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### CHANGES... Planned and Unplanned

The spring edition of our Cardinal Points newsletter traditionally showcases the newly installed District 16 Bridge, but not this year. As this edition is published all members of our district are aware the Spring Conference and COW was cancelled due to the coronavirus. As I am writing this article, it is uncertain what the next weeks will look like. Questions about squadron COWs, meetings, etc. are being discussed. The coronavirus was a catalyst for some unplanned changes and some "firsts" in how we conduct business. For the first time our District voters will conduct an election by email vote. For the first time our Incoming Officers Training will be held by Free Conference Call or telephone versus one gathering place. For the first time we will hold the District COW at our District 16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo. For the first time Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron not only will plan the Spring Conference but will host the Fall Conference that will be held at the Doubletree in October 2020. A huge thanks to the Poverty Bay leadership team and members who agreed to continue their work and planning into the fall. As you can see... many "firsts" and many changes.

Although change is a process we all experience, it feels better when we initiate the change. In recent weeks, the changes that everyone within our district made came in response to the coronavirus. These changes have created a sense of uncertainty and sometimes fear. In a book entitled "The Obstacle Is the Way" there is a quote which seems appropriate:



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“The obstacle in the path becomes the path. Never forget, within every obstacle is an opportunity to improve our condition.”

The obstacle, the coronavirus, has become our opportunity to sharpen our skills of leadership, cooperation and innovation. We have defined new paths in District 16. Our strength as a district will see us through these uncharted times. Stay safe. Stay well.

At each conference, a report from the bridge officers is presented to the membership. Due to the cancellation of our Spring Conference, I have asked each bridge officer to present their report in their newsletter article.

#### Commander's Report

We last met at the beautiful resort in Coeur d'Alene for the 2019 Fall Conference. Spokane Sail and Power Squadron not only organized a successful event but made everyone want to come back to the Spokane and Coeur d'Alene areas. October seemed to quickly turn into cold, wet winter months during which squadrons busily taught classes, seminars, and finished up Vessel Safety Checks. District members began to gear up for the Seattle Boat Show. In our newsletter is an article by P/D/C Barbara Erickson, JN summarizing the Seattle Boat Show experience.

The Annual Meeting of America's Boating Club was held in February at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. District 16 was well represented by approximately 20 members who chaired committees, served on committees or attended seminars to learn what is happening within our organization. As always, much information was shared in committees and seminars. As District Commander, it was a special treat to hear the names of our squadrons and members as they were acknowledged for awards. In our newsletter, I have included a list of those awards. Thank you to all of you who continue to commit to the mission of our organization.

The Educational Department continues to work hard updating classes and developing seminars. If you have not looked at the Currents Newsletter published by the Educational Department, you are missing the most up-to-date information about the department. Included in the February 2020 publication, District 16 members were listed. Please see the article on award for this list. Lastly, it was reported the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators has developed additional rules which will be impacting on our ABC courses. These rules are scheduled to be released in early April 2020. Stay tuned!

During the Annual Meeting, four by-law changes were voted on and approved. The by-laws included one that established guidelines for DBA/AKA. It will now be the procedure that all Districts will have to present their DBA names (i.e. America's Boating Club (ABC) of ..... ) for approval. This is to prevent conflicts in nomenclature between squadrons. Squadrons will have to submit their request for DBA to their District Conference for approval. For our District, each squadron, which has incorporated ABC into their name, will present at the Fall Conference their name for approval. Our District name of America's Boating Club of Washington, Alaska and Idaho has been approved by the Board of Directors making us one of the first to meet the guidelines.

Two of the by-law changes were housekeeping changes related to membership and how squadrons admit members into their organization. The final by-law change was the addition of Section 10.3.3.4 which gives the National organization the ability to conduct business between annual meetings via electronic meeting in the event only one meeting is being held in the year. For more precise wording regarding the by-law changes please review the by-laws on the national website.

