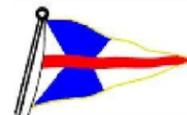




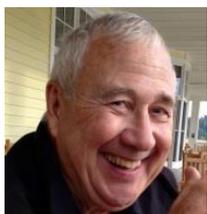
THE HALYARD



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From the Desk of the Commander

Cdr Tedd Kraft, S



Resolutions!

My New Years Resolution for 2018 is to become a better sailor! I use our Hunter 41 sailboat as a motor boat most of the time and I have had it since 2004. In all fairness to me, it is a great motorboat. Great fuel economy and reasonable speed (7.4 knots adjusted for wind and current at 3400 rpm). I push the engine at 3400 rpm and occasionally at 3600 rpm because diesel engines like to be run hot, hard, and long. That's my belief. So far so good.

But it is a sailboat! Sailing is much more demanding of the Skipper and Crew. You need to know more and practice more. So, in 2018 I plan to sail more and practice more.

Practice what? Lots of things, but especially two things: One, going nowhere and two, going backwards! That's crazy, Tedd!

Let me explain the nowhere. I don't think powerboats can do this, but sailboats definitely can—sailboats can Heave To. You are sailing with your mainsail and headsail still up, but scarcely moving forward and slowly sliding sidewise and the boat is stable. You are essentially stopped. Too cool for words! Why would you do that? Well maybe the Skipper or Crew are tired, sick, confused, or hungry—they need a rest. Maybe the seas are too rough, or you have a Man Overboard and you want to stay as close as possible to him (her) and think things out. By the way, the sideward sliding of the boat causes a slick to windward and knocks down approaching waves. Old sea captions threw oil overboard on the windward side of their vessel to produce this slick to calm the waves. You create that by "heaving to." One caveat! You must have sufficient sea room.

You are still sliding sideways at about 0.5 to 1.0 knot to your lee depending on your sailboat design and the Skipper's skill at heaving to. For these reasons and more, you must practice, practice, practice.

Backwards! Really? Yes. Sailboats typically do not back well. If you have a right-hand prop your stern will prop-walk to port. Even with that really big rudder (compared to a powerboat) you will have almost no steerage until your sailboat is making sufficient stern way. Keep these points in mind and use them to your advantage. Whenever possible, back your stern into the wind. The 'pointy' (bow) end of the boat is easily blown off the wind and you lose control (or you can use it to your advantage). So, practice is imperative in safe waters with room to maneuver. As you gain confidence, practice in higher wind and sea states. You must use more engine rpm than you think—practice so you know how your sailboat responds in reverse. Practice doing tight figure eights in reverse in different currents and wind and you will be surprised at the control you have of your boat. Higher rpm, and stern into the wind. And practice, practice, practice.

Now for the disclaimer! I am not a good sailor. I have little experience with these things. But I have great confidence in the reasons I want to practice these maneuvers. I can read. And so can you. Be as knowledgeable as you can be, and practice what you believe to be true. I don't want to learn everything the hard way. Take USPS classes, read, and practice, practice, practice.



Please plan on joining us at the The Sons of Norway hall, in Poulsbo, at 1 PM Saturday 13 January to celebrate the life of our dear friend Shorty Garoutte. As you may recall Shorty left us on 29 October 2017. He is gone but not forgotten.



From the XO

P/C Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN

2018 Here we come!



Okay, so now we have all that Christmas and New Year mess outta the way we can focus on getting ready for what is coming up this year. Well, okay, the next few months anyway.

January dinner meeting

Attention! Attention! Attention! Now hear this! We are trying something new (for us anyway) for our 18 January meeting. Rather than your normal run-of-the-mill potluck we are going to have a Soup Cook-off. So how this works is you cook up a big ol' pot of your favorite soup and bring it in to share. Then everyone samples the different soups and votes for their favorite. We will pick the top three and prizes will be awarded. So, bring a muffin tin so you can sample multiple soups. Believe me, this is the best way to sample multiple soups.

The Seattle Boat Show

The Great Seattle Boat Show opens on Friday 26 January and runs through 3 February. District 16 will have a booth (East 1307) along with the computer-based boating trainer. While you are checking out all the new boats and boating stuff be sure to stop by and say HI.

APSPS Change of Watch

Due to scheduling issues we have changed the date for the Change of Watch (COW). The new date is Thursday 26 April. This is one week later than our normal dinner meeting so please be sure to update your calendars.

