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November Highlights

WEDNESDAY 5 - Monthly Gathering, Everett Firefighters Hall, 6:30 pm
Speaker: Susan Marie Conrad, Inside, Kayak adventure

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Everett Sail and Power Squadron *is*
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 CALENDAR OF EVENTS *for*
2025- 2026

November

- 5 (Wednesday) – Annual Gratitude Gathering, Potluck, Food Bank and Bike Fund donations encouraged, Everett Firefighters Hall, 6:30 pm. Speaker Susan Conrad, One Women's journey through the Inside Passage to Alaska
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 27 **Happy Thanksgiving!**

December

- 2 **Christmas Party** at Shawn O'Donnell's Restaurant, (Everett), White Elephant Gift Exchange, 6:00 pm, \$38 per person, RSVP and pay on America's Boating Club of Snohomish County website OR pay by check at the November 5th Gratitude Gathering
- 6 **Holiday by the Bay**, Port of Everett, Volunteer Opportunity, RSVP Annette Ferguson
- 6 Santa Parade, Mill Creek Towne Center, Volunteer Opportunity, RSVP Linda Martin
- 9 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 12 Volunteer at **Christmas House**, sign up in advance, RSVP Linda Martin

January 2026

- 6 Monthly Gathering, Potluck, (Program tba), Food Bank donations encouraged, Everett Firefighters Hall, 6:30 pm
- 13 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 17 Adopt-a-Street Clean up, RSVP Danny or Claire
- 30 Thru to February 7 is the Seattle Boat Show at Lumen Field, in Seattle. Boating Safety 4 Kids at Seattle Boat Show Aqua Paddlers area. RSVP Linda M.

NOTE: Advance Notice for February 9 – 15, USPS National Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC

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**Adopt-A-Street
 Clean up planned
 January 17, 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.

One Women's Journey through the INSIDE Passage

Susan Marie Conrad

COME and Join America's Boating Club of Snohomish County as we welcome Susan Marie Conrad to speak at our November 5th gathering! Susan is a long-distance adventure kayaker, who has made multiple voyages and paddled thousands of miles through the Inside Passage!



Be prepared to be impressed and inspired as Susan takes you on an adventure of a lifetime, reliving her 78-day solo sea kayak expedition from San Juan Island to Sitka, Alaska in 2022.

Susan will share stories and images that will leave you in awe! From paddling marathon distances to forging friendships in remote locations, she'll take you through the highs and lows of her incredible journey(s).

For more information on Susan, check out www.susanmarieconrad.com

San Juan to Sitka: *Great Bear Rainforest MPA Paddle*

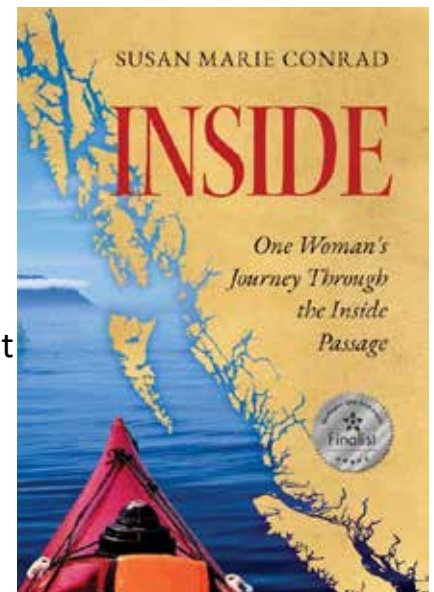
PRESENTATION:

DATE/TIME:

Wed. Nov 5, 2025 at 7:00pm. Join our social time and potluck dinner at

LOCATION:

Everett Firefighters Hall, 2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett



It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

Join members of America's Boating Club of Snohomish County as we enjoy a delicious meal, festive atmosphere and an entertaining white elephant gift exchange.

Let's help our neighbors in need. We'll collect "care donations" (warm clothing and personal items) for the Homeless Hygiene Center at the event.



White Christmas Menu

**Homemade Irish Soda Bread
Apple & Pecan Salad
Cider Glazed Pork Loin
Irish Whiskey Cream Chicken
Cranberry Rice
Basil Pesto Mashed Potatoes
Candied Brussel Sprouts
Christmas Themed Desserts
No-host Beverages**

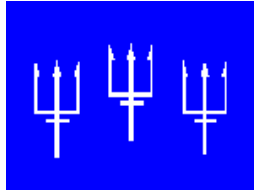


Tuesday December 2, 6:00 pm, Everett Location

Cost is \$38.00 per person. RSVP by November 26. Secure your reservation by credit card by using PayPal at boatclubsnoco.org under the "Members Only" section *OR* sign up and pay by check at the November 5 General Meeting.

