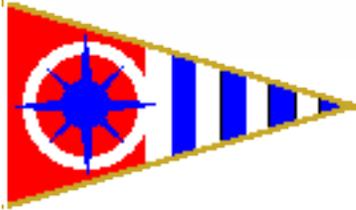


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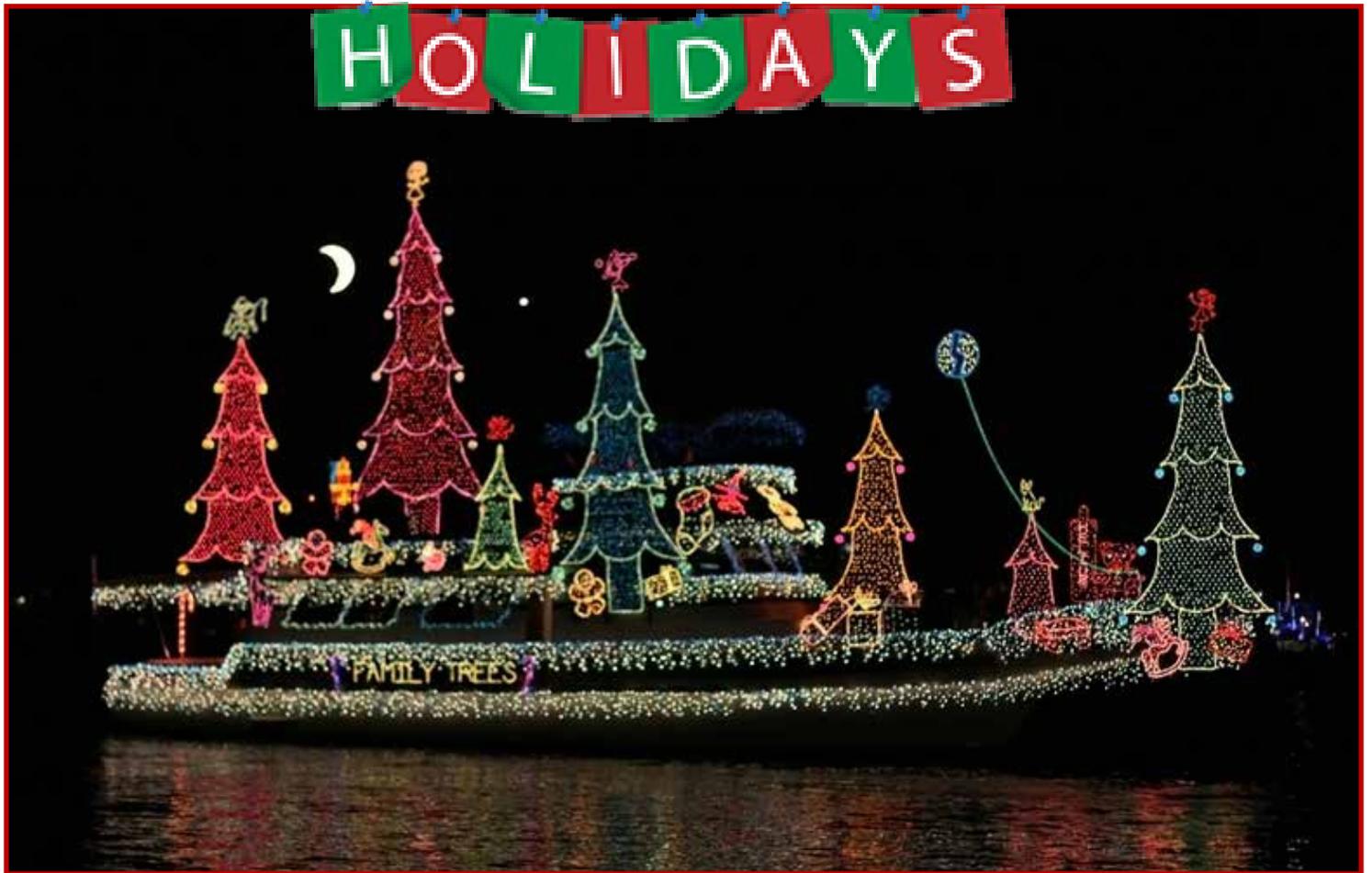


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HAPPY

HOLIDAYS



December Highlights

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Saturday, Christmas Cheer at Dagmar's Marina, Time 2:00 to 5:00 pm



December "Christmas Cheer" Gathering
Saturday, December 11
from 2:00 - 5:00 pm

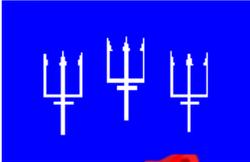
Join us as we celebrate the holidays together at Dagmar Marina's covered picnic shelter. Bundle up and bring a wrapped white elephant gift* for a fun(ny) gift exchange (optional). *Something you already have/\$15 max if purchased

A roaring fire will keep us warm and toasty as we catch up with friends old and new

S'mores and hot chocolate supplies provided by the Club
Bring chairs/blankets, beverages and snacks - *utensils provided*

Let's give a little extra this holiday season - please bring non-perishable items (checks ok) for our local food banks





FROM THE HELM

Commander Mike Watkins, AP



Welcome!

