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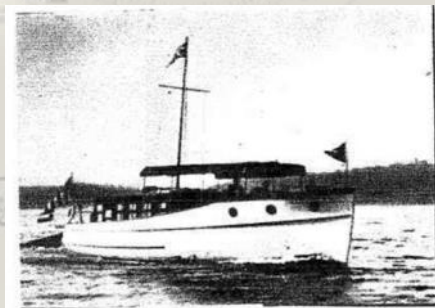
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Happy 107th Birthday to the United States Power Squadron



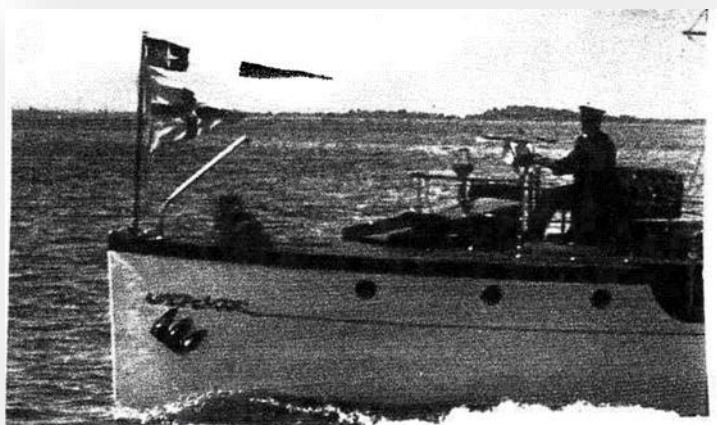
On 2 February, five scores and seven years ago, Roger Upton, founded the United States Power Squadron as the first Commander. That would be 1914 if you calculated that correctly. A longer version on the history of the United States Power Squadron can be found [here](#), Presidents have been involved all throughout our history too, which can be found in [this version](#) of the Operational Manual. Letters from the Presidents can be seen starting on page 11. This is a much more condensed version to give you "why we are, who we are" as an organization.

Recreational yachting in the early 1900's was largely confined to sailing craft and large steam yachts manned by professional crews. The gasoline-powered craft was coming into its own by 1909, but not with much enthusiasm on the part of the out-and-out sailors. Yachting was still for the sailors and the new breed of powerboat men found scant fun on club cruises and almost none in racing. Roger Upton was a sailing member of the Boston Yacht club in 1909, but, unlike so many other sailors, he was captivated by the new-fangled powerboats. He owned a 50' ketch named "Nirvana" and often cruised up the coast of Maine with his 35' gasoline-powered motor launch to serve as a tender for the ketch and tow her when she was becalmed. The reliability of power appealed to him and he grew to love power boating.



In the summer of 1911, Upton presented his idea for a club-within-a-club to embrace a select group of "gasoliners", who would develop such forms of cruising and racing as the new type of yacht demanded. Upton was elected Rear Commodore of the Boston Yacht Club in 1912 and was placed in charge of the "unofficial" Power Boat Division of the fleet.

There was a need for education at this time, for the U.S. laws governing navigation, applied only to steam vessels. Upton and other USPS founders set out to protect the power yachts from the steamboat inspectors and to remove forever the stigma of ignorance and foolhardiness. On 14 October 1912, the Executive Committee of the Boston Yacht Club unanimously granted Upton's petition to establish his Power Boat Division officially. At the annual meeting in 1913, the name was changed to Power Squadron, with its officers – Roger Upton Commander; C. N. Burnell, Lt/C; Nathaniel L. Stebbins, Secretary – and rules printed in the 1913 Boston Yacht Club yearbook.



Assisted by a three-page photo story in "Yachting Magazine", news of the Boston outfit's activities spread, and other clubs began to plan along the same lines. In June 1913 Charles F. Chapman associate editor of "Motor Boating Magazine", gave the idea a full-page display, and additional interest was generated. On 12 November 1913, the Boston Yacht Club called together 30 delegates, representing 70 clubs and associations of powerboat owners at the New York Yacht Club to consider the formation of Power Squadrons. Cdr Upton explained the reasons which led to his forming the Boston Yacht Club Power Squadron and told of what was being accom-

plished in instructing power yachtsmen on the rules of the road and handling of their boats. A second Conference Committee meeting was held on 2 February 1914 and the final work of organizing and launching United States Power Squadrons was accomplished.

Started as a club-within-a-club in the early 1900's, USPS today is a private, self-supporting, non-profit, fraternal boating organization with an incomparable record of achievement. No other enterprise can boast of more dedicated or more productive members— people who have given generously of their time and resources to educate each other in all aspects of boating, and to promoting the cause of safe boating through public courses and other civic services. A roster of seven squadrons in 1914 has now grown to well over 450 units operating in the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Japan. A parallel organization, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, with which we maintain close cooperation, flourishes in Canada.

Recreational boating has traveled a long course since 1912, and USPS has come an equally long way. The ideas and accomplishments of our predecessors have prepared us well for the challenges and opportunities which lie ahead.

In 1960, Oscar Brand (2/07/20-9/30/16), an American-Canadian folk singer wrote this great sea chanty about the United States Power Squadron. Perhaps he was a member at one point? If you attended P/C Jim Haglunds' Change of Watch aboard the Virginia V, you would have heard this. [Click here](#) to listen.



