

From The Helm



Summer is here! We are looking forward to spending more time outdoors, enjoying the sun, and especially boating on our blue waterways. We should also take the time to plan ahead for safety-especially for our maritime activities. Here are some simple but important reminders to help

keep you, your family and friends safe during this summer's boating excursions.



The National Boating Safety week (May 17-21) provided us with many ideas and you-must-do suggestions for staying safe while

June General Meeting Tues., June 21, 2016 @ 5:30 PM

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

Bob Miller will be presenting our program this evening. He will discuss highlights from his trip to the Azores and their historic Whaling Boats. Don't miss Bob's stories of his adventures and the history of these unique boats.

boating. One of the most important safety requirements is spotlighted in the *Wear It* campaign. This requirement emphasizes the importance of wearing a life preserver while on the water. Frequently, we become complacent about wearing this most common lifesaving piece of equipment while boating. We forget just how cold the water is in the

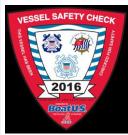
Pacific Northwest. We, also, underestimate how quickly we can lose feeling and become disoriented in cold water. Additionally, there is always the possibility of hitting our heads if we fall from the boat and losing unconsciousness. Even a good swimmer who might be fairly resilient in cold water has no defense with a head injury. The most important first step is to choose a proper life jacket for yourself and each of your family members that fits each person appropriately and is comfortable to wear. In addition, mandate a rule, as captain of your boat, that when the boat is preparing to launch, is underway, or is docking, that life preservers must be worn by each person onboard. Set the proper example by donning your life preserver immediately upon getting into your boat. Be sure to have the proper-sized life jackets on board the boat, especially if small children are aboard.



The *Designated Skipper* campaign was launched recently to help reduce injuries and deadly accidents caused by intoxicated skippers. Simply stated, the campaign strongly encourages the boat's designated Skipper to commit to not drinking alcohol before and during the time he or she takes the helm. To demonstrate a commitment, the Skipper is encouraged to wear a yellow *Designated Skipper* wrist band which is available through

our Squadron. Help support this campaign by picking up as many wrist bands as you can use at our next meeting. Feel free to take extras and distribute them to other boaters with an explanation of why it is so important to be a *Designated Skipper* on the water. This campaign is similar to the *Designated Driver* commitment which is mandated on our roads.





Be sure your vessel is properly equipped with the safety and emergency devices required by the Coast Guard. The best way to ascertain that you have the correct equipment on board is to schedule a vessel safety check with Bob Monica. Bob is certified to provide this service. The first initial inspection generally takes about an hour. Follow up inspections may be necessary to certify any changes that were noted during the first inspection. When the final inspection is complete, you will receive a copy of the checklist of items as well as a *Vessel Safety Check* sticker that can be displayed on your boat. The

displayed sticker can avert unnecessary inspections by the Coast Guard while you're underway since they are prominently visible from a distance. Ultimately, even though you might still be stopped by the Coast Guard on your next trip, you can be assured that you are compliant with Coast Guard regulations and, more importantly, that you possess the proper equipment to keep you and your family safe in an emergency. Don't delay in getting your safety check appointment scheduled with:

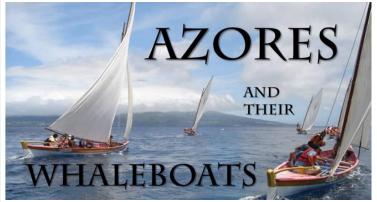
Bob Monica: <u>bomo44@msn.com</u> – 360-437-7698

Finally, think about the possibility of taking a boating safety course this summer to enhance your knowledge. Also, be sure to file a *Float Plan* or at least advise a responsible person about the details of where you plan to go and when you'll return. If possible, when taking a long voyage, plan times in advance for check-in with a designated individual who'll be expecting a call from you. In summary, keep your water travel safe this summer by 1) wearing the proper life preserver, 2) becoming and encouraging others to accept the challenge of being a *Designated Skipper*, and 3) get your boat inspected by one of our Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron certified inspectors.

Have a great and very safe summer!

Ramsay Smith





Our featured presentation at our monthly meeting on June 21 will be presented by Bob Miller. Bob will regale us with stories of his recent trip to the Azores. The Azores constitute nine volcanic islands about 850 miles west of the coast of Portugal. Bob's quest was undertaken, primarily, to learn the history of this region's historic Whaling Boat.

Azoreans began whaling aboard New England Whalers in the mid-18th Century. By the mid-19th Century, the whalers adopted the American whaleboat and adapted it to coastal whaling in the Azores. The whaleboats were in active use for whaling until the 1980's when Portugal joined the European Union which bans whaling. Bob's travelogue will include highlights of his trip as well as the history of this unique type of boat.

