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# *The Pike Pole*

*For Boaters, By Boaters™*



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## **May Highlights**

**Tuesday 5 - Cinco de Mayo Gathering at Firefighters Hall, Everett 6:30 PM**  
**Speaker: Courtney Skalley from Nature Conservancy**

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<b>May</b>	
2	Opening Day of Boating Season!
5	Cinco de Mayo Gathering and Potluck, Speaker Courtney Skalley of the Nature Conservancy, Everett Firefighters Hall, food bank and bike fund donations encouraged, 6:30 pm
9	Vessel Safety Checks, Port of Everett, RSVP Danny Daniels
12	Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
16-17	Boat Handling Course, Everett Marina, instructor John Tarpley, RSVP Linda Martin
16-22	National <b>Safe</b> Boating Week

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

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

<b>August</b>	
8	Vessel Safety Checks, Port of Everett, RSVP Danny Daniels
15	Mill Creek Town Center Kid's Fest, BS4K volunteers needed, RSVP Linda Martin
TBD	Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
Upcoming: End of Summer Cruise, Sept 4 – 7, Sucia Island, RSVP Susan Tarpley	

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# Become a Skilled Boater

## Boat Handling Course

May 16 and 17  9 am to 4 pm  Port of Everett Marina

Join John Tarpley, instructor and Past Commander of **America's Boating Club of Snohomish County**, as you build boating confidence and competence for safe and fun on-the-water adventures. Boat Handling provides a foundation of seamanship knowledge and skills including boat operation, skippers' responsibilities, and boating techniques that will advance your boating enjoyment.

### *What's included? Boat Handling covers these topics:*

- Types of boats and how they behave in water
- Anchoring in various conditions
- Docking and line hardware
- Close quarter maneuvering
- Rules of the road
- Communication with other boats
- How to respond to various emergencies
- Knots and line handling: the knots you need to know
- And other interesting topics

*This course is completed in two days, followed by an optional exam*



Course is \$120 for non-members, \$85 for USPS/ABC members  
 Register via QR code or website <https://www.boatclubsnoco.org>  
 RSVP to Linda Martin, Education Officer, at [PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com](mailto:PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com)  
 *Please register by May 9*



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# D/16 Annual Rendezvous

## Venue & Date!

Port Ludlow Marina

June 5—7 2026



44 Breaker Lane, Port Ludlow, WA 98365

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- **NLT MAY 22** — BOAT CAPTAINS, RESERVE YOUR SLIP; 15 Slips reserved under “USPS/D16, slips not reserved will be released on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 360-437-0513
- **NLT MAY 22 RESERVATION FOR CATERED TACO BAR DINNER; \$28.50/person** [Build Your Own Taco Bar, with all the fixings’, Chicken and Beef, Refried Beans, Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Shredded Lettuce, Diced Onions, Diced Tomatoes, Guacamole, Salsa, Ty’s Salsa Verde, Olives, Jalapenos, Sour Cream Served with Soft Tortilla Shells and Crisp Taco Shells, Chips and Salsa, Garden Salad with Tomatoes, Cheddar, Diced Red Peppers and Ranch Dressing.]
  - Checks to be made out to District 16
  - Mail registration form and check to Dave McBride, C/O D16, 22245 Veteran St. NE, Poulsbo WA 98370
  - Must be post marked no later than May 2, 2026
- **NLT MAY 22 — HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT OLD ALCOHOL PLANT INN,**
  - 310 Hadlock Bay Rd, Port Hadlock-Irondale, WA 98339, (360) 390-4017
  - 5 Rooms reserved under United States Power Squadrons/D16
- **ASAP - RVers: Port Ludlow RV Park,**
  - 44 Breaker Lane, Port Ludlow, WA For reservations call 360.437.9377

**No Guarantee for meals or moorage will be given after the deadlines!**

Questions? Contact Dave McBride 360.228.6003



# Port Ludlow Marina

## June 5—7 2026

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Check number \_\_\_\_\_ is included with this registration.**

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

Moorage Required        YES    NO

Hotel Accommodations Required  
   YES    NO

Events Only, No meal    YES

### Friday, June 5

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

### Saturday, June 6 Events:

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

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

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

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

#### On Your Own Activities

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

#### Evening Activities

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

### Sunday Morning, June 7

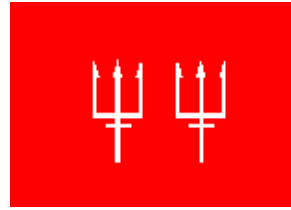
**9 a.m.        Fresh brewed coffee and leftover Danish to fuel your trip home!**

