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"Finally!!! Finally, I have some resident sightings to report!"

Photograph taken by Kate Laboda

2021-2022
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	Open
Educational Officer	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener-Mazzeo, N
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Mike Lancey, AP
Secretary	Lt/C Emily Warren, AP
Treasurer	Lt/C Rick Laboda, AP
Asst Educational Officer	1st/Lt Rocky Mazzeo
Elected Member	P/Lt/C John Walsh
Elected Member	Jeremy Zink
Elected Member	Open
Past Commander	P/C Emma Doody, S

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Executive Officer	Open
Boat Show CH	Open
Canadian Liaison	Lt David Berger, S
Legislative Officer	Lt Robert Fisher, AP
Public Relations	Open
Radio Tech Officer	Lt David Rust, JN
Safety Officer	Lt Steve Rittreiser, S
VSC Chair Examiner	Lt Rebecca Garvie, P
Vessel Examiners	Lt R. Holden Belcher (Rip Knot)
	P/C James Haglund, P
Social Media CH	Lt Adrienne Dahlin, S
Instagram CH	Lt Shelly Wistar
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-Mazzeo, N
Asst Educational Officer	1st/Lt Rocky Mazzeo
Boating Class CH	Lt Eileen Huggins, SN
ABC Instructors	P/Lt/C William Ray, AP
	Lt Eileen Huggins, SN
	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener-Mazzeo, N
	Lt Reid Larson, AP
	Lt David Geller, P
	Lt Stephen Taylor, P
Advanced Grades CH	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener-Mazzeo, N
Sextant Custodian	Lt Eileen Huggins, SN

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Administrative Officer	Lt/C Mike Lancey, 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-Mazzeo, N
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 Reebbs, JN
Sunshine Comm CH	P/C Cathy McDonald, JN
Telephone Comm. CH	Open
Dinner Meeting Coordinator	Open
Boating Activity CH	Lt Suzanne Schoonover, JN
Youth Poster CH	Lt Jon Brown, AP

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Electronic Committee CH	Lt Gordon Sivley, S
Grant Writer	Open
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

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Dinner Mtg Bookkeeping	Lt/C Rick Laboda, AP
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	Lt Adrienne Dahlin, S

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Auditing Committee CH	Open
	Lt Wendy Rittreiser, S
	Lt Janet Pearson, S
Nominating Comm CH.	P/C Emma Doody, S
	P/C James Haglund, P
Rules Committee CH	P/C Steve Kodish, JN
	P/C Ginger Marshall-St. Arnaud, AP
	Lt Maggie Murphy, JN-IN

STANDING COMMITTEES

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

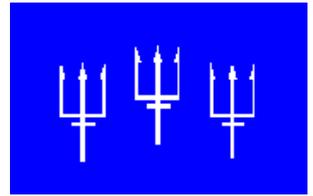
DISTRICT 16 BRIDGE

Commander	D/C Kenneth Smith, AP
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Sandra Thomas, AP
Administrative Officer	P/D/C Annette Ferguson, 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/D/C Craig Brown, SN



Cdr Robert G. Dahlin, AP

From the Helm



Happy Fall Squadron Members!

As we bid farewell to a wonderful Summer 2021, it's time to start thinking about Fall activities, planning for a new bridge, and what we plan to do as a squadron in 2022!

[Running the squadron is hard to do with limited help. Please help us fill these roles for 2022/2023 bridge year.](#)

XO (Executive Officer) Handles squadron PR, Sea Skills, Boat Show

AO (Admin Officer) For 2022/2023. We need someone who loves to plan activities and rendezvous events to help us in this job position.

Pilot Newsletter Editor. **WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!** We need a talented member join us as our next Newsletter Editor!! Our Newsletter, "The Pilot," has been recognized year after year for its informative articles, excellent content, and high standards of journalism from our District and on the National level. Please help us keep this wonderful newsletter going strong into the future by volunteering for this position today.

