



The Point



Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron

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From The Helm

Thank you to all our members for their help in making 2016 a great year so far! Here are some of the contributions:

- Providing great monthly guest speakers and sea stories (Gary, Kathy)
- Organizing three educational classes (Linda, Sandra, Bob Miller, Chelsie, and Steve)
- Providing organizational leadership (Ramsay) – editor's addition
- Planning and hosting a summer rendezvous to the San Juan Islands (Sandra and Mitch)
- Keeping us on target by writing the Minutes of our meetings as well as providing information to members (Jani)
- Tracking and maintaining our finances (Ron)
- Publishing our monthly newsletter (Sherry and Gordan)
- Maintaining our web page (Gordan)
- Coordinating our vessel inspection program (Bob Monica)
- Maintaining our supply inventory and operating our raffles (Brian)
- Working to maintain and increase our membership (Mitch, Gary)
- Setting up many of the functions we enjoy today (Bob Olbyrch)
- Auditing our books to validate our numbers (Jane)
- Helping set up and clean up our venue for the monthly meetings (many members)

June General Meeting

Tues., October 18, 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

Cruise to Desolation Sound: Dan and Linda Newland, our guest speakers, will present stories and photos describing and illustrating their 2013 and 2016 cruises to Desolation Sound on their sailboat, Pegasus XIV.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to each of these members who assists with the activities for the U.S. Sail and Power Squadron, so please let each know how much you appreciate his/her efforts when you see them!



Actually, the rewards for volunteering in this organization come back to us two-fold because we are helping to save lives on the waters of Puget Sound and beyond through our boating education and safety classes. Volunteering is what keeps our organization active and alive.

Now is a good time to contemplate volunteering in a new way this fall and next year. Here are a few items you can consider:

- Campaigning for a position on the Bridge
- Approaching vendors you frequent or are affiliated with to solicit sponsorship and advertisement on our website and in our newsletter – both the company and the Power Squadron will benefit as a result
- Assisting with our meetings by suggesting speakers or meeting activities and also helping with the set up and tear down of our venue
- Donating items for our raffle
- Providing ideas for classes that the Bridge can consider pursuing
- Suggesting cruise destinations that our Squadron can plan and initiate
- Inviting friends to our meetings who are prospective members--as was discussed in last month's newsletter

We welcome your ideas and encourage you to work with us to more fully realize our organization's potential.

Ramsay Smith



Meeting Special Feature



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Cruise to Desolation Sound

Dan and Linda Newland, guest speakers, will present the program at our meeting on October 18, 2016. Cruise with Dan and Linda on a trip to Desolation Sound via a presentation of photos and stories which highlight two summer trips in 2013 and 2016. Be prepared to hear about some great anchorages, challenging rapids, cozy marinas, and specific navigational challenges. They will also include a description of an adjunct trip to Princess Louisa Inlet. The Newlands cruise on their ultralight, Spartan Sailboat, Pegasus XIV. The presentation will include details you may find useful for future cruises regarding anchoring locations, marinas, and navigational challenges.

Dan and Linda are accomplished sailors who enjoy sailboat cruising and racing in the waters around Port Townsend and in the Pacific Northwest. Dan is president of Pegasus Aeromarine, and he designed and built the Pegasus XIV. Linda is a maritime attorney, sailing instructor, and past commander of the Point Wilson Sail & Power Squadron.

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



August Squadron Cruise



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In August the Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron cruised to the San Juan Islands. The cruise was delayed briefly due to fog. After the fog lifted, we were able to leave from Port Townsend and disembark for several absolutely gorgeous days of our Islands-only cruise! This year the following two vessels and crew were able to make the cruise.

- Jim and Natalie Hutton who sailed their Islander 32, **Visa**
- Mitch and Sandra Smith-Poling in their Islander, **Paloma**



The Deer Harbor restaurant—the food was gourmet and very tasty. We hired a limousine to travel to and from the restaurant.



Jim and Natalie at Fox Cove



Sandra and Mitch at Stuart Island School

Other places we visited while on the cruise were Fox Cove at Sucia Island and Stuart Island School. We enjoyed spectacular weather and a wonderful cruise!

Mitch Poling



Squadron Education Officer's Report

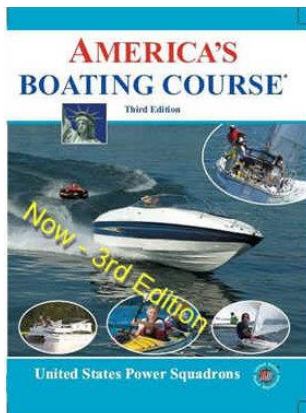
Linda Newland, SEO

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Engine Maintenance Class Begins

Eight people are taking the Engine Maintenance class taught by Steve Tucker. They just finished their third week and students are posing important questions to Steve about their own specific engine functionality and dilemmas. Steve, the former owner of a local auto repair shop, brings to the class ample experience which broadens the pre-packaged curriculum for this class. Engine Maintenance is one of the many electives that the US Power Squadron offers to interested boaters that is one facet of their well-rounded maritime knowledge base.



