


From the Decks of Knot Knormal

Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN



What a Relief!



It was good to see those of you who turned out for the October membership meeting. I think we had a successful discussion about the squadron's future. I especially want to thank those who stepped up to help us stay alive so we can move into the future. From the discussion it is clear we have a core group of people who are willing to pitch in and help with this effort.

I also want to welcome our new members, Eric Maiken and Kathy Koprivnikar. They graduated from the last ABC class in September. They plan to be active in the squadron and are a very welcome addition. Also please welcome Stephonie Sabin to the squadron. Ben Sabin has been a long time member of the squadron and his new bride has now joined as well. Stephonie has volunteered to fill the Treasurers position for the next bridge year. Welcome to you all.

Have you ever wondered what happens at a squadron bridge meeting? No we don't perform any arcane rituals, although it feels like it sometimes. What we actually do is plan membership meetings, land cruises and rendezvous, develop and discuss budgets and generally conduct the business of the squadron. These meetings are always open to the membership, we do nothing behind closed doors. To that end there are three positions on the bridge that are there specifically to represent the members – these are the three *Members At Large* positions. There are currently two of those positions open due to members having to resign for personal

reasons. I am allowed to appoint members to fill those positions for the remainder of the bridge year (through March) and would like to invite anyone who would like to help out to let me know. This is your chance to see the inner workings of the squadron with out a significant commitment.




From the XO

Lt/C Dave McBride, AP



It's a beginning!



Even though we did not have the numbers that we would have liked at our last dinner meeting we got a lot done. There were a lot of good questions asked and hopefully the bridge was able to answer those questions to your satisfaction.

We discussed more classes, advertising, and ways we might be able to bring in more students and members. The bottom line was that the consensus of the membership was to keep the squadron going through at least 2021.

I would like to thank once again those members that stepped forward and volunteered to fill some of the vacant positions. In order to continue the squadron past next year we are still looking for an Executive Officer so we can keep the chain of succession going.

At our last Executive meeting we talked about doing a *Piloting* and an *Advanced Piloting* Class. Those of you who have taken these classes, please think about donating some of your time and expertise as an instructor. Marty talked me into helping out as an instructor, I have never taught a class, but I did take the two courses last year. So, I'll be learning as we go.

One last thing, if you know someone would be willing to speak at our meetings, please contact them and let the Bridge know so we can put it out to all members.

Thanks everyone and we'll see you in November.

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### From the Admin Department

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#### November dinner meeting

November's membership dinner meeting is on Thursday 24 November. The theme will be Thanksgiving. The Squadron will provide the traditional turkey and desserts. Any other entree and side dishes will be a potluck affair. We are not going to split it up this time so you can decide to bring a side or a main dish. (As long as someone brings dressing and gravy)

Social time is 1800 followed by dinner at 1830.

#### December Land cruise to Kingston Ale House and the Kingston Lights

Last month we announced that the December land cruise would be to Arnie's, in Edmonds, as in past years. However, after careful consideration we have changed our minds. We have made reservations for 15 at the Kingston Ale House for Saturday 14 December at 1700 (5 PM). We will have a wonderful dinner and then tour the Christmas Lights display at the Kingston Marina. To make sure we have room for everyone we need to have an RSVP to Marie McBride not later than Sunday 1 December.

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From the Education Department

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As mentioned last month I am planning an ABC class in February right after the Seattle Boat Show. I am also planning to start a Piloting class immediately after the ABC class and an Advanced Piloting class in the fall of 2020. I will place a link on

our web site once the classes are open for registration.

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/>.

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### Squadron Activities

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| 21 Nov | Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC           |
| 24 Nov | Bridge meeting at POP, 1400-1700         |
| 14 Dec | Land cruise to Kingston Ale House/Lights |
| 19 Dec | Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC           |
| 29 Dec | Bridge meeting at POP, 1400-1700         |

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

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