



The Point



Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron

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



Greetings from the Helm

At our February meeting on the 16th we will elect a new bridge. I am confident that Ramsay will continue moving the squadron forward and I know our members will support him as you have me

the last two years.

When we moved to Port Ludlow from Vermont seven years ago we quickly realized there was more water than terra firma in this area and enjoying it would require a boat. We had sailed in Connecticut with our wooden Cape Cod Mercury, but primarily on lakes. We sailed in Maine in Penobscot Bay around Rockland, Camden, Stonington, and Castine. Years later when we lived in Vermont we sailed on the beautiful Lake Champlain.

Realizing the need to be fully prepared for the Puget Sound waters, Martha and I responded to the ABC course ad in The Leader and began our relationship with the United States Power Squadrons. The Point Wilson members were welcoming and invited us to join. Little did I know I would soon be the commander. Looking back on my two year term I recall many highlights.

The first gourmet dinner fundraiser was a success but our speaker for that event left in a huff because we did not have the proper digital stereo speakers he wanted for his presentation. Having no program for this event we turned to our members to share their experiences on the water, and so was born Sea Stories.

Two years ago during the Opening Day boat parade, Martha and I were sailing with the Hutton's on their boat, Visa. Because of the extremely rough conditions, several boats were literally pushed by waves into the shallow water near the Port Townsend piers and the sailboat regatta from Seattle ended with several boats having blown out spinnakers.

Election of Officers

Tues., February 16 @ 5:30 PM

5:30	Social Hour
6:00	Dinner
6:30	Sea Stories & Dessert
6:40	Election of Officers
7:30	Monthly Program

"The Finest Hour" the rest of the story

On February 18, 1952, two T-2 tankers broke in half within 40 miles of each other in a nor'easter with blizzard conditions and seas with waves in excess of 50 feet. A movie "The Finest Hours," just released, recounts part of the rescue operation. Capt. Peter Joseph, USCG (Ret.) will share his father's story about how CDR John M. Joseph, USCG, participated in the rescue. If possible, see the movie prior to Capt. Peter Joseph's presentation.



During the on the water portion of our sail class on the Newland's boat, Pegasus XIV, we had a period of strong wind which caused us to heel very quickly. I remember Martha grabbing Bill Dengler's belt as he made his way to the windward side of the boat.

During the San Juan Cruise two summers ago, we were sailing behind the Newland's in Rosario Strait on Cosmos Lady on our way to Cypress Island. The fog was thick when I received a call from Linda to stop proceeding forward and circle in place as they had picked up a vessel on AIS entering from the south. Within minutes, a tug pulling a very large barge became visible out from the fog bank and reentered after passing us. I learned the value of AIS that day. Not all of my recent squadron experiences reflect the unpredictability of the weather and the power of the wind, but the need for knowledge is evident for safe boating.

I had the pleasure to learn crabbing from Bob Monica and also caught my first halibut aboard his jet boat. The weather conditions for the evening of the Tapas party were perfect. When it was over, all the cooks had a chance to relax, eat and drink all the leftovers aboard Peg's boat, Anuket. I took the Piloting and Advance Piloting classes from Bob Miller. His years of experience on the water add an element to the courses not found in the curricula.

I could go on, but you get my point. Once again, I thank my bridge mates for supporting my efforts. I look forward to many more years of learning, teaching safe boating, and enjoying the comradery of Point Wilson Sail & Power Squadron.

Bob

Written by Robert Olbrych in his own words.



Executive Officer's Report



Ramsay Smith

Please plan to attend this month's important Squadron meeting! Several important events will be taking place that you will want to be involved in.

- 1) Election of officers for the 2016-2017 term. We will be soliciting nominations from the floor for the Executive Officer position. Please plan to participate in the nominations and voting.
- 2) Sandra Smith-Poling will be entertaining us with another exciting *Sea Story*.
- 3) Captain Joseph, our evening speaker will provide us with his intimate account of a sea tragedy that occurred on the East Coast on February 18, 1952. Two T-2 Tankers broke in half within 40 miles of each other in a "Nor'easter" that pounded these vessels with blizzard conditions and seas that boasted 50-foot waves. The *Pendleton* kerosene tanker that was bound for Boston broke apart at dawn. The *Fort Mercer*, that was also carrying kerosene and bound for Portland, Maine began breaking apart at 0800. The *Fort Mercer* sent out an SOS, but the initial break caused the *Pendleton* to lose all radio capability and for eight excruciating hours, she waited in silence for help she began to believe would never come.