ABC Class

Two people already recently signed up to take our next ABC class to be held sometime after the holidays during winter quarter at the NW School of Wooden Boatbuilding. The dates for the class are not decided yet, but they will be determined soon. We will likely divide the twelve-hour class into four separate evenings. This will ascertain that people will be able to stay engaged in the subject without becoming overly tired while trying to remember a significant amount of information in a short period of time.

Please advertise this class to your fellow boating friends who may not belong to our squadron. I'm sure there are many boaters in this area who haven't taken the class yet and who still need to qualify for the WA State Boater's Card. This card requirement is for persons who were born after January 1, 1955 and who operate a motorized vessel with at least a 15HP engine. In addition to obtaining certification, the ABC class is the entry-level class for people who want to become more proficient in boating safety knowledge, seamanship and navigation skills. This is the best deal in town for the price. The price of the class for either a member or a non-squadron member is \$36. This price includes the cost of the textbook and postage fees.



Marine Electronic Navigation or Marine Electrical

Gordan Lacey, a member of the Squadron and electronics expert, offered to teach the Marine Electronic Navigation or Marine Electrical course. You might know Gordan, too, as an assistant manager at the West Marine Store in Port Townsend. Check out the Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron website at <http://www.pointwilson.org/education.html> under "Advanced Classes" for a description of both of these classes and let me know which class you might be interested in taking. I will be sending each of you an email within the next couple of weeks which includes a brief description of each class and a request to indicate which class you'd be most interested in. The chosen class will be offered during the winter months to ensure no interruption in your boating season.

Laptop Needed

OUR POWER SQUADRON LAPTOP, WHICH WAS GRACIOUSLY GIFTED TO US BY RON HAYES A FEW YEARS AGO IS NO LONGER POWERING UP. DOES ANYONE HAVE AN OLDER LAPTOP HE/SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE TO THE SQUADRON? SINCE WE USE IT FOR POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS, IT MUST HAVE A CD DRIVE AND AT LEAST A WINDOWS XP OR WINDOWS 8 PLATFORM. PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE WE USE THIS LAPTOP COMPUTER FOR BOTH OUR CLASSES AND IN OUR MONTHLY AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

Linda Newland, Squadron Education Officer

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Proposed bills from the WA State Department of Parks and Recreation

Wade Alonzo, Boating Program Manager in the WA State Department of Parks and Recreation, recently outlined three proposed bills his agency is considering for introduction in the next legislative session. Most boaters have no problem with a couple of “housekeeping” bills. We’d especially welcome a bill that allows an exemption for flare guns used by vessels from the Initiative 594 weapons background check requirements. Support of this bill would presumably encourage marine suppliers to once again reinstate flare gun inventory in their stores.

The Recreational Boaters of Washington (RBAW) directors and their lobbyist are working with Wade and the State Parks Boating Safety Advisory Council to provide input for drafting a vessel impound bill at the request of law enforcement. Currently, if a boat operator is stopped and found to be under the influence, law enforcement must remove the operator from the boat. This leaves law enforcement in an awkward position if an alternate operator is not available on board the boat to take it safely to port. RBAW is proposing that vessel impound would be used as a last resort only after exhausting other alternatives for securing the vessel in a safe harbor. Additionally, law enforcement does not wish to comply with all the necessary procedures required to impound a vessel, and they agree that although vessel impound is occasionally a necessary option, it was not designed to be a punitive measure for the boat owner/operator. We will continue to monitor this proposal and will support it if vessel impound is used by law enforcement as a last resort after all other options are exhausted.

No Discharge Zone (NDZ)

In July, the Department of Ecology (DOE) issued a formal petition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to designate the entire Puget Sound basin as a NDZ. Such a restriction like this would be the most expansive of its kind in the United States. In August, an appeal financed by the Marine Alliance, which represents mostly commercial interests, was filed with the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) which is the oversight Board of the state DOE. The PCHB challenged the viability of the faulty scientific evidence submitted by the DOE in support of their petition. RBAW is closely watching the effects of this petition. Contact Linda Newland for more specific information concerning the unreliable conclusions released by the DOE if you’re interested in this subject. The US EPA should require more reliable data from the DOE before considering a NDZ designation.

