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Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 10. Days somehow get longer overnight, and it gets me motivated in some ways for the summer months. It signals Karen and I to schedule a razor clamming trip, prep for Halibut fishing, not to mention some shrimping expeditions. It all seems to happen at once after the slow months of January and February.

Fishing is something we look forward to. The preparation, being out on the boat, enjoying a calm cool morning....FISH ON!!!! The serenity of the morning is broken with a flurry of welcome confusion, don't step on the dog, you got the rod, chum bag is coming up, COLOR!!! EASY, easy, GOT'EM. Doesn't always go that way, but when it does, it's pretty cool.

If you are a cruiser and haven't fished much, but would like to give it a try, Karen and I will be conducting a seminar on March 2, titled "Fishing for the Cruiser". Why not troll a line while slow cruising to a near destination, or drift a bank on an outgoing tide and maybe pick up a halibut, a smaller one hopefully, or not! You don't need downriggers to catch salmon or electric reels to land a halibut, but you do need to know the basics. That is what we will cover during this presentation, the gear, rules, simple techniques you can use to maybe catch dinner. We will have lots of gear and tackle to look at and plenty of time for questions. Fishing is mostly technique, but if you don't have a line in the water, you will not catch a fish. One of the few facts where fishing is concerned.

The seminar will be at the Port Angeles Yacht Club, Saturday March 2, 10am-12pm



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The Mary James

It was nice to see all who attended the soup and slider general meeting! Thanks go out to Diane Lacy for putting it all together. To those that made dishes, I'm telling you, they were all great!

It's remarkable to me the takeaways I get from in person presentations versus online. I'm sure it's an age thing. But, I still like the direct listening to someone I can hear, can see, and I usually have a pencil and paper for notes.

Our group remains challenged for members and participation. Younger age demographics are certainly more online, Zoom, YouTube oriented, and the like. Most have little interest in social groups let alone participation. Hopefully, we all can continue to put our heads around this and explore different thoughts to encourage membership and participation.

The first question is whether we really want to change or not?



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Magic Carpet

We are working with the Port Angeles Marina to host a booth at the annual Maritime Festival on June 8th – June 9th. I'll be attending the planning meeting on Wednesday, February 28th, but they already have numerous events and participants. We will need volunteers to set-up and host our booth, so please let us know if you are available and willing for those days, I'm thinking maybe at least 2 people, morning and afternoon shifts.

Reminder that our next General Meeting and dinner event, March 12th and will be at the Big Elk Restaurant in Sequim. Our speakers will be from the Olympic Peninsula Paddlers Club, Keri French, Safety and Skills Coordinator and Susan Blenk, Paddle Coordinator. Please RSVP to ao.nosps.dlacy@gmail.com if you plan to attend for planning purposes.

5:00 – 5:30	Social Time
5:30 – 5:45	General Meeting
5:45 – 6:30	Dinner
6:30 – 7:30	Speakers



Our final dinner meeting will be April 9th and will include the Change of the Watch and the introduction of our 2024-2025 Bridge. I have not received any feedback on the a proposed 'Italian Night' potluck theme so unless I hear different, that is the plan!

“Whenever your preparations for the sea are poor; the sea worms its way in and finds the problems.”

– Francis Stokes





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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:

- March 2 Fishing for Cruisers – Types of gear needed, license requirements and techniques for catching your dinner.
- May 4 Cruising safety – Anchoring, docking, avoiding trouble. Boating can provide you with many unexpected expected experiences or a good stories! We really want you to have great stories to tell without any traumas.

Also, On April 13th and 14th, at Port Angeles Yacht Club from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm both days, we will be presenting our ABC Course which qualifies students for the Washington State Boater Education Card. This card is required by the State of Washington if you were born after January 1st 1955 and you are operating a water craft with 15 or more horsepower. Even if you operate a boat with less power or you are a geezer like me, the ABC course and Boater Education is still a great investment in learning to be safe on the water. The course will be free of charge, but there is a \$10 fee to apply for the Boater Education Card. Class will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday and Sunday. More information will be provided as we get closer to April, but put it on your calendar now so you don't miss it!





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MEMBERSHIP

**Come for the Boating Education.
Stay for the friends**

New benefits have been added on the Americas' Boating Channel at the Members benefits page(<https://www.usps.org/departments/14000/1450001>)

NEWLY ADDED BENEFITS

Huntington Bank - Mortgages

BoatFix.com - 24hr Boat Monitoring

LightStream - Boat Loans

UPS - Save up to 50%

The member benefits committee is growing! If you are interested in joining this committee; helping to manage and add new benefits, please e-mail R/C James Milton at JMilton040@gmail.com . This is a great first step if you are interested in working on a national level.

