



# The Point

## Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron

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### From The Helm

Happy Holidays! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our Holiday Party on December 20. A fun evening is planned which promises good conversation, plenty of home-cooked delicacies, and caroling. The highlight of the event, though, will be our holiday raffle and live auctions. The

evening promises a good time for all.

The raffles and live auctions are fundraisers for our Squadron. Instead of charging admission for our event, the bridge is asking you to bring an item you can envision yourself wanting to purchase. Ideas for these items include: a new or like-new gift, an invitation to a homemade dinner, a cruise on your boat. Don't be afraid to use your imagination to conjure up something creative and wonderful. We will display your gift items or placards describing your event on tables around the perimeter of the room. A jar will accompany each item. At any point during the evening, you can purchase tickets for only \$1.00 each and place your ticket or tickets into the jar associated with an item. If you really like one particular item, you can place all of your tickets in the same jar which will increase your chances of "winning" that item. Close to the end of the evening, one ticket will be drawn from each jar announcing the lucky winner. The final event of the evening, a live auction, will commence for special items such as Executive Officer Sandra Smith-Poling's hand-painted print. Ron Hayes, our Squadron treasurer, will conduct the bidding as our live auctioneer by artfully describing the items and affording them with the special attention they deserve. The proceeds from the auction and raffles will go toward sponsoring future activities. But the main intent of the evening is to provide holiday fun!

I'd like to take this opportunity to solicit your help. Each of you represent the Squadron to your friends and acquaintances. You are our best marketing tool for sharing the education possibilities and fun of participating as a member in our Squadron. When you speak with someone whom you think would enjoy the benefits of membership, invite them to one of our monthly programs. Be sure to let us know if you're bringing guests so we can seek them out and make them feel at home. In addition, we would also really like to hear your ideas on other ways we can better attract new members. Please share any ideas, even if you think they may not work, with Gary Hicks, Mitch Poling or myself. We will be grateful and welcome any and all ideas for increasing our membership.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our Holiday Party.

I wish each of you a wonderful and joyous Holiday Season! And most of all, stay safe!

*Ramsay Smith*

### **Holiday Party**

**Tues., December 20, 2016 @ 5:30 PM**

**5:30 PM Social Hour**

**6:00 PM Holiday Bridge Catered & Potluck Dinner**

**7:00 PM Raffle & Live Auction**

**8:00 PM Adjournment**

**A holiday evening of fun including a scrumptious dinner, caroling, plenty of time for strengthening friendships, raffles, and even a live auction. See Ramsay Smith's welcome page and the holiday flyer page for further details.**



# Squadron Christmas Party



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## Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron Holiday Party and Fundraiser December 20, 2016

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Port Townsend Yacht Club

**Bridge will supply Turkey, Potatoes, Dressing, and Dessert**

All you need to bring is an Appetizer, Side Dish, or Salad

And a new or like new raffle item to benefit the Squadron

Sign up early ([jamaweL5@gmail.com](mailto:jamaweL5@gmail.com)) so you can be assigned

The specific side dish you wish to bring

**Fun Fundraiser**

**All raffle items will be on display and be “awarded” at the end of the evening by a drawing for each item from tickets placed in a jar beside the item**

**There is no cover charge for the evening so buy as many tickets on site as you wish for only \$1.00 each to increase your chances of winning the item/s you hope to receive!**

### Christmas Party Details

You are cordially invited to the Squadron Annual Holiday Party on December 20. This event promises fellowship and fun and also serves as a fundraiser for our Squadron. This year there is no admission cost, but we are soliciting donations for a raffle event—one item per household. For example, you might consider contributing some new or like new item that can be used in someone's boat or home. Or, maybe you'd like to host an outing on your boat with refreshments or cook a dinner or summer barbecue at your home. Use your imagination and be creative in your choice of contributions. We will be displaying your item or advertisement for an event you're hosting at the party. You will be encouraged to view the displays and purchase as many tickets as you wish for each item for only \$1.00 each and place them in the jar beside each item. At the end of the evening, one winning ticket will be drawn from each jar. Hence, the more tickets you buy, the greater your chance of winning that item! We'll also hold a live auction for a very special piece of donated artwork.

