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Summer Fun

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by Sarah Taylor*

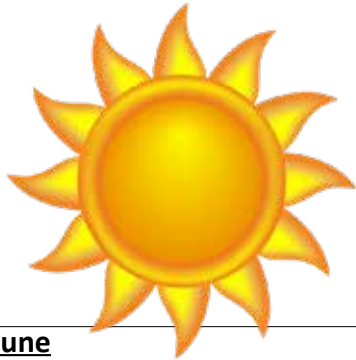
June Highlights

Tuesday 2 - BBQ Gathering at Firefighters Hall, Everett 6:00 PM
Partner in Command Seminar

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for
2026

June	
2	Partner in Command Seminar (Hybrid) and Annual BBQ (grilled burgers plus fixings and warm brownies with ice cream provided), please bring a side dish to share, food bank and bike fund donations encouraged, Everett Firefighters Hall, 6:00 pm
5 - 7	D-16 Rendezvous in Port Ludlow, Lots of fun activities for boaters, RV'ers and others, RSVP by May 22 to Dave McBride, Bremerton Squadron (see Pike Pole announcement on page 4)
9	Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
11-12	World Cup Watch Party at Everett Marina, Aqua Paddler Boat Event, volunteers needed, RSVP Linda Martin
12-14	Cruise to Coupeville, stay on the dock or anchor out, RSVP Susan Tarpley
13	Vessel Safety Checks, Anchor Cove Marina, Anacortes, RSVP Danny Daniels
18-19	World Cup Watch Party at Everett Marina, Aqua Paddler Boat Event, volunteers needed, RSVP Linda Martin

July	
8-15	Extended Boating Cruise, San Juan Islands to Butchart Gardens and back again, join in where you can, RSVP Susan Tarpley
11	Vessel Safety Checks, Port of Everett, RSVP Danny Daniels
18	Adopt a Street, 9:00 to 10:30 am, Meet at Henry M. Jackson Park, RSVP Danny Daniels or Claire Greer

August	
8	Vessel Safety Checks, Port of Everett, RSVP Danny Daniels
11	Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
15	Mill Creek Town Center Kid's Fest, BS4K volunteers needed, RSVP Linda Martin

September	
4-7	End of Summer Cruise, Sucia Island, RSVP Susan
8	Monthly Gathering via Zoom
12	Vessel Safety Checks
15	Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
20-26	USPS Fall Governing Board, Raleigh, NC

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Summer Kick Off BBQ

Free Partner-in-Command Seminar

Tuesday, June 2 Firefighters Hall, Everett 6:00 pm



Join us for grilled burgers with all the fixins', followed by warm brownies and vanilla ice cream. Please bring a salad or side dish to share.

We are excited to present our Partner-in-Command Seminar, designed to introduce boating concepts to crew members, regardless of whether they have previously taken a boating course. This seminar is perfect for those seeking basic information or a refresher. **You will learn essential knowledge for assisting a skipper in safely operating a recreational boat, plus guidance on how to handle emergency situations effectively.** Seminar begins at 7:00 pm.

Not able to make the gathering? Join us at via Zoom at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89072478615?pwd=xGt48XCmaNX7dFJlnHwNUcxTAeL3TP.1>

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Port Ludlow Marina

June 5—7 2026

****If you are attending any of the rendezvous' events, PLEASE register and mail check and form to Dave McBride, C/O D16, 22245 Veteran St. NE, Poulsbo, WA 98370****

Name(s): _____

Squadron: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

YES, I am coming to Taco Dinner! Number of attendees: _____ x \$28.50 = _____

Check number _____ is included with this registration.

If you are registering only for events/fellowship (no moorage or meal) Circle YES or NO below

Moorage Required YES NO

Hotel Accommodations Required
 YES NO

Events Only, No meal YES

Friday, June 5

5 p.m. Night Docktails: Bring your own beverage and finger food to share!

Saturday, June 6 Events:

9 to 10 a.m. Coffee and Danish to Start Your Day

10 to 10:15 a.m. Opening Ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Activities: Sign up at the Registration Desk. Please circle any event you would like to join.