This month I would like us to focus on safety around the marina and more specifically electrical safety associated with stray current.

Let's talk about the stray current that is dangerous to you and your loved ones: Stray Alternating Current (AC).

- Introduces lethal electrical currents into the water surrounding your boat, but does not damage the boat.
- Electrical Shock Drowning (ESD) occurs when low levels of AC current pass through a person's body causing paralysis. The risk is much higher in fresh water. The victim, not being able to swim, ultimately drowns.
- The electrical wiring of your boat and/or marina can be the source of the stray AC.
- Children Swimming at the boat dock, especially fresh water boat docks is the highest reported location of ESD.
- There is a chance of shocking people touching metal objects on you boat as well.
- How to check? Use a clamp time AC current meter on your shore power cable while connected and some AC loads running on your boat. Due to the nature of AC current and the Hot, Return & Neutral wiring of your shore power cable, the clamp type AC current meter should read less than 30 mA. Anything greater should be investigated and repaired by a certified marine electrician.

With all our recent blustery weather, it is a good time to check to see if there is stray AC current issue at your dock. Next month we will talk about stray DC current.

Below are some resources and articles on stray AC current:

- <https://boatplanet.com/the-captains-blog/keeping-your-dock-safe-from-electric-shock-drowning>
- https://www.gowrie.com/pdfs/CHUBB_marine-facilities-tips-stray-electric-current-safety-checklist-05.16.pdf
- <https://www.fluke.com/en-us/learn/blog/electrical/beyond-the-basics-electrical-problems-at-a-boat-dock>

Looking forward to seeing you at our Dec 11th holiday get together, *Cdr Mike Watkins*



Secretary
Lt/C Brian Rachel, AP



Treasurer
Lt/C Randy Krumm, AP

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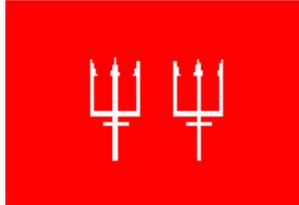
FRONT COVER: Holiday Boats Afloat,
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**Merry Christmas
Happy Holidays**



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Darcy Baker, AP



Merry Christmas



*'Tis the Season of Giving...
and, boy, do we know how!*

As the 2021 year draws to a close, let's remember those less fortunate as we give thanks and share our bounty with others. Here are some ways to help, both large and small...

- ❖ Donate to our Club's food drive at our outdoor "Christmas Cheer" event December 11 at Dagmar Marina's picnic shelter (2 – 5 pm). Can't make the event? Email me at thebakerfamily4@comcast.net and I will pick up your donation (non-perishable goods please).
- ❖ Support Christmas House with a monetary gift to our yearly bicycle donation fundraiser. Rather volunteer your time December 10 (8 am - 2 pm) helping Christmas House distribute gifts to local families in need? Contact Linda Martin at pfprettyfancydude@yahoo.com.
- ❖ Dress warmly and get ready for a little exercise on Saturday January 15 as we pick up trash along a local roadway at our quarterly Adopt-a-Street event. Let P/D/C Dennis Morris, SN know if you're able to help, Dennis.Morris3@frontier.com.
- ❖ Help our Club ensure safe boating practices and learn a new skill when you become a volunteer Vessel Safety Examiner. Training provided, and it doesn't cost a thing! Contact Danny Daniels for more info, DannyLDaniels@gmail.com.

Thank you for your help and generosity.

Happy holidays everyone!

GENERAL MEETINGS

When:

First Tuesday of the month except July & August- no meeting - November on first Wednesday of the month.

Time:

Social 1830 (6:30 pm)
Dinner 1900 (7:00 pm)
Program 1930 (7:30 pm)

Location:

Firefighter's Hall
2411 Hewitt Ave.
Everett, WA 98201

<http://www.boatclubsnoco.org>

D-16: <http://www.uspsd16.org>

Contact Cdr for NEW D16 Password

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

When:

Third Tuesday of each month except July

Time:

Business Meeting 1830 (6:30 pm)

Location: ON ZOOM

Everett Yacht Club / River Room
Central Docks, Everett Marina
Everett, WA 98201

All members welcome!



SQUADRON COMMITTEES

Standing Committees....

Telephone Committee

Lori Dey
Susan Green
Sharon Ward

General Committees....

Auditing...

1 yr P/Lt/C Cathy Rich, AP
2 yrs Susan Green, P
3 yrs P/C John Tarpley, AP

Rules...

