



THE HALYARD



March 2019 *The newsletter of Agate Pass Sail and Power Squadron* VOLUME 63 NO. 03

From the Desk of the Commander

Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN



Spring is Almost Here!

I don't know about you but I have had just about enough of freezing temperatures and snow! Don't get me wrong, I love snow and ice as long as it stays where it belongs – on picture post-cards and in the freezer. Well, it IS almost Spring so we should start thinking about warmer weather and boating.

We had a great time at the February dinner meeting. In addition to seeing everyone there we enjoyed an excellent dinner and still managed to pass the budget for next year and elect a new slate of officers. Afterwards we enjoyed a very informative presentation from Adam Yates from *TowBoatUS* (formerly known as Vessel Assist.)

Just this past Monday some of us enjoyed an awesome spaghetti dinner as guests of the Bremerton Sail and Power Squadron. We have had the pleasure of attending this event several times in the past and it is always great. Some pictures from the event are attached at the end.

By the time you read this the *D16 Spring Conference* and *Change Of Watch* will be just a week away. This year it is being held at the Bellevue Hilton. You can get details on the [News and Events](#) page on the District web site. This is a great way to meet folks from the other squadrons in the area and find out what is going on outside our squadron. You don't need to sign up for the actual business meetings, they are open to all and there is no cost for those. Inez and I will be there all day Saturday and will be

attending the banquet and change of watch (always fun to watch) Saturday evening.

With our annual election having just been completed at the February meeting our *Change of Watch* (a.k.a. the COW) will be coming up in April. This year it is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Thursday 18 April at the Poulsbo Yacht Club. The theme for this COW is going to be:



We will have hamburgers, with all the fixin's, potato salad and baked beans. We will have guests from other squadrons and D16. Mark your calendar and plan to be there.

I will be sending out invitations in a couple weeks ago but there is a copy at the end of this issue of *The Halyard* if you want to send it in now. We will need to ask for RSVPs so we can be sure to have enough food on hand.

Education Conference and Incoming Officers Meeting

This is a great opportunity to find out what is coming up in the USPS Education world. Everyone is invited to attend and see how stuff happens. This conference will be on Saturday 20 April and will be held at the **116 COAST Hotel**, Bellevue, WA. You can also see the details for this conference on the [News and Events](#) page on the District web site.

Like last year, this year the Incoming Officers Meeting is being combined so we can accomplish both in the same time frame.

While the Education Conference is focused on the Education department the Incoming Officer Meeting is a chance to meet folks from all the squadrons and the D16 bridge to make sure we are all on the same page (or close). Information and registration are at the end of this issue.

I guess that is all for now. I look forward to seeing you soon.

~~~~~

#### **From the XO**

Lt/C ???????

Sure could use the help of an XO.

~~~~~

From the Admin Department

Lt/C ???????

Spring is in the air! And summer can't too far behind.

There are a lot of activities coming up in the near future (and some a little further out). All of these will be listed on our new web site so check there on a regular basis to stay up with what is happening.

March dinner meeting

The first is the March dinner meeting on 21 March. This will be a **Saint Patrick's Day theme. So remember to bring your set-up and favorite (Irish) drink and if you are a tiny bit Irish (and even if you aren't) wear something green. We will collect \$7 at the door. This is a pot luck dinner as follows:**

A – K	Side dish
S – Z	Dessert
Q – Z	Entrée

Daylight savings time begins Sunday 10 March (the clocks **SPRING** forward an hour).

*Like the warmth of the sun
and the light of the day,
May the luck of the Irish
shine bright on your way*

APSPS Change of Watch

The APSPS Change of Watch will be Thursday 18 April (regular meeting date and time) at the Poulsbo Yacht Club. The theme is The Great America's Boating Club Picnic. This

will be a fun event and you will get to boot out the old bridge and cheer in the new one. This is a special meeting and preregistration is needed to make sure we have enough food. *See the flier at the end of this issue for details and to register.*

Annual Safety Rendezvous

The joint (with Bremerton Squadron) Safety Rendezvous is being arranged by us this year. It will be at the *Port of Brownsville* Marina 26-28 April. This rendezvous is close so you can hopefully attend by boat but come by car if you need to. As we get closer we will have a schedule of seminars and events. Mark your calendar and plan on attending.

May dinner meeting

The May dinner meeting is traditionally the *Galley Slaves Rebellion* (funny story behind that) and our last dinner meeting for the season. It will be 16 May at the Poulsbo Yacht club. Social time is 1830 hours followed by dinner at 1900 hours. Plan on bringing what you want to grill enjoy the fun. Details will be in next months issue of *The Halyard*.

Viking Fest

We will set up our safety booth at the Poulsbo marina at the top of the boat ramp. If you are planning on attending the parade why not stop by the booth. If you come by boat and would like a vessel safety check, come to the booth and put your name on the list with the time you would like the check. After the days' festivities everyone will meet at 1630 hours at *JJ's* restaurant for dinner. All squadron members, and guests, are invited.

