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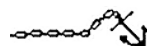


Here we are at the beginning of a new and long-awaited summer season. For all of you who have switched from water adventures to a life of RV'ing and the Black Top Jungle, it's still a precious time for doing and seeing things we love when it's not gloomy and wet. As you know, the District 16 rendezvous has come and gone as June fades away to the exciting things that July always brings. Most of you know that this year was my first year as a bridge member of District 16. As the Administrative Officer, I have been responsible for setting up, arranging, and reserving the Poulsbo rendezvous this year. Of course, only some things went as planned. I made a few mistakes along the way, as expected in any new job. Still, I had valuable help from others who have done this often because there wasn't an AO every year. Anyway, next year will be right around the corner, and as a matter of fact, I'm reserving slips for June 2025 today! It does feel strange, though, that we are only reserving 15 slips, whereas in the past, we've had up to 80 boats fill the "E" dock, and the runover was on the "F" dock. I understand, in one way, we're getting older, trading boats for RVs or a cabin in the mountains. I have decided to do the same thing, but I still plan to attend as many rendezvous as possible. Even if I have to get a hotel/motel room.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the talented and dedicated individuals who not only assisted me in organizing the Poulsbo event but also made it a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone. Your contributions were invaluable, and I thank each and everyone of you, numerous times!

Now that summer is officially here with us for a few precious months, I don't want boaters or land yachters to forget about our need for the perfect photo of your wake off your stern, whether by boat or RV! Like to see that ideal photo of where your wake is coming from, the port you just left, mountains in the background. Whatever it is, your bridge and board will find which of your photos will be at the back of our Newsletter, "The Wake Astern." There will be a nice prize for the winning entry!

A reminder that you'll have much more fun on the water if you remember all those things you've learned in classes. Be safe and try to attend a few rendezvous this summer.



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETINGS
HELD
SEPTEMBER THRU MAY ONLY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
HELD ON
AS NEEDED BASIS**

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Summer is officially here with Memorial Day being in the rearview mirror and now by the calendar.

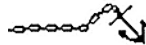
Lt/C Edward Yotter, SN

With many of us spending more time on the water fishing and crabbing it is a good time to try your hand at Cooperative Charting if you have not already done so, as it is in my case.

The object of Coop Charting is to locate and report on geodetic marks and navigation aids to ensure they are in good condition and where they were meant to be located according to charts and maps. Many of us do a combination of water and land cruising which allows for a wide variety of options as to what can be located and documented. The Squadron gets credit for each submittal. If you need help with the process and paperwork contact Jim Harden, the Squadrons point of contact for all things Coop Charting to include submitting the report.

Boating safety on the water includes not only operating your boat safely (i.e. education) but also that your boat meets the safety requirements mandated. The Squadrons point of contact for Vessel Safety Checks is Craig Brown and he will be more than happy to schedule a VSC at your convenience.

Have a great summer and I'll see you next fall, if not sooner on the dock or around the water.



Need a Vessel Safety Check?
It's Fast, It's Easy, and best of all,
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All you have to do is contact
P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-CN
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Kent, WA 98032-7112

P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-CN is our VSC Chairperson. He will also be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.



Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
Sq Education Officer

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Here I am again as the Education Officer for America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound!

I want to thank all our instructors who taught classes this year, especially Bob Hays, Stan Wolfe, Jim Harden and John Dorsey. We could not have the classes without you! Thanks again!!

Our club does not have any classes scheduled during the summer but see the flyer from District

16 regarding some free web-based seminars.

- June 13 Rules of the Road
- July 25 Marine Charts and Buoys
- August 22 Using GPS and AIS

I do have a Piloting (Marine Navigation) class scheduled to start September 23 for 10 weeks via Zoom taught by Gary Ball. You won't ever get lost or run aground when you know marine navigation, whether for short day trips or long multi-day cruises.

Learn the essentials of safe coastal and inland navigation using basic GPS in conjunction with charts and other marine data. The *Marine Navigation* course teaches you how to use the GPS along with traditional dead reckoning techniques for planning and laying out safe routes, as well as ensuring that you are on-course while underway.

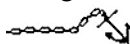
What's included?

- Charts and their interpretation
- Landmarks and navigation aids (buoys, day marks, lights, etc.)
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS - basic GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS course
- Pre-planning courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning

For more information and to pre-register for the class click on the link below:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/index.php/find-a-class-near-you?zip=98467&range=50>

Please let me know if anyone is interested in Offshore Navigation and Celestial Navigation. We have instructors who just need students!!





