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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
of Snohomish County



The Pike Pole

For Boaters, By Boaters™

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Port Ludlow Marina, Washington

September Highlights

Tuesday 9 - Monthly Gathering, Everett Firefighters Hall, 6:30 pm
Pacific Power Batteries, Presentation by Steve Ahmann 7:00 pm

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Everett Sail and Power Squadron *is*
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 CALENDAR OF EVENTS *for*
2025

September

- 2 - 7 USPS Fall Governing Board Meeting, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 9 Monthly Gathering & Potluck, Pacific Power Batteries presentation speaker, Steve Ahmann, food bank and bike fund donations encouraged, Everett Firefighters Hall, 6:30 pm
- 13 Vessel Safety Checks, Port of Everett, RSVP Danny
- 13 BS4K, Fisherman's Fall Festival, Ballard, RSVP Linda M.
- 16 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 18-24 Steamboat Rock State Park RV, RSVP Mike Martin
- 26/27 D-16 Fall Conference Meeting, Port of Everett's Blue Heron Room
- 27 Jetty Island Beach Cleanup following Fall Conference Meeting (estim. 3 pm start time)

October

- 7 Intro to Marine Batteries Seminar, taught by Jerry Bass, Hybrid (in person or via Zoom), Open to the Public, Everett Firefighters Hall, 6:30 pm
- 11/12 America's Boating Course, various experienced instructors, Everett Yacht Club Meeting Room, time TBD
- 11 Vessel Safety Checks, Port of Everett, RSVP Danny
- 14 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 18 Adopt a Street, 9:00 to 10:30 am, Meet at Henry M. Jackson Park, RSVP Danny or Claire
- 18 Woodinville Wine Tasting and Dinner out, RSVP Susan
- 24 Haunted Halloween Event, Port of Everett, RSVP Annette

November

- 5 (Wednesday) – Monthly Gathering, Topic TBA, food bank and bike fund donations encouraged, Everett Firefighters Hall, 6:30 pm
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 27 **Happy Thanksgiving!**

December

- 2 **Christmas Party** at Shawn O'Donnell's Restaurant, Mill Creek, 6:00 pm, RSVP Darcy
- 9 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 12 Volunteer at **Christmas House**

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**Adopt-A-Street
Clean up planned
18 October, 2025**

The next Adopt-A-Street clean up is planned as follows:
 Meet at Henry M. Jackson Park for clean up at 9:00 am.
 The activity is EASY and FUN. It usually takes about 1-1/2 hours to complete.

Please contact [Lt Danny Daniels](#) or [Lt Claire Greer](#) to sign up. It is important to sign up at least 1 week prior to ensure we have enough materials.



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BECOME A SKILLED BOATER

🚩 UPCOMING COURSES 🚩

⚓ ABC (AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE) ⚓ FALL AND SPRING

Great for learning boat skills for aspiring captains & their shipmates!
This course meets the Washington State Boater Education Card requirement, and reduces many boat insurance premiums.

⚓ BOAT HANDLING - FALL AND SPRING ⚓

Recommended for those who have a Boater Education Card.

Learn the responsibilities of being a Captain, how to prepare your boat for launch, boat handling under various conditions, anchoring, how to tie knots and lines and how to deal with boat emergencies.

🚩 UPCOMING SEMINARS 🚩

⚓ INTRO TO MARINE BATTERIES - OCTOBER 2025 ⚓

⚓ PARTNER IN COMMAND - MARCH 2026 ⚓

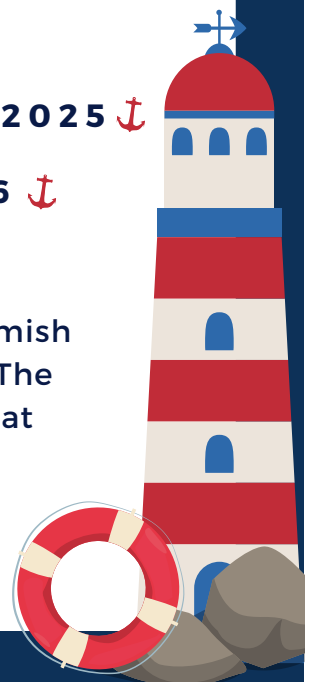
⚓ FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS ⚓

A free service offered by America's Boating Club of Snohomish County and is part of being a responsible boat operator. The check gives you peace of mind that your recreational boat has all required safety equipment.