But the Coast Guard was coming and responded with every resource available to handle four separate rescues. Only one of those rescues is featured in a new movie, "The Finest Hours," released on January 29. Captain Peter Joseph, USCG (Retired), whose father, CDR John M. Joseph, USCG, participated in the rescue, and he will share his father's story with our group. You might wish to see the movie prior to Captain Joseph's presentation in order to obtain some background information prior to his presentation.

Captain Joseph is a graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and the U.S. Naval War College. He served as a faculty member at both institutions. He led the International Law and Ocean Resources Division of the Naval Staff College and was a guest lecturer at Tufts University. He recently was a guest lecturer on Maritime Counterterrorism at the Naval War College. Captain Joseph commanded three large Coast Guard Cutters in the North Pacific and North Atlantic Oceans, Bering Sea, and the Gulf of Mexico. He is credited in rescues that saved over 100 lives and participated with law enforcement operations that resulted in confiscating tons of illegal drugs. He holds a Master Mariner's license and Master of Marine Affairs degree from the University of Rhode Island. He is a publishing author in the fields of maritime security and search and rescue. Locally, he is the past commodore of the Port Ludlow Yacht Club (2001) and previously owned a 43-foot Tollycraft.



Announcements



Sea Stories and Presentations

Do you have a *Sea Story* you would like to share with our group? Let me know, so I can place your name on the schedule. If you're willing to prepare a presentation on a subject of common interest, let me know.

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



Click on the icons above to open latest editions of the magazines and information.



Squadron Education Officer's Report



Linda Newland, SEO

Dr. Sandra Smith-Poling, Asst. SEO

America's Boating Course

To date, 20 students are signed up for the America's Boating Course starting on February 11 at the NW School for Wooden Boatbuilding. Classes will be held from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on three consecutive Thursdays (February 11, 18 and 25). Please plan to arrive at the first class between 5:30 and 5:45 to allow enough time for registration. Please contact Linda Newland at 360-437-9350 for registration information.

Weather Class

Gain the knowledge and confidence to venture out on the water. Learn how weather systems form, behave and move and where to obtain weather information. Become familiar with weather maps and symbols and learn about local weather in Puget Sound and San Juan de Fuca Straits. Master the confidence necessary to navigate in the San Juan Islands and beyond knowing you are a prepared and safe skipper.

This class will be taught by Chelcie Liu at Seaport Landing, 1201 Hancock Street, Port Townsend from March 17 to May 26 on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Fees for Squadron members are \$65 and non-member fees are \$85. Discounts will be given to household members who will be sharing the same text. The cost includes the textbook and other materials. Call Linda Newland at 360-437-9350 for information.

Engine Maintenance

Steve Tucker will be teaching Engine Maintenance this fall so stay tuned for registration details. The date and location for this class is not established yet. This class was taught by Steve several years ago and was very popular among its students. It covers both gasoline and diesel engines. More information can be found on our website www.pointwilson.org

Piloting Class Test Scores

I am estimating that the test results for this class will be available sometime after March 1. I will bring the scores and feedback sheets to the students who took this test to a squadron meeting or I will mail the results.



Weather Class Available

March 17-May 26, Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m.



For Whom? All recreational boating enthusiasts and fishermen

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

WHAT IS WEATHER CLASS?

