AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

THE HALYARD

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From the Decks of Knot Knormal

Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN

Well, it is election time again. February is our annual meeting and we get to elect the bridge for next year. At the January meeting we passed out the slate of officers for the upcoming bridge year. It is also elsewhere in this issue of The Halyard for you perusal. You may notice a couple of our newest members have stepped up to take on positions on the Bridge to helps us move forward. Stephonie Sabin has agreed to take on the Treasurer's position next year. She is already working with Dave to learn what we do and how we do it so she is ready to take over the reins in April. Also, Eric Maiken has agreed to take on the position of Assistant Squadron Education Officer (ASEO) next year. I guess that is one way to make sure he gets the classes he wants….;-) I am happy to see we have some new folks taking an real interest in keeping the squadron running. In the mean time I appointed Ben Sabin to fill the last open Member at Large position on the current bridge and he accepted. Thank you Ben, we need all the help we can get. So please be sure to come to the membership meeting on 20 February so we can vote to elect those officers for the next year.

So once the election occurs the next step is the Change of Watch (COW). The COW is going to be on Thursday 16 April, in our normal membership meeting time slot, at the Poulsbo Yacht Club (PYC) so mark you calendars. Dave McBride, as the incoming commander, is in charge of making all the arrangements for that but I am sure he would be open to having a little help with that, just drop him a line and ask. I expect we will start to hear more about that in the coming weeks.

Another thing that is supposed to happen is the Secretary needs to inventory the squadron *STUFF* in the storage unit. She has asked for a few people to volunteer to help with that task. In the past it has only taken a couple hours so please contact Marie to let her know you are willing to help.

Now, lets talk about some really fun stuff. We have started putting together some plans for rendezvous and a squadron cruise to the South Sound. At this point we have not put together the details but we are think about these dates:

When	Theme/Activity	Where
24-26 Apr	Safety rendezvous	Port of Brownsville
5-7 Jun	*Paint the Marker* rendezvous	Port Ludlow Back Bay
12-14 Jun	D-16 rendezvous	Port of Poulsbo
10-12 Jul	TBD	Pleasant Harbor
15-28 Aug	Squadron Cruise	South Sound
28-30 Aug	Blues-and-Brews	Des Moines

We would certainly like your thoughts on where we might go and perhaps help planning activities.

From the XO

Lt/C Dave McBride, AP

Well, the first major hurdle of the 2020 - 2021 year is done, the budget. The budget was approved by all members present at the January Dinner meeting. Unfortunately, in order for our squadron to move forward and hopefully stay in the black, we had to raise the dues. However, we were able to lower the Dinner fees from $10.00 back to $7.00. Thank you to all who voted. Dues

and fees will take effect on April 1, 2020.

Your bridge is hard at work coming up with ideas for rendezvous, so far, we have a rendezvous for each month of the boating season, we are now finalizing the dates. If you have some ideas, please forward them to Marty or me. We also had some really good ideas for land cruises, we will be talking about them as well.

If you are interested in what National, District and some of the squadrons are doing this year go to https://www.uspsd16.org/calendar. This is something new that has been in place for a few months now. You can signup to have emails sent to you whenever someone posts an event. The program is called Team-up.

It's wintertime and boat maintenance and upgrades are in full swing. As you start to complete your tasks and are thinking of having a vessel Safety Check done, you can contact any of the Vessel Safety Examiners for a copy of the check off sheet in preparation, if you are not aware of what is required on your boat. We have four examiners in our squadron at this time, they are John Chen, who is the VSC chairmen, Rhonda Chen, Marty Schwartz and Dave McBride.

The Seattle Boat Show was a huge success. Many thanks to all who volunteered to staff the booth. Our new location had much more traffic and we had inquiries about the Jump Start Program, the storing of propane bottles, and on the water questions. The photo below shows a lot of work went into the booth this year.

At our February Dinner Meeting we will be voting on next years Bridge. I hope to see all of you there.

From the Admin Department

Lt/C ???????

