

For Boaters By Boaters

## Cardinal Points

WINTER 2020

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### Learn... Engage... Connect

The words in the title of my musings for this newsletter are seen on the America's Boating Club website and in the literature being published by our national organization. When you read those words, what do they mean to you? I ask that question because as I was thinking about them, I began to ask what do they mean to me and how do we as District 16 relate to the words.

The word "Learn" is defined as the "process of gaining or giving knowledge or a skill". This was the easiest word for me. As members of America's Boating Club, we are active learners as we take classes and teach classes. Providing quality educational offerings in the classroom, on the water, in the squadron programs, and at the Seattle Boat Show are some examples of how we learn and teach.

How about the word "Engage"? I had difficulty clearly separating it from the word connect because for me they go together. The dictionary helped by defining engage as "participating or become involved". As an organization, how do we engage? Do we engage? We as an organization have a positive answer to that question as well as a negative. The positive is seen in the dedicated members who give freely of their time, talents, financial resources and their leisure time.



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These folks are engaged! But what happens to the members who do not stay? Do they leave because we as members did not help them to engage? Although we each have a responsibility for our own level of involvement in our organization, seasoned members have a responsibility to guide newer members and quieter members to roles which will promote involvement and a sense of contribution to our organization. Involved members are engaged members and they are retained members. So, get creative in ways to engage your members. Personally ask someone to help you in a project or task. Survey your members to determine their talents and interests. Who knows what someone might do for your squadron? We have the recipe that works: Engage + Involvement = Membership.

Connect is defined as “being together or form a relationship”. This word for many members is the heart and soul of why they remain members. How many times do you say or hear someone say that one of the things they value most about our organization are their friendships that have developed by learning together and playing together, especially on the water. Members may have taken all the classes they wish to take but they stay because of their friends. I value this and hope others can as well. We, as friends, are America’s Boating Club.

The three words Learn, Engage, Connect are alive and active in our district today and will be a prominent feature at the Seattle Boat Show. Plans for the Seattle Boat Show are coming together under the hard work of the Boat Show leadership team and the squadron Points of Contact. The planning and execution of the Seattle Boat Show is an example of these words in action. Our booth will have a back drop with the words Learn, Engage, Connect and those words will be demonstrated by our professional, friendly approach to the public as well as our conversations about the vast educational offerings available throughout the district. By using this approach, we will leave a positive impression with the public who desire to know more about what we know – Recreational Boating.

As this article comes to conclusion, let me wish all of you an amazing 2020 filled with laughter, love, health and being with those who are dear to your heart.

## **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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Would you like to meet new people, find out about interesting activities happening around Washington, Alaska & Idaho, put a face with a name, and/or hear the Chief Commander's (National) message? All of that plus more can be done by attending America's Boating Club (USPS) District meetings.

District meetings are great for:

Meeting new friends & catch up with old friends.

Meet & share fellowship with others with similar interest in boating and recreational boating skills & education.

Network with others that have done it before, will be asking how to do it in the future, and will provide a helping hand.

Find out about interesting events, opportunities, classes, cruising, and social activities around Washington, Alaska, Idaho and Nationally.

Put a face with the name you've seen in the newsletter and/or e-mails, heard, or were told about.

Find out what the direction and plans are for America's Boating Club directly from the Chief Commander (or Representative).

District 16's (Washington, Alaska & Idaho) 2020 Spring Conference will be held March 13 thru 15 at the DoubleTree Suites in Tukwila, WA. You can attend without the meals. We do ask that everyone attending (including those not purchasing meals) to register via the registration form, so we can assure there are enough seats for all.

On Friday March 13 at 1:00-4:00 we'll be holding the "Incoming Officer training" at Des Moines Yacht Club, in Des Moines, WA. We encourage ALL (new & old) squadron officers to attend. Even if you've been an officer in the past plan on attending because things are changing & we'll be sharing the updates. We've combined the Incoming Officer training with the District meeting to reduce your amount of travel.