Public Relations Chair – Our long-tenured Public Relations Chair has recently stepped down. Help us fill this critical role and share our squadron image with the Seattle community.

Law Officer – Have any legal experience? Help us fill the critical role of Law Officer as we bid farewell to our recent serving member.

Congratulations to our Chapman Award Nominee and winner for District, Lt/C Gail Kalbrener, N

Gail has led the charge in virtual in the virtual classroom for the Squadron and the District. Gail has provided quality boater education not only to our region and prospective squadron members, but also to the broader region and across the country! Her Chapman Award moves on to National for the final selection. Good luck Gail, your hard work and dedication to the squadron and the boating community is greatly appreciated and a model for other squadrons to follow!

Please attend the upcoming District 16 Fall Conference

The Fall conference is coming up on Saturday, October 9th. The meeting is a virtual one beginning at 0830 (8:30AM). If you plan on attending this event, please email me ssaps.cdr@gmail.com so I may get an accurate count on our attending delegates. See the following link for more information.

<https://mailchi.mp/f6e8d57c84bf/2021-district-16-fall-conference>

Point Hudson Rendezvous was a Blast, did you Miss it?



Thank you to the members who came to the Point Hudson Labor Day Joint Rendezvous with Everett. There were about 40 members of both Everett and Seattle in attendance and we had a fabulous time with dinghy races, Knot Tying Seminar, a delicious Hawaiian Kalbi beef rib dinner and evening trivia! Though this event was at the same time at the National Governing Board Meeting, we still managed to keep our slip reservations intact for next year. Hopefully by then we will be on the tail end of the pandemic and moving back to some normalcy. Here are some photos from Point Hudson.



We Need Your Ideas!

We will soon be planning for next year's rendezvous events, Boat Show and Sea Skills 2022. If you have any input that would encourage more attendance to our Sea Skills, provide more participation in our Boat Show and spark more interest by members to participate in rendezvous destination cruises, please let me know at ssaps.cdr@gmail.com. This year, we lost money used for security deposits for several of the marinas we reserved due to low or non-existent turnout. The AO puts a good deal of work into planning these events every year and making them fun, so please try to attend at least a couple of them a year. We will decide on the rendezvous locations at the end of November, so please provide input to me before then so we can add this to the bridge discussion.

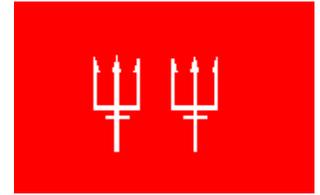
I hope to see you at the District Fall Meeting and our next virtual meeting on Thursday, October 21st.





Lt/C Gail Kalbrener-Mazzeo,

Gail Force Winds



Get Your Education On!

My first rendezvous of the year with my busy schedule and I'm glad it was the Past Commander's in Tacoma. A great group of fun people each night and a wonderful stay on P/C Jim Haglund's boat, Wine Down. Look for P/C Jim's write-up on the event for all the fun. I couldn't resist taking a photo with Commander Robert at McMenamins.



Next up. The Fall classes are about to start. Are you ready?

Engine Maintenance Course – North Olympic Sail & Power Squadron – Tuesdays starting 12 October 2021 ** 1000 hours**

Click [HERE](#) to inquire about or register for this advanced class.

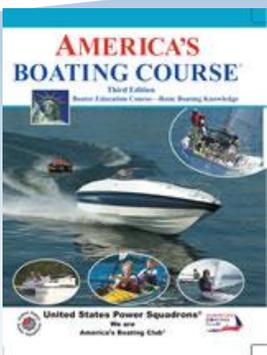
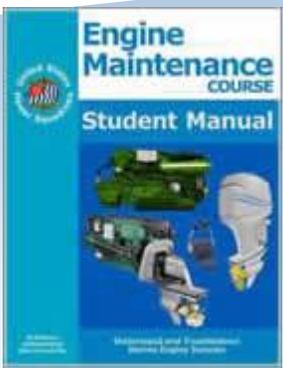
Every skipper needs to understand the fundamentals of gas and diesel engines to perform basic maintenance and diagnose problems underway. Learn about different engines, transmissions, propellers, and steering. Get the knowledge you need to keep your boat in tiptop shape.