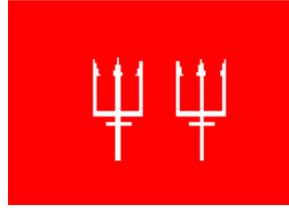
P/C Gary Baker, P
P/C Annette Ferguson, AP
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Nominating...

1 yrs P/C John Tarpley, AP
2 yrs P/C Gary Baker, AP-IN
3 yrs P/C Frank Havens, AP-IN

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP



Unbelievably, the calendar says December and we are somehow in the last month of the year... how did that happen?

We can quibble about it being dark at 4pm and time flying by. We can absolutely refuse to accept that we are a year older now than we were at the same time last year. However, the bottom line is it really is December and yes Virginia, an entire year has gone by! So, let's embrace the spirit of the season, and make the most of whatever that means to each of us. It may be special holiday memories; it may be giving to others; maybe it's shared moments together with family and close friends (our chosen family), and/or preparations for a brand new year with all its opportunities.

Whatever it is, just be in the moment and maximize it! We have a fun, in-person gathering coming up on Saturday, December 11th from 2 -5pm at Dagmar's Marina outdoors picnic area on page 2. Please note this event is instead of a general meeting for Decpagember, so NO meeting on Tuesday, Dec 7th. In addition to our club's Holiday Cheer get-together, there are many other boating-related happenings planned for the holiday season that you might want to put on your family's calendar. For example, the La Connor Christmas boat parade is a community event on December 11th. There's the Seattle's *Boating for a Cause* fundraiser benefitting Seattle Children's Hospital Research on December 18th. There's also the Port of Everett's *Holiday on the Bay* event on December 4th with a lighted boat parade featuring the Mukilteo Yacht Club in partnership with other local boating clubs/organizations at 5 pm. (p.s. we have had our own club's entry in this event in past years...any takers for this year?) See Page 9 for details. That's just a snippet of what the season has to offer. Make it jolly and enjoy the local happenings! Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays to you and yours! Hope to see you at our gathering at Dagmar's on Dec 11th.

Come ZOOM With Us...
during *the* Covid 19 pandemic

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO JOIN THE MEETINGS:

1. Go to <http://www.BoatClubSnoCo.org>
 2. Click on MEMBERS ONLY link (your computer may show MORE) Click the link.
 3. Key in the password that was given to you.
 4. Find Zoom Instructions and click the IMAGE.
 5. A .pdf file will open with the instructions.
 6. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm
- IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL:
D/Lt/C Jim West, JN 425/778-0283

Please note, using ZOOM for classes, meetings etc. is temporary and we will get back to face to face when the continued Covid 19 is under control.

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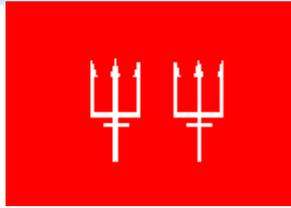
Articles & photos must be received no later than the second Friday of the month. Articles should be in Adobe In-Design compatible format, preferably Word format for Windows and .jpg for photos, send via email.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Linda Martin, JN
D/Lt/C Jim West, JN



Zooming into the Future

In my 1990 pocket dictionary, “zoom” meant a loud, buzzing sound. But today it’s a household word in a totally different context.



Linda Martin, and Joellyn Jackson, Dapper Dan and Low Blood Bear, the teaching team

Now we’ve added another word to our vocabulary, “Hybrid”. In my pocket dictionary, “hybrid” meant the offspring of two animals or plants of different origin. Now it means having students in the classroom with the instructor and many more students zooming in on Zoom.

On October 23, our boat club sponsored and presented a district-wide Hybrid Seminar at the First Financial NW Bank in the Mill Creek Town Center. A big success in my book!

We had two teams putting on the presentation. P/R/C Chris Brown, SN-ACN and D/Lt/C Jim West, JN made up the Tech Team in charge of the computers, hosting the Zoom part and the camera. P/Lt/C Joellyn Jackson, S and I were the Teaching Team and our job was to instruct the students on the *Emergencies on Board* Seminar.



In addition to the Teams, we had six in-person students and 18-19 students coming in using Zoom. The students represented eight squadrons, two districts and our District Commander, District Administrative Officer and our District Educational Officer. Most students were not there to learn *Emergencies on Board* but to learn how to do a Hybrid Class. But at the end of the seminar four members paid to get credit for the seminar and the booklet.

By Lt/C Linda Martin, JN



Jim West and Chris Brown, the Tech Team

Good news: classes are picking up. And with the increase in remote learning opportunities, we have more chances to educate new boaters, and even experienced boaters who may have gotten complacent over this past summer. Which, let’s be honest, was much more amenable to outdoor activities.

