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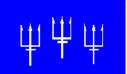
## March Highlights

**1** GENERAL MEETING - Shipwreck Party, Mardi Gras Theme *at* The Fireman's Hall 6:30 pm Election of Officers

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- This will be a "Welcome Back" social gathering for those members who feel comfortable participating.
- Face Masks are **mandatory**; Costume masks are festively encouraged! Social distancing will be in place along with adequate ventilation.
- It is a BYOB... <u>Bring Your Own B</u>everage and/or Bring Your <u>Own B</u>ling!
- No potluck, but a Mardi Gras theme dessert will be provided by the Club.
- Wear your purple, green and gold. According to history, purple stands for justice, green means faith, and gold represents power (Hmmm ... as in power boats ).



### FROM THE HELM

Commander Mike Watkins, AP



**Rendering Assistance** 

When I was seven or eight, my father took me to Lake Erie for a day of fishing during the summer. It was just the two of us and he rented a 15ft aluminum outboard boat for the day in the town of Vermilion, Ohio. Leaving the river and rounding the breakwater, the lake was smooth and inviting under a clear sky.

We ventured out about 25 minutes in a north-northwesterly direction and set about drifting with our hooks baited with minnows a few feet off the bottom. After some time and no bites, we could see a grouping of boats in the distance. My father decided to move to where the group of boats was located. This was about 15 minutes further from the Vermilion breakwater.

We arrived at the flotilla of boats fishing and baited our lines and started to fish. We immediately started to catch lake perch after lake perch, many large enough to keep. At my age this was quite exciting, and soon my father had stopped fishing and was just helping me with fish. Suddenly, this was interrupted by an air horn.

A 40ft guide boat had pulled close to us and the captain used the airhorn to get our attention. He pointed to the other boats that had stopped fishing and were hastily leaving for home port. He advised us to pack up, put on our life jackets and get back to port, there was a nasty squall on the way. Once prompted to look directly west, the ominous black clouds were approaching quickly. This guide captain had taken time to render assistance to us because he knew the seas on the lake were about to be much more than a 15ft open boat could handle.

We quickly put on life jackets, packed up, and headed back to port. We had just gotten the little outboard up to full speed when the wind reached us. Ripples on the lake were quickly 1-2-foot waves on our starboard quarter. By the time we were rounding the breakwater, the squall had caught us and 3-5-foot waves were throwing us around and threatening to sink us. Luckily, we made it around the protective end of the breakwater and into the mouth of the river. Looking back, without the assistance of the guide captain, we would have likely left much later and ended up swimming or worse.

Rendering assistance can have direct and lasting positive effects. As you boat and participate in America's Boating Club of Snohomish County, consider lending a hand and rendering assistance. We all need a little kindness and help once in a while.

### Come ZOOM With Us... during *the* Covid 19 pandemic

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO JOIN THE MEETINGS:

- 1. Go to http://www.BoatClubSnoCo.org
- 2. Click on MEMBERS ONLY link (your computer may show MORE) Click the link.
- 3. Key in the password that was given to you.
- 4. Find Zoom Instructions and click the IMAGE.
- 5. A .pdf file will open with the instructions.
- 6. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm
- IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL:
- D/Lt/C Jim West, JN 425/778-0283

Please note, using ZOOM for classes, meetings etc. is temporary and we will get back to face to face when the continued Covid 19 is under control.

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#### Website:

http://www.BoatClubSnoCo.org aka http:www.everettsailandpowersquadron. com

FRONT COVER: Unknown Author, Mardi Gras Boat Parade.

#### The Pike Pole

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT** *Lt/C Darcy Baker, AP* 





#### Mount Vesuvius Appears on the Baker Boat

(Otherwise known as an unpleasant and unexpected repair)

Our 36' trawler, Traveller, has been marine transport for many years. Regular maintenance has helped minimize unpredictable and potentially catastrophic situations. But this "explosive" problem caught Gary and I by surprise in January when we checked her with plans to spend the night aboard our floating condo.

Our normally calm and serene Head had been transformed by an eruption of unmentionable materials, which had dried hard and fast to every surface they touched. This was definitely a sh\*\*\*y situation – one which most of us would rather never experience. Gary, who really doesn't care to do housekeeping-style cleaning but does seem to gravitate to more challenging cleaning jobs, offered to take care of this one. Who am I to argue with that? Especially since I have seen more than my fair share of dirty diapers over the years. Gary, whose self-professed nickname is "Mr. Fix It", did a stellar clean up job. He then proceeded to dig into the root of the problem - i.e. what the heck led to this mess? After a few moments checking various holding tank apparatus, it was determined that the holding tank vent hose had clogged closed somehow, leading also to a corroded vent hose tank attachment. With a clogged vent, when sewer gases built up with nowhere else to go, the pressure had to expel somewhere and erupted from the toilet bowl and through all the toilet gaskets. Fortunately, we had pumped the holding tank following our last outing in the Fall, or it could have been worse. Hard to imagine. You might say that this repair is above Gary's pay grade (and tolerance for stink). Hence, he's found a capable holding tank repairman who doesn't have a four-month wait list. Thank goodness, we'll soon be underway again (and not have to use a bucket in lieu of the loo!)

