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## From the Desk of the Commander

Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN



# Happy New Year!



I hope your Christmas was merry and you are having a Happy New Year. This is a time to reflect on the past year and then move on. You can do nothing about the past so don't dwell on it. I once heard a speaker say "*Your body does not live in the past so don't let your mind live there.*" I really wish I could remember who it was but at this point my mind is not pulling up the name, Oh well.

Well, let's talk about new beginnings. Our new web site is up and running. The new URL is <https://www.abcpoulsbo.com> and you should really spend a little time surfing the new web site. Thanks to Dave McBride who took on this little (*snicker, snicker*) task and, working with Jim Haglund (the D16 webmaster) put it together and got it live.

I want to thank all of the bridge for the effort they have put in to come up with some ideas to grow the squadron. This new web site is one of those ideas. There are some others that we will be implementing as time marches on. We are hopeful they will bear some fruit and we can begin growing the squadron again. Of course, the best way to add new people to the squadron is for each of you to invite someone you know, or meet, to come join us. Let your friends and acquaintances know about the upcoming ABC classes. People don't want to join a group necessarily but they may want to join you.

The next big thing is going to be the 2019 Seattle Boat Show. This is always a fun event and to be honest I think I look forward to this with more anticipation than I do Christmas (yes, I am a little strange). As in the past the district will

have an information booth set up at the show to let people know about *America's Boating Club*, also known as the *United States Power Squadrons*. If you want to help with the D16 booth at the show you can get more information and pick a time slot on-line at the D16 web site (<https://www.uspsd16.org/boatshow>).

## So, whats in a name?

Speaking of **America's Boating Club**, have you noticed that over the past year the USPS has been moving toward a new name? I am sure you have noticed the new logo popping up. Well, they are using a tagline that was created twenty years ago.



The logo for America's Boating Club features the text "AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB" in a bold, sans-serif font. "AMERICA'S" is in red, "BOATING" is in blue, and "CLUB" is in blue. A small red and white striped flag is positioned between "BOATING" and "CLUB". To the right of the text is a large, stylized blue sailboat sail.



A little history is in order. Within the past couple of years National commissioned a study that found that despite being 100 years old the name recognition of the United States Power Squadrons was very low. After much deliberation a decision was made to move to a new(er) name to attract more new folks that were otherwise unaware or, or put off by, the current name.

There is a lot of history and tradition behind the *United States Power Squadrons* and we have been proud members of that group for over 60 years. That being said the reality is that if we keep doing the same thing over and over expecting different results we are doomed. To survive we must change so we are embracing this change and are moving toward “*doing business as*” ***America’s Boating Club of Poughkeepsie***.

I guess that is all for now. I look forward to seeing you soon.

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For entertainment, how would you like to go to the movies during the January squadron dinner meeting? We have 18 movies – granted only one exceeds 5



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You can sign up for these classes on-line from our new web site <https://www.abcpoulsbo.com/new-boater-classes>.

**Advanced Piloting (AP)** – This class is in conjunction with the Bremerton Squadron begins Tuesday 22 Jan at Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, 6470 Seabeck Hwy, Bremerton. This course runs for 10 weeks. Contact [rlaselle@gmail.com](mailto:rlaselle@gmail.com) for costs and registration information.

### **WRAP UP & LOOKING FORWARD:**

Looking forward to Squadron activities – by land and by sea (when it gets warmer!)

And then - there is the Big Seattle Boat Show! 25 Jan – 2 Feb. Time to check out new gadgets and trinkets for our favorite pastime!

As always - remember to check [www.nwboatertraining.com](http://www.nwboatertraining.com) for all courses and seminars coming up throughout the District.

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### **Agate Pass Squadron needs YOU!**

P/C Rhonda Chen, AP-CN



It's that time of year again when we are looking for volunteers for Squadron positions in the upcoming 2019-2020 term.

The Squadron's future depends on its members to participate and lead in order to keep it alive, exciting, and vibrant. As someone who has been active in several different Squadron positions over the years, I can confirm that it is very rewarding to be actively involved. It's a wonderful opportunity to be part of making the Squadron a success and influencing its direction while also having fun really getting to know fellow members.

Take a look at the brief descriptions of the offices below. We have a great group of members currently on the Executive Committee (ExComm) and in the Squadron who have many years of experience to help you!

Please contact me if you are interested in learning more about any of the positions and their prerequisites.

**Commander:** Heads the Squadron and oversees the staff of five department heads (XO, AO, SEO, Secretary, Treasurer), each of whom is responsible for specific aspects of

Squadron activity. Leads the monthly General and ExComm meetings.

**Executive Officer (XO):** Second in command. Deals with the external or public activities of the Squadron, including Boat Show, CoOp Charting, Public Relations, Safety, and Vessel Safety Checks. Supervises the committees that support these activities.

**Administrative Officer (AO):** Deals with "internal" affairs, such as membership involvement and meetings arrangements. Leads monthly Admin meetings to plan dinners, land cruises, rendezvous, and other fun events. Supervises the committees that support these activities.

**Educational Officer (SEO):** Responsible for working with the ExComm, and Squadron instructors to plan the schedule for educational classes, and to publicize classes, order training materials, communicate with students, etc.

**Secretary:** Takes the minutes of the general and ExComm meetings. Supervises the committees that support webmaster, historian, newsletter editor, and Squadron roster activities.

**Treasurer:** Does the accounting for the Squadron, keeping the records and finances in order. Includes collecting money at dinner meetings, handling tuition for classes, paying bills, preparing tax reports, etc.

**Member at Large:** Takes part in the decision-making processes for guiding the Squadron. Participates in the monthly ExComm meetings.

**Nominating Committee:** Interviews and selects candidates for each elective office and committee.

**Auditing Committee:** Performs annual audit of Squadron financials.

**Rules Committee:** Is the guardian of adherence to USPS bylaws, USPS policy and Squadron bylaws. Handles updating Squadron bylaws, if needed.

Other ways to serve:

There are many ways to help out. Even a small commitment can make a big difference. For example:

- Join the Calling Tree to make monthly dinner meeting reminder calls to members.
- Become a Vessel Examiner and help perform Vessel Safety Checks.
- Offer to help out on one of the committees that fall under an elected ExComm member.
- Share your boating experiences with a presentation at a dinner meeting or article in *The Halyard*.

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### **Squadron Activities**

<b>17 Jan</b>	<b>Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC</b>
<b>25 Jan – 2 Feb</b>	<b>Seattle Boat Show</b>
<b>21 Feb</b>	<b>Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC</b>
<b>21 Mar</b>	<b>Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC</b>
<b>18 Apr</b>	<b>Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC</b>

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## **AGATE PASS SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON OFFICERS**

### **COMMANDER**

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### **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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### **SQUADRON EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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### **SECRETARY**

Lt/C Marie McBride (360) 271-4335

### **TREASURER**

Lt/C Dave McBride (360) 536-0192

### **ASST. SQUADRON EDUCATIONAL OFFICER**

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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 1800 at Poulsbo Yacht Club.**

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

<http://www.nwboatertraining.com>

<http://www.usps.org>

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





Arnie's Restaurant



### December 20, 2018

As is tradition at the APSPS Christmas Dinner meeting – ***The Past Commander's Cookie Bake Off*** – This year it was judged by David McBride, Bill Dowdney, prospective member Carol MacKenzie and Past Commander Tom Kane.

Past Commander Ralph Weaver took the honors for best cookie.

Commander Marty Schwartz poses in front of the Christmas tree with our mascot *The Chicken*, oh yeah and better half Inez.