And speaking of remote learning, we are now working on hybrid, or combination, classes. On October 23, Everett Squadron sponsored its first hybrid seminar. As a “beta” test of this new kind of teaching, SEO Linda Martin, and I, with the assistance of P/R/C Chris Brown and P/Lt/C Joellyn Jackson, and using the premises of a local bank, presented “*Emergencies on Board*” to six in-person students and 18 remote students using ZOOM technology. It was a roaring success for our first effort, and we got excellent feedback from all the participants. We learned a lot about the way that remote and in-person participants can interact, and we are taking those lessons and designing improvements for the next efforts. I want to thank Friday Harbor SEO Ann Einboden for leading the way and lending us her experience and insights for making this inaugural effort more than just a “work in Progress”.

By D/Lt/C Jim West, JN



**2022 BOATING EDUCATIONAL SCHEDULE****AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE -- ABC**

January 29-30, 2022

April 9-10, 2022

June 25-26, 2022

August 6-7, 2022

October 22-23, 2022

All 8-HOUR ABC courses will be taught face to face, at A NEW LOCATION AT THE EVERETT MARINA. The course cost is \$60 per person. RSVP Linda Martin 425-422-4721

ALL COURSES (below) GOING FORWARD WILL BE TAUGHT VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM UNLESS NOTED

Please sign up for WINTER courses by DECEMBER 4TH so that materials can be ordered in advance.

JANUARY 6, 2022 – MARINE NAVIGATION (PILOTING)**COST: \$90 MEMBERS/\$155 NON-MEMBERS****TOOLS: \$25 MEMBERS/\$37 NON-MEMBERS****INSTRUCTOR: BRIAN RACHEL****LOCATION: ON ZOOM****TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM 8-10 WEEKS****JANUARY 10, 2022 – RADAR FOR BOATERS******COST: \$80 MEMBERS/\$140 NON-MEMBERS****INSTRUCTOR: JON WARD AND DAN ASPLUND****LOCATION: ON ZOOM****TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM 8-10 WEEKS****JANUARY 12, 2022 OFFSHORE NAVIGATION****COST: \$120 MEMBERS/\$200 NON-MEMBERS****INSTRUCTOR: CHUCK TAYLOR****LOCATION; LIVE AND ON ZOOM****TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM 10-12 WEEKS****SPRING 2022 – BOAT HANDLING (SEAMANSHIP)****COST: \$70 MEMBERS/\$120 NON-MEMBERS****INSTRUCTOR: JOHN TARPLEY****LOCATION: ON ZOOM****TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM 8-10 WEEKS****SPRING 2022 – ADV. MARINE NAV. (AP)****COST: \$90 MEMBERS/\$155 NON-MEMBERS****INSTRUCTOR: NICK RICH****LOCATION: ON ZOOM****TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM 8-10 WEEKS****SPRING 2022 – CRUISE PLANNING******COST: \$70 MEMBERS/\$120 NON-MEMBERS****INSTRUCTOR: SUSAN TARPLEY****LOCATION: IN PERSON, IF POSSIBLE****TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM 8-10 WEEKS**

Please sign up for SPRING courses by MARCH 4TH so that materials can be ordered in advance.

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 change.

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

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for

2021/2022

Join us at the **MEETINGS**

DECEMBER

- 7 NO GENERAL MEETING
- 10 Volunteer at Christmas House, RSVP Linda Martin
- 11 In person "Christmas Cheer", Gathering and Food Drive at Dagmars's Marina Picnic Shelter Page 2
- 21 Executive Meeting - Zoom

NO GENERAL MEETING



Saturday, December 11
Christmas Cheer Gathering
at
Dagmar's Marina
2:00 to 5:00 pm

JANUARY 2022

- 4 GENERAL MEETING via Zoom
- 6 Marine Navigation, RSVP Joellyn Jackson
- 10 Radar for Boaters, RSVP Joellyn Jackson
- 12 Offshore Navigation, RSVP Joellyn Jackson
- 15 Adopt-a-Street Roadside Clean-up, RSVP Dennis Morris
- 18 Executive Meeting via Zoom
- 29-30 America's Boating Course, RSVP Linda Martin

GENERAL MEETING

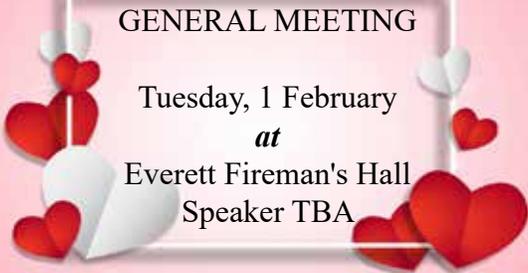


Tuesday, 4 January 2022
on
ZOOM

FEBRUARY 2022

- 1 GENERAL MEETING - Tentatively planned in person at the Everett Fireman's Hall, Speaker TBA
- 4-12 Seattle Boat Show
- 12 Boating Safety 4 Kids at the Boat Show (tentative)
- 15 Executive Meeting via Zoom
- 19-27 USPS Annual Meeting in Ponte Verde, Florida

GENERAL MEETING



Tuesday, 1 February
at
Everett Fireman's Hall
Speaker TBA

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Holiday on the Bay

@PORT OF EVERETT



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

KICK-OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE PORT OF EVERETT WATERFRONT!

