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District 16

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This is my last article as District Commander of District 16 (America's Boating Club Washington/Alaska/Idaho). I've enjoyed moving through the chairs ultimately becoming Commander.

District 16 is well known for leading the way in education and supporting the boating community. I want to thank our members for their support in making this happen. We're all learning what it takes to keep up with the ever changing needs and wants of our boating community. Tradition is an important stabilizer while change is consistently a challenge.

Boy did 2020 teach all of us about "change"! All of our (and my) plans for 2020 went out the window with the arrival of COVID-19. And the changes did present challenges. But as tradition has shown, District 16 stepped up and figured out how overcome the challenges and move into the new normal.

We learned how to use the virtual world to meet with our fellow members and to provide virtual classes to both our members and the boating public. The virtual tools allow us to have a larger Outreach of sharing our messages of boating skills and knowledge. We figured out that it is amazing how social media can lead to several boats/RVs "happening to" show up at the same location at the same time, and do so safely (meeting all requirements), providing social distance fellowship opportunities.



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North Star — Olympia — Point Wilson — Poverty Bay — Seattle — Skagit Bay — Spokane — Tacoma

We need to continue to be creative in how we take advantage of and use the tools and opportunities present to us with the new normal world. On-line (virtual) is the future rather than sharing boating skills & knowledge. For the survival of US Power Squadrons/America's Boating Club the local squadrons must be provided with and learn how to use the tools to successfully compete for the opportunities to share our collective depth of boating skills & knowledge. We should be quickly engaging the new boat owners (think of those that bought because of COVID) increasing their skills and knowledge so they continue to have enjoyable boating experiences. People having enjoyable experiences leads to more involvement and sharing via groups of other people with similar likes (e.g.: USPS/ABC membership).

When we can begin again holding in person skills and knowledge sharing, we should seriously consider hybrid integration of participants attending in-person and/or on-line. This will broaden our student base by overcoming the geographic and/or time challenges of participation. There are those skills that in-person is really the only way to teach, but a lot of the knowledge and skills can be shared via on-line (virtual). There are many tools available to actively engage the on-line student/participant in furthering their skills.

Holding virtual business meetings is another area we should continue our success. It will free up the expense and time of commuting to/from the meetings. It allows for a broader group of people to participate because those who are geographically and/or time challenged find it much easier to actively contribute.

With the savings of time, money and/or energy by using virtual tools we should take advantage to diversify our fellowship and socializing options. People without cruising boats haven't traditionally participated in our rendezvous. We need to diversify by looking for ways to provide more opportunities for those without cruising boats to participate. Some squadrons have been very successful in providing creative fellowship opportunities. Learn from each other. Diversity will attract more participation. We thrive on socializing and fellowship.

2020 presented many challenges, but when we look around District 16 we see the many ways we've stepped up and met those challenges. I have full faith we will overcome and be successful when we unite to learn together. Through friendships we'll meet our challenges and forge forward.

Our District Conference and Change of Watch (COW) is March 13th. The Conference and COW will be a virtual meeting. The meeting is open to ALL to attend. Be looking for an email, from our District Webmaster, which will include all the info needed to attend. Please welcome the District's new Bridge for 2021/22. I know our membership will support them as they move into their roles.

Be safe and have fun. I look forward to sharing the experience.

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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Wow what a year! Who would have thought it is approaching eighteen months since we last gathered in person as a district. If trends hold it could twelve more.

The pandemic of 2020 sent shock waves through the world and our organization; akin to a tsunami. Instead of total destruction from a massive tidal wave, what we got was a slow but endless flood; destroying most of our possessions (old ways and ideas) but leaving us and

our homes basically sound. Now, without our familiar possessions we were forced to find new ways to communicate, carry on with our lives, keep in contact with those most dear, and achieve our social and education goals.

Many I have spoken with see the pandemic as a bad thing, upsetting everything. I choose to focus on the good side and see paths new opportunities for renewal. For many years we, within USPS, felt stuck; frustrated with our diminishing and aging membership, lack of a clear future and especially how to reach out to those younger than us. Many felt helpless or afraid to start changing in a rapidly evolving world. Well, I am happy to say that those endless, non-receding flood waters of the pandemic have helped us by forcing us to change; and change we did!

