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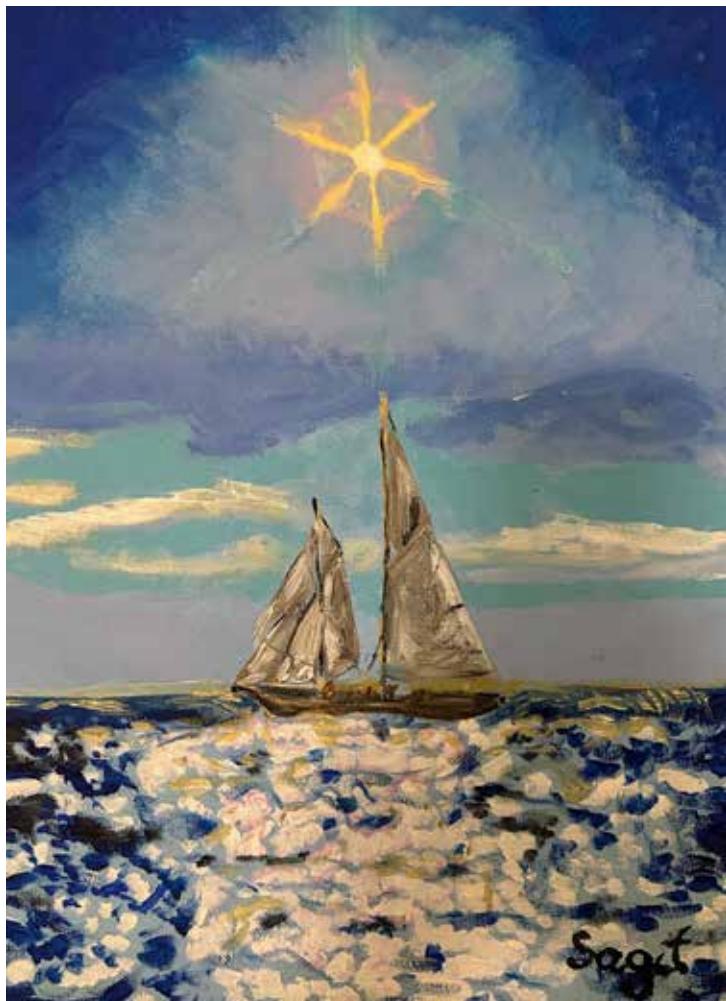


The Pike Pole

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Painting in acrylic by Sage Billings

February Highlights

Tuesday 3 - Monthly Gathering, Shipwreck Party, at Firefighters Hall, Everett 6:30 PM
Presentation by Waste Management, Refuse, Recycling, Reuse

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Everett Sail and Power Squadron is
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for
2026

Happy Valentine's Day

COMING UP:

February

- 3 Annual Shipwreck Party (Stranded in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch), Presentation by Waste Management on "Refuse, Recycling, Reuse, Reduce!", Everett Firefighters Hall, Potluck dinner, food bank donations encouraged, 6:30 pm, Page 3
- 10-15 USPS National Conference, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm

March

- 3 Annual Meeting, Slate of Officers and Budget presented, Everett Firefighters Hall, food bank donations encouraged, 6:30 pm
- 7 District 16 Change of Watch and Spring Conference, Port of Everett's Blue Heron Room, time tba
- 10 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 14 Vessel Safety Checks begin at the Port of Everett Marina,
RSVP Danny Daniels
- 28 Booth at North Sound Marine Expo, Harbor Marine, 10 am to 3 pm

April

- 7 Change of Watch Celebration, location tba, 6:30 pm
- 11-12 America's Boating Intro to Boating Course, Port of Everett's Blue Heron Room, Time 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- 14 Executive Committee meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 12 Vessel Safety Checks, Shelter Bay Marina, RSVP Danny
- 18 Adopt a Street, 9:00 to 10:30 am, meet at Henry M. Jackson Park, RSVP Danny or Claire

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Website:

<http://www.BoatClubSnoCo.org> aka
<http://www.everett>

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MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY

~ Prepare for a SHIPWRECK!

