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Summer Moments
by Sagit Billings

FALL Edition

September, Tuesday 8 - Monthly Gathering via Zoom 6:30 pm - Captain Jonathan Ward, retired Puget Sound Pilot to present his time *at sea*

October, Tuesday 6 - Monthly Gathering @ Firefighters Hall on Hewitt *in* Everett

November, Wednesday - Monthly Gathering @ Firefighters Hall on Hewitt *in* Everett

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for

2026

September

- 4-7 End of Summer Cruise, Sucia Island, Fossil Bay, unless otherwise noted. RSVP Susan
- 8 Monthly Gathering via Zoom, Captain Jonathon Ward, Retired Puget Sound Pilot, will present stories from his time at sea, 6:30 pm
- 12 Vessel Safety Checks, Port of Everett
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom @ 6:30
- 19 Jetty Island Clean-up, 9:00 am (meet on the dock near Anthony's), volunteers needed, RSVP Nick Rich
- 21 Offshore Navigation Course (Hybrid - in person or via Zoom), 10-weeks, Instructor Chuck Taylor, SN; RSVP to Linda M. by September 10
- 20-26 USPS Fall Governing Board, Raleigh, NC

October

- 3 D-16 Fall Conference, Friday Harbor
- 3 Boating Safety 4 Kids, Fall Festival at Fisherman's Terminal (Seattle), volunteers needed, RSVP Linda M.
- 6 Monthly Social Gathering, come prepared with a short "summertime" story to share, potluck meal, food bank and bike fund donations encouraged, Everett Firefighters Hall, 6:30 pm
- 10 Vessel Safety Checks, Port of Everett, RSVP Danny
- 13 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 17 Adopt a Street, 9:00 to 10:30 am, meet at Henry M. Jackson Park, RSVP Danny or Claire

November

- 4 (**Wednesday**) "Thankful" Monthly Gathering, Program TBA, potluck meal (thanksgiving theme), food bank and bike fund donations encouraged, Everett Firefighters Hall, 6:30 pm
- 10 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm

December

- 1 Christmas Party at Shawn O'Donnell's restaurant, Everett, RSVP required, more info published in November's Constant Contact, 6:00
- 5 Holiday by the Bay, Port of Everett, volunteers needed, RSVP Annette
- 5 Mill Creek Town Center Santa Parade, volunteers needed, RSVP Linda
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 11 Volunteer at Christmas House, RSVP Linda M.

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Offshore Navigation

Have you wanted to learn to navigate offshore in the coastal waters of the Pacific Northwest or Canada, or maybe head for Alaska? This is the course for you!

Instructor Chuck Taylor, SN

- 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 longer passages.
- Students will be introduced to Pilot Charts, Open CPN, Vector Charts and VPP2 Software.
- Offshore Navigation is designed as a practical "how to" course.

13-week Hybrid Course (in person or by Zoom)

begins Monday, September 21

USPS/ABC Members cost is \$200 per person

Non-members are \$250 per person

Please register by September 10

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For more information or to sign up, please go to <https://www.boatclubsnoco.org>
or contact Linda Martin, JN, Education Officer
at PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com



2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

FAMILY FUN

FLOAT FIND

JULY 10–AUGUST 28 (FRIDAYS)

ADVENTURESS TALL SHIP

AUG. 6–10, AUG. 23–SEPT. 4

HOLIDAY HOOVES: 12 DAYS OF REINDEER

DECEMBER 13–24



MUSIC & MOVIES

MUSIC AT THE MARINA

JULY 2–AUGUST 27 (THURSDAYS)

ROCK THE BOAT

NIGHT 1 FEAT. PAM TILLIS, ANDY GRIGGS

& 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)

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 DERBY

CANCELED

COHO DERBY
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

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

HARBOR HOPPER

SEASONAL PASSENGER FERRY

CONNECTING EVERETT AND LANGLEY

JUNE 4 – AUGUST 29

(SELECT THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS)



WALKS & RUNS

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

OCTOBER 10

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY

OCTOBER 24

HOLIDAY ON THE BAY 5K

DECEMBER 6

FOR ADDITIONAL EVENT DETAILS,
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT
[PORTOFEVERETT.COM/EVENTS](https://portofeverett.com/events)



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(UPDATED: JULY 2026)



SAVE THE DATE

District 16 - Fall Conference

October 3, 2026

San Juan Island Yacht Club at Friday Harbor

Please join us for our annual Fall Conference, where D/16 squadrons and clubs will gather to receive information and discuss business and concerns.