As I look back and see the marvelous ways our district's squadrons have changed now that most of their legacy property (old ways) have been washed away; I am so pleased. Squadrons have now embraced the current age and are keeping in contact with their members electronically. They are creating new ways to stay engaged with their memberships and even reaching beyond to sister squadrons. They have embraced new ways to teach, bringing quality education and information not only to those nearby but also afar. One squadron has an ABC student in far East Asia. Squadrons such as Deception Pass, Friday Harbor, Bellevue and others reached beyond their membership for their monthly GMM presentations. Before the pandemic I never would have traveled from my house on San Juan Island to Deception Pass just to sit in on a one hour presentation but I attended electronically and enjoyed it. Bellevue brought in two National Planning Committee members to speak on the transition to America's Boating Club. One Plan Com member was in North Carolina. This would not have happened if not for the pandemic.

Due to the pandemic, SEOs are reporting students enrolling from many different places such as East Asia and Puerto Rico. While these students may never become squadron members, the sheer fact that they sign up from so far away is a validation of what these dedicated SEO's do and the educational opportunities they offer. Today many of our advanced education efforts are hampered by the NEO and others' obsession with proctored exams. As more and more courses move online and we expand our reach, I suspect we will see a National realization that: "If we are self educators then cheating only cheats oneself."

As I write this the 2021 USPS virtual Annual Meeting has just started, kicked off by the D/C, DEXO meeting. This meeting is where your top two district officers meet to discuss what is happening within USPS. While I was pleased with the overall energy exhibited by all, I must tell you that many in attendance still have not embraced the changes we must make to meet the challenges of today. After a three hour meeting, it was only at the end when one D/C asked why we had not even discussed America's Boating Club. The meeting was mostly business as usual; the same things just dressed in different clothes. I have attended eight of these meetings since 1999. If we are to keep moving forward to become America's Boating Club, then we must stop just changing clothes each year and truly embrace this new concept, not ignore it.

Having worked on the National level to help define it, I will tell you what is "America's Boating Club". America's Boating Club is the United States Power Squadrons, only lite. It embraces our heritage while acknowledging a simpler and more fun way to do things. It sheds, only if you want, most of the burdensome requirements for endless reports and committee positions. It focuses on the desires of its members to enjoy comradery while achieving a sense of pride in helping others. It does not get caught up in its own self importance, but rather acknowledges why individuals chose to join. An ABC squadron does what is necessary to survive and evolve in its unique demographic environment. It becomes what its members wish, becoming as formal or informal as desired. It must meet only four requirements: (1) Have a Commander (President), a Secretary / Treasurer and an SEO. (2) Offer an ABC class once a year. (3) File its 990 form. (4) Submit Merit Marks. Anything beyond that is up to its squadron and the desires of its

members. In essence ABClub is not a USPS focused on its procedures dictated in a very thick Operations Manual but a USPS focused "On You and for You."

This message to you marks my last as your DEXO. In a few weeks, if you choose, I will step in as your D/C. My biggest regret is that our current D/C, Craig Brown, could not have had a better, more social year. In all my 34 years attending district meetings Craig is probably the finest D/C I have known. His dedication to detail and true desire to be there for the membership no matter at what level they are, it is truly unique in a leader. Another regret is the lack of opportunity I had to personally visit all of our squadrons, create friendships with some of those members and experience their hospitality.

In 2021 your District Bridge will continue looking at the best way to blend the virtual with the physical. This is something D/C Brown and I have been discussing since he was sworn in last year. Almost all of the squadron officers I have spoken with expressed an enthusiastic thumbs up to keeping district meetings virtual and increasing our social activities. D16 has traditionally had one boating activity, Poulsbo, which is always very well attended. No business, just fun and some education, with flares etc. Why just one, why not two and keep at least the Fall Conference virtual? If you are like me, I am "totally" tired with traveling to a hotel, sitting in an all day meeting then waiting to consume a so-so dinner. The monthly education meetings held by DEO West have been so successful and well attended that the traditional Education Conference will not be held in 2021. Hopefully COVID relaxes a bit and we can get a second social event scheduled for your enjoyment. It may not be formal and fancy but it will be another opportunity to gather, laugh, hug or just bump elbows. We will just have to wait and see!

