



THE HALYARD



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From the Desk of the Commander

Cdr Tedd Kraft, S



CLIPPING ON, TETHERS, AND JACKLINES

I don't see many jacklines on the boats in marinas. Occasionally on a sail boat. I think they should all have jacklines. Haven't seen one on a power boat. Wonder why? Well, for one thing sailors frequently go forward to mess with lines and sails. The boat is bouncing around, of course, and lines are whipping. Could cause you to lose your footing and pitch overboard. Not good. Power boaters are different because they seldom go on deck, and they are so warm and dry—why would they want to? But what if they need to. What keeps them on board? Don't know.

Consider this: sailboats and power boats could easily install inexpensive large eye-bolts in strategic places so you could have a strong point to clip on to. Easy. But what will you clip on with? You'll need a tether for the boat and the other end for you. YOU? Yep. How many of you have a way of doing that? I know the answer—almost none. Does your PFD have large D-rings to clip to? And are they strong enough to support your body being hurtled across the deck? Big shock load! Something to consider.

Why? It's cold out there. Our boating water temperature is between 44-56 degrees F. That's somewhere between 12-18 degrees F above freezing. Colder than you thought, HUH! In 30 minutes to 2 hours you will be exhausted or unconscious, and in 1-6 hours you will be dead. So, stay out of the water (think clipping on!). Did you know that your body loses heat 25 times faster in cold water than in cold air?

It's true. Do you know where the escape ladder nearest your boat is at your marina. You may have to save yourself.

Whether you stay on board or go over the side, a simple thing you can do to increase your comfort (and survival time) is to never wear cotton. Wet cotton is useless as an insulator and heavy. Wear wicking, low-temperature designed fabric next to your skin. Long sleeved if possible. But then you need an insulating layer of wool or fleece, and then an outer layer of wind proof-water tight material like nylon or Gore-Tex. You may already have these. Just wear them on your boat. Layering! I'll admit it's hard to avoid cotton, but avoid it if you can. Especially on your upper torso.

Talk with your boating friends in our power squadron and take our classes. It's surprising how much they can help you. Also, there are so many good boating articles in books, magazines, and the internet that can be of help to you. Learn and be prepared. After all, that's what makes boating FUN! See you on the water!

One last thing. Thank you for the opportunity to serving you as Commander for the last two years. I know that I should have done it better, but I did what I could. Our Agate Pass Sail and Power Squadron lives and its future is bright. I'm grateful for that and for your friendship.



From the XO

P/C Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN



What Next?

Well, we have a bridge for the next year. There was some question as to whether that would happen so I am very pleased to see it did.

So, now that we have that resolved it is time to get with the program and push for growth in the squadron.

Stop and think about this for a moment: Do you have boating friends who you would like to see be safer boaters? If you are boating with them I would certainly hope so. We all know people who are NOT members of the squadron yet.

I have to admit that I would personally love to know everyone out on the water knew at least as much as I do about boating, boating laws and boating etiquette. While I know that is really a pipe dream I also know that people will only learn that if they get involved with education opportunities like we present.

One more thing I know: People will only join us (1) if they know we exist and (2) if they are invited. Very few people will actively go out to find a group like us. But they may join us if you ask them.

Besides, we are a fun bunch to hang out with. And education is only part of what we do. The best friends we have are those we met boating.

D16 Change of Watch

The District Change of Watch will be in Oak Harbor this year. The dates are 9-10 March. For all the details on the planned activities and where to make hotel reservations check out the District web site at <https://www.uspsd16.org/cow> and at the end of this issue. The registration form is at the end of this issue of *The Halyard*.

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 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).

Rendezvous

It is never too soon to start thinking about getting out on the boat this summer. The first official outing is already scheduled for the first weekend in May. The joint Safety Rendezvous is being scheduled by Bremerton Squadron this year. It will be at the Port of Brownsville Marina 4-6 May 2018. 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.

Summer Cruise

The folks in the Bremerton Sail and Power Squadron are planning a summer cruise and they have extended an invitation to us to join them for all or part of it. Inez and I plan on joining them for at least the *Maple Bay* portion since that will also be a meeting of several other squadrons from D16 and Canada. The itinerary is at the end of this issue of *The Halyard*. Even if you only THINK you might want to go then let them (and me) know so any early reservations can be made. It is much easier to cancel reservations later than it is to get them at the last minute.



