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Winter Boating in the PacNW

The weather has been teasing us with some spectacular blue sky days, yet fall is firmly upon us and hours of daylight are becoming less and less. Soon the brisk northerlies will push cold damp air down from the Fraser River Valley and then we'll know that winter is upon us.



Blake Island State Park in Winter, courtesy of [48° North](#)

With that said, winter cruising in Puget Sound can offer some of the most tranquil experiences. Many of us prefer anchoring to the usually busy docks or floats around Puget Sound. However, winter cruising offers up a lot of these normally busy summer dock locations with almost no congestion or chaos. Floats are also often found empty. While many of the state park docks are removed for the winter months, there are several left in place and maintained for boaters to use year round. Stuart, Sucia, and Blake Islands are just a few of the State Parks where docks remain in place for winter visitors, although sometimes at a reduced capacity. Many public docks are also available year round, such as Gig Harbor's Jerisich Dock and Eagle Harbor's Waterfront Park dock.

Turn on your heater to get your boat cozy and head out on the water. The key this time of year is paying close attention to the weather, and finding the right locations to be for the forecast conditions. The accessibility of the many docks, marinas, anchorages, moorings, and ports throughout the Salish Sea offers a full winter season of exceptional boating adventures.



The Olympics, courtesy of [Slowboat.com](#)

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

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Elected Member	Open
Elected Member	Open
Past Commander	P/C Margaret Nordahl, S

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	Lt Chris Antony, P

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	Lt Adrienne Dahlin, S

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Rules Committee CH	P/C Richard Kay, SN
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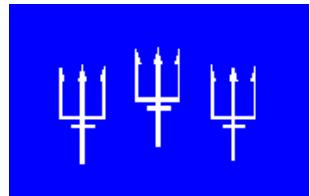
STANDING COMMITTEES

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



Cdr Robert Dahlin, AP

From the Helm



Winter is Coming so Prepare your boat for the Changing Weather

Squadron members, I hope that you and your families and friends are safe and doing well during our 7th month of the pandemic.

The weather is quickly changing and many of you have either pulled your boats out for the year or prepared your vessels for the long winter. If you have not already, do so safety by dressing warmly; taking extra precautions to not slip on surfaces while entering and exiting your vessel or in moving objects onto the dock. Please be sure to also wear a mask when entering your marina and practice social distancing when meeting your slip neighbors who may also be there prepping their boats for winter. Be sure to check your lines to allow for water levels dropping and the possibility of high winds. Most boaters that leave their boats in the water over the winter, should plan on using a dehumidifier to keep the moisture from causing mold buildup inside your boat. Using dehumidifier tanks in your bathroom and engine compartments are also helpful in minimizing mold buildup. For me, I take the extra time to winterize the water tanks by emptying them and using 4 gallons of RV antifreeze and properly flush it through the lines, water heater and sump pump. I also make sure my fuel tank is as close to full as possible and the fuel stabilizer is added. Most of these items for winterizing your boat can be found at West Marine or Fisheries. And don't forget to take the time to change your oil and perform regular maintenance so that new oil sits in your engine and gear oil in your outdrive (if you have an I/O engine) over the winter.



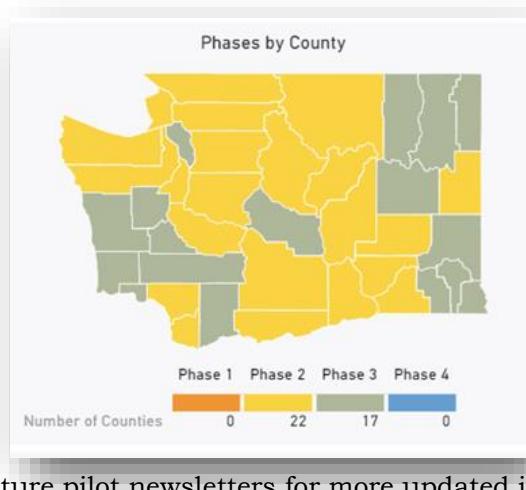
Donations for Education!!