This year we're stranded in ...



~ the Great Pacific Garbage Patch! ~

This Pacific trash vortex is NOT a preferred boating destination; however, it certainly is an area of the ocean to which boaters and many other humans have many connections!



Let's get together and talk trash... and wear trashy clothes!

Plus learn how we can all reduce our contributions to this trash patch and others!

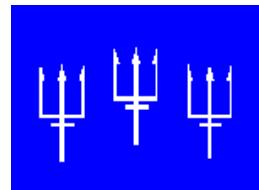
Annual Shipwreck Party Date: February 3, 2026

Social time 6:15pm Potluck Dinner 6:50pm Speaker Presentation at 7pm

Everett Firefighters Hall, 2411 Hewitt Ave, Everett

FROM THE HELM

Commander Annette Ferguson, AP



I SPY

Take a trip back in time with me... As a child our family would often go on a Sunday drive. I had 2 brothers who along with me would get in the back seat of the Ford station wagon and off we would go. Not long into the drive the 3 of us would already be bored and our poor mother would begin to hear "he/she is touching me". Mother would initially tell us to keep our hands to ourselves and then suggest we play "I Spy With My Little Eye". Mother would name something likely to be on the drive that would require us to concentrate on something besides "bugging" each other. Surprisingly, playing "I Spy" mostly worked and helped the time in the car become bearable. Today, as we end the wet and often dreary days of January, I find myself playing "I Spy" not for roadside items but for increasing daylight and sunshine. The impatience I felt as a child is now about getting to warmer weather, being outside, and playing on the water or at a campsite.

Our squadron is gearing up for the warmer weather with plans for cruising, gatherings, and teaching. But until then, we have February and March. Although the weather will remain iffy, the months are filled with activities for learning and engaging with each other. Our February gathering will have us shipwrecked in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Journey there in your costume of trash. A program to heighten our environmental awareness will be presented by Waste Management.

February will also see some of our members traveling to Myrtle Beach for the USPS Annual Meeting. Hopefully we will "I Spy" some sunshine between activities, seminars, and meetings. Stay tuned for a report.

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Here in the PNW we know that we can have snow, sun and everything in-between. Activity and meeting information is in *The Pike Pole*. Take some time to read the articles and information in our newsletter. Your leadership team works hard to make sure all of our members have current information. As you read your newsletter, hopefully you will Spy an activity or class to participate in.

I am looking forward to Spying you at our February gathering..



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Nick Rich, AP



Hello fellow mariners!

We enthusiastically greet you with some exciting boating-related updates to help warm up the winter blues, with events coming up soon.

The 2026 Seattle Boat Show:

Come join us at the Boat Show on Friday through Sunday, January 30, 31, and February 1, 2026, when our Club along with other club volunteers in our District will be helping to promote safety for kids by assisting the young boaters with life jackets in the Aqua Paddlers boat pool. Look for us on the Main Level-East in the Kid Zone, Youth Boating Center. RSVP Linda Martin.

The North Sound Marine Expo – Harbor Marine:

Join us for the fourth annual North Sound Marine Expo presented by Harbor Marine, on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 10 AM to 3 PM at this fun event. The America's Boating Club of Snohomish County will be exhibiting while you also browse and discover the latest and greatest in marine technology and innovation.

February is often a quieter month on the water, but it's an important time for reflection, preparation, and recommitment—to boating safety, to our Squadron, and to one another. While many boats remain quietly moored, winterized, or under cover during this time of year, winter conditions continue to remind us why safety is never seasonal. Cold water temperatures, limited daylight, and unpredictable weather all raise the stakes for anyone venturing out. Even experienced boaters can find themselves at risk if they're not prepared. This is exactly why the mission of America's Boating Club—and the work of our Squadron—matters so much.

