AMERICA'S BATING CLUB



of the North Olympic Peninsula





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Hello all and hope most of you enjoyed some good boating weather before fall really sets in. It is a busy time for us with fishing winding down, winter crabbing starting, and harvesting and landscaping chores taking up much of our time.

It's a busy time for Our squadron as well with classes and meetings kicking off. Diane Lacy has been diligently working on venues, menus, and speakers for our upcoming membership meetings. I'm looking forward to this November meeting at the Big Elk and catching up with those of you I haven't seen recently.

This also is the time when we pull our boat and do our annual maintenance. This way we avoid the Spring rush and the "Salt Life" is ready to take my clients fishing for halibut when it opens. I actually only have one client, but the boat HAS to be ready none the less! It's work I enjoy doing and then sharing what I learn with others in class, so members don't make the same mistakes I made!

Now, I am off to the boat yard. See you at the Big Elk in November.





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The Mary James

We speak of our classes and education.

I reflect on where i would be without taking them. I probably would not still own a boat or The Mary James would still be at the dock. After 8 classes I thought I was a pretty sharp tool in the tool shed. What I did not realize that after 3 years and the fact that I need to check my drivers license each day to know my name, that we forget quickly. Thank heavens for our books and notes.

What was interesting was a couple facts imprinted in my brain. These were from side discussions in class but they govern each day out:

- 1) man over board is a silent event
- 2) in our waters one has about 30 minutes before our muscle function wanes

Another interesting fact came recently when talking to a new fellow boater. The boat he had just acquired was a 40 ft or so power boat. Happy as a lark to take her on a few spins but on occasion he noted how friendly boaters were as all were waving. Upon further exam he noted that the their waving all had the middle finger extended. Hum? What he discoved was that he had a wake behind his boat. We all have them. We have different wakes at different speeds (Thank Bernie Armstrong for that pearl). After silently laughing at this boater I now took a look at what my wake actually was at different speeds.

Now when I see a finger extended with a wave it's after I've asked how many fish they have.

Have fun, be safe and have fun!!

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.®

DIANE LACY

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Magic Carpet ->



Greetings All!

This month will be our first General Meeting and dinner event, November 14th at the Big Elk Restaurant in Sequim, with a social half-hour from 5:00-5:30 followed by dinner. Ray Mahalick, our Commander will conduct the General Meeting and our Speaker will be Ken Fowler, member of the Olympic Peninsula Paddlers Organization and the Wooden Kayak Paddlers club. Ken will discuss kayak designs, local day excursions for the beginner and those for the more experienced kayaker.

Please email an RSVP by Friday, November 10th if you plan to attend, ao.nosps.dlacy@gmail.com



The link below will take you to the Big Elk's page for their 'Classic' dinner menu - at the dropdown list, there are also the menus for other categories available.

https://www.clover.com/online-ordering/the-big-elk-restaurant#H51CDMKE3AYVA

"You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore." — **Christopher Columbus**





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ABC of NOP Education Update

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

America's Boating Club of the North Olympic Peninsula in partnership with Port Angeles Yacht Club is presenting a series 2 hour classes on topics of interest to recreational sailors, boaters and fishing enthusiasts. These FREE classes will be the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 am to 12:00 at Port Angeles Yacht Club, 1305 Marine Drive, just west of Port Angeles Boat Haven. Here's a rundown of topics:

November 4thGPS and AIS – where am I and where are you? A history and description of these two technologies which are especially important to mariners.

December 2nd Chart Plotting on the cheap – A discussion of computer, tablet and cell phone chart plotter software. OpenCPN will be described and information on how to download, install and use it to find your way on the water.

January 6th Crossing borders and extended Cruising – Latest information about requirements for cruising into Canada and returning to the USA. This session will touch on topics about where to go and how to get there, and how to prepare for extended times on your boat.

February 3rd Communications Systems and Antenna considerations

March 2nd Fishing for Cruisers – Types of gear needed, license requirements and techniques for catching your dinner.

April 6th Food for Cruisers – Now that you've caught that fish, how do you prepare it and serve it to keep your crew happy. Tips on shopping, storing, preparing food for your cruise.

