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District 16

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One year ago, in these pages, then D/C Craig Brown wrote "I think saying 2020 has been different and challenging would be an understatement."

Three months ago I wrote "As masks come off you can smell the sea with all it's life; feel the moisture against your face and breathe it all in after over a year of covering up, it's such a great feeling. Is this not what we have all been waiting for – getting back to enjoying boating and the wonders of the sea?"

I am pleased to see that D16 squadrons are slowly emerging from being locked down and are conducting more and more in person events. They are doing it carefully and methodically based on their individual members desires. Masks off or masks on, they are cruising everywhere. It is so nice to see! Canada has just opened its borders and despite significant obstacles, American boats are pouring across the border.

In the May Cardinal Points I asked squadrons to continue reaching beyond their own members and keep offering blended meetings and education courses. This is happening with virtual course offerings from many squadrons. In October, one squadron has a boating course available in person and by Zoom. Doing this increases the reach and allows for unforeseen restrictions. Others are continuing Zooming speaker's presentations and seminars. This is the future today. Well done squadrons!

Come Sail Away with US!



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Unfortunately, as I write this, we are sliding back into increasing mask mandates and restrictions as the nasty Delta variant defies us. It is my hope that despite these new restrictions, the skills we learned during the long 2020 shutdown will allow us to easily weather this setback, continue growing and having fun. So don't put your boats away just yet. Why – keep reading.

Your district bridge has been discussing what can be done to assist its squadrons and offer more opportunities to associate. With the upcoming District Conference being virtual there is no opportunity to do what we are famous for - getting together, shaking hands and laughing. One Past Chief Commander called this “Grip and Grin “. To compensate for this we are offering another District opportunity to cruise. On Thursday Sep 30 a district cruise will start in Everett for those coming North then gather in Anacortes at the Cap Sante Marina for fun and a District supplied dinner entree. From there it is off to the San Juans; finishing Wednesday in Friday harbor at the San Juan Island Yacht Club for dinner. Keep an eye out for a news blast containing details.

Nationally, there are many changes happening within USPS as we slowly transition to America's Boating Club. This is not a smooth process, but steady progress is being made to address the many concerns of established members while addressing today's realities. At the upcoming Governing Board September meeting in Raleigh change will be the primary topic. Many changes will be voted on at this meeting. Chief among those are simplifying the requirements and certification process for a squadron education officer and the qualification of squadron bridge officers. This is a positive step forward that removes burdens from squadron nominating committees. If these pass, I will write more about this after the Governing Board meeting. Another discussion topic will be restructuring districts into larger regions.

In June, District Executive Officer Sandy Thomas resigned from the District Bridge. She has chosen to move from beautiful Washington to gorgeous Alaska; closer to family. She was a very valuable asset to the District and she will be missed. At least she stayed in the same District! We miss you, Sandy!

On October 9th we will once again be holding the 2021 District Fall Conference virtually. It is sad we will not be gathering to hug each other but members from 15 squadrons gathering is not the same as one. This will be a chance to polish and improve our online, virtual skills. An official call to the meeting will be sent out very soon. I will keep it short, finishing by noon.

In closing, I am very pleased with the way D16 squadrons weathered the pandemic, learning new ways and staying in contact with each other. Mastering these skills will be important as each squadron becomes increasingly independent, free to adapt to their local markets. A fully functioning America's Boating Club unit is much more flexible and nimbler than a traditional United States Power Squadrons. It requires less assistance, guidance and oversight. It operates within some loose guidelines and responds to local changes. That is the future; that is today. I am pleased to see that several of District 16 squadrons are moving in that direction. Go Go Squadrons!

Please get out there, get wet and show all those non-members what they are missing by not being members of United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club. But, do remember to come on the October San Juan Cruise Adventure. You don't want to say – “I should have been there”!





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Here We Go ... Let's Return

The dictionary has many definitions of the word “return”. It can be a verb meaning “to bring, give”, a noun meaning a “yield or profit”, and it can be an adjective meaning “changing in direction”.

As we prepare for what is hoped to be the return of our members to their respective groups known as squadrons or clubs, it is time to think about our return and a definite “change in direction”. We are all aware of the impact Covid 19 had on our lives and the life of our organization. What do we do now?