U.S. Power Squadron

Oscar Brand • Boating Songs and All That Bilge

2020-2021
SEATTLE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE
UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®—DISTRICT 16

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER

Commander	Robert Dahlin, AP
Commander's Aide	Lt Adrienne Dahlin, S
Flag Lieutenant	Lt/C Mike Lancey, AP
Merit Mark Officer	Lt David Rust, JN
Education Fund Chair	Lt Shirley Bollinger, AP
Historian	P/C Tim Rutledge, SN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Robert Dahlin, AP
Executive Officer	Lt/C Mike Lancey, AP
Educational Officer	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, JN
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Patrick McSweeney, AP
Secretary	Lt/C John Walsh, S
Treasurer	Lt/C Rick Laboda, AP
Asst Educational Officer	Lt Rocky Mazzeo
Elected Member	Open
Elected Member	Open
Elected Member	Open
Past Commander	P/C James Haglund, P

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Executive Officer	Lt/C Mike Lancey, AP
Boat Show CH	Open
Canadian Liaison	Lt David Berger, S
Legislative Officer	Lt Robert Fisher, AP
Public Relations	Lt Maureen E. Newman, AP
SeaFair Derby CH	P/C James Haglund, P
Radio Tech Officer	Lt David Rust, JN
Safety Officer	Lt Steve Rittreiser, S
VSC Chair Examiner	P/C James Haglund, P
Vessel Examiners	Lt R. Holden Belcher (Rip Knot)
	Lt Rebecca Garvie, P
Social Media CH	Lt Adrienne Dahlin, S
Instagram CH	P/C Leslie Kodish, P
Cooperative Charting CH	Open
Sea Scouts Liaison	Lt Stephen Taylor, S
USCG Liaison	Lt Chris Antony, P

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Educational Officer	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, JN
Asst Educational Officer	Lt Rocky Mazzeo
Boating Class CH	Lt Eileen Huggins, SN
ABC & Seminars CH	P/Lt/C William Ray, AP
ABC Instructors	Lt Eileen Huggins, SN
	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, JN
	Lt Reid Larson, AP
	Lt David Geller, P
	Lt Stephen Taylor, S
Advanced Grades CH	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, JN
Boat Handling	P/Lt/C William Ray, AP
Marine Navigation	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, JN
Advanced Marine Nav.	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, JN
Offshore Navigation	P/C Tim Rutledge, SN
Celestial Navigation	Lt Raymond Huggins, SN
Elective Courses CH	
Cruise Planning	Lt Eileen Huggins, SN
Engine Maintenance	P/Lt/C William Ray, AP
Instructor Development	P/C Nadeane Rutledge, SN
Marine Elec Systems	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, JN
Elect Nav Systems	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, JN
Marine Comm Systems	Lt Raymond Huggins, SN
Sail	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, JN
Weather	P/Lt/C William Ray, AP
Sextant Custodian	Lt Eileen Huggins, SN

DISTRICT 16 BRIDGE

Commander	D/C Craig Brown, SN
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Kenneth Smith, AP
Administrative Officer	D/Lt/C Sandra Thomas, AP
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C James A West, SN
Secretary	D/Lt/C Barbara Erickson, JN
Treasurer	D/Lt/C Rose Ann Walker, JN
Past Commander	P/C/C Annette Ferguson, AP

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Administrative Officer	Lt/C Patrick McSweeney, AP
Bartending Comm. CH	Lt Rebecca Garvie, P
Fleet Captains	
Port Captain	Lt R. Holden Belcher (Rip Knot)
Membership Comm. CH	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, JN
Mbr. Involvement	Open
Mbr. Processing	Lt/C Rick Laboda, AP
Associate Mbr.	Open
Member Benefits CH	Open
Operations Training	P/C James Haglund, P
Photographer	Lt Steve Erickson, JN
Program Committee CH	Open
Squadron Artist	Lt Janice Reebs, JN
Sunshine Comm CH	P/C Cathy McDonald, JN
Telephone Comm. CH	Lt Maureen Newman, AP
Dinner Meeting Coordinator	Lt Cheryl Antony, AP
Boating Activity CH	Lt Suzanne Schoonover, JN
Youth Poster CH	Lt Jon Brown, AP

SECRETARIAL DEPARTMENT

Secretary	Lt/C John Walsh, S
Electronic Committee CH	Lt Gordon Sivley, S
Grant Writer	Lt Katherine Vollenweider
Information Tech Contact	P/C James Haglund, P
National Roster	P/C James Haglund, P
Pilot Advertising CH	Open
Squadron Roster	Lt/C Mike Lancey, AP
Pilot Editor	Lt Jon Brown, AP
Webmaster	P/C James Haglund, P

TREASURER DEPARTMENT

Treasurer	Lt/C Rick Laboda, AP
Dinner Mtg Bookkeeping	Lt Cheryl Antony, P
Ships Store	Cdr Robert Dahlin, AP
	Lt Adrienne Dahlin, S

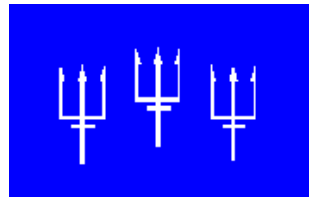
GENERAL COMMITTEES

Auditing Committee CH	Lt Lewis Titland, JN
	Lt Wendy Rittreiser, S
	Lt Janet Pearson, S
Nominating Comm CH.	P/C James Haglund, P
Rules Committee CH	P/C Richard Kay, SN
	P/C Ginger Marshall-St. Arnaud, AP
	Lt Maggie Murphy, JN

STANDING COMMITTEES

Law Officer	Lt Dave Newman, AP
Property Officers	Open
House Committee CH	Lt Rebecca Garvie, P

From the Helm



Cdr Robert Dahlin, AP

Happy March Squadron Members! Thank you to all who attended our February dinner meeting with our special guest speaker, Erden Eruc! We wish Erden the best of luck on his new adventure to row across the Pacific, travel through Asia {summitting a peak here and there} bike through Europe and then across the Atlantic. His story and plan was incredible to hear about more details can be found on his blog at <http://www.erdeneruc.com/erdens-blog>

Celebrating 80 years of Seattle Sail and Power Squadron

Congratulations to all of you for 80 years as a squadron!! Please see our Founder's Day flyer for more information on our wonderful history; not only as a squadron, but as part of a worldwide organization!! Please see our Membership Appreciation flyer for a special squadron gift!