Friday's dinner we encourage people to dress as your favorite Captain or Pirate. This goes with the meeting's theme of "Educate like a Captain-Play like a Pirate".

On Saturday we're offering additional activities:

For those chocolate connoisseurs take a tour of Seattle Chocolate Co. **Taste** their signature chocolate recipes, **Explore** their chocolate-making machines and **Discover** the history of chocolate and learn how they invent new flavors.

We're offering a clinic "Clarifying stray currents". Why doesn't your boat's electrical work when connected to the new 30mA marina electrical systems. Why are your zincs wearing out fast. Why are we hearing more about electrocution of swimmers. Learn about what to look for on your boat to avoid these bit falls and avoid failing a marine survey.

Throughout the weekend, there is lots of activities and shopping available within walking and/or free hotel shuttle ride of the hotel.

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Welcome to Winter! The rendezvous will have a new look next year. We most likely won't be at the Sons of Norway for dinner, we will still be at the Port of Poulsbo marina. Look for more information in the Spring newsletter.

Our membership is still decreasing in the district. I know this is a broken record, but as an organization we do need to look at what we can do to keep members from leaving. I don't have an answer. I know that in my squadron, just being friendly and talking to new folks helps tremendously. But overall we are an aging group and the demographics of volunteer organizations are changing. I know that my kids while they love boating, they are busy with their young families and volunteering in their community to benefit their kids.

I am not continuing on the bridge. My health isn't all that good at times and I need to take care of myself first. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



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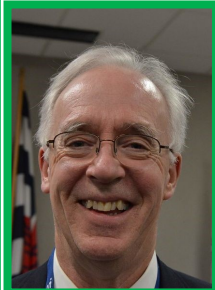
Start the New Year right by speaking to and urging fellow boaters, neighbors or friends to join your local Club/Squadron where they can get in on the fun of learning and camaraderie with other boaters. Winter is the time when classes are available and fun meetings and events are in full swing.

In addition, it is time to check your "Squadron Dues List" for those who may have dropped from your

membership because they have not yet renewed their dues. Drop them a note so they know the Squadron really cares about them. Remember, you can include a copy of their latest invoice to make it quick and easy for them to renew, if they have simply forgotten. *(A previous member can pay their full year's dues anytime within the year after they are removed from the membership rolls and thus retain their member status.)* Speaking from experience, a note from the Squadron will assure them that they are important to the group, and that they are missed. If you need assistance in finding your "Squadron Dues List," contact your Squadron Membership Chair or the D16 Membership Chair.

Also, as a new year begins, make sure your records and files are up to date. Check the Secretary's Manual (a part of the Operations Manual) for records retention information. *For instance, all official meeting minutes are to be retained permanently, and all Membership Applications received should be kept on file for seven (7) years, just to name a couple of important files.*

As always, Squadrons are encouraged to submit articles to be published in the D-16 Newsletter, **Cardinal Points**. When your Squadron has a success or information of interest, write it up and share it District wide. The Due dates for Cardinal Points articles: **April 1, September 1, and December 1**. Send articles to the Cardinal Points Editor at [alaynef@gmail.com](mailto:alaynef@gmail.com).



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How to re- **Certify Instructors**. Present the class below, fill out a form, done.

[https://www.usps.org/national/eddept/id/files/PowerPoint/2011\\_recertification.ppt](https://www.usps.org/national/eddept/id/files/PowerPoint/2011_recertification.ppt)

Education Officers you can run a recertification class for your instructors, on-line or at a dinner gathering. Your teachers and their certification status are listed below. If we recertify one half of our lapsed certifications, we will be the largest education district in the country. Contact your instructors. Contact your district people if you need some help. Below is an instructor measure of the 6 largest districts and their certification numbers.