Membership continues to be a topic discussed at all levels of our organization. I suspect many of our members are tired of this topic. We, here in District 16 are trending like the rest of our organization in that we are getting new members and losing many of these members around 2-3 years later. We have to do a better job engaging our new members and developing them into participating members. As you begin your new bridge year, have an honest discussion with your leadership team. What are you doing to engage and connect your members? Is it time to try something new like On The Water training? As membership was

discussed, it was mentioned repeatedly that squadrons who included an on the water component to their educational offerings were showing increases in membership and retention. If it is working for some, why not your squadron?

As I wrap up this report, I would like to speak about the “heart” of our district. As I have traveled throughout our district attending COWs, meetings, and other events, I have gotten to know more of you. I am proud of what each squadron is doing to help the recreational boating community to be better educated and safer on the water. Each squadron whether small, medium or large contributes to the mission of educating boaters. This year has been busy, fun and inspiring. It has been my honor to serve as your District Commander. For now, take care. See you in Poulsbo!

**Yahoo! Let's Celebrate!**

**By: D/C Annette Ferguson, AP**

Congratulations to the following members who were acknowledged at the Annual Meeting. Because of the cancellation of our Spring Conference, we here in District 16 say our congratulations in our newsletter.

**Governing Board Emeritus -** P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN – Bellevue (50<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark)

**Live Member Awards - 25 Merit Marks**

Thomas V. St. Louis -	Bremerton
Joanna K. Webster -	Poverty Bay
Donna J. Mason -	Skagit Bay
John Sherrick -	Spokane
Gerald J. Lawrence -	Tacoma

**Chapman Award Nominee -** P/C John Tarpley, AP – Everett

**Members Receiving Grade of “N” -**

Inez E Schwartz	Agate Pass
Peter Bolton	Bellingham (CPS-EPS Chief Commander)
Jean M. Muenzenberger	Bremerton
Paul B. Holzbaur	Deception Pass
Pamela D. Truog	Deception Pass
George E. Moore	Seattle
Gary V. Ball	Tacoma
Stanley A Wolfe	Tacoma
Beverly Kennedy	Tacoma

**Squadron Growth and Retention Award –**

Tacoma Power Squadron – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Nationally in Division 1 - 8% Growth  
Squadrons with 114 or more members

**Cooperative Charting –**

Tacoma Power Squadron – National Ranking 4 – Geodetic Marks  
James Harden – Tacoma, National Ranking 12  
Deborah Harden – Tacoma, National Ranking 29

**Vessel Safety Checks –**

District 16 completed 1270 VSCs during 2019  
Viki Sharp – 10 year Century Club Member, Tacoma—Completed 204 VSCs in 2019

**Educational Fund –**

District 16 was one of eleven districts achieving District Honor Roll status with 100% membership involvement.

Agate Pass	37 <sup>th</sup> Award
Bellevue	37 <sup>th</sup> Award
Bellingham	36 <sup>th</sup> Award
Bremerton	33 <sup>rd</sup> Award
Deception Pass	31 <sup>st</sup> Award
Everett	31 <sup>st</sup> Award
Friday Harbor	34 <sup>th</sup> Award
North Olympic	21 <sup>st</sup> Award
North Star	1 <sup>st</sup> Award
Point Wilson	9 <sup>th</sup> Award
Poverty Bay	30 <sup>th</sup> Award
Seattle	39 <sup>th</sup> Award
Skagit Bay	16 <sup>th</sup> Award
Spokane	29 <sup>th</sup> Award
Tacoma	33 <sup>rd</sup> Award

**Distinctive Communication Award - 2019 for Websites**

District 16

Squadrons:

Agate Pass Sail and Power Squadron  
Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron  
Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron  
Everett Sail and Power Squadron  
North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron  
North Star Sail and Power Squadron  
Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron  
Seattle Sail and Power Squadron  
Tacoma Power Squadron

**Distinctive Communication Award 2019 for Newsletters –**

Agate Pass	THE HALYARD
Bellevue	BELLEVEUES
Bellingham	Bell Signals
Bremerton	The Squawk Box
Deception Pass	The Spindrift
Everett	THE PIKE POLE
Friday Harbor	Harbor Lights
North Olympic	Straitlines
Point Wilson	The Point
Poverty Bay	The Pirates Log
Seattle	The Pilot
Skagit Bay	The Bitter End
Tacoma	The Wake Astern

Congratulations from all of us to those people who were recognized. Keep up the good work!