For boaters, knowing the forecast isn't enough; you need to understand its impact on you and your boat. Gain the knowledge and confidence to venture out on the water. Be a responsible skipper, protect your friends and family and sign up for this course today.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ▶ **How weather systems form, behave, and move**
- ▶ **Where to get weather reports and forecasts on the Internet**
- ▶ **Use full color photographs and drawings to understand weather in the United States**
- ▶ **Use Daily Weather Maps with a complete explanation of map symbols designed to develop weather map reading and analysis skills**
- ▶ **Understanding NOAA'S SKY WATCHER CHART - a reference to assist in identifying cloud types with a special section on local weather patterns and conditions.**

CLASS DETAILS:

Where? Seaport Landing, 1201 Hancock St, Port Townsend, WA 98368

When? Thursdays, March 17 to May 26, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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

Cost? \$65, Non-Members \$85 (includes textbook and materials)

Discounts apply for two members from a single household who will be sharing textbooks.

STAY TUNED: ENGINE MAINTENANCE CLASS WILL BE HELD IN THE FALL.

For more information see our website:

www.pointwilson.org



ABC Class



GET READY FOR BOATING SEASON AND MEET 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 6:00-9:00 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

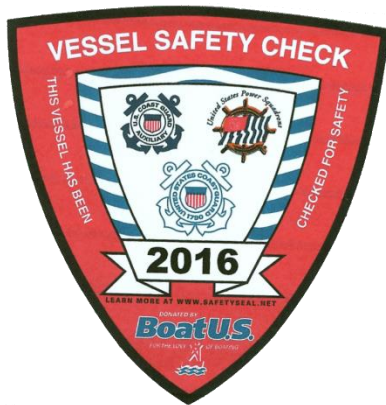
Non-member price is the same as member discounted price for this class

Why take the Class?

-  **To satisfy the requirements for a Washington State Boater Education Card which is required for persons, age 16 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.**



Vessel Safety



Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron offers Vessel Safety Checks, which is a Free Check of a vessel's equipment for compliance with Federal and State Safety Requirements. When your boat passes the inspection, you will receive a decal like the one to left.

You may also want to complete the Virtual Vessel Safety Examination at <http://vdept.cgaux.org/vve/launch.htm>.

The Vessel Examiners performing this service have been trained to look for some of the common problems which might occur in your boat or its associated safety equipment.

PWSPS Examiners: Bob Monica (360) 344-2231
Bob Olbrych (360) 437-7698



Calendar of Events



2015-2016 Calendar

Date	Day	Event	Location	Time
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 Meeting, Election of Officers & 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, Change of Watch & Fundraiser 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	Port Townsend Yacht Club
PLF&R	Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue
PTBH	Port Townsend Boat Haven
NWMC	Northwest Maritime Center, PT
NWSWBB	Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building
TBD	To be determined



Star calendar



1–29 February 2016

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2 Mars	3 Saturn	4	5	6 Venus
7 Mercury	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Gemini	18	19 Gemini	20 Big Dipper
21	22 Snow Moon	23 Jupiter	24	25	26	27
28 Mars	29					

- 1 Feb Low in the south before dawn, the moon and **Mars** are separated by 1 finger-width.
- 2 Feb This morning the moon lies between **Mars**, 1½ fist-widths to the right, and **Saturn**, about the same distance to the lower left. **Antares** is 3 or 4 finger-widths to Saturn's lower right.
- 3 Feb **Saturn** is 2 finger-widths below the moon.
- 6 Feb **Mercury** is 1 finger-width below the moon. **Venus** is a little more than 2 finger-widths to the moon's right.
- 7 Feb **Mercury** is at its greatest elongation, 25.6 degrees west of the sun, low in the east before first light.
- 11 Feb This evening the moon lies between **Alpheratz**, 2½ fist-widths to the upper right, and **Deneb Kaitos**, 2 fist-widths to the lower left.
- 13 Feb **Hamal** is 1½ fist-widths to the moon's upper right tonight.
- 15 Feb The first-quarter moon is high in the south at dusk. The **Pleiades Cluster** is 1 fist-width to the moon's right or upper right, **Aldebaran** is 2 finger-widths to the upper left, and **Orion** is 2 fist-widths to the lower left.
- 17 Feb High in the south at dusk, **Betelgeuse**, the brightest star in **Orion**, is 1 fist-width to the moon's lower right, and the **Gemini Twins** are 2 fist-widths to the left.
- 18 Feb The bright star 1½ fist-widths below the moon this evening is **Procyon**, in the constellation **Canis Minor**, the Little Dog.
- 19 Feb **Procyon** is to the moon's lower right this evening and the **Gemini Twins** are to the upper left.
- 20 Feb The moon lies between **Procyon**, 2 fist-widths to the upper right, and **Regulus**, 1½ fist-widths to the lower left. The **Big Dipper** stands on its handle, far to the left.
- 21 Feb **Regulus** is 2 finger-widths to the moon's lower left this evening.
- 22 Feb February's full moon lies between **Regulus**, 4 finger-widths above, and **Jupiter**, 1 fist-width to the lower left. Wait an hour after dusk to get a good view.
- 23 Feb Separated by 1 finger-width, **Jupiter** and the moon are high in the southwest by midnight.
- 24 Feb Late tonight in the west, the bright star 2 fist-widths to the moon's lower left is **Spica**. **Jupiter** is 1½ fist-widths to the moon's upper right.
- 27 Feb **Spica** is 4 finger-widths to the moon's lower right, low in the south before first light.
- 28 Feb This morning the moon lies between **Spica**, 2 fist-widths to the lower right, and **Mars**, 1½ fist-widths to the left.