In closing, I wish to thank all the hardworking D16 members who assisted the Executive department this past year. Thank you to our Canadian Power Squadron liaisons – James Harden, Mark Richey and Jim Jones. Thank you to Craig Brown (D32 & USCG Liaison), Larry Wilson (Environmental Committee), Loyd Walker (Legislative Officer) and again James Harden (Cooperative Charting and Vessel Safety Check). I could not have done this past year without your efforts and dedication.



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We are all hopeful that once most folks have been vaccinated against COVID 19, we can hold face-to-face meetings and classes. Until then, we need to be patient and follow the Washington State protocols for the virus.

In view of this, we will be holding the March Spring Conference virtually, however we are planning to hold an actual face to face but scaled down "Poulsbo Rendezvous" in June. A flyer is included in this newsletter for the plans

being made for the June 11 to 13, 2021, Rendezvous. We would like to make it a time for *Relaxation and Fellowship*, but still follow any required COVID protocols. So, the plans at this point are simply to see and enjoy each other's company. We do plan to have an opportunity to shoot flares and provide fire extinguisher training. More plans will be made in the coming months, so we encourage you to attend, either by boat, RV or stay at the Poulsbo Inn where rooms will be available for your reservation.

If you have not attended a Virtual Squadron meeting, you have missed out on some fun and some very interesting speakers. Several of our D16 Squadrons have sent invitations to all members no matter the Squadron to which you belong. I have attended a few and enjoyed each of them. Thank you to those Squadrons for the invitations.

Also, thank you to Deception Pass Squadron for holding two virtual presentations specifically on membership. One was on Building Memberships, even in difficult times. We learned some great strategies and guidance for adding and retaining members. The second was titled "Charting Your Way" which was a New Member Orientation, (**Not Operations Training**). Both were well done and copies of the programs are now available for use within the D16 Website under Members/Department Resources/Administration. Well worth your while to review and utilize within your own Squadron.

Jen Geller, Deception Pass Marketing Officer, has been working with me to develop a springtime media blitz and membership drive. We will be looking for assistance from Squadrons, so be prepared to help when asked. A huge thank you to Jen for her marketing expertise!

Please do your part to support your local Club by renewing your dues, attending Squadron virtual meetings and classes, and volunteering to help. As I have said before, we will be back to normal at some point and you will benefit greatly from retaining your membership in this great organization.



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Welcome to a new year. Despite the sunshine pouring in thru my study window, it is still cold outside, and reports from *Punxsutawney Phil* is that sunshine isn't due for six more weeks. Still, COVID restrictions have eased somewhat, and I have heard from several squadrons in our district that planning for spring classes proceeds at a decent pace.

I have been told that ABC and Advanced Grade classes were held in the virtual world successfully in January, I hasten to add.

I assisted the Everett Squadron with an 8-hr ABC Class spread over 4 two hour ZOOM sessions, followed by a parking lot test administration that graduated two students, both of whom have expressed interest in membership. Bellevue is working on getting additional instructors qualified for public instruction, and Deception Pass presented an ABC Class via ZOOM which graduated 16 students. So our education efforts throughout the district are making a difference. As Spring approaches (and the days are getting longer, a little) and the boating season opening up, we have more opportunities to get our message out to the public. As the vaccine starts to work in the general population, perhaps (just perhaps, mind you), in person classes may become possible once again.

Still, distance learning is here to stay, and we as USPS educators need to make sure that our skills are improving along with the technology. I know of one elective class being held that includes students from Everett and from San Juan, Puerto Rico and another that includes a student from a Pennsylvania Squadron. I hope that this will continue to be a good way of getting our message of Boating Safety Education out to a wider population.