FROM THE HELM

Commander Annette Ferguson, AP



**“ Make New Friends But Keep the Old,
One is Silver and the Other Gold”**

As we approach the holiday season, I try to remember to take the time to reflect on all the things I have to be grateful for. The title of my article reflects a gratitude for the friendships that I have developed within our club. These friendships helped Dan and I learn about boating and have some great adventures and misadventures. When boating became too difficult, friends were there to help us transition to RVing. Recently, one of our friends, Ray Keasey, left us and his beloved family. Ray will be missed for his quiet, gentle, humble presence. He was one of my “gold friends”. See Page 11

My gratitude continues for our club and the huge, giving heart for others that is seen in our many community outreach activities including food bank donations, Christmas House, Adopt A Street, Jetty Island Cleanup, BS4K events and many more.

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, I encourage all of us to reflect on *all* the things and people we have to be grateful for. Let's enjoy our “gold friends” and look forward to making some new “silver friends” in the coming months. See you at our November gathering where we can celebrate the time of gathering with a heart of gratitude.



Haunted Harbor

October 24 was a very rainy Friday night at the Everett Marina but that didn't stop over 1,000 trick or treaters to come to the Haunted Harbor Dock 5, borrow a life jacket from seven Boat Club members, go down the ramp and get treats from local yacht club boats. Over 100 brand new yellow life jackets were donated to our club from the Bellevue Boat Club. The members who volunteered were (L to R), Brian Rachal, Annette Ferguson, Jim West, Mike and Linda Martin, Joellyn Jackson and Bruce Gardiner from the Bellevue Boat Club.



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Nick Rich, AP



Greetings fellow mariners! We have some updates for outreach/outings of this past month and for events coming up soon.

Adopt-a-Street: Our Fall clean-up for the Marine View Drive in Everett was Saturday, October 18th with the group meeting at 9:00 AM. As it usually is, this was a fun and rewarding way to give back to our community. If you missed this opportunity keep an eye on the calendar in The Pike Pole for the next clean-up. If you are interested in participating for some fun, exercise and good company, please contact/Danny or Claire.

Jetty Island Clean-up: As last month's newsletter was going to print, following the conclusion of the September 27 District 16 Fall Conference, an intrepid group from the Snohomish County Club crossed the Raging Main (OK, the Snohomish River) in two of our Squadron Members' boats to land on the island for an end-of-season litter and debris removal from the shores and uplands of Jetty Island. We had a great outing and found the area relatively clean, yet in keeping with our day's mission, we still managed to leave the island a little cleaner than how we found it.

Boating in Colder Fall Weather: Staying Safe in Chilly Waters. Last month's article shared some recommendations for preparing your vessel to endure the winter months. For those who choose to extend your enjoyment of boating during our cold season in the PNW, Fall preparations take on another dimension. For the adventurous, cold-weather boating can offer solitude, beautiful winter landscapes, and less crowded waterways. This enjoyment also comes with its own set of challenges, however and diligence is key. Cold-water boating demands extra preparation, knowledge, and respect for the elements. Here's what you need to know to stay safe and enjoy your time on the water during the colder months.

Dress for Survival, Not Just Comfort. When boating in cold weather, it's critical to dress appropriately. Unlike summer boating, cold conditions require specialized clothing to ensure safety:

- **Layering:** Start with moisture-wicking base layers to keep sweat off your skin, followed by insulating layers to retain warmth, and a waterproof outer layer to block wind and water.
- **Avoid Cotton:** Cotton holds moisture and loses insulation properties when wet. Stick to materials like wool, fleece, or synthetics that retain heat even when damp.
- **PFDs:** Always wear a life jacket, ideally one designed for cold-weather use. These often include extra thermal protection, making them essential in preventing hypothermia if you fall overboard. (Pro Tip): Consider investing in a survival suit or dry suit, which provides full-body thermal protection and is buoyant. These suits are essential for those boating in areas with frigid water temperatures.

