

# THE HALYARD



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### From the Desk of the Commander

Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN



# It's time to get out on the water...?

Now that the change of watch is behind us it is time to start (continue) thinking about plans for the next few months.

Hopefully you will be able to get out on the water. I know we certainly plan on getting out as often as possible, with a couple of 2-3 week cruises thrown in somewhere.

The winter is traditionally the time we take classes to learn the skills we need to boat safely. Now is the time to take those lessons and put them to work *Out There* (as Capt'n Ron would say).

We started with the annual Safety Rendezvous at Brownsville last weekend. There were not as many boats as there could have been but those who made it had a great time. We learned about anchors using a great set of miniature anchors that Rush LaSelle had shipped out from national. With a large pan of sand we were able to practice setting the different anchors and comparing how they performed. That gave us a real good indication how their full-sized counterparts would perform in the real world. We had scheduled a flare shoot but mother nature apparently did not want us to have THAT much fun and the winds prevented us from doing that. But we did get to practice tossing different style throwable PFDs to a float simulating a person in the water. When you add in the food and friends we had a really good time.

In June we have the rendezvous in the Back Bay at Port Ludlow (7-9 June) and the D16 rendezvous in Poulsbo (20-23 June). In between is the Bellevue Squadron rendezvous and Salmon Bake at Brownsville (14-16 June). Details on all these can be found on our web site and the D16 web site. If you have questions about any of these events you can also call me.

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

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### From the XO

Lt/C Dave McBride, S



Hi Everyone,

This is my first Official input into our newsletter The Halyard. I would like to thank all who attended the Change of Watch including D/Lt/C Debbie Richey, AP, from District 16, for being the

installing Officer. As your new Executive Officer, I will endeavor to do my best and promote our squadron whenever I can.

For those who could not attend the Change of Watch you missed good food and great fellowship. We have a challenging year ahead as we didn't get the volunteers we needed to fill many of our positions. This puts more work on the incoming officers as they will have to double up their workload. If any of you find some spare time and would like to fill one of the vacant positions, please contact one of the Bridge members and we can explain what the duties of the position are.

We had a great year in new membership adding 8 new members. That's a 21% increase and the most we've seen in a long time. But it can't

end there, all of us have friends and/or family who are interested in boating and taking boating classes to improve their on-the-water skills. Please talk to them and see if they would also like to join us. Our goal is to increase membership by 5% this year, that's 2 members.

During my 22-year Career in the Navy and another 13 years as a supervisor at Keyport Naval Station I have always tried to Lead by Example. That same philosophy holds true as a member of America's Boating Club of Poulsbo. Those of us who have boats have a responsibility to ensure that we have a safe and properly equipped vessel. So set that example and request a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) today. If we don't think it's important, why should the rest of the boaters think it is. We have four examiners in our squadron who are more than willing to come to your boat and do a VSC. It only takes 15-30 minutes and who knows, it may prevent you from being boarded by the Coast Guard, it did for me. To request an inspection, to our website go https://www.abcpoulsbo.com/vsc.

We have a lot going on this year when it comes to boating activities. The rendezvous are sponsored by different squadrons, but we have been invited to participate in them. All activities prove to be fun for all and many don't require a boat to get to them to participate. Please join us as the boating season kicks into full swing. You can see what's upcoming by visiting our web page at <a href="https://www.abcpoulsbo.com">www.abcpoulsbo.com</a> under the tab <a href="https://www.abcpoulsbo.com">News and Events</a> and then going to <a href="https://www.abcpoulsbo.com">What's Happening</a>.

One of those outings was the Brownsville Marina Safety Rendezvous held annually with Bremerton Sail and Power Squadron. It was our turn to host the event this year. The weather cooperated most of the time which enabled us to complete all but one seminar. Marty and Rush talked about different types of anchors, and their history, using an anchor kit from National. We were able to see how each anchor differed from the other when being set in the sand. It was pretty eye opening and many questions were asked and answered. After that we had a seminar on how to properly throw a life ring to a person in distress after falling over

board. In some instances, it was harder to do than what it seemed. Flare shoot was a bust due to the wind direction. We had a great potluck breakfast on Saturday which was held at the Brownsville Yacht Club and then in the evening we had a Mexican Theme potluck dinner with a movie afterwards. Sunday, we had a continental potluck breakfast on the dock and by 1100 we were on our way home. All told Agate pass had 2 boats with a total of 4 members showing up for the rendezvous while Bremerton had 1 boat, 2 couples came by RV and around 5 people showed up by car.

Hopefully Marie and I will see you out on the water this summer. Have fun and please be safe.

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### From the Admin Department

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There are a lot of activities coming up in the near future (and some a little further out). All of these will be listed on our new web site so check there on a regular basis to stay up with what is happening.

### It's the Galley Slaves Rebellion

The May dinner meeting is traditionally the Galley Slaves Rebellion (funny story behind that) and our last dinner meeting for the season. It will be 23 May at the Poulsbo Yacht club. Please note that this dinner meeting has been moved from the normal third Thursday to the fourth Thursday to accommodate a special event at PYC.

Social time is 1800 followed by dinner at 1830. Bring whatever you want to put on the grill and a side dish to share. Dessert will be our traditional fund raiser, \$2.00 ice cream sundaes.