#### A few quick reminders on a more serious note:

**Adopt-a-Street:** Marine View Drive. Mark your calendar for April 2 to next help "take out the trash". Contact Dennis Morris to sign up, <u>dennis.morris3@frontier.com</u>.

**Vessel Safety Checks**: Our annual Vessel Safety Check program dates have been incorporated into our Club calendar. One weekend per month is dedicated to VSC's at the Port of Everett. Additional VSC check sites will be advertised as Spring approaches. Now is the time to be trained as a Vessel Safety Examiner, or, if you want to have a VSC performed on your boat, please contact Danny Daniels at <u>dannyLdaniels@gmail.com</u>.

**National Safe Boating Week May 21-27:** Week designated to remind all boaters to brush up on boating safety skills and prepare for the boating season. This observance week is the annual kick-off of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventures by being responsible.

**Labor Day Rendezvous:** Reservations are open at the Point Hudson Marina. Please sign up for our joint rendezvous with the Seattle ABClub, plus other special guests. Stay tuned as we work on further details for end of summer fun, September 2-5. To make a reservation, access Point Hudson's reservation system at <a href="https://portofpt.com/point-hudson-marina-rv-park/">https://portofpt.com/point-hudson-marina-rv-park/</a>.

### GENERAL MEETINGS When:

First Tuesday of the month except July & August- no meeting - November on first Wednesday of the month.

#### Time:

Social 1830 (6:30 pm) Dinner 1900 (7:00 pm) Program 1930 (7:30 pm)

Location: Firefighter's Hall 2411 Hewitt Ave. Everett, WA 98201



http://www.boatclubsnoco.org D-16: http://www.uspsd16.org Contact Cdr for NEW D16 Password **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** MEETINGS When: Third Tuesday of each month except Julv Time: Business Meeting 1830 (6:30 pm) Location: ON ZOOM All members welcome! SQUADRON COMMITTEES Standing Committees.... **Telephone Committee** Lori Dev Susan Green Sharon Ward General Committees.... Auditing... 1 yr P/Lt/C Cathy Rich, AP 2 yrs Susan Green, P 3 yrs P/C John Tarpley, AP Rules... P/C Gary Baker, P P/C Annette Ferguson, AP OPEN

#### Nominating...

1 yrs P/C John Tarpley, AP 2 yrs P/C Gary Baker, AP-IN 3 yrs P/C Frank Havens, AP-IN

### ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP





First, many thanks to all that attended our February general meeting with our special guest speaker Butch Rachal (and his wife Lynne just off camera). Butch mentioned that he kept a blog/journal of their epic Great Cruise adventure, and with his permission, we have included an excerpt from a particular "chapter" entitled "TWFH"! Check it out on page 10-11.



Secondly, make sure you haven't missed the festive March general meeting's promo in this Pike Pole! page 2. Those folks who opt to join in will, undoubtedly, enjoy being together again; and those folks who aren't quite ready to participate in such a gathering will be missed. Please know that everyone's individual choice is fully respected. We look forward to seeing you all, as soon as possible.



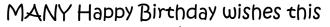
Thirdly, check out all the calendars in this

issue of *The Pike Pole*! There's one for Events, one for Cruise Rendezvous & Activities, a Land Yachters schedule, and an Educational Seminars & Classes one. There is a lot on the books for this year so don't miss out, and make plans and reservations now.



Lastly, it would seem that some sort of celebration is in order to lift our spirits, re-boot our perspectives, and re-direct us towards the good, the positive, and uplifting things in our lives. Choose your own celebration! Just think.... Prime Boating season will soon be upon us again and it is absolutely something worth looking celebrating! Beads any one?

Cheers, Susan



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### **TAKING A NAVIGATION COURSE --- WHICH ONE?**

*By P/Lt/C Joellyn Jackson, S Advanced Grades and Electives Chair* 

A couple of years ago, National renamed all of the Advanced Grade courses. Those are the courses America's Boating Club offers to help us improve essential boating skills and stay safer in a wide variety of conditions. But have you looked at the courses on our website lately? Four of the five Advanced Grades include "navigation" in the titles! To echo the Everett Herald writer Andrea Brown, what's up with that?

It certainly confirms that accurate navigation is critical! Unfortunately, it also makes it confusing to figure out which course you should take next. Here are the old and new names of the courses in the order they must be taken.

Old Names	<u>Grade</u>	<u>New Names</u>
Seamanship	S	Boat Handling
Piloting	Р	Marine Navigation
Advanced Piloting	AP	Advanced Marine Navigation
Junior Navigation	JN	Offshore Navigation
Navigation	Ν	Celestial Navigation
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You can see why we must ask, "which navigation course?" when someone tells us they want to take navigation! As if this wasn't confusing enough, the cover pages of the student manuals still have the old titles. So, the images don't match the text.