Thank you to those who attended our last virtual dinner meeting!! At the meeting, we discussed the need for those in the squadron to donate to our Education Fund. The pandemic has hit us hard and our needs to get classes filled for the winter requires an even greater amount of funding. Your special donations make it possible for us to become a leader in the Seattle area for providing quality boater education and our talented instructors desperately need your help!! If you haven't already, please log-on to the National website and submit a donation to the Squadron Education Fund!! Login to the national site <https://www.usps.org/member-s-log-in> On the left column, click on Donate Here and make a donation to be earmarked towards the Seattle squadron. If you have your membership number, it will fill in all your information. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!



Covid-19 Update

We are now moving into seven months since the beginning of the pandemic shutdown. Our state infection numbers are rising but are still far lower than most states in the country; however, our State and county still remain at Phase 2. More information can be found here: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/covid-19-risk-assessment-dashboard>



Although a vaccine may be available in the near future, the rest of our dinner/board meetings and classes this year will be virtual, and our holiday party cancelled. See our AO comments for more information on the November and December meeting plans, plus information on the last meeting in October.

While this unprecedented event continues, we on your Squadron Bridge are committed to keeping your Seattle squadron running and continuing to offer boater education and services such as Vessel Safety Checks for the community and members we serve. That is why most of the current bridge has elected to run again in their current positions for year 2021/2022. We are hopeful that next year we will be able to resume operations normally. Keep on the lookout for e-blasts and future pilot newsletters for more updated information on the virus situation and upcoming events.

Stay Safe and Healthy,

Robert G. Dahlin

Commander



XO's Report



Virtual Tour of the UW School of Oceanography

Over the last few months we have not been able to participate fully in the boating season, especially not as a group given the limits of the number of members allowed to gather. While browsing the internet I've been able to take frequent virtual cruises through our local maritime community. On some level I enjoy the virtual visits as a way to vicariously enjoy the sea and its vessels.

Lt/C Mike Lancey, AP

A wonderful place to visit is the UW School of Oceanography. They have some beautiful ships in addition to being a national leader in oceanographic research and education.



The School of Oceanography's numerous seagoing research projects, originally conducted on the [R/V Brown Bear](#), now utilize the modern capabilities of the [R/V Thomas G. Thompson](#) and the [R/V Rachel Carson](#), which [joined the department's research fleet](#) in 2018.



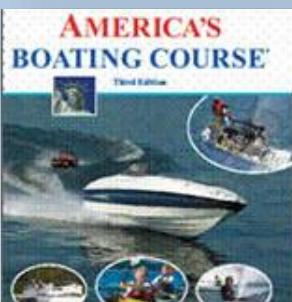
R/V Brown Bear, photo provided by V. Lundquist, from [NOAA Alaska Fisheries Science Center](#)

The UW School of Oceanography currently operates two ships: [R/V Thomas G. Thompson](#), a state-of-the-art 274-foot, 3000 ton vessel, operating virtually anywhere in the world's oceans, and the 72-foot [R/V Rachel Carson](#), working in Puget Sound, nearshore areas, and the Columbia River estuary.



The R/V *Thomas G. Thompson* is owned by the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and operated under a Charter Party agreement by the School of Oceanography at the University of Washington as part of the Academic Research Fleet.

The R/V *Thomas G. Thompson* (AGOR-23) was constructed by Halter Marine and was delivered on 8 July 1991. The *Thompson* is 274 ft in length, 52.5 ft. beam, and at full load has a 19 foot draft. The normal cruising speed is 11 knots, and the *Thompson* offers a ships complement of 21 officers and crew, 2 marine technicians, and berthing for up to 36 scientists.





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Thompson Bow Cam



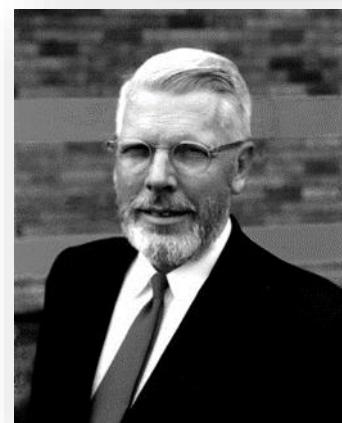
R/V Rachel Carlson

The 72 ft research vessel *Rachel Carson* is owned by the University of Washington's School of Oceanography. It is capable of conducting operations within the Salish Sea and coastal waters of the western United States and British Columbia.

