



The Point

Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron

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From The Helm

Election for our 2017-18 Bridge will be held during our February business meeting. We still have one vacancy to fill, our Administrative Officer. If you would like to join our Bridge or would like to nominate a member for any of the positions, please let me know. It is possible to make nominations from the floor that evening as well. Please be sure to come and

participate in this important event.

I am very pleased to announce our excellent slate of nominees. Your proposed 2017-18 Bridge is:

Commander	Ramsay Smith, AP
Executive Officer	Gary Hicks
Administrative Officer	(elections from the floor)
Squadron Educational Officer	Sandra Smith-Poling, AP
Assistant SEO	Linda Newland, SN
Treasurer	Ron Hayes, P
Secretary	Jani Templin-Weller, P
Property Officer	Brian Roe, P
Membership Chair	Mitch Poling, AP
Vessel Safety Chair	Bob Monica, AP

The Bridge decided at our February Ex Com meeting that instead of meeting on the first Monday of each month, we would hold our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month a couple of hours prior to our General Meeting. This will help reduce time commitments for our officers in the form of less travel. This still assures ample planning time for conducting Squadron business. Members are welcome to join us at any of these Ex Com meetings.

In the past several issues of **The Point** I've mentioned the need to boost our membership numbers. Our membership is continuing to slightly decline. We need to turn this trend around. Admittedly, I realize that I am biased, but our Squadron offers our membership and community a great deal: 1) our great speakers provide interesting and useful information; 2) the potlucks are appealing and foster an atmosphere for good discussion and comradery; 3) the educational programs offer an excellent source of marine knowledge to keep us safe and assure us that we will reap maximum enjoyment from our fabulous waterways. The Bridge would like to challenge each member to invite a friend or neighbor to a meeting and encourage him/her to join our organization. If everyone does this, our membership will double by this time next year.

Ramsay Smith

February General Meeting

Tues., February 21, 2017 @ 5:30 PM

- 5:30 PM Social Hour**
- 6:00 PM Potluck Dinner**
- 6:30 PM Sea Stories & Dessert**
- 6:40 PM General Meeting**
- 7:00 PM Program**
- 8:00 PM Adjournment**

The Joys and Perils of Buying a Boat in Toronto and Bringing it Home

Gary Nelson will present a talk on the adventures and misadventures of buying his dream boat *Cerelia* in Toronto and bringing it home to Port Townsend.



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Margaret (Peg) Furey

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to one of our dear members Margaret (Peg) Furey who passed away on January 27, 2017. She loved life and always had a twinkle in her eyes. This vivacious, optimistic, fun-loving lady will be greatly missed.





Executive Officer's Report



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The Joys and Perils of Buying a Boat in Toronto and Bringing it Home

The Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron meeting on February 21, 2017 will feature a presentation by Gary Nelson covering his romance of more than two decades with a 37-foot motor sailor designed by Jay Benford. Gary met Jay at a boat show in Chicago around 1990, and he bought a book of Benford's designs that included the *Corcavado*. That was the evolution of a romantic fantasy. In the early 1990's while on a business trip, Gary visited Benford's office in Maryland and came home with a set of *Corcavado* study plans. After flying around North America viewing the few copies of the boat that were for sale, Gary gave up on the idea and bought a Pearson 30. In early 2014 a larger slip became available in Cape George Marina, which afforded him 90 days to procure a new boat. After scouring the local market and not finding any excitement, Gary discovered a version of the Benford 37 called *Cerelia* for sale in Toronto, and that is the topic of the evening's presentation.

Gary has been boating since the 1960's. He embarked on a trip from Marina del Rey to Hawaii in 1974 aboard the schooner, *Rejoice*. Then Gary owned a Tartan 34 in Long Beach for many years. After relocating to Port Townsend, he owned a total of two boats separately. In spite of being an engineer and an otherwise logical person, the love affair with *Cerelia* afforded Gary with numerous adventures (and misadventures) that can be inherent with buying a boat in Canada and getting it to Port Townsend. Unfortunately, after the infamous Canada trip, health issues have delayed Gary's dream of sailing this boat; however, this summer he plans to put this boat into action.

**Don't forget to visit our website www.PointWilson.org
which is updated with information throughout the year**



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Take Your Food Home with You

Food was left in the oven at the last Squadron Meeting, and we were admonished by the Yacht Club to be sure the oven is clean when we leave the building. If you've used the oven to reheat foods for our potluck, please make sure the food is removed and taken home or disposed of appropriately.

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Nominating Committee Report 2017 – 2018

In accordance with Section 2.9.1 of the District 16 Bylaws, the Committee on Nominations files this annual report setting forth the Nominees for elective office for the 2017-2018 Bridge year.

POSITION NOMINEE

Bridge Officers:

Commander	D/Lt/C Matt Lombardi, P Seattle
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Mahmoud Abdel-Monem, SN Deception Pass
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C Tom Dalglish, SN Bellingham
Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C Annette Ferguson, P Everett
Secretary	D/Lt Debbie Richey, AP Skagit Bay
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Inez Schwartz, JN Agate Pass
Asst. Educational Officer	D/Lt Al Keim, SN Seattle

General Committees:

<u>Nominations</u>	Chair	1 yr	P/D/C James Harden, JN Tacoma
	Member	1 yr	P/C Ginger Marshall-St. Arnaud AP Seattle
	Member	2 yrs	P/D/C James Jones, SN North Olympic
	Member	2 yrs	P/C Larry Warren, AP Tacoma
	Member	3 yrs	P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN Tacoma
<u>Audit</u>	Member	3 yrs	Cdr Linda Martin, JN Everett
	Chair	1 yr	P/C Ruth Kohl, SN Agate Pass
	Member	2 yrs	P/D/C James Harden, JN Tacoma
<u>Rules</u>	Member	3 yrs	Cdr Craig Brown, SN Poverty Bay
	Chair	1 yr	P/C Viki Sharp, S Tacoma
	Member	2 yrs	P/C Sandy Thomas, AP North Olympic
	Member	3 yrs	Lt Marty Schwartz, SN Agate Pass

All candidates have indicated in writing their willingness to serve if elected, in the position nominated. The candidates for District Educational Officer and Assistant Educational Officer are approved by the National Educational Officer.