What's included?

- *Basics of engine configuration and operation for gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesels*
- *Mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls*
- *Repairs that do-it-yourselfers can perform*
- *Diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix*
- *How to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed*

America's Boating Course – One Day Class – Saturday 23 Oct 21 **0900 hours**

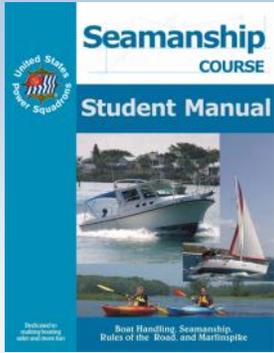
No matter how much experience you have with boating, it is important to have the knowledge needed to keep your passengers, yourself, and your boat safe. Get your state boating card and learn the skills you need to be safe while boating. Take the finest National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) recognized boating safety course available, followed by a boating license test for boating certification*. By enrolling in the America's Boating Course, you will learn navigation rules, water sports safety and other valuable boater safety skills.



Boat Handling Course (formerly known as Seamanship) – 7 weeks – Mondays starting 18 Oct 21 **1830 hours**

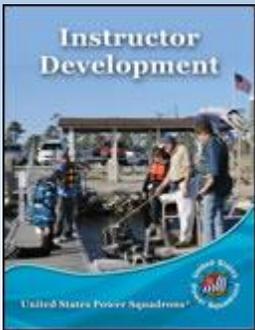
This course will take you beyond the basic boating and finish up with a whole night of local knowledge to get you around the Salish Sea and a final test at the end of the course.

- Rules of the Road – A Practical Approach
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking - Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway
- Anchoring with Assurance – Don't Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know
- Local Knowledge



Instructor Development Course – 5-7 weeks – Wednesdays starting 20 Oct 21 **1830 hours – CLASS LIMITED TO 6 STUDENTS**

Unlike other USPS courses, the Instructor Development course is not designed to enhance boating skills. Rather, its emphasis is on enhancing presentation techniques and instructor skills. The course has been designed to demonstrate interactive teaching methods focused on adult learning. Students are required to prepare lesson plans and give three presentations to their peers utilizing a variety of teaching aids and presentation skills. This course fills the NASBLA instructor requirements to be an ABC instructor.



Marine Navigation and Advanced Marine Navigation will start in January 2022.

Please contact your SEO Gail Kalbrener-Mazzeo, N for the link to sign up for classes.



Chapman Award



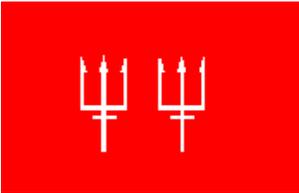
Certified Instructor





Lt/C Mike Lancey, AP

AO's Report



It is the pre-holiday season (pre-Halloween is really early) but I'm in a gift giving mood so here are a couple gifts for you and ideas for the upcoming gift-giving season that you may enjoy looking at.

My Gifts to you:

DINNER MEETINGS

Our Thursday, 21 October Monthly Meeting will be held via Zoom.

BUT consultation by your officers with Queen City Yacht Club has resulted in the decision to have our Thursday, 18 November dinner meeting and our Friday, 3 December Holiday Party in-person and catered! Mark these dates on your calendars!

REQUIREMENTS: Masks will be required to be worn inside the building when not eating and drinking. Tables will be set to accommodate more space, less diners. We will comply with these Covid safety protocols required by both Queen City Yacht Club and Governor Inslee.

I also could use your help. There are several positions which involve supporting these dinner meetings that, after 1 1/2 years of no meetings, we could use help with. Please contact me at ssaps.ao@gmail.com to find out how you can help!

A BOATER'S GUIDE TO THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATIONAL BOATS AND SAFETY TIPS.