R/V *Rachel Carson* began life as R/V *Aora*, a fisheries research platform built in 2003 by Macduff Shipyard in Macduff, Scotland. The University of Washington acquired the vessel in 2017 and conducted conversions to support oceanographic research in addition to fisheries research.

The R/V *Rachel Carson* can support up to 28 persons including crew for daily operations while 13 persons can be accommodated for multi-day operations. The vessel boasts four marine heads with showers, a fully functional galley, and a wet and dry lab.

RV Rachel Carson is the name of four research vessels, named after the American marine biologist and conservationist Rachel Carson. *RV Rachel Carson* ...



The School of Oceanography at the University of Washington is a national leader in oceanographic research and education. The UW Oceanographic Laboratories, founded in 1930 and directed by Professor [Thomas G. Thompson](#), were the precursor of the School. The School of Oceanography was organized formally in 1951, under the directorship of [Richard Fleming](#).

Richard Fleming, founding director of the UW School of Oceanography

It hosts the oldest undergraduate oceanography program in the nation, graduating its first student, Alyn Duxbury, in 1955, who went on to become one of the founding figures of oceanography science and education. It is the only oceanography department to offer all degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Masters of Science and Doctor of Philosophy.

I encourage you to visit the website <https://www.ocean.washington.edu/> which provides information on the operational capabilities of the vessels, a virtual tour, and guidance on various policies, regulations, procedures, safety, and lifesaving precautions.

Cheers,

Mike



Lt/C Patrick McSweeney, AP

AO's Report



Virtual Meetings Continue

Greetings squadron members and I hope that all of you and your families are well!

Thank you to all who attended our October Trivia night joint event with Puget Sound Maritime and our virtual dinner meeting! We had a great time with boat/marine trivia and silhouette identification of marine vessels! Kudos to District Commander, Craig Brown who won in combined scores for all categories of the quiz!

Though continued Phase 2 opening in King County keeps us from meeting in person, you can still come and meet your fellow squadron members via the Zoom virtual conferencing links we provide you in the E-Blast updates and Pilot Newsletters. Connecting to a meeting is easy and you don't have to use your laptop or computer video camera if you don't want to. Moreover, we have made these meetings secure so that not just anyone can get in and take them over as you may have seen in sensationalized network news broadcasts. Attending these meetings keeps our squadron members informed on the news of our Seattle squadron and our upcoming plans and activities.



Participation also is good in keeping our squadron active with interaction on how each of us is doing during this pandemic and what we have been up to. The next virtual meeting is November 17th at 7PM.

Look for the next eblast later next week which will contain a link to our virtual meeting.

SSAPS Holiday Party has been cancelled

Due to Covid-19 regulations on group gatherings, we have cancelled the Holiday Party scheduled for Saturday, Dec 6th at Queen City Yacht Club in Seattle. We have plans to create a virtual party of sorts, complete with Music and interactive games/entertainment to be included. This event we hope will let us revel in the spirit of the holidays while maintaining social distancing. Look for updates on this event as it is to be discussed and planned at the upcoming November board meeting.

2021 Boat Show has been cancelled

On November 3rd, we learned that the Seattle Boat show has been cancelled for 2021. This is mainly due to King County remaining in Phase 2 with no apparent possibility for moving to a phase that makes it possible to socially gather in large groups inside the CenturyLink Conference Center in Seattle. We are hopeful that they will have some virtual training events and seminars as they have throughout this pandemic and will provide you details on those through E-Blasts and squadron Facebook updates. Look for those in the near future to help keep you up to date on your boating community and skills you can utilize next season. Check here for more information: <https://seattleboatshow.com/>

Once again here are the upcoming events:

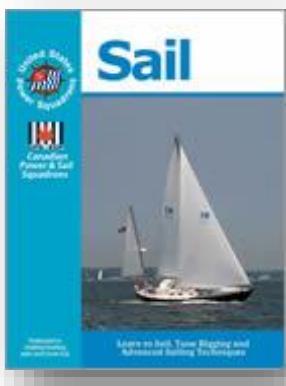
Thursday, November 17th, 7PM. November Virtual Dinner meeting

I hope to see you at the November dinner meeting. Check email E-blasts for the link and password to connect to the meeting.