Our current February 2024 membership stands at 66.



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(If you are going to be late, please let me know)
2. Please use Arial12 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 - 2024 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

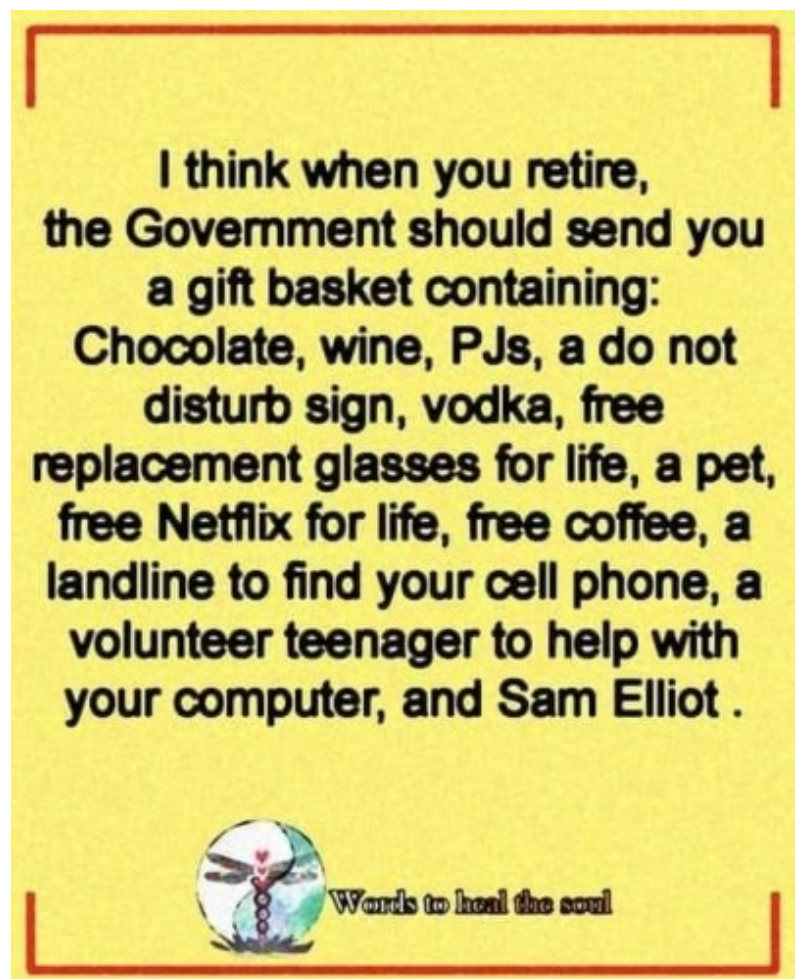
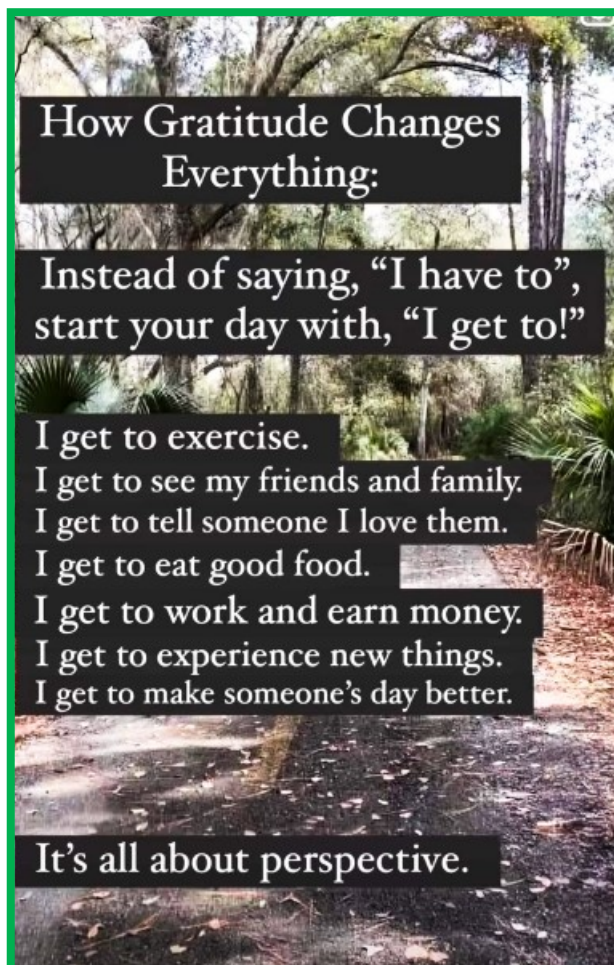
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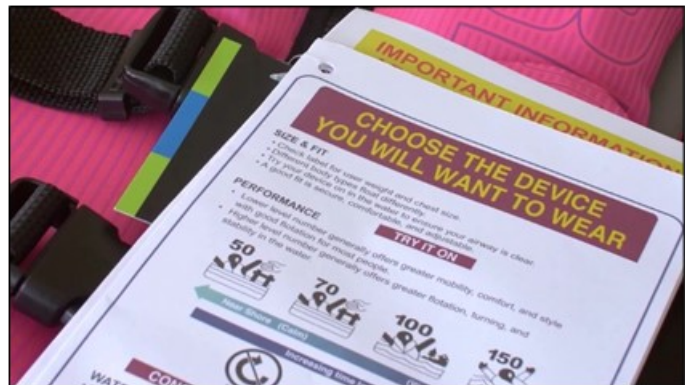
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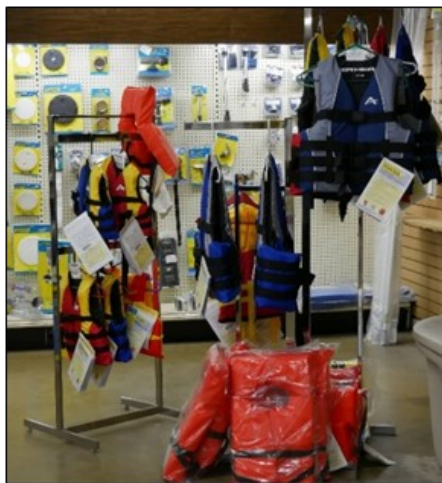
America's Boating Channel™