- ⇒ Seminar – Introduction to Marine Batteries, Located inside PLYC
- ⇒ Seminar - Co-Op Charting—Opportunity to earn the Triple Anchor Award! Located inside PLYC
- ⇒ Seminar – Boat Operator Certification (BOC) What is it? Located inside PLYC
- ⇒ Event – First Annual Corn Hole Tournament in the Tent area.
- ⇒ Event – Life Ring Toss on the Dock
- ⇒ Vessel Safety Checks throughout the day

On Your Own Activities

- ⇒ Kayak, canoe, and skiff rentals
- ⇒ Beachcombing
- ⇒ Hiking trails
- ⇒ Golf

Evening Activities

6 p.m. Dinner catered by God Bless Food (GBF) & Auction under the Tent!

Sunday Morning, June 7

9 a.m. Fresh brewed coffee and leftover Danish to fuel your trip home!

SQUADRONS—bring an auction item [suggested donation worth \$50] We will have the silent auction during the day with winners announced after dinner.

Bring auction items to Registration Desk Saturday morning or Dave McBride by 5:00 p.m.

FROM THE HELM

Commander Claire Greer



As our boating season gets under way and I think about all the different activities our squadron has planned for this year, I wonder, as I have before, who it was that decided we should be called the Everett Sail and Power Squadron. For a boating organization whose existence is owed to water craft that are powered by engines rather than wind, that seems like a rather deliberate decision; a choice to be inclusive not only of different types of boats but also of the different types of people whose personalities and perhaps, means, incline them to prefer one type over another. That willingness to welcome a diverse group of people and interests into our squadron has not only continued but expanded. We now have members who have added to, or traded in, their original boats for forms of recreational transportation which are (let's face it!) less demanding/expensive/time-consuming/troublesome/difficult to operate than whatever it was that originally drew them to the joys of rocking about in a small tub of wood or fiberglass while trying to appear skilled enough to navigate through waves, currents, weather, rocks, underwater snags, ferries and the occasional whale! So really, at this point we could probably consider ourselves to be the Everett Sail and Power and RV and kayak squadron! Which suggests that it has as much to do with the people we choose to have the adventures with as it does the vehicles we use to have the adventures in.

This April we added another type of recreational transportation to our squadron's list of diverse activities when our Past Commander Annette Ferguson agreed to be my Navigator for a car rally. Long before I was able to realize my dream of owning a boat, I was able to get in some practice at dealing with the more temperamental forms of internal combustion on a Fiat Spider. It was small, RED, convertible, Italian, and I spent twenty years having a lot of fun with it. I recently realized how much I have missed owning a sports car, and had a fit of rebellion at the banality of declining into middle age in another Subaru "station wagon". So I bought a Mini Clubman; which seemed like an appropriate compromise as it has a decent amount of cargo space but is designed to be as much fun to drive as a go-kart!

Suitably equipped with a more "sporty" car, I signed us up to enter a rally I had participated in many times in the Fiat. It's organized every year in April by the MG car club NW, and the routes they design cover the area around Mount Vernon; this year it was to the east of I-5 and went through some pretty areas that neither Annette or I had been to. There were over 100 cars of many varieties, we had directions and a list of questions we had to answer by looking out for things along the way. Annette turned out to be an excellent Navigator; we only got one question wrong (and we felt that was debatable!), and were awarded a plaque for coming first in our Club group!

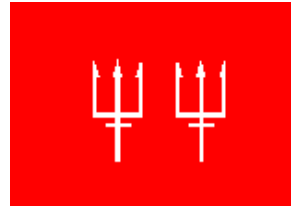
It was a great way to start a summer of activities so I wish everyone similar happy experiences in whatever type of "craft" you have, whether in or out of the water!

Claire



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Nick Rich, AP



Greetings, fellow boaters. With Summer just about upon us, we have several upcoming outings and plans for outreach in the community as well.

Upcoming and Noteworthy...

Do you know where your flares are—and if they're expired? Has it been a while since you reviewed your float plan process, or taken stock of your onboard emergency gear? Has your vessel had its safety check? A few minutes of preparation now can turn a potentially dangerous moment into just another good story to tell at the dock.