Boat Handling can be taken at any time. The navigation courses must be taken in the order listed. You must take Marine Navigation before Advanced Marine Navigation. And then pass both of *them* before you take Offshore Navigation. And you must pass all three of the preceding courses before taking Celestial Navigation. And the knee bone's connected to the thigh bone! All those navigation courses build on each other. But National throws a little hitch in this progression. If you haven't taken Boat Handling by the time you pass Advanced Marine Navigation, your "grade" will stay a "P" for Pilot instead of changing to AP for Advanced Pilot. "Grade" refers to your level of education. "Rank" refers to a job or position held by someone. For example, my "grade" is S for Seaman, but my "rank" is P/Lt/C (Past Lieutenant Commander) because I used to be the Squadron Educational Officer (SEO).

If you're not confused yet, let me add that there's one more course with "navigation" in the title: Electronic Navigation Systems! It's one of a trio of Elective courses that cover marine electronics. It's obvious by now that our organization puts a lot of emphasis on navigation. Just remember to specify WHICH navigation course you want to take when you email me!

### AMERICA'S BRATING CLUB

of Snohomish County

#### 2022 BOATING EDUCATIONAL SCHEDULE

#### **MASTER LIST OF USPS COURSES**

#### AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE -- ABC

April 9-10 June 18-19 August 6-7 October 22-23

All 8-HOUR ABC courses will be taught face-to-face, at THE BLUE HERON AT THE EVERETT MARINA OFFICE. The course cost is \$60 per person. Register on the website under BOATING EDUCATION/AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE/ RSVP Linda Martin 425-422-4721

DUE TO THE RENT INCREASE AT THE NEW CLASSROOM LOCATIONS, THE COST FOR MEMBERS TO TAKE THE SPRING COURSES HAS INCREASED

MARCH 21 – BOAT HANDLING (FORMERLY SEAMANSHIP) *COST: \$85 MEMBERS/\$120 NON-MEMBERS* INSTRUCTOR: JOHN TARPLEY LOCATION: LIVE AND ON ZOOM TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM 8-10 WEEKS

MARCH 24 – ADV. MARINE NAV. (FORMERLY ADV. PILOTING) *COST: \$85 MEMBERS/\$120 NON-MEMBERS* INSTRUCTOR: NICK RICH LOCATION: ON ZOOM, ONLY TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM 8-10 WEEKS

APRIL 23 & 30 – CRUISE PLANNING *COST: \$85 MEMBERS/\$120 NON-MEMBERS* INSTRUCTOR: SUSAN TARPLEY LOCATION: BLUE HERON ROOM TIME: 9:00 AM TWO SESSIONS

> RSVP JOELLYN JACKSON -- 425-347-0763 GO TO www.BOATCLUBSNOCO.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS AND LINK TO PAY

Please sign up for SPRING courses by MARCH so that materials can be ordered in advance. 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 change.

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

### **SUPER SEMINAR SERIES**

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 8<sup>th</sup> -- 6:30 – 8:30 pm *"Using VHF with DSC"*

TUESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>th</sup> -- 6:30 – 8:30 pm *"Man Overboard"* 

COST \$25 PER PERSON OR \$35 PER COUPLE (SHARING A BOOKLET) PAY ON LINE USPS Certification fee: Additional \$20, (optional, paid by check or credit card) Register for Seminars using PayPal on the <u>www.BoatClubSnoCo.org</u> website

#### ALL SEMINARS FROM 6:30 – 8:30 PM ALL SEMINARS TAUGHT ON ZOOM OR AT:

First Financial NW Bank in Mill Creek Town Center 15012 – Main Street, Ste. F. Mill Creek

#### \*\*\*\*\*RSVP DEVIN GANGER <a href="mailto:Devin@TheCabal.org">Devin@TheCabal.org</a>

If you would like to have a specific seminar scheduled soon, please ask Devin! See the list of Seminars below:

### **List of Seminars**

SEMINAR	SEMINAR	SEMINAR
AIS Electronics for Boaters	How to Use a Chart	Paddle Smart
Anchoring	Hurricane Preparation for boaters	Partner in Command
Basic Weather and Forecasting	Intro to Navigation	Propane Systems on Your Boat
Boat Handling Under Power	Knots, Bends and Hitches	Tides and Currents
Boating on River, Locks and Lakes	Man Overboard	Trailering Your Boat
Crossing Borders	Mariner's Compass	Using GPS
Emergencies on Board	Mastering the Rules of the Road	Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio
Fuel and Boating		



When a member (or non-member) takes a course, takes an exam and passes that exam, *I SAY PASSED* WITH FLYING COLORS!

Congratulations to those who passed a course. Listed below are the students who passed **ENGINE MAINTENANCE** this past winter.

