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### Red Skies at Night Sailors Delight

You can't really see it, but boy can you smell it; feel it, sense it. What is it? Fresh salty wind blown sea air! 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?

The Change of Watch season is over, restrictions are loosening, masks are coming off and with all of this our squadrons are coming out. They are scheduling in person events and cruises again. There are Cruises to Roche, Stewart Island, Poulsbo, Everett, Anacortes and more on the books with record numbers of boats are signing up. As I look out at sunset each evening what I see are only red skies; I am so delighted!

In this article I will be talking about our future and how we move forward. First I wish to thank the officers and members of the Bellingham, North Olympic, Seattle, Skagit Bay and Tacoma squadrons for inviting me and allowing me to participate in their virtual Change of Watch ceremonies. Due to Covid I did not have the opportunity, as Executive Officer, to visit many of our squadrons this past year. I hope to remedy this year as in person events resume. While officiating at the COW events, the overall energy and positivity I experienced was astounding and makes me proud to be a member of District 16 and the Friday Harbor Squadron.

Come Sail Away with US!



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Those who attended the COW events heard me talk positively about the incredible opportunities the Covid shutdown and restrictions have presented all of us, not the negatives, and what I believe we should focus on going forward as restriction loosen. Today – in this article – I am going to tell all of you some of what I told them.

For decades members of USPS have been talking, mostly just talking, about the need to change; to adapt and embrace newer technologies and ways. The Covid shutdown gave us the opportunity do just that; change, adapt and embrace! It forced us to change the way we meet, interact and teach. It forced us to adapt, finding new things to do. It forced us to embrace many of the newer electronic technologies that many feared so we could change and embrace. Many squadrons in D16 and nationally did just that; adapting and thus experiencing their squadron and America's Boating Club in wholly, non-traditional ways.

In my talks, I spoke of what to do going forward as restrictions lessen. I said:

*"When you go back to having social gatherings; embrace what you have learned with these changes by making those events blended. Zoom your in person meetings and presentations. Send invitations to other squadrons, students and perspective members. This greatly expands your reach and even allows your own members - who may be unable to attend in person - to participate.*

*Teach both in person and virtually. Immediately invite virtual students to participate in your on the water training events - something I know you are very skilled at doing! Or – invite them to any other hands on demonstrations. Reach out to Cyber Members in your area. Turn virtual into in-person and then social. Personal and Social is something - we in America's Boating Club offer that makes us unique."*

I believe that this is our future for we must not go back but keep moving forward. I also spoke about the evolution of the United States Power Squadrons into America's Boating Club and the opportunities this change offers to all squadrons. Please remember that a squadron is not required to adopt the principals of ABClub, but may if it chooses. What I said was:

*"The shutdown has given us an unprecedented opportunity to cast aside many of our old ways; not all of them, but some, and embrace the newer evolving model of America's Boating Club; a leaner, simpler and more modern version of the United States Power Squadrons. This new ABClub model replaces bureaucracy with simplicity – it focuses on having fun instead of following procedure – and most importantly – it emphasizes serving your unique marketplace - not just fulfilling a nation-wide fit all model and agenda. It does not require you to abandon the historical ways and traditions of USPS – but allows you to apply them as your membership desires."*

I spoke about what squadrons and all members can do to help attract new members, grow their squadrons and bring in younger members as we move forward. I do wholeheartedly believe that if we do what I say below we will grow:

***"First*** - find what your local market wants or needs and deliver that. Sounds simple but it requires broad, flexible and visionary thinking.

***Second*** - talk about education and your new virtual offerings. Remember that may who hear virtual or online think just a computer driven course. Let them know that your online (virtual) classes are instructor lead – something most others do not offer. Let people know that "we are hands on" - as allowed. Something else generally not offered by others. A local face, even virtual, can make a connection creating a new member, a friend and boating buddy. No computer can ever do that!

*In other words - be social – do social – teach social – in the classroom or on the water and recognize opportunities capitalizing on them - by always focusing on the positive."*

I believe that if every squadron searches for what their market truly wants and needs, delivers it; they will all succeed. And finally, in my closing remarks, I asked each and ever member to do just one thing:

*"Always remember why you joined your squadron – and why you are still a member. Please, give what you can to America's Boating Club, your Power Squadron; no more. Take from America's Boating Club what makes you happy and fulfilled. Enjoy your time on the water with others. Most importantly, remember, that being a member or a leader within Americas Boating Club should not be stressful or tedious - but absolutely fun! For as we are proud to say "Boating is Fun".*

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



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Listed below are the D16 Executive Office Committee Chairs who volunteer their time to assist our Squadrons with each of the Executive programs. I extend a big THANK YOU to each of these volunteers. Please feel free to contact them or me at any time. New reports regarding **Legislation** and **Vessel Safety Checks** are below.