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. Please note that the Early Bird registration ends on 9 February so get your registration in soon. The Registration form is at the end of this issue of *The Halyard*.

Slate of Officers and the Election

Our annual membership meeting is Thursday 15 February. This is the meeting, as defined in our Bylaws, when we elect the next squadron bridge. Since we require a quorum to hold the election it is *very* important that you attend. As you can see later in this issue of *The Halyard* our slate of officers for the next bridge year is rather slim. I want to thank all those who have stepped up to help keep the squadron alive for another year. I also want to ask the rest of you to consider assuming one of the offices or even join one of the committees to help us rebuild the squadron. I think this is the last year we have a chance at this. I look forward to getting the squadron growing again this year. I look forward to your help making this happen.

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 April. The joint Safety Rendezvous is being scheduled by Bremerton Squadron this year. It will be at the Port of Brownsville Marina 20-22 April 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.



From the Admin Department

Lt/C Dawn Virnig, P



Happy New Year!

So, in 2016 we picked the coldest night to go on the winter land cruise to Arnie's and this year we managed to hit the rain! But that didn't stop the intrepid 15 members from trekking to Arnie's restaurant followed by a whip 'round the lights at the Kingston port. The lights at the port get better every year. Did you know that volunteers actually start in June/July to put together new light displays? The first year I volunteered but I think we only put together flowers, nothing nearly elaborate as the octopus or dragon found in the display now.

For our annual Christmas get together at the yacht club we were again treated to ribeye beef. It was huge - enough for everyone to have seconds if they wanted. We had plenty of delicious side dishes followed by yummy cookies. Thanks to Marty and Alex for setting up tables, I managed to pull a muscle in my back so I was pretty much out of commission; a huge thank you to Inez for taking care of lifting and generally doing all the hump work for me. Last, but definitely not least, a big thank you to everyone who helped put the yacht club back together at the end of the evening.

Also, to everyone who generously donated money towards the cost of the Christmas dinner, thank you.

Judges for our annual *Past Commander Cookie Bake* off were Cherie LaSelle from the Bremerton Squadron and Glen Young. First place was Rhonda with her cowboy cookies; second place went to Inez for her eggnog log cookies and third place was a tie between Jacqui for her pecan tassies and Allen for his snickerdoodles. Congratulations to the winners and the Past Commanders who participated - the cookies were delicious.

Linda put us through the paces trying to spell *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*. Marty brought festive music which played throughout the evening and after dinner we rounded off the evening with singing a boat-themed *12 Days of*

Christmas carol, courtesy of Inez. Thanks Marty and Inez.

Our January dinner meeting is on 18 January with a Soup Cook-off, so we are asking members to bring in a soup. Crackers, bread, butter and dessert will be provided. Dick Shipley will give a presentation on the ship *Odyssey* and the Sea Scouts program. Dick will be accompanied by one of the Sea Scouts.

Thanks to Dave McBride for volunteering to be our treasurer for next year; now all we need is an Admin Officer.

Finally, congratulations (*Ed. Condolences?*) to John and Rhonda; they sold their boat, *Breezy Spirit*.



From the Education Department

P/C Jacqui Stevenson, AP-IN



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

December was fun – we all had a great time on our “land/ferry cruise” to Arnie's in Edmonds. The only downside was the rain when we got back to Kingston to walk through the park and look at the lights, but THEY WERE BEAUTIFUL! Also we had a great time at the December meeting – lots of good food (the beef was perfect!) and lots of yummy cookies from my fellow P/C's and me.

OK - now to the SEO business.

WHAT'S GOING ON:

Piloting begins on Tuesday 16 January 2018. This is another joint class with Bremerton Squadron. The location is the Central Kitsap Fire Station at 6470 Seabeck Hwy NW, Bremerton. This Station is about half way between Newberry Hill Road and Holly Road on Seabeck Hwy – it only takes about 20 minutes to get there and it is a really good classroom. The class will run for about 9 weeks on Tuesday evenings.

If you want to enroll in this course, please contact Rush LaSelle, Bremerton Sq. SEO, at

rlaselle@gmail.com or give him a call at 303-888-0780. Pricing for the class is as follows:

Member

1st member: \$70.00, includes text

Additional family member: \$5.00, no text

Non Member

1st student: \$176.00, includes text and 1 year membership

Additional family member: \$54.00, no text includes family membership for 1 year

If you do not already have them plotters are available for \$7.00 and dividers are available for \$13.00.

