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Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron

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"Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World"

The program at this month's meeting on May 16 is *Movie Night*. The Squadron will be showing the movie "**Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World.**"

Movie Information

Summary: During the Napoleonic Wars, a brash British captain pushes his ship and crew to their limits in pursuit of a formidable French war vessel around South America. Based on the Patrick O'Brian novels.

Starring: Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany, Billy Boyd

Director: Peter Weir

Length: 2 hours 18 minutes

Release Date: November 14, 2003

Review Comments: "This is one of the best movies ever made. Perhaps the best period. It shows a fine epic of naval warfare that is well worth the watch. There are few things bad to say about it. The special effects are splendid and well crafted. The plot is great and the characters are sympathetic. It is a sophisticated movie--one which will not patronize over you with a lowest common denominator appeal. On the contrary it exercises the mind as well as stirring the heart with discussions of nautical technology, sailor folklore, music both classical and folk, and even a smattering of philosophy. But it also has as much action as any movie, without the action being stupid or cartoonish."

May General Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 @ 5:30 PM

5:30 PM Social Hour

6:00 PM Change of Watch Dinner

6:25 PM Program Start

8:45 PM Adjournment

Movie Night - "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World"

Movie featuring a British sea captain who pushes his ship and crew to their limits during the Napoleonic Wars. Starring: Russell Crowe, Paul Bettany, and Billy Boyd.





Squadron Education Officer's Report



Linda Newland, ASEO

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Notes from the District 16 Educational Conference & Incoming Officers' Meeting

On April 29, I attended the first combined District 16 (D-16) Educational Conference and Incoming Officers' Training Meeting held at the Coast Hotel in Bellevue. Everyone, except Anchorage's North Star Squadron, was present. Spokane's squadron representative traveled the farthest to attend the meeting.

Some of the more interesting notes relating to the general membership are below:

1. For the first time, USPS is experimenting with introducing e-books to members and the general public. The first e-book, *Seamanship*, is due out in fall of 2017. Each Squadron can buy an "access key" in advance and then sell it to a class participant who can use that key to unlock the e-book online. If the student chooses, he/she can download the book to create a hard copy. USPS signed a cooperative printing agreement with Office Depot which can print the book for a discount for class participants. If students choose not to print the book, they would only be able access the text via online reading. If a key is not used within 90 days, it will expire, and the Squadron is not billed for the e-book key. There is a built-in feature that prevents an e-book from being copied, forwarded, or shared. The cost of the key is the same as the current cost of a printed book.
2. USPS is applying for a grant which is offered by the Coast Guard to establish six commercial schools that teach hands-on boating on the water. These classes would be taught by licensed, certified instructors. This would be a promotion from the Boating Officer Course program since it would provide participants with a certified, structured class in boat-handling skills. This proposal includes creating six schools in boating centers scattered throughout the coastline United States and the Great Lakes. One school will likely be in Washington State and probably will be in Seattle. Two instructors, with one serving as boat school manager, would be stationed at each site. Stay tuned. Grant recipients are expected to be announced soon, and we will keep you informed.
3. A new D-16 webmaster was recently named, and he just finalized the new and improved D-16 website at www.uspsd16.org. This new website is a vast improvement over the older version with more relevant content, resources, an up-to-date calendar and more. Be sure to check it out. The webmaster, Jim Haglund, is encouraging Squadrons to send fliers or informational postings to him for inclusion on the website calendar. These advertised happenings should only be activities where the local squadron is inviting other squadrons or the general public to their event.
4. The D-16 marketing team, chaired by Barb Erickson, formerly an associate member of Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron, is increasing the efforts of our District to promote squadron visibility and enhance membership. Her team of five people represent several area squadrons. Our contact person is Jim Jones, past D-16 Commander, from North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron. Each squadron is charged to appoint a marketing chairperson who will correspond directly with the D-16 marketing team through the contact person.

The D-16 marketing team is encouraging all Squadrons to enhance social media visibility by starting a *Facebook* page. Many squadrons are already using *Facebook* to advertise activities, meetings, programs and solicit their own members in addition to the general public to sign up for classes.



Meeting Minutes



Sandy Dengler, Sec.

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Minutes of the General Meeting

18 April 2017

The Yacht Club Hall was decorated with an "a la tropical island" motif with a mix of Caribbean and Hawaiian for last month's Change of Watch meeting. The bridge provided the meal—jerked chicken, rice, various vegetarian dishes, and salads. The attendance was lower due to illness. Matthew Lombardi, the District 16 commander, joined us for the evening and brought his wife, Pam.

Chelsie Liu made a special announcement concerning Opening Day Parade sponsored by the Yacht Club. He explained the parade schedule and that the smaller crafts will start at the north end of the ferry dock and thus are not affected by the ferry schedule. However, the larger boats will disembark from Boat Haven, await the ferry's passing, and then join the Parade. He encouraged all of us to attend the event, and if possible participate with our vessels in the parade. Chelsie further informed us that the master of ceremonies would announce each passing vessel and would read information about the craft that each boat's captain will provide to him before the parade. Chelsie encouraged us to prominently mention our participation with the Power Squadron in the information we prepare for the announcer.