I urge every member to physically return to your squadron/club if your health and comfort level allows. We are stronger and better when we come together. As you return, if you do not see someone who is usually in attendance, reach out to that person. Membership is not just the job of your Administrative Officer or Membership Chair. Every member is responsible for membership.

Ask what you can do to help. There are many tasks that support a squadron/club. If you are tight on time do a small task ... there are many. As we reconnect after this last 18 months, there is much to do. Volunteer!

The desire to return to a somewhat normal life is a wish we all share. Hopefully, the fall of 2021 will see us moving toward what will likely be a “new normal”. Let us all, every member, return, bring our talents, and make our organization stronger.

Lastly, be safe, stay well and see you in the fall.

USPS PLEDGE

I do solemnly pledge to: Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons®; Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship; Maintain my boat and operate it legally; Render assistance whenever possible; and conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor and respect to the United States Power Squadrons.®



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We are back from the long summer break. I hope that all of you are surviving the heat, and have had a chance to enjoy life on the water, whether Puget Sound or one of the many lakes that add to the beauty of the Northwest.

In my last missive, I spoke of the vaccination process for COVID, and expressed the hope that we would be able to meet again in person.

And for a while that was true. My home squadron, Everett, enjoyed our first monthly meeting together in June, and although it was outside in a parking lot, we were able to enjoy each other's company. Several squadrons were able to host in-person classes, not only ABC but Boat Handling. I participated in several Jump Start outings with new and prospective members, and all seemed right with the world.

However, as all of you are aware, things have changed. Several counties have had to revert to mask requirements to slow the variants that have changed the COVID landscape and that has altered our education landscape, at least for the near future. Still, we continue to move forward, I held the first monthly SEO/ASEO Zoom conference in more than two months, and we have planned or scheduled classes for the Fall. Please check the District website if you are interested in one of our Advanced Grade or Elective Classes. Most of these will be held via Web-Based Virtual teaching, so if your squadron is not presenting a class that you wish to attend, check the website, and find one that you can attend from afar. We have procedures in place to allow for testing, and if you are looking for personal instruction, all squadrons now have Remote Learning technology, whether by ZOOM or MS Teams, or any of the other virtual connections that have become available.

I mentioned in the last article that we are working on hybrid teaching as well, allowing for both in-person and remote attendance for the same class. Friday Harbor, under the able direction of SEO Ann Einboden, has worked on this and they are now doing hybrid classes. I will be attending the National Governing Board Meeting in Raleigh NC at the end of the month, and I hope to return with lots of ideas to explore with our SEOs, that will make this technology available district wide.

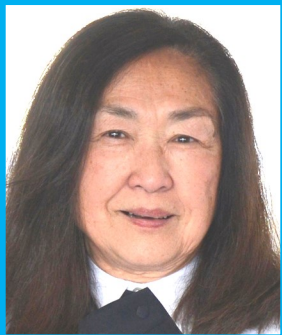
We are also scheduling Basic classes, America's Boating Course, so if you know of anyone that is looking for their Washington Boater Education Card, and would like to take the Basic class, please have them contact your local SEO, or me, and we will find a class for them. This is one of the best ways to introduce our club to the public, and spread our message of safe recreational boating.

Lastly, with the arrival of Fall, squadrons will also be resuming our Seminar presentations. These are two-hour, topic-specific modules on a variety of subjects relating to boating. The full list of available seminars are available on the national and district websites, so if you see one that you are interested in, again please contact your local SEO and get it scheduled.

As always, I will close with a request for interested members to volunteer in your squadron's educational efforts. We still need experienced boaters to teach or proctor our classes. If you are able to help, please feel free to contact your SEO or me (phnx789@msn.com) and we will get you started on the process.

Stay well, stay safe, and stay cool. I look forward to seeing you virtually at the fall conference.





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Summer is almost over. If your family is like my family, we have spent May to now traveling on wheels or in your case, on the water. We have had a beautiful, if not HOT, summer and explored many new-to-us places in our State – many that may accommodate rendezvous by water or land. As I write this article, we are staying at Hood Canal and right up the street is Pleasant Harbor Marina.



