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Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron

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From The Helm

Congratulations and a big thanks to all our new and returning Bridge members!

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Please be sure to thank each officer for their willingness to serve in our new year. Everyone is busy and each of us has numerous responsibilities outside PWSPS, but each of these persons is making time to help bring education, information, and public service to our boating community. Especially thank Michael Armstrong, our new Administrative Officer, and Sandy Dengler, our new Secretary for their willingness to join the Bridge. I would also like to extend sincere gratitude to Jani Templin, who filled the role of secretary for the past two years, and who did an exceptional job.

Summer is coming soon and that means more people are thinking about boating and enjoying the beauty of our waters on the Puget Sound and beyond. Now is a great time to acquaint our friends with Power Squadron's boating information and training which is available to them. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, please consider inviting a friend or neighbor to a monthly meeting. Be sure to sign them in and give them a name tag. Then make it a special point to introduce them to other members, so we can meet and welcome them. Make it your personal goal to refer at least one new member each year. We could double our membership by the end of the year through this simple and effective marketing method. In addition, please phone or email Mitch Poling (360-531-1469 or MaPoling47@gmail.com) or any bridge member with your ideas for attracting new members. Inviting your friends to a meeting and helping them become members of the Squadron could possibly save their lives someday through education about our waterways and safe boating practices.

Do not miss this month's meeting presentation. Tom Satre and his wife Tish are owners of *Alaska Quest*, a 65-foot trawler based in Southeast, Alaska. They charter their boat from late spring through early fall for cruising, fishing, and hunting. They moor *Alaska Quest* in Port Ludlow during the winter months and each spring they enlist a crew to help them take it up the Inland Passage to Wrangell. Anne and I were very fortunate to make this trip with them in the spring of 2016. What a great adventure! But even as experienced as Tom and Tish are, things can become dangerous very quickly. Don't miss Tom's talk, "Alaskan Waters Near-Death Experience," and find out how important it is to implement safety plans--no matter how many times you have done something!

Ramsay Smith

February General Meeting

Tuesday, March 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**

Alaskan Waters Near-Death Experience

Tom Satre will present this evening's special feature of his experience of a "man overboard incident" that almost cost Tom his life.



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

Presentation by Gary Nelson

Summarized by Sandy Dengler

February 21, 2017

At our February general meeting, Gary Nelson regaled the power squadron membership with tales and details of his life as a sailor and boat owner.

His seafaring life began in Sea Scouts aboard *Cerelia* in the 1950's. He didn't seem to take to Seafaring at first, but despite that experience, he claims that he did not really know how to sail. He crewed on a sword fishing boat, ran a coffee house in Newport Beach, served in the Air Force, and then returned to civilian life in 1963. He crewed on a series of others' boats, including a voyage to Hawaii in 1974 aboard the schooner, *Rejoice*. It was on this trip that he learned how to sail proficiently.

He bought his first boat, a Tartan 34, but then a Fisher 37 caught his eye. He built his own vessel in 1982 and launched her in 1983. He named her *Cerelia*, in honor of his first sailing experience thirty years before. Then from an office in Maryland he bought the study plans for *Corcovado*. Years later, he learned that Corcovado is a national park in Chile which is famous for rock climbing.

At this point in his talk, Gary launched into the lengthy tale of woe and triumph which began when he bought a boat in Canada intending to bring it into the United States. The U.S.-Canadian border is considered an open border-- unless you are taking a boat across which was purchased in Canada. After filling out a ton of forms and certificates, paying a truckload of money, and experiencing frustrating delays, Gary was finally allowed to ship the boat across Lake Ontario from Coburg, Ontario to Rochester, New York. At last his beauty rested on American soil. However, it wasn't in American water yet, but his dream was close to being realized.

Several times, both in Canada and in the US, he was forced to completely dismantle her to meet transporting requirements. The last transport leg brought her here to Port Townsend. It is here that he is now re-mantling her, re-stepping the mast, and refitting her. But, as we all know, a boat is never completely finished. For example, Gary realized that he would have to install bow thrusters if he wanted to moor her onto a dock. Additionally, we also know that maintenance begins even before the boat gets wet. Gary remonstrated that he thinks there is a propeller somewhere in the back of the boat; he just needs to scrape enough barnacles off to find it.

In conclusion, Gary left us with some noteworthy advice. If you plan to purchase a boat in Canada through a broker, you should also acquire the services of a U.S. broker as well. The U.S. broker will be able to efficiently process most of the paperwork that Gary struggled with and can avert some of the delays.

Was the purchase of the Canadian boat worth it? The answer is a clear, yes! It was easy to discern that fact by listening to Gary tell his story with humor, enthusiasm and a sparkle in his eye.



Executive Officer's Report



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Alaskan Waters Near-Death Experience

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 - 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Port Townsend Yacht Club, 2503 Washington Street, Port Townsend

Tom Satre will present "Alaskan Waters Near-Death Experience", a man overboard incident that almost cost Tom his life.

Tom Satre was born and raised in Juneau and is a third-generation Alaskan and of Norwegian decent. Tom was a business owner for over 30 years in Southeast Alaska. His background also includes ten years as port manager in the marine transportation industry, past commodore of the Juneau Yacht Club, a 100-ton master's license, and 40-plus years of recreational boating experience. He and his wife, Tish, operate Alaska Quest Charters, Inc. providing custom small ship charters in Southeast Alaska aboard their yacht, *Alaska Quest*, a 66-foot steel expedition trawler. Locally, they are members of the Port Ludlow Yacht Club.