#### ENGINE MAINTENANCE Instructor: NORTH OLYMPIC SQUADRON Erin Parsons

Erin Parsons works for the Fish and Wildlife and lives in Olympia. She found the North Olympic Squadron teaching Engine Maintenance and wanted to learn more about engines as she drives a power boat for Fish and Wildlife. She contacted them and they referred her to us to purchase her student manual and proctor the exam.

These are the benefits to teaching courses in Washington using Zoom. We also managed two other students for this course; their exams will be proctored later this spring.

If you are ready to take another course, check the calendar in this Pike Pole to see what courses are offered in 2022.



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#### The Pike Pole



Excerpt from Butch and Lynne Rachal's travel blog aboard S/V Aisling during their Spring 2002 Great Circle cruise....

#### THE WEEK FROM HELL (TWFH) -

Cruising is a wonderful, relaxing experience. But into each life some rain must fall, and you'd best be prepared for it. Sometimes you experience **THE WEEK FROM HELL** (pronounced **THE WEEK FROM HELL** in a deep, echoing voice). This is what happened to our heroes – Butch and Lynne.

THE WEEK FROM HELL began as our heroes were quietly motoring across the Albemarle Sound in North Carolina, looking forward to a "relaxing" visit in Norfolk just 2 days away. As they were having a sandwich, "Hero Lynne" noticed the bilge pump light come on. It ran for a few seconds, then turned off, then on, then off. After three on's and off's in just a few minutes, "Hero Butch" decided that checking the bilge was a little more important than eating a sandwich. This marks the actual start of THE WEEK FROM HELL (don't forget the deep, echoing voice)

"Down into the bilge we go. And what do we find? Well, it's a little dark in here, but you could see water pouring into the bilge from the area of the port shaft. Damn! We're sinking! Just what we need. And my buddy from Sandy Hook told me to watch out for the hoses around the shaft logs. Can't exactly see the leak, but feeling around the shaft doesn't help. Wait! The water is coming from somewhere else. There it is. It's a fitting to the aft shower. Thank goodness. We're just losing all our fresh water into the bilge. Quickly and adroitly our hero leaps out of the bilge and turns off the fresh water pump. Now back into the bilge to find out why it's so dark down there – and hot." It's so hot, the handholds on the ladder are hard to grip without burning "Hero Butch's" hands. Suddenly, the 110volt trouble light just went off. But, damn, there's enough light to see what the problem is. The port exhaust is pouring into the engine room through a gaping hole in the exhaust hose. Our heroes' problems begin. All is not lost, our heroes have two engines. Kill one, run off the other, fix the leak well enough to use the port engine for docking and go from there. But the troubles are just beginning. It got hot down there. Hot enough to soften a plastic pipe fitting and pop it apart. That's what happened to the aft shower fitting. Why was it so hot? Because hot exhaust and superheated steam were spewing all over. And why did the 110volt trouble light go out? It was fine. Our \$1500 inverter was not. It had quit and there was a troubling error message flashing from

the controller. It said something like, "I'm not working, I'm not working. Nanner, Nanner, Nanner!!" At least, that's what it sounded like.

Now it's time for our heroes to rise to the occasion. After a good cry, plans to anchor out are forgotten and a marina in Coinjock, NC is called for assistance getting a new exhaust hose. Midway Marina in Coinjock was a godsend to our heroes. They ordered in a hose from a Norfolk Marina, 30 miles away, and found a local mechanic to help install it. They provided the hose at their cost and the local mechanic tried to get away for no charge.

Our heroes limped in to Midway, and began to assess the damage. First off, the engine room was like a black hole. No light reflected from any surface. It was awful. "Hero Butch" spent the entire next day just cleaning. The cleaning helped some. But also, things began to go wrong. "Hero Butch" managed to cap off the shower fitting that had started **THE WEEK FROM HELL**, and changed to a different water tank, but shortly after getting settled in Coinjock, "Hero Lynne" noticed that the new tank was suddenly empty. Back into the bilge goes "Hero Butch" and finds another fitting popped loose, pouring water into the bilge. A screwdriver fixes that, but what next? Our heroes need another good cry. Here's a listing of what was discovered on day two of **THE WEEK FROM HELL** and how our heroes dealt with it:

Busted water fittings – lost a bunch of water, but no big deal. Repaired them so they cannot break again in the future.

Collapsed hose on aft head – The Vacuflush heads use a vacuum to operate. The hose softened and collapsed. Fortunately, the boat has a second head, because it was several days before the parts arrived to fix it.

Collapsed hose on the macerator – This hose softened and collapsed, but fortunately, the macerator isn't used often, so no immediate inconvenience resulted.

Shorted Inverter – "Hero Butch" took the cover off the inverter and emptied a can of electrical parts cleaner on the circuits inside. All kinds of black disgusting crap came out. Then the inverter worked fine. Yeah!