**D/Lt/C Craig Brown, SN-IN**

**Executive Officer**

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I hope all are avoiding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). I know it has sure caused all kinds of issues.

District 16 didn't escape being impacted. Our Change-of-Watch (COW), including our election, had to be postponed. As a result we're holding an electronic (email) election of the 2020/21 District Bridge & the General Committees. Our

District Secretary has sent voting emails to all those authorized to vote. The plan is to hold a ceremonial COW during the District's Rendezvous in Poulsbo, WA on 11-14 JUN20. The hotel that we were scheduled to hold the COW has been working very closely with us. We rescheduled using them to hold our Fall Conference. The Fall Conference will be 09-11OCT20 at the DoubleTree Suites in Tukwila, WA. Watch for more information coming out soon.

Below I've included my District Executive Officer report I would have presented at the COW.

### **USPS/ABC District 16 Executive Officer report 2020**

The primary and most significant tasks of the District Executive Officer (DXO) is managing/coordinating the District's outside (non-USPS) business and supporting the District's Commander. Our District's Commander is a well-organized go-getter that doesn't require much supporting.

Our Commander, I, and several others represented D16 at the Canadian Power Squadrons' National Annual Meeting in Victoria, BC. It is always good to connect with our partners to the north and share knowledge on what does & what hasn't worked relative to our same mission of boating safety & skills.

Attending the USPS/ABC National Annual Meeting which was held in Ponte Vedra (Jacksonville), FL. I participated in the DC/DXO meeting and seminars.

Below are a sampling of activities, as reported to the DXO, that Committee Chairs were involved in supporting/doing in 2019/20:

Liaison to USCG Auxiliary (and other recreational boating safety (RBS) organizations): I have continued to support my personal motto of: Partner/Outreach/Knowledge (sharing between diverse RBS groups). Here is a couple examples from the last few months: Talking with people about more broadly sharing the CPS's "Marine Radio [VHF] Course" with boat operators in the USA. This class is required to receive Canada's "Restricted Operator's Certificate (Maritime)" card. The class is EXCELLENT for educating proper radio use and protocol (lacking in the USA). I'm authorized to provide the class and test in the Pacific NW (USA). Bring attention to that USPS/ABC & USCGAux classes aren't listed in BoatUS and Washington Parks websites. If anyone is interested/need/wanting to share information/resources/needs between RBS organizations feel free to coordinate with me [Craig Brown].

Cooperative Charting In 2019 two members of the District participated in the Cooperative Charting programs, James Harden and Debra Harden from the Tacoma Squadron. Both members participated in the Geodetic and Nautical programs and are listed on the 2019 Honors List for the Geodetic Program.

In 2018 the National Cooperative Charting Committee implemented new procedures for preparing and submitting Reports. These procedures require members to submit reports online directly to the National Committee. The Chair of the District Cooperative Charting Committee is not involved in reviewing reports and monitoring members' participation in the program. The responsibilities of the District Cooperative Committee Chair are now limited to promoting the program and serving as a resource to assist members in conducting surveys and preparing reports. I [Mahmoud Abdel-Monem] am able and willing to assist Squadrons and members in their Cooperative Charting



activities.

Boat Show Chair: Based on statistics from the 2019 Boat Show that told us 70% of the attendees' own boats and 70% are in our marketing demographic, it was determined we need to change our emphasis -- move from promoting ABC to engaging the public by promoting LEARN | ENGAGE | CONNECT. Share our story of why we joined and why we stay members as well as engage them with 3 simple "teaching aids" they might not be aware of.