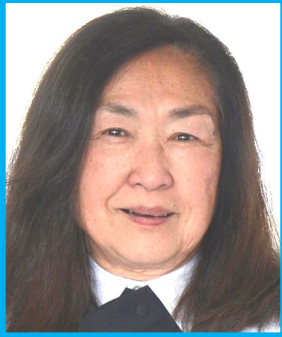
On a more administrative note, Change of Watch season is now upon us. National is requesting and strongly urging that we use the on-line ED-80 form to record new officers and committee chairs. This can be a little tricky as the national website can be, well, counter-intuitive from time to time. Please work with your Nomination Committees to properly record changes in your squadron organization, and feel free to contact me at phnx789@msn.com if I can be of assistance in getting these forms filled out and transmitted.

Also related to Change of Watch season: In years past, we have held an Educational Summit/Seminar for SEOs (and other interested parties) to get together and exchange information. A number of SEOs this year have told me that our monthly ZOOM calls are a more efficient and effective way for us to communicate, without having to commute some place. Because of that, and the COVID crisis, I have elected, in consultation with the district commander, not to hold an in person Education Seminar this year. If you would like to participate in the DEO/SEO ZOOM meeting, please send me an E-Mail to phnx789@msn.com or uspsd16.deo@gmail.com and I will add your name to my roster. I will tell you that a lot of good information is passed along in these meetings. They occur on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm, and there's plenty of room for newcomers.

I hope everyone takes a moment to check in with the Virtual Annual Meeting. A lot of great information is being passed, and this gives everyone a chance to see an annual meeting, not just those who are able to attend in Florida.

One last item, and then I will let you return to your regularly schedule Cardinal Points. We still need instructors for our classes, and some squadrons are short an SEO or ASEO. Please consider donating your time and talents, and offering your knowledge and experiences to the boating public. USPS still offers the best course material around, we'll all boat a little better knowing that we have helped make the boating public safer and more competent.

Stay well, stay safe, and I hope to see you next month.



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SECRETARY

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Welcome to the Spring issue of the Cardinal Points! It has long been the desire of this District to publish this newsletter quarterly so with the concurrence of the Bridge Officers and our editor, Alayne Fellows, here is the Spring issue of the Cardinal Points.

As the deadline for this issue nears, we are just beginning the Virtual Annual Meeting. If you have never attended a National Meeting, I hope you were able to attend this one. And speaking of meetings, the *District Spring Conference and Change of Watch* is happening, again in a virtual setting, on *Saturday, 13 March*. Save the Date!

As this is the last newsletter for this Watch Year, I would like to take a moment to thank:

- **Alayne Fellows, 2020 – 2021 Editor, Cardinal Points.** Alayne has been the editor for quite a while now and continues to put out a wonderful product! I appreciate her willingness to help facilitate the conversion from a three-times a year publication to a quarterly publication. She has graciously accepted my invitation to remain as the editor.
- **Jim Haglund, 2020 – 2021 Webmaster.** Jim has and continues to be our guru of websites! Ask and he has it done within a split second! His use of graphics, fly-ins, and web design are amazing. Check it out if you have not visited the District website at [America's Boating Club | District 16 \(uspsd16.org\)](http://America's Boating Club | District 16 (uspsd16.org)). Jim has also accepted my invitation to continue in his role as Webmaster.
- **Historian.** This position is still available for someone who enjoys documenting and archiving. Records of our meetings, rendezvous, awards received and given are all kept in DB2000. More information about this will be available. I know I would appreciate it if someone would step up!

There are a couple things I can pass along from the Secretary's Department.

- **Tammy Brown, National Marketing Staff**, reported in the November 2020 Board of Directors minutes on a co-branded boating awareness and safety campaign with West Marine that will begin in March 2021. During the 2021 National Safe Boating Week, USPS instructors will demonstrate a Boating Skills Virtual Trainer in selected West Marine stores.
- **Distinctive Communicator Awards for 2020** have been announced. The formal recognition will take place at the D/16 Spring Conference, but I am going to share here also along with the logo images.