From the Admin Department

Lt/C Dawn Virnig, P



As I write my article for the March issue of *The Halyard*, I am being treated to the four seasons in one day. I awoke to snow and it was settling to a nice dusting of white; then the sun came out.

The snow tried two more times before the sun finally won the day and melted all the snow; now it's really windy.

We were going to have a speaker in February as Allen had planned a demonstration on knots but caught this flu and therefore was unable to attend the dinner meeting. After a delicious dinner and some decadent chocolate desserts the voting took place and unanimously elected the incoming bridge. One open seat was filled by Ralph for the audit position.

Thanks Inez and Jacqui for taking care of the table set-ups, Jacqui for the lovely table decorations (including valentine candies) and Marie, Inez, Marty and Jacqui for cleaning up.

The theme for March is St. Patrick's Day – yippee! We have volunteers who will bring in brisket and dessert, so we are set to have our traditional St. Paddy's Day celebration. We would like to ask folks to bring side dishes. See the attached menu for details.

Remember to bring in your set-up and favorite drink; the usual \$7 will apply.

Daylight savings time begins Sunday 11 March when we set our clocks forward an hour. And the first day of Spring is 20 March.



From the Education Department

P/C Jacqui Stevenson, AP-IN



SPRING WILL BE HERE on 20 March!

I know, I am a *broken record* but I am tired of winter!

Went to the Boat Show, worked a shift in the D/16 Booth – it was fun as usual. Walked around the show but didn't buy much and nothing boat related except for the *Cap'n Jack's* tide/current book. I did, however, renew our BoatsUS towing insurance - it is such a smart and important investment. *Cowboy's Sunset* has been in Port Townsend for haul-out since 11 February; she is coming home on Saturday 3 March. I will be so happy when this process is completed; it has been expensive but she is looking nice & shiny!!

OK, now to the SEO business.

WHAT'S GOING ON:

Piloting will finish up next week – I think the exams are handed out on 6 March.

ABC was presented on 17-18 February and XO Marty did another fine job of teaching the nine students in the class. They all passed, of course, and we are hoping to see these

students again at another class or as new members of Agate Pass.

FUTURE PLANS:

We do not have anything scheduled specifically but we are thinking we should present another ABC class in April.

Bremerton Squadron is presenting a series of *Boat Talks* - the first was on the Automatic Identification System (AIS) for recreational boaters. The next one is on Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and will be on 17 March at the Kitsap Regional Library at 1302 Sylvan Way. John Chen will be presenting it. There is no fee for this informative presentation. We will provide information on future topics as it becomes available to us.

WRAP UP & LOOKING FORWARD:

Spring Conference is 9-11 March on Whidbey Island.

D16 Education Conference and Incoming Officers Meeting is 9am–4pm on Saturday 28 April at *Hotel 116*, a Coast Hotel, 625 116th Ave NE, Bellevue.

Looking forward to Squadron activities – by land and sea.

Looking forward to travel – by land and sea.

And most of all, looking forward to warm weather and fun times with my APSPS friends!

As always - remember to check www.nwboatertraining.com for all courses and seminars coming up throughout the District.

**Come for the boating education—
stay for the friends!**



And Now, the Election Results!

P/C Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN

It was great to have a good turnout for the February dinner meeting. We had a quorum and were able to hold the election of officers as scheduled. As specified in the By-Laws, at our February General Meeting we elect the officers to fill the Bridge and elected committees for the next fiscal year.

One member, P/C Ralph Weaver SN, stepped up at the meeting to fill the vacancy for the Auditing committee. Thanks for that, Ralph.

Here is the list of officers we elected for 2018-2019. As you can see, we still have several vital positions that need to be filled.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
Commander	Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN
Executive Officer	- Open -
Administrative Officer	- Open -
Educational Officer	Jacqui Stevenson, AP
Secretary	Linda Swolgaard, AP
Treasurer	Dave McBride, S
Immediate Past Commander	Tedd Kraft, S
Member at Large	Roland Malan, AP
Member at Large	Bill Dowdney, S
Member at Large	- Open -
Nominating Committee chair	- Open -
Auditing Committee chair (3-year term)	Ralph Weaver, SN
Rules Committee chair (3-year term)	- Open -

We can appoint members to any open position so if you are willing to help us run and grow the squadron please let one of the bridge members know. We can certainly use the help and you definitely have something to contribute to make *Agate Pass Sail and Power Squadron* better.

