Boating ChannelTM produced these videos to help viewers learn about traditional lanyard type devices, as well as the new wireless systems.

Watching videos like <u>"Engine Cut-Off Devices"</u> (<u>https://youtu.be/3J3M8dMzqTk</u>) is an excellent way for boaters to prepare for safer experiences on the water. America's Boating Channel also produced a sequel entitled <u>"Wear an ECOS"</u> (<u>https://youtu.be/i0Nu7Gu-JG0</u>). It covers differences between boating knowledge and boating skills and why it matters. Viewers learn approaches to take to improve their boating abilities.

You can follow the above links or visit <u>https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel</u> to find these and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.



Available on YouTube, America's Boating Channel offers quick and easy access to professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos. <u>America's</u> <u>Boating Channel[™]</u> is produced by the United States Power Squadrons[®] (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

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Monday April 3, 2023 08:30 am

Sequim Bay Yacht Club

All members are welcome to attend

April Change of Watch Meeting at Stymies

Monday April 10th, 2023 5:30 PM-6:00 pm Social Time, 6:00 PM Dinner

Cost: \$25.00 per person Very Important: RSVP by March 31st to: <u>ao.nosps.dlacy@gmail.com</u>



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The District 16 Web Page is at

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