This is a handy downloadable booklet that every boater should have access to. New in this edition are these topics: Navigation Locks, Trailer Safety, Digital Selective Calling, Rescue21, Naval Vessel Protection Zones, and America's Waterway Watch. Visit [420.PDF \(uscgboating.org\)](https://www.uscgboating.org) to get your copy!

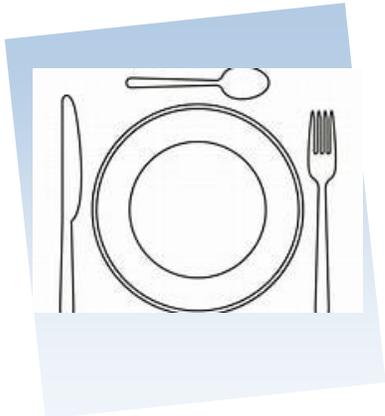
Gifts you might enjoy looking at:

10 BASIC BOAT CATEGORIES

In the mood for a new boat, or just dreaming about the potential? Check out: <https://www.boats.com/boat-buyers-guide/what-type-of-boat-is-right-for-you-top-10-choices-for-boaters/> This website will give you ideas of the 10 basic boat categories and will help you determine the right boat for you.

TOP GIFTS FOR BOATERS IN 2021

Here is the result of some early holiday online shopping ideas from two articles [20 Best Gifts For Boaters In 2021](#) and [32 Best Gifts Every Boater Needs](#). Below you will find a list of internet links and Amazon screen shots. I'm going to list a few for you, but visit the links above for more ideas!



1. JUSTIME 8.5 Inch Tide Clock



8. Fishing Tackle Box Bag



2. BookFactory Captain's Log Book/ Boat Log



9. Solar Charger with 4 Solar Panels



3. How To: Knots Coffee Mug



10. Waterproof Dry Bag



4. Boat Name Cutting Board (Customized)



11. Waterproof Rocker Switch Panel



5. 250 Piece Survival First Aid kit



12. 2500 Lumen Spotlight Flashlight



6. 3 in 1 Cooler- Backpack



13. Hoyle Waterproof Playing Cards



7. Mariner Cheese Board



14. LED Lights for Boat Underwater





AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
Seattle Sail & Power Squadron of SEATTLE

Cordially Invites You to Our

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

**Friday, 3 December 2021
1800—2300 (6PM – 11PM)
Queen City Yacht Club**

2608 Boyer Avenue East
Seattle, WA 98102
Please R.S.V.P. by Nov 26, 2021
contact Mike Lancey at 206-930-8004
ssaps.ao@gmail.com





IN MEMORIAM

Squadron Members,

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of long-time member, Lt Robert McCullough Fisher, AP, who passed away on 13 September 2021 at the age of 94.

Bob was born August 4, 1927, and had an amazing life as a husband, father, educator, and civil servant to the many people who have been lucky to know him throughout his lifetime. His support and service to the Seattle Squadron are particularly notable as one of our Senior members and the husband of Past Commander Barbara Reine (passed away). Through the years, Robert and Barbara's donations of time (supporting numerous club functions and rendezvous events) and money (generous donations to the Education Fund) have helped build and maintain our success.

Bob had a PHD in Materials Science and started his own business in Ballard called Lab/Cor Materials; a company that specializes in material testing such as fuels and marine engine oil. He is survived by his son and family in Ohio.

Rest your oars, Bob. You will be missed.

Robert Dahlin, AP, Commander



Bob and Barbara were always ready to participate in our squadron events. This was back in the early days as you can tell from the youthfulness of us. Photo taken at a Blake Island Rendezvous... ages ago!



Bob was also an integral member of Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW). Rest your oars, Bob.

Education Fund

By Shirley Bollinger, AP



October has traditionally been America's Boating Club of Seattle's time to make a donation to the annual Education Fund Drive. Maybe 18 months ago, we would have "passed the hat" to make our donations at our regularly scheduled Dinner Meeting. Times have changed. How we will collect your donation is yet to be determined. But stay tuned! We will be asking for your support!

