


From the Desk of the Commander

Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN



Summer is over? Really?



I really feel like I was just writing my input for the May issue of *The Halyard*! Guess there really is some truth to the saying “*Time flies when you are having fun.*” Now that I am looking back over the summer I realize just how much we really did.

Now it is time to get back to work with the squadron. We have an ABC class coming on 28-29 Sep. If you know someone who needs this class then send them to our web site so they can sign up.

What looks to be the last rendezvous till the spring is the first weekend in October. The Bremerton and Bellevue squadrons are holding a Soup Pot Rendezvous at the Port Orchard Marina 4-6 Oct and have extended an invitation for us to join them. Saturday night dinner is tastings from a wide variety of hearty crock-pot soups! Bring a muffin tin and a pot of your favorite soup to share! The Bremerton squadron has reserved slips 11-16 (under Gary Wade, Bremerton Sail and Power Squadron) so if you plan to attend be sure to call Port Orchard Marina and let them know you will need one of those slips. Gary has asked that we let him know what slip you are assigned so he can add slips if necessary. You can also attend by car.

If you want to see the squadron prosper then it is time to get re-involved (is that a word?) in squadron activities. The September membership meeting is Thursday 19 September and I look forward to seeing you there.



From the XO

Lt/C Dave McBride, AP



I hope everyone had a great summer.

Marie and I did more boating this summer than we have in the past. We spent two weeks in the San Juan Islands, even ran into a Past commander from the

Canadian Power Squadron, and enjoyed some long weekend trips.

Viking Fest was a bust, the weather report scared a lot of boaters away, but as it turned out the weather was great. The Vessel Safety Examiners were not busy at all, we were able to complete 3 inspections during the festivities.

We then had our annual marker cleaning at the Port Ludlow Back Bay, by the newly elected (old) Commander. Marty decided that the marker was in good enough shape to not require any maintenance this year and said it should hold up just fine for the next incoming Commander (Me, Oh Joy).

We then attended a Salmon Bake Rendezvous sponsored by Bellevue at Brownsville Marina. We had members from Bellevue, Agate Pass, Seattle and Bremerton. Lots of food, great salmon cooked over an open fire, and great company. We also had some RV'ers come by as well.

The D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo went off without a hitch. We had a few less boats than last year, but we had fun and learned a lot during the seminars. The final evening dinner held at the Sons of Norway had a Mexican theme and the food was good and plentiful. Our D16 donation for the raffle, which consisted of a SOS Distress Light Electronic Flare with

Distress Flag, from West Marine, a \$25.00 gift card, from Big 5 Sporting store, and a bottle of wine drew the biggest donation of all the baskets submitted. The donation was \$100.00.

Then there was the Blue's and Brews Rendezvous with Bremerton in Des Moines. Marie and I were not able to go to this due to her hip replacement surgery, so I'll let Marty talk about that event.

We have at least one more Boating Rendezvous coming up with Bellevue and Bremerton at the Port Orchard Marina, the theme – Soup Pot. Get your cupcake tins ready.

During the D16 Rendezvous Commanders meeting I brought up that it would be nice to know what the other squadrons are doing for rendezvous. If we all knew what each other were doing, maybe we could have a larger turnout. The District Commander liked the idea and had the D16 webmaster come up with a new calendar in which a representative from each squadron can submit their events and have it show up on the D16 Calendar. You can sign up to receive emails with the details of the event as soon as someone posts it to the calendar. You can reach the Events Calendar through our website and the D16 website.

CAN WE TALK?

The season for finding new members of the Bridge for next year has come early. Please consider how you might be able to bring something to the table. Our nominating Committee will be taking names and calling many of you for that purpose. Unless you contact me first.

I will be standing at the ready to assist you in any way I can. Answering your questions about time commitments for any of the jobs and responsibilities any of them might take.

We will be looking for all positions. Executive Officer (XO), Administrative Officer (AO), Treasurer and Squadron Educator Officer (SEO). Also needed are an Assistant Education Officer (ASEO), a publisher for the Halyard, a Cruise Coordinator (to recruit hosts), a

Nomination Committee, Auditors and Public Relations. We've never been in this situation before; membership is down a bit and many of the current Bridge have put several years in and will be leaving their respective positions. So please, please look to your soul and see if there is a job here that you are willing to do.

Thank you very much.

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**From the Admin Department**  
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**September dinner meeting**

The September dinner meeting is on 19 September. This will be a regular potluck, see below for what to bring.