We made the following changes:

- Sought Point of Contacts to act as liaisons between the committee and the squadrons.  
**RESULT**: 9 squadrons were represented and proved to be a valuable asset as far as procuring volunteers, providing feedback, and providing depth to the committee. But 45 volunteers staffed the 9-day show. Some volunteers worked multiple shifts.
- Downsized our booth footprint from 10' x 20' to 10' x 10'  
**RESULT**: Configuration of the space was challenging. We had a table, Jump Start pull up banner, easel displaying and promoting the USPS | ABCClub seminars being presented at the stage, two chairs, and a carousel for the trifold brochures.
- Booth was relocated from the perimeter of the East Hall to Aisle 500!  
**RESULT**: We were in a great location; except we were next door to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and perhaps next year we could ask not to be right next door.
- Opted not to include the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer, instead provide "teaching aids" to engage the boater. Aids were: Safe storage of little green propane bottles, Know your PFD and Tie a cleat hitch.  
**RESULT**: We learned that the placement of the table with the "teaching aids" proved to be problematic. Having it off to the side resulted in people avoiding entering into the booth; moving it across the front of the booth caused the barrier syndrome. Having a "line" -- normally sell these marine grade ABCClub pens for \$25, but as a Boat Show Special, we're giving them away today" seemed to help engage the public.
- Upgraded our booth look by borrowing District 32's Boat Show backdrop and Jump Start banner. America's Boating Club branding.  
**RESULT**: Upgraded the level of professionalism. Although we were listed in the show catalog as United States Power Squadrons D/16 America's Boating Club, we had people saying they were looking for USPS, which brought up: USPS and Education are not visible anywhere in the booth.
- Volunteers were asked to dress in more professionally (navy or white shirts/navy, gray or khaki pants).  
**RESULT**: Upgraded the level of professionalism.
- Encouraged the District Educational Department to present the Newport mini seminars at the Free Boating Seminars learning opportunities at the show.  
**RESULT**: They were invited to present two *Using Radar* seminars, one seminar called *About AIS* and Lt/C Linda Martin, JN, held her *Boating Safety for Kids* seminar. All of which were very well received.

All in all, it was a worthwhile time in that people stopped at the booth to learn, engaged with a volunteer and connected with who we are and what we offer and took the Course Location/Contact Information handout.

Marketing Chair: D32 did not want to co-sponsor an ad for the Portland/Seattle Boat Shows and unfortunately, my (Barb) National responsibility precluded me from too much other activity.

Canadian Liaisons: Several D16 members attended the Canadian Power Squadrons' National Annual Meeting in Victoria, BC.

District 32 Liaison: Attended D32's COW in Vancouver, WA. Plan to attend D32's Rendezvous in St Helens, OR.



**James West**  
**EDUCATION OFFICER**  
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My name is Jim West, aka the “other” Jim West from Everett, and I am your incoming DEO. I may have met some of you, in person or digitally, and others of you may be wondering who is this new person in the Newsletter. I hope we will get to know one another much better in the coming days, after the current unpleasantness subsides.

In the meantime, a little about myself. I joined USPS in 1997, starting at the Everett Squadron. Since then I have served in four different squadrons, and served on the bridge of the Everett Squadron, moving up to Commander in 2012. Somehow, though, I have always returned to the Education part of our mission, and I have taught the ABC class for Everett since I returned to the Pacific Northwest in 2006. I have also taught other classes, and numerous seminars. So I have seen what our educational efforts can do for the recreational boater. We are especially blessed here in the Puget Sound region, from a boating viewpoint, and our classes and seminars are the best in the business (in my admittedly prejudiced opinion) to provide boaters with the skills and knowledge they need to safely navigate our waters.

Our job, as members of USPS/ABC, and especially as educators, is to reach out to that boating public, present ourselves and our materials to them, and try to show them what we can provide for them. In order to accomplish that mission, we need instructors, proctors, and support staff, as well as SEOs and ASEOs at the squadron level. If you think you can assist with the education mission, I urge you to reach out to your Squadron Educational Officer and see what you can do.

I also know that there are four squadrons in District 16 that do not have an Educational Officer. This severely limits the ability of a squadron to get our message out to the public. Please take a look at your skill set, and see if you can offer your time and talent to your squadron as SEO or ASEO, or to assist in finding people to fill those openings. Education is one of the primary ways we have here in USPS to attract new members, and as you are all no doubt aware, we need new membership if we are going to remain a viable organization.

So there you have it. We need teachers to reach new members, and we need to new members to have teachers to teach. The marketing people also need help, so if you have any ideas where or how we can reach people, please get to those ideas to your local marketing person, or to the District Marketing team.