Collapsed hose on the holding tank vent – That was discovered when the pump out didn't seem to work. Without a vent hose, the dockside pumpout vacuum is strong enough to collapse the tank. It did. The tank is a little out of shape, but let's hope it wasn't damaged beyond use.

Bilge Pump – Both the main bilge pump and the backup failed this day. Turned out to be unrelated to the "incident", but irritating nonetheless.

Things are beginning to look up. One extra day in Coinjock has allowed our heroes to catalogue the damage and order parts, fittings, etc. to be delivered to Norfolk. But the nagging question is, "why did the hose fail?". To get the full impact of **THE WEEK FROM HELL**, we have to go back a few months.

**FLASHBACK**......Our story really began in Boca Grande, Florida in March 2001. S/V Aisling ran aground (notice that boats run aground, Captains don't). It took several minutes to wiggle loose.

After that time, the port engine began to run a little hot. In fact, the next 3 months seemed to be a continuing exercise in troubleshooting the cooling system on that engine as it became increasingly apparent that there was insufficient flow in the seawater side of the port engine cooling system. Our hero tried everything he could, short of dismantling the whole thing. At each stop, he checked a different engine component and usually found something that might have been the cause, but it never seemed to be the correct fix. By the time S/V Aisling reached Beaufort, SC where she would rest for a few months, the port engine was effectively shut down.

But our hero was not to be deterred. While stopped in Beaufort, he removed every component related to seawater flow and had it cleaned. One of the components removed and cleaned was the exhaust elbow. Now this is an interesting animal. The exhaust elbow has two parts. The inner part carries exhaust gases from the engine. The outer part carries cooling water. They join at the outlet of the elbow. Apparently, the water shoots out small holes around the perimeter of the opening and cools the exhaust.Remember this fact. It's important.

In the end, the cooling water flow had improved dramatically, and our hero declared victory and moved on to the next problem.

The following spring, on the first trip from the Beaufort Marina since the repairs, the exhaust hose failed. That's another story. Anyway, our hero chalked that up to the abuse of running on low water in Florida, replaced the hose and left Beaufort for the RELAXING cruise north. Next came Albemarle Sound and **THE WEEK FROM HELL**.

**FLASH FORWARD......** To be continued. Stay tuned to next month's Pike Pole for "the rest of the story"!

#### Send Me Your Best Photos



ABClub *of* SnoCo would like your photos to create a slideshow of events...

We would like to make a recruitment slide show that displays all of the fun and excitement that America's Boating Club *of* Snohomish County has had over the years. The slideshow will initially be used to fill time during intermissions in the ABC class, but could also be used at any events where we have the opportunity to recruit new members. If you have any photos from club events, particularly during rendezvous or other boating events, please send them to Lt/C Brian Rachal, P. The photos need not be recent. If you have good photos that would add a historical element, we welcome them. If you have physical photos without the ability to scan them, Brian can scan them at home and give them back to you, so don't let that stop you from providing a great photo.

If you have questions about how the photos will be used, suggestions for how to make a great slideshow, or just want to help out with the project, please contact Brian directly.

Lt/C Brian Rachal, P 425-280-3557 rachal.brian@gmail.com

### ABCIub Point Hudson Labor Day Joint Rendezvous September 2 - 5

#### Come by Boat, RV or Vehicle



Don't wait to make your marina slip reservation as this location will fill quickly. Hold your space for an \$11 deposit\*.

Point Hudson's reservation portal is open now and ready to take your information, find it at <a href="https://portofpt.com/point-hudson-marina-rv-park/">https://portofpt.com/point-hudson-marina-rv-park/</a>.

\*If you tried to make a reservation before January 19 and were <u>un</u>successful, please try again. Marina slip reservations are now open! See more info on page 13 this issue.



#### America's Boating Club of Snohomish County SAN JUAN ISLANDS by P/C Linda Martin, JN

*"Cruising the San Juan Islands"* was written by Bruce Calhoun in 1973, he was a member of the Seattle Power Squadron, back in the day. This month I'm again sharing from Chapter 6. I discovered in reading on in this chapter some very interesting information on Sucia Island.

#### Chapter 9 – Through the Rock Pile

In these days of faster boats, many skippers like to select a specific destination or area for a vacation cruise and then speed to it at full throttle. For others, cruising consists of short courses from resort to resort or from favorite bays to other familiar spots. All too many cruising families fail to take the time for leisurely exploration and careful investigation of some new objective or point along the way.

One of many intriguing possibilities for a sunny afternoon in the San Juans is an unhurried island-byisland cruise through the Rock Pile. This is a name given by some ferryboat skippers to that group of small islands, islets and rocks lying between Orcas and Shaw Islands and charted as the Wasp Islands.

After reading or hearing early-day stories about this use of these islands as hiding places for smugglers or as an ambush for pirates preying on vessels using the narrow passes, one might guess the name was given to connote buzzing orstinging. Actually Wilkes named the group for the U.S. sloop of war *Wasp*, which under the command of Jacob Jones in the War of 1812 captured the British brig *Frolic*.

