



The Point



Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron

COME FOR THE BOATING EDUCATION...STAY FOR THE FRIENDSSM



Greetings from the Helm

Happy New Year to all of our members, friends and sponsors. On January 19 at our annual meeting, we'll be introducing the new slate of officers and will provide a look at what the bridge plans to offer in

2016. For now, though, let's reflect on the memories and events of 2015.

We began 2015 by donating 24 PFD's to the Port Townsend Maritime Discovery Schools. They are using the PFD's to teach boating safety to their students. During the year several Squadron members taught boating safety to students in Grant Street Elementary School.

In April, eighteen students passed the ABC Course. A record number of students took this introductory boating class. Additionally, we recognized eight Squadron members for successfully completing the Seamanship Course, and we introduced the "All Hands Raffle" in our meetings.

At our spring fundraiser and Change of Watch, we donned our Aloha attire and enjoyed a Hawaiian Luau. In May, squadron members attended the Tacoma Rainiers baseball game rendezvous. Later, we congratulated seven members for passing the Advanced Piloting Course. In August, twelve members motored and sailed to the Pleasant Harbor Marina in Brinnon, Washington for a weekend cruise.

The fall Piloting Class recently ended. Thirty-three students made it the largest class in the history of our Squadron. The fall fundraiser featured movie and pizza night with the much debated "All is Lost" movie, starring Robert Redford. Finally, Brett Gadbois serenaded us on the piano at our December Holiday Party.

Early in 2016 we plan to introduce more instructors into our educational offerings. This will enable us to offer even more classes throughout the year. Consensus from our recent membership survey was that most members enjoy social event fundraisers. In response, we plan to host more of these types of events to raise funds and provide opportunities for social interaction.

As always, we are open to your suggestions. Please communicate your ideas to bridge officers who will welcome feedback and input which will help us in planning future events. A special thank you for supporting our organization. We look forward to a productive and enjoyable 2016.

Bob

Annual Meeting

Tues., January 19 @ 5:30 PM

5:30	Social & Entertainment
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Sea Stories & Dessert
7:30	Annual Meeting & Awards
8:00	Monthly Program

Boat Safety, the Insurance Component

With Jim Maupin, Homer Smith Insurance

Jim was first USCG licensed as a captain in 1971 and spent eight years as a charter captain in the Caribbean. He brokered boats for six years and sold marine Insurance for thirty years. He will discuss his experiences and the value of marine insurance.



Executive Officer's Report



Ramsay Smith

"Come for the boating education....Stay for the Friends!" This tag line is not only catchy, it is true! A couple weeks ago I arrived a little late at our Holiday Party at Port Townsend Yacht Club and found that most of the seats were already occupied. I found an available seat at a table with Sue Hoover. I'd talked briefly with Sue on other occasions, but didn't know her well. Naturally, we began chatting about various mariner subjects such as boats, currents, waves, fog, and even experiences in crossing the Strait. I learned that she was a nurse, and I shared about my past university career. Eventually, I mentioned that I'd grown up in the mountains of North Carolina. That's when I discovered that Sue grew up near Asheville, the town where I was born and raised. We did not remember each other in Asheville due to our age difference, but it was fun to reminisce about our similar childhood roots and commonalities.

The holiday party was full of delightful festivities such as a delicious dinner which included turkey with all the trimmings and a spirited Pirates' plunder gift exchange complete with a piano vocalist. Many members and guests enjoyed a very fun evening together. While we were cleaning up after the gala, Sue approached me and said she'd been thinking about our conversation and was wondering why the name "Ramsay Smith" sounded so familiar. Then she asked, "Are you the son of Walt and Dee Smith?" As I nodded in astonishment, she told me, "I'm Sue Merrick Hoover!" Our parents were best friends, and had worked together for about 20 years at the US Forest Service station in Asheville. Both of our fathers loved the outdoors, and I remembered going to the Merrick's country home to ice skate with my twin sister on their frozen pond. In turn, the Merrick family had spent weekends with us in our family's mountain cabin. Sue and I probably met briefly over 60 years ago, but it took the Point Wilson Power Squadron to bring us back together.

Two Thousand Fifteen was a great year! We enjoyed a variety of Sea Stories at meetings with speakers sharing stories about escapades with engine troubles, running out of fuel, rowing shell excursions, sailing solo from Hawaii to Japan, rescuing boaters who were stranded on the rocks and experiencing the wonder of being surrounded by Orcas while boating. Congratulations to Mitch Poling who received the prestigious S.S. Minnow Award for sharing his life story of growing up in an Alaskan native village on Prince Island Sound. We're looking forward in 2016 to hearing about some of your sea adventures. Remember that the best sea stories are "fact, fiction, or a little of both."