The Threat of Cold-Water Immersion. Falling into cold water can be deadly. Understanding the body's response to cold-water immersion can help boaters react effectively in an emergency:

- **Cold Shock Response:** Upon falling into cold water, your body may react with an involuntary gasp reflex, which can cause you to inhale water. This is often followed by hyperventilation and loss of muscle control.
- **Hypothermia:** Prolonged exposure to cold water reduces body temperature. Hypothermia can set in quickly and be fatal if not addressed promptly. It's important to know the signs: shivering, confusion, slurred speech, and loss of coordination.
- **Remember the "1-10-1" Rule:** This survival rule is helpful for boaters: you have 1 minute to control your breathing after falling into cold water, 10 minutes of meaningful muscle use to self-rescue, and 1 hour before hypothermia becomes life-threatening. (Helpful practice): Practice cold-water survival techniques with your crew so everyone knows what to do if someone goes overboard.

Equipment and Vessel Preparation. Your boat and gear need to be up to the task of winter conditions. Key considerations:

- **Check the Weather:** In colder months, weather can be more unpredictable. Make sure you check multiple forecasts and be ready to alter plans if conditions look dangerous.

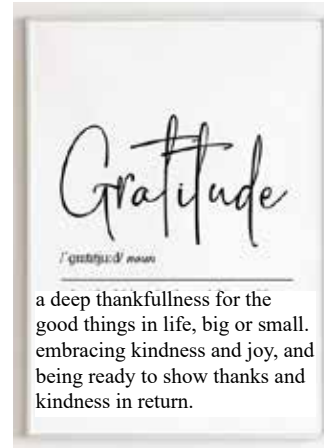
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ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP



Ahoy Mateys!



It's November already (!) and hopefully you have winterized your boats, RVs, and homes. The month of November evokes many different emotions for many different people. Some folks become melancholy and mourn the lack of long, sunny days; some feel the bittersweetness of the passing of another summer. Others love the changing of our region's vegetative colors or the chill, crispness of the morning air; and still many others start feeling some anticipation of the upcoming "holiday season."

Another thing November means to many people is that it is a time of gratitude. It is a cognizant thankfulness for what we have in our lives, and the ability to embrace kindness, joy, and the spirit of sharing with others and "paying it forward". Thus, this is the theme for our November 5th gathering. Come recognize the veterans who have given/are giving their service to our country; contribute to those in need by "Filling the Tote" (see details below) donate to the club's Bike fund; share some of your favorite November-style dishes at our potluck dinner, spend the evening with friends and fellow boaters (see promo for speaker on *Page 11.*)

Fill the Tote! There are many people in our region that are in real need of supplemental assistance with food and basic hygiene items. Please help us with our club's efforts to help others.

Bring non-perishable foods and/or personal items such as:

- Canned goods and Boxed meals
- Cereals, oatmeal, breakfast bars
- Kitchen Staples, e.g., pasta, rice, grains
- Toiletries and Feminine products
- Baby Diapers and Wipes
- Pet Food
- Cash or check donations are also gladly accepted. And as a highlight, join us as Susan Marie Conrad, a long-distance adventure kayaker, tells us of her adventures paddling thousands of miles through the Inside Passage! See promo on *Page 2.*



This is a must see!

Gathering Date/Time: **Wednesday, Nov 5th** (*note date change*) 6:30pm

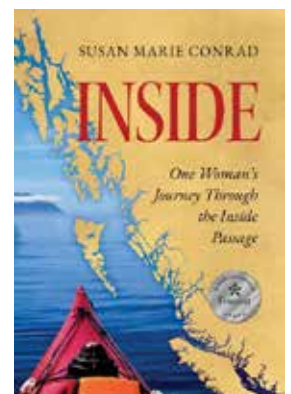
Potluck Dinner 6:50pm: Bring Thanksgiving-style main dishes, sides, and/or desserts to share with others.

Presentation Time: 7pm Presenting Susan Marie Conrad, Inside

Location: Everett Firefighters Hall, 2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett

Come enjoy the evening with us.

*With much appreciation and gratitude for you all,
Susan T.*



EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Brian Rachal, AP



Fellow Mariners,

I guess that stings a bit after the M's heartbreaking loss in game 7 of the ALCS. Oh well...At least they made it that far. Of course, this means we've made it to the end of October and well into the Puget Sound rainy season. This typically means that I'm talking about end of season maintenance, and/or winterizing, but we're not there yet, or at least I'm not. In my last article I mentioned generating a lot of content this season, and most of it was at my expense in several ways. So here's another episode of what not to do...or learning from your SEO's mistakes. Clearly, I should be fired and given remedial training.