Jump-Start Your Boating Adventures!

Check your calendars!
District 16 is on an educational mission!
... to provide you with a series of 2-hour web-based no-cost seminars that will enhance your boating experience this summer...

- June 13 **Rules of the Road** with
D/Lt/C Gary Baker, AP-IN, Everett
- July 25 **Marine Charts and Buoys** with
SEO Brian Rachal, AP, Everett
- August 22 **Using GPS and AIS** with
DEO James West, JN, Everett
- September 25 **Boat Handling in Close Quarters** with
SEO Rob Hamilton, Point Wilson

The clinic, **All About VHF and DSC**, is a precursor to the series and is offered to all attending the Poulsbo Rendezvous. Or just come for the seminar—there's room!

Additional seminars/clinics are scheduled for the Fall of 2024.
If you want to know more or are interested in teaching,
please contact Jim West at phnx789@msn.com.

America's Boating Channel™ Tips for Towed Sports Safety

The summer is in full swing, which makes the topic of our safety message today even more urgent – Towed Sports Safety. As our waterways become crowded during this time of year, it is vital to identify and implement important measures for safely water skiing, wake boarding, knee boarding, wake surfing, and tubing.



Videos like this one underscore the need for safety considerations when participating in towed sports. Did you know that according to the Coast Guard, towed water sports account for over 400 boating incidents per year. And let's not forget your life jacket when you're out having fun on the water. In addition to a properly fitted life jacket, get one designed for the type of towed sport you are enjoying.



These measures are presented in the [“Towed Sports Safety”](#) video where viewers learn about proper equipment selection and preparing to tow a person. For instance, tube ropes should be around 60 feet long and heavier than water ski and wake board ropes that should be about 75 feet long. Also, ski ropes should have more give than wake board ropes. Additionally, the video features tips for operating underway.

Follow the video link above or visit

<https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel>

to find this and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.



In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.



Cooperative Charting

WOW, summer has finally arrived and everyone wants to be outside having fun and being on boats. Here is a way to add to your fun and earn this year/s merit mark. While you're out to a National Park or State Park, you can discover a geodetic mark. The marks are easy to find and the kids will love helping. Then you just take a picture of the mark.

So, you are out on the boat in the Puget Sound enjoying a cruise. You will see many buoys on you boating travels. Why not slow down, get somewhat close to the buoy and then take a picture of the buoy.

So, do I need any special tools. Well, yes, kind of... here is what you will need.

- Phone picture application – SOLOCATOR (slight cost)
- Phone map application – Benchmark (free)

Send the picture to me and I will submit the report for you. Yes, it is just that easy and any member with you (up to 4) will get points. What an easy and fun way to earn you merit mark.

P/C Jim Harden, JN-CN
Coop Charting Chair
360.870.5530

Port Orchard Rendezvous

Date: August 16 - 18

Port Orchard Marina

If we want to use the barbecue for our dinner get together on Saturday, there is a rental fee of \$10.

Guest Moorage on G dock: \$50 per night, + \$1.25 per foot over 40'

Electrical: 30 amp - \$5 per night for use

We have reserved 8 spaces so please RSVP by August 1st so we know if we have to add additional dock space (since this is their busy time of the year). Call the marina at 360-876-5535 to let them know the size of your boat so you have a proper slip.

Activities:

Farmers Market on 17th

Scavenger Hunt - prize of "Voucher for 1 night free moorage" (good for anytime in 2 year timeframe)

Foot ferry over to Bremerton to explore

Let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks,

Beth Stone

PH:703-402-9420 or EMAIL:beth.stone@comcast.net

Rendezvous at Port Orchard the weekend of August 16 - 18. We've reserved 10 slips. There will be a Scavenger Hunt with the winner receiving a free night's moorage at the marina that can be used any time in the following 2 years. Contact me at Beth.stone@comcast.net if you plan to attend.



Port Orchard Marina



Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2024 Rendezvous Schedule

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>
Swantown	Swantown Marina	July 26 - 28	Wolfe
Poert Orchard	Port Orchard Marina	August 16 - 18	Stone
Salmon Bake	Sharp Homestead	September 21	Sharp

Please call host if attending a rendezvous for planning purposes and consider hosting a rendezvous or helping to host.



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