Pleasant Harbor

Photo: Barbara Erickson

In a long ago life when we had a sailboat, the squadron held a rendezvous there. Seems to me our 9' draft prevented us from going so I never knew what Pleasant Harbor was like. 2021 and I have now visited Pleasant Harbor and it is... very PLEASANT. There's a real sense of peace and quiet there in that cove. Accommodations for land yachts and motels nearby, so let the members of this district know of different places to rendezvous – whether on land or by sea – spread the word and oh, by the way... book early.

Other news worthy events

The Raleigh Governing Board is taking place 30 August through 5 September. Members of your District Bridge will be attending and providing worthwhile news gleaned from that meeting – too late to be included in this edition of the Cardinal Points, but look for news in a special email blast.

D/C Ken Smith is also promoting a second rendezvous. You should have received information about this "Anacortes Excursion," so I hope you have the dates marked on your calendars: Friday, 1 October thru Sunday, 3 October at Cap Sante Marina and then on to a destination in the San Juans for those wishing to travel further. For those without a vessel, the Cap Sante Inn or Marina Inn are nearby places to stay and the Cap Sante Marina has dry camping, but I'm seeking near by places with full hook-ups for anyone interested in RVing.

A Virtual Fall Conference is also on the calendar for Saturday, 9 October. A Call-to-Meeting and Delegate request will soon be issued by yours truly. Commanders begin seeking delegates please!

In the meantime, those wild fires are keeping the skies hazy so keep watching the air quality and stay safe, and aware, that COVID variant is still with us. Please be safe.



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D16 End of Season Cruise Adventure! 30 September— 6 October

Anacortes to the San Juans... the Adventure officially begins in Anacortes at the Cap Sante Marina on Friday, 1 October. C Dock is reserved, contact D/C Ken Smith, (818) 929-8316 to make your reservation.

For those traveling from the South, the

Port of Everett Marina is a designated mid-point stop over in your travels. North Marine Dock #6 has been reserved for you on Thursday, 30 September! P/D/C Annette Ferguson, (206) 818.1560 is your point of contact.

Agenda:

- Thursday — Stop over at Everett Marine for the night before you head to Anacortes.
- Friday evening — Gather in Anacortes for cocktails, munchies, potluck or dinner out.
- Saturday evening — Dinner on the barge. District supplying entrée, bring your own place setting/utensils/beverage and a dish to share.
- Sunday — Cruise to Rosario Resort,
- Monday — Cruise to Deer Harbor.
- Tuesday — Cruise to Roche Harbor with possible dinner at Madrona Bar & Grill.
- Wednesday — Cruise to Friday Harbor, dinner at San Juan Island Yacht Club hosted by D/C Smith.
- Thursday — Depart for home or continue your adventure northward!

For those wishing to join in on the FUN but not by boat, the Cap Sante Inn, 906 9th St. Anacortes, (360) 293.0602 is a good place to call home.

And for those who travel in their land yachts, Washington Park, a city park, has dry camping, <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/560/Washington-Park> and D/Lt/C Barbara Erickson is seeking other nearby options.

For more information about this End of Season Cruise, contact D/C Ken Smith at kenes@earthlink.net.