A few facts about the Education Fund since it has been awhile since we have discussed this (information comes from the Education Fund website):

To make the Honor Roll, a club must make a voluntary contribution to the EdFund Honor Roll program in the amount of one dollar (or more) per active member. Not every squadron member must have contributed a dollar; just that the total from the squadron equals the necessary amount.

The active member count used throughout the Honor Roll year is the active member count at the beginning of the EdFund fiscal year; that is, 1 December.

The contributions are payable by check, or on-line with a credit card. Be sure to designate the contribution for Honor Roll purpose.

Squadrons may raise the funds for the Honor Roll contribution any way they might wish, be it cookie sales, raffle tickets, regular squadron dues, passing the hat at meetings, or whatever works for each squadron.

How are the funds used?

The purpose of the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) Educational Fund is to promote the development and furtherance of educational programs and techniques in boating, seamanship, navigation, engine maintenance, marine electronic equipment, sailing, weather, boating safety and other marine activities by issuing grants.

Thanking you in advance!

A gold-colored rectangular plaque with a blue border and the text "Honor Roll" in black.



Oktoberfest Rendezvous Recap “A Full Boat”

By P/C James Haglund, P



We had expected the worst weather of the summer. But what we got was the “wurst” and possibly the best turnout for a Rendezvous this year. We had two sailboats arrive to Dock Street Marina early to avoid the predicted bad weather. The third boat was mine. Fortunately for me my boat, Wine Down, was tied up securely at my permanent slip at the same marina. The rest arrived by car throughout the weekend.

Because of the forecast the plan was to have the festivities aboard my boat beginning on Friday at 1700. Up until that time it was a beautiful warm day. But as predicted the weather changed to 20+ mph winds followed by heavy rain in the evening. Well, that didn't stop us from having

a traditional Oktoberfest celebration which included a choice of several German beers, schnitzel, a German version of pigs in a blanket, spätzle, potato salad and of course soft warm pretzels. Throw in some traditional Oktoberfest music and you have a party, Bavarian style. The wind and rain may have kept a few boats from making the journey but we had plenty of folks arrive by car making it a Full Boat. It was a fun evening and it gave us time to catch-up with folks we hadn't seen in a while. In my opinion, “Das ist Gut!”



Gail Kalbrener, Jim Haglund, Susan Little, Steve Kodish (Standing)
Robert Dahlin, Rocky Mazzeo, Leslie Kodish, Dave & Donna Berger (Sitting)

when another group of members arrived by car to join us, we decided to explore downtown Tacoma by train. We grabbed the Tacoma Light Rail

just across the RR tracks from the marina and headed down to the Theater District for lunch at McMenamins Elks Temple Hotel. WOW!! That's an interesting establishment. Just over 100 years old, this historic 7-story building was formerly an Elks Lodge. In fact, in its day the Tacoma Elks Lodge had the highest membership of any lodge in the country. McMenamins has captured and honored the history of the building and Tacoma as a whole, while incorporating 43 hotel rooms, along with restaurants and nightclubs. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch in the pub and then



Gail's George Costanza Pose

explored the building. The place is a bit of a maze, but we were able to locate the secret bar. While the whole building is very interesting, I found the lighting to be unique and amazing throughout. "Stop in for the bars, stay to ogle the lighting."

For the remainder of the afternoon, we explored many of the second-hand stores along Antique Row. Some were also a bit of a maze :). That evening was a repeat performance of Friday, minus the Polka Music. We had just enough leftovers to accommodate all of us, including another group of members who traveled down from Seattle to join us. Again - fun, laughter and different folks to catch up with.

Sunday, we served up a "bon voyage" breakfast for all of the boaters and sent them on their way.



Below is the weekend Cast of Members, aka "Fun bunch of people who take boating seriously."

By Boat: Dave Rust & Janice Reeb, Reid Larson & Suzanne Schoonover. Myself and my fiancé, Susan Little.