Vessel Safety Checks: Danny and his crew of volunteers are ready to help you with a Vessel Safety Check! See the club calendar for available dates or make an appointment with Danny Daniels for an alternate time. The upcoming scheduled summer VSCs are June 13 at Anchor Cove in Anacortes and look for Jim West at the District 16 Rendezvous in Port Ludlow June 6.

Are you interested in becoming an VSC Examiner? Danny can help you with that too - dannyldaniels@gmail.com.

Adopt-a-Street: Saturday, July 18, 9:00 AM. Meet at Henry M. Jackson Park on Marine View Drive in Everett. This is a fun and rewarding way to give back to our community, and to catch up with boating friends while we make this part of Everett cleaner.

As always, stay safe, be curious, and we look forward to seeing you on the water, and at our upcoming events!

- Nick



Trash bags full of street garbage

Adopt-A-Street Clean up planned July 18, 2026

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP



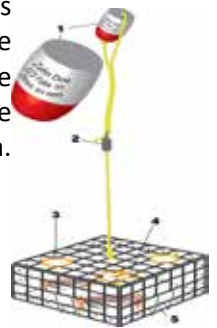
Ahoy Mates!

You're Invited to a



To send us off on our summer travels and adventures, the annual BBQ returns again this year for the June 2nd meeting! The big ol' grill will be fired up once again! Burgers and condiments will be provided courtesy of our club for all members! If you'd prefer something else as your entrée, please feel free to bring whatever you'd rather cook on the grill, e.g., fish, chicken, veggies, etc. We'll provide the main dish, along with a yummy dessert. We just ask that you bring a side dish to share. The cookout begins at 6pm

Our annual crab pot fundraiser is underway! We have fully-equipped, properly-rigged, re-serviced crab pots for a suggested minimum donation of \$50. What an incredible deal! These pots will be available at the June 2nd gathering/BBQ. If you are a crabber, want to learn, or know someone that needs a crab pot.....get one (or more) of these pots! Remember this is a win-win situation.... not only do you get crab gear at a great price and contribute to our fundraiser, you also participate in the region's Marine Debris/Derelict gear program.



Following the cookout, join us at 7pm when we present our "Partner-in-Command" seminar. See promo on page 3. This program is intended to help crew members, i.e., "non-skippers", learn how to handle basic onboard operations, assist in emergency situations should the need arise, and offer tips on how to become confident "Second-in-Command" crew members.

The presentation is also intended as a refresher seminar and how experienced skippers can give basic, easy to understand instructions to less-experienced folks onboard.

The evening's program will be a hybrid one. If you are attending the BBQ, then we'll see you in person. If you are unable to join our gathering and still want to be a participant in the seminar, please join us via Zoom. Here are the Zoom invite details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89072478615?pwd=xGt48XCmaNX7dFjlnHwNUcxTAE13TP.1>

Meeting ID: 890 7247 8615

Passcode: 092606

The waiting room for the Zoom meeting will open at 6:50pm, and the program will start at 7pm. We should all be ready to operate our vessels in calm, confident, and responsible ways after this presentation. Let's make ABC of Snohomish Co. members the best role models we can be out there on our local waters!



Don't forget to check our summer season Cruise schedule on *Page 15*. Our first rendezvous, aka Shake Down Cruise, is coming up on June 12-14! Come by boat, come by car! Meet us in Coupeville on Saturday for a low-key exploration of the fun shops and museums. We've invited our Commander Claire to take a "Commanders Cruise" around Penn Cover via an inflatable yacht (ok it's really just a dinghy). Bring a life jacket, come aboard one of our club's flotilla of dinghies, and be a part of the fun. Send your questions and/or RSVP's to activities.boatsnoco@gmail.com

Lastly, as a reminder, there will no monthly meetings held in July and August, as we are all out and about enjoying the summer season in the PNW. Our next general gathering will via Zoom on Sept 8th, right after the Labor Day weekend. Mark your calendars!

Hope to see you at the June BBQ as well as out on the water during the summer!