All members are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.

Club and squadron leadership are especially encouraged to attend, but all members are welcome.

Watch your email for more information and registration instructions by early September.

FROM THE HELM

Commander Claire Greer



Hello everyone, welcome back from what I hope was a happy and fun-filled summer of boating and other activities. Port Ludlow Marina was again the lovely venue for our District 16 rendezvous during the first weekend in June; there were seminars, conversations, good food, birthday cakes, fun and games, and, as always, the weekend went too fast. Thank you to everyone who made it such a memorable weekend. Our next D16 gathering will be at our Fall Conference in Friday Harbor on October 2nd & 3rd.

The following weekend saw a smaller number of us gathering at Coupeville, on a Saturday which happened to coincide with Coupeville's annual Pride parade; an unexpected and colorful entertainment which I enjoyed for the good atmosphere, and the diversity of people (and dogs!) who were both watching and participating. Also, there was ice cream. Days out that involve ice cream are usually good ones!

Later in June, Frank Havens was able to finish a project he and I had started, to refurbish our life jacket kiosk at Dagmar's marina. The base of the kiosk was completely rotten and had weeds growing through it so I built a new base, and Frank painted the whole thing. It now looks much better, so thank you to Frank, and to Darcy, who went and organized the life jackets and disposed of some that were past their best.

As we head towards the end of our recreational season and have to resign ourselves to spending more time indoors, we're also heading towards the part of the year when reports have to be compiled and submitted to National HQ by our Executive Officers and Committee, so I'd like to ask for your help with some small tasks which will help us to be more efficient: Any amount of time you've spent doing things for the squadron counts towards Merit Mark awards; hours for that should be submitted to Chuck Taylor. There are some memberships which are due for renewal; that can be done by mail or online. If you're online, consider navigating to [USPS.org](https://usps.org) and checking that your profile information is correct; I've come across a few that have out-of-date information. Your Executive Committee thanks you for keeping things current!

Finally, I'd like to announce a couple of exciting things that we have to look forward to, and to invite you to participate. We often invite speakers to come to our meetings to talk about their organizations or interesting things they're involved with; I think we sometimes forget that many of our own members have interesting things to tell us. With that in mind; we've asked one of our own Everett Squadron members, Jonathan Ward, to talk to us at our Zoom meeting on September 8th about his maritime experiences as a Pilot; he has interesting stories! Following on from that, our gathering on October 6th will be in-person at the Fireman's Hall, and for that, I'm calling on all of YOU! I would love to hear "What we did on our summer vacation!". We don't seem to get enough time at our meetings to share our boating stories with everybody who would like to hear them, so this year we'd like as many people as possible to participate, and be prepared to spend ten minutes giving us a condensed version of the things that made your summer memorable. If you have one, bring an object that you acquired that will always remind you of this summer, or that has relevance to something that happened. Did your propellor get caught in a crab pot line? Did you find a special place that you'd like to tell us about? See something extraordinary? Save someone from drowning? Do something embarrassing? Witness somebody else doing something embarrassing? Get lost? Just have a really nice time? Or a horrible time? You won't be graded, but there will be a prize for the best story, so start thinking about it now! There will be a reminder before the meeting and I'm looking forward to hearing all your stories then.

Claire.



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Nick Rich, AP



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

With most of our summer rendezvous events in our wake, we still look forward to more weeks of nice, warm weather and our boating season stretches into the late summer and early fall. For a more detailed look at all that is scheduled for our 2026 Club Calendar, I invite you to peruse this month's edition of *The Pike Pole*.

Upcoming and Noteworthy...

Don't forget our last boating Rendezvous of the year is at Sucia Island on Labor Day weekend. September 4 to 7. Contact Susan Tarpley for more information.

Jetty Island Cleanup.

When and Where: Saturday, September 19, at 9:00 AM. We will meet at the Port of Everett South Breakwater Dock out in front of Anthony's restaurant.