To enjoy this adventure, be sure to have large-scale chart 6379, which shows in good detail the islands, the smaller islets, the rocks and the reefs. Then, paying close attention to the charted depths and the depth sounder, set out to do some real exploring. Take it slow—very slow. Enjoy the unique, varied beauty of this group. Be brave. Get in close. If you have a small boat so much the better, but we did it in a 36-footer with a three and a half foot draft and had no trouble. Make a game of it, using a small-boy fantasy to choose the best cove or nook to hide your boatload of smuggled silk or Canadian spirits from pursuing revenuers. Or, if piracy takes your fancy, pick the best place to hole up while waiting to make a sudden strike on an unsuspecting ship. You might start at Pole Pass—as we did recently—and circle Crane Island clockwise with a short side trip to investigate Bell Island. Crane has many different types of homes and it is fun to note how their owners have and use of the natural setting—hillsides, rocks, trees—to achieve their dreams of an island hideaway. Since there ae plenty of rocks, shoals and reefs around the island, the skipper must not forget his piloting duties while enjoying the scenery. We think the key work is *slow*. It should be remembered, too, that in the summer kelp marks most of the rock patches.

The north shore of Crane will bring you nearly back to Pole Pass and a swing out is necessary to avoid the reef on the island's northeast corner. Next you might take a run over to Reef Island. Wooded, a quarter of a mile long and 65 feet high, it is aptly named. *It is best to stay fairly well off the west side and be aware of the shoal off the southern end.* 

It might be interesting to circle Bird Rock to observe the many cormorants inhabiting it. Because of their numbers, the boulder has sometimes been called Cormorant Rock. (Continued in the April issue, is the rest of information on the Wasp Islands and a story about early entertainer, Jack Tusler.)



Wasp Island, Image copied from Ocean Trawler Yachts Google Maps

### Annual Labor Day America's Boating Club Point Hudson Joint Rendezvous September 2 - 5, 2022



Mark your calendar and make plans to head for our season finale joint rendezvous with PNW America's Boating Club members over Labor Day weekend. We've reserved Point Hudson's Marina Room Saturday, September 3, so expect great meals, social time and educational opportunities that day with ABClub friends old and new.

This well-attended is alwavs gathering with enough activities make evervone to happy, plus many local attractions. If you're not a boater or RV'er and want to attend, make reservation now of many local inns nearby private accommodations. а at one or

*Don't delay, these spots go quickly!* There is a one-time, \$11.00 non-refundable marina/RV reservation fee required to secure your spot.

To make a reservation, go to the Point Hudson website *at* https://portofpt.com and choose the icon that says either Point Hudson Marina or RV Reservations. Follow the directions and input your information to reserve a spot. If you have difficulty making the reservation, email Jennifer at pointhudson@portofpt.com. They've had some technical issues with their reservation system lately, so please be persistent and patient.

Once you've secured a reservation, PLEASE send Lt/C Darcy Baker, AP, America's Boating Club of Snohomish County, an email at <u>thebakerfamily4@comcast.net</u> so she knows how to contact you and what slip/space/lodging you've reserved. She will add you to the list and keep you informed of activities, volunteer opportunities and other pertinent information as we get closer to the date. Don't hesitate to contact her via email with any questions you may have about this rendezvous.

### AMERICA'S BRATING CLUB

of Snohomish County

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS for**



#### MARCH

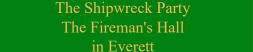
- 1 General Meeting 6:30 Shipwreck Party, Mardi Gras Theme Everett Fireman's Hall, Election of Officers
- 5 Vessel Safety Checks Port of Everett RSVP Danny
- 8 Seminar - Using VHF with DSC RSVP Devin Ganger
- 12 **D-16 Spring Conference**
- 15 **Executive Meeting on Zoom**
- 21 Boat Handling Course (8 weeks), Port of Everett **RSVP** Joellyn Jackson
- 24 Advanced Marine Navigation Course (8 weeks), **RSVP** Joellyn Jackson

#### APRIL

- 2 Adopt-a-Street, RSVP Dennis Morris
- 2 Vessel Safety Checks Port of Everett RSVP Danny
- 5 General Meeting - Change of Watch
- 9-10 America's Boating Course, Port of Everett **RSVP** Linda Martin
- 12 Seminar - Man Overboard, RSVP Devin Ganger
- 19 **Executive Meeting on Zoom**

#### MAY

- 3 General Meeting – Speaker to be announced
- 7 Vessel Safety Checks, Everett Marina, **RSVP** Danny Daniels
- 7 Opening Day of Boating & Crab Pot Sale
- 10 Seminar, topic to be announced
- 17 **Executive Meeting on Zoom**



at the

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

6:30 pm

Join us at the **MEETINGS** 



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#### Spring Conference (via Zoom) March 12<sup>th</sup> Start time 0830 hrs

ark your calendars to join our District 16's Spring VI Conference via Zoom. Find out what's been happening and what is planned. Connect with our regions other local Clubs. Be a part of the recognition and awards ceremony. Get important updates and be part of discussions of the highlights and main topics from the national organization's meeting in mid-February. watch for Agenda details and Be on the Zoom link/password be sent out shortly. to