***NEW LOCATION* PACIFIC RIM PLAZA, 1028 13TH STREET, EVERETT, WA 98201**

- ❄️ **HOLIDAY MARKET WITH EVERETT MAKERS MARKET | NOON – 5 P.M.**
Support local business this holiday season! Everett Makers Market is bringing a curated pop-up shop to Holiday on the Bay, featuring goods and wares from a variety of makers and crafters to meet your holiday shopping needs.
- ❄️ **HOLIDAY KIDS CRAFTS | NOON – 5 P.M.**
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH IMAGINE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Free "deck the halls" holiday crafting is back. Visit the Imagine Children's Museum booth to complete your craft, or pick up a take-home kit to do it later! (1 per child; while supplies last).
- ❄️ **CITY OF EVERETT FIRE TOUCH A TRUCK | NOON – 5 P.M.**
Come visit with Everett Fire Department to check out the ladder truck, pick up a *free* fire hat and more!
- ❄️ **A VISIT FROM "ICE QUEENS" WITH ENCHANTING EVENTS | 1:30 – 4:30 P.M.**
Come meet, mingle and snap a photo with your favorite Frozen inspired ice queens.
- ❄️ **TREE LIGHTING + VISIT FROM SANTA | 4:45 P.M.**
Gather around the Port's new "frozen fountain" tree, hear a message from Port leadership and countdown with us at our annual holiday tree lighting ceremony. Our jolly friend in red will also be making an appearance!
- ❄️ **MUKILTEO YACHT CLUB LIGHTED BOAT PARADE | 5:00 P.M.**
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER LOCAL YACHT & BOATING CLUBS
Watch lighted boats parade around the marina! Various viewing locations are available along the waterfront trails and at select restaurants. Boats depart from North Guest Dock 6 at 5 p.m., head to South Guest Dock 1 near Anthony's Homeport, then head to Central Guest Dock 5 and return to North Guest Dock 6.
- ❄️ **HOLIDAY ON THE BAY DRIVE-IN MOVIES | 5 P.M. & 7:30 P.M.**
Back by popular demand, the Port is hosting two drive-in movies featuring holiday classics *The Polar Express* (G) at 5 p.m. and *The Santa Clause* (PG) at 7:30 p.m. **Reservations required. Sign up at www.portofeverett.com/movies.**
- ❄️ **HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE | NOW – DEC. 4**
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS
Collection of NEW, unwrapped gifts for children in need. Drop off toys at the Toys for Tots bins in the Port's Waterfront Center lobby (near Scuttlebutt) now thru Dec. 4. Drop off at Holiday on the Bay (Dec. 4) at Pacific Rim Plaza.
- ❄️ **PACIFIC ICE SEASONAL OUTDOOR ICE RINK | DAILY NOV. 27 – JAN. 31**
Join us this holiday season at the NEW *Pacific Ice* outdoor community ice rink at the Port's Pacific Rim Plaza. Visit www.portofeverett.com/pacificice to learn more & purchase your tickets!
- ❄️ **HOLIDAY SPECIALS @ VARIOUS WATERFRONT RESTAURANTS & BUSINESSES**
Support your waterfront restaurants and businesses this holiday season! Watch for the various specials offered, from drinks and dining, to lodging and more! Gift cards always make great gifts.



HOLIDAY ON THE BAY WILL OPERATE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT CDC, STATE, AND LOCAL GUIDANCE FOR COVID-19



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US USING #HOLIDAYONTHEBAY!





WINTERIZING TIPS

by Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP

Some of us boat year-round and some of us don't. If you opt to continue your boating opportunities and venture out onto the water in the December-March timeframe, go for it and please be safe! If you choose to swap out boating activities for more winter wonderland activities such as snowmobiling, skiing, snowshoeing, or just curling up with a good book in front of a roaring fire, that's totally fine too! If you are in this latter group, you'll want to make sure that your boat is ready for its annual winter "hibernation". So, follow these winter lay-up tips for a much easier and efficient start in spring. From America's Boating Compass Oct 2021:

Anchors

Clean, inspect and organize your anchors, chains and locker. Pay attention to wear and the connections between components. Soak anchor rodes in fabric softener and water overnight and rinse with fresh water. Rinse all your lines, too.

Corrosion

Electrical connections, metal-to-metal fasteners and non-stainless steel parts all need attention to survive the elements. Spray fasteners with a corrosion inhibitor, and replace damaged units. Don't neglect stainless steel components such as rails and instrument casings.