By Land: Steve & Leslie Kodish, Emily Warren & Kyle Gehring, Gail Kalbrener & Rocky Mazzeo, David & Donna Berger, Mike & Susan Lancey, and Robert Dahlin.

Friday Harbor Bound

By John K. Walsh

As a liveaboard at Shilshole, I made the difficult decision to haul out my 1978 38' steel sailboat to have a bunch of work done, including a complete hull re-painting. This meant that the boat would be on the hard for months so I decided to move to my cabin on San Juan Island while the work was being done. Alas, we all know what happened then, COVID-19. The work was completed on the boat in February 2020, but by then a pandemic had been declared so I decided to stay at my San Juan Island place. Not knowing what the future held, I put in a deposit for a permanent slip in Friday Harbor and went on the waiting list. Eighteen months later, my name came to the top of the list so I made the fateful decision to give up my slip at Shilshole and bring my boat to Friday Harbor. (The waiting list for a 40' slip in Friday Harbor is now 3 years so I was just ahead of the surge and extremely lucky).

So, in early September of this year, the time came for me to move my boat from Shilshole to Friday Harbor, a relatively easy trip, although a somewhat long day of motoring since the winds are notoriously light at this time of year. My friend, Rip Knot, accompanied me for the trip. We left Shilshole without incident and motored up Puget Sound to Admiralty Inlet. As we started rounding Marrowstone Island, Rip decided to take a nap in the cockpit. The nap lasted about 30 seconds, when suddenly a huge BOOM! came from the engine compartment and the engine RPM's went sky high. After throttling back, we checked the engine compartment and there was no water incursion. However, the gear shift was out of commission; forward wouldn't engage and it wouldn't even move into the reverse position. Obviously, the transmission had blown without any forewarning and very suddenly. (It was actually the coupler that shredded itself on the flywheel, which also screwed up the transmission).

So there we were, dead in the water in Admiralty Inlet on the edge of the shipping lanes. We could raise the sails, but with virtually no wind, the hope of going anywhere was pretty nonexistent. Fortunately, I was a member of TowBoatUS, an affiliate of Boat US, and called them on my cell phone. I assumed they would tow me to Port Townsend which was certainly closest. However, I requested that I be towed to Friday Harbor. As it turned out, the TowBoatUS out of Chimacum was tied up for many hours so the captain from Friday Harbor called me back saying she could get me in two hours or so if we could wait that long. I told her that would be fine since we were far off from a lee shore.

Sure enough, two hours later the captain arrived, we attached a tow line and off we went, at a snail's pace since the tide which was in our favor, had turned against us. Eight hours later, under the cover of darkness, we pulled into Friday Harbor where a high powered, twin engine inflatable took over from the Captain of the tow boat. He expertly tied me to his bow and slowly put me into my new slip at Friday Harbor. Home.

I cannot say enough about the professionalism of TowBoatUS. They know what they are doing, they are expert mariners, and they are there when you need them. The dues to join are minimal. I had upgraded my towing coverage to the premium level many years ago and I am most thankful I did. The tow to Friday Harbor would have cost me thousands of dollars. As it turned out, there was no deductible on my coverage so it cost me zero dollars.

Once in Friday Harbor, I started talking with my boat neighbors about my engine problems and they turned me on to Friday Harbor Marine, a marine engine maintenance company in Friday Harbor. Within a week after my arrival, they had a worker down to my boat to diagnose the problem and had the engine lifted off of it's mounts to get to the transmission. The transmission had to be rebuilt, a new coupler was ordered and within another two weeks, all was in order. I assisted Friday Harbor Marine in the final installation and testing and woo-hoo, the engine started! If you need engine work done in Friday Harbor, Friday Harbor Marine is the place to go! Reach them at 360-378-6202.

Finally!!! Finally, I Have Some Resident Sightings to Report!

Submitted by Lt/C Rick Laboda, AP



Kate Laboda is a sophomore at Fordham University's Rose Hill campus. She plans on double majoring in Biology and English. She is originally from Seattle, Washington, where her love of the ocean and the creatures in it began. Since second grade, she has dreamed of becoming a Marine Biologist.