As we look ahead to spring, the Everett Sail and Power Squadron is beginning to gear up for **Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs)**. These free, voluntary checks are one of the most visible and impactful services we provide to the boating community. They're not about enforcement; they are about education, prevention, and helping boaters enjoy the water safely and confidently. In the coming months, you'll see opportunities to support VSCs, whether by conducting checks, assisting at events, or simply helping spread the word. Our upcoming VSC to kick-off the 2026 season is Saturday, March 14, at the Port of Everett Marina. RSVP Danny.

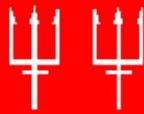
February is also a good time to check in on ourselves as a Squadron. We are a volunteer organization, powered entirely by the dedication of our members. If you've ever considered getting more involved: helping with education, safety programs, events, or leadership, now is a great time to step forward. Even small contributions of time and energy make a meaningful difference, and they help ensure our Squadron remains strong, viable, and relevant in a changing boating community.

Finally, I want to thank each of you for your continued commitment to Everett Sail and Power Squadron. Whether you're active on the water year-round or counting down the days until spring launch, you are part of a community that values seamanship, safety, and fellowship. I look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming meetings and activities as we move toward a new boating season.

Until then, stay safe, stay warm, and keep boating safety top of mind.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP



Ahoy Mates,



including our club's annual Shipwreck Party! February is the month for this light-hearted, jovial event. As you know, each year we have a different "destination" in which to be "shipwrecked". We come dressed up in costumes associated with that year's theme and/or destination, and make believe that we might be in a different place, time, and setting (just not on a boat stranded somewhere!). It's always a fun time together, and we usually learn and share tidbits of info with some connection to the theme.

So given that our next gathering is in February.... prepare to be shipwrecked! This year's theme is "Shipwrecked in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch"! This trash vortex is not exactly a preferred boating destination, but is certainly an area of the ocean to which boaters and other humans have many connections. See page 2 for our event details promo.



To accompany our evening's "trashy" shipwreck theme, we will be joined by Rhianne Janovich, a manager for Waste

Management (WM) in Snohomish and Skagit counties. She will speak to us about what managing waste at WM looks like, and how it impacts boaters, businesses, and individuals near and far. She will also enlighten us about

Countless changes are occurring these days throughout our lives, region, country, and the world. Nevertheless, there are still many traditions that remain,

things like recycling, composting, and WM's innovative research and pilot programs that are changing behaviors and resulting in less waste. Learn more at innovation.wmnorthwest.com.

So... Join us on the evening of February 3rd! Wear trashy clothes and come talk trash as we celebrate this year's Shipwreck event! Plus, learn how to reduce, recycle, and reuse items in 2026 and beyond! Your actions make a difference!

Cheers,
Susan



Speaking of Refuse.....

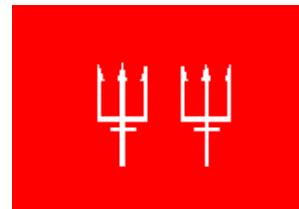
**Adopt-A-Street
Clean up planned
April 18, 2026**

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.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Brian Rachal, AP



Fellow Boaters,

It's hard to believe it's already 2026. The 2025 season is over, and most of us have our boats tucked away for the winter and only occasionally visit them to say hi and make sure nothing bad has happened while we were away. I recently visited "Most Precious", and, aside from some water that had collected on the cockpit cover, all was well. It seems that the high wind events caused the poles in the middle to fall over and the cover to sag more than normal. Oh well, it's all put back together and all seems well.

I know I deferred discussion about winterizing because I had so much content on what not to do from the summer, so I'm sure most of us have already completed our winterizing tasks. I hope so, because I know we've already had some freezing weather this year. A smarter man would simply pay a pro to do it, but it's become clear that I'm not that. I'm looking forward to completing a few tasks that I would normally do at the end of the season, but I did at least pull some antifreeze into the raw water system last fall. That's the first time I've done that. I usually just drain the system and try to keep the engine room warm. I'm still doing that this year as well, but I've taken extra steps to clean out the system and pour in antifreeze this year.