Congratulations to the following for their publications:

District 16 – Cardinal Points
Agate Pass – The Halyard (earned prior to dissolution)
Bellevue – Bellviews
Bellingham – Bell Signals
Bremerton – The Squawk Box
Deception Pass – The Spindrift
Everett – The Pike Pole
Friday Harbor – Harbor Lights
North Olympic – Straitlines
Poverty Bay – The Pirates Log
Seattle – The Pilot
Skagit Bay – The Bitter End
Tacoma – The Wake Astern



Congratulations to the following for their websites:

District 16
Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron
Bellingham Sail & Power Squadron
Deception Pass Sail & Power Squadron
Everett Sail & Power Squadron
Friday Harbor Power Squadron
North Olympic Sail & Power Squadron
North Star Sail & Power Squadron
Port Wilson Sail & Power Squadron
Poverty Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Seattle Sail & Power Squadron
Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Tacoma Power Squadron



VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING 15 – 26 February 2021

Opening Remarks
C/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN



At 8:00am PT on Monday, 15 February, Chief Commander Abbott welcomed everyone to the First Ever 11 days of an USPS|ABC Club Virtual Meeting. "There is something for everyone..." as she reviewed what was in store for everyone. Captain Nori Ann Reed, USN, Retired, is the Keynote Speaker for Thursday, 18 February at 5pm; the Annual Meeting itself is scheduled for Saturday, 20 February at 10am; and the Annual Meeting culminates with a Virtual Cocktail Party on Friday, 26 February at 4pm; with many workshops, seminars and committee meetings in between. "... a wonderful way to LEARN | ENGAGE | CONNECT!"

The Virtual Meeting Options

Did you have an opportunity to attend any one of the many different workshops/seminars or committee meetings available via ZOOM? There is still a full week of sessions – Saturday, 20 February at 10am PT tune into the Annual Meeting itself. The Agenda/Meeting Recording option is available at https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=42

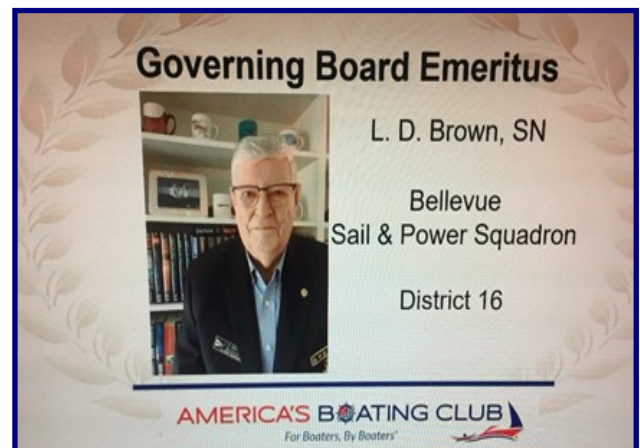
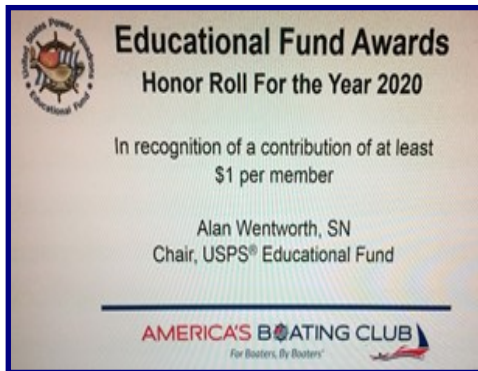
You will also note that the agenda also provides recorded sessions for previously held workshops/seminars. If you missed something, you may easily view on your own time. Take advantage. Your National Meetings Committee and a host of helpers have gone the extra mile to bring this virtual meeting to you!

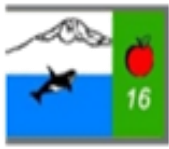
AWARDS



Educational Fund Award

Congratulations to each squadron in this district for making your contribution of \$1 per member! By doing this, you have enabled the district to members recognized for a combined 797 years of membership and 750 years of volunteerism to this organization. LD will receive an Emeritus Member Certificate as well as his Emeritus Member Pin !