February dinner meeting

The February membership dinner meeting is on Thursday 20 February. The theme for the dinner is Valentine's Day, so bring your Valentine and have a great time. The bridge will be bringing main dishes (this should be interesting) and we are asking the membership to bring a favorite side dish to share.

This is also our annual meeting. We will be voting on the slate of officers presented at the January membership dinner meeting. A copy of the slate of officers is in this issue of *The Halyard* for your review.

We also have a guest speaker, Sgt Jim McDonough from the Marine Division of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office. He will be talking about their role on the water and jurisdiction, the type boats they use and some of what they see while on the water enforcing the rules and laws of the Puget Sound waterway.

As usual the social time is 1800 followed by dinner at 1830.

We're Invited

The Bremerton squadron has invited us to join them for their annual Spaghetti Feed at 6 PM on Monday 24 February at the Bremerton Yacht Club. The cost is $5.00 per person. Now tell me where else you could possibly get a great spaghetti dinner for $5.00 per person? Bremerton's Rick Hurst who will be speaking about "The Fox and the Hound". They are asking for an RSVP. Send your RSVP to Bob Allen (kabob@wavecable.com) or give him a call at 360-731-5312.

From the Education Department

Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN

The February ABC class is scheduled and is on the calendar for Saturday and Sunday 8 & 9 February at the Poulsbo Yacht Club. This is the first weekend after the Seattle Boat Show. Based on the feedback I have received I am scheduling the *Boat Handling* class (this replaces the old *Seamanship* class) starting on Monday 17 February and will run through Monday 30 March. Looking into the future I expect we will hold a *Piloting* class in the fall of 2020 and then an *Advanced Piloting* in the Spring of 2021.

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/.

Squadron Activities

8-9 Feb	ABC Class Poulsbo Yacht club
17 Feb	Boat Handling class starts
20 Feb	APSPS dinner meeting 1800 Poulsbo Yacht Club. Members bring side dish.
24 Feb	Spaghetti Dinner at BSPS, Cost 5.00 per person, RSVP Gary Wade or let someone on the Bridge know and we will RSVP him for you.
24-26 Apr	Safety rendezvous Port of Brownsville
5-7 Jun	*Paint the Marker* rendezvous Port Ludlow Back Bay
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From Agate Pass Power Squadron,

We Wish A Happy Birthday
To the Following February Members:

Bobbi Baumueller & Thomas Reveley

We value you as a Member!

Please Join Us for our Next Potluck Dinner

This is the list of candidates to be elected on 20 February 2020.

As specified in the By-Laws, at our February General Meeting we will elect the officers to fill the Bridge and elected committees for the next fiscal year. Here is the listing of candidates we have so far for 2019-2020. As you can see, we still have several vital positions that need to be filled.

Office	**Nominee**
Commander	Dave McBride, AP
Executive Officer	***- Open -***
Administrative Officer	***- Open -***
Educational Officer (SEO)	Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN
Assistant SEO	Eric Maiken
Secretary	Marie McBride, S
Treasurer	Stephonie Sabin
Immediate Past Commander	Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN
Member at Large	Inez Schwartz, SN
Member at Large	Eric Maiken
Member at Large	Ben Sabin
Nominating Committee chair	***- Open -***
Auditing Committee chair (3-year term)	Ralph Weaver, SN
Rules Committee chair (3-year term)	***- Open -***

All candidates have confirmed their willingness to serve in the elected offices as shown.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the general meeting. The Squadron Bylaws define what offices are elected, when the election will be held and how long the term of office is.

The following sections from our By Laws cover the rules for elections. Please contact the Secretary, Marie McBride S, if you have any questions.

Section 11.1

Candidates for elective positions to be voted upon at the annual meeting may be nominated (1) by the Nominating Committee as herein provided or (2) by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before the date of election.

Section 11.3

If vacancies exist in the properly formulated slate of nominees at the time of the election, they shall be filled by nominations from the floor duly made by active members.