The oil changes for the engines and outdrives still need to be done. I had good intentions in the fall, but had fits because I didn't have all the right tools with me, so I'll do that in the spring as part of getting ready for the season. I also have a corrosion problem on one of my outdrives that needs to be resolved, so if you've experienced something like that and have suggestions, I always listen to good advice. I'll change the zincs in the spring, but I don't think that's my problem. I think I have an electrical leak somewhere, and that's an area that I don't consider one of my strengths. After all, if you read my articles, you might remember about the time I paid a mechanic \$200 to tell me where to put the 8 amp fuse that he didn't charge me for.

The education planning for the year is still in the works. We will be holding the Partner in Command Seminar in June, instead of March. It seemed like getting that done, along with normal March business, was going to be a stretch. The seminar will be done both in person and over zoom to make it possible for more to attend. June is when we have the BBQ, so it will still be a busy time. The ABC class is going to be scheduled for April 11-12. As always, we like to have instructors for that, and teaching is a great way to hone your knowledge. If you know anyone that needs the class, please help them get in contact with me.

Some of our readers know that I was breaking in a new First Mate last season, and if you've been reading my stories you know it's been a challenge. I've made a few mistakes as a Captain and trainer, but my first mate, Mioara (she goes by Moriah), has stuck with me and continues to support my boat bug. Considering everything I put her through, and the resilience with which she handled it all, among other reasons, I proposed a promotion from first mate to the rank of Admiral. Remarkably, she accepted the position. We're still working on the details around the promotion ceremony, but I expect it will be small and on a beach with warmer waters. That doesn't mean there won't be some sort of local celebration(s). I really appreciate how everyone from the club has made Mioara feel welcome over the past year, and we look forward to many more to come.

Yours in Boating,
Brian

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2026 BOATING EDUCATION SCHEDULE

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE -- ABC

Spring Schedule April 11-12

Location: Port of Everett's Blue Heron Room

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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**

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

March 3, 2026

June 2, 2026

Everett Fireman's Hall

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

Learn the essential skills you will need to help the skipper safely operate a recreational boat and become an asset on board. The Partner in Command seminar includes an introduction to boating, understanding anchoring, docking, and navigation, preparing for bad weather, first aid and on-board emergencies, plus more.

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

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

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FOR MORE DETAILS**

MASTER LIST OF USPS COURSES

If any of these courses interest you, give us a call. We will schedule one in Everett or we will help search District 16 for a squadron teaching the course you want to take.

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 change.

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.



Slate of Bridge Officers, 2026 – 2027

Bridge

Commander, Lt Claire Greer
Executive Officer, Lt/C Nick Rich
Administrative Officer, Lt/C Susan Tarpley
Squadron Education Officer, Lt/C Linda Martin
Secretary, Lt/C Brian Rachal
Treasurer, P/C Frank Havens

Executive Committee Members:

P/C Annette Ferguson, USPS National Rear Commander, Immediate Past Commander
P/C Gary Baker, D-16 Commander
P/C Darcy Baker, Public Relations
D/Lt/C Jim West, D-16 DEO
Lt Linda Skugstad, Newsletter and Website
Lt Danny Daniels, VSC's and Adopt a Street
1st/Lt/C Cathy Rich, Assistant Education Officer and Social Media Contact
Lt Perry Moore
Lt Don Doody

Committees

Nominations

Darcy Baker
Perry Moore
Annette Ferguson

Rules

Gary Baker
Nick Rich

Financial Review

Susan Green
John Tarpley



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.

The places are.....