To request a Vessel Safety Check,
Contact Danny Daniels, dannyldaniels@gmail.com

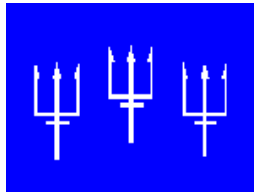
CHECK OUT OTHER OPPORTUNITIES!

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FROM THE HELM

Commander Annette Ferguson, AP



WELCOME BACK

Hello to all. Hope this newsletter finds everyone relaxed from their summer adventures and ready to get back into the swing of things as your club is preparing for a busy fall and winter.

We start our fall schedule with our September gathering which will include great potluck offerings, fellowship and a program on Marine Batteries. The program will likely generate some questions that can be answered in our first ever FREE Seminar Night on October 7th. Plan to come. Bring your “sack” dinner and learn more about that essential item on your boat. We will be able to participate in the new USPS developed seminar on Marine Batteries.

As the fall season fast approaches the days get shorter which makes driving at night difficult for some of our members. If you know a member who might be in that place in their life, reach out and offer a ride. It is special when all of Everett is together.

Again, welcome back. Stay tuned into our newsletter, website, monthly gatherings and Facebook for news about classes, seminars, and social activities. If you have an idea for a program or a social activity let us know. We are eager to meet YOUR needs in YOUR club.

Let’ all make this a great fall and winter.

ODDS and ENDS FROM A PAST COMMANDER

I, like many of you, wear several hats in this organization we fondly know as United States Power Squadrons, America’s Boating Club.

It has been a hard “ bunch of years” including Covid, declining membership, competition from many arenas including YouTube for boating education, and our own organization that lost insurance coverage for Squadrons and districts due to a large claim. Oh, let’s not forget Imis which has been a challenge. You get the picture...challenge after challenge. Yet some squadrons/clubs continue to hold on, are having gatherings for their members, and are teaching classes and seminars. These squadrons are existing due to many members wearing several hats at squadron, district, and national levels. Let me say...Thank You!

My first hat.. Squadron Commander of Everett Sail and Power Squadron, America’s Boating Club of Snohomish County. Our membership numbers are not where they were pre-pandemic, but we continue to teach ABC, Boat Handling and seminars. We are conducting Vessel Safety Checks, Boating Safety 4 Kids events, and social outings including cruises and RV adventures. We are reaching out to the boating community and offering FREE the new Marine Battery seminar. This event will be in October and is open to all in District 16 and the world. We are aiming high.

My second hat...Chair of District 16 Committee on Nominations. Your District needs YOU! WE have positions that need to be filled in the next bridge year. As chair and a member of our organization, I am asking you in “ District 16 land” to step up and help. If you get a call, say “ Yes, where can I help?”

My third hat...Staff Commander, National Membership Committee. I have served on this committee for several years because membership is critical to our survival. The committee is comprised of dedicated folks who like myself wear squadron and district hats. The committee meets monthly via Zoom with the primary topic being membership, both getting new members as well as meeting the needs of existing members.

Currently there is a membership campaign called POWER OF ONE. The campaign is simple...if each member gets one new member, the Squadron would double in size. Let the thought of doubling your membership sink in...that means more fresh ideas, more folks to take classes, and more boating friends.

By this time you may have stopped reading. I hope not. For those who read to the end , I thank you. Do not hesitate to reach out with your thoughts, questions, or suggestions. Let’s hang in together..

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Nick Rich, AP



Greetings and Late-Summer Salutations to you all: We have some exciting outings coming up.

Seeing some of our summer rendezvous events in our wake, we still look forward to more weeks of nice warm weather and our boating season is not on the wane quite yet. For a more detailed look at all that is scheduled for our 2025 Club Calendar, I invite you to peruse this month's edition of *The Pike Pole*.

Adopt-a-Street: Our next clean-up for the Marine View Drive in Everett is anticipated for this fall. This is a fun and a rewarding way to give back to our community, and to catch up with boating friends while we make this slice of Everett cleaner. Review the upcoming calendar of events in this issue of *The Pike Pole* for specifics on date and time for meeting up for this next clean up.

