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Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron

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From The Helm

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Change of Watch celebration on March 15. We all want to celebrate the leadership and successful programs that have occurred under the leadership of Bob over the last two years. He has helped place PWS&PS in a very positive position with respect to programs accomplished as well as making our organization financially viable. Thank you Bob!

Change of Watch & Caribbean Night

Tues., March 15 @ 5:30 PM

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| 5:30 | Social Hour (sign in, appetizers, music) |
| 6:15 | Caribbean Buffet |
| 7:00 | All Hands Raffle |
| 7:10 | Meeting & Change of Watch |
| 8:30 | Adjournment |

We have a great slate of officers who will continue to lead us through a very enjoyable, educational, and active 2016-17. These include providing exceptional speaker programs, fundraisers, and outings. Our education classes scheduled include weather, seamanship, and engine maintenance. Increasing our membership is also a very important function for our bridge this coming year. Since our classes are probably the primary reason most of us joined this organization we will work to entice more of the attendees to also become members of our Squadron. Linda and Sandra have been instrumental in putting these courses together – so please thank them when you can. Also, let us know what other courses you would like to have.

The Change of Watch promises to be a fun event – so be sure to come enjoy our Caribbean Night with its comradery, food, and perhaps a turn at going under the limbo stick. We will have a social hour filled with friends, Caribbean music, and hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner consisting of a gourmet selection of Caribbean delicacies. This will be followed by the installation of our new bridge.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Ramsay Smith

As submitted to editor – in his own words



Change of Watch



CARIBBEAN NIGHT

MARCH 15, 2016 - 1730 HRS

PORT TOWNSEND YACHT CLUB

CARIBBEAN DELICACIES

CILANTRO DIP WITH PLANTAIN/SWEET POTATO/TARO CHIPS

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Past Commanders

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|-------------|----------------|
| 2005 | Ken Shaver |
| 2007 | Chelcie Liu |
| 2008 | Jim Hutton |
| 2009 | Natalie Hutton |
| 2010 | Gary Nelson |
| 2011 | Bob Miller |
| 2012 & 2013 | Linda Newland |
| 2014 | Robert Olbrych |



Squadron Education Officer's Report



Linda Newland, SEO

Bob Olbrych, Asst. SEO

Piloting Class Wrap Up

Out of a class of 33 students, 17 took the final exam and 12 students received a passing score. Congratulations to those who passed the exam! I can either hand deliver your exam to you at the next Squadron Meeting on March 15, or I can mail your exam to you. Let me know your preference. The grader's comments on the exam itself are very helpful in determining what part of the question was misunderstood or preparing for an exam retake.

This class is considered a "grade" class and is the third in line of three classes that must be successfully completed in order to use the letter "P" after your name in squadron correspondence. The sequence of classes are: 1) ABC, 2) Seamanship Class, and 3) Piloting--for the letter "P." Other letters can be earned by successfully completing Advanced Piloting "AP," Junior Navigation "JN" (celestial navigation by using the sun) and Senior Navigation "SN" (celestial navigation by using the sun, moon and stars). Of course, the real reason you'll want to complete these classes is to become a competent navigator and a safe boater for yourself and others.

Thanks to Bob Miller for taking the helm and teaching the Piloting Class.

ABC

First of all, I want to thank our team of teachers for ably instructing this big class of 21 students. This is our second largest class of the year. In past years, we felt fortunate to teach a class size of four or five students. We are wondering if that means people are becoming more safety conscious. Or maybe more people are currently buying their first boat. Special appreciation goes to our team members and leader, Sandra Smith-Poling, assistant SEO. And a big thank you is due to Bob Olbrych, Bob Monica, Ron Hayes, Ramsay Smith, Gordan Lacey and Mitch Poling. Each of these instructors did a great job teaching, and 100% of the students passed the class making them eligible to receive their WA State Boater's Card.

Weather Class

Our large class sizes are continuing because we now have 14 students signed up to take the Weather Class. This class will be taught by Chelcie Liu at Seaport Landing in Port Townsend. The first class is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. It is not too late to sign up, but if you want to order a textbook, you must act immediately. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for the cost of the class and other details. We plan to include information about weather patterns specific to our location which will be especially pertinent for our area's boaters.



Vessel Records Privacy

The Recreational Boaters of Washington (RBAW) supported Vessel Records Privacy Act was approved by both Houses and is headed to the Governor for his signature. This bill limits who can access our boater's registration information similar to the laws which guard the access to our vehicle registration information (i.e. our contact information). Entities will no longer be able to request our personal information for advertising or personal use purposes. Exceptions apply for insurance companies who are investigating possible fraudulent claims, law enforcement officials who are tracking down information for some infraction of the law and similar users. For complete details on who and why certain entities can gain access, check out HB1409 by accessing the WA State Legislative website and searching by bill number at:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>

Fending off a Diversion of \$500,000 of Boaters' Fuel Tax Dollars

In Washington State, boat fuel tax dollars are placed in a special fund, Boating Facilities Program, that gives grants or loans to fund or supplement boating projects around the State. For instance, the newly redone boat launch ramp in Boathaven Basin was funded by this money, and the repair of the retaining wall at the entrance of Point Hudson Marina is another example.