We ended the last episode having safely made it back through Deception Pass in the dark feeling a little worn from the rough seas, but breathing a sigh of relief for being in smoother water. We headed into Cornet Bay and headed toward the dock. By then it was completely dark and there was no light from the moon. As it turns out there's not much, if any, light on the dock as well. To top that off, anyone that's been in Cornet Bay overnight knows that there are several boats anchored long term with no anchor light. I'm not sure what came over me, but I was determined to tie up to the dock rather than anchor. I'm not sure why because anchoring is usually my preference, but even when my first mate suggested we just anchor, I found my way to the dock. This is where the story gets interesting. Yeah...what should have been a simple docking experience turned into a lesson in communication.

We've all seen the T-shirts about what's said during docking. There are a few of them, but who would have thought that "kill the engines" would lead to so much excitement. We're still trying to figure out how to work together, while my new first mate is learning basic boating skills, and I'm constantly reminded that I shouldn't assume what's obvious to me is clear to others.

My first attempt at getting the boat to the dock was actually perfect, but the wind was off the dock and we drifted away as my first mate stood on the swim platform trying to decide what to do. Nope...that's not the story. After a little maneuvering, we got back to the dock and she wrapped a line around the cleat. Of course, that's where things got interesting. While she was getting the stern line situated, with drives in neutral, I got off and tied off the bow line. I walked back to the stern and saw something other than a cleat hitch. I should acknowledge that I'm something of a cleat hitch nazi, and tend to be critical of most lines I see wrapped around a cleat. However, in this case, the line was not actually hitched and only had a couple of awkward wraps.

This is where Brian hit the fan. I made what I thought was a simple request: "kill the engines". I unwrapped the line and started to tie a cleat hitch. As I made the first wrap, I noticed the drives shifted into reverse. This prompted the nicest "NO NO NO" from me. Really, it was nice. The response to that was the engines revving forward. I swear, AI could not have responded to this faster than I did. I bolted onto the boat and shut the engines off. I'm not sure when I heard the clunk, but by that time the stern that I had let free had drifted out, so I made my way to the bow, onto the dock, and pulled the boat back into position and tied her off. Of course the next thing I did was check on her to make sure she was okay. I have to admit, I'm not sure which "her/she" I checked first, but I'm going to give myself credit and say I checked on my first mate. She, my first mate, was stressed, but we both calmed down. It appeared "Most Precious" also made it through the event without a scar. I think the clunk was the rail hitting a piling.

While I'm still basking in the glow of how impressed she (my first mate) was by my agility, I'm really just thankful that we all survived with only a story to share. As I'm writing this, I'm wondering if I should just delete the whole thing and make up a better story. No one saw us, so I could have made the whole thing up, and I would look a lot smarter. I'm learning that, as the captain of the boat, I need to make sure I'm communicating to my crew in a way that they understand and take the time to make sure we understand each other.

While I've never taken the Partner in Command seminar, I look forward to sitting through it with my first mate because I know we both have valuable things to learn. We will be teaching Partner in Command at our General Meeting on 3 March 2026.

Please join us.

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BOATING EDUCATION SCHEDULE for 2025

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE - ABC
Schedule TBD

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, but the class may still have space.

GO TO www.BOTCLUBSNOCO.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. Our next Seminar in place of a monthly meeting is:

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

GO TO www.BOTCLUBSNOCO.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.

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- **Battery Maintenance:** Cold temperatures can affect your boat's battery performance. Ensure your battery is fully charged and carry a backup if possible.

- **Fuel Management:** Engines may need longer warm-up times, and cold weather can affect fuel consumption, so plan for extra fuel to avoid running out on the water.

- **Partial Winterizing Your Boat:** Even when you're actively boating, partial winterization can help prevent damage. Flush your engine with antifreeze and check that bilge pumps are working efficiently to prevent freezing.

(Pro Tip): Carry a toolkit and extra supplies such as blankets, flares, emergency rations, and a portable heater for unexpected breakdowns.