She has just completed a summer internship at the Lime Kiln Lighthouse at San Juan Island's Lime Kiln State Park where she studied the surface behaviors of the Southern Resident Killer Whales. This letter is one of her research updates.

7/28/21

Hello all!

Finally!!! Finally, I have some resident sightings to report! After 68 days of a research study without any research subject, and after 107 days total without JPod in these waters, members of all three southern resident pods (J, K, and L) were sighted at the lighthouse last night. It was a real orca party: breaches and spyhops and tail lobs galore! At risk of anthropomorphizing these animals too much, it really did seem like these whales were rejoicing with us to be back in the Salish Sea. At the very least, we human viewers were overjoyed to see them.

They passed by after hours of our research study, so I had to race back to the lighthouse. Sprinting through the parking lot and with my clunky camera bag and binoculars, I probably scared many of the more patient visitors.

At first reports, we thought it was only JPod entering from the strait, but as we kept watching, members of the other two pods arrived as well. Not only that, but transient calls were also being picked up by the hydrophone! That's really rare! Everyone was here! The whales were incredibly spread out and turning back and forth, north, and south. I probably sat at the lighthouse for two hours watching the sun set and the whales pass by. The lighting wasn't very good for identifying these whales (the shadows obscured the saddle patches that are unique to each individual) but the dusky rays were magnificent at illuminating their blows. Water droplets turned gold.

While the breaches were fantastic, I think my favorite sight was when a matriline of whales surfaced together (see the photos enclosed). Something about the cluster of dorsal fins: tall, strong and triangular male fins alongside shorter, curved female fins with (if you look closely) the little fin of L-125 one of the most recent calves (!!!) is truly inspirational. You get the sense of the intense familial bond these whales share and the innate wisdom they hold. While you want to see everything and learn everything about them, you feel honored to simply be in their presence. You feel chosen just to witness their magnificence.

Turning away from the waves and to the land, the rocks along the shore were speckled with eager viewers: cameras, telescopes, and binoculars all pointed expectantly outwards. It just struck me that something else so incredible about these whales is the community they inspire. Sitting on my stone perch, I felt buoyed and light, not only by the presence of the magnificent orcas, but by the collective joy of the people around me. Seeing the residents after such a long time and so much expectation was an incredible satisfaction; breathing felt easier and the world felt a little more right. It felt like summer had finally begun!

Some of the whales were exhibiting what looked to me like hunting behavior. There was lots of

splashing and sharking (where the whales remain somewhat at the surface of the water, leaving the tips of their dorsals exposed. This behavior is typically associated with chasing salmon). This gave me some hope! Salmon numbers have been virtually 0 (the main reason we haven't seen the residents at all this summer, they rely so heavily on salmon for their diet), but it looked as though they might be finding something out there. Fingers crossed they stick around a while so we can actually collect some data.

Everyone send good vibes and prayers for abundant salmon/orca! I'll keep you updated!

Kate



Squadron Pledge: As a reaffirmation of our willingness to fulfill the obligations of all members of the organization and of the Seattle Sail & Power Squadron, America's Boating Club of Seattle:

I do solemnly pledge
to abide by the bylaws
of United States Power Squadrons;
to promote high standards of
navigation and seamanship;
to maintain my boat and
to operate it legally;
to render assistance
whenever possible;
and to conduct myself in a manner
that will add prestige, honor
and respect to the
United States Power Squadrons,
America's Boating Club.



Co-op Charting: Alive and Well in Seattle!

By Steve Erickson, JN

No longer owning a floating yacht, we are now on a land yacht that can take us to rendezvous, providing an RV park is nearby. So, consider planning some rendezvous with us land yachts in mind; I suspect there are others out there who might like to attend too.

One of the numerous joys we have begun to do on our travels is Cooperative Charting. Co-op Charting has many aspects to it, but we focus on finding those elusive geodetic markers.