Understanding Life Jacket Labels

Let's start the year by getting our life jackets ready for the 2024 boating season. If you cleaned and inspected your life jackets before storing them for winter storage, you should know how many need to be replaced. Which brings us to our topic of life jacket labels. You may be unaware of the new labeling system if you have not purchased a life jacket recently. Type I, II, III and IV labeling was removed by the U.S. Coast Guard from the Code of Federal Regulations in 2014, but it is taking several years for the legacy designations to be phased out.



To help boaters understand the current labeling system, Season Four of America's Boating Channel offers the video "[Life Jacket Labels](#)" in which you are introduced to the simplified labels that contain less writing and more icons.



Regardless of your age or experience level, data shows that life jackets save lives. So don't hesitate to replace older life jackets. America's Boating Channel also produced a sequel entitled "[New Label Benefits](#)" that covers the advantages of the new life jacket labeling system. In this video, viewers learn how to interpret label icons. Also featured are tips for selecting the right life jacket for your intended on-the-water activity.

Follow the above links or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> 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.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. [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.





PAYC 2024 Cruise Schedule

Pre-Shakedown Short Cruise > April 27th - May 1st (Cruise Captain – Cristina and Sean Eppers)

- a) Destination Ports - Sequim Bay, Townsend (Mystery Bay or Point Hudson), then optional on to Port Hadlock, Mats Mats, or Port Ludlow

Shakedown Cruise > May 22nd – May 29th (Cruise Captain – TBD)

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

Hands Across the Water Race > June 7th – 9th (Cruise Captain - Eric Mueller)

- a) Race competition from Victoria to Port Angeles
- b) Other boaters not racing are encourage cruise the course in advance or in concert with the race

Maritime Festival Boat Parade > June 9th (Cruise Captain – TBD)

- c) Opening boat parade past City Pier to open the Maritime Festival
- d) Starts at 10:15 from water in front of Yacht Club

Summer Solstice (Sailstice) Cruise > June 22nd (Cruise Captain – TBD)

- a) Overnight or evening cruise or paddle to celebrate the Summer Solstice

Gulf Island Cruise > June 12th – June 28th (Cruise Captain – Cristina and Sean Eppers and Randy Volker)

- 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)

Canada Day Cruise > June 28th – July 2nd (Cruise Captain –Chris Boyd)

- a) Destination Port – Victoria Harbour
- b) Reservations with Victoria Harbour Authority for dockage on Causeway needed. They no longer raft boats up, so there is even less space available than in the past. Make your reservations ASAP!