Section 11.4

Bridge Meeting Minutes

19th of January

At Port of Poulsbo Floating Conference Room

Next Bridge meeting: Feb. 23rd. 2 pm at Port of Poulsbo Floating Conference Room

Halyard Deadline: Jan. 29th at 5pm. (send to Al Cowles, allen.cowles@gmail.com 360-397-7135)

Meeting called to order: 2:04 pm **Is there a quorum:** YES 5 Bridge, 2 members

Roll Call: CDR Marty Schwartz; Lt/C Dave McBride; Lt/C Marie McBride; Member at Large: PC Inez Swartz, Eric Maiken; Members: Ben Sabin, Stephonie Sabin.

Minutes of previous meeting Read and approved

Reports of officers:

CDR: Bremerton invited us to their Chili Cookoff Monday 27th of Jan. 1800. Deadline was Jan. 20th. Speaker to be Sgt. McDonough who will be discussing the purpose of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Marine Patrol, RSVP Bob Allen of Bremerton Squadron, 360-731-5312, kabob@wavecable.com

Also, a General Meeting (Spaghetti Feed BYC) on Feb. 24th – 1800. Cost $5. Per person. Speaker to be Rick Hurst who will be discussing "The Fox and the Hound" RSVP Bob Allen of Bremerton Squadron, 360-731-5312, kabob@wavecable.com

XO: Discussed Website Charges: some charges where Charged in Dec. the remaining charges Where Jan. Total Cost: $201.81.

SEO: Set Date: Feb. 8-9, ABC class. At Poulsbo Yacht Club. Boat Handling class will Start Feb. 17th for 6 weeks, through end of March. Will go over cost of Class with Treasurer and Students.

Admin. O: Upcoming Dinner Meeting Events: April was left off as this is our Change of watch meeting. No Guest speaker for this one event.

	February 20th	March 19th	May 21st
Theme	Election of officers & Valentine's Day	St. Patrick's Day	Galley Slaves Rebellion - Guys Cook
Decoration	In the Shed	In the Shed	Pirate
Bridge provide	Main Dish	Side dishes	Ice Cream Social
Member's provide	Side dishes	Main Dish	Main & Side dishes

Dinner Meeting Minutes

January 16th, 2020

Meeting opened by CDR M. Schwartz 7:16 pm

Is there A Quorum: Yes

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

No roll calls to account for and No Minutes of last dinner meeting read

Squadron officers:

CDR/SEO: ABC class Feb 8-9, 2020. Boat handling class, 6 weeks, Monday 17th Feb to Mon. 30 March.

XO: suggestion cards on tables

Secretary: Requested update on mail, phone, emails. Help with Dinner meeting setups. Help with storage unit inventory, April- May time frame. Update on Port Ludlow back bay and brunch.

Treasures report: Dave gave reports. Have proposed budget on table to follow.

OLD Business: Seattle boat show, everything is in place. We have 4 people from Agate Pass signed up. Inez, Eric, Dave, Marie.

New Business: gave out list of new officers. Feb. dinner meeting is annual meeting and will be the vote on officers.

EO Conference will be in Anacortes as a 1-day event. Anyone can attend. We will hear from national and D-16.

Putting together rendezvous scheduled: April - Brownsville 24-26th annual safety.

April - COW PYC during dinner meeting.

May - Poulsbo Yacht club - Galley Slave Rebellion

June - Back Bay at Port Ludlow 5-7th with Brunch on Sunday the 7th & D-16 12-14th at Poulsbo Marina

20-21 Budget: Voted on tonight. Dave went over all the changes made and explained them. Inez Schwartz moved to accept the proposed budget, Al Cowles 2nd the motion to accept. All in favor. Was Passed & Accepted with increases in membership. Please See attached Budget.

Rush from Bremerton invited to their spaghetti feed Monday Feb. 24th, 2020.

Next Dinner Meeting: Thursday February 20th at the Poulsbo Yatch Club 6:00 pm

Any comments from Members present:

Al requested pictures for newsletters.