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

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

## FROM THE HELM

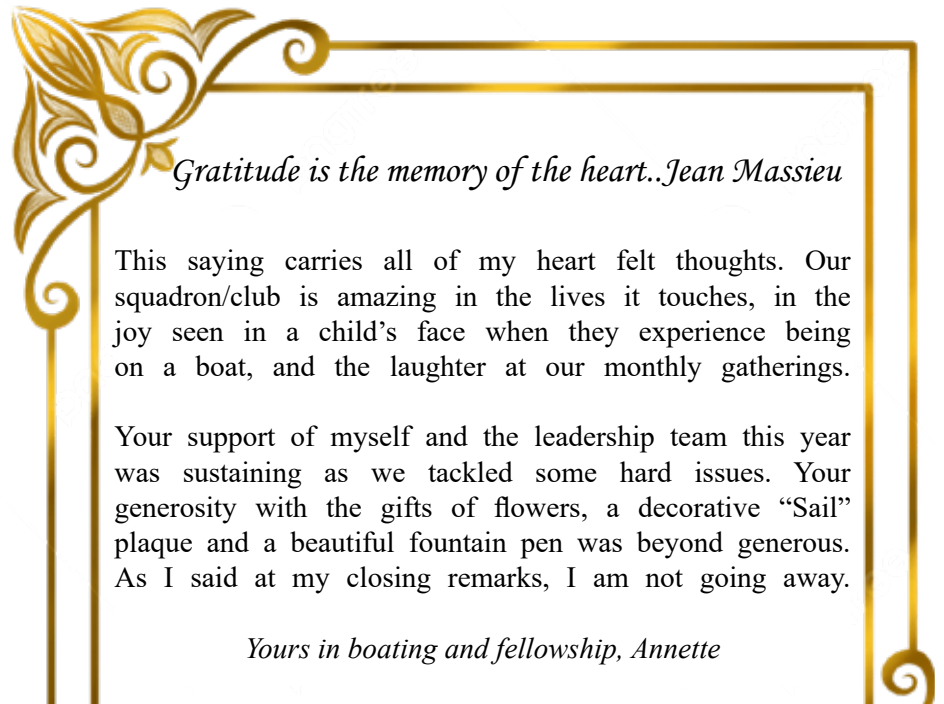
Commander Claire Greer



### Adapt, Enjoy, Thrive

I would like to start by saying thank you to all who attended, or assisted with, our Change of Watch on April 7th. I felt that it was a successful event, and that was an encouraging way to start our new Bridge year. I'm certain that every new Commander of any type of organization starts out full of good intentions to do a better job than the previous incumbent, and to change a whole lot of things, but fortunately for our squadron (and for me!) we have had a succession of Commanders who have steadily steered our course through times that have forced us to come to terms with the fact that the squadron's continued existence will be dependent upon our ability to change or **ADAPT**, and their work has put us in a better position than some of the other squadrons within our organization. So my goal is to try to continue the process of adapting to the new reality we face by finding ways to make sure that people **ENJOY** being members of the squadron and participating in our activities. If we can succeed at that, then I believe that we have a chance of being able to **THRIVE!** The future of our organization may seem uncertain, but the things we do as a squadron, the services we provide, are all things that are good for our communities and those things probably have a future, if we can keep going and make one happen. So my theme for this year is that if we can **ADAPT, and ENJOY, so that we may THRIVE.** This year winter has felt very long, and as I'm writing this I'm wishing I was outside, as warmth and sunshine seem to be making an appearance at last, bringing with it a desire to get out on the water. Let's go Boating!!

Commander Claire



*Gratitude is the memory of the heart..Jean Massieu*

This saying carries all of my heart felt thoughts. Our squadron/club is amazing in the lives it touches, in the joy seen in a child's face when they experience being on a boat, and the laughter at our monthly gatherings.

Your support of myself and the leadership team this year was sustaining as we tackled some hard issues. Your generosity with the gifts of flowers, a decorative "Sail" plaque and a beautiful fountain pen was beyond generous. As I said at my closing remarks, I am not going away.

*Yours in boating and fellowship, Annette*

# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Nick Rich, AP



Greetings Boaters!