May 7-10 -- River Bend RV Resort in Twisp
May 21-25 -- Dosewallips on Hood Canal
June 2-5 -- D-16 Rendezvous
June 5-7 -- Port Ludlow RV Park, RSVP Dave McBride, Bremerton Squadron
July 2-5 -- Wenatchee River County RV Park

Two Week Trip -- Sometime in August -- British Columbia or someplace else, still working on that.

September 1-8 – Steamboat Rock State Park

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

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

IT'S BEEN A REALLY BIG YEAR!! BUT WE ARE NOT DONE, YET!!!

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

In December 2025 there were two events on the same day.

ONE: Mill Creek Town Center Santa Parade started at 4pm on December 6th next to LA Fitness and traveled south and ended at Town and Country Market with the Christmas Tree Lighting and Ceremony and Holiday Vendor Market.

Linda showed up in her “PFD Seagull” costume and parked next to the City Hall and walked all the way up to LA Fitness to line up for the parade.

While waiting for the parade to start she was approached by a Windermere Christmas Window client and her friend, the Grinch.

Next, she noticed the local Cub Scout troop was the same number that her son, Kevin, now 57 years old was part of way back in the day. She got a photo of them also.

The parade began at 4pm and away she went waving and flapping her wings and giving stickers to the kids along the way.



TWO: Holiday at the Bay. The Port of Everett invited community members and visitors to join in a day of family fun at the waterfront during its 18th annual [Holiday on the Bay](#) festival which took place Saturday, December 6, from noon – 6 p.m.

We lucked out that the weather cooperated and the children came. We provided holiday crafts which the children quickly engaged with their best artistic talents . There was laughter and interaction with the children and accompanying adults. The event was a success both in teaching children and families while strengthening our partnership with the Port. (Claire or Annette could you write something about this event?)

THREE: 2026 is already booking up for more [Boating Safety 4 Kids](#) events. We start January 30-31 and February 1 at the Seattle Boat Show assisting the kids with life jackets at the Aqua Paddlers area on the ground floor. This is a new location, and we will be able to reach way more children than the former Seminar location we had in the past. We will still be able to teach the kids about life jackets as we help them in the paddle boats. We will also have a table to display and discuss the many opportunities that the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club has to offer. Linda has recruited volunteers not only from Everett, but the rest of the District 16 squadrons. This should be a great opportunity to share our water safety message and promote the America's Boat Clubs of the Puget Sound area.

Next is the Mill Town Sailing Association who have invited [Boating Safety 4 Kids](#) to be the speaker at their February 28th meeting in the Muse Building. There is still time to volunteer to help. Contact Linda at PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com

BIKES AND VOLUNTEERS

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

In December, I reported our total donation to the Bike Fund, \$2036.54. On the Monday after Thanksgiving Jonathan and Sharon Ward with an SUV and trailer and my son, Kevin, and I with Mike's truck arrived at the Walmart store in Tulalip ready to load up the bikes that Mike Martin had negotiated with our \$2000.



The staff met us at the cash register with 34 bikes of all sizes and colors. We learned something that we didn't know before. If you purchase something on the Monday after Thanksgiving, they still honor the Black Friday Sale. So, we got \$14 to \$16 off every bike we bought. Also, Walmart paid \$55 over our budget.

After loading up the bikes and driving to the Boys and Girls Club in north Everett, where Christmas House is located, every December we unloaded the bikes and met with the president, Gregg Milne. He was pleased with our bikes and gave us a tour and explanation of how Christmas House works for the families of Snohomish County in need. That was December 1st.

On December 12th five members of our Boat Club showed up at Christmas House even though the weather was terrible, with rain and floods everywhere. Cdr Annette, Darcy, Cathy, Sharon and I volunteered to walk with the parents and help them "shop" for gifts for their children. Over 100 parents came that day and about 30 volunteers helped. Sharon and I got really excited when one of our shoppers got a bike. So, rewarding!

One final note. I did some math and we began in 2015 to collect money to buy bikes for Christmas House. Thirty years before that we generally donated toys and the odd bike every year to the organization.