Our Squadron is now Linked In!!!



Great news!! Our Squadron now has its own linked in page! America's Boating Club of Seattle Linked-In Page will not only allow us to display our social and organizational information to the world over the Internet, but gain us valuable connections with Marine/Boating companies, organizations and groups in our area and around the world! Be sure to check out our linked in page here: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/americas-boating-club-seattle/> The page will be updated regularly, along with our existing Facebook and Instagram social media platforms.

Vessel Safety Inspections for 2021



Looking to get a jump on getting your 2021 vessel safety inspection done before the busy boating season? We have received our new stock of stickers and are ready to perform your inspection today! These inspections will be performed safely with Covid-19 safety protocols followed and can be scheduled via an online form at our Club website. <https://www.seattlesailpowersquadron.org/vsc> . Read here about what will be required to insure your safety inspection goes smoothly or contact P/C Jim Haglund at ssaps.pc@gmail.com for additional questions you may have.

Mark your Calendar for District 16 Spring Conference on Saturday, March 13th.

Although no details have been posted to the District 16 website yet, please plan on attending this virtual event. Check upcoming squadron e-blasts for information as it becomes available; including the link to connect to the meeting and the change of watch.

Stay Safe and Healthy out there,

Robert G. Dahlin

Commander



*Happy Boating
And may a knowledge of
some of the contents of
this book give you some
enjoyment on the water.*
—Charles F. Chapman

Charles F. Chapman



Lt/C Mike Lancey, AP

XO's Report



2021 is a year full of hope and promise.

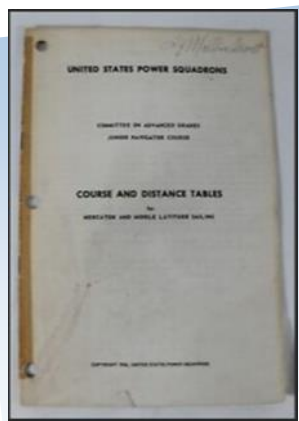
- Already, in January, we participated in the first virtual Seattle Boat Show with an inspired presentation prepared by our Bridge.
- Now in February we are launching the first member Appreciation \$50 Gift set up by the Bridge Officers and Membership Director Lt/C Gail Kalbrener JN.
- And, another positive 2021 development is that boating classes are filling up fast with dozens of new and longtime members.
- 2021 is shaping up, as you can see, to be a great year!

Volunteer

Be sure to check out the open positions leading the club on the bridge and committees in our America's Boating Club of Seattle. Take this opportunity to apply your leadership skills and make your mark on the boating community in Seattle. Your volunteer efforts will give you a role in guiding one of the top boating communities in the US. The Seattle in the Seattle Sail and Power Squadron is an iconic Northwest boating organization chartered by the United States Power Squadrons® in May, 1941.

To find out more about volunteering on the Bridge contact Past-Commander Jim Hagland P. For committee positions contact Commander Robert Dahlin AP, Lt/C Patrick McSweeny AP, or myself.

Cheers,
Mike





Lt/C Patrick McSweeney, AP

AO's Report



Salutations Squadron-mates,

The dinner meeting this month was pretty amazing as the Commander mentioned, a special thanks goes out to squadron member Erden Eruc for sharing what his plans for the coming year are. We are still waiting to confirm, but our speaker for the March meeting is going to be with the San Juan Preservation Trust. Their organization works to preserve the San Juan islands using what they call the three C's, Conserve, Care,



and Connect. They own land in the San Juans for conservation purposes, and they also work with landowners in the area to conserve resources that are present on their properties. They do restoration work for both of these parcel types. They also center their efforts around species related conservation, two of which being the Island Marble Butterfly and the Western Bluebird.



I mentioned briefly at the meeting that we have an interesting Rendezvous schedule for this year, and while COVID restrictions do restrict gatherings above a certain number, we are planning to move forward with meeting at each of these events. Proper social distancing measures will be in place, but that is made a little easier by the outdoor nature of most of our activities! In total we have 6 Rendezvous planned for this year currently, the first of which being the Poulsbo District 16 Rendezvous from June 11th to the 13th. Below are all of the events listed in chronological order:

Date	Location	# Slips
June 6/11-6/13	Poulsbo D16 Rendezvous	6
July 7/16-7/18	Gig Harbor, Arabella's Landing	5
August 8/13-8/15	Port Ludlow Marina	10
August 8/27-8/29	Kingston Marina	5
September 9/3-9/6	Point Hudson joint rendezvous Everett	10
September 9/17-9/19	Tacoma Dock Street Marina	5

There are several events that will be defined outside of our Rendezvous schedule, the first of which is coming up between May 5th and 7th at the Des Moines Yacht Club. We have 2 slips reserved for opening day down there and members are encouraged to attend! Our Executive Officer Mike Lancey has more information on the other event that our Squadron will be hosting, which is Sea Skills.