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- March 26 First Day of Spring! Day cruise by boat or car to Langley for lunch. Meet at the Whale Museum at 11:00. Lunch TBA to those in attendance.
- April 16 Wooden Boat Center, Seattle
- May 7 Opening Day of Boating 2022. Crab Pot Fund-raiser for the Club. Beers and dinner afterwards.
- May 27-30 Spencer Spit. Come by boat or ferry. Anchor out, picnic shelter, fire on beach, camping or on-island lodging. Memorial Day Weekend Make reservations if lodging or camping.
- June 10-12 Cruise to Eagle Harbor on Cypress Isand, a great place to anchor out.
- June 24-26 Annual D-16 Rendezvouz to Poulsbo.
- July 15-17 Commander's Cruise to Fisherman's Bay on Lopez. Boat in, or come by ferry. Anchor out, stay dockside, camp on the hill, or stay in the cabins/rooms. NEED RESERVATIONS if staying on the dock or at the lodge.
- August 13 ABClub of SnoCo Jetty Island Day. Cruise on over by dinghy, kayak, SUP, island ferry and join the group for a family-friendly day on the island.
- Sept 2-5 Port Hudson Marina. Joint Rendezvous with Skagit, Seattle, North Olympic.
- Sept 24 BBQ Picnic at Shelter Bay. Drive in or Boat in. Family friendly venue. Lots to do.
- **October 8** Day Cruise/drive to the lovely town of Coupeville on Whidbey Island.
- Oct 21 or 22 NEW, Squidding on the Edmonds pier
- **Nov 12** Woodinville Wine Tasting. Loads of fun sampling wine, beer and spirits.
- **Dec 10** Holiday themed social gathering. Stay tuned!



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,

2022

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VSC Schedule 2022

The 2021 VSC is coming to an end this month, however, we will be happy to do VSC on an individual basis over the winter and spring months at the member's request.

Vessel Safety Exam Contact: <u>Lt Danny L.Daniels, AP</u> for details

Vessel Safety Check Schedule 2022 The 2022 Vessel Safety Examiners will be happy to do a VSC on an individual basis over the spring months at the member's request. All Covid Protocol is in place.

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





#### Highway Mariners Schedule for 2022

MONTH	CITY	RV PARK
MAY 12-16	TWISP, WA	River Bend RV Park
MAY 26-30	CASCADE LOCKS, OR	800-686-4498 KOA RV PARK
MAY 31/JUNE	I GOLDENDALE, WA	Brooks Memorial
JUNE 2-6	WENATCHEE, WA	Confluence State Park
JULY 1-4	YAKIMA, WA	Sportsman State Park
AUG 12-20	GARIBALDI, OR AND BEYOND	Old Mill RV Park 503-322-0322
SEPT 1-6	<u>NEW</u> SEQUIM, WA,	Gilgal Oasis RV Park 360-452-1324
SEPT 1-6	<u>NEW</u> SEQUIM, WA	John Wayne Marina and RV
SEPT 24-30	STEAMBOAT ROCK, WA	Steamboat Rock State Park

For more information, contact P/C Mike Martin, P at 425-337-2762 or email at <u>frugalboatnut@frontier.com</u>



Join us for our special in-person Change of Watch where we will chart our course for the next year and swear in the leaders who will be at the helm for the 2022/2023 year!

#### The Pike Pole

The Pike Pole

### America's Boating Club of Snohomish County In Memory of former member and friend Terry Tavares

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

#### February 13, 1943 to January 18, 2022



*Terry, doing what he does best, singing on the dock* 

I wish I could remember when we first met Linda and Terry Tavares and went boating together to many, many places in the Pacific Northwest. They dropped out of our squadron about 20 years ago but those who knew them well kept in touch. Our first boat was a 21' Bayliner named "Slick Chick" and Tavares' had a 17' power boat named "Sound Sleeper". We had some really great trips in the beginning. Then we bought the 24' Bayliner, "Mi-Linda" and at the very same time they bought a 26-28' Cruisers Inc. boat named "Shunpiker". I remember the first weekend we took our new boats up to Port Townsend or Port Ludlow. On the way back home the "Mi-Linda" and the "Shunpiker" spun "do-nuts" around the slow boats as we sped along Admiralty Inlet off Whidbey Island.

One of my favorite memories was a rendezvous at Port Townsend, in the olden days, before the fancy remodel, the building at the east end of the RV park area was for showers and laundry. When you

entered the building there was a huge lobby and then you went down the hall to the restroom, etc. One evening the weather was too nasty to hang out on the docks so we all went up to this building with our lawn chairs. Terry brought his guitar and he played and we sang for hours. He knew songs from way back and he knew them well. It was always quite a shock to those who came to the building that evening for a shower and they had to walk past us to get where they were going. Dennis and Mike always had some



Left: M/V Sound Sleeper Right: M/V Cavanaugh Dennis & Judy's boat

comment that got everyone laughing out loud. Dennis Morris tells the rest of this story much better than I. Take it away Dennis.