Near the end of the meal, Ramsay Smith brought the meeting to order and then closed it in order to provide the maximum amount of time for the change of watch ceremonies. As per standard protocol, Ramsay dismissed his bridge and then Commander Lombardi dismissed Ramsay.

Commander Lombardi's address presented us information about our National government body which included some recent decisions. He then re-installed Ramsay Smith as continuing commander, and in turn, Ramsay installed our new bridge. The only changes from 2016-2017 were: 1) Sandy Dengler will be our new Secretary following Jani Templin-Weller's retirement and 2) Sandra Smith-Poling will assume duties as education officer with Linda Newland now assisting her.

Commander Lombardi presented Linda Newland an award and trophy for her excellent work with our educational program. It was the first award of its kind.

Sandra Smith-Poling gifted Linda with one of her lovely watercolor paintings as a tribute for Linda's many years of dedicated service to Point Wilson Power Squadron.

Attendees were encouraged to take home leftovers.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Dengler



District Information



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Commander Lombardi's Message

18 April 2017

The Commander spoke about recent decisions addressed by our National governing body along with his own thoughts on specific subjects. The bottom line was that similar to many other organizations, such as our Squadron, we are losing membership. As our aging members pass away, there are fewer younger members to step in and fill the void. Some districts are combining due to lack of membership. We've even lost some local chapters because there is no one to direct them and no membership to lead. Our National leadership is aggressively addressing this problem. Below is a summary of the Commander's comments:

A softer, more casual approach is the new trend. Traditionally, officers dress in crisp uniforms for official events such as *Change of Watch*. National is suggesting that it is appropriate to soften this approach with a more casual party atmosphere. Commander Lombardi pointed out the obvious--that our Squadron is "way ahead on this one."

Power Squadron members are encouraged to identify their vessels as "Power Squadron (vessel name)." When asked what the "Power Squadron" is, the member should respond with the flattering description found on *Wikipedia*. A portion of this description is printed below:

The United States Power Squadrons (USPS) is a non-profit educational organization, founded in 1914, whose mission is to improve maritime safety and enjoyability through classes in seamanship, navigation, and other related subjects. The USPS comprises approximately 45,000 members organized in 450 squadrons across the United States and in some US territories. It is the largest U.S. non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three U.S. presidents for its civic contributions.

Other suggestions and ideas that our National organization proposes are summarized below:

- USPS activities should be tweaked to appeal to a younger population who is less inclined toward formality and ceremony
- Squadrons should work aggressively with recruitment at the local level
- Groups are charged to actively publicize USPS and bring greater prominence and value to our organization's name. Simply stated, the public doesn't know who we are! As mentioned above, members are encouraged to include the words, "Power Squadron" in their vessels' names and to frequently mention "Power Squadron" when discussing anything with other boating enthusiasts.
- Emphasize the value of our educational programs. Many boaters, including fishermen and others who draw their income from the seas, do not see themselves as "boaters." Hence, they do not see the value of a Squadron membership. Nor do they take advantage of the educational opportunities we offer.

It's up to us as members to publicize this important educational and enjoyable organization in order to attract a larger membership among the boating community.

Sandy Dengler



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TrawlerFest Boat Show and Seminars at Bremerton Marina May 16-20, 2017

TrawlerFest will be held at the Bremerton Marina this year. There will be an in-water show from May 18th through May 20th, with many brands of passage makers such as Grand Banks, Nordhaven, Kadey-Krogen and anything with "tug" in its name. Additionally, more than 25 seminars will be held at the Convention Center at the marina beginning May 16th. Topics will range from "Everything You Need to Know about Diesel Engines" to "The Boat Buyer's Survival Guide." Destination seminars will include "Mexico's Sea of Cortez," and "The Path to Southeast Alaska" and much more. For more information, go to www.passagemaker.com United States Power Squadron members will receive \$10 off on all seminars and \$5 off on general admission by using the promo code "BSPS17" at checkout.



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National Safe Boating Week - May 20-26, 2017

The National Boater Safety Committee would like to request that squadron general members assist their Vessel Examiners during National Boater Safety Week. This would be a great opportunity for members to see these examiners at work and have a better understanding of their value. This would also be a good opportunity for members to meet and greet the boaters with "America's Boating Club" information.

Stf/C Bob Bales, AP

Assistant Chair Boating Safety Committee



VHF maritime radio channel numbers change

The International Telecommunication Union has amended the VHF maritime radio channel numbering scheme, which affects 18 channels in the U.S.

Channel numbers previously designated by a two-digit channel number ending with the letter A are now recognized internationally by a four-digit channel number beginning with "10". For example, Channel 05A is now channel 1005, and channel 22A is now 1022.