Meeting Closed by CDR M. Schwartz at: 7:42 pm

Presentation: Capt. Tuuli Messer Bookman

Complements of: Capt. Tuuli Messer Bookman

GPS and Charting Websites

For all things GPS:
www.gps.gov

For live images of space items:
http://www.stuffin.space/
https://apl.esri.com/rc/sat2/index.html#

For info on solar flares and space disturbances:
https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/alerts-watches-and-warnings

NOAA Space Weather Scale descriptions can be found at:
www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation

AIS Live Tracking:
www.marinetraffic.com
www.vesselfinder.com
www.fleetmon.com

U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center:
https://www.navcen.uscg.gov

NOAA main catalog (free charts, pubs and updates):
https://charts.noaa.gov/InteractiveCatalog/nrnc.shtml

Free Chart Viewing Software:
https://opencpn.org/

Chart Corrections:
Weekly Notice to Mariners (worldwide, includes security warnings, etc.)
http://www.nga.mil/portal/site/maritime/
Local Notice to Mariners (13thDistrict, can select the state/district you want):
www.navcen.uscg.gov

Chart Symbols (download Chart #1 for free)
https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/publications/docs/us-chart-1/ChartNo1.pdf

https://ABCPoulsbo.com

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

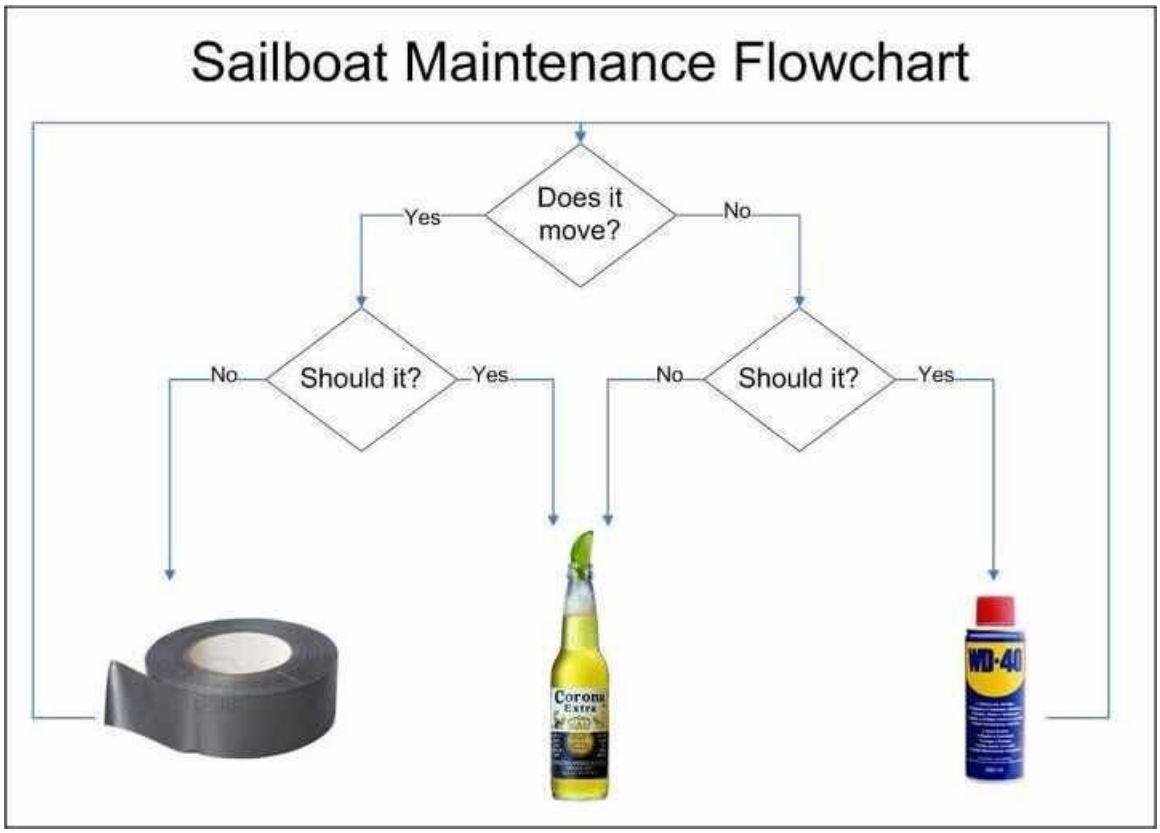
Squadron meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, September through May, at 1800 at Poulsbo Yacht Club.