We may also be looking for squadron members to help plan some of the Rendezvous events, more information on that at a future date. I hope you all have a wonderful March!

Best Regards,

Lt/C Patrick McSweeney, AP
Squadron AO





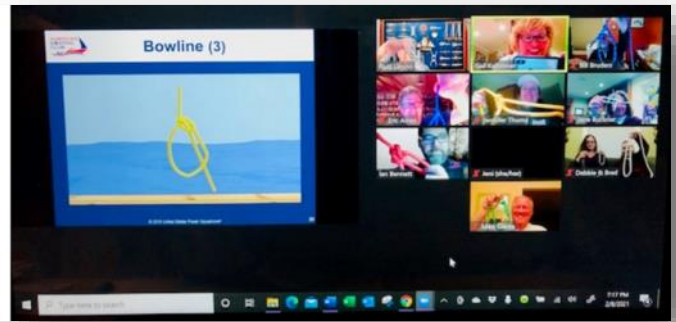
Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, JN

Gail Force Winds



Education, Education , Get Your Education!

The Education Department continues to have amazing students attending our courses. With the **Boat Handling Course (S)** almost complete, I must look back at a fun night taught by one of our fine instructors, Reid Larson, AP. Shown here is the makings of a bowline knot. How did the class do? The final night of class is on Local Knowledge, taught by our most favorite instructor, Bill Ray, AP. While this unit is not tested on, it is a must-attend. This class will be taking tests in their cars first week of March. I hope to have a full list of graduates announced by next month.

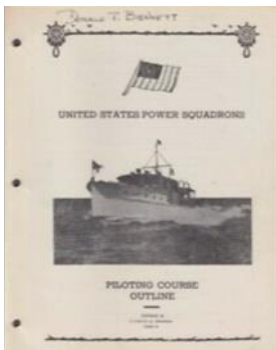


Early days of Celestial Navigation



Marine Navigation Course (P) is working on the 3rd day of their fishing trip around Bowditch Bay. Tests have been ordered so they must be close to finishing. Another great group of students and a *very* large class to boot. They have learned all the tools to be successful navigators, now they are putting it to work on their fishing trip.

Advanced Marine Navigation Course (AP) is right behind AM (P) class and their tests have been ordered, too. They just finished the Latest Technology are about to work with calculating Tides and Currents. This is a global class. No, really. With Stephen Taylor, P, trapped in Ireland with no definitive return date to the US, he joins us with an 8-hour time difference. Mr. Gabe Woods is a pilot that joins in from wherever he lands. This particular night of class, he was in Japan, 17 hours ahead! What does that look like? For the Chapman sisters, Laura and Kate, 1900 hours (PST), for Stephen, 0300 hours (IST) and for Gabe, 1200 hours (JST)! This is what I love about teaching by Zoom. You can take the course in any time zone. You just need to make sure you calculate your time zone properly.



Early Boating Course Manual

What's on the horizon for courses?

The **America's Boating Course** to obtain your Boater Education Card is on hold. New criteria from NASBLA is making it more time consuming for our limited number of instructors. I'd prefer to wait out the pandemic so we can continue our in-person, one-day classes. If you are in need of a Card, let me know and I will set you up with another Squadron to take your course or use the online National course.

Boat Handling (S) Course

Dates: Mondays -----1830-2030 hours----- 12 Apr 21

Cost: \$75 Members /\$140 Non-Members

Marine Navigation (P) Course

Dates: Tuesdays -----1830-2030 hours-----13 Apr 21

Cost: \$110 Members /\$185 Non-Members (plus additional tools required)

Advanced Marine Nav (AP) Course

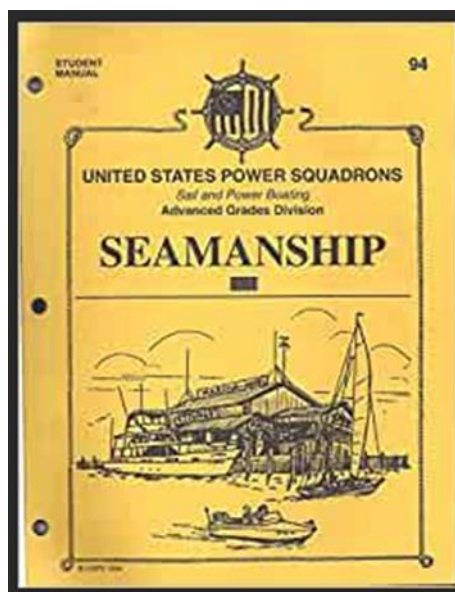
Dates: Wednesdays-----1830-2030 hours-----14 Apr 21

Cost: \$110 Members / \$185 Non-Members

There is a new seminar titled **Paddle Smart 2021** coming out some time late Spring from National. It covers the four types of paddle craft: canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and surf-skis. This should be a very interesting seminar for our area. If you are interested in teaching, I can get the material, advertise it, and set a date about being safe on the water with this ever-growing paddle craft class. Let's get the word out.

Be safe, stay healthy.

Yours in Education,
Captain Gail



Member Appreciation - Our Gift to You

We, the Executive Board, want to **Thank You** for your active membership and continued involvement in the organization. We have partnered with our long-time member, Alan Sidel and his company, Don's Group Attire, to offer you a **\$50 credit** to purchase any pre-selected item(s). This will become our new store website and more items will be added later. But for now, please accept our gift of appreciation. Of course, there are some rules.

