

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



of the *North Olympic Peninsula*



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Spring has sprung



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Magic Carpet

At our 'last of the season' April 1st General Meeting, it was decided to continue with our club and see how membership goes for the coming year. We are financially stable, and although membership is declining, we have a core group of participating members. Tom Fitzpatrick presented recognition awards to **Carl and Kathy Zettenburg** for their continuing support of our website and marketing endeavors, **Alayne Fellows** for her indefatigably shepherding of our monthly Straitline articles, and **Chris Boyd** as our liaison with the Port Angeles Yacht Club to assist our club in venues for education and meeting events.

The Change of Watch was led by Tom Fitzpatrick. The 2025-2026 NOSPS Bridge is transitioned to a 'lite' organization structure for various reasons – our new bridge is:

Executive Officer: Diane Lacy

Treasurer/Secretary: Karen Mahalick

Education: Paul Areida

Past Commander: Tom Fitzpatrick

At-Large: Ray Mahalick

I thank Tom for his efforts as Executive Officer for the past year which has presented several challenges heretofore unexperienced by our club (and many others), which he navigated with thoughtfulness and inclusiveness with other opinions. It has not been an easy year to say the least. For her part, Karen is doing double-duty as Secretary and Treasurer which has a plethora of financial and legal intricacies. Paul is making a valiant effort to continue our educational offerings.

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

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

I reviewed the NOSPS organizations the year that I joined 2021, recruited by Torben Blichfield (blessed person, god rest his soul) – at that point there were **29 members participating on the bridge and various committees. We need active participation in what I believe is a critical year for continued viability.**

That said, I'll change the subject. Vessel safety and sailing/cruising education and preparedness is at our core. As we enter the sailing season it cannot be overemphasized for captains to ensure your vessel is safe, and your crew is prepared. There have been two incidents this past April, one in Neah Bay and one at Cattle Pass, resulting in four deaths out of the five passengers. Please have a vessel safety check, don't force a cruise if there are potential adverse conditions....plan, plan, and plan again, before and up to departure.

We are still dealing with the constraints of the insurance issue; I will keep folks apprised of the situation.

"A ship is always safe at shore – but that is not what ships are built for." – John A. Shedd (also attributed to Albert Einstein, but Mr. Shedd was earlier)

The discharge of all garbage, most importantly all forms of plastic, is prohibited into the navigable waters of the United States and into all other waters except as specifically allowed below. A person who violates these requirements is liable for civil and/or criminal penalties.

Within 3 nautical miles of land	3 to 12 nautical miles from land	12 or more nautical miles from land
Discharge of all garbage is prohibited.	<u>Permitted</u> Ground food waste that is able to pass through a screen with openings no larger than 1 inch.	<u>Permitted</u> Food waste. Wash water. Cargo residues and cleaning agents may be discharged en route if not harmful to the marine environment.



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



**PEOPLE ARE GOING TO THE MOON,
ALIENS ARE COMING TO EARTH
AND I'M STILL PUSHING ON A
DOOR THAT SAYS PULL.**

**Living with a dog consists of 90% following
each around, watching each other go potty,
and wondering what the other has in their
mouth 😂**



PAUL AREIDA

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La Sorciere

ABC of NOP Education Update 04/25/2025

Insurance for Classes, Clinics and Seminars

Certificates of Insurance have been delivered to Port Angeles Yacht Club, Sequim Bay Yacht Club and Peninsula College. Our insurance covers "classes only" at these facilities and we are awaiting word if our insurance is acceptable to these organizations.

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. Our next opportunity to present a class would be fall semester in September.

Call for Instructors

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. Our next opportunity to present a class would be fall semester in September.

Education

All squadrons have a responsibility to serve the public and their members. The goal of our squadron's plan is to instruct successfully as many students as possible in the art of safe boating, and to encourage as many as possible to continue their boating education with USPS

USPS PLEDGE

I do solemnly pledge to: Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons®;

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KAREN MAHALICK

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Secretary**

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MEMBERSHIP

Come for the Boating Education.