Respectfully submitted, 2016-2017 Nomination Committee:

P/D/C John Sherrick, JN Spokane	P/C Jacqui Stevenson, AP Agate Pass
P/D/C James Harden, JN Tacoma	P/C Larry Warren, AP Tacoma
P/D/C James Jones, SN North Olympic	P/C Ginger Marshall-St. Arnaud, AP Seattle

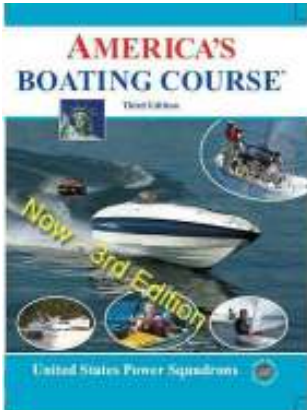


Squadron Education Officer's Report



Linda Newland, SEO

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Upcoming America's Boating Course

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 the class 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

Cost: \$45, which includes text.

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

As of February 10, twenty people (including ten young Sea Scouts) are signed up for our ABC class which begins on February 16. Thanks to a quick vote of our Executive Committee, we were able to offer a student discount to our Sea Scouts. We look forward to working with these young people to ensure they acquire a good understanding of safe boating and seamanship skills. They represent our future in carrying forward our public education for boating enjoyment and safety.

Once again, we'd like to especially thank the NW School of Wooden Boatbuilding for allowing us to use their wonderful classroom at no cost. The Boat School is also benefitting because many of their students are taking advantage of our classes which are being held on their own campus.



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ABC 3rd 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
				180
Feb 22	Gordan	10	Anchoring	30
	Linda/Sandra	11	Adverse Conditions	45
	Gordan	4	Navigation Rules	20
	Sandra	5	Navigation Aids	25
	Linda	6	Lights and Sounds	20
	Linda	7	Government Regulations	15
	Mitch	13	Water Sports	15
				170
Mar 2	Ron	12	VHF Radio	15
	Ron	14	Trailing	10
	Mitch		Intro to Piloting	60
		--	Break	
	Sandra	--	Review	35
			Test and correct	60
				180
			<i>Total Class Times</i>	530



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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

Cost: \$89 which includes text.

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

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.

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

To date, we have seven people signed up to take the Marine Electrical Systems class. It's not too late to sign up. I will be ordering the textbooks for this class on Friday, February 17, so let me know before that date if you wish to join this class. Our own Gordan Lacey, a newly certified power squadron instructor, will offer "learning opportunities beyond the written word" through real-life experiences and hands-on instruction. As many may know, Gordan is a whiz at electronics, and this promises to be an educationally rewarding class. The Facilities Manager at the Boat School recently signed up for this class, so you won't want to miss this opportunity.



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Safety Facts that Underscore the Need for Education

Every year, people die in boating accidents. Here are some of the causes of death:

- 1) Drowning – 70% of all boating fatalities between 1960 and 2014. Over 85% of these victims were not wearing a life jacket.
- 2) Cardiac Arrest
- 3) Hypothermia
- 4) Carbon Monoxide Exposure

The Coast Guard stresses repeatedly that the two biggest factors that we must address in all of our education programs are:

- 1) Always wear a life jacket
- 2) Avoid alcohol consumption while boating

The statistics and comments above are taken from boating accident reports.

Did you know that in the State of Washington, you are required to file a boating accident report if personal injuries require treatment beyond first aid or if property damage (especially hull damage) is greater than \$2,000?



Announcements



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.

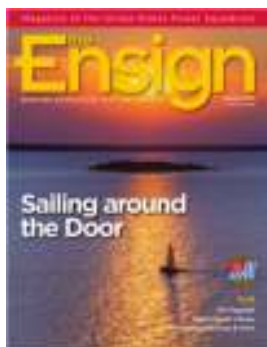
With your leadership and support, the Decal Awareness Program can increase the number of annual Vessel Safety Checks.

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

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Calendar of Events



2016-2017 Calendar

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Date	Day	Event	Location	Time
2/16/2017	Thursday	ABC Class – First Session	NWSWBB	6:00 PM
2/21/2017	Tuesday	Ex Com Meeting	TBD	3:30 PM
2/21/2017	Tuesday	Squadron Election 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
3/16/2017	Thursday	Marine Electrical Systems Class – First Session	NWSWBB	7:00 PM
3/21/2017	Tuesday	Ex Com Meeting	TBD	3:30 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
4/6/2017	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	Ex Com Meeting	TBD	3:30 PM
4/18/2017	Tuesday	Change of Watch Celebration & 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
5/4/2017	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	Ex Com Meeting	TBD	3:30 PM
5/16/2017	Tuesday	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
6/20/2017	Tuesday	Ex Com Meeting	TBD	3:30 PM
6/20/2017	Tuesday	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM

PTYC	Port Townsend Yacht Club
PLF&R	Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue
SL	Seaport Landing, 1201 Hancock Street, Port Townsend
NWSWBB	NW School of Wooden Boatbuilding, 42 Water Street, Port Townsend
TBD	To be determined



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2016-2017 Bridge Officers & Committee Chairs



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