- ⇒ Item(s) must include the America's Boating Club logo (NO exceptions)
- ⇒ Must be current with your membership (there's still time to renew)
- ⇒ Credit applies to the item(s) and the tax, not the shipping.
- ⇒ Shipping and/or amounts > \$50 credit, system will ask for a credit card.
- ⇒ Ships in about 2 weeks.
- ⇒ Pick-up option available at Don's Group Attire. Save on shipping.
- ⇒ Your individual membership number is your entry key. EXXXXXX.
- ⇒ Click [HERE](#) to find your membership number. Password: ssaps
- ⇒ Any member needing assistance ordering, please contact Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, 425-802-1706.
- ⇒ A Board member will contact you if you haven't claimed your gift as expiration date nears. (You deserve it, we want you to have it.)
- ⇒ Add your boat name? No problem, contact Alan Sidel at alan@donsgroupattire.com for custom orders.
- ⇒ Offer expires midnight **31 Mar 21**.

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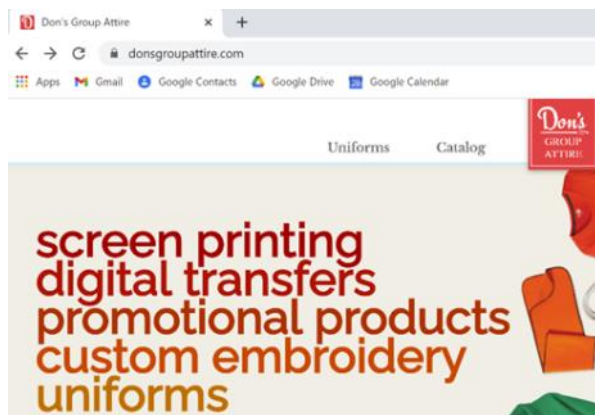
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Website: www.donsgroupattire.com

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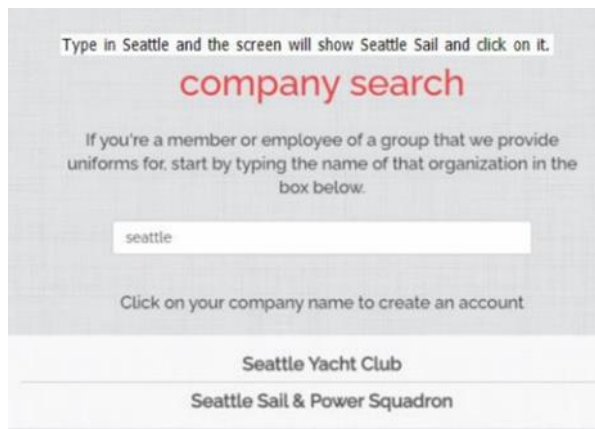
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Company Search

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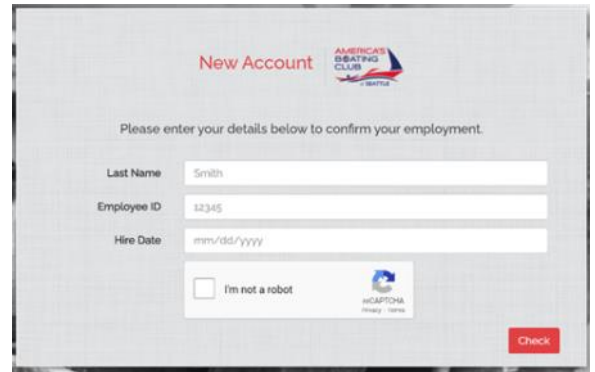
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Click -- I'M NOT A ROBOT

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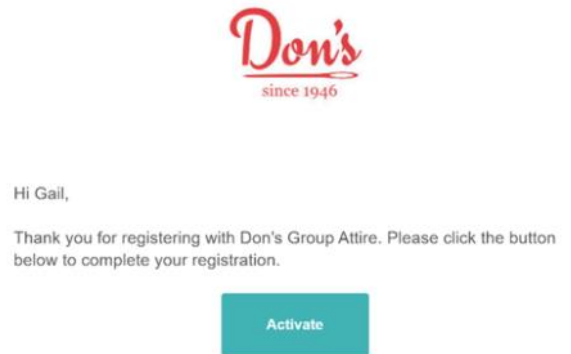
A screenshot of a web form titled "New Account" with the "AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB" logo. The form asks for "Last Name" (filled with "Smith"), "Employee ID" (filled with "12345"), and "Hire Date" (filled with "mm/dd/yyyy"). There is a checkbox for "I'm not a robot" and a CAPTCHA image. A red "Check" button is at the bottom right.

The next screen will show you have a \$50 credit. Fill out this screen to complete your sign-in.

Once completed, you will receive an email to activate.

Check your email. (It's like magic...poof...and it's there.)

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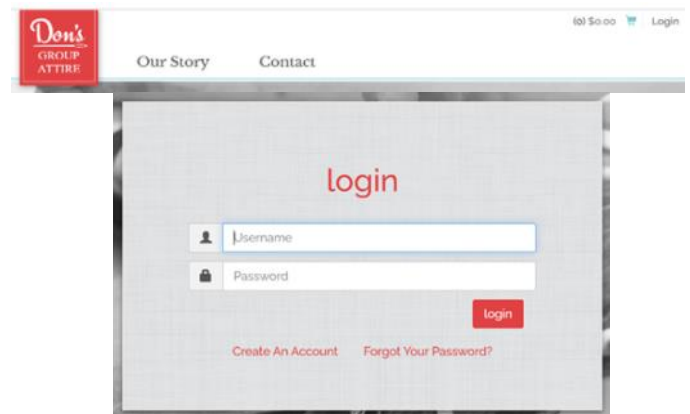
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Username: your email address

Password: your newly created password

Start Shopping on pre-selected items.