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



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.

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

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Squadron Education Officer's Report



Linda Newland, SEO

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Marine Electrical Systems Class

Eleven students are currently signed up to take the Marine Electrical Systems class and textbooks recently arrived so we are ready for the first day of class. We still have five texts available for any last minute sign-up students. Call me if you are interested. These classes will begin on March 16 and will be held at the NW School of Wooden Boatbuilding in Port Hadlock on Thursdays through May 11 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

America's Boating Class Wrap Up

Twenty-three students took the recent ABC class. To date nineteen students passed the exam, two students chose not to take the exam and the remaining two are still in the process of finishing it up. It was a whirlwind class that was held in three sessions of three hours each. We encourage anyone who passed the class to volunteer to teach a segment. This is an awesome way to see if you enjoy teaching and provides an opportunity to give back to our boating community. Thank you--to the following squadron members who taught segments of this class:

Sandra Smith-Poling
Mitch Poling
Bob Monica

Ramsay Smith
Gordan Lacey
Ron Hayes

Linda Newland

We will plan to teach another ABC class in the fall if there is enough interest.

Future Classes

We are already talking about possible classes for this fall. We're considering teaching the "Piloting" class again if we have enough member and public interest. Many of our members took this class last year, but there seems to be continued public interest in learning navigation skills. I welcome any feedback for classes that people might be interested in taking. I'll circulate a list of possible classes at a future general meeting.

Southern Resident Killer Whales May Get Additional Protection under NOAA

A petition has been submitted to NOAA by several groups in Washington state requesting that a no-boat-zone be established one mile off the western shore of San Juan Island. This moratorium would be in place during the high season of boat traffic to protect the feeding grounds and safety of the Southern Resident Orca population that frequents those waters. There can be as many as 80 boats watching the whales at a given time when the whales are active. This includes both U.S. and Canadian whale-watching boats. According to NOAA spokesperson, Lynne Barre, boaters are not respecting the established distance restrictions mandated by Washington State law so the petition was made to the Federal Government requesting intercession by instituting an exclusionary zone. Both these Orcas and their main food supply, the Chinook salmon, are two of eight local species on the West Coast Endangered Species list.

Especially, the noise and vibration from boat engines disrupt the whales' eating habits, but Barre also concluded that any kind of human onlooker, even kayakers and scuba divers, can disturb the whales' natural habits as well. NOAA is continuing an investigation on the impact of sightseers on the whale populations. Before a final rule-making determination



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is made, studies must first be conducted and completed. A public comment period is open until April 13, 2017. Here is a link for your information: <https://www.regulations.gov/comment?D=NOAA-NMFS-2016-0152-0001>

North Olympic Women on the Water

Linda Newland will be the presenter to this group on April 7 in Sequim for their luncheon meeting. They are inviting women (and partners, husbands, significant others and interested people) and are extending that invitation to yacht clubs and power squadrons on the Olympic Peninsula. See their invitation below:

You are Invited to a

Desolation Sound Presentation and Slide Show by Linda Newland

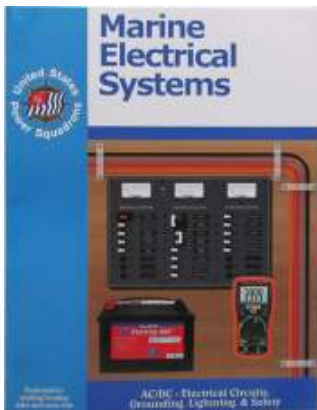
Bell Creek Restaurant, 707 East Washington Street, Sequim, WA

Friday, April 7, 2017 - 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All NOSPS, PAYC, SBYC, PWSPS and PTYC members are invited to a presentation and slide show by Linda Newland from the Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron about her experiences sailing to the beautiful Desolation Sound area. You may remember her as the woman who sailed singlehandedly from San Francisco to Japan and gave such a powerful presentation about that journey. She is a wonderful speaker and is full of knowledge and interesting anecdotes about her sailing adventures. The luncheon/presentation will take place as noted above in the heading. You can order a meal from the menu if you wish. Sponsored by the North Olympic Women on the Water, a subcommittee of the North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron. **Please RSVP to Linda Bond by April 2** at drlindabond@gmail.com or (360) 582-9364.



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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 eleven people signed up to take the Marine Electrical Systems class. Five extra textbooks were ordered, so it's not too late to sign up. 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.



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.

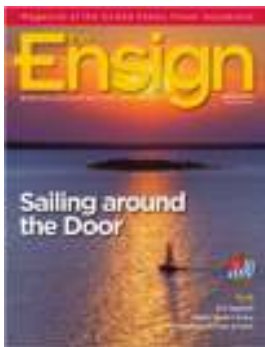
With your leadership and support, the Decal Awareness Program can increase the number of annual Vessel Safety Checks.

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

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Calendar of Events



2016-2017 Calendar

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

PTYC

PLF&R

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NWSWBB

TBD

Port Townsend Yacht Club

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Seaport Landing, 1201 Hancock Street, Port Townsend

NW School of Wooden Boatbuilding, 42 Water Street, Port Townsend

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