**Legislative Officer: Loyd Walker**, who is a member of the Bremerton Squadron filed the following report:

This report comprises a serial snapshot of new and ongoing issues affecting boaters and boating programs. If you have questions or need more information, contact your Legislative Officer [PC Loyd Walker, SN] at [lawalker3@comcast.net](mailto:lawalker3@comcast.net).

**Once again – broken record extension:**

Based on joint agreement between **U.S.** and **Canada**, the **border** is now **closed** until **June 21<sup>st</sup>**. The U.S. is pushing for a plan on re-opening but Canada is remaining steadfast with no plan.

**National Marine Fisheries Service [NMFS]:**

The issue of prohibitive mitigation controls imposed on marina upgrade projects is ongoing.

**Legislative update:**

The 2021 session is now over, ending on 4/25/21. The grand finale as usual involved the state's three primary budgets – operating, capital and transportation. General taxpayer sentiment aside, the boating world fared pretty well. No adverse boating fee increases and the normal funds remained intact. General fund money was provided for additional derelict vessel removal and aquatic invasive species prevention.

With failure of the two [House and Senate] Bills regarding boater education and PFD wear, the Washington State Parks recently conducted a boater survey regarding mandatory PFD wear and also conducted a virtual [on-line Zoom] Safety Summit with approximately 40+ boating stakeholder participants to continue exploring possible solution(s) to reducing boating drowning fatalities.

**Lakebay Marina purchase imminent:**

With the capital budget now passed and the boating facilities fund intact, the top project being Lakebay is set for a grant of \$1.76 million which will allow purchase and ownership transfer to the Department of natural Resources. With lots of work and upgrades ahead, the target remains for ultimate turnover to state parks as a marine park. With ownership transfer, the next step is to request additional planning funding from the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and also leverage national matching funds available through the National Heritage Act for Maritime Washington.

**South Sound mobile pump-out:**

Pierce County grant application is ongoing. Additionally, there is a \$2.6 million general fund budget item included for other pump-out support through the Clean Vessel Act which supports the state parks program. Along with this are two more initiatives underway for mobile pump-out services in Port Ludlow Bay and Lopez Island.

**Engine cutout lanyards:**

The new rule that requires that engine cutoff devices be worn [if installed] is now

effective beginning April 2021. Initially this will be effective on federally controlled waters [Puget Sound, Lakes Union & Washington] and under the jurisdiction and enforcement by the Coast Guard. Early implementation is expected to be largely educational, but still limited by Coast Guard resources.

**Montlake Bridge maintenance:** The currently agreed upon plan is for one side of the bridge [at a time] to be available for opening at the current schedule throughout the maintenance of August & September. This will result in a narrower passage and require notification and full opening on a 24 hour ahead request basis.

**Vessel Safety Check Chair: Craig Brown,** who is the Immediate Past District Commander and a member of the Poverty Bay Squadron.

**All Vessel Examiners are required to complete the 2021 VSC Workshop prior to July 13, 2021** (Craig forwarded to all identified/known Squadron VSC Chairs, information where to find the training & how to report/document training completion). 2021 VSC decals were distributed to Squadron Commanders. Craig has shared information about the new Federal requirement for Engine Cut-Off Switch (kill switch) systems on vessels less than 26 feet. He has shared information about the importance of using (and ordering) the "If Found" and "Paddle Tip Reflector Kits" decals. Any questions or comments should be directed to Craig Brown at [craig-sandybrown@msn.com](mailto:craig-sandybrown@msn.com).

**Environmental Specialist: Larry Warren,** who is a member of the Tacoma Squadron.

**Canadian Liaison Officers:**       **James Harden** from the Tacoma Squadron  
   **Mark Richey** from the Skagit Bay Squadron  
   **Jim Jones** from the North Olympic Squadron

**U.S. Coast Guard and USPS District 32 Liaison: Craig Brown**

**Cooperative Charting Chair: Vacant**

We would welcome any D16 Squadron member who has had experience with Cooperative Charting to volunteer to help us out and become a member of our Team as Co-Op Charting Chair.

As you can see, the D16 Executive Department handles some very important outreach programs. If you have questions on any of these Committees or Programs, contact the Chair directly or contact me Sandy Thomas at [uspsd16.dxo@gmail.com](mailto:uspsd16.dxo@gmail.com).