D16 End of Season Cruise Out Adventure

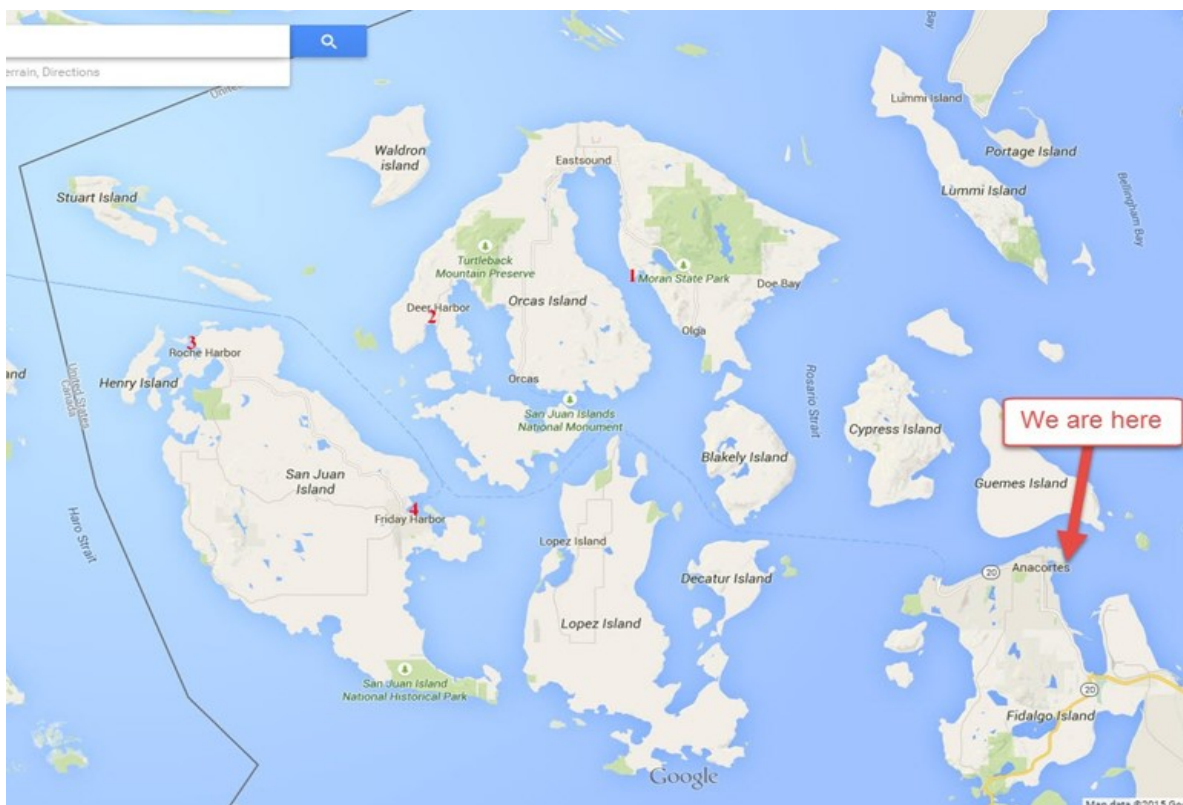
30 September through 6 October

What

D16 is scheduling an end of season cruising opportunity for its squadrons and anyone else who wishes to come. This is an end of season weeklong trip through the San Juan Islands, officially starting in Anacortes and ending in Friday Harbor. This is an opportunity to get out one last time with your fellow members and friends when the rates have gone down and fewer are crowding the marinas.

Come and Go

Can't make it all, come and go as you wish. Join for as little or as much of the adventure as you desire; no one is counting. This is an opportunity for new or less "San Juan" experienced members to try something with a group than just a one stop rendezvous.



Sites you will be cruising: **1)** Rosario Resort, **2)** Deer Harbor, **3)** Roche Harbor, and **4)** Friday Harbor

When and Where

This is a late season cruise adventure, so weather and Covid restrictions may vary activities. Even so, this should not stop D16 members from participating in one last fling and having fun. Below is the proposed schedule with the main formal event starting in Anacortes then cruising out and finishing with a San Juan Island Yacht Club dinner in Friday Harbor.

30 Sep – Th: If you are traveling from the South and need a stopping place, Everett is a great mid-point. The North Marina Guest Dock #6 has significant transient slips and P/D/C Annette Ferguson will coordinate activities there. Gathering and events TBD.

1 Oct – Fr: Arrive in Anacortes. We have slips reserved on C dock with one activity tent barge reserved. Friday night we will have cocktails, munchies, and possibly a potluck or restaurant dinner.

2 Oct – Sa: Dinner on barge. D16 will supply the entree and a bit more. Please bring your own place setting/ utensils/beverage and a dish to share. No charge to those attending.

3 Oct – Su: Cruise out to Rosario Resort on Orcas Island. The museum is open, but the Rosario Organ recitals have ended. We will do whatever there! Possibly gather a group for dinner at the resort or... Be prepared for anything. That's what makes it fun!

4 Oct – Mo: Cruise over to Deer Harbor Marina. As before, exact details TBD.

5 Oct – Tu: Cruise to Roche Harbor. We will not have a party barge reserved but there is lots to do. We will probably have cocktails with dinner possibly at the Madrona Bar & Grill or a potluck? Details TBD.