The Bridge will supply the main courses of turkey, potatoes, dessert, and a few sides. We are asking that you contribute either a salad, hot side dish, or appetizer. Your contributed food item will be assigned to you when you sign up to attend. If you have a preference, please be sure to sign up early to assure that you'll be able to bring the item of your choice. This assures that we receive a variety of food items for the dinner.

You can RSVP to me at: [jamaweL5@gmail.com](mailto:jamaweL5@gmail.com)

Thank you for supporting Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron.

Jani Templin-Weller, Secretary



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## **USPS 2017 Membership Dues**

The annual dues for 2017 will be increasing slightly for *Continuing Members*:

Single Member - \$71.00

Family Unit - \$104.00

The annual dues for new members will include a \$20.00 administration fee. The total 2017 annual dues for *New Members* will be:

Single Member - \$91.00

Family Unit - \$124.00

Ron Hayes

Treasurer

**Don't forget to visit our website [www.PointWilson.org](http://www.PointWilson.org) which is updated with information throughout the year**





## National News



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### News from National

**Call for Volunteers!** Several USPS national committees are looking for volunteers with these technical skills: graphic design, desk-top publishing, technical editing, proofreading, marketing and social media. We need volunteers who have expertise in Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Illustrator, PhotoShop), Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Publisher) and CorelDRAW. Boating expertise is not required. This is a great opportunity to learn while sharing your technical skills to help USPS develop products and services that benefit squadrons and the boating public. Committee chairs will work with you to ensure assignments are clear and respect your time availability. Contact: Nominating Committee chairman, R/C Bill Selden V, AP, [bill@cpdean.com](mailto:bill@cpdean.com), 804-240-1401.



**New Online Courses!** Looking for a gift that doesn't require batteries, won't ever break, and fits perfectly? Give your favorite boaters the gift of knowledge! This holiday season our **specialized online boating courses** make the perfect gift! Avoid the lines at the mall and the hassle of gift-wrapping this year with gift certificates for our online seminars. **Plus, buy any gift certificate and you'll get a code for 25% off a course for yourself!**

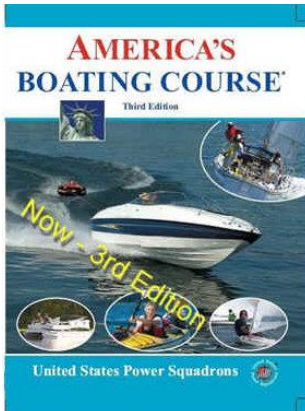


# Squadron Education Officer's Report

Linda Newland, SEO



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## Get Ready for Boating Season and Get Your WA State Boater's Card

**For Whom:** All Recreational Boating Enthusiasts and Fisherman

**By Whom:** Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron Instructors/Members

**What:** America's Boating Course (ABC) is a national boating safety course.

Topics cover both sail and power and include navigational rules, anchoring, handling emergencies, using a VHF radio, trailering, operating a personal watercraft including kayaks and also provides a list of required equipment.

**Where:** NW School of Wooden Boatbuilding, 42 Water Street, Port Hadlock

**When:** 3 Thursdays: February 16, 23 and March 2, 2017 from 6:00-9:00 PM

**How to Register:** Contact Linda Newland, 360-437-9350, [Newlan2DL@aol.com](mailto:Newlan2DL@aol.com)

**Cost:** \$45, which includes text.

Additional family member's discount is \$19 if you share a textbook

**Why:** To be safe on the water.

To qualify you for your *WA State Boater's Card*. It is now required for anyone born after January 1, 1955 who will be operating a 15+ horsepower engine. It is also a good idea to carry this card if you plan to travel by boat into Canada as they require proof of a boat operator's competency, and this certificate meets Canada's requirement. Some boating insurance companies offer reduced premiums to cardholders as well. Receive the added benefit of the option of a 6-month trial membership to the US Power Squadron after taking this class.