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**SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE ANNUAL
D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 11-13 June 2021**

A Time for Socialization and Relaxation!
Travel to the Rendezvous by Boat, Car or RV

Friday Event--6/11:

Join us for the always popular 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 will provide an opportunity to socialize while observing current COVID guidelines.

Saturday, 6/12:

Welcome: Socially distanced opening remarks will be planned based on the COVID protocols at that time.

Flare shoot & Fire Extinguisher Training: Tides appear to be favorable for the flare shoot and we will have instructors for the Fire Extinguisher Training at the Fire Pit in the Muriel Iverson Williams Waterfront Park.

Dinner on your own boat, or at one of the many fine restaurants in Poulsbo. **We plan to socialize on the Dock, following current COVID guidelines.**

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 The Poulsbo Inn under Americas Boating Club U.S. Power Squadrons at a group rate of \$97.00 plus tax for a King and \$92.00 plus tax for 2 Queens. **Group block rate closes May 24, 2021,** so make your reservations before that date. Please make your hotel reservations and payment early and directly with the hotel at 360-779-3921 or 360-779-9737.

Watch for the Reservation Form and sign up for a great time!

The registration form with more information will be sent to all members. For Questions Contact: D16 Administrative Officer at: uspsd16.dao@gmail.com

ABC Tacoma and South Puget Sound Christmas Gift and Food Drive by: P/C Larry Warren, AP

America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound sponsored a children's gift drive for Bridges, a center for Grieving Children and simultaneously collected food for Nourish Pierce County on December 5 and 6, 2020 from noon to 2:00 PM both days. LT Cindy (AP) and P/C Larry (AP) Warren created and hosted the event ably assisted by P/C Jackie (AP) and P/C Richard (AP) Mattox as well as Debbie and Stan (CN-CN) Wolfe on Saturday and Sunday; P/C Debbie (AP) and R/C Jim (JN-CN) Harden provided support on Sunday as well. Upon completion of the toy drive, P/C Phyllis Hayes, SN collected up the toys for transfer to Bridges, a center for Grieving Children.

Saturday turned out to be a great day weather wise with sun, very light wind and temperatures in the upper 40s. It made for a great turn out. While Sunday was a little cooler, at least it didn't rain, and folks still showed up to donate. Santa hung around during the drive, making a list of the folks that contributed (A car full of toys) toys for boys and girls ages 4 through 18 and donated 520 pounds of food and \$360 to Nourish Pierce County.

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Lt/C Bentley (S) & Cliff (AP) Rickmers
Lt/C Beth & Richard Stone
P/C Andy (AP) & Betty Temple
Connie Thompson (AP)
LT Cindy (AP) & P/C Larry Warren (AP)
Lt/C Stan (SN-CN) & Debbie Wolfe
+ several couples from the Tacoma Yacht Club



We cannot thank all of you enough for your generosity and compassion during this stressful time! Our Special Thanks go out to the Tacoma Yacht Club (Machelle Johnson) for allowing us to hold our food and toy drive at the club.

D/LT/C Rose Ann Walker, JN

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.

NEW Marina Survey Program

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This article describes the marina survey program. Included are the reporting options and a discussion on its purpose and reporting frequency. Suggested preparations and materials for conducting the survey are presented so that you will be well prepared in advance of the survey. The requirements for conducting a survey and credits awarded for approved reports are also described in detail. After a survey is completed, you will want to complete the appropriate form and worksheets that make submitting a report a rewarding experience. All reports should be submitted to the Cooperative Charting Committee using the submittal form on the Cooperative Charting website. The data for the report is to be provided on the appropriate form that will be uploaded along with any pictures, chartlets or other associated documents. A member of the Cooperative Charting Committee will review the report and assign the appropriate number of credits if approved. After the report is approved, the information will be forwarded to Cruisers.Net for them to update their marina database information. If errors are found or the information is incomplete, the submitter will be advised via email of what actions are needed to gain acceptance.

The Cooperative Charting year will be from 01 January to 31 December and reports must be submitted within 30 days of the observation, except for reports done near the end of the year. To be counted in the current year, reports will need to be submitted no later than 15 January of the following year.