So plan on showing up and having a great time.

### Viking Fest

We will set up our safety booth at the Poulsbo marina at the top of the boat ramp. If you are planning on attending the parade why not stop by the booth. If you come by boat and would like a vessel safety check, come to the booth and put your name on the list with the time you would like the check. After the days' festivities everyone will meet at 1630 at *JJ*'s restaurant for dinner. All squadron members, and guests, are invited.

**Attention, Attention!** We need some help manning this booth. Even if you can only help for an hour or two on Saturday please do so. Contact Dave McBride let us know when you can help out.

### Port Ludlow Back-bay Rendezvous

Our annual *Cleaning of the Marker* rendezvous will be 7-9 June. We will raft up in the back bay at Port Ludlow. The incoming commander, that would be Marty, gets to clean and paint the marker while everyone else gets to watch and kibbitz. Always a fun event so plan on being there.

The low tide at Port Ludlow on Saturday 8 June is at 1514 PM so the cleaning will start about 1300. We will then have a pot-luck dinner on the raft at about 1730.

We were unable to get reservations at the restaurant at Port Ludlow for Sunday morning so we will not be having a Sunday brunch as we had hoped. What we will do is have a potluck brunch on the raft up at approximately 1100 through about 1200 or so. Boats will be departing some time after that.

If you are not coming by boat but still want to join in on a festivities those of us on the raft will be most happy to come in to the dock and pick you up by dinghy, just call us and your water taxi will arrive shortly.

### Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron Salmon Bake

We have been invited to attend this event scheduled for 14-16 June at the Brownsville Marina. You can come by land or by sea to this gathering as well. You need to register in advance so the Bellevue Squadron will know how much food to bring and how many boat slips to reserve. For pricing and to register go to Bellevue's web site at

https://www.bellevuepowersquadron.org/social-events.

### Annual District 16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo

The annual D16 rendezvous is scheduled for 20-23 Jun and will be held at the *Port of Poulsbo*. Details and the registration form are on the D16 web site on the *News and Events* page (click on the link) on the District web site. You will need to print out the registration form and mail it in along with your check before the deadline date. This will be a fun event whether you come by boat or by car.

### **Blues and Brews Festival Rendezvous**

Saturday 24 August will be the annual *Poverty Bay Blues and Brews Festival* at Normandy Park in *Des Moines*. For the past few years we have joined up with the Bremerton Squadron for a rendezvous at the Des Moines marina and we will do so again this year. The BSPS folks have already reserved the slips and are accepting sign-ups now. The rendezvous will be 23-25 August and we will have discounted pricing on the festival tickets. If you can not come by boat you can still drive in for the festival on Saturday. Contact Rush LaSelle (303-888-0780 or rlaselle@gmail.com) ASAP if you want to attend to make sure you have a slip and tickets.

### From the Education Department Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN



### What was I thinking?

Well, not only am I the commander again this year but also the SEO. Jacqui has done a wonderful job these past few years so now I have the task of trying to do at least as well. I

am still learning the way SEO stuff is done now days. It is quite different, in many respects, from the way the job was done several years ago when I held the post. In the fundamentals, however, it has not changed. The Education department is arguably the foundation of the squadron. Education was the original mission and is still the a critical part of everything we do.

Having said that, I can't do it alone. I need to know what classes you want. This summer I will be working on the calendar of classes and would like your input for what you would like to see offered. At this point it looks like we will offer Seamanship in the fall. We will also be offering the ABC course in September and probably again in October. Other classes will be scheduled if there is demand.

One of the nicer things I get to do is congratulate students who successfully pass a course. Please join me in congratulating Dave McBride for passing the Advanced Piloting course.

Remember to check for all courses and seminars coming up throughout the District. www.nwboatertraining.com.

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# Viking Fest Safety Booth Volunteers Needed!

P/C Rhonda Chen, AP-CN



On Saturday 18 May, we'll be setting up our America's Boating Club of Poulsbo Safety Booth at the Port of Poulsbo Marina during Viking Fest. This is our annual spring community

service opportunity where we promote boating safety and our classes, and do Vessel Safety Checks.

Please let me know if you can take a shift staffing the booth and be part of our volunteer team. Some choices for helping that day are:

- Help set up the booth (starting at 0730)
- Take a morning or afternoon shift at the booth
- Help with take down at the end of the day (around 1600)

Contribute what you can: a few hours or all day. This is a great opportunity to bond with fellow club members, meet and greet the public to talk about all that United States Power Squadrons has to offer and just have an all-around good time.

We will go to a nearby restaurant for breakfast after booth setup and maybe for dinner after closing up the booth.

Please email Rhonda Chen at <u>breezy-spirit@Q.com</u> for more information and to sign up to help.

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### **Squadron Activities**

18 MayViking Fest Safety Booth23 MaySquadron Dinner Meeting at PYC7-9 JunPort Ludlow Back-Bay rendezvous14-16 JunBellevue Salmon Bake at Brownsville20-23 JunD-16 Rendezvous, Port of Poulsbo23-25 AugBlues & Brews rendezvous, Des Moines

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## Pictures at an Exhibition