Best Regards,

Lt/C Patrick McSweeney, AP

Squadron AO





Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, N

Gail Force Winds



We have turned a corner on Fall and it is definitely here. If you don't plan to use your boat over the winter months, I would encourage you to winterize your boat. Commander Robert always gives a great checklist for winterizing. Please take the time and give your boat some winter loving.

All the classes are motoring along. Monday nights, the **BOAT HANDLING** Course has successfully Anchored, learned to Dock, had Confidence While Underway, practiced Emergencies, and learned the Rules of the Road – COLREGS. The last classes for them will be Knots with Reid Larson, AP and a final night of Local Knowledge with Bill Ray, AP. This class will be ready for Marine Navigation in January 2021.

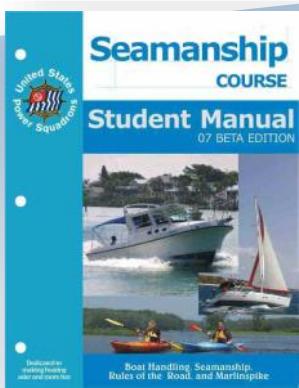
Tuesday night's, **MARINE NAVIGATION** course have now learned all their formulas and learned how to use their navigating tools. They are ready to embark on a Weekend Cruise around Bowditch Bay.

Wednesday night's, **ADVANCE MARINE NAVIGATION** course have already been navigating around Martha's Vineyard using all their tools they have learned. If that wasn't fun enough, throwing in Tide Tables and navigating with Winds and Currents are the last items to learn for these students. The two coolest tools of all things to get from the courses and so relevant on the Salish Sea.

Since a YES/NO vote to have a Seattle Boat Show will take place the first week of November (I'm guessing NO), the **Winter classes will start a month early in January**. Hopefully, this can be put on our social media and attract some new members. Firm dates to come. I just wanted to get the early word out there.



Photo Courtesy of USPS



I finished out a wonderful, safe distancing week in Las Vegas with Rocky, my children and our grandson. My son had a softball tournament (with very few spectators allowed) so Rocky and I got plenty of grandparent time in. We took a late day trip out to Lake Mead and the colors at sunset were unbelievable. I only wish I had the appropriate camera to capture the color changes on the Lake. Oh, and the full moon rising. Just breathtaking.

Don't forget to give to the Educational Fund. See the information in [Commander Robert's article](#).

Yours in Education,
Captain Gail Kalbrener

VOTE. Let your voice be heard.



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MEMBERSHIP IS JOB ONE!

Following are highlights of some of the actions and activities that your Board of Directors and headquarters have completed and are working on for you. Please share this information with your committee members, districts, and squadrons.

BOD and HQ Updates:

1. **Membership Is Job One!**
 1. Membership as of Oct 1: 21,356. Highlights include New members: 196; Late Renewals: 170; Reinstatement: 16; Non-Renewals: 266; Deaths: 29; Net Gain: 87. This is the second month for net gains (August had a net gain of 237).
 2. Kudos to Districts 4, 11, 14, and 20 had zero non-renewals this month and Districts 1, 23, 28, and 30 had only one non-renewal. Keep up the good work! The BEST renewal method is personal contact as VC Ralph Bernard has emphasized. Districts are stressing Renewals to the squadrons because they *know* their members. Please continuously review the squadron member dues status, make contact with members in arrears and those coming up for renewal. Need help? Search the national website, check out the National Membership Committee pages, and more.
 3. We are investigating automatic dues renewal and other ways to simplify the renewal process for our members.
2. Treasurer's Report for period ending August 31 (unaudited): Net Operating Deficit (\$114,386.95). The two main sources for revenue are down: New Member & Renewal Dues by approx (\$80k) and Net Sales from Educational & Ship's Store by approx (\$46k). A 'positive' is that unspent Travel Expenses are approx \$67k. The outlook for year-end (only 6 weeks away) is darn close to breakeven.
 1. We need everyone's help in increasing membership renewals and to support the Ship's Store.
 2. Regarding educational sales, we look forward to squadrons adapting to using blended learning techniques as offered through the EDU Dept, continue with the NASBLA-approved ABC3 virtual classroom extension and helping return educational course sales to 'normal' levels.
3. Online Courses Update: These do not compete with squadrons, but complement the squadron offerings and serve the online Cyber Squadron members. Online offerings have kept our members and the public engaged in our educational programs during the pandemic as national, state, and local health safety guidelines limited F2F and group contact. Expansion of the offerings is in process.

1. ABC3 online courses sold as of Oct 4: 1818 nationally (998 full year 2019). NOTE: squadrons conduct approx 6,000 ABC3 classroom courses annually. The total national market for a basic boating course is approx. 500,000 with about an even split between online and in-classroom delivery methods. There is significant opportunity for expansion of teaching students by the squadrons.
2. BoatUS Online Seminars sold as of Oct 4: 755 (455 estimated full year 2019)
3. Virtual Classroom: new in 2020, first offered week of May 17. Sales as of Oct 4: 383
4. SBA PPP Loan Status: We qualified to use the EZ Form to apply for full PPP/SBA Loan forgiveness. The forms have been completed and submitted to our bank; we are seeking 100% forgiveness. The bank will review the completed forms, verify that we have fulfilled our obligation to the bank and then send the paperwork to the SBA for their review and decision. While it would be great to take this obligation off the books by November 30th, our fiscal year-end, that may be unrealistic given we are working with the government. You will be kept informed!
5. 2021 Budget: The National Treasurer and the Budget Director have completed the 2021 Budget. The Finance Committee will review the budget, make recommendations, and present it to the BOD for acceptance. I have been asked why all the steps? The Budget is sent to the Finance Committee before presenting it to the BOD for acceptance then to the Governing Board for approval. Consider it this way: the Budget Committee collects information on the intended *expenses* of the national organization whereas the Finance Committee projects forecasts for *revenues*. Thus the Budget Committee submits the 'wish list' and known expenditures for the upcoming year and Finance tells them whether or not there will be income to cover it. Make sense? This process may be different from the way the squadrons and districts develop budgets. Check the Operations Manual for more information on organizational procedures.
6. Insurance Items:
 1. Communicable Diseases have not been covered in our policy and that translates to the current COVID 19 pandemic. If held in person, all squadron classes, activities, and meetings must follow all local, state, and national guidelines for health safety. Participation is an option and everyone should feel free to choose what is best for them. Be diligent!
 2. National insurance coverage: annual insurance rates will be increasing for 2021. National bears the expense in order to protect all members, squadrons, and districts when conducting USPS/ABClub approved business and educational classes. At this time, we have no plans in the 2021 Budget for a dues increase to cover the additional costs. We will update you at the 2021 Annual Meeting.
7. Websites: Please verify that your squadron and district websites are ADA-compliant. If not, then you have the potential for a lawsuit. The IT Committee created templates which are compliant: Standard Squadron Site (SSS) and the Standard District Site (SDS). Contact ITCOM for assistance or more information.
8. SAVE THE DATES:
 1. Tuesday, December 1: Giving Tuesday, A worldwide non-profit fundraising event. The United States Power Squadrons/America's Boating Club will participate this year!
 2. 2021 Annual Meeting & Governing Board: February 14-21, 2021. Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Marriott Sawgrass Resort.
 1. Hotel reservations may be made from the National Meetings site: https://www.usps.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&layout=edit&id=1310 The room rate is the same as last year: \$174/night plus a discounted daily resort fee of \$12.50 which includes self-parking (regularly \$25/day).
 2. Meal and event information is being finalized this week.
 3. 2021 Fall Conference & Governing Board Meeting: August 29-September 5, 2021. North Hills Raleigh Hilton Hotel.

