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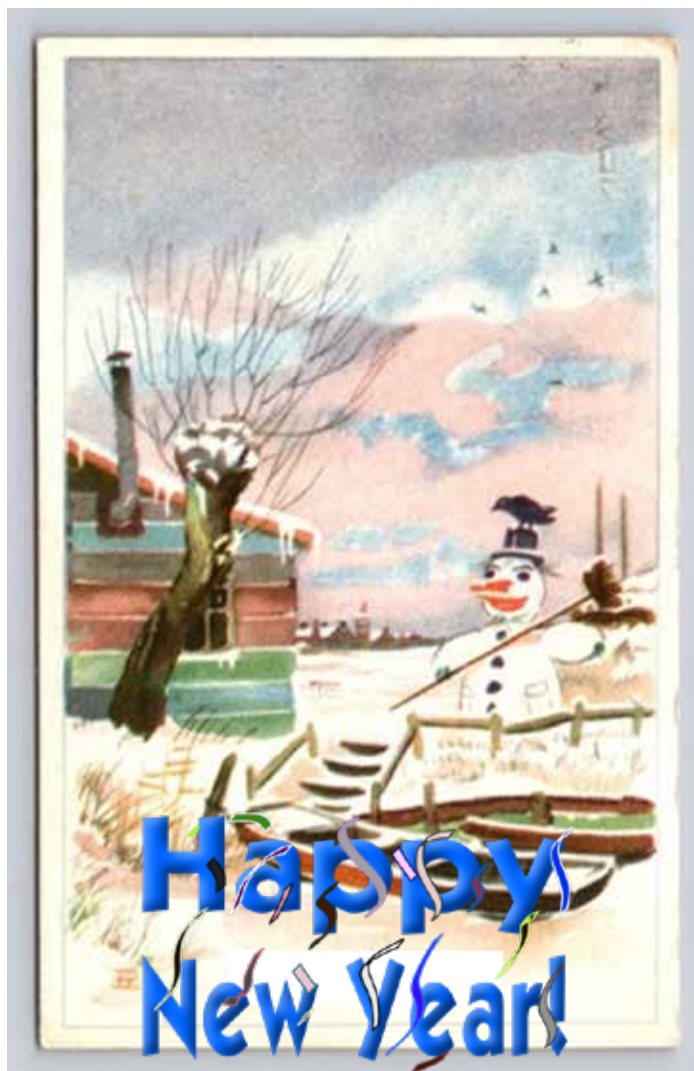


The Pike Pole

For Boaters, By Boaters™

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January Highlights

Tuesday 6 - Monthly Gathering via Zoom, Speaker Erica Beal from Dagmar's "Past, Present and Future" 6:30

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 CALENDAR OF EVENTS for

**January**

- 6 Monthly Gathering, Speaker via Zoom is Erica Beal, Dagmar's Marina "Past, Present and Future", 6:30 pm
- 13 Executive Committee Meeting, In-person at Port of Everett's Blue Heron Room, Pizza at 5:30 pm, meeting begins 6:00 pm
- 17 Adopt a Street, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Meet at Henry M. Jackson Park, RSVP Danny or Claire
- 30 February 1, Boating Safety for Kids- District 16 volunteer assistance at Aqua Paddle Pavillion, [Seattle Boat Show](#), RSVP Linda Martin
- 30 February 8 - Seattle Boat Show

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
- 10-15 [USPS National Conference, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina](#)
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm

March

- 3 Monthly Gathering, Seminar "Partner in Command", Slate of Officers and Budget presented, Everett Firefighters Hall, food bank donations encouraged, 6:30 pm
- 10 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 14 Vessel Safety Checks begin at the Port of Everett Marina, RSVP Danny
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 28 Booth at North Sound Marine Expo, Harbor Marine, 10 am to 3 pm
- TBD D-16 Change of Watch

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**Adopt-A-Street
 Clean up planned
 January 17, 2026**

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

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

**Vessel Safety Exam 2026
 Contact: [Lt Danny L. Daniels, AP](#) for**

Vessel Safety Checks Schedule

March 14 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.

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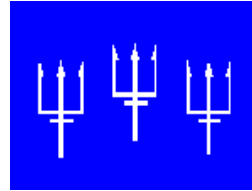
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<http://www.BoatClubSnoCo.org> aka
<http://www.everett>

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FROM THE HELM

Commander Annette Ferguson, AP



2026...Here We Come

As you receive this January newsletter you can see that it shrunk..it got skinny while most of us found a few pounds during the holiday season. Our leadership team that produces the newsletter each month is taking a well deserved break to do one less thing, ie write an article.

