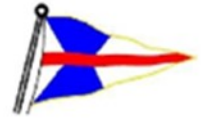




THE HALYARD



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From the Decks of Knot Knormal

Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-CAN



Where did THAT come from?

Well, we are certainly in a bit of a fix right now. Most business and organizations, including ABCPoulsbo, are shuttered for the time being due to the covid-19 pandemic. This thing came outta left field and has whacked us a pretty good one! While we are currently on a two-week Stay-at-home order from the governor I fully expect it to be extended. The President has already extended the federal guidelines to 30 April and I fully expect Washington state to follow suit.

So what does that mean for ABCPoulsbo? Well, for starters it means all of our meetings, classes and rendezvous have been canceled through the end of April. We have not canceled the May dinner meeting yet but that is very likely going to happen. Dave gets to make that decision later. It also means that we will not be holding the Change of Watch (COW) in April. That is not as big an issue as you may think since the COW is a traditional ceremony to pass the baton but is not the actual changing of the bridge. At the annual meeting in February we elected the officers for next year (2020-21 Bridge year) and the change will take effective on 16 Apr whether we have a ceremony or not. It will be unfortunate if we can not do some kind of ceremony. There are other options that the bridge and district are exploring and we will certainly let you know when, how and where something will occur.

So this is my last message as your commander, Dave McBride, AP will be taking the helm on Thursday 16 Apr. I am hopeful that we can all work together to keep the squadron alive through this virus mess and keep it growing. It is going to take effort from everyone and I am asking you to all support Dave, and the rest of

the bridge, as we move forward.



From the XO

Lt/C Dave McBride, AP



Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all doing whatever it takes to stay safe from the Covid 19 virus.

We have just finished up the last Bridge meeting of the year. The new bridge assumes the watch as of April 19 and will hold its first bridge meeting on 26 April. Unfortunately, with all the precautions that are now in place this meeting will be a video conference call.

I would like to personally thank Marty for the outstanding job he has done as Commander. Since 1956, when Agate Pass Sail & Power Squadron was chartered, Marty is the only member to hold the office of Commander four times. Had we been able to have a Change of Watch you would have been able to see the gift I gave him. We all know that Marty is a computer geek, so I got him a 4G Raspberry PI credit-card sized computer that plugs into a computer monitor or TV and uses a standard keyboard and mouse. Well done Marty!

We no longer store the squadron's belongings in Marty's storage shed. We have completed the move from Reliable Storage to Pro-Guard Storage. Marty and Inez now have more room to store their belongings and the squadron will save about \$200.00 annually. Because we are non-profit, we were able to get a \$89.00 per month storage shed for \$23.00 per month and an insurance plan for \$11.00 per month, total cost per month is \$34.00.

With the boating season just around the corner, Covid-19 is making it hard to stay abreast of all the changes being implemented at the marinas around Puget Sound and Canada. Below are some links you can go to find out about those

COVID-19 Closures as of 3/26/2020 4PM

All state lands, trails, and mooring buoys are closed and water access is not allowed - https://www.dnr.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/amp_rec2020_rec_closure.pdf?f23e5ts

There are still plenty of places and Marinas to escape for a few days if you're suffering from cabin fever but be aware most state and county lands are closed and will be updated April 8th.

Please don't count on reciprocal moorage being available - check with each club as you plan your trip! Anchoring out is still an option - Fuel in Marinas have shortened hours - call before you go! Stay safe and I will try and keep you updated as things progress!

Lt/C ???????

In addition to dinner meetings all our early cruise plans have been tossed out the window. I am really hopeful that by June we will be able to get out on the water. Surely by August we should be able to go on our planned South Sound cruise and we are planning that out. The remaining rendezvous are:

1. June Back Bay Rendezvous (5-7)
2. June D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo (12-14)

6.Soup Pot Rendezvous w/Bremerton 9-11 Oct

In the mean time stay healthy, stay safe and wash your hands – a lot.



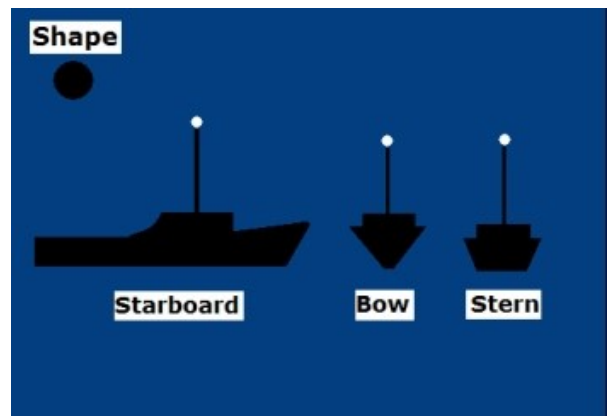
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In the mean time, you don't really have to wait for a scheduled class to learn something. There are a fair number of videos you can watch on Americas Boating Channel at <https://americasboatingchannel.com/>.



Send me your answers and I will post them
in the next issue.



What's Happening!



As some of you know Candi and I started a major refit/rebuild project a "few" years ago. Last year decided to retire and work on her (SUNSET) full time. She is an 1979 Endeavour 43 foot. Center cockpit Clipper Ketch. Shoal draft (6'), cutaway forefoot, heavy displacement (14 ton).



So far everything bad and or questionable has been ripped out. Which left me with a fiberglass shell

When completed she will look like this.

Forward Stateroom

Saloon

Aft Stateroom



Next month more system details, what has been accomplished on the outside and where I'm at now.

PC Allen Cowles, SN

AGATE PASS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON BURGEES



Depicts Hi-way 305 as it crosses the Agate pass bridge. The gold border indicates that are charted is over 50 years old.

Appliqued Cut & Stitch Burgees

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how many and what sizes and I will get a firm quote.

Flag Size

There is no *one-size-fits-all* policy for nautical flags. Flag size on boats is determined by the size of the boat - either overall vessel length, or the height above the waterline of the tallest mast. This practice is based on longstanding nautical tradition.

A national ensign flown at the flagstaff should be one inch on the fly for each foot of overall length of the vessel. So a 30 foot vessel should fly a national ensign that has at least a 30 inch fly.

All other flags on *power boats* should be 5/8 inch on the fly for each foot of overall length. On *sail-boats*, however, they should be 1/2 inch on the fly for each foot above the waterline of the tallest mast on the boat. (That is, if the top of the mast is 30 feet above the waterline, these other flags should be 15 inches on the fly.)

When purchasing a flag, the size of the flag is usually rounded up to the next larger commercially available size because more often than not the flags worn by a boat are too small.

While a large number of boaters operate a boat that requires a 12 x 18 inch burgee, that burgee would be way too small for a 50' boat. Since proper flag display is one measure of a good seaman, boaters should obtain and fly properly sized flags on their boat.

Typical Burgee Sizes	Power Boat Length	Sail Boat Mast Height
6" x 9"	<9'	< 18'
10" x 15"	10' - 24'	19' - 30'
12" x 18"	25' - 28'	31' - 36'
14" x 21"	29' - 33'	37' - 42'
16" x 24"	34' - 38'	43' - 48'
18" x 27"	39' - 43'	49' - 54'
20" x 30"	44' - 48'	55' - 60'

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