We hope that you all have been having a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you out on the water, and at our upcoming events!

- Nick

Upcoming and Noteworthy...

Jetty Island Cleanup.

When and Where: Saturday, September 27, following the America's Boating Club District 16 Fall Conference in Everett. We will meet at the Port of Everett South Marina Guest Dock near the Hotel Indigo at the conclusion of the Fall Conference at 3:30 p.m.

Why: Marine litter is ugly and threatens people, birds, fish, and marine mammals. Here are some fun facts:

- Each year millions of birds, turtles, fish, & marine mammals are killed after getting tangled in marine debris or ingesting plastics - their habitat can be damaged or destroyed
- Swimmers & divers can become entangled in abandoned nets & fishing lines.
- Beach users are injured by stepping on broken glass, cans, needles, & other litter.
- 80% of marine litter comes from land-based sources: beach users, storm runoff, landfills, solid waste, debris carried in rivers & streams, poorly maintained garbage bins, & litterbugs.
- Marine debris is a navigational hazard for fishing & recreational boats - entangling propellers & clogging intake valves.

Regardless of how trash gets into the water, we invite you to join us to 'Un-splash that Trash' and make a positive impact on our recreational and boating environment!

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<http://www.BoatClubSnoCo.org> aka
<http://www.everett>

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photo by Lt Linda Skugstad, AP

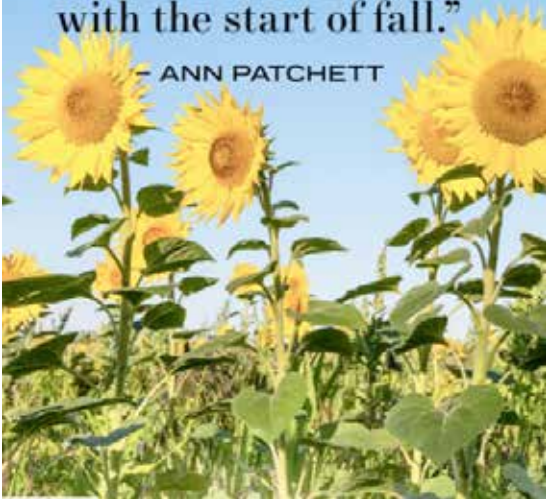
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP



"To say it was
a beautiful day would
not begin to explain it.
It was that day when
the end of summer
intersects perfectly
with the start of fall."

- ANN PATCHETT



Ahoy Mates! The morning air has a slight crispness, the sun sits a wee bit lower in the sky, and the animals are caching their stockpiles of food. Many of us are starting to detect some subtle hints that the autumn is inbound. I certainly hope that you had a chance to slow down every now and then, and enjoy some moments of the glorious summertime sunshine and activities with family and friends.

Upcoming... We have a lot of things planned for the remainder of the year! So, as we transition into the next season, mark your calendars and come join us when you can.

Here are the details for the September general meeting:

September General Gathering

Date: September 9th (note date change) In-Person

Start Time: 6:30 pm

w/ Post-summer catch-up. Presentation begins at 7pm.

Presentation: **Batteries Make the World Go Round!** Steve Ahmann, owner of Pacific Power Batteries (and loyal advertiser in our Pike Pole), will educate us on batteries for everything!.... our boats, rv's, golf carts, household items, phones, and so much more!

Come to learn and get your questions answered,

Come to our meeting and become better informed about today's batteries. I think you will be "energized"!

Enjoy the waning days of summer here in the beautiful PNW. We are so fortunate to call this area home.

Hope to see you very soon.

Susan



EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Brian Rachal, AP



Well, we've survived most of the summer boating season and I'm hoping everyone has been able to enjoy the weather and the waters of the Pacific Northwest. I had the pleasure of enjoying a cruise to Alaska aboard the Viking Orion. Orion was a very nice ship that even had a planetarium on board. As nice as the cruise was, I spent a lot of the time wishing I was there on my own boat in control of my itinerary. As with many cruises, most of the beautiful scenery passed by at night and we spent our days in ports surrounded by mobs of people from other cruise ships. However, there were some smaller ports where we were the only ship there, and ours was only 950 passengers. Of course, I nerded out on the Bridge and engine control room tours, and the docking experience. Watching how the ship comes in and gets tied up to the pier was a real thrill for me. But all of that left me determined to spend some time cruising Canada and Alaska at the helm of my own boat. It's a goal.