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A screenshot of the "Don's GROUP ATTIRE" website. The header has the logo and links for "Our Story" and "Contact". The main content area is titled "login" and has fields for "Username" and "Password". A red "login" button is at the bottom right. Below the button are links for "Create An Account" and "Forgot Your Password?".A promotional banner with a dark blue background. It features the "AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB" logo in the top left. The text "Look at all the cool stuff" is in large white letters. Below it is the website URL "www.donsgroupattire.com". A central text box says "There are over 30 items to choose from." Surrounding this text are several images of clothing items: a white long-sleeve shirt, a blue short-sleeve shirt, a yellow jacket, a black jacket, a tan baseball cap, a blue vest, a blue jacket, a grey polo shirt, a green polo shirt, a blue duffel bag, a yellow bag, and a blue bag.

*Your 2020-2021 Executive Board wants to thank you for
your loyalty and continued membership to the United States
Power Squadron and America's Boating Club of Seattle.*

Cdr Robert Dahlin, AP

XO Lt/C Mike Lancey, AP

AO Lt/C Patrick McSweeney, AP

SEO Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, JN

ASEO Lt/C Rocky Mazzeo

Secy Lt/C John Walsh, S

Treas Lt/C Rick Laboda, AP

P/Cdr Jim Haglund, P

Membership

Membership in our organization continues a healthy growth spurt. This month, five more new members joined as well as a handful of renewals. Thank you everyone. Our membership numbers are up to 147 members. Who are the newest members this month, you ask?

Returning after a small hiatus is Jeremy Zink and Rochelle Wistar. They still have their 26-foot powerboat they lived aboard for several years in Ballard named Sea Pony. Now they have a much roomier boat to continue living aboard. Check out their new boat featured in this newsletter. They still stay busy with their jobs and once we get back to having rendezvous', it will be great to see these two again. Welcome back, Jeremy and Shelly!!



Eric Ames found us by searching for boating courses and is currently taking the Boat Handling Course. It has been great getting to know Eric through the BH class as Reid Larson uses the Education Dept Zoom. Eric owns a 2001 Grady-White Tournament 192 named Wenowdis. (Do a search on the boat name and you will see the humor.) He keeps his boat at Edmonds Marina and plans to explore all around Whidbey Island and beyond. Super cool boat. He works at UW and chairs the Cinema & Media Department. He can't wait for good weather. Eric says, "All I can think about now is the boat and getting out there on the water." Our kind of boater, right? You are going to fit right in with us, Eric. Dis...we know. Welcome Aboard, Friend.

Also returning USPS members are Lucinda Frank and Cori Rostrom. I met them in April 2019, when they were members of another squadron taking our courses. Life and work got busy and sadly their memberships lapsed. Reaching back out to them to join the Marine Navigation Course, they jumped on the opportunity and are really enjoying the class. They decided to rejoin USPS and wanted to be in our fun squadron, so we transferred them to Seattle. A great addition to our Squadron. Work continues to keep the ladies busy but they are still making time to boat around Bowditch Bay. They plan to charter this summer but felt this course would enhance their skills and better prepare them. Welcome back, Ladies.



Your Membership Chair,
Capt Gail Kalbrener, JN

WELCOME ABOARD

**Your Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following
Slate of Officers for the 2021/2022 SSAPS Squadron Year:**

Commander	Robert Dahlin, AP
Executive Officer	Open
Administrative Officer	Mike Lancey, AP
Squadron Educational Officer	Gail Kalbrener, JN
Squadron Ass't Educational Officer	Rocky Mazzeo
Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Rick Laboda, AP
Past Commander	Emma Doody, S
Elected Member	John Walsh, S
Elected Member	Jeremy Zink, S
Elected Member	Open
Auditing Committee	Wendy Rittreiser, S (1-yr term) Janet Pearson (2-year term)
Nominating Committee	James Haglund, P
Rules Committee	Steve Kodish (3-year term)

Respectfully submitted, P/C James Haglund, P

*We will be voting to confirm the nominating committee's recommendations
at our March 18th Virtual Dinner Meeting.*

*If anyone is interested in any of the **Open** positions please contact
P/C James Haglund ASAP, ssaps.pc@gmail.com or (206) 258-9100*



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
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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

The Seasick Landlubber, Rocky Mazzeo



Perhaps some of you read the article in the Seattle Times on 20 Feb 21 regarding the return of the [USCG icebreaker Polar Star](#) to Seattle from the Arctic. It noted that the last mission to the Arctic in the wintertime occurred nearly 40 years ago and went on to tell us a bit about the Seattle-based Polar Star. It will be here for three weeks; you can get a view from Alaskan Way down by the stadiums. Do not try to get up-close and personal with her, though as your intrepid reporter tried. The USCG security detail will tell you, “No chance you are coming on the base for a closer look!”, but if you have the time, it is still worth a drive down and take a look at this old lady. She will be headed to Vallejo, California for some much-needed TLC very soon.

She is currently the only operational heavy icebreaker in the USCG fleet. The Healy, a light-weight in comparison to her big sister and her twin, the Sea Star, which is essentially a parts repository. The Polar Star may soon join her twin as a “Parts Our Us” site with the scheduled 2024 construction of a replacement in the shipyards in Louisiana.