Know the Signs of Ice Formation. In regions prone to freezing, ice can be a serious hazard. Whether you're boating in a coastal area or an inland lake, knowing how to navigate around ice is crucial:

- **Spotting Ice Hazards:** Look for patches of smooth, glassy water, which may indicate thin layers of ice. If you notice ice forming on your vessel, it's a sign that temperatures are dangerously low.

- **Avoiding Ice:** Always maintain a safe distance from ice floes or edges, as they can damage your hull. In some cases, you may need to plan an alternate route or head back to shore sooner than planned.

(Pro Tip): Never break through ice with your boat. Even small impacts can cause significant damage and put your vessel at risk of sinking.

Emergency Preparedness and Communication. Staying connected and prepared for emergencies is critical during cold-weather boating:

- **VHF Radio and GPS:** Ensure your VHF radio is working properly and keep it within easy reach. A GPS or chart plotter is equally important for tracking your position, especially in low visibility conditions.

- **File a Float Plan:** Always inform someone on shore of your route and expected return time. This simple step can save precious time in the event of an emergency.

- **First Aid Kit and Emergency Blankets:** Pack a well-stocked first aid kit with items for treating cold exposure, such as thermal blankets and chemical heat packs. It's also a good idea to include extra food and water, as cold-weather conditions may delay rescue times. (Pro Tip): Consider carrying a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB), which sends a distress signal to emergency responders via satellite if you're in trouble.

While cold-weather boating offers unique rewards, it also requires more thorough preparation and respect for the dangers that cold temperatures pose. By dressing appropriately, preparing your vessel, and understanding the risks of cold-water immersion, you can safely enjoy the tranquility and beauty that off-season boating brings.

I hope that you have had the opportunity to enjoy a great summer and fall as we have, and we look forward to sharing sea stories with all of you at our next meeting. *Nick*

BOATING SAFETY 4 KIDS

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

This has been a very busy year for Boating Safety 4 Kids. More events, more kids, and more helpers. Always a good thing. There are two more events that sort of fall under Boating Safety 4 Kids

December 6 at the Everett Marina is the Holiday at the Bay event. For the last few years, we have had a booth with kid's crafts and a way to reach out to the community about our Boat Club. RSVP to Cdr Annette if you want to help. The booth gets really busy, and she could use several helpers that afternoon. The hours of the booth are noon to 6pm.

December 6 in the Mill Creek Town Center is the Santa Parade, one of Linda's favorite things to do is to be in a parade as PFD Seagull. Linda doesn't want to pull helpers away from the Holiday at the Bay, but if you love parades like she does, join her by giving out stickers to the kids along Main Street. The start time of the parade is 4pm, gathering at 3pm. RSVP to Linda Martin.

The parade is followed by the tree lighting.

Radio Technical:

by Dan Asplund

Marine VHF Radio Telephone:

New Marine VHF radio systems will soon display four-digit channel numbers. This change reflects US and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) channel standards and is different from the current channel indicator. Marine radio manufacturers are now producing VHF Radios with the new four-digit numbering system. Not all channels will have four digits. There is no operational impact to the changes in channel numbering. All two-digit indicators will remain the same, all designated uses remain the same, and all frequencies remain the same. The only real change you will notice is the use of the four-digit designation instead of the previous "A" designation. For further information see:

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/us-vhf-channel-information>

Important Reminder:

Any vessel equipped with a VHF marine radiotelephone (whether voluntarily or required) must maintain a watch on channel 16 (156.800 MHz) whenever the radiotelephone is not being used to communicate.

EXCEPTION TO ABOVE:

As stated in the Navigation Rules, a VHF watch on Channel 16 (156.800Mhz) is **not** required on vessels subject to the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act **AND** participating in a Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) system when the watch is maintained on both the vessel bridge-to-bridge frequency and a designated VTS frequency.

Starlink:

The FCC has approved SpaceX request to increase power on two Starlink models. The increase in power will provide faster and more reliable service for users of two models, the "UT3-V1" and "UT3-V2," Starlink standard dish and portable [Mini](#) dish products. The FCC's approval also applies to stationery and in-motion use. FCC Chairman Brendan Carr stated: "We issued an order at the FCC that allows Starlink's direct-to-cell service to operate at higher power – enabling faster, more reliable, & innovative new services for consumers across the country. The FCC will continue the work of unleashing America's space economy." For further information see:

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-197A1.pdf>

IN MEMORY OF RAY KEASEY September 27, 1944-October 9, 2025



Ray Keasey passed away peacefully on October 9th with his wife by his side. Ray and Elaine were married for 63 years and were always active in one way or another in the Everett Sail and Power Squadron. We are going to miss Ray.