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

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

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

Adopt-a-Street: Our next clean-up for the Marine View Drive in Everett is anticipated for October 17th, and 9:00 AM. This is a fun and a rewarding way to give back to our community, and to catch up with boating friends while we make this slice of Everett cleaner. Review the upcoming calendar of events in this issue of the Pike Pole for specifics on date and time for meeting up for this next clean up.

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

- Nick

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP



Ahoy!

Some folks may think summer is over after Labor Day but not us in America's Boating Club of Snohomish County/ESPS! The beauty of the Pacific Northwest continues to shine through on land as well as on the water. Many of us may still be away exploring, enjoying travels, finishing summertime projects etc. To help us ease back into our club's monthly gatherings after the summer respite, the September meeting will be held via Zoom. Then come October - we'll plan to meet in person. We have a lot planned for the remainder of the year, so stay tuned and be a part of our club's activities!



Join us Sept 8th as our very own veteran boater, Captain Jonathan Ward, has graciously accepted the invite to be the guest speaker at our upcoming meeting! In his usual articulate, witty, and knowledgeable style, he will simultaneously entertain and educate us about his maritime career path, including experiences as an Alaskan ferry boat captain and a Puget Sound Bar Pilot. He undoubtedly will include a few ad hoc stories of summer tourists, stellar scenery, onboard activities/responsibilities, maybe a few shenanigans, possibly stupid people doing stupid things or clever people doing clever things, etc. etc. etc. Definitely a presentation not to be missed, so plan to attend!

September's Monthly Gathering - Date & Time: September 8th (note date change); 6:30pm start

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86923770701?pwd=6X4QTGMJgjS79sixNbQoaMK3W7gJ4q.1>

Meeting chat link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/86923770701>

Meeting ID: 869 2377 0701

Passcode: 462601

One tap mobile

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Join by SIP

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/86923770701/invitations?signature=OYWII-AXIOR-pCbZohx2xGcxLGNvn3hJI5j4NHLA1us>

Additional monthly Constant Contacts notices will be forthcoming highlighting Fall activities. Stay Tuned!

Cheers, Susan

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

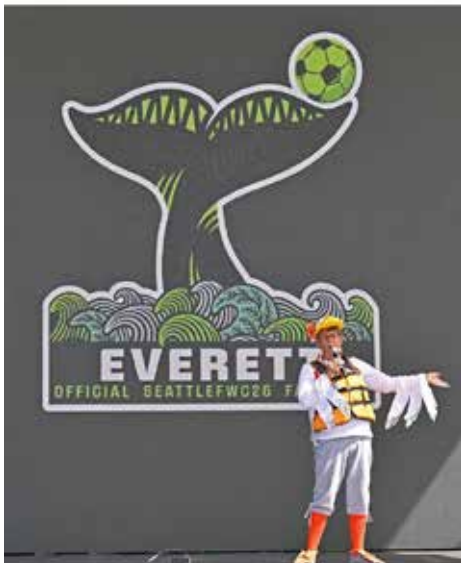
Lt/C Linda Martin, JN



WATCH PARTIES, WORLD CUP FIFA SOCCER

by Lt/C Linda Martin, JN

Photos by Steve Erickson and Linda Martin



PFD Seagull on the FIFA Stage

District 16 and Everett Sail and Power Squadron were invited to Volunteer at the World Cup FIFA soccer WATCH PARTIES at the Everett Marina in June.

They had rented the same pond and paddle boats that we had volunteered with at the SEATTLE Boat Show in February. So we were asked to come and help the

children put on lifejackets, help them get in and out of the paddle-boats and also share something about Power Squadron. The dates that we did this were June 11 and 12 and June 18 and 19.

I began about a month before this event recruiting helpers from the entire District 16 we needed five or six volunteers each day and it was a six hour shift each day. Some shifts started at 9:30 in the morning and some started at 3:30 in the afternoon.

The first day started with about 75 children coming to our pond which was located where the Everett Yacht Club used to stand at the Everett Marina. The huge screen where the soccer games were shown was up near the Weyerhaeuser building. So we were quite a distance from the big screen. On June 11 Mexico was playing the soccer game that day and I had Joellyn Jackson, David and Paulette Sitzenstock from Tacoma helping me. Our shift started at 9:30 in the morning and ran until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Mexico won the game that day.