As far as Education efforts, the District Educational Department holds a conference call with the Squadron Educational Officers on the second Monday of every month. I urge all SEOs and ASEOs to take part in this, because this is how we are going to coordinate our efforts to get our message out, to our squadron membership and to the public. If you haven't tried Free Conference Call yet, please feel free to contact me and we can set up a test time and date.

To close, I want to thank everyone in the district for entrusting me with this position, and for all the time and efforts you are all giving to our organization. Stay well, be safe, look forward to the time that will come when we can get back together and enjoy each other's company and our passion, boating in the Pacific Northwest.



**Sandy Thomas, AP**

**Secretary**

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In lieu of the 2020 Incoming Officers Training which was cancelled due to the increase in the numbers and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, the D16 Secretary will be contacting all Squadron Secretaries with pertinent information regarding their positions. If questions arise, please contact the D16 Secretary at [uspsd16.dsec@gmail.com](mailto:uspsd16.dsec@gmail.com).

Also, please note the Pre-Announcement for the Poulsbo Rendezvous posted within this newsletter. At this moment in time, we are being optimistic as to whether the current health situation will allow us to proceed to hold this event. So, as with all things right now, watch for updates between now and early June.

**A Reminder:** It is time again to be completing the Squadron History Report for the past year. All those who have become or will soon become Past Commanders are required to complete the Squadron History Report and submit it to the National Historian Committee within 60 days of the Squadron Change of Watch. The report is to cover accomplishments under their Leadership during the year as Commander. It summarizes various squadron assignments and statistics for the previous watch year. The report can be found, completed and sent electronically through an existing form within DB2000. For assistance, contact your District Secretary at [uspsd16.dsec@gmail.com](mailto:uspsd16.dsec@gmail.com). It is important for us to preserve the history of our Squadrons for those who volunteer in the future.

**D/LT/C Rose Ann Walker, JN**

**D16 Treasurer**

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After a successful audit of the District 16 books, the Treasurer's Department is ready for a new year.

Officers training for incoming and continuing Treasurers will be done via e-mail as there are many documents that Treasurers need to have in their possession. I would like the name and e-mail address

of all Treasurers (both new and returning) for the 2020-2021 year.

990-N – I have only received 4 990N reports for the year 2018 that show the return as accepted by the IRS. I will need the same from all squadrons for the year 2019.

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.

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

## 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.®**



## Seattle Boat Show 24 January to 1 February 2020

R/C Barbara Erickson, JN

No matter how much we try not to, it seems when January rolls around, some of us cringe.

January means the Seattle Boat Show. And for those nine days of the show, it means our prior four months or more of preparation must come together and provide an opportunity for volunteers and the recreational boater attending the show to listen and learn.

This year 41 squadron members volunteered, and nine squadron liaisons dubbed “Point of Contacts” worked to bring a different Boat Show experience to our booth in the CenturyLink Exhibition Hall.



Photograph courtesy of Steve Erickson

Not familiar with the “Point of Contact” concept? It is something new we tried as we (the Boat Show Triad Coordinators – D/C Annette Ferguson, AP, D/Lt/C Craig Brown, SN, and P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN) – learned that 70% of the Boat Show attendees are already boat owners and are also in our marketing demographics. We decided to solicit input from our “stockholders” – the squadrons! So, a call went out to the Commanders to identify someone who would work with us to be the conduit to their squadron membership and help us to improve the way we represented ourselves to the recreational boater.

With their help, we decided on a fresh approach to the booth – not to focus promotion of the ABC3 course, but to 1) be more professional, 2) share stories of our squadron experiences, 3) share safety tips about the storage of those little green propane bottles and checking their inflatable PFD cartridges, and 4) share the different educational opportunities available.

Over the nine days, we found that foot traffic was slow but steady; booth location was greatly improved; having the Coast Guard Auxiliary next door had its pluses and minuses; and we don’t have the right mix yet even with the borrowed backdrop and Jump Start poster from District 32 – Thank you District 32!

We held a post-Boat Show review with the Point of Contacts gathering feedback from those who volunteered. So, what did we learn?