They joined in 1989 with their cabin cruiser, "Gull Friend" and two little puppy dogs. They went on many weekend cruises and lots of the two-week rendezvous. Ray was a great storyteller and very smart. Ask him a question and be prepared for a very detailed answer. Those of us who went boating with them have great memories.

Ray took classes and got involved in many ways. He was Chaplain, chairman of Co-Op Charting, went up the bridge and became Commander in 2013. He was an encourager. As Co-Op Charting Chair he would schedule a project on the Snohomish River as it passes by the Everett Marina. Members would spend the day documenting the markers by boat in the river and along the beaches. The goal was to update the Port Gardner Bay nautical chart.

When boating got hard for several members of the squadron, they sold their cruisers and bought recreational vehicles and created the Highway Mariners group. Same adventures but on land and more often than not, near the water.

He later bought an Arima fishing boat, "Four Fifties" and went fishing and crabbing with his family. He and Elaine came to nearly all the General Meetings and visited with the other members and got to know them well. Many members will consider themselves "friends" of Ray and Elaine. These are just some of my memories of Ray.

There is a lovely obituary on the Solie Funeral Home website, and a Funeral Mass will be October 31 at 10:30am at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, they ask that you consider a donation to your local St. Vincent de Paul or Children's Hospital of Seattle.



A LITTLE OVER HALFWAY!!!

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

At the October meeting we collected \$295.35 so our total is now \$1036.78. This is exciting as we are a little over halfway to our goal of \$2000.

The November gathering is our last time to donate to the 2025 Christmas House Bike Fund. We take the money that you have donated and purchase bikes in mid-November from Walmart at a great discount. If you are unable to attend the November gathering, you can mail a check to Linda Martin or go to our website and use PayPal to donate. Email Linda for her mailing address PFDPrettyfancydude@yahoo.com and the Boat Club's website address is www.BoatClubSnoCo.org

The other thing we always do is donate one day to help the families gather gifts for their children at the Boys and Girls Club in Everett. The same place that we donate bikes to.

This year the date we chose to volunteer is December 12. At this point we already have Cdr Annette Ferguson, ASEO Cathy Rich, P/C Darcy Baker and P/C Linda Martin signed up to help.

If that date doesn't work for you, they have some openings left. I noticed that Saturday, December 13, Saturday, December 20 and Sunday, December 21 have lots of openings. They are super busy on the weekends.



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.....

May 7-10 --River Bend RV Resort in Twisp

May 21-25 --Dosewallips on Hood Canal

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

July 2-5 -- Wenatchee River County RV Park

Two Week Trip -- Sometime in August – California/ Oregon Coast or someplace else, still working on that.

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.



BSPS Crab Feed

Saturday, November 8 2025
Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club



- 6:00pm for social hour
- 6:30pm for the crab dinner!

Cost:

- \$35 for whole crab
- \$25 for 1/2 crab
- \$20 for spaghetti
- \$10 spaghetti for kids under 10

Includes Potato and Caesar salads, MBYC's amazingly delicious Italian bread & ice cream sundaes!

No Host Bar (Beer, Wine, and soft drinks)

Deadline for reservations: **Saturday, November 1st**

No payments will be taken at the door. Secure your reservation by credit card by using PayPal at [Social Events | Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron | United States \(bellevuepowersquadron.org\)](#) or send your check (made payable to BSPS) to:

Jan Brintnall
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Mercer Island, WA 98040

Questions? Contact Jan at 206 669-6152 (text) or jbrintnall@comcast.net

Don't forget your crab crackers, butter is available upon request.



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Vessel Safety Check

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

Contacts are below:

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



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- Canned Goods
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WHAT'S IN STORE ON SATURDAY?

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- 6 p.m. Big Tent Catered Taco Bar Dinner
- Silent Auction [Squadrons start thinking about your donations]
- Plenty of time for Seminars, Games, Vessel Safety Checks, Co-op Charting and other adventures in the area

Questions? Contact Dave McBride 360.228.6003 or email: davmcb@comcast.net

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MONTHLY GATHERINGS

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>

Contact Cdr for Members Only Password

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

Facebook: [America's Boating Club of Snohomish County](#)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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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P/Lt/C Nick Rich, AP
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