If you want to take this class (highly recommended) then let Rush know ASAP.

FUTURE PLANS:

ABC - we have scheduled an ABC course for Saturday/Sunday 17 & 18 February 2018 at Poulsbo Yacht Club. The class will run from 9:00 am to about 5:00 pm each day. Please let me know if you know anyone who wants/needs this course!

I will be coordinating with Bremerton Squadron in planning future classes.

Is there anything any of you would like to take – or take again – Weather, Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Piloting, Sail? PLEASE let me know!

WRAP UP & LOOKING FORWARD:

Looking forward to the coming year – 2018!

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.nwboatertaining.com for all courses and seminars coming up throughout the District.

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



It's Election Time!

This is the list of candidates to be elected on 15 February 2018

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 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)	- Open -
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.

A complete list of offices, committees and committee members are listed at the end of this issue of *The Halyard*.

The following sections from our By Laws cover the rules for elections. Please contact the Secretary, Linda Swolgaard, AP, 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

No active member shall be eligible for nomination without first signifying willingness and ability to serve if elected.



Squadron Activities

18 Jan	Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC
15 Feb	Annual Meeting and Election at PYC
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



AGATE PASS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON OFFICERS

COMMANDER

Cdr Tedd Kraft, S (206) 855-4990

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN (360) 271-6185

SQUADRON EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

Lt/C Jacqui Stevenson, AP-IN (360) 621-7614

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Dawn Virnig, P (360) 779-4175

SECRETARY

Lt/C Linda Swolgaard, AP (206) 842-3338

TREASURER

Lt/C Inez Schwartz, JN (360) 271-6184

ASST. SQUADRON EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

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The Halyard Editor

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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.

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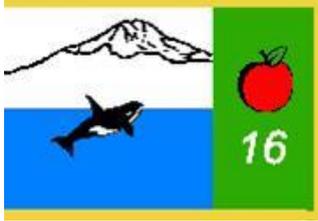
<http://www.nwboatertraining.com>

<http://www.usps.org>

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

Following is a complete list of elective offices (in **bold**) and appointed positions within each department. The names in bold print are candidates for election this year. The Nominating, Auditing and Rules Committee chairs are elected, other committee positions are assigned.

Commander:	Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN
Chaplain:	Linda Swolgaard, AP
Merit Marks:	Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN
Executive Officer:	- Open -
Boat Show Coordinator:	Jacqui Stevenson, AP-IN
Cooperative Charting:	
Public Relations:	
Safety:	
Vessel Safety Check:	John Chen, AP
Administrative Officer:	- Open -
Membership:	Rhonda Chen, AP
Member Involvement:	
Operations Training:	
Boating Activities:	
Educational Officer:	Jacqui Stevenson, AP
Assistant Ed. Officer:	
Advanced Courses:	
Boating Classes:	
Elective Classes:	
USPS Seminars:	
Secretary:	Linda Swolgaard, AP
Computer Systems:	Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN
Historian:	Inez Schwartz, JN
Webmaster:	Allen Cowles, AP
Roster:	Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN
Editor, The Halyard:	Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN
Treasurer:	Dave McBride, S
Assistant Treasurer:	
Ships Store:	Allen Cowles, AP
Nominating Committee:	- Open - (year 1 of 3)
Members:	(year 1 of 3)
	(year 1 of 3)
Auditing Committee:	- Open -
Members:	(year 1 of 3)
	(year1 of 3)
Rules Committee:	- Open - (year 1 of 3)
Members:	(year1 of 3)
	(year1 of 3)



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 9th 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 option of a side	* Fresh Fruit				-----
	* Potato Chips				-----
	*Hummus w/Pita				-----
	*Smoked Salmon Chowder				-----
	(all lunches include a Lemon Berry	Berry	Crumb Bar)		
Saturday Evening Social	No Host Bar 1800 – 1900 Banquet 1800 - 2100				
Dinner - Your Choice	Roasted Half Chicken	\$30	\$35		
	Prime Rib Au Jus	\$40	\$45		
	Portabella Mushroom Ravioli	\$30	\$35		
Optional Dessert (circle One)	Whidbey Ice Cream Sundae	\$5	\$7		
	Lemon Cake				
				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
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