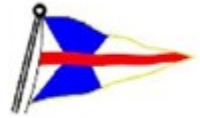




# THE HALYARD



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## From the Desk of the Commander

Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN



### Look out! Here comes the end of the year!

In a word, WOW! This year has really whizzed right by. Christmas is in three weeks and one week later is New Year Day. Hard to believe that 2019

is almost upon us. Between now and then we have a lot of stuff happening.

With the holiday season here we again have the collection boxes for toys and food items set up in the entry way of the Poulsbo Yacht Club to collect donations. To enable the delivery of these toys in time for Christmas we need to have them all collected by 12 Dec.

We also have our land cruise coming up on Saturday 8 Dec (Flier at end of this issue). If you want to attend and have not contacted Marie yet then you need to do so ASAP to make sure there is a seat for you at the table. Also, if you planned to go but have to change those plans then please let Marie know ASAP so we can accommodate other members and the restaurant. A couple weeks later is our dinner meeting at the Poulsbo Yacht Club (PYC) on Thursday 20 Dec. Please remember that we now start 30 minutes earlier than in the past. I do hope you plan to attend, we are putting on a great feast.

Some of us recently attended a Celebration of Life for our dear friend Linda Swolgaard. Several of you asked to know more about Linda so I am including an article written about Dave and Linda when Dave was the squadron commander. This article was originally published in the May 2010 issue of *The Halyard* and is attached at the end of this issue.

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

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## From the XO

Lt/C ???????

Sure could use the help of an XO.

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## From the Admin Department

Lt/C ???????

Our next dinner meeting is on Thursday 20 Dec. Flier at end of this issue.

Our theme for December is, you guessed it, Christmas. Details for the menu are at the end of this issue. Since this is the annual Christmas dinner the usual \$7 is not being collected, although donations would be greatly appreciated.. Remember to bring in your set-up and favorite beverage.

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## From the Education Department

P/C Jacqui Stevenson, AP-IN



### **MERRY CHRISTMAS and all the other HAPPY HOLIDAY GREETINGS too!**

I was so very happy to see that 3 (or maybe it was 4) of you accepted my challenge and brought 30 food donations! This is awesome! Can we do it again for December – I will try?

This is soooooo very easy --- there are so many food and health items that you can get for less than \$1.00 each and if I can afford to spend just under \$30, I think you can too. Remember to utilize the "Dollar Store" and also remember baby food and items for pets! Let's see how much we can do for those who are not as fortunate as we are!

## FUTURE PLANS:

We are looking ahead to 2019. We are hoping to reach many new students AND to get some new members! Wouldn't that be great?

**ABC** - We have scheduled an ABC at Poulsbo Yacht Club (PYC) on 16-17 Feb and again 16-17 Mar. Traditionally students of the ABC classes are a primary source for new members so let people you know about these two classes, we need people to show up.

Here's what Bremerton Sail & Power Squadron has on their schedule – if you know someone who would fit better into their time frames:

**ABC** - Saturday 23 Feb 2019 at the South Kitsap Fire & Rescue station, 1974 Fircrest St, Port Orchard.

**Advanced Piloting** - Begins 22 Jan, 2019 at Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, 6470 Seabeck Hwy, Bremerton/Silverdale. This course runs for 10 weeks. I believe that CDR Marty will be teaching a few sessions of this course in conjunction with the BSPS instructors.

To sign up for any of these classes, and for all course offerings throughout D16, go to North West Boater Training (<https://www.nwboatertraining.com/>), click on **Course Locations** and then click on the city name. For *APSPS* classes click on *Poulsbo* and for *Bremerton* classes click on *Bremerton*.

If, for some reason the *nwboatertraining* site is not working for you then please contact Rush ([rlaselle@gmail.com](mailto:rlaselle@gmail.com)) or Marty ([knot.knormal01@gmail.com](mailto:knot.knormal01@gmail.com)) directly. Remember to sign up early to ensure you have course material available at the start of class.

## WRAP UP & LOOKING FORWARD:

Looking forward to Squadron activities – by land!

Hope to see lots of you at the December 20 meeting. Time to start looking for a recipe for the December P/C Cookie Bake Off!

And then there is the **Big Seattle Boat Show!** 25 Jan – 2 Feb. Time to check out new gadgets and trinkets for our favorite pastime!