Change of Watch

Also known as *The COW* is coming up in April, specifically 6:30 PM on Thursday 26 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.

Squadron Activities

9-10 March	D16 COW in Oak Harbor
15 March	Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC
20-22 April	Safety Rendezvous at Brownsville
26 April	Change of Watch at PYC
28 April	Education Conference and Incoming Officers Meeting

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***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 1830 at Poulsbo Yacht Club.

<http://www.usps.org/localusps/agatepass>

<http://www.nwboatertraining.com>

<http://www.usps.org>

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



The 2018 San Juan Islands and Gulf Islands Cruise



July 27 th	Friday	Depart for Point Hudson Marina (distance from Agate Pass)	31.8 nm
July 28 th	Saturday	Depart for Garrison Bay, San Juan Island	36.4 nm
July 29 th	Sunday	Tour British Camp by Garrison Bay	
July 30 th	Monday	AM Depart for Roche Harbor Marina for Lunch	2.7 nm
July 30 th	Monday	PM Depart for Prevost Harbor, Stuart Island	6.9 nm
July 31 st	Tuesday	Tour Stuart Island	
Aug 1 st	Wednesday	Depart for Van Isle Marina, Tsehum Harbour, Sydney, BC	9.1 nm
Aug 2 nd	Thursday	Tour Sydney	
Aug 3 rd	Friday	Depart for Maple Bay Marina, Vancouver Island, BC	15.2 nm
Aug 4 th	Saturday	Joint Rendezvous with Bellevue S&PS	
Aug 5 th	Sunday	Depart for Telegraph Harbour, Thetis Island Marina, BC	11.9 nm
Aug 6 th	Monday	Take BC ferry to tour Chemainus on Vancouver Island, BC	
Aug 7 th	Tuesday	Depart for Ganges Marina, Salt Spring Island, BC	20.8 nm
Aug 8 th	Wednesday	Tour Ganges	
Aug 9 th	Thursday	Depart for Friday Harbor Marina, San Juan Island	27.9 nm
Aug 10 th	Friday	Depart for La Conner Marina	27.9 nm
Aug 11 th	Saturday	Depart for Langley Marina	26.2 nm
Aug 12 th	Sunday	Depart for home port	30 to 35 nm

Clear customs into Canada August 1st at Tsehum Harbour, Sydney, Vancouver Island, BC

Clear customs into US August 9th at Friday Harbor, San Juan Island

Check off each of the following ports you will use so that a group slip reservations can be made:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Point Hudson Marina | <input type="checkbox"/> Langley Marina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Van Isles Marina | <input type="checkbox"/> Maple Bay Marina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thetis Island Marina | <input type="checkbox"/> Ganges Marina |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday Harbor Marina | <input type="checkbox"/> La Conner Marina |

Skipper's Name

Boat Length X Width



WATCH the CHANGES

9 - 11 March 2018



USPS® District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch

Come join the Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron as we host YOUR District 16 **Spring Conference** and celebrate the **Change of Watch**.

Nestled where the Salish Sea surrounds high cliffs, rocky beaches, lush green fields, and majestic pine and hemlock forests is the town of **Oak Harbor** on **Whidbey Island**, protected by the Naval Air Station, home to honored service men and women, and where hospitality is unsurpassed.

This two-day event is on 9 and 10 March, 2018. Activities will be at our world-class Whidbey Golf and Country Club and at Best Western Plus conference center, which is also offering accommodations at a special rate. Both are in Oak Harbor.

On Friday, 9 March, come early and enjoy one of three tours being offered to show you a bit of our lovely Whidbey Island surrounding areas.

- ✚ Wineries and Distillery Tour
- ✚ Penn Cove Shellfish Farm
- ✚ Shopping Spree—at Anacortes, across the northern end bridges, on Fidalgo Island. (Quilting, knitting, antiques, and fashion shops. (Also a marine hardware store, boat builder, and West Marine.)