This is a great way to earn your merit mark points as well providing a great service to NOAA. Please contact me for program details or visit the Cooperative Charting website.



New Worldwide Safety and Travel Benefits



United States Power Squadrons/America's Boating Club announces new safety and travel benefits for all current members and families beginning mid-October 2019. Get the full details at danboater.org/abc.

We have entered into an MOU with DAN BOATER that makes each individual and family members eligible for free* safety and travel benefits offered to current individual and family members.

What's included?

- 24/7 Emergency Hotline
- Medical Information Line for non-emergency travel health questions
- Worldwide Medical Evacuation Assistance (up to \$150,000)
- Worldwide Medical Repatriation Assistance (up to \$25,000)
- Search and Rescue Expense Reimbursement (up to \$25,000)
- Free Travel Health and Safety Guides
- Travel Assistance Services including prescription assistance, medical and legal referrals, the emergency return of traveling companion or dependent children, and more

These travel benefits originate when you are over 50 miles from your home and cover you and your family for worldwide travel.

When it's time to renew your annual membership, you may keep these valuable traveler safety benefits as part of your individual or family membership for only \$25 per year. Primary active members can opt-out of coverage by logging into their Member Profile using the link below and scrolling down to "Receive Dan Boater Benefits."

*If you don't opt-out, you and your family will automatically be enrolled in free health and safety benefits from DAN BOATER that are in effect until your renewal date. The option to continue DAN BOATER safety and travel benefits will be available when you renew your annual dues online.

DAN BOATER

BY LT/C LINDA MARTIN, JN -- AUGUST 2020

There are angels watching over you !

Mike and I got up super early on Wednesday, February 12th and drove to the new Paine Field Airport packed and ready to attend the USPS National Meeting at the Sawgrass Hotel and Spa, Florida. Beautiful airport I might add at Paine Field.

While changing planes in Denver, CO I tripped over Mike's foot, fell and broke my right hip. Here's where the "angels" came in. Right away "Tim" an EMT from Oklahoma rushed to my side and comforted me until the EMT's from Denver Airport arrived. "Melissa" a United Airlines supervisor was also in the area and called 911 and got information from Mike. She also got our luggage off the plane so it didn't go on to Florida.

Meanwhile I am in a pain level of 12 and am being rushed to the University of Colorado Hospital. This is probably the best hospital in Colorado. After two sets of x-rays it is determined that my hip is fractured and I will require a partial hip replacement.

My surgery was very successful on February 13th and recovery took about a week in the hospital with great nurses and doctors at my side.

When Mike called Annette in Florida to tell her of the accident, she suggested he call DAN Boater Travel Assist Insurance that the USPS had currently partnered with. He did and they called him every day to check in on my progress and his needs. They were "all in" on our dilemma. In the end they covered the cost of our transportation from the hospital to the airport.

We learned if we had continued our trip to Florida, go on a boat and went out to sea and then I broke my hip, DAN Boater would have covered and handled the transport to a Florida hospital and covered or trip back to Washington.

Melissa from United Airlines also contacted Mike every day, delivered our luggage to Mike at the hospital, helped with rescheduling or flight back home and met us at the airport with two wheelchairs and helped us through security, bought us snacks, took us onto the airplane to make sure we were treated well by the staff on the plane. She then called us when we got home to check in again.

Lesson 1: DAN Boater Travel Assist Insurance is a must for all travel needs; you never know when you will have an accident and need their assistance rescheduling your flight back. The cost is only \$25 per person or per family per year. A bargain at twice the price.

Lesson 2: Buy Travel Insurance when you fly. United Airlines reimbursed us for the entire flight and Mike for his hotel costs in Denver.

Lesson 3: Last of all be thankful for all those angels who come to your aid when you are hurt. I am so thankful, especially to Mike, for all he has done to stand by me (and sit by me) through this ordeal.

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15-26 February ABClub Virtual Annual Meeting

March 2021

13 March Change of Watch/Spring Conference

May 2021

15 May Summer Cardinal Points deadline

15-21 May National Safe Boating Week

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1 August Fall Cardinal Points deadline

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15 November Winter Cardinal Points deadline