From Gary Hicks, Admin Officer

"The Point" will be back online in September after the summer break. Have a fabulous summer of boating! Don't forget to visit our website <u>www.PointWilson.org</u> which is updated with information throughout the year.



Congratulations to everyone who attended the Weather course classes and took the exam. There was a 100% success rate for exam takers! Nice work!

Those people who sat for and passed the exam were: Anne Burrell-Smith, Harry Erl, Janet Erl, Gary Hicks, Gordan Lacey, Mitch Poling, Sandra Smith-Poling, and Ramsay Smith.

If a student is interested, he can review his personal scoring sheet to analyze any incorrect responses. I will hand them out at our next general squadron meeting on June 21. Let me know in advance of the meeting if you prefer receiving your scoring sheet in the mail.

Nice work teaching the class, Chelcie! Good results come from good teaching!

As of press date, we still need to establish a starting date for the Engine Maintenance Class in September. We will be communicating the details for this class via email as soon as they're available since this is our last Newsletter until September.

Linda Newland, Squadron Education Officer



JNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS® BOAT SCHOOL DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS POULSBO, WASHINGTON JUNE 23 & 24, 2016

The USPS Boat School will be held in conjunction with the District 16 Rendezvous on June 23rd and 24th. *Coastal Navigator* and *Advanced Coastal Navigator* certifications will be available. *Certifier* and *Certifier Trainer* coursework will also be offered.

Coastal Navigator certification will be offered on June 23rd and 24th. *Advanced Coastal Navigator* will be offered on June 23rd. *Certifier* and *Certifier Trainer* coursework will be offered both days. *Inland Navigator Certifier* training will be available as well.

The Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (boating simulator) will be available for trainees and certification candidates to brush up on existing skills and the new ANSI skills. The trainer will be available for all District 16 Rendezvous attendees to test their boating skills as well as learn new skills. The simulator will be available June 23rd, 24th and 25th in the dock classroom.

Registration for *Coastal Navigator* certification and *Advanced Coastal Navigator* certification is due by June 8th. Materials will be sent to registrants June 9th. *Certifier* and *Certifier Trainer* candidates should register by June 8th. A Passport will be needed for the *Coastal Navigator* and *Advanced Coastal Navigator* candidates.

Registration information can be sent to Boat Operator Certification Assistant Regional Director Jim West AP-ACN at jwestboater@comcast.net. Phone 360-312-6580.



Sail & Power Squadron Rainiers' Baseball Game and Party Event

Fourteen people from our Squadron (including family members) traveled to Cheney Stadium to attend a baseball game between the Tacoma Rainiers and the Iowa Cubs. Point Wilson Sail & Power Squadron members represented were: Linda & Dan Newland, Andy & Cindy Okinczyc and family, Ron Hayes, Brian Roe, Gary Hicks and Peg Furey. The weather cooperated nicely for the game despite intermittent showers earlier in the day. Everyone enjoyed the food at the buffet and friendships were formed with members of other neighboring squadrons. The Rainiers and Cubs cooperated nicely, too, by providing an exciting game with lots of hits, home runs and lead changes. Happily, at the bottom of the ninth, the Rainiers pulled ahead just in time to beat the Cubs. **Ron Hayes, Squadron Treasurer**

The Squadron's Officers are discussing the possibility of coordinating a Membership Cruise in August. We welcome your input and suggestions. Mitch Poling graciously agreed to spearhead this adventure. If you are willing to assist Mitch in planning this activity, please let him know. We're open, as well, to suggestions for possible destinations. A boating trip to the San Juan Islands was suggested, but we will be happy to consider other locations as well. Email Mitch with your ideas and suggestions: <u>mapoling41@gmail.com</u>

Publications and Resources



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6/21/2016	Tuesday	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
6/24/2016	Weekend	District 16 RENDEZVOUS	Poulsbo, WA	June 24-26
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		No Meetings for July and August		
		San Juan Islands (or other destination) Cruise		(Tentative)
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9/05/2016	Monday	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
9/9/2016		Wooden Boat Festival	Pt Hudson	Sept 9-11
9/20/2016	Tuesday	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
		Engine Maintenance Class Begins	NWSWBB	
10/3/2016	Monday	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
10/18/2016	Tuesday	Squadron Fundraiser Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
		ABC Boating Class Begins		
11/7/2016	Monday	Ex Com Meeting	PLF&R	6:30 PM
11/15/2016	Tuesday	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner PTYC		5:30 PM
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