1. Communication using video conferencing would help the volunteers be better prepared to understand their purpose, goals, and expectations.
2. The branding from United States Power Squadrons to America’s Boating Club needs robust local marketing.
3. We do documentation well.
4. Interest in our courses is alive and well – 121 course location maps with squadron contact information were taken by the boater.

So, what’s next? The coronavirus pandemic is certainly causing some major impediments for the foreseeable future: no phones are ringing to seek On-the-Water training from any of the squadrons, no classes/seminars are being offered. Time to reflect on what is the best course for this district with regards to the Seattle Boat Show.

# **Marketing with Signs at John Wayne Marina**

## **America's Boating Club of the North Olympic Peninsula**

**Ray Thomas, P/C, JN-ACN**

It all began with a meeting in January of 2008 during discussions with the Ron Amundson, Harbormaster of John Wayne Marina in Sequim, Washington. Our Squadron name at that time was the North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron (NOSPS), decided to volunteered to assist with such things as Spring and Fall cleanups, including volunteer labor for various projects such as brush and weed removal, cleaning debris from parking areas and other tasks deemed fitting.

Several of our members utilize the facilities at John Wayne Marina either with full time slip rentals or using the boat launching ramp. NOSPS members take "pride in ownership" in the Marina and desire to assist in some way to keep the Marina grounds looking at its best.



Three professionally designed signs have been installed at the Marina, and provides credit to the NOSPS as the organization who adopted the Marina. These signs liken to "Adopt-a-Highway" signage and were financed by NOSPS.

In early 2018 discussions began with the John Wayne Harbormaster about establishing additional signs at the marina which focused on boating safety, regulatory and navigation information. In addition, these signs would provide to the public (via attached flyer box), our Boating Club's Boating Safety Courses, On-the-Water Training, Seminars, Vessel Safety Inspections available, and requirements for boat accident reporting. Approval was given to allow three new signs to be placed at the marina.

Contacts were made with the Washington State Parks Department for regulatory reporting information, Boat US for copywrite authorization for artwork of Nautical Rules of the Road & Aids to Navigation, the Port of Port Angeles and the Marine Division of the Clallam County Sheriff's Office for possible grant funding to assist in financing fabrication of the signs. After about six months of layout design and approvals by our Executive Committee, which also included approval of \$550 to pay for final professional sign design, the three signs (24" x 42" aluminum) were completed and installed in January 2020.

Thanks to the above organizations that assisted in making this project a success and a special thanks to the Port of Port Angeles for providing grant money for fabricating the signs. The John Wayne Marina Harbor-master stated, "these colorful signs fit well at the marina and serve as valuable information to the many boaters that utilize the marina."



Ray Thomas and  
JWM Harbormaster,  
Ron Amundson



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## 6 Things to Know About Coastal Aids to Navigation

Aids to navigation (ATONs) mark the edges of a channel and define a course through safe water. They can also help you determine location when in unfamiliar territory.

1. Red cone-shaped buoys called runs are always red and even numbered.
2. Red daybeacon markers are triangular in shape and even numbered.
3. Green can-shaped buoys are always green and odd numbered.
4. Green daybeacon markers are square in shape and odd numbered.
5. The numbers on navigation aids will increase when headed upstream and decrease when headed downstream.
6. Orange and white markings indicate information or danger, including speed restrictions, shoals, or other hazards.

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## 6 Things to Know About Nautical Rules of the Road

1. **HEAD ON SITUATION:** Keep right or steer to starboard. Pass port to port, like cars.
2. **CROSSING SITUATION:** Give way boat ahead and to starboard. If a boat is in your danger zone, defined as an arc measuring from 20 to 112.5 degrees, alter course, slow, or stop.
3. **PASSING SITUATION:** When overtaking another boat, give way and steer clear.
4. **GIVE-WAY BOAT (RED):** Must alter course and speed to avoid collision.
5. **STAND-ON BOAT (GREEN):** Must maintain course and speed unless risk of collision is imminent.
6. **THE PECKING ORDER:** A vessel lower on the list below must give way to those higher on the list. Generally, recreational powerboats must yield to other types of traffic.
  - Unable to steer
  - Limited in turning ability
  - Restricted by draft
  - Commercial boats engaged in fishing
  - Sail and human-powered
  - Recreational powerboats

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## BOATERS! INVOLVED in an ACCIDENT?