	Active	Expired	Total
New York D-3	131	67	198
Maryland D-5	154	198	352
Washington D-16	110	121	231
Florida D-22	174	150	324
North Carolina D-26	122	63	185
South Carolina D-27	136	94	230

	Active	Expired
Agate Pass Sail &	3	3
North Star Sail &	5	0
Bellevue Sail &	15	17
Bellingham Sail &	9	7
Bremerton Sail &	6	8
Deception Pass Sail &	5	5
Everett Sail &	11	6
Friday Harbor	4	3
North Olympic Sail &	19	10
Point Wilson Sail &	3	2
Poverty Bay Sail &	9	15
Seattle Sail &	8	8
Skagit Bay Sail &	6	7
Spokane Sail &	3	6
Tacoma	4	24
<b>District 16 Totals</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>121</b>

**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB**  
*For Boaters, By Boaters™*

## Seattle Boat Show is Just Around the Corner!

R/C Barbara J. Erickson, JN

The Seattle Boat Show will be opening its doors at the CenturyLink Field Event Center from Friday, 24 January to Saturday, 1 February 2020. And District 16, America's Boating Club WA | AK | ID will have an interactive booth designed to allow the recreational boater to learn about us through the sharing of our USPS/ABClub stories and teaching aids.

Armed with statistics from last year's show, we have opted to:

- downsize the booth footprint
- add a professional look to the booth with an accompanying look for the volunteers
- focus less on the new boater and more toward the established boater
- instituted the concept of a squadron Point of Contact who is a member of the Boat Show Team as well as the point of contact for all things Boat Show related for their squadron
- retired the Virtual Trainer from the Boat Show

This year we ask you to share your USPS/ABClub story – the fun and educational experiences from your squadrons. Use Jump Start and/or Hands on Training stories to talk about our on the water training. Use the teaching aids to incorporate our story also.

Real life story of a squadron member's experience w/propane storage

Have you checked the cartridge on your automatic PFD?

Benefit of securing your boat with a cleat hitch.

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If your squadron is not shown on the table above, contact Barbara at [bje46@msn.com](mailto:bje46@msn.com) to get information about volunteering at the Boat Show.

Goal of having our booth at this Boat Show is visibility. We will have a good time! We will share our enthusiasm for this organization! We will leave a positive impression on everyone we meet! The first impression is the lasting one.

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# Boating Safety 4 Kids

DECEMBER 2019



## Seattle Boat Show



## The 2019 Crew



## It's in the Box Game



## Life Jacket Style Show

Photos by Steve Erickson

## OUR NEXT BIG EVENT: SEATTLE BOAT SHOW SEMINAR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

*This will be the fourth year that Boating Safety 4 Kids has participated in the Seattle Boat Show.*

*We have reached over 40 kids and their parents, which is a huge bonus.*

*This is an all-day event for the volunteers. Arriving at the Boat Show at 10 am with all the props for the seminar, we take the props to the classroom space they have designated for the course.*

*From 11 am to noon we divide into teams and invite the families to come to the seminar with a cute invitation. At noon we go to the class space the welcome the kids.*

*We teach the Life Jacket Style Show, the game It's in the Box, do a cold water experiment and a sun protection commercial. The children are given a PFD Puzzle Storybook and information regarding the America's Boating Club.*

*In the past we have had members from Tacoma and Seattle Squadrons helping.*

**Would you like to help SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>?**

*If you would like to HELP with  
Boating Safety 4 Kids, contact.....*

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**Boating Safety 4 Kids**  
**WE SAVE LIVES!!!**

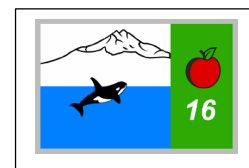
*If we have taught one child how to choose a right life jacket or how to save grandpa if he falls overboard, we are pleased with the time it takes to teach BS4K.*



"PFD"  
"PRETTY FANCY DUDE"