6 Oct – We: Cruise to Friday Harbor. Gather at the San Juan Island Yacht Club at 1700. Dinner to be hosted by D/C Ken Smith. Dinner is available for about \$15- \$18. There will be a drawing: Dinner entrees for two, courtesy of the D/C for anyone who brings their RV to the Island or their boat to Friday Harbor. The club is only open Wednesdays and Fridays. There will also be a special prize drawing award to the person who attends the entire Adventure Cruise.

7 Oct – T: Head home or wherever to prepare for the virtual D16 Conference.

Notes and Contacts:

For Cap Sante Marina you must make your boat reservation with the D16 contact. The marina requires that an event holder take all reservations and assign slips. You will pay the marina directly after you arrive. **Use event code ABClub D16.**

For all other marinas, you will make your own reservations. We will try to use event code **ABClub D16** to coordinate and group boats together. If skippers give the assigned D16 contact advance notice, he will try to get our boats grouped together as much as possible. Rosario and Deer Harbor are small enough that this should not be a problem.

For any and all questions, contact D/C Ken Smith, who is the master coordinator for the event. This is a very fluid, slow paced event to have fun but things can change at the last moment. Phone: (818) 929-8316 or email: kenes@earthlink.net

D16 Contacts

- General information and most locations. D/C Ken Smith (818) 929-8316
- Assistant to D/C, D16 F/Lt Pat Diehl (818) 929-8316
- Port of Everett Marina and Cap Sante location assistant, AO Annette Ferguson (206) 818-1560
- RV information, contact D/Lt/C Barbara Erickson email: bje46@msn.com.

Reservation deadlines

- Everett Marina – On your own but before 30 September will help the D16 contact coordinator.
- Cap Sante Marina – No later than Tu 27 September even if it is tentative. Earlier is better.
- Rosario – On your own but earlier helps guarantee space and plan activities.
- Deer Harbor – On your own but earlier helps guarantee space and plan activities.
- Roche Harbor – On your own but earlier helps guarantee space and plan activities.
- Friday Harbor – On your own but earlier helps guarantee space and plan activities.

Destination Contact Information

Arriving by RV? There is dry camping available at Cap Sante Marina – contact the Marina; limited spaces available at Fidalgo Bay RV Park – (360) 293-5353, and Washington City Park in Anacortes.
Want to stay in a hotel? Cap Sante Inn is nearby – (360) 293-0602 for reservations.

We are here

Everett Marina:

D16 contact – P/D/C AO Annette Ferguson
(206) 818-1560
Marina – (425) 259-6001
North Marina Guest Dock #6 www.portofeverett.com/marina/index.php

Cap Sante Marina:

D16 contact – D/C Ken Smith (818) 929-8316
ABClub D16
1019 Q Avenue, Anacortes WA 98221
(360) 293-0694
Rates: \$1.00/ft

1) Rosario Resort:

D16 contact – D/C Ken Smith (818) 929-8316
East Sound Orcas Island
(360) 376-2152 Ex 700
harbormaster@rosarioresort.com
Rates \$1.00/ft
Reservations: <https://rosarioresort.com/marina>

2) Deer Harbor Marina:

D16 contact – D/C Ken Smith (818) 929-8316
5164 Deer Harbor Rd /PO Box 344
Deer Harbor, WA 98243
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Email: mbroman@deerharbormarina.com
Rates \$1.00/ft with 30 Amp power
Radio - 78a
Reservations: www.deerharbormarina.com

3) Roche Harbor Resort:

D16 contact – D/C Ken Smith (818) 929-8316
ABClub D16
marina@rocheharbor.com
(800) 370-7742
Rates \$1.25/ft includes power

4) Port of Friday Harbor:

D16 contact – D/C Ken Smith (818) 929-8316
Use event code: ABClub D16
204 Front St, Friday Harbor, WA 98250
(360) 378-26878
www.Portfridayharbor.org
Rates \$1/ft, No reservations
www.sjiyc.com

San Juan Island Yacht Club:

D16 contact – D/C Ken Smith (818) 929-8316
Note: Arrangements with the club must be made in advance for our group size. Please do not contact the club on your own. Two-day advance notice is required. Please notify D/C Smith.

273 Front Street / PO Box 67
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District 16 Calendar 2021

August 2021

15 August Fall Cardinal Points deadline

September 2021

30 September-6 October End of Season Cruise

October 2021

9 October Fall Conference

November 2021

15 November Winter Cardinal Points deadline