**THE BOAT OWNER OR OPERATOR IS REQUIRED TO REPORT THE ACCIDENT.**

The operator or owner of any registered boat involved in a collision, grounding, or other incident that results in:

1. Person's death or disappearance; or
2. Injury which requires medical treatment beyond first aid; or
3. Damage to the boat and/or other property exceeding \$2,000; or
4. Complete loss of the boat.

Boat operators are required to report their accident to local authorities in the area where the accident occurred. To obtain a Boating Accident Report form, contact:

CLALLAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
360-477-2459

## Free Vessel Safety Check

by America's Boating Club of the North Olympic Peninsula  
a unit of America's Boating Club of the United States, District 16

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R/C Jim Harden, JN-CN  
Chair, District 16 Audit Committee

I have conducted the 2020 audit of the District 16 Treasurer books as directed in para 2.9.3 of the district by-laws. Rose Ann and I discussed that four squadrons may be in trouble with the IRS, if they don't submit their Form 990N on time and correctly. We came up with a plan to help these squadrons and provide information to all the squadrons about filing the Form 990N. The report was conducted now since it was scheduled when Rose Ann could not attend the Spring Conference in March. If you request. I can send a copy of the report to the bridge and if needed I can present the report in Poulsbo. If you were to need a three year member for the Audit Committee for next year, I would be available to help. I also wanted to mention the Budget/Finance Committee usually consist of the D/Tr, DXO and member at large.



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March 23, 2020

Due to the continued spread of COVID-19, USPS Headquarters will remain closed through March 27, 2020. I will reevaluate at that time and keep you informed.

We appreciate your support as we deal with this challenging situation. Please stay safe and healthy.

Kind regards,

Mary Catherine Berube  
USPS Executive Director

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**Friday Event--6/12:**

**Join us for the always popular Friday Night Social:** No host (BYOB) "Dock Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock". Squadrons will have tables set up between their boats on the finger docks for serving hors d'oeuvres from their favorite Region of the World to share with fellow district members and guests.

**Saturday, 6/13:**

**Saturday Opening Ceremony:** 10 am in the Gazebo at the Muriel Iverson Williams Waterfront Park.

**Flare shoot & Fire Extinguisher Training:** Afternoon Tides look favorable.

**Commander's Meeting:** Saturday afternoon in the Marina Building on the docks

**Saturday Evening Dinner:**

Join us for a catered Italian dinner on Saturday evening at the Poulsbo Yacht Club. **(BYOB)**. Walk, Drive or Dinghy to enjoy the events and the silent auction. (Each Squadron will be asked to donate one new item with a value of at least \$50.00.) **The Poulsbo Yacht Club is .6 miles (6 tenths of a mile) from the Marina.**

**D16 Change of Watch:** Saturday evening after dinner (Poulsbo Yacht Club).

**Moorage and Lodging**

**Moorage Reservations:** E-Dock has been reserved for those planning to attend by boat. Moorage fees of \$1.15 per foot (30' minimum) + \$.75/visit (environmental) + \$5.00 per night electrical to be paid directly to Poulsbo Marina. In addition, a \$5.00 reservation fee will be collected by D16 at the time of registration. Information regarding your boat size and specific moorage requests will be collected on the Registration Form which will be out to all members soon.

**Lodging:** A block of rooms have been reserved at Best Western Plus Silverdale Beach Hotel under the name "Annette Ferguson" at a group rate of \$146.49 plus tax (for 6/12 and 6/13) **Group block rate closes June 8, 2020.** Please make your hotel reservations early and directly with the hotel at 360-698-1000.

**Watch for the Reservation Form and sign up for the fun!**

The registration form with more information will be sent to all members. For Questions Contact: Sandy Thomas, D16 Administrative Officer at: [uspsd16.dao@gmail.com](mailto:uspsd16.dao@gmail.com)



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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

### ***October***

9-11 October D16 Fall Conference

### ***December***

1 December Winter Cardinal Points deadline