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## **Help! CPR Needed**

Now that I have your attention, you are probably wondering what this is all about. CPR as everyone knows stands for the procedure known as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. It is a procedure that hopefully folks know how to perform, especially if your heart decides to stop working. CPR can breathe life back into our lungs and help our heart to beat again. Without it, we suffer a loss.

This past year there have been many losses. Some of our members have experienced the loss of loved ones. Many have experienced economic losses and all of our members have experienced the loss of fellowship as our meetings and activities were cancelled in compliance with Covid restrictions.

As the restrictions lift, we face the loss of squadron members and possibly squadrons. Here is where CPR is needed. We each need to perform a form of CPR in our squadrons. We need to resuscitate our squadrons by breathing new life into them. How do we do this? It is simple ... GET INVOLVED! Every person who has joined America's Boating Club has a skill, talent or interest. More than ever, those things are needed as those skills represent life for the squadrons. We need to evaluate the status of our members. Have they renewed their membership? If not, ask what we could do to meet their needs. We need to restart classes and consider continuing to provide Zoom capability for classes and meetings even after restrictions are lifted. Zoom allows us to reach those who live outside our geography and prefer to learn from their recliners.

There are more opportunities to get involved than I can list. But the message is, now more than probably ever before in the life of our organization, get involved. Standing on the sidelines will not provide the "life" we need as we emerge from this very difficult time. So, push up your sleeves, and do CPR.

## **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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## **"Let's Go Boating"**

**Greetings USPS District 16, America's  
Boating Club of Washington, Idaho, and  
Alaska™**

Well, at long last Spring has arrived. The days get longer, and there is a definite warming trend in the air. I haven't run the heat in my apartment for over two weeks, except for the occasional morning when I get out of bed. Life is getting better. I hope you have all had the opportunity to get your vaccine shots. I just got my second two weeks ago, and I am three days away from being able to walk outside without a mask, even around other people.

And, more to the point for us, with the vaccine process well in place, we now have permission to meet in person again. You know what that means? Squadron meetings, at least in the open air, are now possible. My squadron, Everett, will be meeting for the first time since February of last year. Granted, with weather permitting, it will be in the parking lot, but we will be there, for an opening summer barbecue, a cold beverage or two, and lots and lots of conversations about boats, boating, and the great outdoors.

It also means that we can start teaching our classes again, in a traditional classroom setting. Everett will be hosting an ABC Class at the Port of Everett, and we have 16 people signed up. That is the largest class Everett has seen in more than three years.

Does this mean that Virtual Classes are going to go away? Not at all. In fact, at both the District and National levels, Education Officers are encouraging squadrons to continue to offer classes thru the ZOOM and WebEx platforms, because it means that we can get more students involved in Advanced Grades and Electives. Using the virtual network will enable to reach more students who are interested in taking classes, but whose squadrons may not be able offer the class they want. Please contact your SEO to see if there is a class being offered that you are interested in.

We will also be working on a hybrid format, with some students attending in person, and others using a Web-based platform. This will of course require some investment in the technology, as well as additional practical work by the instructors, to be able to present the class to both sets of students with the same efficiency and professionalism. This of course means that we will be needing instructors. So, as always, I am asking that you please examine your time, and see if you can volunteer as an instructor, or at least as a proctor. There is a wealth of knowledge out there and we need to get it to others, so that they can enjoy our beautiful northwest waters.

I hope that all of you are looking forward to this boating year, being able to get out and enjoy the season yourselves. Stay well, stay safe and Let's Go Boating.





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The **Incoming Officer Meetings** are being held via ZOOM. The Secretary's Department will hold its meeting on Monday, May 24 at 11:00am. I hope all the secretaries, whether you have been in the role forever or are brand new will attend. I have asked V/C Harry Hebb, SN, to attend and have a conversation about the committees in his department, particularly the changes in the Information Center and any thoughts the Secretaries might want to share with Harry.

Did your squadron have a Change of Watch this year? Even if you did not, Historians or Secretaries, it is time to submit your **Historian Reports** using DB2000. Need the password? Contact your squadron commander. On the topic of Historians, can you name the squadrons in District 16 who have a Historian? Send your answer to me on or before 1 June. Who knows, there maybe a prize in store.

**USPS Flag images.** How many times have you had the occasion to produce an image of a commander, Lt/C, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt or a Lt flag for your change of watch or maybe Founder's Day? I just ran across excellent images. Check out: [USPS Flags Download Page](#).