Bikes being delivered to Christmas House

Since 2015 we have donated \$16,704.43 and purchased 260 bicycles for Christmas House. Wow!!! Blows my mind!! We do this so well. Thanks to all who donated in 2025 and before.



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BECOME A SKILLED BOATER

🚩 UPCOMING COURSES 🚩

⚓ ABC (AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE) ⚓ FALL AND SPRING

Great for learning boat safety for aspiring captains & their shipmates!
This course meets the Washington State Boater Education Card requirement, and reduces many boat insurance premiums.

⚓ BOAT HANDLING - FALL AND SPRING ⚓

Recommended for those who have a Boater Education Card.

Learn the responsibilities of being a Captain, how to prepare your boat for launch, boat handling under various conditions, anchoring, how to tie knots and lines and how to deal with boat emergencies.

🚩 UPCOMING SEMINARS 🚩

⚓ PARTNER IN COMMAND - JUNE 2026 ⚓

⚓ FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS ⚓

A free service offered by America's Boating Club of Snohomish County and is part of being a responsible boat operator. The check gives you peace of mind that your recreational boat has all required safety equipment.

To request a Vessel Safety Check,
Contact Danny Daniels, dannydaniels@gmail.com



CHECK OUT OTHER OPPORTUNITIES!

CONTACT US AT: BOATCLUBSNOCO.ORG | EDU.BOATSNOCO@GMAIL.COM





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

D/Lt/C James West, JN 330-495-4442

phnx789@msn.com

Vessel Safety Exam 2026

Contact: Lt.Danny.L.Daniels.AP@gmail.com for

Vessel Safety Checks Schedule

14 March, Everett Marina

12 April, Shelter Bay

Please Check Back for 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 examinations are under an hour; and you will meet some fascinating boaters as well as touring some beautiful boats.

Can you do this ?? YES YOU CAN!! Just a simple Training Course and a brief test at the end, and you are ready to start checking vessels. Your first 5 vessels will be in the company of a currently certified Examiner; you will watch 2 VSChecks and then do 3 more on your own while being assisted. Then you will be ready do checks on your own. WE also do events for Yacht Clubs where we meet on a special day and cover 15 to 20 boats. Contact: Lt Danny L Daniels AP -if you would like to start.

A Little About the Front Cover Artist.

by Lt Linda Skugstad, AP

Sage Billings is a local boat artist who loves living in the PNW. She walks daily along the Mukilteo lighthouse park near her home.

Sage loves to sketch and paint in all mediums. A lifelong artist, Sage gets her inspiration from various sources.



<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/>

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Prolonged exposure to cold weather can cause hypothermia. Learn how to prevent it and also how to treat it.

[READ MORE](#)



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
- 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
- Baby & Adult Diapers and Wipes
- Pet Food
- Monetary Donations

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week
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USPS Member Benefits Link

https://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/benefitsdescription.htm

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

Webmaster: Lt Linda Skugstad, AP-info.boatsnoco@gmail.com



2026 D/16 Rendezvous

Port Ludlow Marina

June 5—7 2026

**PLAN NOW FOR ANOTHER FUN AND EXCITING TIME IN
PORT LUDLOW!**

WHAT'S IN STORE:

- 15 slips reserved under "USPS—D16"
- 5 king-size rooms reserved at The Old Alcohol Plant Inn
- Port Ludlow RV Park for RVers

WHAT'S IN STORE ON FRIDAY!

- 5 p.m. Big Tent Docktails on Friday evening

WHAT'S IN STORE ON SATURDAY?

- 9 a.m. Big Tent Morning Wake-Up with coffee/sweets
- 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](https://www.facebook.com/AmericasBoatingClubOfSnohomishCounty)

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

P/Lt/C Nick Rich, AP

Lt Elaine Keasey, S

General Committees....

Auditing...

1 yr Susan Green, P

2 yrs P/C John Tarpley, AP

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