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

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## **Squadron Activities**

<b>08 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas dinner and Kingston Lights</b>
<b>20 Dec</b>	<b>Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC</b>
<b>25 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
<b>1 Jan 2019</b>	<b>New Years Day</b>
<b>17 Jan</b>	<b>Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC</b>
<b>25 Jan – 2 Feb</b>	<b>Seattle Boat Show</b>

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

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## Squadron Notes

P/C Inez Schwartz, JN

I agree with a saying that Marty uses a lot – “anytime you can mess about on boats is a good thing”. So what better place than *Meganser’s* cockpit to sit down and talk to Dave and Linda Swolgaard about their history to include in this month’s Historian’s Corner.

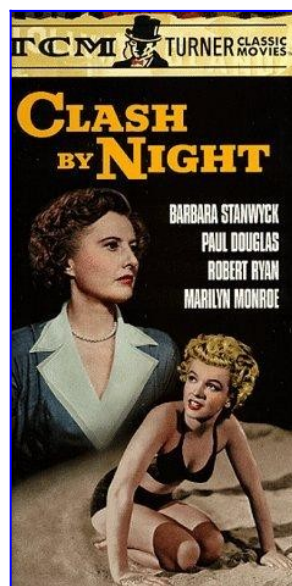
Linda is a home grown Bainbridge Island girl. She moved to California to finish college in San Jose. After her degree in education she taught elementary school, got married and her 2 children were born in California. They lived in Salinas for several years. Her husband was Army so after Ft Ord, it was off to San Francisco and then Long Island, New York. She and her husband actually had a boat then – a bow rider. Her children, Amy and Eric were pre-teen when their father left them in Long Island so the three of them moved back to Bainbridge Island.



Dave was born in California and he with his Mom and step-dad also lived in Japan, in Texas at Ft Hood, then back to California in Seaside, Pacific Grove and Monterey. He remembers his grandmother’s house near Cannery Row being used in a 1952 film with Barbara Stanwick, Paul Douglas and Marilyn Monroe. *(Title and movie vhs sleeve from IMDb-Internet Movie Data Base).* As a young

man it was exciting to get to meet some of the cast.

While growing up in Monterey Dave was exposed to the dying industrial area that had once been one of the biggest in the fish cannery business. He knew of purse-seiner fishermen who filled off-shore hoppers with sardines, then pumped them into the remaining cannery operations.



Dave bought his first boat, in 1964, when he lived in Orange County. He paid the exorbitant sum of \$100 for a 10 foot Sears run-about with a covered front deck and a small outboard. That boat was a common sight, all around the area, being pulled on a trailer behind his VW bus. He later traded the boat for an M1 Carbine with 1000 rounds of ammo but later turned around and sold that for \$200. His next boat had an air cooled Sears engine. He would carefully turn the small craft over, lift the inverted bow up over his head and rest it on the rack on top of his Ford Van. Then he would pick up the aft end and push it forward to secure the boat to the van’s roof. At some point through all of this Dave married and had a daughter Fran, born and raised in Southern California. He traveled all over California and Oregon to go boating on the many lakes. Being on the water was a part of life for Dave and where they lived near Long Beach and Naples there were canals. These were fun to go up and down, where he could observe the rich lifestyles of those who lived there, but mostly just for the fun of boating.

He had always talked about exploring in canoes – maybe going on the Colorado River near Lake Havasu. But instead he got into sailing in the late 60’s. Dave had heard about a sailing school where if you took lessons you could rent 25’ sail boats. Sailing came almost as a natural for Dave. In fact after his first class the instructor suspected that he had done this before even though his instruction had all been done from reading about sailing. He was soon out 3 days a week where he lived in



Newport Beach. Since he worked nights, he slept half the day, then sailed the other half. Seemed like the perfect plan.

After Fran was grown and left home Dave bought a 30' Catalina sail boat and he and his wife moved aboard in 1977 then left California for an adventurous trip up the West Coast in June 1978. Nine weeks later they were at Winslow Wharf. When they first arrived in Eagle Harbor, Dave knew this is where he wanted to be. Dave while still not employed, was befriended by the manager of the marina who let him clean the docks to pay for moorage. Dave found a job in the fall.

One of the first people he met was *Bainbridge Island Review* editor Walt Woodward who was also the author of "How to cruise to Alaska without rocking the boat too much". Walt gave Dave an autographed copy of his book with "May you find Desolation Sound in your own boat someday". Walt Woodward was also a member of Agate Pass Squadron and suggested Dave join and take classes.

The Catalina ended up being sold later in the process of a divorce. Dave then bought a 23' North American named *Merganser*.

