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USPS's alternative name America's Boating Club® objective is to attract an additional demographic of boaters. This includes people with smaller boats and paddle craft. These craft provide relatively simple, safe, and affordable ways for people to get into boating. This demographic of boaters may lack familiarity with what is involved. By reaching out to those typically new and younger boaters we provide them opportunities to grow in their boating skills and enjoyment. This stretching of our reach matches well with my motto of "Partner, Outreach, Knowledge".

"Partner" allows more "Outreach" leading to boarder "Knowledge" and from "Knowledge" comes increased "Outreach" gaining more "Partners". When it is properly working it is a two-way street continuing to repeat over time.

Partner – Find groups and/or people with an interest in boating. Not all of them will think of themselves as being "boaters". They could be using boats in some other activity. They could be canoers, kayakers, paddle boarders, fisherman/women, hunters, divers, and etc. Places you're likely to find these groups and people are places like clubs, city/county Parks/Rec, YMCA, youth groups, scouts, and etc. By developing partners we're able to more efficiently create a bigger outreach influence on improving RBS.

Outreach – When we find out about a possible Partner we approach the relationship from the perspective of "How can we better work together and/or support each other?" Like dating, it is a long term process to establish a relationship. With time & learning you develop an understanding how the partner works and their needs/wishes. From outreach the partners share knowledge on improving RBS.

Knowledge – With an understanding of the partnership's needs/wishes knowledge begins to flow. This is when people see value in establishing a partner relationship. Part of this is the willingness to take proposals/questions/requests/etc. back to your group. When this happens things really begin to open up. The partners begin sharing knowledge that benefits both. Knowledge develops a common ground for increased RBS improvements and fellowship.

From the Knowledge gained additional opportunities arise for Outreach which will lead to new Partners. Beginning the process over.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
March 25th, 2025 (6:30-8:30PM)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 11th, 2025 (6:00-8:00PM)
Black Bear Diner
Lakewood, WA

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By reaching out to these alternative boaters we will gain more. Most of us began by playing with inexpensive smaller boats for diverse reasons. And developed our skills and passion for boating by Partnering. Experienced boaters expand their horizons by creating a passion for others to grow their Knowledge. America's Boating Club® provides the opportunity for people to Partner together increasing Outreach to improve Knowledge, in a safe and friendly environment. With this, growth will occur.

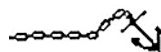
University of Wisconsin study on "Friendship: making friends and extending friendships". It surmised that it takes right around 50 hours of interaction with a person to develop a casual friendship; not all at once, but through reasonably steady interaction. The study pointed out that it takes around 100 hours of proximity and interaction to actually develop a cordial friendship; after 200 hours of interaction the friendship moves to the beginning stages of a close friendship.

Communication brings education, education brings awareness, awareness lessens fear and the lack of fear prevents conflict.

Build strength on strength. Sharpen & accelerate to win. Sharpening our competitive edge...the best getting better. Simplify & enable our teams. Listen to our customers, may not agree or like what they say, but it represents the truth. Our people are our #1 asset & ability to work better together as a team. Listen & understand what the partner's wants/needs/limitations are.

According to BoatUS all recreational boating organizations combined are only reaching 3% of the boating community with our public education classes. It's silly to think of ourselves as being in competition for that 3%. Rather we need to start viewing ourselves as partners in reaching out to the other 97% of the boating public, many of whom do not know we exist.

According to BoatUS 85% of the recreational boating community does not know we exist.



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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 Bob Hays,

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



First, I want to thank the members that made a difference this past USPS Year. From the Bridge that did their best to keep the Squadron going and to volunteer countless hours for this Squadron and its members.

For those who were filling staff duties and worked to help our members, to educate the public, and to help develop others, THANKS!

For the members of the Squadron who attended meetings, shared memories, gave educational insights, and helped with events. THANKS!

For those of you who have held leadership positions in the past. THANKS!

We are about to have our Change of Watch, where the new Bridge steps in to lead and to help our members. THANKS for stepping forward!

This next year will be an opportunity to help our members learn. It will be an opportunity to share our knowledge with the boating public. It can be an opportunity to strengthen our Squadron, but only if we pull together. Some of our members have held multiple leadership positions. Many of our members have volunteered their time for VEs, classes, meetings, and events.

As this new USPS year begins, it is a time to remind yourself why you joined America's Boating Club. What did you want to learn while you were here? What skills did you bring, and what skills have you developed while you were here? How can you give a little of your time and knowledge to help your fellow members, the boating public, and the community?

This Squadron has accomplished so much over the years of its existence, and with all of us pulling together, we can do even more. More help for each other. More learning and sharing. More making a positive difference for the community that we are part of.

As the saying goes, Teamwork makes The Dream Work.

Please join us as an active member of the Squadron. I believe that you will find that by giving a little time and a little effort, we will not only accomplish more but have more fun doing it.





*Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
Sq Education Officer*

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Upcoming classes:

America's Boating Course, the basic boating safety class is being offered Starting April 21, for 4 Mondays plus a 5th Monday for the exam, 7-9 pm at Day Island Yacht Club. The class is for all ages and qualifies for the Washington State Boaters card when passed. If you

know anyone who needs this course pass the information on.

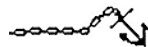
Boat Handling is being offered via Zoom by Friday Harbor Power Squadron starting March 18 for six Tuesday evenings, 6:30- 8:30 pm. USPS member price is \$75. Boat Handling is the next course after America's Boating Course.

Click on the link below for more information and to register for either class:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/index.php/find-a-class-near-you?zip=98467&range=150>

With warmer weather approaching boating enthusiasts prepare for the upcoming summer. Although many of you may find yourselves in the non-boating season, this period can be optimally utilized for meticulous planning and anticipation of exciting summer outings. Take this time to research potential destinations. Whether you prefer tranquil lakes, bustling marinas, or scenic cruises in Puget Sound and beyond. We are planning another cruise to the Broughtons this year. Even though we have been before it still takes lots of planning. Getting the boat ready with spare parts, crab and shrimp pots, fishing gear, meal planning, engine maintenance, oil change, and dinghy service. Much of this is covered in the classes we offer like Engine Maintenance, Marine Navigation and Cruise Planning.

Happy boating!



*America's Boating Club of
1939 - Tacoma and South Puget Sound - 2025
Presents Our 86th Annual Change of Watch*

*Day Island Yacht Club
2120 91st Ave W Ste 1, Tacoma, WA 98466*

Tuesday, April 22th 2025

Social hour starts @ 6:00 PM Followed by Dinner @ 7:00 PM,

The Change of Watch will commence after dinner and dessert. BYOB (non-alcohol)

Chicken / Starch

Salad / Veggie

Rolls / Butter

Cake

Dinner is \$24.00 per person

Reservations are required by April 10, 2025

*Reservations may be made by filling out the form below and returning it with pay-
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*Jim Harden
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3 Yr Term	Lt Jeff Krueger, S
3 Yr Term	Lt Brian Prudente

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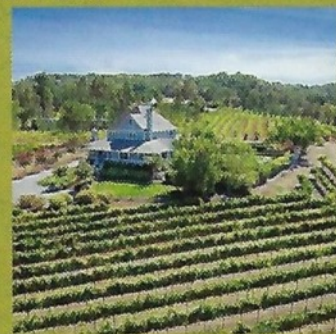
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A foggy day at Deception Pass

(Winning Photo Contest by P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-CN)