Frequently, when the State budget is being put together, raids or direct diversions of money are launched against this special fund for a major project that remotely involves boating. This year, the Department of Fish and Game was looking for \$500,000 to fund Aquatic Invasive Species washing stations. These stations are positioned at our borders and used to wash down trailerable boats entering Washington State. RBAW and other recreational boating lobbyists successfully thwarted these efforts to withdraw money from this special fund. Additionally, they forced DFW to stand in line with other boating projects and await money through applied-for grants and loans used to improve boating facilities. Budgetary language *encourages* this approach.

SSB 6363 Ensuring Public and Recreational Access for Bridge Projects

RBAW supports this bill which requires that Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) take into consideration recreational access to water when planning a State construction project. The specific wording is "To the greatest extent practicable, when constructing a state highway project, including a major improvement project, the department (WSDOT) must not adversely impact preexisting, lawful public access to a waterway."

The wiggle room is in the words "To the greatest extent practicable..." which means that under Washington State Law, WSDOT still has the final word; however, at least they are now on notice that other steps that are outlined in the bill must be taken and considered for recreational boating access. This bill passed the Senate and is in House Rules, but it seems to be headed for the Governor's desk.

Linda Newland

Written for RBAW



Announcements



It's **Membership March** for Sound Experience and *Adventuress*!

The 2016 Sailing Season has arrived, and the best way to sail aboard the 103-year-old historic schooner *Adventuress* is as a Sound Experience Member. The benefits of Membership include **free sailing** on over twenty [Public Sails](#) out of ports across Puget Sound (including Port Townsend Sails on March 20th and May 7th), discounts on many [overnight trips](#), and access to Member Transits and the Members Only Expedition. Plus, anyone who joins as a Member in March will be entered in a raffle to win fun prizes from Sound Experience sponsors, including a "Food of the Gods" gift basket generously provided by Theo Chocolate.

The cost of Membership is \$95 for a Household and \$60 for an Individual. For the first time in three years, rates will increase slightly in April of 2016 to keep up with higher operating costs (\$120/Household, \$70/Individual), so sign up now for the best deal in Puget Sound. Not only is Membership an incredibly affordable way to get out on the water, but joining as a Member creates a large community of support around a historic ship with a powerful youth and environmental mission.

[Click here to sign up today!](#)

Sea Stories and Presentations

Do you have a *Sea Story* you would like to share with our group? Let me know, so I can place your name on the schedule. If you're willing to prepare a presentation on a subject of common interest, let me know.

Remember to go to our web site www.PointWilson.org for the latest updates and information



Announcements

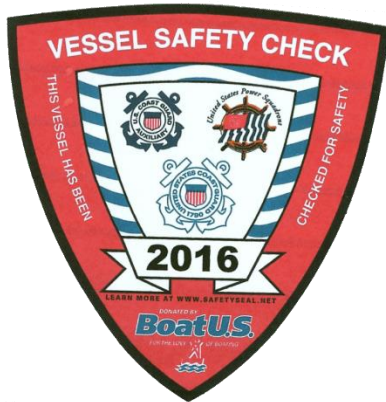


Publications and Resources



Click on the icons to open latest editions of the magazines and information.

Vessel Safety



Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron offers Vessel Safety Checks, which is a Free Check of a vessel's equipment for compliance with Federal and State Safety Requirements. When your boat passes the inspection, you will receive a decal like the one to left.

You may also want to complete the Virtual Vessel Safety Examination at <http://vdept.cgaux.org/vve/launch.htm>.

The Vessel Examiners performing this service have been trained to look for some of the common problems which might occur in your boat or its associated safety equipment.

PWSPS Examiners: Bob Monica (360) 344-2231
Bob Olbrych (360) 437-7698



Weather Class Available

March 17-May 26, Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.



For Whom? All recreational boating enthusiasts and fishermen

By Whom? Point Wilson Sail & Power Squadron Instructor and Members

WHAT IS WEATHER CLASS?

For boaters, knowing the forecast isn't enough; you need to understand its impact on you and your boat. Gain the knowledge and confidence to venture out on the water. Be a responsible skipper, protect your friends and family and sign up for this course today.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ▶ **How weather systems form, behave, and move**
- ▶ **Where to get weather reports and forecasts on the Internet**
- ▶ **Use full color photographs and drawings to understand weather in the United States**
- ▶ **Use Daily Weather Maps with a complete explanation of map symbols designed to develop weather map reading and analysis skills**
- ▶ **Understanding NOAA'S SKY WATCHER CHART - a reference to assist in identifying cloud types with a special section on local weather patterns and conditions.**

CLASS DETAILS:

Where? Seaport Landing, 1201 Hancock St, Port Townsend, WA 98368

When? Thursdays, March 17 to May 26, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

How do I register? Call Linda Newland at 360-437-9350

Cost? \$65, Non-Members \$85 (includes textbook and materials)

Discounts apply for two members from a single household who will be sharing textbooks.

STAY TUNED: ENGINE MAINTENANCE CLASS WILL BE HELD IN THE FALL.