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### ABC 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition – Point Wilson Sail & Power Squadron – 3 day format

Day	Presenter	Section	Title	Minutes
Feb 16	Linda	0	Welcome, Agenda, Logistics	10
	Linda	1	Getting Started	25
	Bob M	3	Going Boating	45
		2	Required Equipment	30
	Linda	8	WA Laws	15
	Bob M	9	Finding Your Way	10
	Ramsay	15	PWC Operation	10
	Ramsay	16	Knots	35
				<b>180</b>
Feb 22	Gordan	10	Anchoring	30
	Linda/Sandra	11	Adverse Conditions	45
	Gordan	4	Nav Rules	20
	Sandra	5	Nav Aids	25
	Linda	6	Lights and Sounds	20
	Linda	7	Gov Regs	15
	Mitch	13	Water Sports	15
				<b>170</b>
Mar 2	Ron	12	VHF Radio	15
	Ron	14	Trailerling	10
	Mitch		Intro to Piloting	60
		--	Break	
	Sandra	--	Review	35
			Test and correct	60
				<b>180</b>
			<i>Total Class Times</i>	<b>530</b>

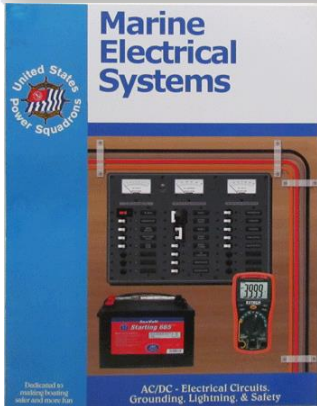




# Marine Electrical Course



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## Marine Electrical Systems Class Offered

**For Whom:** All Recreational Boating Enthusiasts and Fishermen

**By Whom:** Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron Instructor: Gordan Lacey

**Course Description:** Defines electricity, discusses hands-on boat wiring, and explains DC and AC electrical systems and galvanic and stray current corrosion, outlines lightning protection guidelines, and the final classroom session will describe troubleshooting boat electrical problems. The class will also include detailed instructions on how to: 1) use a multi-meter, 2) solder and crimp electrical wiring circuits, and 3) read electrical wiring diagrams. This course is designed for boat owners to learn how to properly maintain their boat's electrical systems.

**Where:** NW School of Wooden Boatbuilding, 42 North Water Street, Port Hadlock

**When:** 9 Thursdays: starts March 16 and runs through May 4 with May 11 reserved for an extra class day in case it is needed. Time: 7:00-9:00 PM.

**How to register:** Call Linda Newland, 360-437-9350 or email -- [newlan2dL@aol.com](mailto:newlan2dL@aol.com)

**Cost:** \$89 which includes text.

A discount is offered to family members who will be sharing a textbook. Squadron members' tuition will be discounted as well.

**Why:** To understand electrical systems and learn tips for trouble-shooting and properly maintaining your boat's electrical systems.

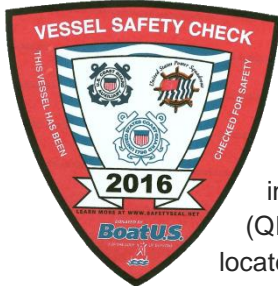


# Announcements



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## Decal Awareness Program (DAP)



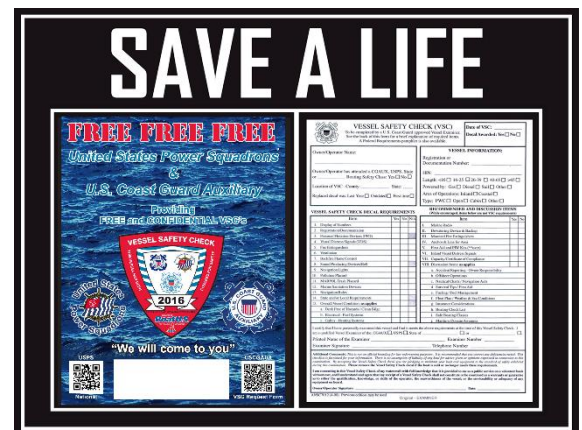
There is a new replacement tool in the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) tool box called "DAP"-- acronym for "Decal Awareness Program". The flyers and posters were designed to display the three primary aspects of the United States Power Squadrons: EDUCATION, SAFETY, and CAMARADERIE. Using the Vessel Safety Check decal at its nucleus is beneficial; since it is a recognizable symbol. Another benefit of the flyer is Squadrons and VEs can add their contact information electronically from their computer. Also displayed on the flyer is the Quick Response (QR) code for the USPS web site, plus a QR code for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary VSC locator web site. This is a new National project that adheres to the USPS branding manual policy.