Cheers, Susan

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Linda Martin, JN



CRUISING UP NORTH

Back in 1997-98 I took the Junior Navigation course from P/Lt/C Chuck Taylor, SN and I only passed the closed and open book exam. I could not figure out the Sights to save my soul. So, I took my brother's sextant on our 24' Bayliner Classic from Everett to Ketchikan, Alaska hoping to get some sights and complete the course. Chuck is an amazing instructor, and he tried his best to get my Sights correct so that I could complete the course. You'll notice that I do have JN after my name and I did finally complete the course in 2016. The course at that time included studying the sextant and how it works, and looking at the stars, sun, moon and planets along with how to figure out where you are from looking at the heavenly bodies through the sextant.

Fast forward to 2026, the United States Power Squadron Educational Department have rewritten the Junior Navigation course and changed the name to Offshore Navigation. Here's the description of the new Offshore Navigation Course.

"In Offshore Navigation, the student will continue to use GPS as the primary position sensor, as learned in Marine Navigation or Advanced Piloting. However, the offshore environment poses many different elements for consideration by the navigator. Ocean currents, wind and sea state all affect a vessel's performance over the longer passages. The students will be introduced to Pilot Charts, Open CPN, Vector Charts and VPP2 Software. Offshore Navigation is designed as a practical "how to" course designed to be completed in nine weeks of classroom work, plus an additional week to review the Practice Cruise."

In my words the students will not be using the sextant but the new electronic charting systems that have been introduced since 1998 when we went to Alaska with a GPS, depth sounder, Radar and a bucket load of paper charts. Chuck Taylor has agreed to teach this course beginning on September 21 at his home in South Everett and we will have time to figure out how to make this a hybrid class for those living a great distance from Everett to attend on their computers.

If you have taken Advanced Piloting or Marine Navigation you will qualify to take Offshore Navigation. For prices and more details on signing up for this class, contact Linda Martin at PFDPrettyfancydude@yahoo.com

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2026 BOATING EDUCATION SCHEDULE

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE -- ABC

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 generally Closes 2 week prior, but the class may still have space

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FOR MORE DETAILS and link to register and pay

OFFSHORE NAVIGATION

Beginning September 21, 2026

Cost: Members: TBA

Non Members: TBA

Instructor: Chuck Taylor, SN
Everett

RSVP: [Linda Martin, JN](mailto:Linda.Martin@snoco.org)

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.

Partner in Command

June 2, 2026

Everett Fireman's Hall

Join us in person for lively training and discussion, and enjoy BBQ with your boating friends.

Learn the essential skills you will need to help the skipper safely operate a recreational boat and become an asset on board.

The Partner in Command seminar includes an introduction to boating, understanding anchoring, docking, and navigation, preparing for bad weather, first aid and on-board emergencies, plus more.

This seminar is great for someone new to boating, or a good reminder for folks that are experienced boaters.

For those that can't make it to Everett in person, a Zoom

Link to be published closer to scheduled date

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FOR MORE DETAILS

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.

Linda Martin 425-422-4721

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.

Staying Sharp on the Water: The Captain and First Mate Team

by P/C Emma Corbilla Doody

For many Pacific Northwest boaters, time on the water represents freedom, adventure, and a lifelong passion. Whether cruising through the San Juan Islands, navigating foggy passages in Puget Sound, or docking in a busy marina, boating is an activity that relies heavily on skill, awareness, and teamwork. Most boaters understand the importance of maintaining their vessels. Engines are serviced, navigation electronics are updated, and safety gear is checked regularly. But there is another critical system on board that rarely gets the same attention—the human brain. Safe boating depends not only on the captain, but also on the captain's—first mate team working together with focus and clear communication.

On many cruising boats, especially among couples, the captain and first mate divide responsibilities in ways that keep the vessel operating smoothly. One may manage navigation while the other handles lines during docking. One may watch radar in low visibility while the other monitors charts or weather conditions. Both individuals must maintain situational awareness, interpret information quickly, and communicate clearly—sometimes in high-stress situations such as tight docking maneuvers, unexpected weather changes, or busy waterways. When both members of the team are mentally sharp, boating becomes safer and more enjoyable.