For more information see our website:

www.pointwilson.org



Calendar of Events



2015-2016 Calendar

| Date | Day | Event | Location | Time |
|-----------|--------|---|----------|---------|
| 3/7/2016 | Mon. | Ex Com Meeting | PLF&R | 6:30 PM |
| 3/15/2016 | Tues. | Squadron Meeting, Change of Watch & Fundraiser Dinner | PTYC | 5:30 PM |
| 3/17/2016 | Thurs. | Weather Class | SPLPT | 7:00 PM |
| 3/24/2016 | Thurs. | Weather Class | SPLPT | 7:00 PM |
| 3/31/2016 | Thurs. | Weather Class | SPLPT | 7:00 PM |
| 4/4/2016 | Mon. | Ex Com Meeting | PLF&R | 6:30 PM |
| 4/7/2016 | Thurs. | Weather Class | SPLPT | 7:00 PM |
| 4/14/2016 | Thurs. | Weather Class | SPLPT | 7:00 PM |
| 4/19/2016 | Tues. | Squadron Change of Watch & Dinner | PTYC | 5:30 PM |
| 4/21/2016 | Thurs. | Weather Class | SPLPT | 7:00 PM |
| 4/28/2016 | Thurs. | Weather Class | SPLPT | 7:00 PM |
| 5/2/2016 | Mon. | Ex Com Meeting | PLF&R | 6:30 PM |
| 5/5/2016 | Thurs. | Weather Class | SPLPT | 7:00 PM |
| 5/12/2016 | Thurs. | Weather Class | SPLPT | 7:00 PM |
| 5/17/2016 | Tues. | Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner | PTYC | 5:30 PM |
| 5/19/2016 | Thurs. | Weather Class | SPLPT | 7:00 PM |
| 5/26/2016 | Thurs. | Weather Class | SPLPT | 7:00 PM |
| 6/6/2016 | Mon. | Ex Com Meeting | PLF&R | 6:30 PM |
| 6/21/2016 | Tues. | Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner | PTYC | 5:30 PM |

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| PTYC | Port Townsend Yacht Club |
| PLF&R | Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue |
| PTBH | Port Townsend Boat Haven |
| NWMC | Northwest Maritime Center, PT |
| NWSWBB | Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building |
| SPLPT | Seaport Landing, Port Townsend |



Star Calendar

1–31 March 2016



| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------|----|----|
| | | 1 | 2 Saturn | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Venus | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Pleiades Cluster | 14 Orion | 15 | 16 Gemini | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Spring | 21 Jupiter | 22 | 23 Worm Moon | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Mars | 29 Saturn | 30 | 31 | | |

- 1 Mar Low in the south this morning, Mars is 4 finger-widths to the moon's right, Saturn is 1 fist-width to the moon's lower left, and Antares is 1 fist-width below the moon. Compare the colors of Mars and Antares, the "rival of Mars."
- 2 Mar Saturn is 2 finger-widths to the moon's lower right this morning. Antares lies 4 finger-widths beyond Saturn.
- 4 Mar The moon is 4 finger-widths below Regulus this evening.
- 7 Mar In the hour before sunrise, you can see the moon less than 2 finger-widths to Venus' left.
- 8 Mar A partial solar eclipse will be visible in Hawaii with maximum eclipse occurring about 1736 local time.
- 13 Mar High in the west at dusk, the Pleiades Cluster is about 1 fist-width to the moon's right, and Aldebaran is 4 finger-widths to the moon's upper left.
- 14 Mar The moon is 3 finger-widths to Aldebaran's upper left, and Orion is to the moon's lower left.
- 15 Mar High in the southwest at dusk, Orion is directly below the moon.
- 16 Mar Second-magnitude Alhena, in Gemini, is 2 finger-widths to the moon's lower right this evening. Procyon is 1½ fist-widths to the moon's lower left.
- 17 Mar The moon lies between Pollux, 1 fist-width to the upper right, and Procyon, the same distance below.
- 18 Mar High in the south tonight, Procyon is 2 fist-widths to the moon's lower right. Regulus is the same distance to the moon's lower left.
- 20 Mar Regulus is 3 finger-widths above the moon tonight. Jupiter is 1 fist-width to the moon's lower left. Today marks the vernal equinox, or first day of spring, as the sun crosses the celestial equator from south to north.
- 21 Mar More than 90 percent illuminated, the moon will be visible before dusk. Look for Jupiter 1 finger-width to the moon's upper left after the sky darkens.
- 23 Mar A penumbral lunar eclipse occurs in the early morning as the moon passes through Earth's partial shadow. The eclipse is visible on the West Coast as well as in Alaska and Hawaii. In the rest of the United States, only part of the eclipse is visible before moonset near dawn.
- 24 Mar Spica is 2 finger-widths to the moon's lower right tonight. Arcturus is 3 fist-widths to the upper left.
- 28 Mar Low in the south before dawn, the moon is 3 finger-widths to Mars' upper right.
- 29 Mar The moon is 2 finger-widths to Saturn's upper right before dawn.



Barnacle Bill's



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Sandra Smith-Poling

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