The Polar Star was commissioned in 1976 and recommissioned in 2012. She came to life at Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction and the refit occurred at Vigor Industrial Shipyard. She has a length of 399 feet and the shape of an elongated football, with a pointy bow and stern to better facilitate the breaking of the thick ice she encounters. Her beam is 83.5 feet and a draft of 31 feet, making her a bit of a rock and roller at open seas. She has a displacement of 10,683 long tons and is powered by a combined diesel-electric/gas system with 3 controllable pitch propellers. Her range is 16,000 nm at 18 kn and 28,275 nm at 18 kn. Her crew typically consists of 15 officers, 127 enlisted personnel, 33 scientists and a 12-person helicopter crew. She will often carry two Dolphin helicopters. Her hull consists of a shell plating and internal support structure fabricated from a high tensile steel that has great low temperature strength. Hull plating is 1 ¾ inch thick; in reference, most ships have a hull plating that is only ¼ inch thick. Her curved bow allows her to ride up on the ice using her impressive heft to break the ice. She can crush ice up to 21 feet thick and can steam continuously through 6 feet of ice at 3 kn. Given the length of time that the crew is onboard without a break, she has some comfort features many large vessels do not. She has 4 separate lounges, a library, a gymnasium, small ship store, post office, satellite telephones, a computer lounge and a movie library.



The US first started construction of ice breakers through the auspices of the US Navy during the second world war, but the Navy soon jettisoned this responsibility to the Coast Guard in the 1950's. We have fallen behind Russia which is the world leader with 9 polar class ice breakers. The Polar Star's primary responsibility has been to break ice to facilitate supplying the McMurdo Station in Antarctica. She and her crew have also helped in many emergency circumstances. In Feb 2015, she suc-

cessfully towed the stranded Australian fishing vessel, Antarctic Chieftain, maneuvering her through ocean ice and snow nearly 20 feet deep in the Southern Ocean. In Feb 2017, fire crews from the vessel participated in the battle against the Christchurch Port Hills fires in New Zealand. And this is despite her often being referred to a rust bucket by crew members who have had to at times source spare parts on eBay.

Her most recent 3-month mission started on 4 Dec 20 and led her to 72° north, the furthest North any US government service vessel has reached. She travelled in near total darkness over the 78-day sojourn. She participated with Russian aircraft along the US-Russian maritime boundary in the Bearing Sea, along with other scientific endeavors.

If you want to experience being on Polar Star or get a penguin's perspective of her, watch this [short video](#). After her California R&R, she will most likely resume her southern expeditions in support of the research in the Antarctic. Although she truly is a rusty girl, she is worth a look-see within the next few weeks on the Seattle waterfront.

It's a houseboat for Jeremy Zink and Shelly Wistar!!!!

By Gail Kalbrener, N

If you are friends on Facebook, you would have seen the amazing transformation this funky little house has gone thru. Jeremy says, "With a floating home, you are free to be as wild as you like in terms of color and design. That's what I believe anyways. So why not PURPLE, huh?" I couldn't agree more.

The houseboat was built in 1940 when the owner bundled some logs together and built a house on top of it. And it has lasted all these years! A facelift was needed, so the projects began. The house was originally a teal green, but that had to go. The decks were well overdue for stain, so that was one of the upgrades, painting and sealing. Then there is the wiring. Every previous owner hung the wires on the outside, which was probably easier for them; now that tangled mess is cleaned up.



Check out the lights around the deck. Great style for this gem. Who wouldn't love to sit on that couch, on a summer evening, sipping wine with great views up and down the dock? While all their summer work was in progress, their dock neighbor continually upgraded their exterior motif, which only added more appeal to this treasure.

Did you see the wave mural? As a previous long-time liveaboard myself, as Jeremy and Shelly were,

this is a true luxury; no longer hauling off your laundry to the laundromat. Why have it on the inside, when you CAN have it outdoors on a houseboat!. A great tiny-home space saver. Across from the laundry will be Jeremy's workspace that he is still perfecting. As far as the inside goes, Jeremy and Shelly are continually putting their magic to work. Coming from a 26-foot powerboat, this is more space than any liveaboard could ever imagine.

How cool is that! No, that's not an



What a magical place to come home to with the beautiful lights. The recent snowstorm and heavy wet snow, Jeremy had to shovel off the roof as the house had bottomed out and was listing! Things you never think about living on the water.

When you have a chance, reach out to Jeremy and Shelly as they would be happy to show you around their eclectic abode. Congratulations on your new home!



Membership Benefits



Members! When was the last time you looked at all the benefits available to you? Your membership number unlocks all your benefits. Members that utilize these benefits can easily save more than the annual cost of membership. Click on [The Golden Member Ticket](#) (benefits). Check them out.

Hang on to your membership. We can almost see the light at the end of the tunnel. Don't give up on your membership. There are many other reasons to keep your membership active. Let me count the ways.

Friendships – We're all still here. Just reach out. Open up your Membership Roster, close your eyes, flip to a page, and point to a member and give them a call. We all would love to hear from you.

Boating – We're going to be going again soon. Hang in there. The rendezvous' that we schedule are always fun and a great way to make new friends and rekindle some old. We will all be back on the water together finding places to explore and have some great laughs.

Education – Check out all the courses and fun stuff to learn. Oodles and oodles. Plus, you all get to hear from a really fun education officer when signing up for classes.