On June 12, R/C Annette Ferguson and her husband Dan and District Education officer Jim West were my volunteers. We began at 4:30 in the afternoon until 9 o'clock at night and USA was playing soccer that day and they won.



FIFA Fan Zone

We helped about 125 children.

On June 18, we began at 3:30 in the afternoon until 9 o'clock that night and my helpers were Cathy Rich, Joellyn Jackson, Bruce Gardiner and myself. Mexico was again playing that day and they won. It was so much fun to see the children coming all dressed in their soccer shirts from all over the world. And those who were rooting for Mexico it was like they were at a birthday party. They were having so much fun. I don't recall the total number of children from that day, it's written down somewhere.

On Friday the 19th we started at 9:30 in the morning until four in the afternoon and the USA was playing again and they won. My volunteers that day were Jim West, Barbara from Skagit Bay and Steve Erickson from Seattle



BS4K crew for 6/18. Cathy, Bruce, Joellyn & two volunteers

and myself. I need to add that the Everett Marina and a sports Association provided us multiple volunteers each day, which was wonderful in assisting the children getting in and out of the paddle boats. Nathan was the coordinator for the volunteers and Emma was the coordinator for the entire event at the Marina.

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When I woke up the next morning, I added up how many children we had participating in the entire paddle boat event. The total was 655 children. It was a well planned and orchestrated event and very secure and safe.

The highlight for me on the last Friday was that I was invited to go up on the stage as PFD Seagull and tell the crowd who I was, where I was from, and what we were doing at the pond down at the other end of the WATCH PARTY.

The next Boating Safety 4 Kids event will be October 3 from 11 AM to 6 PM at Fisherman's terminal in Seattle. It's the Fisherman Fall Festival and in the past it has been a very successful event for our boating lessons to kids.

However, this year, the date conflicts with the District 16 fall conference in FRIDAY HARBOR. I don't want to take anyone away from the fall conference that is planning to attend. (I don't even want to take me away but teaching children to be safe near the water is my passion.) So if you're not planning to attend the D-16 conference and you're free that weekend, we'd love to have you come down to help.

It's not rocket science, it's just teaching kids about lifejackets, cold water, and rescuing that person that fell overboard. I can teach you the lesson in a few minutes.

So please let me know right away if you're able to help October 3. If we get enough people signed up, we can take two shifts.

PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com



Waterfront view with Joellyn and parent

BOATING SAFETY 4 KIDS 2026 SCHEDULE



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



R/C Annette retrieving a paddle boat



Showing off our new table cloth

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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

GO TO www.BOATCLUBSNOCO.ORG
FOR MORE DETAILS and link to register and pay

OFFSHORE NAVIGATION

Beginning September 21, 2026

Cost: Members: \$200.00

Non Members: \$250.00

**Instructor: Chuck Taylor, SN
Everett**

RSVP: [Linda Martin, JN](#)

Free Seminars

TO BE ANNOUNCED

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.

GO TO www.BOATCLUBSNOCO.ORG
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.

Two Weekends, Two Rendezvous, Countless Memories

By Emma Corbilla Doody, First Mate to Don Doody's M/V Please Her III

The past two weekends gave Don and me the opportunity to attend two enjoyable rendezvous with fellow boaters. While each destination had its own unique character, both reminded us that boating is as much about the people and friendships as it is about the destinations themselves.

Our first weekend was spent at the District 16 Rendezvous in Port Ludlow, where members from several squadrons gathered for a weekend of education and fellowship. Approximately eight boats attended, while many members chose to come by car and stay at nearby hotels, demonstrating that rendezvous can be enjoyed whether or not you arrive by boat.

One of the surprises of the weekend was the abundance of marine life visible around the marina. Sea anemones, starfish, and other sea creatures clung to the docks and pilings, creating a fascinating underwater display. I was especially excited to see a live geoduck, something I didn't realize was abundant in Port Ludlow. The waterfront was teeming with life and served as a reminder of the rich marine ecosystem we enjoy in the Pacific Northwest.

Port Ludlow itself reminded me a bit of Roche Harbor. It was beautiful, peaceful, and well-maintained, without the crowds and expense. A short jaunt to nearby Port Townsend was an added treat and gave us an opportunity to enjoy another charming waterfront community.