Social time is 1800 followed by dinner at 1830. Dinner will be a pot-luck affair. Please bring your favorite dish as follows:

**A – K   Side dish**

**L – P   Dessert**

**Q – Z   Entrée**

Our very own Dave and Marie McBride will be recounting their summer trip to the San Juan Islands. If you did something over the summer that you want to share then please do.

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From the Education Department
Cdr Marty Schwartz, SN-ACN



A new season starts now!

We have an ABC class scheduled for 28-29 Sep. The class is listed on our web site and students can register online by clicking on the Register button or directly by following this [link](#).

At this time I have received NO input from anyone in the squadron about additional classes so we have not scheduled any. If I get some input on desired classes I can schedule them for the fall, or spring. There is a lead time to get student manuals so let me know sooner rather than later.

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Since the last issue of *The Halyard* was sent out there has been quite a bit of activity.

In May was the annual Viking Fest parade and celebration in Poulsbo. The squadron had it's safety booth up and running and was conducting Vessel Safety Checks on the dock. I was not able to attend due to prior commitments but I want to thank all of you who put in the effort to make this happen.

In June we started out with the annual squadron rendezvous in the back bay at Port Ludlow. There were two boats rafted up in the back bay and we all had a great time. Especially me since the marker was in such great shape it did not require cleaning or painting. Even the bird spikes were in great shape and did not require replacing. I was able to just give it a close look over and determine I could leave it for the next commander (sorry Dave....;-).

Next was the Salmon Bake put on by the Bellevue squadron. They extended an invitation to Agate Pass to join the festivities and two boats were there. This is always a fun event and we were happy to take them up on their offer. The salmon was cooked perfectly and there was plenty of it. Hope they invite us again next year.

Still in June was the D16 district rendezvous at the Port of Poulsbo. It was great to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones. Due to timing of the tides the flare shoot had to be rescheduled to Friday (from the normal Saturday time frame) but there was still a pretty good turnout. The fire fighting demo used the new fire fighting trainer loaned to district by Washington Parks. This unit uses propane so it was easier to set up and reset for multiple training sessions. Poulsbo Police and Fire Departments had their marine units at the port and were providing tours and demonstrations. And finally, Luke Roberts from Washington Parks provided a demonstration of techniques to recover a person from the water. He actually went into the water and let people practice getting him

out. He definitely spent WAY more time in that cold water than I would have.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> of July in Poulsbo was a great show. Luckily our dock has a perfect view of the fireworks so we did not even leave the dock for this show. As usual Liberty Bay was full of anchored boats. Also as usual the Poulsbo Police and the Kitsap Sheriff's marine units were out checking for current registrations.

The rest of July and August was pretty much everyone doing what they wanted to do. Dave and Marie McBride were cruising the San Juan Islands while Inez and I took the opportunity to cruise up to the Broughton Island area. The scenery, what we could see through the fog and rain, was absolutely beautiful. The trip up there and back was just as much fun as the time actually in the Broughtons. You really need to add this area to your cruising plans.

Last, but not least, was the joint rendezvous with the Bremerton squadron for the Blues-and-Brews festival in Des Moines. The music was great and the selection of Brews and Ciders was better than ever.

I don't know what anyone else was doing over the summer. Maybe you can share a bit of what you did at our September meeting. See you there.

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## Basic Summer Boat Maintenance

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Summer, at least for most boaters, is a time when you'll want to be using your boat as much as possible—not maintaining it or getting involved in major projects. Still, big jobs that involve paint, fiberglass, gelcoat, or other structural work require warm temperatures. So, summer can be the right time to do bottom painting or hull work. Boatyards that are backed up in the spring are often looking for work during the summer and that means you may be able to save some bucks with discounted rates.

Otherwise, beyond basic engine maintenance (like checking the oil and filters and performing changes at the manufacturer recommended periods) summer is a season of maintaining the cleaning and polishing you've done during all the other seasons. Some of the basics:

Make sure you wash down your boat after every use. This will help bright work, gelcoat and paint finishes last longer.

Rinse and flush your sanitation system with clean water from the dock a few times each season (it helps prevent odors from building up).

Scrub your bilges now and again. Performing little jobs like this as a matter of routine, will help ensure you won't have a huge mess on your hands come winter, when it's time to put your boat away.

<https://www.westmarine.com/WestAdvisor/DIY-Bottom-Painting>

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Squadron Activities

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| 19 Sep | Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC |
| 28-29 Sep | ABC class at PYC |
| 4-6 Oct | Soup Pot Rendezvous, Port Orchard |
| 11-12 Oct | D16 fall conference, Coeur d'Alene ID |
| 17 Oct | Squadron Dinner Meeting at PYC |

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