Electronics

Remove all electronics and store them in a dry, climate-controlled environment to prevent condensation and insect invasion. Coat electrical connections with an anti-corrosion compound designed to stop existing corrosion and prevent new decay, and spray metal screws with multi-purpose marine lubricant.

Navigation lights

Boats under 39 feet are required to have a port red sidelight, a green starboard sidelight and a white all-around light. If your boat has a bicolor light that combines sidelights, make sure the colors don't leak to the wrong side. Sidelights must be visible for one nautical mile, and all-around lights should be visible for two. If not, replace the bulbs with brighter, higher wattage ones. Check the light socket for corrosion that could interfere with the electric signal.

Props

For maximum performance, inspect the leading edges of prop blades for gouges, nicks, rough spots and cracks. Smooth minor nicks and gouges with a machinist's general-purpose file. Use fine sandpaper to carefully complete the blending and smooth the surface. File and sand parallel with the blade, not perpendicular to it. Serious cracks and

damage should only be repaired by an authorized dealer. Check for bent prop blades by placing a ruler against the anti-ventilation plate so that it touches one blade's tip. Slowly turn the propeller while firmly holding the ruler in place. If the blades intersect the plane of the ruler during this rotation, they are bent. They should be straightened or replaced by a dealer.

Required service

Some operations can only be performed by a qualified service shop, especially on fuel-injected engines. Schedule annually required service in the fall, as opposed to the busy spring.

Strainers

Periodically check raw-water strainers in a boat's engine, generator, refrigerator, freezer and air conditioners for damage. Disassemble the strainer and remove the plastic sight glass. If the component has any cracks or damage, replace it. Rinse the strainer and rub it clean. Check the strainer's stainless steel mesh ends. If they are compressed, replace the strainer. Inspect and replace or grease all seals.

Zinc anodes

These nifty components prevent or reduce galvanic corrosion, the deterioration that occurs to dissimilar metals in an electrolytic solution (water). Replace zinc anodes at least once a year.

Last, but not least

Inspect fuel filters, hoses, clamps, connectors, belts and electrical lines, anchor lights and running lights. Are life jackets clean and usable? Do they have whistles? Check ancillary systems such as fresh water, bilge, circuit breakers, fuses and lighting. Start a maintenance log and jot down your decommissioning procedures so you know where to begin in the spring. —Marty Seconhouse

Also don't forget to Winterize your outboard now so you'll be ready to launch come the spring.

- Proper outboard engine and stern drive lower unit winterization includes cleaning, lubrication and replacing sacrificial anodes.
- To lubricate your engine, remove the vent on the unit's bottom and allow a small amount of lubricating oil to run out. Inspect this oil for cleanliness and moisture. If either dirt or moisture is present, drain and replace the gear oil after first determining and repairing the cause.
- Outboard engine lower units contain a small amount of gear lubricant, which should be drained and refilled at the end of each boating season.
- Lubricate the upper and lower pivot pins and gimbal bearings on stern drives and lubricate the pivot bearings and tilt pins on outboard engines. Replace sacrificial

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- anodes that are more than 50 percent consumed. Test the tilt mechanism, check the fluid in the tilt reservoir and replenish if low. Lubricate mechanical tilt units.
- With the stern drive raised, inspect the bellows for cracks or leakage points. Store the stern drive in the normal operating position to protect the bellows from abnormal stretching, which could cause cracking later.
- Wipe the unit's exterior and repaint areas where paint is missing. Do not use a copper-based paint; refer to your owner's manual or consult the dealer for an approved paint.

Become an engine guru; take an America's Boating Club Engine Maintenance course!



Source: <https://boatingcompass.org/>

Christmas House Bike Fund

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

The bike fund campaign for Christmas House has officially ended for this year. Total donations were \$663. Mike and I talked to the president of Christmas House regarding the drop off site for the bikes. We have been shopping for bikes. Thanks very much to all of you who have donated.

Many children will have a very special gift this Christmas. Since the club has not been collecting toys for Christmas House, Top Drawer Artwork is doing it. Members can get toys to me and I'll deliver them to Christmas House. Again, thanks for your continued support.

The total donations collected for 2021 added up to \$863.62. After a very uplifting experience at the Walmart on Everett Mall Way, we drove away with 15 bikes. The store managers, Brennen and Dom, were so helpful, efficient and generous to our cause. When we delivered the bikes to Gregg Milne, president of Christmas House, there was more excitement and some additional information that I said I would pass on to the members. First of all, a great big thank you to those who donated to the fund. Second, they are short volunteers for helping the parents choose the toys for their kids between November 26 and December 19. I encourage you to go to their website and sign up for a shift. Pick a day that works for you that is still open. You will not regret it. The shifts are from 8am to 2pm.