Stay for the friends



It's time for summer boating activities, take the time to visit the Boat Live 365 webpage <https://boatlive365.org/>.

Boat Live 365 curates a collection of educational materials and resources for recreational boaters and safe boating advocates. Boating is serious fun and you can trust the resources offered on this link to help make our communities, families and friends safer on the water — all year long. Your dues help support the educational materials available.

We have 35 active members as of 4/23/2025.



Boat Live 365

3 months ago

Great info!

🔗 What Is in a Marine First Aid Kit? 📌

A well-stocked boat first aid kit is an essential part of your safety equipment. Make sure it includes:

- Waterproof bandages and dressings
- Antiseptic wipes and ointments
- Tweezers, scissors, and adhesive tape
- Pain relievers and seasickness remedies
- Emergency blankets and splints

Maintaining your kit is just as important



D16 NEW RENDEZVOUS
PORT LUDLOW MARINA
JUNE 6 TO 8, 2025
1 GULL DR, PORT LUDLOW, WA 98365

JOIN us for AN EXCITING TIME
IMPORTANT DEADLINES

MAY 16-RESERVE YOUR SLIP; 15 Slips reserved under

Power Squadrons", slips not reserved will be on May 16th

Contact the Marina at (360) 437-0513

May 24—RESERVATION FOR CATERED BBQ DINNER; \$26/person

(Pulled pork, chicken thighs, Ranch style beans, potato salad, Cole slaw, cornbread muffins)

Checks made out to District 16

Mail to Dave McBride, C/O D16,

22245 Veteran St. NE, Poulsbo WA 98370

Must be post marked no later than May 23, 2025

HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT TIDES INN & SUITES

PORT TOWNSEND—10 ROOMS RESERVED

UNDER POWER SQUADRON

No Guarantee for meals or moorage will be given after the deadlines!

Questions? Contact Dave McBride (360) 228-6003



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How to send documents or articles for the Newsletter

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(If you are going to be late, please let me know)
2. Please use Arial 12 pt font 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
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Thank you for your cooperation in making my task a lot easier and go a little faster!

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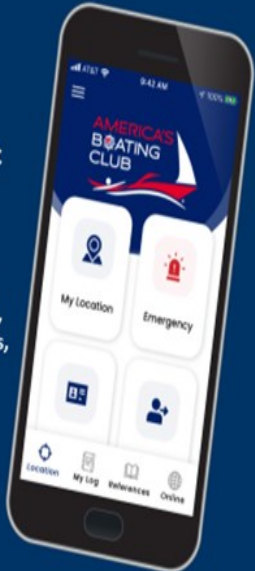
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Membership Number and Pin

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.

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).

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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Education & Safety Officer
Paul Areida

Asst. Education Officer
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Secretary/Treasurer
Karen Mahalick

Members-At-Large
Ray Mahalick

Administrative Officer
open

Asst Administrative Officer
open

Past Commander
Tom Fitzpatrick

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ABC Chair:
Open

Law Officer:
Paul Crone

Planning Committee
Open

Webmaster:
Carl Zetterberg

Adopt-A-Marina Coordinator
Open

Liaison Officers:
Open

Rules Committee:
Open

Budget & Finance:
Karen Mahalick

Operations Training:
Ray Mahalick

Safety Officer
open

Chaplin:
Open

Membership
Karen Mahalick

Ship Store:
open

Facebook
Karen Mahalick

Merit Marks
Ray Mahalick

Straitlines Editor:
Alayne Fellows

Financial Review
Karen Mahalick

Nominating:
open

SWAG:
Carl Zetterberg. Chair

Historian
volunteer needed

Photographer
Volunteer needed

Vessel Safety
Ray Mahalick

Bridge Meeting
No Board Meeting May

NO MAY General Meeting

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<https://northolympicboaters.com>



District 16 Web Page is at

<https://www.usps16.org/>

Public Site:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/>

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