"That evening we were all sitting in a circle in the foyer of the bathrooms singing to Terry's playing. A man came through and went into the showers...our song ended and we stopped singing. The man in the shower kept right on singing. Everyone had a good laugh."

#### Dennis remembers:

"We were at Point Hudson. Terry was sitting with Ray on the fly bridge of Ray & Elaine's boat...with his guitar, of course..." Linda, Elaine & I were sitting on the after deck, below. Terry started playing "I searched the world over" and we were singing along. We got to the part – "and phlttt, you were gone" – Linda turned

to me and said, "I've got broccoli, what you got?"



Potluck on the beach w/ Elaine Keasey

Ray Keasey remembers:

"The time we were all cruising together somewhere in the Gulf Islands, sharing critical info on the VHS, then switching to the CB's to tell jokes---often 'blond' jokes in those days before political correctness was required. And of course Dennis told the most---and he was (is?) blond. Anyway, Terry reached for the wrong microphone and shared something light hearted on the VHS. Then came the voice with the heavy French accent, chastising him for being inappropriate! Our mike's were silent for a time after that!"



Elaine Keasey remembers:

"Of course, we all remember Terry's ever-present guitar. Sound sleeper was only 17', but he always managed to bring his guitar. How many different docks did we sit around on singing to his remarkable repertoire? And who can forget the infamous 'bathroom' sing along at Pt Hudson?"

Linda at one of the D-16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo Continued pg 18

#### Steve Westfall comments:

"Dennis gets up earlier than I do and he beat me to my story about singing in the bathroom entrance. That was a great time."

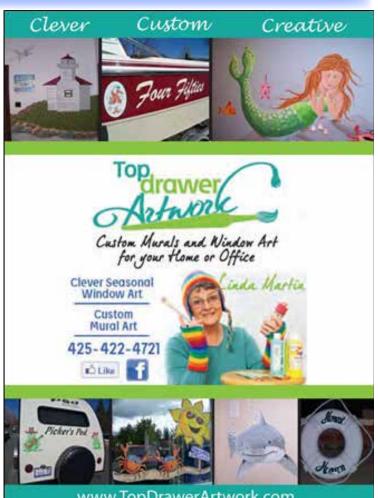
Terry passed away peacefully at home with Linda holding Our prayers for comfort and peace go out his hand. to Linda. She and Terry were so much in love and he will be greatly missed. If anyone wants to reach out to Linda, I have her current contact information (phone, address, email and Facebook) in Big Bear, California. Let's end with Dennis' memory:

"We were in Ganges, after our daily potluck, singing to Terry's playing. There were about 30 of us. As the

evening wore on, we noticed that there were dozens of people standing on the docks singing along with us."



Sound Sleeper in the Salty Sea Days Parade Everett



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The Pike Pole

#### America's Boating Club of Snohomish County



Our visit to <sup>1</sup> "The Boat Show, the Boat Show, the Big Seattle Boat Show!"<sup>1</sup>

Members of the ABClub of Snohomish County (those who were itching to get out of their houses and do something safely in public) met at the Seattle Boat Show for a day of boating-related shopping, answers to maintenance questions, and educational opportunities. A side trip to the on-the-water Show at Bell Harbor Marina inspired dreams of buying a bigger boat, or maybe even just a small boat.

The day was sunny, crowds were light (vaccinations were required by the venue, and most remained masked indoors), and folks were in a jovial mood after a two-year Show delay due to Covid. Several members brought friends to the event, and we all enjoyed being together again.



Left: An affordable boat driven by Susan Tarpley

Bottom: Boats Afloat at Bell Harbor Marina



L to R: Brian Rachal, Frank and Pam (soon to be married) Havens, Mark Glidden, Dennis Morris (our fearless leader), Jim West, Patrick Hall Photo by Lt/C Darcy Baker, AP

### Adopt-A-Street Clean up planned April 2, 2022

The next Adopt-A-Street clean up is planned as follows:

When: Where: April 2nd Time: 0800 – 1030 Meet at the Broadway IHOP *for* breakfast at 0800 *at* Gateway Plaza - <u>3710 Broadway</u>

Meet at Henry M. Jackson park for clean up at 0900

The activity is EASY and FUN. It usually takes about 1-1/2 hours to complete.

Please contact P/D/C Dennis Morris, SN (425) 355-2108 <u>dennis.morris3@frontier.com</u> to sign up.

It is important to <u>sign up at least 1 week prior</u> to ensure we have enough materials.



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#### EVERETT SAIL and POWER SQUADRON/AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB of SNOHOMISH COUNTY

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