"Save a Life" boater safety signs were designed to be placed at recreational merchant locations and boat ramps. By including the Form 7012, boaters will know in advance what is expected in order to pass a VSC. One of the signs is designed to have a Squadron address box and the other is a Universal sign that combines the USPS and USCGAUX.

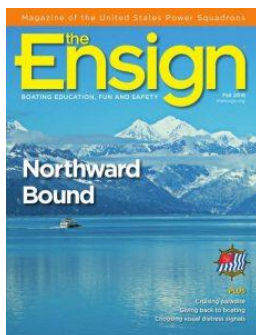
With your leadership and support, the Decal Awareness Program can increase the number of annual Vessel Safety Checks.

DAP Announcement quoted from [Safety Committee Webpage](#)

Member Site of the United States Power Squadrons® National Website



## Publications and Resources



Fall 2016 Newsletter

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





# Calendar of Events

2016-2017 Calendar



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Date	Day	Event	Location	Time
12/5/2016	Monday	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
12/20/2016	Tuesday	Squadron Holiday Party	PTYC	5:30 PM
1/2/2017	Monday	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
1/17/2017	Tuesday	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
2/6/2017	Monday	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
2/16/2017	Thursday	ABC Class – First Session	NWSWBB	6:00 PM
2/21/2017	Tuesday	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
2/23/2017	Thursday	ABC Class	NWSWBB	6:00 PM
3/2/2017	Thursday	ABC Class – Final Session	NWSWBB	6:00 PM
3/6/2017	Monday	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
3/16/2017	Thursday	Marine Electrical Systems Class – First Session	NWSWBB	7:00 PM
3/21/2017	Tuesday	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
3/23/2017	Thursday	Marine Electrical Systems Class	NWSWBB	7:00 PM
3/30/2017	Thursday	Marine Electrical Systems Class	NWSWBB	7:00 PM
4/3/2017	Monday	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
4/6/2017	Thursday	Marine Electrical Systems Class	NWSWBB	7:00 PM
4/13/2017	Thursday	Marine Electrical Systems Class	NWSWBB	7:00 PM
4/18/2017	Tuesday	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
4/20/2017	Thursday	Marine Electrical Systems Class	NWSWBB	7:00 PM
4/27/2017	Thursday	Marine Electrical Systems Class	NWSWBB	7:00 PM
5/1/2017	Monday	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
5/4/2017	Thursday	Marine Electrical Systems Class – Possible Final Class	NWSWBB	7:00 PM
5/11/2017	Thursday	Marine Electrical Systems Class – Possible Final Class	NSWBB	7:00 PM
5/16/2017	Tuesday	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM

PTYC

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Port Townsend Yacht Club

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Seaport Landing, 1201 Hancock Street, Port Townsend

NW School of Wooden Boatbuilding, 42 Water Street, P







# Star Calendar

1–31 December 2016



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2  Venus	3  Summer Triangle
4  Mars	5	6	7 	8	9	10
11  Pleiades	12 	13	14  Long Night Moon	15	16	17
18	19	20  Jupiter	21  First day of winter	22  Jupiter	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 	30	31  Mars– –Venus