As a result of being away on the cruise for two weekends this summer, we've only been out a few times. Only once have we really been outside of Deception Pass, and that was headed up to Anacortes, so we haven't even crossed Rosario Strait. That said, fewer trips have not left me short of *The Pike Pole* content, and it's becoming very common that I'm somehow at the center of the learning experience. As some of you know, I'm breaking in a new first mate. I'm finding so far that I'm not very good at it. While it's hard to put a finger on why I'm struggling, I think it's primarily a failure to clearly communicate, and perhaps that's because I don't have a plan, and I'm assuming certain things are intuitive when they are not. It certainly makes me think about Partner in Command training, and how some of what's taught there could help. Thankfully she is taking the Boat Handling class, so there's hope. More importantly, she's open to learn and participate in our boating experiences.

I'll save some of our experiences for another article, but I'll share the experience we had on our first trip together. The weekend that we were supposed to go to Spencer Spit, everyone else cancelled, so we pivoted and went to Poulsbo. We anchored out on Friday night and I had the pleasure of dealing with my anchor line getting knotted up and jammed in my windless. It was fairly late and luckily I had enough line out for the conditions, so I left it to deal with in the morning. That was mostly because during the process I had jammed a finger in the windless and needed to get a kiss to make it feel better. I did get it freed in the morning and the rest of the weekend was uneventful, until the end of the trip.

My usual approach to going into Dagmars is to hand over the helm once we clear the bridge to prepare the fenders and lines. It happened that we were coming in at low tide, I think still below a -1.0 tide. I pointed to the chart plotter and said keep it in the white marking the channel. That was my mistake, because I didn't tell her that my chart is oriented north up, and we were moving south at the time. We were already on the right side of the channel, and when the boat started drifting out, she turned the wrong way to come back in. I think I've set you up for what happened, but needless to say we ended up in the mud. Thankfully, the only thing damaged was my ego, and we got unstuck quickly. I say that I failed to clearly communicate, but in my defense, I did point to the shallow spot in the river and said "don't go there". I will say that, as the captain of the boat, it was my responsibility to make sure that all communications were clear and the person at the helm had enough information and experience to safely pilot the boat, so that's on me. On the upside, she's run aground, so she's now a true boater.

I hope everyone has had a safe, productive, and enjoyable summer, and I look forward to sharing more of my experiences training my new mate and learning to be a better trainer.

*Yours in Boating,
Brian*

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BOATING EDUCATION SCHEDULE for 2025

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE
October 11-12, 2025

All 8-HOUR ABC courses will be taught face-to-face, at THE EVERETT YACHT CLUB. The course cost is \$60 per person. Register on the website under BOATING EDUCATION/ AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE. RSVP Linda Martin 425-422-4721 Note: Registration closes 2 weeks prior

GO TO www.boatclubsnoco.org
FOR MORE DETAILS and link to register and pay

Free Seminars

Everett Sail and Power Squadron – America's Boating Club of Snohomish County will be hosting free Seminar's in lieu of a regular monthly meeting. Bring a guest. Popcorn will be provided. Bring your own dinner.

MARINE BATTERIES
October 7, 2025
Everett Fireman's Hall

PARTNER IN COMMAND
March 3, 2026
Everett Fireman's Hall

GO TO www.boatclubsnoco.org
FOR MORE DETAILS

If there is a class or seminar you would like to see offered, or you would like to help out, reach out to us at
edu.boatsnoco@gmail.com



MASTER LIST OF USPS COURSES

If any of these courses interest you, give us a call. We will schedule one in Everett or we will help search District 16 for a squadron teaching the course you want to take.

Brian Rachal 425-280-3557
Joellyn Jackson 425-347-0763

ADVANCED GRADES

Boat Handling: How the heck do I get this boat to do what I want?

Marine Navigation (aka Piloting): How to get from here to there without running into something.