New VHF radios began using this scheme January 1, 2017. Old VHF radios continue to tune to channels ending with A. For changes to U.S. channel numbers, visit <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=mtVhf>

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



Announcements



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Vessel Safety Check Program

This program is seventeen years old. During the years, over 425,000 vessel safety checks were conducted. It is unknown how many lives were saved because of these efforts. The Chief Commander, Luis A. Ojeda, from Loxley, Alabama is asking everyone to support the initiative to increase the number of examiners and vessel safety checks by twenty percent in 2017.

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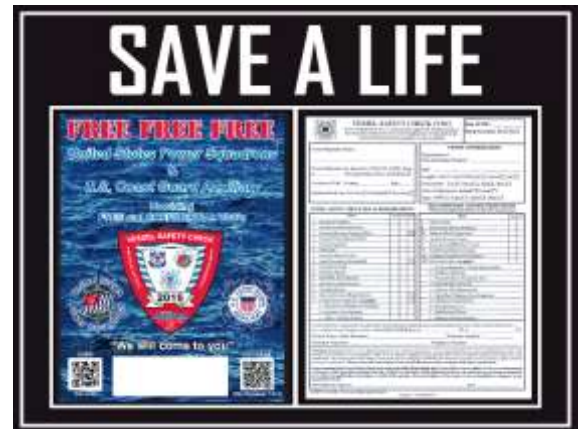
New Squadron members are encouraged to take the required training and become certified and immediately begin conducting the safety checks to make our waters a safer, better place. If you are in becoming a certified examiner, contact Bob Monica at (360) 344-2231 or BOM44@msn.com.

"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.

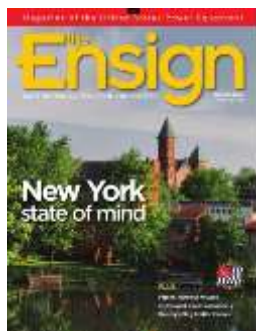
With your leadership and support, the Decal Awareness Program can increase the number of annual Vessel Safety Checks.

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

Member Site of the United States Power Squadrons® National Website



Publications and Resources



Winter 2016 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events



2017 Calendar

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Date	Day	Event	Location	Time
MAY				
5/16/2017	Tuesday	Ex Com Meeting	PTYC	3:30 PM
5/16/2017	Tuesday	Squadron Movie Night & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM
JUNE				
6/20/2017	Tuesday	Ex Com Meeting	PTYC	3:30 PM
6/20/2017	Tuesday	Squadron Meeting & Potluck Dinner	PTYC	5:30 PM

PTYC

Port Townsend Yacht Club

Marine Electrical Systems Class

The class concluded with the final exam on May 7; however the students agreed to stay in contact. One of the highlights of the class was the on-vessel technical skills section. Thanks to Ann and Ramsay, the class was able to do some real life troubleshooting and analysis of the electrical systems aboard *Le Conge*. They broke up into three teams and rotated through 1) measuring voltage drops and line losses, 2) repairing a failed bilge pump system, and 3) properly switching and configuring a power system. The class has requested to board Gordan and Sherry's *Phoenix Rising* once the new engine install is complete, and she is back in the water.





Star Calendar



May 2017

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14	15	16	17 	18	19 	20
21	22 	23 	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31			

1 May High in the west at dusk, Procyon is 1 fist-width to the waxing crescent moon's lower left. Pollux is 1 fist-width to the upper right. Dimmer magnitude 1.93 Castor is 2 finger-widths to the right of Pollux.

3 May Magnitude 1.4 Regulus is only 2 finger-widths to the left of the first-quarter moon at dusk.

7 May The waxing gibbous moon is 1 finger-width to the lower left of magnitude -1.4 Jupiter. Magnitude 0.98 Spica is 4 finger-widths below the moon.

8 May Spica is 3 finger-widths to the moon's upper right tonight. The bright star 3 fist-widths to the moon's upper left is magnitude 1.6 Arcturus.

12 May At midnight, Antares, the heart of the Scorpion, is 1 fist-width to the moon's right, and magnitude 0.2 Saturn is 4 finger-widths to the lower left, just above the horizon. The moon is at apogee, 63.69 Earth-radii (406,000 kilometers) away.

13 May Saturn is 3 finger-widths to the moon's lower left before first light. The equation of time reaches a maximum of 3.65 minutes.

17 May Rising an hour before the sun, Mercury reaches its greatest western elongation, 25.8 degrees from the sun.

19 May The last-quarter moon is low in the south before first light.

22 May Look low in the east before dawn to see Venus, 1½ finger-widths to the moon's upper left.

23 May The moon lies between Venus, a little more than 1 fist-width to the upper right, and Mercury, less than 4 finger-widths to the lower left, near the eastern horizon before dawn.

26 May The moon is at perigee, 56.01 Earth-radii (357,000 kilometers) away. Perigee occurs only 5.6 hours after the new moon, so check your tide tables for higher than normal tides.

28 May Low in the west at dusk, the thin waxing crescent moon is midway between Procyon to the lower left and Pollux to the upper right.

30 May Regulus is less than 4 finger-widths to the moon's upper left this evening.

31 May The moon passes to Regulus' upper right tonight.



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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