By Linda Newland

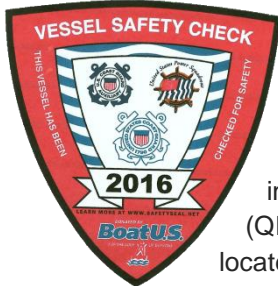


Announcements



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Decal Awareness Program (DAP)



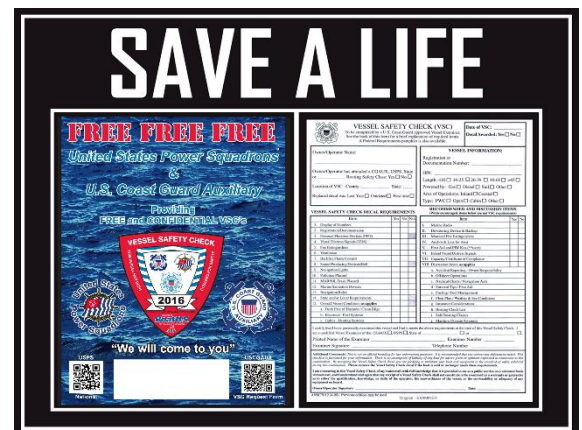
There is a new replacement tool in the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) tool box called "DAP"-- acronym for "Decal Awareness Program". The flyers and posters were designed to display the three primary aspects of the United States Power Squadrons: EDUCATION, SAFETY, and CAMARADERIE. Using the Vessel Safety Check 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.

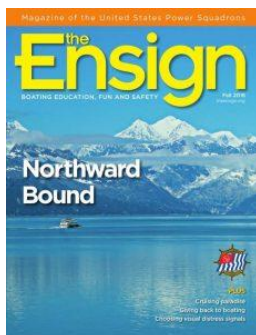
With your leadership and support, the Decal Awareness Program can increase the number of annual Vessel Safety Checks.

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

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Star Calendar

1–31 October 2016



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2	3 Venus	4	5 Saturn	6 	7 Mars	8
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16 Hunter's Moon	17	18 	19	20	21 Saturn	22
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- 1 Oct The moon sets early, making tonight great for stargazing. Look for Saturn low in the west at dusk, Mars 2 fist-widths to the upper left near Sagittarius and the Summer Triangle directly overhead.
- 3 Oct At dusk, Venus is 2 finger-widths below the crescent moon. The pair sets within 2 hours of sunset.
- 4 Oct The moon is at apogee, 63.7 Earth-radii (406,000 kilometers) away.
- 5 Oct At dusk, Saturn is 2 finger-widths to the moon's left, and Antares is 3 finger-widths below Saturn.
- 6 Oct The moon lies between Saturn, 4 finger-widths to the lower right, and Mars, 2 fist-widths to the lower left. Mars passes within 0.2 degrees of Kaus Borealis, at the top of the Teapot constellation Sagittarius.
- 7 Oct At sunset, Mars is 4 finger-widths to the moon's lower left. Mars is $\frac{1}{2}$ degree to the left of Kaus Borealis.
- 8 Oct Mars is 4 finger-widths to the moon's lower right.
- 9 Oct In the early evening, bright Altair is $2\frac{1}{2}$ fist-widths above the moon. Look for the other stars in the Summer Triangle: Vega, 3 fist-widths to the upper right, and Deneb, $3\frac{1}{2}$ fist-widths to the upper left.
- 11 Oct If you have a clear view of the eastern horizon, look for Mercury and Jupiter an hour before dawn. Mercury is 0.79 degrees to Jupiter's left.
- 16 Oct The moon is at perigee, 56.11 Earth-radii (358,000 kilometers) away. Perigee occurs 19.4 hours after the full moon, so we can expect tidal extremes.
- 18 Oct By midnight, the moon passes within 0.34 degrees of Aldebaran.
- 19 Oct Before dawn, Aldebaran is 1 finger-width to the moon's lower right.
- 20 Oct The moon and Betelgeuse rise an hour before midnight.
- 21 Oct Before dawn, the moon is between Pollux, $1\frac{1}{2}$ fist-widths to the upper left, and Betelgeuse, 2 fist-widths to the lower right. Procyon is the same distance to the lower left.
- 24 Oct Before first light, Regulus is 4 finger-widths to the moon's lower left.
- 27 Oct Low in the southwest at dusk, Saturn, Venus and Antares line up less than 2 finger-widths from each other.
- 28 Oct Before dawn, Jupiter is less than 1 finger-width to the moon's upper right.
- 31 Oct The moon is at apogee, 63.8 Earth-radii (407,000 kilometers) away.



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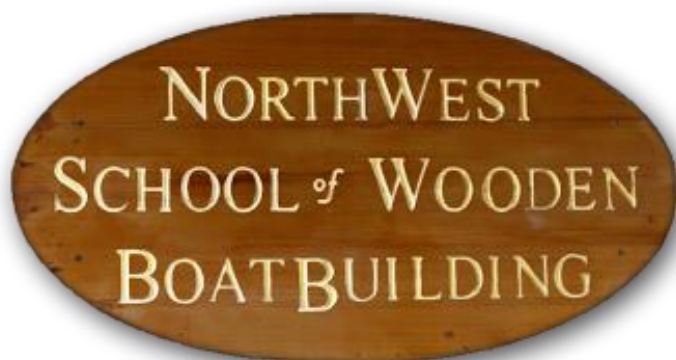
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