Advanced Marine Navigation (aka Advanced Piloting): Navigation under more difficult circumstances while using electronic tools, especially GPS all the while taking wind and currents into account.

Off-shore Navigation (aka Junior Navigation or JN): When off-shore there are no longer landmarks for reference; we must substitute celestial objects such as the sun.

Celestial Navigation (aka Navigation or N): The final navigation course focuses on sextant use---for when all your electronics fail!

ELECTIVES

Cruising and Cruise Planning: You're going on a two-week cruise in Canada – what do I take? Customs? Forbidden fruits & veggies? What if I get hurt? We answer all these questions and more!

Engine Maintenance: Diesel, gasoline, spark plugs, pistons, fuel mixtures, . . and how they all work together to get you where you're going.

Instructor Development (ID): Want to teach a course? We'll show you how! Open only to members.

Marine Electrical Systems (MES): There is one system on the boat and one that you plug into at the dock, which is which?

Marine Communications Systems (MCS): It can be a matter of life or death to be able to communicate with the first responders. We teach you how to make a SOS call and more.

Electronic Navigation Systems (ENS):

Radar for Boaters: The systems used to navigate by on the boat are changing as we speak. Learn now before they crihange.

Sail: What are all those lines and gadgets for? Are you sure the wind will blow me where I want to go?

Weather: Look to the clouds, wind and temperature for safe boating weather.

BOATING SAFETY 4 KIDS
by P/C Linda Martin, JN
SEVEN DOWN AND ONE TO GO!!

This year we've jumped in to **Boating Safety 4 Kids** lessons. We've participated in seven events so far this year. This could be a record. We will add it all up at the end of the year.

FEBRUARY

Seattle Boat Show 50-minute seminar on the first Saturday of February. We had helpers from the district and were very happy to have them. We had Marie McBride, from Bremerton and Jim West, Gary and Darcy Baker, Brian Rachal and "PFD Seagull" Linda Martin from Everett. There were eight kids in attendance, along with their parents, so we had an engaged audience.

APRIL

April Pool's Day at Mountlake Terrace Pool. We had helpers Claire Greer as an Octopus, Greg Nelson as a Shark, Cathy Rich and "PFD Seagull" Linda Martin all from Everett. We taught 40 kids and their parents all about life jackets and cold-water danger. Kids received either a Snoopy color book or a Side Kick activity book.

MAY

This was a nice surprise. Thanks to our Commander Annette Ferguson we got back into **Cabela's in Marysville**. We did a Saturday afternoon activity using a real boat. What fun that was! Our helpers were Greg Nelson the Shark, Claire the Octopus and "PFD Seagull" Linda Martin. We taught 20 kids in four hours and their parents too. Kids were given a Snoopy Color Book. Added bonus: Annette's son, Scott, who works at Cabela's, taught the families about hiking in the PNW and recommended safety items sold in the store.

JUNE

First, we went to the **District 16 Rendezvous** in Port Ludlow and set up a table next to the pond with life jackets, rescue line toss and cold-water activity. Our helpers were Claire Greer the Octopus, Cathy Rich the Crab and "PFD Seagull" Linda Martin. We reached out to 12 people as they walked by and they all participated in our activities. Second, Cdr Annette Ferguson and I drove to the **Fawn Lake Community** event near Shelton. They were having a special event to thank the South Mason County Fire and Rescue for putting up a life jacket loaner station and supplying it with new life jackets. P/C Renee Olson, who lives on the lake, invited us to help educate the children of the community on water safety. Renee, her son, Josh, and a neighbor boy, Cohen, taught Uncle (Louie) Josh fishing story and Annette, and I did the Life Jacket Style Show. There were 18 kids and 22 adults in attendance. All were given one of our new Red Rescue Whistles and a Snoopy Color Book. Third, Cathy Rich and I taught at **Nancy's Noah's Ark Child Care Center** in Mill Creek. There were 51 kids and six teachers. They learned all about life jackets and played the "It's in the Box" game. The kids were given a Snoopy color book and crayons and the teachers were given the PFD Puzzle Storybook.