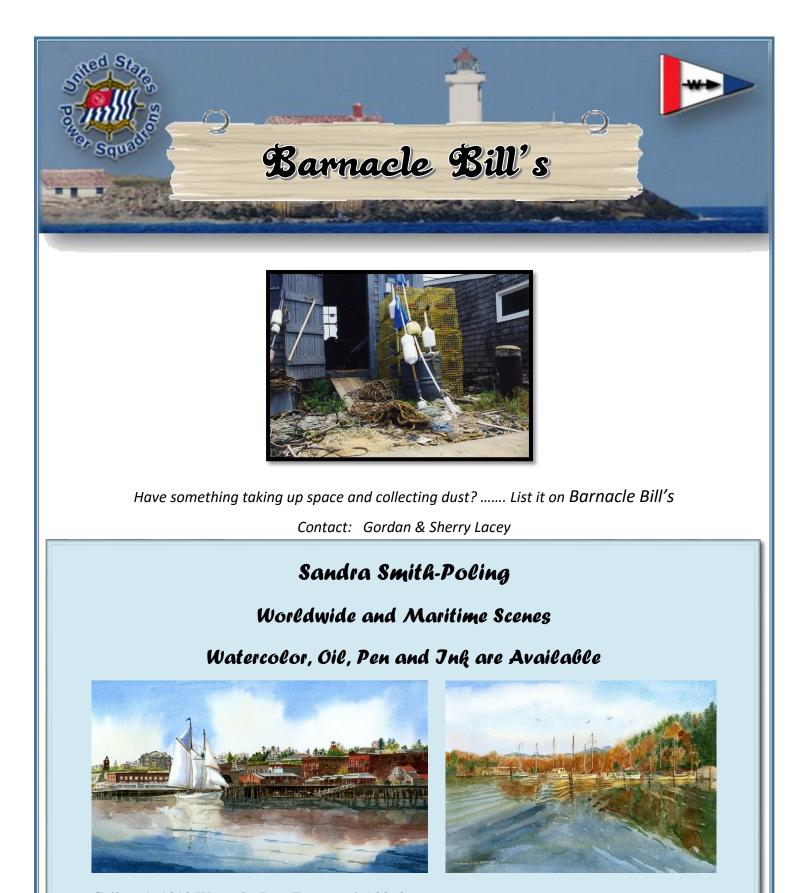
PTYCPort Townsend Yacht ClubPLF&RPort Ludlow Fire & RescueNWSWBBNW School of Wooden Boat Building



3 Jun Low in the east before dawn, Mercury is 1 finger-width above the moon. At opposition, Saturn will be fully illuminated by the sun. At its closest approach to Earth, Saturn is at its brightest for the year and visible all night long. The moon is at perigee, 56.62 Earth-radii (361,000 kilometers) away.

Pleiades

- 5 Jun Rising an hour before the sun, Mercury is at its greatest elongation, 24.2 degrees west of the sun.
- 7 Jun Low in the west at sunset, the Gemini Twins are to the moon's upper right.
- 9 Jun Low in the west at dusk, Regulus is 3 finger-widths to the moon's upper left.
- 10 Jun The moon lies between Regulus, 3 finger-widths to the right, and Jupiter, 4 finger-widths to the upper left.
- 11 Jun Jupiter is 2 finger-widths to the moon's right tonight.
- 12 Jun The first-quarter moon lies between Jupiter, 1¹/₂ fist-widths to the right, and Spica, 2 fist-widths to the left.
- 14 Jun Spica is 2 finger-widths to the moon's lower right early tonight.
- 15 Jun The moon lies between Spica, 1½ fist-widths to the right, and Mars, the same distance to the lower left.
- 16 Jun As the sky darkens, the moon is low in the south with Mars 4 finger-widths below and Saturn 2 fist-widths to the lower left.
- 17 Jun The moon is at the top of a triangle with Mars 4 finger-widths to the right or lower right and Saturn at the lower left corner, 1 fist-width away. Antares is a little more than 1 fist-width below the moon.
- 18 Jun Tonight, the moon passes 1 finger-width to Saturn's left. Antares is 3 finger-widths beyond Saturn.
- 19 Jun Rising less than an hour before sunset, the moon forms a straight line with Saturn, 1½ fist-widths to the upper right, and Mars, 2 fist-widths beyond.
- 20 Jun The full moon is low in the south at midnight above the dome of the Teapot constellation, Sagittarius. The summer solstice occurs at 2234 UT as the sun reaches its farthest northern declination.
- 24 Jun Low in the south before dawn, the moon lies between Altair, 3 fist-widths to the upper right, and Fomalhaut, 2½ fistwidths to the lower left.
- 30 Jun The Pleiades Cluster is 2 fist-widths to the moon's left low in the west before dawn. Mira is about the same distance to the right, and Hamal is 1½ fist-widths above the moon



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