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Spring has sprung



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The Mary James

The bridge met on March 11. The primary discussion again was the current status of insurance at national and for our squadrons. There is progress however on the insurance picture.

The financial status still remains in the gray area as many expenses are one-time charges. There are procedures that we can take for classes, meetings, and vessel safety check guidelines.

In lieu of this progress and undercurrents among some members for continuing, the bridge passed a motion to continue on and give it all some time. An abbreviated bridge has volunteered to serve during this time.

The April 1st 4:00 pm meeting for all members to get together at Sequim Bay Yacht Club, John Wayne Marina will include:

- 1) Change of Watch
- 2} Awards
- 3) Discussion in regards to our status
- 4) Ideas going forward

It would be nice to see all of you there and I look forward to your ideas and volunteerism!



SWAP and SHOP

If you have an item or items you would like to sell?

Please send the information to our Editor

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Magic Carpet

This is the last month of our calendar and I hope everyone is enjoying the beginnings of spring, although I'm looking forward to more sunshine and warmer days. Time to get ready for my first check-out cruise of the season, first some spins around Sequim Bay, followed with a weekend over to Vashon Island. Then planning a longer time up to and around Sucia with some fellow cruisers.

With agenda to our meeting next Tuesday, April 1st, the Bridge will send out an agenda prior to the meeting.

The meeting includes a Zoom meeting for virtual participants, so I thought I'd put out a few resources for those who are not familiar with Zoom. The links below are from the Zoom Product Support and are very readable. If you haven't used Zoom and even if you have but not recently, I would recommend re-installing Zoom. They frequently make updates and if you are not on a fairly current version, you might encounter some compatibility issues with the main meeting.

If anyone would like to have Zoom 'practice session' before next Tuesday, let me know and I'll set one up. Audio connections are frequently confusing to get going.

[How to Use Zoom For the First Time](#)

[How to Join and Participate in a Webinar](#)

Looking forward to a productive meeting with everyone!

"Without goals, and plans to reach them, you are like a ship that has set sail with no destination." - Fitzhugh Dodson

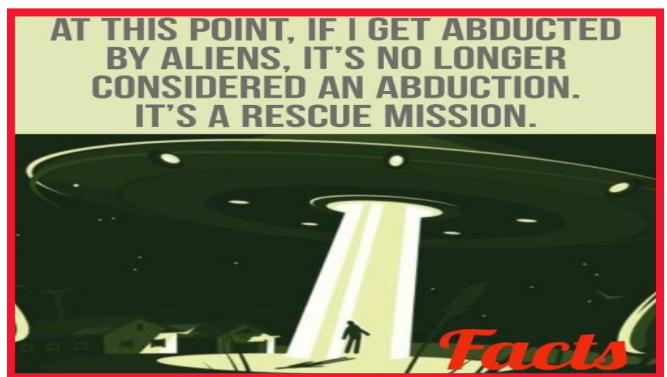


Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for a short time and come out wrinkle free and two sizes smaller





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Our Sinking Ship

A very small core group, looking for more volunteers, is plugging the holes in our sinking ship and looking to find a safe harbor while they reach out to our community for support, direction and fresh ideas to help weather this storm and hopefully find smooth sailing in the future.

The first step will be to present a reduced bridge on April 1st at the John Wayne Marina at 4:00 PM in the Sequim Bay Yacht Club meeting room. Diane Lacy will be our new commander, and she is looking to save this ship rather than conducting a salvage operation. She will explain the condition of our ship and explain what needs to be done to prevent her from sinking. Please plan on bringing new members and fresh ideas and enjoy free hors d'oeuvres but bring your own beverages.

For those of you who would find it more convenient to attend this meeting by Zoom that invitation will be extended to you soon.

Please RSVP me at sullivan@olyphen.com.

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Regional, state, and local restrictions on garbage discharges also may apply.





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La Sorciere

ABC of NOP Education Update 03/25/2025

Insurance for Classes, Clinics and Seminars

It appears we are getting closer to working through our insurance concerns regarding classroom instruction seminars and clinics. We have requested Certificates of Insurance for Sequim Bay Yacht Club, Port Angeles Yacht Club and Peninsula College. Once we receive these certificates, we will submit them to the respective Certificate Holders (SBYC, PAYC and PC) for their feedback. Hopefully our insurance will satisfy the insurance requirements required.

Peninsula College

Peninsula College has agreed to Co-Market our classes through the Community Education portion of Peninsula College. They require that we meet their insurance requirements, use their classrooms and audio-visual equipment. Our classes will be published in the college schedule and subject to their semester schedule.

Call for Instructors

We still have the same problem: Besides Bernie, Ray and Bruce, we need additional instructors for clinics and seminars. This year we have only had one Clinic regarding Propane and desperately need others to step up and teach a class. If I can instruct on Propane (the attendees all know more about Propane than I do!) then anyone can lead a clinic.

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MEMBERSHIP

Come for the Boating Education.

Stay for the friends

Commander Tom Fitzpatrick will hand over the leadership of the North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron to Diane Lacy at the April 1, 2025 4:00 pm hors d'oeuvres meeting taking place at the John Wayne Marina Sequim Bay Yacht Club.

The Bridge will be released at that time and a new bridge will be voted on by all members who are in attendance.

We have 43 active members as of 3/23/2025, hope to see you all on Tuesday April 1st at 4:00 PM, Sequim Bay Yacht Club, John Wayne Marina.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Education

- America's Boating Club Courses
- Great Lakes Cruising Club School
- Mariner's Learning Guide

Travel

- Avis Car Rental
- Budget Car Rental
- Endless Vacation Rentals
- Wyndham Hotels

Marine

- Hamilton Marine
- McGraw Hill
- BoatFix.com Boat Monitoring
- GPS for Mariners
- Ditch Navigation

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- America's Boating Club Boat Insurance
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- Prescription Savings
- My Medic First Aid Supplies

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- Life Lock
- Solude Coffee
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3. Please Single Space lines
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Membership Number and Pin

Each new member is assigned a membership number.

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SAVE IT!!

You need it to enroll in courses

Also you are given a Pin number.

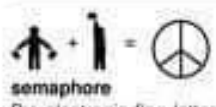
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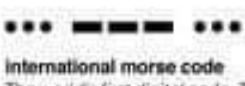
phonetic alphabet

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.



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).



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.



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

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Bridge Meeting
No Board Meeting for April

APRIL 1st General Meeting to discuss what to do with our Squardon?

Sequim Bay Yacht Club at John Wayne Marina

4:00 PM

FREE Hors d'oeuvres sodas, water or bring your own beverage

See you there

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