Dinners – Catered dinners and potlucks. Remember those? They will be back. Promise. Don't we all miss Chef Willie's fabulous meals? I'm sure he misses your smiling faces too. Stick around and let's see each other again for dinner.

Guest Speakers – We still have them. Some really cool ones. Such as the Ins and Outs of Cruising on Cruiseships, The Steamer Virginia V Foundation, The Center for Wooden Boats, Cruising down the Amazon River and so much more. Just stick around and you shall hear.

Meetings – Come to a Zoom Membership Meeting. They are the 3rd Thursday of every month, just in case you've forgotten. It's really easy to join in. Just watch for the e-blasts. We can even practice before a meeting to show you how easy it is to join and see your Squadron friends.

You – You make this boating organization what it is. Without YOU, we would not be who we are for all of the reasons above that we gather.

One final reason we want you to keep your membership active is we appreciate you. We very much appreciate you and miss seeing you in person. We missed out on Member Appreciation and we want to show our appreciation. For that, we, the Board, have a gift coming to you. In order to receive your gift, your membership must be active. The final details are being worked out. We hoped to have more information coming your way very soon.





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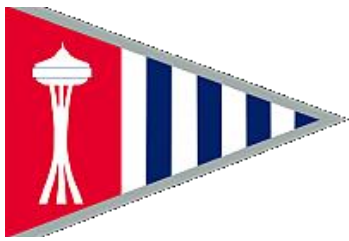
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The Pilot's Shorts

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Traveling Burgee - where has your Burgee been? Submit photos of your traveling SSAPS burgee from this year or COVID Year Past! Send to Editor Jon at ssaps.newsletter@gmail.com photos of your travels.

Instagram marketing chair job available - easy volunteer job. Post monthly on our Instagram site. Easy social media photo poster gig. See P/C Leslie Kodish for info. Follow SeattleSailAndPowerSquadron on Instagram.

Become an Associate Member of SSAPS - Are you interested in becoming an Associate member of Seattle Sail and Power Squadron? If you are a member of one of the squadrons of the United States Power Squadrons or a member of Burnaby Power and Sail Squadron (our sister Squadron in British Columbia) we welcome you to become an Associate Member of Seattle Sail and Power Squadron. To join, all you have to do is let me know, and I will send you an application form. Contact Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, N, at ssaps.membership@gmail.com.

On the Water Education (OTW) - Members interested in OTW education please contact Jim West, regional director for OTW events, at jwestboater@comcast.net

Be a Part of History - As Squadron Historian, I collect photographs every year for storage in the Squadron archives. Steve Erickson, JN is a huge resource for this and we are ever so grateful. However, I welcome pictures from others, preferably low resolution to minimize electronic storage. Send them to me at P/C Tim Rutledge. SN.

Keep your membership Information up to date - If there are any changes to your address or contact information there is an online form you may fill out on the membership page of our Seattle website. This also includes boat and or boat name changes as well. We don't want you to be left out of the loop.

<https://www.seattlesailpowersquadron.org/member-update>

Merit Marks - Want to view or print your merit mark from 2020? Go to <http://www.usps.org/php/DHinders/meritmarks/getMM.php> and put in your USPS Certificate number. You can find the Merit Marks form linked [here](#).

Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) Call and schedule your free inspection today! VSC Chair P/C James Haglund, P caddmandew@gmail.com

206-258-9100, or use the Online Request Form:

<https://www.seattlesailpowersquadron.org/vsc-request>

Flare Disposal Option - Disposing of old marine flares always seems like a challenge. They can't be shot off as a demonstration. Sometimes Police or Fire Departments will take them, but it can be a hassle to arrange this. Thankfully, several King County transfer stations now accept expired flares. The North Seattle, South Seattle, and Factoria Hazardous Waste sites will accept up to 10 expired marine flares per person. For more information, visit www.HazWasteHelp.org or call (206) 296-4692.



Happy March Birthdays!

3 Tim Donlan, S

7 Jennifer Oxley

12 Lt Jon Brown, AP

14 Reid Larson, AP

27 Rebecca Neel

30 Paul Frodesen, P

30 Joby Lafky





Nautical Knowledge

Propane safety for boats

([Beth Schwab's article](#) reprinted from the February Issue of Americas Boating Compass.)

Many boaters get a lot of use out of their boat's propane system in [cooler weather](#), but if not handled properly, propane can become a hazard. Do you know the basics of propane safety for boats?



Heavier than air, propane can run downhill into your bilge if it finds an opening in what should be a closed system. To prevent this, store propane tanks in an outside locker that's vented at the bottom to let leaking gas escape overboard. When not using our stove, we close the valve on our propane tank. [Propane stoves](#) should be equipped with a solenoid switch, which displays a red light when open.

Operating your propane stove

Our standard operating procedure for lighting and shutting down the stove is simple and safe:

1. Open the valve at the tank, watching for leaks.
2. Turn on the breaker (12-volt system).
3. Turn on the solenoid switch. A red light lets you know the valve is open.
4. Crack open a port or hatch for ventilation, and light your burner or oven.
5. **When you are done, turn off the solenoid switch first: This is one of the most important safety steps.** With the switch off, the burner should extinguish. This shows that the solenoid is functioning properly by shutting the safety valve that allows propane to the stove. Turn off the burner when it is no longer lit.
6. Turn off the breaker, and close the tank valve.

To learn more about propane safety for boats, take the online [Propane Systems on Your Boat](#) seminar from America's Boating Club.

—Beth Schwab



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