But stay tuned. We will all be refreshed and eager to make 2026 a great year for America's Boating Club of Snohomish County, Everett Sail and Power Squadron.

Take a look at the calendar and the many upcoming activities. Keep your eyes open for our gathering this month which will be a Zoom meeting.

In 2026 plan to Learn, Engage and Connect!

Happy New Year,
Annette



**January:
A New
Year
Begins**

Erica Beal of Dagmar's Marina, Past, Present and Future



Join our club's first gathering of the new year on Jan 6th, 2026!

We'll meet online via Zoom (see invite details) and have some digital social time to catch up on folk's holiday happenings.

Then at 7pm, our presentation will begin. We are pleased to be joined by Erica Beal, longtime staff member at locally owned and operated Dagmars Marina. Erica will tell us about the history of the marina, the services and facilities they offer, and their plans. Come learn about the past, present, and future of this iconic marina on the Snohomish River!



America's Boating Club of Snohomish County is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: General Meeting

Time: Jan 6, 2026 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89383224786?pwd=dJ2WYGargPb9KbPpdSbnR8xVWVGTO0.1>

Meeting ID: 893 8322 4786

Passcode: 558756

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Join instructions

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2025/2026 BOATING EDUCATION SCHEDULE

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE -- ABC

Spring Schedule TBD

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. Popcorn will be provided.

Partner in Command
March 3, 2026
Everett Fireman's Hall
Zoom Link to be published in Feb.



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.

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 FOR MORE DETAILS

If there is a class or seminar you would like to see offered, or you would like to help out, reach out to us at:
edu.boatsnoco@gmail.com

MASTER LIST OF USPS COURSES

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

Brian Rachal 425-280-3557
Joellyn Jackson 425-347-0763

ADVANCED GRADES

Boat Handling: How the heck do I get this boat to do what I want?

Marine Navigation (aka Piloting): How to get from here to there without running into something.

Advanced Marine Navigation (aka Advanced Piloting): Navigation under more difficult circumstances while using electronic tools, especially GPS all the while taking wind and currents into account.

Off-shore Navigation (aka Junior Navigation or JN): When off-shore there are no longer landmarks for reference; we must substitute celestial objects such as the sun.

Celestial Navigation (aka Navigation or N): The final navigation course focuses on sextant use---for when all your electronics fail!

ELECTIVES

Cruising and Cruise Planning: You're going on a two-week cruise in Canada – what do I take? Customs? Forbidden fruits & veggies? What if I get hurt? We answer all these questions and more!

Engine Maintenance: Diesel, gasoline, spark plugs, pistons, fuel mixtures, . . and how they all work together to get you where you're going.

Instructor Development (ID): Want to teach a course? We'll show you how! Open only to members.

Marine Electrical Systems (MES): There is one system on the boat and one that you plug into at the dock, which is which?

Marine Communications Systems (MCS): It can be a matter of life or death to be able to communicate with the first responders. We teach you how to make a SOS call and more.

Electronic Navigation Systems (ENS):

Radar for Boaters: The systems used to navigate by on the boat are changing as we speak. Learn now before they crihange.

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

Weather: Look to the clouds, wind and temperature for safe boating weather.



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 -- 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.

COMPASS

Set a Course for Better Boating

Crew 101



All crew members should have some basic skills before heading out on the water. Here are 10 things your crew should know.

[Read More](#)





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BECOME A SKILLED BOATER

🚩 UPCOMING COURSES 🚩

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

Great for learning boat skills 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 🚩

⚓ INTRO TO MARINE BATTERIES - OCTOBER 2025 ⚓

⚓ PARTNER IN COMMAND - MARCH 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, dannyldaniels@gmail.com

CHECK OUT OTHER OPPORTUNITIES!

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





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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USPS Member Benefits Link

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

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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](#)

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

Rules...

P/C Gary Baker, AP-IN
P/C Annette Ferguson, AP

Nominating...

1 yr Lt Perry Moore
2 yrs P/C Gary Baker, AP-IN
3 yrs P/C Darcy Baker, AP



The USPS® Pledge

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**Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons;
Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;
Maintain my boat and operate it legally;
Render assistance whenever possible; And conduct myself in a
manner that will add prestige, honor,
and respect to the United States Power Squadrons."**