The weekend provided several opportunities to connect with fellow Everett Squadron members in a more relaxed setting. P/C's Darcy and Gary Baker, Everett Squadron, graciously invited us aboard their boat, where we enjoyed good conversation and shared my favorite drink, Amaretto. Without the usual agendas, meetings, or responsibilities that accompany squadron activities, it was a wonderful opportunity to spend time together and get to know one another on a more personal level. We also enjoyed getting to know newlyweds Brian and Mioara Rachal, whose company added to the fun and camaraderie of the gathering.



Tarpley's and Rachal's

Saturday evening, the men initially drifted off to do their own thing in the upper helm of *Please Her III*, while the women gathered comfortably inside around the settee. Before long, everyone came together around the table for a lively game of 10,000. The laughter, friendly competition, and conversations made for a wonderful evening and strengthened both new and old friendships.

The following weekend, Don and I were only able to attend Friday's activities at the Coupeville Rendezvous, but what a memorable day it was. We spent the afternoon strolling through the charming waterfront town, browsing local shops, enjoying ice cream, wine, and chocolates, and taking in the beauty of Penn Cove.

I had a memorable conversation with Susan Tarpley. As we talked about Life Flight services, I was reminded how important these programs can be for families facing medical emergencies and how quickly a casual conversation can reveal the experiences that have shaped our fellow members' lives. That evening, six of us gathered at Front Street Grill for dinner. We all tried the famous Penn Cove mussels and salad. The mussels, prepared in a delicious lemon-basil-cello sauce, were outstanding, and I highly recommend them. Between the excellent food and great conversation, we became the last group to leave the restaurant.

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Tarpley's, Rachal's and Doody's

The evening continued aboard our boat, where the six of us shared stories and boating experiences long into the night. One particularly entertaining tale came from John Tarpley, who recounted finding and purchasing his

first dream boat while living in Long Beach, California. The story brought plenty of laughs and reminded us all that some of the best boating memories begin long before we ever leave the dock. His story mirrors the experiences of many boaters who catch the boating bug and eventually pursue their own dream boat.

We also discovered that Don and John had both attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins. As they compared memories, they realized they had frequented many of the same hangouts, skied the same mountains, and shared many similar experiences during their college years. It was amazing to see connections emerge from paths that had crossed decades earlier.

As if the day had not already provided enough memories, we were fortunate to catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights dancing faintly above the marina. Seeing the colorful glow over Penn Cove was a beautiful and unexpected ending to a perfect evening. It wasn't the first time we had been fortunate enough to spot the Aurora from *Please Her III*, but it never gets old. For those who have never attended a rendezvous, consider joining one in the future—whether by boat or by car. While our monthly squadron meetings are a wonderful way to stay connected, rendezvous offer a unique opportunity to spend extended time with fellow members, build friendships, share experiences, and create lasting memories. You don't need a boat to participate; just bring your sense of adventure and willingness to enjoy good company.

Looking back, both rendezvous reminded us that while boats may bring us together, it is the friendships, laughter, stories, and connections that keep us coming back. Whether gathered around a game table in Port Ludlow, sharing Amaretto aboard a friend's boat, exploring the waterfront in Coupeville, or enjoying mussels and stories late into the evening, we were reminded once again that the best part of boating—and one of the greatest benefits of being an active member of America's Boating Club—is the people we meet along the way. You may be surprised by the connections you make and the stories you'll take home.

JUST ABOUT HALFWAY THERE!!

by Lt/C Linda Martin, JN SEO

The members of the America's Boating Club of Snohomish County have been very generous this year. We are almost halfway to our \$2000 goal for bikes for Christmas House.

I totaled up the coins, dollars and checks today and it comes to \$896.25. I just realized if I had put another \$15.00 bill in the pot, we would be over \$900. We collect funds at the monthly gatherings, but our September meeting will be on Zoom. But not to worry. You can either bring in a double donation in October or go to the Boat Club website and there's a way to donate there. The link is below.
<https://www.boatclubsnoco.org/donate-bike-fund>