9. Kudos to the National Meetings Committee for renegotiating both 2021 national meetings contracts. With their persistence USPS/ABClub has zero room night commitments and no Food & Beverage requirements to meet. Thank you R/C Arlene Anderson and V/C Ralph Bernard for outstanding work!
10. Learning Centers Update: Florida is Open for Business. We are gearing up for a "re"start Oct 30-31 with weekly OTW Classes at Harris Chain of Lakes in Tavares, FL. Cost is \$395 per student for the course. The BOD approved spending \$1000 for Facebook advertisements at \$100/week for 10 weeks. This effort is coordinated through the HQ Communications Director. The funds are an allocation from the BOD Restricted Fund which supports special projects and more.
11. Ship's Store: a new procedure is in place for ordering logo items by the Certified Instructors and Vessel Examiners. Four times a year there will be a two-week window for ordering shirts directly from our supplier through a link on the Ship's Store webpage. This will allow better pricing because of batch ordering plus the order will be drop shipped to the purchaser's address thus saving inventory costs and shipping & handling fees. Thank you, R/C Claire McDonald!

Did You Know?

1. Some squadrons and districts are dipping into their savings and either paying their members' dues at renewal or reimbursing them for this past year. One squadron commented that they did not provide anything for their members that cost anything thus they didn't need the dues monies.
2. Life Members, those who don't pay annual dues, have contributed more than \$25,000 to the organization thus far this year. We thank you!
3. 2020 FALL CONFERENCE WENT VIRTUAL! If you missed attending the sessions offered by the departments and committees, you can access the recorded sessions [here](#): Or copy and paste this address into your browser https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=36

Wishing you fair winds and calm seas as the journey together continues.



Mary Paige Abbott
Chief Commander

"The impediment to action advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way."

Marcus Aurelius

A Tribute to PC Neal Tyldsley

On Sunday, October 11, 2020, the Seattle Sail and Power Squadron lost a good friend, long time member, and one of our finest ambassadors and liaisons from our sister squadron, the Burnaby Power and Sail Squadron.



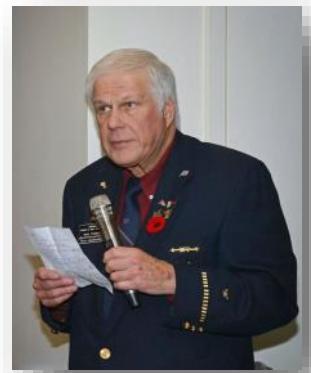
PC Neal Tyldsley, and his longtime partner, PC Darlene Wood, became members of SSAPS in 2005 shortly after visiting the SSAPS booth at the Seattle Boat Show. Their efforts and enthusiasm initiated the relationship between our two squadrons.

Neal was always there with a big smile, a glad hand, and a cold beer whenever SSAPS members ventured into the Great White North. He was famous for sharing tales of his adventures as a second generation Vancouver Police Officer, his annual Harley motorcycle cross-country trips, cruises on Canadian waters.

Despite the weather, Neal was a regular fixture at SSAPS Changes of Watch, Holiday Parties, Past Commanders' Picnics, and SSAPS-BPSS joint rendezvous.

Neal was involved in many organizations. He will be remembered for his significant contributions to the Burnaby Power and Sail Squadron, the Burrard Yacht Club and for his volunteer work with the Vancouver Police Credit Union, and the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada.

Our hearts goes out to his family and friends. We will remember him fondly.



Reminder: New website Event & Class Calendar

I have recently added new Event and Educational calendars to our website. The Event calendar will take the place of the “What’s Happening”, “Calendar View” and “Rendezvous Schedule” pages previously shown on the website. The new Educational calendar is similar except that it will be a much better way of displaying the classes and courses.