Barnacle Bill's



Have something taking up space and collecting dust? List it on Barnacle Bill's

Contact: Bob Olbrych

Sandra Smith-Poling

Worldwide and Maritime Scenes

Watercolor, Oil, Pen and Ink are Available



Gallery 9, 1012 Water St, Port Townsend, 98368

Studio: (360) 379-1178, email spoling41@gmail.com

Please visit www.classicpaintings.net for available prints/paintings. Commissions also accepted.



2015/2016 Bridge Officers



Cdr: Bob Olbrych – 360-437-7698

robert.olbrych@yahoo.com

XO: Ramsay Smith – 404-405-4965

wrs.148@gmail.com

AO: Brian Roe – 360-379-4875

Blroe9552@outlook.com

SEO: Linda Newland – 360-437-9350

Newlan2dl@aol.com

ASEO: Sandra Smith-Poling – 360-379-1178

spoling@olympus.net

Sec: Jani Templin-Weller – 360-344-2054

jamawel5@gmail.com

Treas: Ron Hayes – 360-390-8296

ron@redfernconsultants.com

VSC: Bob Monica – 360-385-2634

Bomo44@msn.com

Mem Ch: Martha Olbrych – 360-437-7698

mjolbrych@yahoo.com

Editor: Sherry Lacey

S.Lacey@outlook.com


Webmaster: Gordan Lacey – 425-785-6673

GordanL@live.com

Audit Chair: Jane Armstrong – 360-344-2824



Please Support Our Advertisers

SEA...the Difference
Our Comprehensive Services & Certified Techs Save Vacations

Full Service Boatyard & Marina
Marine Supplies • Propane • 30ton/54' Haul-out • Free Wifi
• Block & Party Ice • Grocery, Wine & Beer

SEA MARINE
Port Townsend
Lat: 48.111°N, Long: 122.753°W

Point Hudson Marina | (360) 385-4000 | Seamarineco.com



Homer Smith Insurance

888.433.0031

www.HomerSmith.com

quality marine lumber



EDENSAW WOODS, LTD.
211 Seton Road
Port Townsend, WA
(866) 513-9663
www.edensaw.com

Leaders in marine lumber and plywood for over 30 years, along with all the supplies and knowledge to build your dream boat.

Where Tradition Meets Technology

AUTOWORKS

Since 1996

Full Service Auto & Truck Repair

- Factory Maintenance
- Engine Repair & Service
- Transmissions / Clutches
- Electrical
- Brakes / Batteries
- Oil Lube Filter

Approved Auto Repair ASE AUTO SERVICE EXCELLENCE ENVIROSTARS GREEN BUSINESS REAL CAR GUYS KNOW ACDELCO

www.autoworkspt.com
2313 3rd St
Port Townsend

360-385-5682



Cornerston Solutions



Gordan Lacey
Marine Electrical, Electronics & Services

Corner-Stone-Solutions@outlook.com
<http://www.cornerstonesolutions.company>

Phone: (425) 785-6673

PO Box 105
Brinnon, WA 98320