**“Educate like a Captain**

**Play like a Pirate”**



## Annual District 16 Conference 13-15 March 2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

FUNCTION:	(Meal prices include gratuity & Sales tax)	*Early Bird \$*	Regular \$	# of People	Total \$
<b>Friday – Incoming Officer training</b>	<b>1300 – 1600</b>				
Des Moines YC - 22737 Marine View Dr, Des Moines see next page		XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
<b>Friday – Registration</b>	<b>1500 - 1800</b>	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
DoubleTree Suites - 16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila					
<b>Friday - Dinner</b> - dress as your favorite Captain or Pirate	<b>1900 - 2000</b>				
Spaghetti w/ meatballs, salad, garlic bread with music		\$38.00	\$43.00	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday – Breakfast</b> - Breakfast is available at the hotel		XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
<b>Saturday – Tour of Seattle Chocolate Co</b>	<b>0930 – 1130</b>				
see next page		XXX	\$10.00	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday – Clinic “Clarifying stray currents”</b>	<b>1330 – 1530</b>				
see next page		XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
<b>Saturday – Lunch</b>	<b>1200 - 1300</b>				
Baja Salad Buffet; salad greens w/ assorted toppings available		\$28.00	\$33.00	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday – No-Host Social</b>	<b>1700 - 1800</b>				
		XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
<b>Saturday – Dinner</b>	<b>1800 - 2000</b>				
1. <u>Garlic roasted Chicken w/ smoked mozzarella cream</u>		\$45.00	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
2. <u>Salmon Linguini</u>		\$45.00	\$50.00	_____	\$ _____
All Entrees served with dinner salad, seasonal vegetables, new potatoes, coffee/decaf/tea					
<b>Final chance for Raffle Tickets and Silent Auction bids</b>					
<b>* Early Bird prices apply only for Registrations post-marked by 15 January 2020</b> <b>Registrations &amp; payment MUST be received prior to 21 February 2020</b>					<b>TOTAL:</b>

Please make checks payable to: “Poverty Bay Sail & Power Squadron” and mail with Registration Form  
to: Joanna Webster, 31820 37<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, Federal Way, WA 98023-2176, Phone: (253) 927-7474.

Make **hotel reservations** directly with DoubleTree Suites no later than **Friday, 28 February 2020** by using below link or calling: (800) 222-8733. **Request Group Code “D16”** to get conference rate prices.

**DoubleTree Suites, 16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila, WA**

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\*\* Please do NOT book your room through Expedia.com, hotels.com or similar sites.  
We do not get credit against our required room-night guarantee for those bookings\*\*

**For questions, please contact Joanna Webster at: (253) 927-7474 or email at [jimjoweb@aol.com](mailto:jimjoweb@aol.com)**



### **Incoming Officer training**

Those that sign up for this training will be contact via e-mail about options for getting to the Des Moines Yacht Club.

### **Seattle Chocolate Co. Tour**

Experience chocolate at the Seattle Chocolate factory and flagship store. **Taste** their signature, smooth chocolate recipes throughout your journey. **Explore** their chocolate-making machines and the start-to-finish creation of their truffles. **Discover** the history of chocolate, the untold stories of Seattle Chocolate Company, and learn how they invent new flavors. Plus, share some ideas of your own!

Those that sign up for this tour will be contact via e-mail about transportation arrangements (time & place).

### **Clinic “Clarifying stray currents”**

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### **Activities & shopping**

There is lots of activities and shopping available within walking and/or free hotel shuttle ride of the hotel.



We wish you a  
“Merry Christmas”  
“Happy Hanukkah”  
“Joyous Kwanzaa”  
“Happy Holidays”  
And a Safe, Happy and  
Prosperous New Year  
And May All your Holidays  
Be filled with Love, Joy and Family  
And Friends



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## ***District 16 Calendar 2020***

### ***January***

24 Jan –1 Feb Seattle Boat Show

### ***February***

9-16 Feb National Annual Meeting  
(Ponte Vedra Beach, FL)

### ***March***

13 –15 Mar D16 Spring Conference & Incoming  
Officers Meeting

### ***April***

1 April Spring Cardinal Points Deadline

### ***May***

9 May D16 Educational Conference

### ***June***

12-13 June D16 Rendezvous (Poulsbo)

### ***August***

1 August Fall Cardinal Points deadline

### ***December***

1 December Winter Cardinal Points deadline