- 2 Dec At dusk, Venus is 3 finger-widths to the moon's left.
- 3 Dec Venus is 3 finger-widths below the moon tonight. Mars is 1½ fist-widths to the moon's upper left. Altair, part of the Summer Triangle, is 2½ fist-widths to the moon's upper right.
- 4 Dec Mars is less than 3 finger-widths to the moon's left. With binoculars, see if you can spot iota Capricorni, ½ finger-width to the right of Mars.
- 5 Dec Mars is 3 finger-widths to the moon's lower right.
- 6 Dec Fomalhaut, in the constellation Pisces, is 2 fist-widths below the moon tonight.
- 11 Dec The Pleiades Cluster is 1 fist-width to the moon's left late tonight, and Capella is 3 fist-widths beyond the Pleiades. Aldebaran is 1½ fist-widths to the moon's lower left. Mercury is at its greatest elongation, 20.8 degrees, east of the sun and sets 1 hour 21 minutes after the sun.
- 12 Dec Separated by a finger-width, the moon and Aldebaran rise a half hour before sunset, growing closer until the moon occults Aldebaran five hours later.
- 13 Dec Several first-magnitude stars surround the moon late tonight. Aldebaran is 1½ fist-widths to the moon's upper right, Betelgeuse is 1 fist-width to the lower right, Procyon is 3 fist-widths below or to the lower left, Pollux is 2 fist-widths to the upper left of Procyon, and Capella is 3 fist-widths to the moon's upper left.
- 15 Dec Late tonight, the moon is midway between Procyon to the lower right and Pollux to the upper left.
- 17 Dec Regulus is 3 finger-widths to the moon's lower left at midnight.
- 18 Dec Regulus is less than 2 finger-widths to the moon's upper left before dawn.
- 20 Dec Before dawn the last-quarter moon is midway between Regulus, 2 fist-widths to the upper right, and Jupiter, to the lower left. Spica is 2 finger-widths to Jupiter's lower left.
- 21 Dec Today marks the first day of winter as the sun reaches its greatest southerly declination at 1044 UT and begins its 6-month journey north.
- 22 Dec This morning, Jupiter is 1 finger-width to the moon's lower left, and Spica is less than 3 finger-widths beyond Jupiter.
- 23 Dec Jupiter and Spica lay to the moon's right this morning.
- 24 Dec The equation of time is zero. Local mean time and sundial time are the same.
- 31 Dec In the early evening, Venus is 1½ fist-widths to the moon's upper left, and Mars is another fist-width beyond Venus.



## **Barnacle Bill's**

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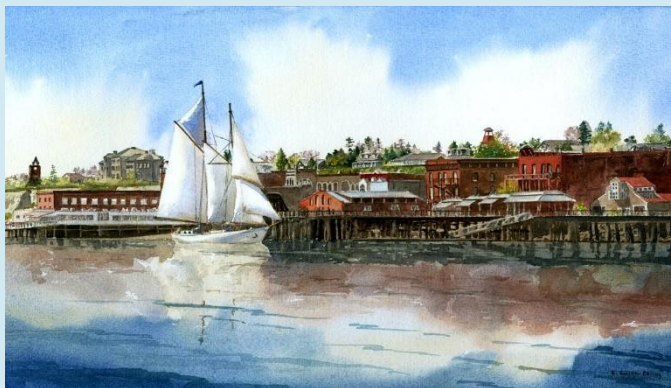
*Have something taking up space and collecting dust? ..... List it  
on Barnacle Bill's*

Contact: Gordan & Sherry Lacey

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# 2016-2017 Bridge Officers & Committee Chairs



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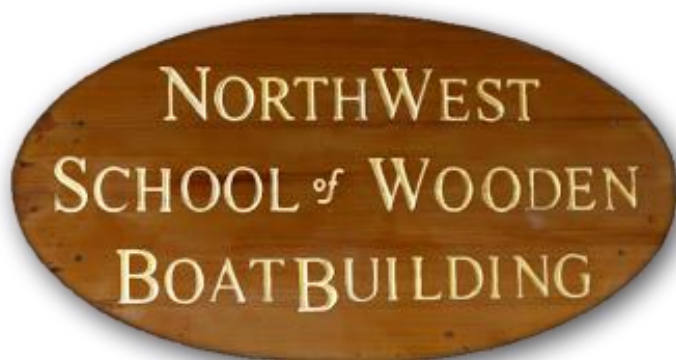
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