I hope your Holiday Season was joyous and festive and that you were able to spend it with those you love. Have a very happy, safe, and prosperous 2016, and may you enjoy many memorable marine adventures in the coming months.

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



ABC Class Available



GET READY FOR BOATING SEASON AND MEETING NEW REGULATIONS WITH ABC CLASS

For Whom? All recreational boating enthusiasts and fishermen

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

What is ABC Class? America's Boating Course (ABC) is a National boating safety course for the public. The class is geared for both sail and power boat operators and includes: navigational rules, anchoring tips, emergency advice and procedures, how to use a VHF radio and safe trailering. Instructions for the safe operation of personal watercraft (kayaks and paddle boats) is also covered.

Where is the Class? NW School of Wooden Boatbuilding, 42 Water Street, Port Hadlock

When is the Class held? 3 Thursdays – February 11, 18, and 25 – From 6-9 p.m.

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

\$45 per person or \$65 per couple – Cost includes Text and Materials

Non-member price is the same as member discounted price for this class

Why take the Class?



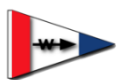
To satisfy the requirements for a Washington State Boater Education Card which is required for persons, age 58 and younger. The card was required as of January 1, 2014 for boaters who operate a 15 horsepower or greater engine-driven vessel.



Be a safe boat operator for your family and friends. Learn safety tips enabling you to assist as a crew member or as an onboard guest.



Some Insurance companies offer reduced premiums if you have this card



Get a 6-month trial membership to Point Wilson Sail & Power Squadron making you eligible to take additional discounted courses.



Squadron Education Officer's Report



Linda Newland

America's Boating Course

Our ABC Class will run for three Thursday evenings, February 11, 18 and 25 from 6 PM to 9 PM at the NW School of Wooden Boatbuilding. Thanks to our teacher volunteers, we now have eight total instructors. For some, this will be their first time to teach a segment of the ABC curriculum. I applaud the volunteers who've stepped up to the challenge: Commander Bob Olbrych, Executive Officer Ramsay Smith, Treasurer Ron Hayes, Assistant SEO Sandra Smith-Poling, Webmaster Gordan Lacey, Vessel Safety Examiner Bob Monica, S.S. Minnow Award recipient Mitch Poling and myself.

The cost is \$45 with an additional \$20 for a second household member. The 2015 version which will be taught in this class includes some changes from previous versions. We're offering this class at the same low price for squadron members as well as the general public, so encourage other boating neighbors to sign up. There is ample space at the Boat School for this class.

Please email (newlan2dl@aol.com) or phone (360-437-9350) to let me know if you are interested in taking the class. I've already ordered 10 textbooks but can order more if there's a need, so let me know as soon as possible. See the advertisement page for this class in this newsletter issue.

Weather Class

The Weather class elective is one of the two most popular classes taught by the US Power Squadrons. The class will meet on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. from March 17 through the end of May. Location is not finalized yet, but we will let everyone know as soon as that is confirmed--hopefully by February. This class is an excellent way to gain an in-depth understanding of weather patterns. We will cover both general and local weather systems that apply to boating in our area. The Boat School is not available for this class since the facility is already scheduled on Thursday evening this spring, so the class will likely be held somewhere in our area.

Engine Maintenance Class

The Engine Maintenance class will be offered sometime in the fall of 2016. It will likely start sometime in late September. Our favorite instructor for this class, Port of Port Townsend Commissioner, Steve Tucker, will take the helm. Steve taught this class several years ago, and we are bringing him back by popular demand. The course covers both gasoline and diesel engines. Steve has a background in mechanics and owned his own auto repair shop. He currently works on his own boats' engines. Stay tuned as more details are released



Announcements



Calling all volunteers - we need your help! The Squadron Bridge Officers need help with cleaning up after our meetings. We appreciate everyone who pitched in to help in the past. However, we need one volunteer each month to be responsible for coordinating the completion of the checklist of cleanup duties after each meeting. The checklist includes: sweeping and vacuuming the floors, putting the chairs and tables away, cleaning the kitchen, turning the thermostat down, and securing the facility. This checklist ensures that we leave the Yacht Club in satisfactory condition. Please consider volunteering for one month this year. Call Jani Templin-Weller at 360-344-2054 to sign-up. Thank you.