Gourmet offerings begin Friday evening at the Reception and continue through the Banquet on Saturday evening, both at the Whidbey Golf and Country Club, an easy 3.2 miles from the Best Western Plus Hotel. Map and driving instructions will be available during registration at the Best Western Plus Hotel Friday evening.

Early Bird Discount Deadline:

Meals and Activities if you sign up by February 9.
Hotel reservation by January 25.

You won't want to miss the changing of the guard and the great opportunity to visit old Squadron friends, or meet new acquaintances who can turn into life-long friends.

Talk boating  **Talk safety**  **Talk fun.**

Come join us.



HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

For BEST RATES -MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS
by JANUARY 26, 2018

Best Western Plus in Oak Harbor is located at 33175 State Route 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.
Call the Hotel at 360-679-4567 to reserve your room. Please call as soon as possible, but before
26 January 2018, to ensure a room at the Squadron rate.

Reservations received by the Hotel after 26 January 2018 will be provided on a space available
basis at prevailing rates.

Fifteen (15) standard SINGLE KING rooms have been reserved at \$115.99 (plus prevailing city
and state taxes) and thirty-five (35) standard DOUBLE QUEEN rooms at \$125.99 (plus
prevailing city and state taxes). Currently, taxes total 10.7%.

The room rates INCLUDE A COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

The Registration Form is available on the District Website (www.uspsd16.org) as well as included
in this information. Please send the completed Registration Form along with your check
Made payable to: Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron (DPSPS)

Mail to: Leah Hofer 850-490-7930
447 Koontz Road
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Early Bird prices apply ONLY to checks RECEIVED by 9 February. Please ensure you get the
best price possible and mail early.

We hope to see you at this action-packed event and that you'll take the opportunity to come
early, see the sites, and spend some time getting to know this area of our great State of WA.

USPS-D16 » Spring Conference & Change of Watch « 9-11 March 2018

REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name: _____ Spouse/Guest name: _____
 Address: _____ Phone: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____ Squadron: _____
 E-mail Address for confirmation of registration and payment: _____
 Attending the Conference without meals? Yes ____ Is this your first District Conference? Yes ____

	Activity	Early Bird – before 9 th February	After 9 th February	No. of People	Total Cost
Friday Afternoon Special Events	Tour of the Penn Cove Shellfish Farm (Maximum 25 people)	FREE	FREE		-----
	Winery and Distillery visit	\$25	\$25		
	Shopping tour in Anacortes (on your own)	-----	-----		-----
Friday Evening	Registration – 1600 – 1800	@ Best Western Plus Hotel			
Friday Night	No Host Bar – 1800 - 2030 Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres @ Whidbey Golf Club	\$25	\$30		
Saturday a.m.	Breakfast is on your own	(included with Best Western Plus Room reservation)			
Saturday Lunch	Lunch 1200 - 1300				
Box Lunches	Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad	\$20	\$25		
	Italian Focaccia Sandwich	\$20	\$25		
	Thai Vegetable Wrap	\$20	\$25		
	Seafood Louie Salad	\$20	\$25		
*also select ONE	* Fresh Fruit				-----
option of a side	* Potato Chips				-----
	*Hummus w/Pita				-----
	*Smoked Salmon Chowder				-----
	(all lunches include a Lemon	Berry	Crumb Bar)		
Saturday Evening Social	No Host Bar 1800 – 1900 Banquet 1800 - 2100				
Dinner - Your	Roasted Half Chicken	\$30	\$35		
Choice	Prime Rib Au Jus	\$40	\$45		
	Portabella Mushroom Ravioli	\$30	\$35		
Optional Dessert (circle One)	Whidbey Ice Cream Sundae Lemon Cake	\$5	\$7		

Totals \$

Mail with your check (in US funds) made to Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron (DPSPS) to:

Leah Hofer, 447 Koontz Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
 Questions? Contact Karen Nelson 360-320-3803 or Knelson2007@gmail.com

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

Entrée

Corned Beef

Dessert

Bread Pudding w/rum and whiskey sauces

Beverage

Coffee

Sides provided by members

Suggested dishes

*Boiled/steamed potatoes, carrots,
cabbage, green salad*

Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit!