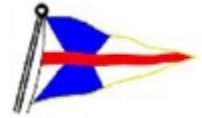




THE HALYARD



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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

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, go to our website at <https://www.abcpoulsbo.com/vsc>.

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

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

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.

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.***

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



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](http://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 breezy-spirit@Q.com for more information and to sign up to help.

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### **Squadron Activities**

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| <b>18 May</b>    | <b>Viking Fest Safety Booth</b>       |
| <b>23 May</b>    | <b>Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC</b> |
| <b>7-9 Jun</b>   | Port Ludlow Back-Bay rendezvous       |
| <b>14-16 Jun</b> | Bellevue Salmon Bake at Brownsville   |
| <b>20-23 Jun</b> | D-16 Rendezvous, Port of Poulsbo      |
| <b>23-25 Aug</b> | Blues & Brews rendezvous, Des Moines  |

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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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Pictures at an Exhibition