JULY

Kid's Fest in Mill Creek, on Saturday July 26, was very well attended. We had 97 kids with their parents and grandparents come through our booth for the Life Jacket Lesson, Buckles in the Ice Chest and using use of the Rescue Bag to save the parent who "fell overboard". The helpers were Jim West, Linda Martin the Seagull, Greg Nelson the Shark, Joellyn Jackson and P/C Renee Olson from Shelton. The first 25 kids who had their own life jacket got a rescue whistle. Every kid got a sticker and a Sidekick Activity Book.

SEPTEMBER Upcoming

Fishermen's Fall Festival, at Fisherman's Terminal, Seattle on September 13 from 11am – 6pm Life jackets, cold water and rescue line toss at a booth. Kids receive a Puzzle Storybook. We have five helpers, and we need eight because it is a long day, the more helpers we have the better chance of doing two 4-hour shifts. WE REALLYUY COULD USE YOUR HELP!!! Contact Seagull Linda Martin.

DECEMBER Upcoming

Santa Parade, in Mill Creek, Saturday, December 6 Marching in the parade and passing out stickers
Holiday at the Bay, Everett Marina, Saturday, December 6 Craft activity

If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please, contact Linda at PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com or call her at 425-422-4721.

See photos on page 10

MILL CREEK KID'S FESTIVAL in JULY



Linda Martin, PFD Seagull with Greg Nelson, the Shark



Joellyn Jackson



Jim West



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REGISTRATION FORM
District 16 Fall Conference
26—27 September 2025, Port of Everett Marina
1205 Craftsman Way, Suite 200, Everett, WA 98201

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ Spouse/Guest Name: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ Squadron: _____ District: _____

Please Note: This is a registration form so we know how many will attend. There is no charge for attending the Meeting.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Meet and Greet at the Hotel Indigo from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dinner on your own.

____ Yes, I/we are attending the Meet and Greet ____ Yes, I/we are interested in dinner!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Attire: USPS Casual

Registration is open from 0830 [Coffee and pastries will be available]

Conference begins at 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Lunch from Noon — 1 p.m.

Conference resumes 1 — 3:30 p.m.

CIVIC SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Jetty Island Clean-up after the conference. ____ Yes, count me in!

All lunch orders must be postmarked by Saturday, September 20 2025

All box lunches and salads include chips or roll, a cookie, and beverage.

ONE LOW-COST MEAL for \$25.00

Ham and Swiss _____

Classic Cob Salad _____

Roast Beef and Cheddar _____

Oriental Chicken Salad _____

Roasted Turkey _____

Vegan Mediterranean Wrap _____

Total (USD) \$ _____

Any Dietary requests with these lunch options? _____

Accommodations

- **Boaters:** the guest dock is a very short walk away; reservations through the marina at 425. 259.6001.
- **Hotels** of various prices are located near the Everett Marina
- **RVers:** Lakeside RV Park, 12321 Highway 99. Call 425.321.8531 to make your reservation.

FOR FREE CONFERENCE PARKING: Car Information below

Make and model _____ License number _____

Payment and Conference Reservations & Questions

Make checks payable to: **D/16 USPS**

Mail form and payment to: **Darcy Baker**

4030 Mission Beach Road, Tulalip, WA 98271

If you have any questions, please contact: Darcy Baker, 425.760.6475 or thebakerfamily4@comcast.net

Mistaken Identity?

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

Do you want to let people know that you belong to a Boating Organization?

Some of you know that the other volunteer hat that I wear is for the Mill Creek Festival. On the Friday before the Festival, we always have a VIP Party and invite the Sponsors, Directors, Chamber Members and Mill Creek City employees. Well, I am a Tee Shirt Sponsor, Art Director and long-time Chamber Member. So, Mike and I go every year for dinner and music.

This year as I went out the door all dressed up, I grabbed my nametag and away we went. After chatting with a couple of other guests one of them said, "I didn't know that you are a boater?" I was puzzled and then realized that I had put on my America's Boating Club of Snohomish County nametag instead of the Chamber nametag. They do look exactly alike, except for the name.

As the evening went on that nametag initiated many conversations about our Boat Club. Try it, you'll like it!

BIKE FUND IS UP AND RUNNING FOR FALL

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

At the June meeting we collected \$147.95, mostly coins that I rolled and took to the bank. By the way, I love rolling coins. Our total now is \$391.43. Over \$150 has come in this summer that I will be bringing to the September 9th meeting. We encourage you to bring in your donations too. Our goal is \$2000.