North Olympic Women on the Water

Invites You to the Second Annual Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance

North Olympic Women on the Water invites all members of the North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron, the Port Angeles and Sequim Bay Yacht Clubs, and the Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron and their friends to our second annual Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance. The event will take place on **Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 6 pm – 11 pm** in the community room at John Wayne Marina. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day and escaping the Winter Doldrums at the same time. **Please RSVP by February 1st to Linda Bond, at 360-582-9364 or drlindabond@gmail.com.**

Dinner and dessert will be provided along with Coffee and Water. Please bring anything else you would like to eat or drink, such as alcohol or snacks. A contribution of \$12.50 per person will be collected to defray the cost of the meal. A door prize will be raffled off after dinner.

Some of you may have attended or heard about last year's Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance (aka "the party of the year"), and you won't want to miss this year's. Rick Bond and his wife Chris will once again serve as DJs. Everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy their tremendous energy, great Oldies music, and dancing extraordinaire. Feel free to come in 60's attire if you like and don't forget your dancing shoes. Please do come and let us know you will be there by RSVP'ing "Yes" and marking your calendars now.



North Olympic Women on the Water



You're invited to the second North Olympic Women on the Water Event for the 2015-2016 Season:

MEET AND GREET LUNCHEON

Who? All Women Members of the North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron, Port Angeles Yacht Club, Sequim Bay Yacht Club and Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron

When? Thursday, January 21, 2016, 11:30 a.m. – 1:15 pm.

Where? Bell Creek Restaurant, 771 E. Washington St., Sequim (Lunch available for purchase)

Why? To meet with fellow women boaters to share camaraderie, stories, interests, questions, boating tips, etc. Getting to know each other and learning from one another is an important goal of the North Olympic Women on the Water, subcommittee of the North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron.

Please RSVP by January 18, 2016 to Linda Bond at drlindabond@gmail.com or 360-582-9364



Calendar of Events



2015-2016 Calendar

Date	Day	Event	Location	Time
01/04/2016	Mon.	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
01/19/2016	Tues.	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
2/1/2016	Mon.	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
2/11/2016	Thurs.	ABC Boating Class	NWSWBB	6:00 PM
2/16/2016	Tues.	Squadron Election Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
2/18/2016	Thurs.	ABC Boating Class	NWSWBB	6:00 PM
2/25/2016	Thurs.	ABC Boating Class	NWSWBB	6:00 PM
3/7/2016	Mon.	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
3/15/2016	Tues.	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
3/17/2016	Thurs.	Weather Class	TBD	7:00 PM
3/24/2016	Thurs.	Weather Class	TBD	7:00 PM
3/31/2016	Thurs.	Weather Class	TBD	7:00 PM
4/4/2016	Mon.	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
4/7/2016	Thurs.	Weather Class	TBD	7:00 PM
4/14/2016	Thurs.	Weather Class	TBD	7:00 PM
4/19/2016	Tues.	Squadron Change of Watch & dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
4/21/2016	Thurs.	Weather Class	TBD	7:00 PM
4/28/2016	Thurs.	Weather Class	TBD	7:00 PM
5/2/2016	Mon.	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
5/5/2016	Thurs.	Weather Class	TBD	7:00 PM
5/12/2016	Thurs.	Weather Class	TBD	7:00 PM
5/17/2016	Tues.	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
5/19/2016	Thurs.	Weather Class	TBD	7:00 PM
5/26/2016	Thurs.	Weather Class	TBD	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

PTYC

PLF&R

PTBH

NWMC

NWSWBB

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Port Townsend Yacht Club

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Port Townsend Boat Haven

Northwest Maritime Center, PT

Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building

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Barnacle Bill's



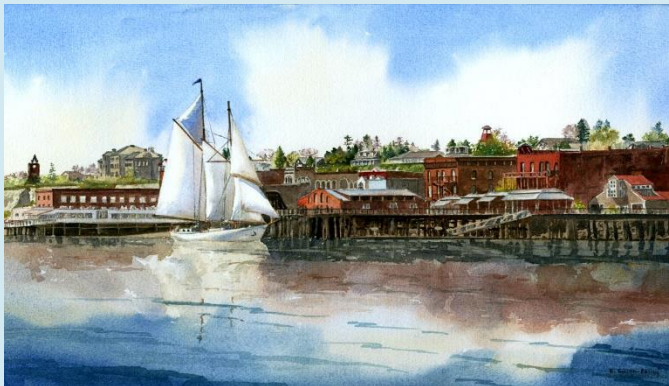
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