Operating a vessel involves constant mental processing. Even during calm cruising conditions, boaters must continually scan their surroundings and interpret multiple sources of information, including navigation markers and charts, radar and electronic systems, nearby vessels and traffic patterns, and changing tides, currents, and weather. During docking or anchoring, the demands increase even further. Precise communication between captain and first mate becomes essential. Clear thinking, good judgment, and rapid decision-making are key components of safe seamanship.

One of the most underestimated risks in boating is mental fatigue. Long cruising days, poor sleep, or sustained periods of concentration can gradually reduce attention and reaction time. This is not unique to recreational boating. Research in aviation, commercial shipping, and transportation has long shown that fatigue can significantly affect cognitive performance. Fatigue may lead to slower reaction times, reduced situational awareness, difficulty processing multiple inputs, and communication errors between crew members. Even experienced boaters can experience these effects after long hours on the water.

Just as we plan fuel stops and weather routes, planning for mental alertness can help both captain and crew stay focused throughout the voyage. Here are several simple habits that can help maintain cognitive performance during boating:

- Prioritize good sleep before long cruising days
- Take short breaks during extended passages
- Stay hydrated and avoid alcohol while operating the vessel
- Share navigation responsibilities between captain and first mate
- Maintain clear communication during docking and high-traffic situations

Certain cognitive abilities can change gradually as we age. Processing speed, multi-tasking ability, and sleep patterns may shift over time. This does not mean someone cannot remain a capable captain or first mate. In fact, experience often compensates for many changes. But it does highlight the importance of maintaining long-term brain health. The encouraging news is that the brain remains adaptable throughout life. Modern neuroscience has demonstrated that the brain can continue to change and strengthen its function through a process known as neuroplasticity. Just as muscles respond to exercise, the brain responds to stimulation and training. Activities such as navigation, problem-solving, learning new skills, and engaging with complex environments help strengthen neural connections. This adaptability allows people to continue improving cognitive performance throughout life.

Boaters often take pride in maintaining their vessels carefully. But the most sophisticated system on board is not the radar or chart plotter—it is the human brain of the crew working together. By supporting brain health through good sleep, physical activity, stress management, and continued cognitive engagement, captains and first mates alike can stay confident, capable, and ready for whatever the sea brings next. After all, the best voyages are the ones where the entire crew stays sharp.

Bio:

Dr. Emma Doody, ND is a naturopathic physician in Edmonds, Washington. Her practice was recognized as a Top Wellness Center in Edmonds for 2025, and she focuses on helping people maintain their health so they can stay active as they age. She is an avid boater and past commander with America's Boating Club.

WATERFRONT WATCH PARTIES

EVERETT IS AN OFFICIAL SEATTLE FWC26 FAN ZONE.

We're hosting free, all-ages World Cup watch parties on the waterfront—bringing the game to one of the most beautiful and iconic settings in Washington.

This June, the Port of Everett transforms into a matchday marina celebration with:

- ✓ Giant Screen
- ✓ Food Trucks
- ✓ Live Entertainment
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Kids Activities
- ✓ Beer Garden
- ✓ Free Fan Shuttle
- ✓ And More!

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GAME ON. EVERETT.

MATCH SCHEDULE

JUNE 11	Mexico vs South Africa at 12pm
JUNE 12	USA vs Paraguay at 6pm
JUNE 18	Mexico vs South Korea at 6pm
JUNE 19	USA vs Australia at 12pm



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BOATING SAFETY 4 KIDS AT THE WORLD CUP WATCH PARTY AT THE MARINA

By Lt/C Linda Martin, JN

I'm sure you have heard that the World Cup for Soccer is coming to Seattle in June. Well, we just learned that the **Everett Marina is going to have a WATCH PARTY** on their big screen at Box Car Park for four days. This will give the Snohomish County residents an opportunity to see the games without driving into Seattle on those days. What a great opportunity for soccer fans!!!

Now, here is why it matters to the Everett Sail and Power Squadron, America's Boating Club of Snohomish County. Somehow the word got to the Everett Marina folks, I think P/C Annette Ferguson, AP let the "cat out of the bag" that the District 16 volunteered at the Seattle Boat Show with the Paddle Boaters event. Low and behold, the Marina had already rented the pond and the paddle boats and needed volunteers to run it.