By 1984 mutual friends at Dave's work set him and Linda up as a blind date. Linda and Dave hit it off right away as she was not only impressed with Dave but how well he and her two children got along. While getting to know each other Linda, having really enjoyed the Monterey area while she lived there, asked Dave just why had he moved from California. His response with a smile was "To marry you!" which of course was the right answer (smart man!).

When Dave took Linda and the children out sailing, Linda remembers Amy asking "Can this go any faster?" Their only previous experience with boating had been on Long Island in the "go-fast" bow rider.

Dave and Linda were married in Aug 1986 at the little Chapel in Roche Harbor. Of course they arrived by boat.

Out on sea trials with the prospective buyer for the North American, Dave was coming back into Eagle Harbor with no wind and proceeded just a little too far towards the head of the bay.



This tactic caused him to find lack of sufficient space under the keel! How embarrassing! Fortunately it was just before high tide so the grounding was brief and the buyer took the boat anyway. In fact, on a recent cruise to South Sound, Dave spotted a boat that looked a lot like the *Merganser*. As he got closer, sure enough it was his old North American tied up at Swan Town in Olympia.

*Merganser* was replaced with a 27' Catalina that they also called *Merganser*. Through continued friendship with Walt Woodward, Dave finally joined the Agate Pass Power Squadron in the summer of 1990, just about the time they purchased their Catalina. And as Walt had



wished for them, Dave and Linda made it to Desolation Sound in their own boat – *Merganser*! There were not many summers when a multi-week cruise wasn't made over the past twenty years. Many were enjoyed with other boats of Agate Pass squadron joining the adventure or members aboard as crew on *Merganser*.

Even though it was 1990 when Dave became a member of Agate Pass squadron, he had a great deal of respect for what USPS stood for. He had taken the basic boating class in 1976 in Newport Beach and as he did then, feels very strongly about the good that the education and training provides. By the end of 1994 Linda also joined the squadron. Both became active with classes and other functions of the squadron. Because Dave was already helping out with the printing of the newsletter *The Halyard*, he was the natural person to step up as Editor when Ruth Kohl, the previous editor, took over as Commander for the 1994-1995 watch. Linda has been part of the bridge as Secretary off and on since 1996. Her past experience as a school teacher has given the squadron a major resource with regard to leading the operations training on many occasions as well as heading up Instructor Development.



In 2000 Dave and Linda lowered *Merganser's* sails for the last time and turned their seamanship skills to power boating. Their choice was their current boat, a 26' Tollycraft. Oh, they named it *Merganser*. I do see a pattern here. If you want to hear the story behind the significance of the name, please ask them.

With the exception of those in the squadron who live-aboard, I think Dave and Linda have spent the most time out on their boat. It seems like they are at every rendezvous and raft up. That is a good thing because they often would arrive a day early and put down the hook. You can be walking the docks at one of the local marinas and might very well see them there.

When the grandchildren began arriving, they were proud to keep us all informed. I remember one Christmas dinner meeting when we had one of those gift exchanges where you drew a number,



picked a gift, then the next person had the option to pick a gift and it could be yours! Anyway the gift Dave chose was this big teddy bear (for an upcoming grandchild) and he had to fight to keep it; which he did I might add. It was good entertainment for all of us.



Dave and Linda have been a major thread throughout the past 20 years as the squadron bridge has platted itself with old and new members around them. Dave brings much experience and passion for boating to the position of Commander. I really must include Linda in

that statement because the two of them make such a good team. Now they can fly a Commander flag along with a Lt/C flag.





Linda Swolgaard

September 20, 1942-October 17, 2018

# **Christmas Dinner**

## **Entrée**

**Roasted Rib-eye w/au jus and  
Horseradish  
and Roast Turkey**

## **Sides**

**Seasoned Red Potatoes, Roasted  
Brussel Sprouts, Green Peas w/Pearl  
Onions, Cesar Salad  
Bread Rolls and Butter**

## **Dessert**

**Past Commander's Cookie Bake-Off  
Ice Cream and Decaf Coffee**



## December Land Cruisin'

**Dinner at Arnie's Restaurant in Edmonds  
and viewing the Kingston Marina light  
display**

We enjoyed it so much last year we are doing it again! If you are interested in attending the land cruise set for Saturday 8 December please contact Marie as soon as possible. We will meet at the Kingston ferry in time to take the 1600 ferry to Edmonds; a dinner reservation at Arnie's Restaurant has been made for 1700.

After returning to Kingston, we will view the lights around the Marina. The light display grows bigger every year so, if you haven't seen them in a while, it is worth doing.

It's approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the ferry to the restaurant, so if you need transportation to and from the ferry in Edmonds, let Marie know.