Port Ludlow Back-bay Rendezvous

Our annual *Cleaning of the Marker* rendezvous will be 7-9 June. We will raft up in the back bay at Port Ludlow. The incoming commander, that would be Marty, gets to clean and paint the marker while everyone else gets to watch and kibbitz. Always a fun event so plan on being there. The itinerary is still a work in progress and will be published next month.

Annual District 16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo

The annual D16 rendezvous is scheduled for 20-23 Jun and will be held at the *Port of Poulsbo*. Details, other than the dates, have not been announced yet but when they are they will be announced on the [News and Events](#) page on the District web site so check it periodically. This is always a fun event whether you come by boat or by car.

Blues and Brews Festival Rendezvous

Saturday 24 August will be the annual *Poverty Bay Blues and Brews Festival* at Normandy Park in *Des Moines*. For the past few years we have joined up with the Bremerton Squadron for a rendezvous at the Des Moines marina and we will do so again this year. The BSPS folks have already reserved the slips and are accepting sign-ups now. The rendezvous will be 23-25 August and we will have discounted pricing on the festival tickets. If you can not come by boat you can still drive in for the festival on Saturday. Contact Rush LaSelle (303-888-0780 or rlaselle@gmail.com) ASAP if you want to attend to make sure you have a slip and tickets.

~~~~~

### From the Education Department

P/C Jacqui Stevenson, AP-IN



*Is it finally  
starting to warm  
up? I surely hope  
so!*

I still think we are off to a good start, even though we had to cancel the February **ABC** class due to the uncertainties of weather and driving conditions. All of the students who were signed up for it have agreed to attend the March class. So, right now, we have 10 students for the March class – YAY!

### FUTURE PLANS:

**ABC** class at PYC on Saturday and Sunday 16-17 March from 0900 to 1700 each day. There will be an exam on Sunday afternoon. Class fee for Non-Members is \$45 and an additional \$20 if a person wants to share a

text. Class fee for Members is \$31 with additional \$15 to share a text.

**Advanced Piloting (AP)** is well under way and going strong with students from Agate Pass and Bremerton.

### WRAP UP & LOOKING FORWARD:

- Looking forward to Squadron activities – by land and by sea – *when it gets warmer!*
- 8-9 March - District 16 Spring Conference, Bellevue Hilton.
- 26-28 April, Safety Rendezvous with Bremerton Squadron at Brownsville Marina
- 18 May - Safety & Education Booth & Vessel Safety Checks, Viking Fest, Port of Poulsbo
- 7-9 June - Port Ludlow Rendezvous & Marker Cleaning
- 21-23 June - District 16 Rendezvous, Port of Poulsbo

As always - remember to check [www.nwboatertraining.com](http://www.nwboatertraining.com) for all courses and seminars coming up throughout the District.

~~~~~

Squadron Activities

21 Mar	Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC
18 Apr	Squadron Change of Watch at PYC
26-28 Apr	Safety Rendezvous at Brownsville
16 May	Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC
18 May	Viking Fest Safety Booth
7-9 Jun	Port Ludlow Back-Bay rendezvous
20-23 Jun	D-16 Rendesvous, Port of Poulsbo
23-25 Aug	Blues & Brews rendezvous

~~~~~

**AGATE PASS SAIL AND POWER  
SQUADRON OFFICERS**

**COMMANDER**

Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN (360) 271-6185

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Lt/C

**SQUADRON EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**

Lt/C Jacqui Stevenson, AP-IN (360) 621-7614

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Lt/C

**SECRETARY**

Lt/C Marie McBride (360) 271-4335

**TREASURER**

Lt/C Dave McBride (360) 536-0192

**ASST. SQUADRON EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**

**BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Lt Roland Malan, AP (360) 638-2997

P/C Rhonda Chen, AP-CN (206) 842-1941

Bill Dowdney, S (206) 780-2189

P/C Tedd Kraft, S (206) 855-4990

*The Halyard* Editor  
P/C Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN  
(360) 271-6185  
[Knot.knormal01@gmail.com](mailto:Knot.knormal01@gmail.com)

***The Halyard* deadline is the Monday after the  
Executive Board Meeting each month, August  
through April.**

***Squadron meetings are held on the third Thursday of  
each month, September through May, at 1800 at  
Poulsbo Yacht Club.***

<https://ABCPoulsbo.com>

<http://www.nwboatertraining.com>

<http://www.usps.org>

<http://www.uspsd16.org/>







# Agate Pass Sail & Power Squadron

invites you to



## And Change of Watch

Thursday 18 April 2019

Poulsbo Yacht Club\*

1800 social hour, 1900 dinner

Installation of Officers to follow

Meal will be Picnic Style

Hamburgers with all the fixin's

Jacqui's Excellent Potato Salad

Tedd's Famous Baked Beans

Carrot Cake w/cream cheese frosting (Yum)

\*Poulsbo Yacht Club, 18129 Fjord Dr. NE, Poulsbo, WA

All reservations must be accompanied by a check  
made payable to APSPS

Please mail your RSVP to:

Agate Pass Sail and Power Squadron

PO Box 842

Poulsbo, WA 98370

1. Name, Rank and Grade

2. Name, Rank and Grade

Address

City

State, Zip

Phone

On or before 8 April \$18.00 each (\$20 each  
after 8 April)

Number

Amount

Total