With May comes the official opening of boating season in Puget Sound, and your America’s Boating Club of Snohomish County has planned a nice slate of upcoming outings as well as plans for outreach in the community too. With the North Sound Marine Expo and the April Pools Day events in our wake, we look forward to late spring and summer, with upcoming Events. All are encouraged to attend and participate in the District 16 Rendezvous in Port Ludlow June 5-7. There will be fun activities for boaters, RV’ers and others, RSVP Dave McBride, Bremerton Squadron.

The summary below is a highlight of this season’s activities. For a more detailed look at all that is scheduled for our 2026 Club Calendar, page over to the Events Calendar in this month’s edition of the Pike Pole, or under ‘News & Events’ header tab on the America’s Boating Club of Snohomish County website.

### Additional noteworthy items...

**Vessel Safety Checks:** Danny and his crew of volunteers are ready to help you with a Vessel Safety Check (VSC). See the club calendar for available dates or make an appointment with Danny Daniels for an alternate time. Upcoming scheduled VSCs are May 9 at Port of Everett and June 13 at the Anchor Cove Marina, Anacortes, with a planned VSC at Dagmar’s marina – Date TBD.

Are you interested in becoming a VSC Examiner? He can help you with that too - [dannyldaniels@gmail.com](mailto:dannyldaniels@gmail.com).

**National Safe Boating Week May 16-22:** For 2026, the observance week of May 16-22 is the annual kick-off of a global awareness effort to encourage boaters to refresh their boating safety skills and prepare for the boating season, followed with the notable World Boating Day on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In the spirit of thinking globally, acting locally, we can show our dedication to boating safety by wearing our PFDs whenever we’re on the water.

We look forward to seeing you out on the water, and at our upcoming events!

- Nick



Trash bags full of street garbage

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

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

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

# ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP



Ahoy Mates!

May marks the much-anticipated start of boating season in the Pacific Northwest! Something definitely worth celebrating! Commercial vessels head north, and recreational boaters tune up their boats and get back on the water. To celebrate this local tradition, we'll hear from a guest who can offer a unique perspective on what "boating season" can involve.

Join us for our May gathering as Courtney Skalley, a former NOAA fisheries observer in the Bering Sea, shares how life aboard commercial fishing vessels differs dramatically from our usual recreational boating experience.

Courtney will share firsthand insights into the North Pacific fishing industry, including key target fisheries and bycatch species. She'll also cover vessel types, fish and other marine life, conditions in Alaska's seas, and what it's like to spend months at a time in the Bering Sea. Join us on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Come share your own boating stories during social time. Bring "docktails" for our potluck dinner.... i.e., hearty onboard-style mains, appetizers, finger foods, and/or desserts.

- DATE: MAY 5, 2026
- WHEN: Social time 6:30pm Potluck (aka "docktails") dinner 7pm Presentation at 7:15pm
- WHERE: Everett Firefighters Hall, 2411 Hewitt Ave, Everett



I'm very much looking forward to all that this year's boating season has in store for us!

Cheers,  
Susan

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

*Lt/C Linda Martin, JN*



As most of you know, Education is a top priority not only in my Power Squadron/ Boat Cub membership but also in my personal life. I love teaching and I love learning. So as your new educational officer, for the third time, education will be my priority.

I love starting with the young children, teaching them about lifejackets, cold water, and rescuing somebody who falls overboard. I love teaching brand new boaters, those who are planning to buy a boat who need to take the basic America's Boating Course in order to get their Washington State Boater Education Card. Then there are those who've taken almost all the courses that we offer and might be looking for something that they've never taken before.

Within this issue of *The Pike Pole* is a list of Boating Safety 4 Kids events that have already been put on the calendar. We're looking for volunteers to come out and help us teach the kids. Especially the June event at the Everett Marina for the World Cup Watch Party. So check that list out and see where you might be able to come out and give us a hand. I love that I have a crew of sea life that comes out to help. Commander Claire the octopus, Cathy the crab, and Greg the shark come alongside me, the PFD Seagull.