https://ABCPoulsbo.com

https://www.nwboatertraining.com

https://www.usps.org

https://www.uspsd16.org/



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Annual District 16 Educational Conference

09 May 2020

Seafarers Memorial Park Building

601 Seafarers Way, Anacortes, WA 98221

(South End of Cap Sante Marina)

Name: _____ **Spouse/Guest Name:** _____

Address: _____ **City/State/Zip:** _____

Squadron: _____ **Phone:** _____ **E-Mail:** _____

FUNCTION: **(Meal prices include gratuity & Sales tax)**	***Early Bird $* (due 30 March)**	**Regular $ **** (due 25 April)	**# of Peo-ple**	**Total $**
Saturday – Registration – 1030 Costco rolls, coffee **0830**	--	--	--	--
Saturday – Lunch - 1330 **1230** Gere-a-Deli Sandwich Bag Combo – sandwich, potato salad, chips, brownie, soft drink (order sandwich type and quantity below)	--	--	--	--
Sandwich – Turkey Breast and Havarti	$22.00	$27.00	_____	$_____
Sandwich – Roast Beef and Provolone	$22.00	$27.00	_____	$_____
Sandwich – Ham and Swiss	$22.00	$27.00	_____	$_____
Sandwich – Veggie	$22.00	$27.00	_____	$_____
Saturday – Afternoon Break - 1445 Costco cookies **1430**	--	--	--	--
* Early Bird prices apply only for Registrations post-marked *by 30 March 2020* ** Meal orders must be made by 25 April 2020, extra meals will not be ordered **Registrations & payment MUST be received prior to 25 April 2020**			**TOTAL:**	$_____

Please make checks payable to: "*Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron"* and **mail with Registration Form to: Carolyn Caporgno, 29 Tulalip Way, La Conner, WA 98257,**
Phone: 209-609-1182, Email: glencaporgno@frontier.com

For questions, please contact Bob Miller at: 360-540-1686 or email at bobmillerwa@hotmail.com

Preliminary Agenda

Registration and Check-in	08:30-09:00	Coffee and sweets
Sessions	09:00-10:30	
Morning break	10:30-10:45	Coffee
Sessions	10:45-12:30	
Lunch	12:30-13:30	Lunch
Sessions	13:30-14:30	
Afternoon break	14:30-14:45	Coffee and cookies
Sessions	14:45-16:00	

(30 Dec 2019)

Hotels in Anacortes

For those who come early or stay an extra day, the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce posts this Lodging List, https://anacortes.org/stay/staying-in-anacortes/

Eating in Anacortes

The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce maintains this Dining List, https://anacortes.org/eat/dining-in-anacortes/

Coming by Boat?

The meeting room is at the south end of Cap Sante Marina and is within easy walking distance of the transient slips. Contact the Port of Anacortes for moorage, https://www.portofanacortes.com/

Getting to Anacortes

Anacortes is a 90 minute drive from downtown Seattle or Bellevue. Directions and travel information can be found at https://anacortes.org/play/directions-to-anacortes/

Finding the Conference Room

The Seafarers Memorial Park conference building is just south of Cap Sante Marina, near the intersection of 14th St and Q Avenue. https://www.portofanacortes.com/venue/seafarers-memorial-park/

Activities & Shopping

Anacortes has plenty of antique and small shops which can be reached by a short stroll from the Seafarers Memorial Park, the marina, or the downtown motels, https://anacortes.org/shop/