I'm reaching out today to get volunteers to run the **Aqua Paddler Boat Event**. The dates are....

1. Thursday, June 11 from 9:30am to 4pm (Match starts at 12:00 noon)
2. Friday, June 12 from 3:30pm to 9pm (Match starts at 6:00pm)
3. Thursday, June 18 from 3:30pm to 9pm (Match starts at 6:00pm)
4. Friday, June 19 from 9:30am to 4pm (Match starts at 12:00 noon)

Each shift is one half hour to set up; they open the area for two hours before the match with fun activities for families.

We need five volunteers per shift

See Page 13 for Other Events coming up....

CHRISTMAS HOUSE BIKE FUND!!

by Lt/C Linda Martin, JN

We had very generous donations to the Christmas House Bike Fund at our May Gathering. We collected \$133, bringing our total up to \$294. Remember our goal is \$2,000. The jars will be back at the BBQ Gathering on June 2. Bring your donations at that time. The jars will return in September, October and November. If you are collecting coins, I love counting coins and wrapping them. So, bring them in, please.

Christmas House? What is it? It is a non-profit organization that has a huge supply of donated Christmas Presents for the needy families of Snohomish County. They open the doors of the Boys and Girls Club in Everett, and the parents of the kids come and choose gifts for their children at no charge. When I donate to this cause, I think what would it be like if my children didn't have any gifts under the tree on Christmas morning?

The Everett Sail and Power Squadron, America's Boating Club of Snohomish County has been donating toys, bikes and money to the Christmas House for as long as I can remember.

Now we donate LOTS OF MONEY, purchase bikes and then donate them to the Christmas House. According to Greg Milne, the President of Christmas told us that "Bikes are THE coveted gift for children at Christmas Time. And the Everett Squadron is considered a Major Sponsor because of their long-time toy and bike donations."



HOW THE EVERETT POWER SQUADRON SAVED MY MARRIAGE

by Elaine Keasey

In 1987 Ray and I celebrated our 25th wedding Anniversary. All four of our children had left home and we were working to discover what was next. Ray was just out of hospital recovering from his second surgery. Following his first surgery he had returned to work prematurely, and had suffered an episode that had caused paralysis of his left side from the chest down. The second surgery had been a success and he was doing all of the bed-rest, physical therapy and icing required for his recovery. But he was discouraged.

Part of his discouragement had to do with the state of our marriage. You see, as the last child left home, we looked at each other and wondered who the other was, and why we had ever married in the first place. The intensity of supporting four kids in all of their activities and endeavors had resulted in our losing each other. Aside from the commitment we had made before God, there was very little holding us together. To fill some time we had rented a boat at the Everett waterfront for an afternoon of fishing. We enjoyed it enough to rent it again, and then again! I discovered that the guy I had run away with twenty five years ago lived on a boat! He was a whole different guy on the water. He was relaxed and excited and, most of all, *happy*. Not sure how he saw me on the boat, but again, he was happy.

Meanwhile, as Ray's physical health was improving, Boeing was anxious to close out his work injury claim. They offered him a new, lighter duty at work, and a cash settlement of \$13,000. Ray was never one to argue with authority, so despite having screws holding his back together and living in constant pain, he accepted. He used part of the money to purchase a new-fangled thing called a desktop computer. With the rest, he decided to buy a boat. The boats we had rented were 16' C-Dorys. He thought a 16 footer would be perfect but he wanted something that would have a port-a-potty for me, so we looked at an 18 footer. The cuddy cabin was too low so we looked at a 23 footer. Then I got the idea of having a bed so he could nap if he got tired while fishing. The next boat we looked at was a 28' command bridge style. 28 feet! You have got to be kidding! This was to be our first boat!

I forgot to mention that as part of Ray's healing he had been prescribed a "TENS" unit - a belt hung battery pack that powered small electrodes attached to his back to give him an on-going massage as he went about his day. I nick-named it his "Geisha Girl". I noticed the name of the boat we were looking at was named the "Gull Friend". I told him it was time to trade in his Geisha Girl for the Gull Friend. We bought the boat.