July 4th Boat Parade (Cruise Captain – TBD)

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

“To the lighthouse” - Virginia Woolf Cruise – July - Date TBD ((Cruise Captain – Paul Kolesnikoff)

- a) Day trip to Dungeness Lighthouse with option for anchoring out in Sequim Bay for an overnight
- b) Anchor out your boat and hike to the lighthouse

Sea Scouts/PAYC Joint Mid/South Sound Cruise > July 24th - Aug 7th (Cruise Captains - Jared Minard &

- a) Join up with the Sea Scouts on their cruise. **Wayne Melquist)**
- b) Destinations – To Olympia or Tacoma and points in between (Port Townsend, Kingston, Gig Harbor, Poulsbo, Bremerton, Port Orchard, Blake Island)

Makah Days “Land Cruise” > August 23rd – 25th (Cruise Captain – TBD)

- a) Travel by car or boat to Neah Bay for Makah Day activities

San Juan Islands and Points North Cruise – September 9th – September 24th (Cruise Captain – Randy Volker)

- a) Destinations – San Juans Islands, Anacortes, Bellingham

Port Angeles City Pier “Take-Over” Events – various dates to be announced

- b) Wednesday Night Rendezvous of boats and Club members for “Concerts on the Pier”
- c) Listen to the music and socialize from the pier and on member’s boats

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

CONTACT: Cruising@payc.org to sign up for one of the many cruises



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!

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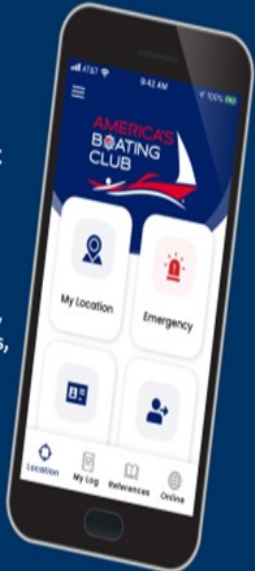
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Membership Number and Pin

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.

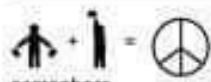
Need Pin number to access member websites.

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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).

OUTSIDE OPEN



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



international code of signals

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

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Since we did not have a general meeting in February, when we would have normally announced nominations for the next Bridge, here is the list of members who have stepped up to guide Our Squadron during our next Bridge cycle.

We will vote Bridge members in during our next general meeting on March 12.

Commander-Tom Fitzpatrick

Executive Officer-Diane Lacy

Administrative Officer- Chuck Sullivan

Secretary/Treasurer-Karen Mahalick

Squadron Education Officer-Paul Areida

Members-at-Large:

-Doug Schwarz

-Randy Roberts

-Ted Lively

Please thank these members when you can for their willingness to serve Our Squadron



**The greatest thing that we can do is to help somebody
know that they're loved and capable of doing
Fred "Mister" Rogers**

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Chuck Sullivan

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Past Commander
Jim Lewis

COMMITTEES:

ABC Chair:
Bernie Armstrong

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Karen Mahalick

Merit Marks
Doug Scharz

Rules Committee:
Doug Schwarz

Adopt-A-Marina Coordinator
open

Financial Review
Tom O'Laughlin
Marlene Lewis

Nominating:
Ken Barnaby
Ken Williams
Jim Lewis

Safety Officer
open

Budget & Finance:
Judy Armstrong
Karen Mahalick
Marlene Lewis

Historian
volunteer needed

Photographer
Volunteer needed

Ship Store:
open

Chaplin:
Open

Law Officer:
Paul Crone

Planning Committee
Judy Armstrong

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Alayne Fellows

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Ruth Kohl

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Judy Armstrong

Media:
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Kathie Zetterberg

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Bernie Armstrong
Ray Mahalick
Randy Blackburn-Lappin

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Bernie Armstrong
Ken Barnaby

Operations Training:
Ray Mahalick

Public Relations:
Tom Fitzpatrick

Membership
Karen Mahalick

Radio Technician:
Bruce Cutting

Webmaster:
Carl Zetterberg



Boat Operator Certificate Program led by Regional Director and District 16 Treasurer, Dave McBride, Bremerton, who is qualified to teach and evaluate on-the-water skills. This session was held at the District 16 Rendezvous in 2023 at Poulsbo.

One of the many different skills and activities offered at
the District Rendezvous

JUNE 21—23 2024

SAVE THE DATE

Bridge Meeting

Tuesday March 12, 2024 09:00 am

Sequim Bay Yacht Club

All members are welcome to attend

NEXT General Meeting

Tuesday MARCH 12, 2024

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

Big Elk Restaurant—Sequim



Visit the NOSPS Website at [http://
northolympicboaters.com](http://northolympicboaters.com)



The District 16 Web Page is at

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