Something new I learned at the USPS annual meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina is that 96% of the boaters who took the America's Boaters Course last year took it online. That means that only 4% of the students took it face-to-face. Everett has prided itself in teaching a two-day, in-person course taught by four different experienced boaters. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel multiple classes because we don't have enough students. A USPS member, named Shawn Goit from California, came up with a brilliant idea. It's a three Saturday course: he buys the online version of America's Boating Course and the students come on the first Saturday and meet a few members and receive the online course and go home. They can sit and take the course online in their pajamas drinking their coffee. The second Saturday they go out on a boat, either a squadron boat or district boat. The third Saturday they come and learn a little bit about the local state rules, a short review and then take the exam. Now they get their certificate and can sign up to get their Washington State Boater Education Card. I'm hoping that in June or July at the latest we can have a similar course in Everett and get some students signed up for that. If you're the skipper of a boat and you'd like to volunteer to help with that course, please let me know.

The third thing that I feel is important this year is to teach a course that's never been taught before, it's called Offshore Navigation. It takes the place of our Junior Navigation course but it's different. You won't learn anything about a sextant, stars, moon or the sun. Don't have to take celestial sites. What you will learn about is all the new navigational electronic aids to help you when you're on a long cruise. These tools would be so helpful to the boater going to the Gulf Islands in Canada, to Desolation Sound in Canada, or all the way to Alaska.

Some of you may not know that Mike and I took our 24-foot Bayliner Classic in 1998 all the way from Everett to Ketchikan, Alaska. In the day we had a radar, GPS, and multiple paper charts. We got there safe and sound and all the way back home with those tools. Today's boater has many more electronic tools to aid in their navigation up the inside passage to Alaska. Our longtime instructor P/Lt/C Chuck Taylor, SN has agreed to teach the course and is looking at mid September or January to begin the 13 week course. If you have an AP after your name, you qualify to take this course. Are you interested? Contact me please. My email address is PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com and I check it daily.

Let's teach or learn together!

Everett Sail and Power Squadron is



**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](http://www.BOATCLUBSNOCO.ORG)  
FOR MORE DETAILS and link to register and pay

**Boat Handling - May 16 and 17**  
**Port of Everett**  
**9:00 to 4:00**  
**Instructor: John Tarpley**

**Free Seminars**

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

**Partner in Command**  
**June 2, 2026**  
**Everett Fireman's Hall**

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

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

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

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

For those that can't make it to Everett in person, a Zoom Link to be published closer to scheduled date

GO TO [www.BOATCLUBSNOCO.ORG](http://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.

# BOATING SAFETY 4 KIDS 2026 SCHEDULE

## WORLD CUP WATCH PARTIES AT THE MARINA AND MORE

by Lt/C Linda Martin, JN



### JUNE

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

### AUGUST

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

### OCTOBER

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

### DECEMBER

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

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

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

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

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

Each shift is one hour to set up; they open the area for two hours before the match with fun activities for families. We need five volunteers per shift. Other events coming up this summer and fall are....

### *District 16 Summer Rendezvous in Port Ludlow*

A table by the pond to tell passers-by about life jackets and the rescue bag. Giving Puzzle Books out to the kids. Need 3 volunteers. Date: June 6 from 2:00 – 3:00pm

### *Mill Creek Town Center Kid's Fest*

Date August 15 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Location: Next to Banner Bank  
We set up a booth and teach about life jackets, cold water and the rescue bag. Need five volunteers



Bike Fund Jars

# WATERFRONT WATCH PARTIES

**EVERETT IS AN OFFICIAL SEATTLE FWC26 FAN ZONE.**

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

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

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

**PORT OF EVERETT • BOXCAR PARK • JUNE 11, 12, 18 & 19 • ALL AGES**

**GAME ON, EVERETT.**

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



LEARN MORE AT [VISITEVERETT.COM/WORLDCUP](http://VISITEVERETT.COM/WORLDCUP)



## Fall Festival

Date: October 3 from 10:00am to 6:00pm  
 Location: Fisherman's Terminal in Ballard  
 Need 9-10 volunteers to get enough for two shifts  
 We set up a booth and teach about life jackets, cold water and the rescue bag.

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

Contact Lt/C Linda Martin, JN at [PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com](mailto:PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com) if you plan to volunteer.



**NOTE:** It is that time of year for many of our members when dues are up for renewal. Try to pay before your anniversary date comes and goes. Dues can be renewed via IMIS from your account.