When Ray returned to work he saw a notice on the bulletin board for "Safe Boating" classes through the Everett Power Squadron. Eight weeks of weekly classes at Cascade High School, followed by a test. He signed us up, we attended the classes and ended up joining the organization so we could take other classes. Soon we were taking the boat out in the evenings and on week-ends, And yes, I found that the cool guy I had married lived on the boat! Ray's health continued to heal and so did our marriage. When Ray passed away recently I was blessed to have about as many ESPS members attend his celebration of life as we have in attendance at our monthly meetings! Now if that isn't a description of family I don't know what is!

BOATING SAFETY 4 KIDS 2026 SCHEDULE



JUNE

- 6 District 16 Summer Rendezvous at Port Ludlow by the pond - 2:00 – 3:00pm

AUGUST

- 15 Kid's Fest at Mill Creek Town Center - 1:00 – 5:00pm

OCTOBER

- 3 Fall Festival at Fisherman's Terminal, Ballard - 11:00am – 6:00pm
- 23 Haunted Harbor at Everett Marina - 4:00 – 6:00pm

DECEMBER

- 5 Holiday at the Bay at Everett Marina -
- 5 Santa Parade at Mill Creek Town Center



<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/>

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Other events coming up this summer and fall are....

District 16 Summer Rendezvous in Port Ludlow

A table by the pond to tell passers-by about life jackets and the rescue bag. Giving Puzzle Books out to the kids. Need 3 volunteers.

Date: June 6 from 2:00 – 3:00pm

Mill Creek Town Center Kid's Fest

Date August 15 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Location: Next to Banner Bank, Mill Creek

We set up a booth and teach about life jackets, cold water and the rescue bag. Need five volunteers

Fall Festival

Date: October 3 from 10:00am to 6:00pm

Location: Fisherman's Terminal in Ballard

Need 9-10 volunteers to get enough for two shifts

We set up a booth and teach about life jackets, cold water and the rescue bag.

Look at your calendar and set aside a day or two or three to help with these events. It's a totally fun way to spend a few hours and we might just save a little life with our safety message. At all these events there is a parent or grandparent standing nearby to hear the message. It's also an opportunity to tell the adults about our classes and Vessel Safety Checks.

Contact Lt/C Linda Martin, JN at PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com if you plan to volunteer.

Diversity of Fishes in the Pacific Northwest

May Speaker: Courtney Skalley from Nature Conservancy





Visit: <http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/>
 Visit: <http://www.safetysal.net>



**HIGHWAY MARINERS 2026
RENDEZVOUS**

by P/C Mike Martin, P

We have planned most of our trips for 2026, and the holiday weekends are already on the calendar. Even our long trip in the planning stage. **Reserve the nights dated.**

The places are.....

June 5-6 -- Port Ludlow RV Park, RSVP Dave McBride, Bremerton Squadron

July 2-5 -- Wenatchee River County RV Park

Two Week Trip – July 28 -August 4—Gilgal RV Park then August 5 – 8 – Ocean City RV Park then August 9 – 14? – Long Beach

September 1-8 – Steamboat Rock State Park

If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to Mike Martin NOW and he can fill you in on the details and contact numbers.

Everyone 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.

Vessel Safety Check

Anyone who would like a vessel safety check done on their boat

Contacts are below:

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Lt Danny Daniels, AP 206/229-9649

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phnx789@msn.com

Vessel Safety Exams 2026

Contact: Lt Danny L.Daniels, AP for

Vessel Safety Check Schedule

June 13, Anchor Cove, Anacortes

July 11, Everett Marina

August 8, Everett Marina

Please check back for additional dates

Starting in February through October: The second Saturday of every month we will be at the Port of Everett and Dagmar's from 9am to 3pm. Pre-registration is appreciated.

VSC... PERMISSION TO COME ABOARD!

by Lt Danny Daniels, AP

Looking for a simple way to volunteer and provide a valued service to the boating community at large? WE offer FREE Vessel Safety Checks to all boats under 65 foot, and that takes Examiners. Most exams are under an hour; and you will meet some fascinating boaters as well as touring some beautiful boats.