May 4th Cruising safety – Anchoring, docking, avoiding trouble. It will either be a good experience or a good story!



KAREN MAHALICK

Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Come for the Boating Education. Stay for the friends

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Our membership numbers are holding this month at 67. I am hopeful that we will bring on new members and retain old friends as we hold education classes (Piloting and Marine Electrical) this Fall and we get together for informal dinner meetings.

America's Boating Club website has made some changes to it's format, hopefully you will try out what's offered at: https://www.usps.org/



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- 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!

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/

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Annual Crab Feed

Saturday, November 18 2023 Meydenbauer Bay Y C



- 6:00pm for social hour
- 6:30pm for the crab dinner!

Cost:

\$35 for whole crab \$25 for 1/2 crab \$20 for spaghetti \$10 spaghetti for kids under 10

Includes Potato and Caesar salads, MBYC's amazingly delicious Italian bread & ice cream sundaes!

No Host Bar (Beer, Wine, and soft drinks)

Deadline for reservations: Saturday, November 11

Secure your reservation with PayPal at <u>Social Events | Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron | United States (bellevuepowersquadron.org)</u> or send your check (made payable to BSPS) to: Willa Conrad

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Questions? Contact Willa at 425.466.0560 (text) or <u>Willaconrad41@gmail.com</u>

Don't forget your crab crackers, butter is available upon request.

Boating Under the Influence: Talk about it before it's too late

Let's talk about boating under the influence (BUI). Just because November is upon us and a lot of boats have been winterized, we continue to need to educate each other about this dangerous practice. America's Boating Channel™ BUI videos offer an excellent way in which to do this.

Check out the "Dispelling BUI Myths" video in Season Four that covers six major misconceptions about boating under the influence (BUI). It teaches viewers about unique dangers associated with boating while intoxicat-



ed and features law enforcement actions and penalties for conviction of BUI. In Season Five there is a video entitled "BUI Fatalities" that covers the most fundamental reason for not boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Viewers will learn of additional associated risks and receive tips for avoiding BUI, such as using a designated sober operator.



It's not too early to start planning your boat show booth. Have you considered using a computer or TV to play a loop of the many America's Boating Channel videos? It is an excellent way to draw people in to talk with you about safe boating through education and the opportunities your club offers.

The videos referenced here, and others, are available to USPS members to view and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. There is an index to help you find the topic you need, which is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without

the need for an internet connection. Otherwise, visit America's Boating Channel on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel to find these and nearly 100 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.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku, FireTV and, as of November 2023, Apple TV. America's Boating Channel™ 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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You could create a multi-topic loop or just use two single-issue videos on the leading contributor to recreational boating deaths to offer just over nine minutes of education. Check out the "Dispelling BUI Myths" video in Season Four, which covers six major misconceptions about boating under the influence while teaching viewers about unique dangers associated with boating while intoxicated. Season Five has a video entitled "BUI Fatalities" that covers the most fundamental reason for not boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Grant-funded through the U.S. Coast Guard, these videos also are available on <u>YouTube</u> and via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku, FireTV and, as of November 2023, Apple TV.





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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!



Membership Number and Pin

Each new member is assigned a membership number.

That number is on your membership certificate.

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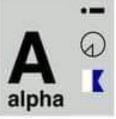
You need it to enroll in courses

Also you are given a Pin number.

Need Pin number to access member websites.

SAVE IT!!

phonetic alphabet









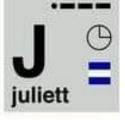




































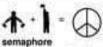








With this NATO alphabet chart you will no longer use "M as in Mancy" during a support call with your mom, or while defusing a bomb.



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 (Disamsament).



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.

Download this poster at outsideopen com/alphabet



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

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Bridge Meeting

Tuesday November 14, 2023 09:00 am Sequim Bay Yacht Club

All members are welcome to attend

November General Meeting Meeting

Tuesday November 14, 2023

social half-hour from 5:00-5:30 followed by dinner

BIG ELKS in Sequim

Visit the NOSPS Website at http://northolympicboaters.com



The District 16 Web Page is at

http://www.usps.org/localusps/d16

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