<http://www.christmas-house.org>



Managers of Walmart that helped load bikes into the truck



Plenty of bikes will go to Christmas House



Wrapped and ready to go..

SAN JUAN ISLANDS

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

Cruising the San Juan Islands was written by Bruce Calhoun in 1973, he was a member of the Seattle Power Squadron, back in the day. This month I'm again sharing from Chapter 6. I discovered in reading on in this chapter some very interesting information on Sucia Island.

Chapter 6 – Orcas Island, the Crown Jewel

It has been said there are few places remaining in America today where history has not been paved over. In the San Juan Islands, there has been very little paving over of history. Since the days of Captain Vancouver's explorations of these quiet islands and scenic waterways of the Northwest, man has become ever more aware of the enjoyment to be found in cruising this tranquil archipelago and the value of preserving this natural wonder.

Orcas Island is no exception. Golden moss-covered rocks under the greenery of pine, fir, cedar and madrona trees, miles of beautiful trails, manicured green lawns, sleepy villages, bays, coves, beaches, lakes and parks—all blend to make this water-grit wonderland a paradise for boating families. Much of Orcas Island looks just as it did to Lieutenant Broughton nearly 200 years ago. Today's residents are doing all they can to keep it that way and to preserve the mementos and memories of its history. Orcas is a sparkling jewel in the crown of this fleet of islands.

Although there are conflicting statements regarding the source of the island's name, it seems fairly well established that it was Eliza who charted a portion of what we know as San Juan Channel as Boca de Horcasitas (after a Spanish ship by the name with the H frequently dropped). The Orcas was given to the island by Captain Kellett in 1847. Some claims are made that the name is derived from orca, the Spanish word for "killer whale."

Orcas, with 57 square miles of area, is the largest of the San Juan Islands, but just barely (nosing out San Juan Island by one square mile). Shaped like a pair of saddlebags, it measures 11.5 miles east and west and 7.5 miles north and south and boast around 70 miles of shoreline. Circumnavigation of the island is a worthwhile project for the cruising yachtsman, but he should allow more than one day for the trip as there are places he will want to visit, explore or drop the hook for a night's stay.

A circle tour might be made clockwise starting at Steep Point, the southwest tip of Orcas Island. One can almost beachcomb along the west coast. There are a few rocks close in to the shore, but they are well marked with kelp. A couple of resorts on West Beach about two-thirds of the way up this coast, offer some facilities for smaller boats. Just a bit beyond, little Freeman Island lies off the coast. It is owned by the Washington

State Parks and Recreation Commission and was named by Wilkes for J.D. Freeman, a sailmaker aboard the *Peacock*.

Below Point Doughty, the northwestern tip of the island is the YMCA's Camp Orkila. Wilkes named the point for John Doughty, a petty officer on the *Peacock*.

The southeast shore of Orcas from Point Lawrence to Deep Point at the entrance to Obstruction Pass changes again to a more scalloped pattern. It was along this shore that Lieutenant Broughton had trouble in the *Chatham* after exploring in the middle of the islands. After Broughton had come through one of the two passes—probably Obstruction Pass—a southeast wind and a strong tide set him close to the rocks on the south east shore of Orcas Island. It was May 21, and the small boats were called upon got to the *Chatham* out of danger. In the operation her bow touched a rock. Crewmen were surprised that they could touch a rocky shore on one side of the ship while the sounding showed 22 fathoms on the other side. As the sounding continued the lead line became fouled and broke. As already mentioned, the lead is no doubt still there among the rocks waiting for some scuba diver to pick it up as a valuable souvenir.





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Highway Mariners for 2022

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

I have once again included our planned camping schedule for next season. Sometimes reservations can be difficult to get due to high demand, especially on some of the most popular state park locations. Be sure to note that reservations at Washington State Parks can be made up to 9 months in advance of the start date of the reservation.

For other state park information, such as park maps and available camp sites, be sure to use the website www.parks.wa.gov. The answer to almost any question can be found on the website. Be sure to plan early.

For more information, contact Mike Martin, at 425-337-2762 or frugalboatnut@frontier.com.

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VSC Schedule 2021

The 2021 VSC is coming to an end this month, however, we will be happy to do VSC on an individual basis over the winter and spring months at the member's request.

Vessel Safety Exam

Contact: Lt Danny L. Daniels, AP for details

Upcoming VSC's

Everett Marina

Highway Mariners Schedule for 2022

MAY 12-16	TWISP, WA	River Bend RV Park
26-30	CASCADE LOCKS, OR	KOA
31	ELLENSBURG, WA ?	KOA
JUNE 1	ELLENSBURG, WA ?	KOA
2-6	WENATCHEE, WA	Confluence State Park
30	YAKIMA, WA	State Park
JULY 1-4	YAKIMA, WA	State Park
12-20	GARIBALDI, OR AND BEYOND	Old Mill RV Park 503-322-0322
1-6	PORT TOWNSEND, WA	Point Hudson Marina
24-30	STEAMBOAT ROCK, WA	Steamboat Rock State Park

For more information, contact P/C Mike Martin, P at 425-337-2762 or email at frugalboatnut@frontier.com

HOW CAN YOU HELP THE CLUB?