#### **Updating Squadron and District Officer Information – OD-1, OD-2 and ED-80 (1)**

As a response to the Covid-19 impact, for 2020 ITCom took special actions to eliminate the requirement for filing the OD-1s, OD-2s, and ED-80s for 2020. **For 2021, however, OD-1s, OD-2s and ED-80s must be filed within 45 days of the anniversary of the last Change of Watch, or your 2020 jobs will no longer be recognized.** The OD-1, OD-2 and ED-80 forms can be filed electronically on the [Information Center](#) under Organizational Info. **Do not use DB2000 to update officer information. Use the electronic form instead.**

29 August – 5 September are the dates of **Raleigh Fall Governing Board**. The Hilton Raleigh North Hills is waiting for your reservation. Committees are planning workshops/seminars – experience these firsthand this year. All CDC guidelines are being observed by the National Meetings Committee as well as the Hilton.

One last thing. Are you proud of your newsletter? The **Parade of Publications** will take place at the Raleigh Governing Board. If you would like to send a few color copies to display in the Parade, contact me at [bje46@msn.com](mailto:bje46@msn.com) and we will work out a plan to get them there!

Thank you for all you do for your squadron and this organization! We wouldn't be here without you.

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(1) Source – United States Power Squadrons homepage

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D16 Treasurer

New Members – remember you do not have to wait for an invoice to pay the district dues. A few squadrons pay the new member district dues at the same time as they pay the national dues. The easiest way is to write the District a check at the same time as you pay the National Dues.

990N – As we end one year and start a new one, it is time for each Squadron to file a 990N with the IRS. Please forward to me a copy showing that the form has been accepted.

By now all Squadron Treasurers and Commanders should have received notice from National that squadron assessments and Educational fund payments can no longer be included in the check for payment of National dues. Education fund payments must be made separately. Several Squadrons just mail a check for \$1.00 for each member directly to the Educational Fund in July.

District dues will remain the same for the coming year.

If any treasurers have questions or concerns, I can be reached at [bnrwalker@comcast.net](mailto:bnrwalker@comcast.net).



Hop Aboard and Let's head out for a fun filled and safe summer of boating ! Remember your Life Jackets please!







**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB**  
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## Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 11-13 June 2021

### Registration:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*If you are coming for any of the rendezvous events PLEASE register\*\*\***  
**Registering only for events/fellowship (no moorage) circle YES**

**All moorage reservations must be received per below prior to May 24, 2021.**

No guarantee for moorage will be given after this date!!

**Friday Night Social:** No host (BYOB&F) "Boat Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock". Participants eat on their boat's tail (stern) or those without a boat eat on the dock. This provides an opportunity to socialize while observing current COVID guidelines.

**We recommend boats are "stern in" to facilitate COVID socializing.**

**Saturday Skills:** Flare shoot (fire real flares) & Fire Extinguisher (put out a real fire) training.

**Saturday Dine on your own:** Dine on your boat, the dock or one of the fine restaurants in Poulsbo.

### MOORAGE Reservations:

- **Pay a nonrefundable \$5 for moorage reservation prior to May 24, 2021.**
- Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is **\$1.15/foot** (30' minimum) + **.75/visit + \$5/night (30 amp electrical).**
- **Please circle your "1<sup>st</sup> choice" of moor:** bow in port   bow in starboard   stern in port   stern in starboard
- **Please circle your "2<sup>nd</sup> choice" of moor:** bow in port   bow in starboard   stern in port   stern in starboard
- **Please circle Arrival Day:** (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)
- **Estimated arrival time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boat Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LOA** \_\_\_\_\_ **Beam** \_\_\_\_\_ **Draft** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Considerations:** \_\_\_\_\_ (will try to accommodate)

Prior to entering the marina hail "America's Boating Club" on Ch72 for docking instructions (no self-assigning slips).

**Non-refundable Moorage Reservation Fee (\$5.00): \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### LODGING:

Call Poulsbo Inn @ 360-779-3921 or 360-779-9737. Reference "America's Boating Club/Power Squadron" for group rate of **\$97.00 plus tax for King** or **\$92.0 plus tax for 2 Queens**. **Group block rate closes May 24, 2021.** Please make your hotel reservations early. **Make hotel reservation and payment directly with the hotel.**

**Registration form and payment must be received prior to May 24, 2021. Please Send to:**

**Make payment out to "USPS District 16"**

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***District 16 Calendar  
2020-2021***

***May 2021***

15 May Summer Cardinal Points deadline

15-21 May National Safe Boating Week

***June 2021***

10-13 June Poulsbo District Rendezvous

***August 2021***

1 August Fall Cardinal Points deadline

***November 2021***

15 November Winter Cardinal Points deadline