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Contact: Lt Danny L Daniels AP -if you would like to start.

America's Boating Club of Snohomish County 2026 Summer Cruising Schedule



Date	Destination	Notes
June 13-14	Coupeville, Whidbey Island	2026 Shake Down Cruise! Grab a place on the dock, first come, first serve (no power). Can anchor out. Boat in or join for the day via car/ferry. Visit shops, museums, join our dinghy exploration of Penn Cove
July 8-15	Mill Bay/ Vancouver Is. / Todd Inlet B.C.	Can include stops in Sydney, Deer Harbor, English Camp, Stewart Is. Join in one any leg of the journey. Details TBD. RSVP Susan Plan for over- nighting in Todd Inlet (i.e. boat-in entrance to beautiful Buchart Gardens). Enjoy the spectacular fireworks there on Sat pm 7/11.
Sept 4-7	Sucia Island	Labor Day weekend gathering



**Past Rendezvous with
America's Boating Club of
Snohomish County.
Sucia Island**



2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

WALKS & RUNS

MARCH AGAINST HUNGER 5K
MARCH 28

MILL TOWN MARATHON
MARCH 29

WALK MS: EVERETT 2026
APRIL 25

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S
OCTOBER 10

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY
OCTOBER 24

HOLIDAY ON THE BAY 5K
DECEMBER 6



BEACHES & BOATING

FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS
YEAR-ROUND

KAYAK SHARE RENTALS
YEAR-ROUND

FREEDOM BOAT CLUB
YEAR-ROUND

JETTY ISLAND DAYS
JULY 8-SEPTEMBER 6

WATERFRONT FESTIVALS

WHEELS ON THE WATERFRONT CAR SHOW
AUGUST 22

MUKILTEO LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 11-13

HAUNTED HARBOR
OCTOBER 23

HOLIDAY ON THE BAY
DECEMBER 5

HARBOR TOURS

"THROWBACK THURSDAY" HARBOR TOURS WITH HISTORIC EVERETT
JULY 9, 23, AUG. 6, 20, & SEPT. 3

WORKING WATERFRONT HARBOR TOURS
JULY 8, 15, 29, AUG. 12 & 26



FISHING DERBIES

SALMON FOR SOLDIERS
SEPTEMBER 13

EVERETT COHO DERBY
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

FAMILY FUN

MARINA AND JETTY ISLAND CLEANUP DAY
APRIL 18

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY
MAY 25

FLOAT FIND
JULY & AUGUST 2026

HOLIDAY HOOVES: 12 DAYS OF REINDEER
DECEMBER 2026

2026 WATERFRONT WATCH PARTIES
JUNE 2026

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MUSIC & MOVIES

MUSIC AT THE MARINA
JULY 2-AUGUST 27 (THURSDAYS)

ROCK THE BOAT
NIGHT 1 FEAT. PAM TILLIS, DOUG STONE & LITTLE TEXAS
NIGHT 2 FEAT. EVERCLEAR, MARCY PLAYGROUND & DEEP BLUE SOMETHING
JULY 17 & 18

SAIL-IN CINEMA OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES
JULY 24-AUGUST 21 (FRIDAYS)

PUGET SOUNDS STEEL DRUMS
AUGUST 7-28 (FRIDAYS)



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- Enter our NPO number which is BD627 or Everett Sail and Power Squadron and click on "confirm".



Our Club's monthly food drive is still on-going, so please help us to help others. Current Needs at the local food banks include:

- Canned Goods
- Boxed Meals Cereal or Oatmeal
- Protein or Breakfast Bars
- Kitchen Staples
- Toiletries
- Feminine Products
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When: First Tuesday of the month except July & August, Second Wednesday of the month in November. (Meeting dates may change on occasion)

Time: Social 6:30 pm
Dinner 7:00 pm
Program 7:30 pm

Location: Firefighters Hall
2411 Hewitt Ave.
Everett, WA 98201

<http://www.boatclubsnoco.org>

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When: Second Tuesday of each month except July

Time: Business Meeting 1830 (6:30 pm)

Location: ON ZOOM

All members welcome!



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