PICK ONE OR TWO!!

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

EDUCATION TASKS – contact Lt/C Linda Martin, JN

- Teach a course, seminar or chapter of a course
- Be a greeter at the America's Boating Course
- Help the ABC students with knots or other tasks in the ABC course
- Help to clean the Yacht Club prior to the ABC students arriving for the Covid Clean Plan
- Become the Local Board for Elective Courses which plans the where, when, who teaches, enrolls students, orders material and exams and records all this on the USPS website
- Do a Jump Start on a new boaters boat
- Be in charge of setting up the Jump Starts with new boater and member boater
- Write educational articles for the newsletter
- Join Linda in teaching Boating Safety 4 Kids
- Organize the Super Seminar Series going forward, what, where and when
- Preparing ABC student packets prior to the class
- Tutor students in any course on a one-to-one basis
- Put up flyers at the Port of Everett
- Help with Hybrid teaching and all that entails

ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS – INTERNAL – contact

Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP

- Boating Activities: calling locations for reservations and information
- Boating Activities: inviting members to attend these events
- Boating Activities: planned activities at the planned events
- Highway Mariners: calling locations for reservations and information
- Highway Mariners: inviting members to attend these events
- Highway Mariners: planned activities at the planned events
- Family Friendly Events: suggest events or help with the planning
- Set up and clean up at in-person General Meetings
- Pick up and deliver supplies for the General Meetings
- Take photographs at events
- Tend the bar during General Meetings, purchase, deliver, make drinks, clean up and count money
- Table decorations for General Meetings
- Encourage members to get involved, email, text, phone or letter
- Suggest possible speakers for our Zoom or in-person meetings
- Help in organizing the Storage Unit on a bi-yearly plan
- Assist in selling items in the Ship's Store
- Auctioneer at the annual auction

- Donate items to the auction
- Planning and cooking a meal for a potluck

EXECUTIVE TASKS – EXTERNAL -- contact Lt/C

Darcy Baker, AP

- Submit names of events that would help us get more involved in the community
- Assist in the Adopt-A-Street program
- Assist in the Co-operative Charting program
- Submit names of businesses and organizations that we might partner with
- Reach out to the Sea Scouts and share your boating skills and expertise
- Become a Vessel Safety Checker
- Help at all events planned by the Club
- Help with local and city Boat Shows
- Help with parades
- Help with purchase and delivering of bikes for Christmas House
- Help at Christmas House

COMMUNICATIVE TASKS – Contact Lt Linda

Skugstad, AP

- Write articles for the news letter
- Be in charge of writing the calendar for the newsletter
- Proof read the newsletter
- Submit photos to the newsletter
- Sell advertisements for the newsletter
- Submit items for the Facebook page
- Submit items for Instagram
- Print and mail newsletters to 8-10 members that have computer challenges
- Submit historical information to USPS yearly
- Call several families once a month with Club reminders
- Design posters and flyers for classes and events
- Suggest local newspapers we can advertise in
- Design a ABC new banner
- Help design a power point to be shown at ABC of the fun activities we do in the Club

BEHIND THE SCENES TASKS – contact Lt/C

Linda Martin, JN

- Assist officers and chairpersons with internet questions and tasks
- Designing and printing birthday post cards
- Addressing and mailing birthday post cards



Left to Right: Jim West, Dennis Morris, Evy Dudy, Cdr Mike Watkins and Frank Havens

Adopt-A-Street Clean up planned January 15, 2022

The next Adopt-A-Street clean up is planned as follows:

When: January 15 Time: 0800 – 1030
Where: Meet at the Broadway IHOP for breakfast at 0800 at Gateway Plaza - 3710 Broadway

Meet at Henry M. Jackson park for clean up at 0900

The activity is EASY and FUN. It usually takes about 1-1/2 hours to complete.

Please contact P/D/C Dennis Morris, SN (425) 355-2108 dennis.morris3@frontier.com to sign up.

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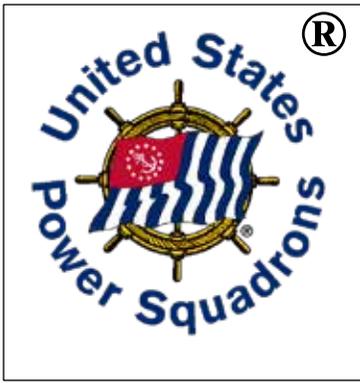
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