What I like about this calendar approach, besides consolidating the events and classes into one location, is the squadron officers will be able to post their events and classes directly without going through me, the webmaster. Plus, all members and non-members can register for a User Account, with the developer of the program, TeamUp, which will provide you with Event notifications and Reminders as they happen. Although a user account is not required to view the calendars, I highly recommend getting an account, to stay connected.

The [Event calendar](#) is broken up into sub-calendars and I will provide each officer with access to add and make changes to the calendar based on their squadron responsibilities.

The [Educational calendar](#) is also broken up into sub-calendars, and the SEO and ASSEO will both maintain the upcoming educational schedule.

Please check out the new Calendar, it has some great features. The default view is set to Monthly but you can change that to fit your needs. Once open you just select an event and it will bring up detailed information including any links to flyers, signup forms, etc. It's all there.

Some cool features:

- User friendly and intuitive.
- The events or course categories are organized by Color.
- Flexible display options: Basic calendar views Month, Week, Day, Agenda, Scheduler view, agenda or list view displaying details and inline images. Your Choice!
- Share events without sharing the calendar. Easily share an event on the calendar by email, on Facebook, as a web page or add to your own calendar program (google, outlook or iCal)
- Easily viewed on your mobile phone

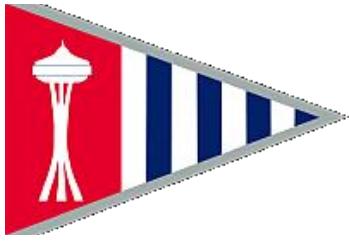
Here is a [LINK](#) to a Getting Started Guide For All Users

If you need help or have questions contact:

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Group Forum & Marketplace

Please signup to be a part of our [GROUP FORUM & MARKETPLACE](#) page on our website. The more members that signup the more useful it becomes as a resource. Simply select the Login/ Signup button and enter your email and your personal password – that's it!

Why join? Because once you've signed up you may utilize the following groups:



General Discussions

Share just about anything associated to boating and or our organization (no political stuff here) Stories, ideas, pictures, questions or whatever is on your mind. Here you can start discussions, connect with members, reply to comments, and more.



Items for Sale or Trade

Sell it here. You can add photos, an asking price and a brief description.

Free Stuff

Post useful items that you no longer need and that deserve a second chance :)

Boating Opportunities

Looking for an opportunity to go boating? Post what you're looking for - Captain or Crew.



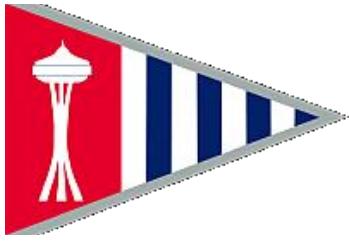
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Do you need help with a task or service?

As a member of this forum you will also be notified when something has been added or you have received a response to your ad or request for information. Your personal notifications can be modified to your preference under settings. Select the icon to access.

<https://www.seattlesailpowersquadron.org/forum>

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The Pilot's Shorts

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 P/C, Margaret Nordahl, S, 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 2019? 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:

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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 November Birthdays!



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| 5 Gail Kalbrener, N | 19 Maya Ripecky |
| 5 Alexa Rust | 25 John Hayden |
| 6 Michelle Fuller | 26 Cheryl Antony, P |
| 13 Paul Budak, S | 27 James DeMartini |
| 14 Jeanette Malek | 30 Robert Stettner, P |
| 19 Alicia Brattin | |



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- Operating the Nationwide Differential GPS (DGPS) System
- Operating the Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) business helpdesk
- Operating the Nationwide Automatic Identification System (NAIS)
- Publishing Notices to Mariners and the Light List
- Managing the US Aids to Navigation Information Management System (USAIMS)
- Managing electronic charting portfolios for U.S. Coast Guard units
- Serving as the primary U.S. government interface with GPS users (except aviation and DOD)
- Receiving and coordinating investigation of GPS outage reports
- Disseminating navigation information through 24/7 operations center and the NAVCEN website

Take advantage of the information shared on the [NAVCEN website](#). For more information on the services offered, see this linked [NAVCEN overview](#).



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