<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/>



Sarah Taylor's sweatshirt for Women's March



Bob Savela, Gary Baker, Geoff Greene, John Tarpley



P/C Darcy Baker



Squadron participation

Buchart Gardens Rendezvous

July 8 -15

by Lt Linda Skugstad, AP



Dinner is served



Soul Shakers band playing 60's, 70's and 80's music

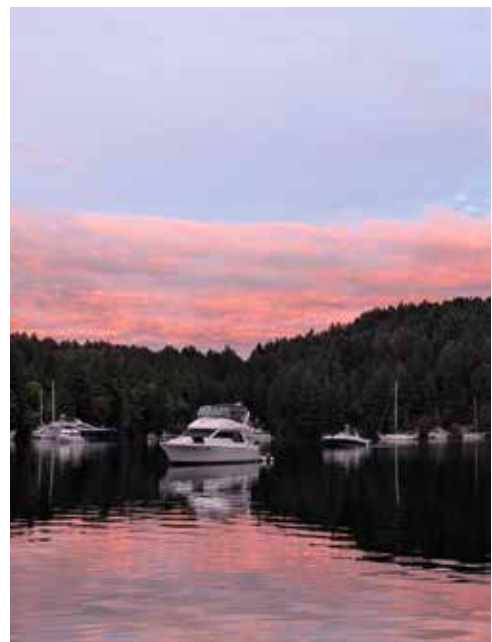


A very fun and beautiful trip to Buchart Gardens on Vancouver Island was enjoyed by 8 boats from America's Boating Club of Snohomish County, Everett Sail and Power Squadron. The Green's, Baker's, Tarpley's, Rachal's, Ward's, Taylor's, Doody's and Savela's.

Not only is Buchart Gardens one of the most beautiful gardens in the world, it also offered live entertainment on the grounds by the band, Soul Shakers and a Saturday night fireworks show. The band was fantastic and provided an evening of great music from the 60's, 70's and 80's and participation by the audience. The fireworks show was unbelievable when seen on the grounds in the gardens. It reminded me of a Broadway show, with firework displays of a circus in motion and theatrical movements that were captivating.

One special surprise for Leda, newsletter editor and webmaster, was when "Happy Birthday" was sung by the group, and was given a hand written card with a CD of the band who played earlier, a cake made by Emma Doody, followed by fireworks. WOW! July 11th will never be the same again. One of the most memorable birthdays I have experienced.

Join the club next year for more fun and awesome rendezvous that you will remember for a life time.



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



Date	Destination	Notes
Sept 4-7	Sucia Island	Labor Day weekend gathering, Fossil Bay, unless otherwise noted



Adopt-A-Street Clean up planned October 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, AP](#) or [Lt Claire Greer, AP](#) to sign up. It is important to sign up at least 1 week prior to ensure we have enough materials.

British Columbia Parks

by P/Lt/C Chuck Taylor, SN

M/V SEASCAPE was moored to a buoy at Montegue Harbor August 26 and 27th this year. We just discovered that BC Parks has instituted a "non-resident fee" of CAD \$20 *per visit*

to BC non-residents including residents of other provinces and U.S. residents. We paid CAD \$48 for two nights on a buoy. Just for your information if you plan to moor your boat at one of the BC Park's.



Vessel Safety Check Website



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

Visit: <http://www.safetyseal.net>



Vessel Safety Check

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

Contacts are below:

VSC Chairman

Lt Danny Daniels, AP 206/229-9649

DannyLDaniels@gmail.com

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phnx789@msn.com

Vessel Safety Exams 2026

Contact: [Lt Danny L. Daniels, AP](#) for

Vessel Safety Check Schedule

12 September, Port of Everett

10 October, Port of Everett

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

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Contact: [Lt Danny L Daniels AP](#) -if you would like to start.



HIGHWAY MARINERS 2027 RENDEZVOUS

by P/C Mike Martin, P

We have planned SOME of our trips for 2027 ALREADY, and the holiday weekends are already on the calendar. Reservations for Washington State Parks need to be made 9 months in advance.

The dates and places are....

May 6-10 – Wenatchee - Confluence State Park

May 27 to June 1 – Yakima Sportman's State Park

July 1-6 – Wenatchee River Park

Two-Week Trip – August to be announced

September 2-7 – to be announced

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 at 425-330-6990 or frugalboatnut@frontier.com with your space number.



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- Register your Freddy's card online at the www.FredMeyer.com/CommunityRewards
- Click on "Enroll". Follow the steps to create an account and link it to your Freddy's card number.
- 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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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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 Lt/C Nick Rich, AP
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