


From the Decks of Knot Knormal

Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN



New Year? Already?



WOW! 2019 is over! As I sit writing this message it is New Year's Eve. A lot of great things, and some not so great, things happened this year and I am not even going to try to recount them all. The one great thing I am really happy about is that the squadron is still here. A number of you have stepped up to help keep us going and I really truly appreciate all that you have done and are doing to help guide the squadron into the future.

NOW HEAR THIS!

Our first dinner meeting of 2020 is coming up in just three weeks. The bridge has been working on the 2020-21 budget and I think we are basically done with it. After much thinking haggling and number crunching we came to the realization that after having held them steady for several years we need to increase the dues. We are also restructuring some other things to reduce the effect of the increase and spread it more evenly. According to **Section 7.1** of our by-laws we must present any dues increase to the membership and vote on it prior to 1 February. We will email a copy of the budget out in the first week of January so you will have time to review it. We will present the proposed budget to the membership at the January dinner meeting and will vote on it so it is very important that everyone attend. Also being presented to the membership at the January dinner meeting is the slate of officers for the next bridge year. The election of Officers for the incoming bridge will be held during our annual meeting in February.

The next thing coming up in January is the Seattle Boat Show (24 Jan – 1 Feb). District 16 will have an information booth and will be looking for volunteers to staff it during the show. Follow this <https://www.uspsd16.org/boat-show> for more information and to pick a time slot for the booth.

One other item coming up in the new year is the D16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch. The date is 13-14 March 2020 and you can find meeting and registration information on the D16 Calendar <https://www.uspsd16.org/calendar>.


We have started planning for rendezvous and cruises for this spring and summer. Have some place you want to see us cruise to? Want to help plan a trip? We can certainly use your input and help. Let me know if you want to get involved with this planning effort.

Happy New year and I look forward to seeing you in January.



From the XO

Lt/C Dave McBride, AP



Hello everyone, Hope all of you had a Merry Christmas. It's been a busy month and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at the events. On December 8th we were invited to Bremerton's Christmas Dinner Party. There was good food and drink and a lot of gifts to hand out. We played some games and just had a great time. Then on the 14th Agate Pass joined in to help Poulsbo Yacht Club celebrate 50 years of The Lighted Ships Parade around Liberty Bay and Suquamish. Agate Pass had 3 boats participate and the boats looked great all decorated with lights, in all we had 35 boats in the parade. If you're

We have had a lot of new members join us in the past year and they are sporting the new name tag that America's Boating Club has endorsed. If you would also like to have one of these new name tags please let me know no later than Jan 15, 2020. The price is 8.00 per tag. Here's what they look like:



Just let me know what kind of attachment hardware you would like on the back. They also have magnetic. Because I couldn't separate the two, the tags that would be ordered would be the white ones. If you decide you would like a new name tag, send me a check to APSPS, PO Box 842, Poulsbo, WA

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From the Education Department

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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 in late February or early March. I will send out an email with the details once I have them ironed out. 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 meantime, 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/>.

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### Members at Large

Inez Schwartz  
Eric Maiken

### This is a new space for the New Year!

In December Marty appointed Eric, a newer member, to an open Member-At-Large position on the bridge. That prompted Inez, a long-time member, to volunteer to fill one of the other open Member-At-Large bridge positions.

We want you to know that you, each ABC of Poulsbo member, have REAL representation on the Squadron Bridge, and we'd like to hear your questions and concerns, which could be brought to the Bridge and membership for discussion.

This space in The Halyard we will consider all the things you want to know with regard to our roles as Members at Large, who represent you!

The last Bridge meeting of 2019 was held December 29th at the Port of Poulsbo's floating meeting room. We had some interesting topics of discussion.

The squadron is approaching an important event in February. Wanna know what it is? Oh,

being a member as you are, you probably already know that the February 20, 2020 meeting is our Annual Meeting where we vote on the slate of incoming officers. Before that, at the January 16th meeting, the membership needs to approve the 2020-2021 Budget that goes into effect May 2020; AND approve any dues changes. The slate of officers will also be presented to the membership at the January 16th meeting but will be voted in at the February 20th annual meeting.

Now, just so you won't be in the dark about how this plays out – some changes are in order! Have we piqued your interest? It should, as your squadron needs your participation!

Copies of the Squadron Bridge's motions approved of each of the three areas – 2020-2021 slate of officers; 2020-2021 Budget; and Squadron Dues increase, will be sent out to the membership prior to the January meeting.

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Squadron Activities

- 20 Jan Bremerton Sail & Power Squadron Chili Cookoff, bring your best chili. Starts at 6Pm at the Bremerton Yacht Club.
- 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.
- 26 Jan Bridge meeting at POP, 1400-1700

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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.**

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**From Agate Pass Power Squadron,  
We Wish A Happy Birthday  
To the Following January Members:**

**Candance Cowles; John D'Arienzo;  
Samuel Kaeding SR; Thomas Kane;  
Kathryn Koprivnikar; William Whiteley**

**We value you as a Member!**  
Please Join Us for our Next Potluck Dinner



**From Agate Pass Power Squadron,  
We Wish A Happy Birthday  
To the Following March Members:**

**Carol Mackenzie; Monika Riedner;  
Jason Turkovich**

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**From Agate Pass Power Squadron,  
We Wish A Happy Birthday  
To the Following February Members:**

**Bobbi Baum Mueller & Thomas Reveley**

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**From Agate Pass Power Squadron,  
We Wish A Happy Birthday  
To the Following April Members:**

**Lena Hunt; David McBride;  
Donna Dowdney; Benjamin Sabin**

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