Bike Fund money is collected and saved up until November when members go to Walmart in Tulalip and purchase bikes for kids who benefit from Christmas House gifts.

Jars will be on the table during September, October and November. You can also go to our website and donate that way.

Or contact P/C Linda Martin at:

PFDPRETTYFANCYDUDE@YAHOO.COM



HIGHWAY MARINERS 2025

RENDEZVOUS

by P/C Mike Martin, P

2025 TRIPS

August 28 – September 2 – Conconully State Park

September 3-4 – Angel of the Winds RV Resort

September 18-24 – Steamboat Rock State Park, Banks Lake

2026 TRIPS

We are already planning our trips for 2026, and the holiday weekends are already on the calendar. Even our long trip is in the planning stage.

If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to Mike Martin and he can fill you in on where we are going in 2026.

Anyone wanting to camp with the Highway Mariners needs to make their own reservations. Mike can help you with the websites and phone numbers. After you have made a reservation, contact Mike Martin 425-330-6990 or frugalboatnut@frontier.com with your space number.



August at Toba Inlet



First Summer Outing *with* Hetki

by Lt Linda Skugstad, AP

On our way to get hauled out in Port Townsend on August 10th, Bob and I decided we'd make a little adventure out of our first outing with Hetki. We had been in Europe for two months earlier, and have not used the boat all summer. So off we went leaving Shelter Bay for Port Townsend. First stop, Langley for one night. As you can see in the top photo a dinghy was drifting far away from its buoy that it was tied to. As luck would have it, we were taking our dinghy over to the marina to go have dinner. The next thing we knew, a dinghy was following us, close behind without a soul in it. Bob had snagged the dinghy's line, which was underwater. Soon I realized we ran over the dinghy's line and it wrapped itself around our outboard motor. Bob got us untangle from the line, which took a while, no harm done to the outboard. Case in point: The dinghy should have had a floating line or been tied closer to the buoy. I just wish I had thought quickly enough to get a photo of the dinghy right behind our boat. It was a peculiar sight.

The next adventurer on our way to Port Townsend was anchoring in Port Ludlow. A lovely area where we enjoyed

a great dinner in the hotel and breakfast the next morning.

Day three: We arrived in P.T without incident on the water, until after Haven Boat Works hauled Hetki out of the water and moved it to a location where they could pressure wash the bottom. It was a very hot day in the boat yard, so I went into a building to cool off and drink some water. When I came out again, one of the workers told me Bob had fainted. I was shocked as I saw him lying on the ground all dirty and bleeding from the forehead, pale and clammy. The crew made Bob comfortable and called an ambulance that took us to Port Townsend's hospital up the street from the marina. The doctor ordered a CT scan of Bob's brain, a blood test and Bob got a few stitches on his forehead. After several hours of testing we got the green light to go home. I called a taxi, but he was busy, and NO Ubers in P.T. so we started walking, only to discover we were quite away from the ferry dock. A McDonald's was on the way so we got some food and water. A young man, who after hearing our story, offered us a ride from McDonald's to the ferry. Thank goodness, because Bob didn't look so good and it was hot.

When we finally got to our first ferry P.T. to Keystone we discovered the bus to Clinton stopped running. So we wondered, "how are we going to get to Clinton"? Another discovery, there is no Uber service on Whidbey Island or taxi for that matter. Again, we found a nice couple who were boarding the P.T. ferry and after looking at Bob offered us a ride to Clinton. They happen to live in Clinton. Good samaritans are everywhere.

We finally got to Mukilteo middle of the night, and luckily met the last bus at the terminal going our way. So, instead of me walking in the middle of the night to get the car while Bob waited for me at the terminal, we decided to hop on the bus and ride it home. Lesson learned, in the hot summer sun stay hydrated, and get out of the heat. And watch out for dinghy's that appear to be adrift.





WHAT: United States Power Squadron Seminar
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Second Wednesday of the month in November.
(Meeting dates may change on occasion)

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Dinner 7:00 pm
Program 7:30 pm
Location: Firefighters Hall
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