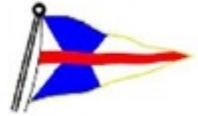




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From the Decks of Knot Knormal

Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN



Its decision time!

I was truly happy to see those of you who showed up for the first membership meeting of the year in September. I do have to admit that I had hoped more of you would have attended to help start our year out right.

Normally October is our joint meeting with the Bremerton Squadron but that is not going to happen this year. Instead the Bridge has decided we would like to take the opportunity to have a frank and open conversation about where we want to see the squadron go. So if you want to have your input to that conversation please plan to attend the October membership meeting. *The more of you that show up and participate the better decisions we can make about our future.*

This is the time of year that the Nomination Committee starts working on assembling a slate of officers for the next bridge year. While we have someone to step into the Commander, Secretary and SEO positions I have to be honest with you and tell you that is not enough.

At the October meeting we will discuss where you want the squadron to go and what you are willing to do to help it get there. We will be making some decisions about what happens next. ***For that reason it is important that everyone who can possibly attend be there.***



From the XO

Lt/C Dave McBride, AP



The time to start thinking about next years Bridge Officers, Committee's and aides is upon us. I am slated to become next years Commander and with it comes the stress of only having been a squadron member for three years. To succeed I would

like to surround myself with knowledgeable senior members and also new members willing to volunteer and learn the duties required to run a squadron. I am asking for volunteers for positions I think will give us the best chance to continue as a squadron and once again get a line of succession going.

At this time, we have a lot of positions open, some of these open positions are required by our bylaws. For at least the past 3 years we have not been in accordance with our bylaws. I would like to fix that. At this time, we have 24 positions being filled by 9 members. These are positions I would like to fill for the next bridge year.

- Chaplin
- Assistant Squadron Education Officer
- Historian
- Web Master
- Public Relations
- Halyard Editor
- Safety Chair
- Vessel Safety Check Chair
- Membership Chair
- Membership helper
- Member involvement Chair
- Facebook Admin Chair
- Members at Large, 2 - 3
- Auditing Committee Chair
- Auditing Committee Helper

Nominating Committee Chair
Nominating Committee Helper
Rules Committee Chair
Ship's Store
Supply Officer
Squadron telephone calling committee
Merit Mark Chair

All these positions fall under one of the following Bridge Officer Positions which will also need to be filled:

Commander – Dave McBride, AP
Executive Officer – Vacant
Administration Officer - Vacant
Squadron Educational Officer – Marty Schwartz
Secretary – Marie McBride
Treasurer – Vacant

The Operations Manual ([link](#)) lists job descriptions for all the different jobs in a squadron. Some of them are:

Public Relations - A) Publicize information pertaining to the *America's Boating Course* dates, times, location(s) through various types of media (posters, flyers, newspapers, radio, TV).

Membership Committee - The membership committee reviews, evaluates and processes applications for membership. Under guidelines approved by the Operating Committee, its prime function is to accept applications and recommend these applicants to the squadron's executive committee for approval.

Squadron member involvement committee - is composed of a group of enthusiastic squadron members who are responsible for the involvement both in educational and social activities of all members. They must encourage new and active members, as well as inactive members, to participate fully in squadron educational and social activities.

Squadron meetings, programs and entertainment committee plays an important part in the success of the squadron. Affairs, such as anniversary parties, change of watch dinners and commander's balls, require much attention to detail. A large committee might be divided into three

The squadron historian is the custodian of squadron records and collects and preserves

information and photographs pertaining to all squadron activities through out the year.

Squadron roster committee is responsible for the preparation of a directory which becomes a most important document to the members and especially to the squadron bridge.

Newsletter committee in the squadron is chaired by the editor. He and the committee members are responsible for editing and publishing the newsletter.

Squadron telephone calling committee is a very important and valuable group. This special committee is probably unique at the squadron level. This committee is the personal contact, a real person, notifying the squadron members of coming events and inviting them to participate in these activities. An invitation to a meeting, rendezvous or social has special meaning when it is a personalized message.

Squadron computer systems committees - Creates and updates our local web site

Auditing committee audits funds and records on the basis of the fiscal year established by the bylaws.

Nominating committee is responsible for selecting a slate of officers. The committee weighs the qualifications of members being considered for elective office and then nominates candidates

Rules committee is the guardian of adherence to bylaws and USPS policy matters. It does not have the authority to finalize or amend any action pertaining to them. The committee interprets the bylaws and advises the commander on procedural matters.

Property officer and members of this committee, appointed by the commander, maintain an inventory of all properties belonging to the squadron.

Supply Officer and members of this committee, appointed by the commander, maintain an inventory of all consumable properties belonging to the squadron.

None of these jobs are that hard to do and none of them take a major time commitment. Anything you can do to help the squadron thrive will make a difference.

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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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