<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/>



# 2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

## WALKS & RUNS

- MARCH AGAINST HUNGER 5K**  
MARCH 28
- MILL TOWN MARATHON**  
MARCH 29
- WALK MS: EVERETT 2026**  
APRIL 25
- WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**  
OCTOBER 10
- MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY**  
OCTOBER 24
- HOLIDAY ON THE BAY 5K**  
DECEMBER 6



## BEACHES & BOATING

- FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS**  
YEAR-ROUND
- KAYAK SHARE RENTALS**  
YEAR-ROUND
- FREEDOM BOAT CLUB**  
YEAR-ROUND
- JETTY ISLAND DAYS**  
JULY 8-SEPTEMBER 6

## WATERFRONT FESTIVALS

- WHEELS ON THE WATERFRONT CAR SHOW**  
AUGUST 22
- MUKILTEO LIGHTHOUSE FESTIVAL**  
SEPTEMBER 11-13
- HAUNTED HARBOR**  
OCTOBER 23
- HOLIDAY ON THE BAY**  
DECEMBER 5

## HARBOR TOURS

- "THROWBACK THURSDAY" HARBOR TOURS WITH HISTORIC EVERETT**  
JULY 9, 23, AUG. 6, 20, & SEPT. 3
- WORKING WATERFRONT HARBOR TOURS**  
JULY 8, 15, 29, AUG. 12 & 26



## FISHING DERBIES

- SALMON FOR SOLDIERS**  
SEPTEMBER 13
- EVERETT COHO DERBY**  
SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

## FAMILY FUN

- MARINA AND JETTY ISLAND CLEANUP DAY**  
APRIL 18
- MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**  
MAY 25
- FLOAT FIND**  
JULY & AUGUST 2026
- HOLIDAY HOOVES: 12 DAYS OF REINDEER**  
DECEMBER 2026

## 2026 WATERFRONT WATCH PARTIES

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## MUSIC & MOVIES

- MUSIC AT THE MARINA**  
JULY 2-AUGUST 27 (THURSDAYS)
- ROCK THE BOAT**  
NIGHT 1 FEAT. PAM TILLIS, DOUG STONE & LITTLE TEXAS  
NIGHT 2 FEAT. EVERCLEAR, MARCY PLAYGROUND & DEEP BLUE SOMETHING  
JULY 17 & 18
- SAIL-IN CINEMA OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES**  
JULY 24-AUGUST 21 (FRIDAYS)
- PUGET SOUNDS STEEL DRUMS**  
AUGUST 7-28 (FRIDAYS)



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**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 5-7 -- D-16 Rendezvous @ Port Ludlow RV Park, RSVP Dave McBride, Bremerton Squadron
- July 2-5 -- Wenatchee River County RV Park

- Two Week Trip – July 28 -August 4—Gilgal RV Park then August 5 – 8 – Ocean City RV Park then August 9 – 14? – Long Beach
- September 1-8 – Steamboat Rock State Park

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

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

**Vessel Safety Check**

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

Contacts are below:  
 VSC Chairman  
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**Vessel Safety Exams 2026**

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

- Vessel Safety Check Schedule
- May 9 Everett Marina
- June 13, Anchor Cove, Anacortes
- July 11, Everett Marina
- August 8, Everett Marina
- Please check back for additional dates

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

**VSC... PERMISSION TO COME ABOARD!**

*by Lt Danny Daniels, AP*

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

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



TO JOIN THE **COMMUNITY** REWARDS PROGRAM:

- Have your Freddy's card handy
- If you do not yet have a Freddy's card they are available at the customer service desk at any Freddy's or Kroger or QFC store.
- Register your Freddy's card online at the [www.FredMeyer.com/CommunityRewards](http://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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# Change of Watch



Cdr Claire Greer



The Bridge



Exec Dept and Bridge



## Awards



Good Husband Award



Nick Rich, the Merle Bunn Award



Linda Martin and Brian Rachal, Excellence in Education



Danny Daniels, VSC Award



Linda Skugstad, Editor and Website Awards



Excellence in Education



2024 Civic Service Award

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| P/C Darcy Baker, AP      | 1st/Lt Cathy Rich, AP |
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|                          | Lt Don Doody          |

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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 Snohmish 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!**



**Standing Committees....**

**Telephone Committee**

- P/C Linda Martin, JN
- Lt/C Nick Rich, AP
- Lt Elaine Keasey, S

**General Committees....**

**Auditing...**

- 1 yr Lt Susan Green, P
- 2 yrs P/C John Tarpley, AP

**Rules...**

- D/C Gary Baker, AP-IN
- R/C Annette Ferguson, AP

**Nominating...**

- 1 yr Lt Perry Moore
- 2 yrs D/C Gary Baker, AP-IN
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