Our most recent “scavenger hunt” was in Goldendale, WA. R/C Jim Harden, JN, Stf/C Barbara Erickson, JN and I went looking for markers that had not been found for over 20 years. (This gives you more points toward being on the National Honor Role if you can locate and report them.)

Jim provided the paperwork for the marks we were going to seek. We packed snacks, had our tool kit handy – might have to dig around to find the marks – our data sheets or instructions and our Solocator App. This is a handy camera app with built-in compass features that takes photographs with the latitude and longitude of the marker – a must.



What does a geodetic mark look like? An example is pictured on the far left and was taken with the Solocator app. We are learning that the marks don't always look like this though. The mark left, is a rod. When you lift the covering, this is what you will see and report.

Sometimes the marks are easy to locate. The use of the “witness post” is very helpful in finding the marks. They also take different forms as reflected in the photos below. All in all, we have a great time. You should join us some time!



Seasick Landlubber

By Rocky Mazzeo

If you're a devotee of National Geographic, perhaps you saw the photo of the spectacular Barcelona Regatta, the largest sailing race in the world (certified by none other than the Guinness Book of World Records). The article focused on Trieste, a beautiful medieval city with Italian and Slavic roots that offers many non-nautical enticements, but this unusual photo caught my eye and I had to find out more about this international regatta.



The regatta began in 1969 with 51 sailing boats from yacht clubs from Trieste, but by 2019 it had grown to an international event with 2,689 boats and more than 16,000 sailors. It is a 13 nautical mile, four-sided, fixed mark race unique in that boats of different sizes race side by side from the starting line. The boats are categorized by their overall length into multiple divisions with trophies awarded to those who have survived

the mayhem and come in with the best times for their class.

The race occurs in the Gulf of Trieste, in northeastern Italy on the Adriatic, on the second Sunday of October and has grown to over 25,000 sailors with more than a quarter of a million spectators. This beautiful setting connects central Europe to the Suez Canal; the harbor's average depth of 60 feet does not require dredging and spectators line the Trieste waterfront and the Karst Plateau, the area known colloquially as the Adriatic Malibu. The National Geographic photo highlights the Vittoria Light, one of the tallest lighthouses in the world at a height of 223 feet. It sits atop the hill of Gretta giving it an overall 400 feet above sea level.



In addition to the main race, there are other races with the initial one being the Barcelona Young. The helmsmen are between 8-15 years old and sail in the Optimist Class, boats that are small, single-handed sailing dinghies. They are One-Design, meaning they have essentially identical designs, a design that was standardized in 1995.



Another one of the favorites is the Barcelona by Night. “The sun sets, the floodlights are switched on and the breeze is waited for. As the start signal is given, the ancient feud among the UFO 28, Meteor and Melges 24 crews breaks out: a regatta that turns into a great show for the thousands of people crowded on the quays on the evening before the start of the official Barcelona Regatta.”

This year a Round Italy Genova-Trieste Regatta has been added. “The ocean and offshore hulls will leave Genoa on the opening day of the Genoa Boat Show, September 16, to arrive in Trieste, after more than 1100 nautical miles of

navigation, in time for the Barcelona.”

Although the regatta is the center star there are several other events involving the city for a ten-day period including art shows, concerts, wine tastings and wonderful food offerings that fill the air with intoxicating aromas. More recently kitesurfing and windsurfing have been added to this carnival atmosphere serving as wonderful complements to the regatta.

This has officially become a bucket list item for me and I’m hoping I can entice my bride to come along. I think my chances are pretty good.





Test Your Nautical Knowledge

Knot Quiz



1. **What Knot is this?**

- A. Trilene Knot
- B. Cow Hitch-
- C. Rolling Hitch
- D. Sheep Shank
- E. Slip Knot



2. **What Knot is this?**

- A. Sheet Bend
- B. Halter Hitch
- C. Rolling Hitch
- D. Bowline



3. **What Knot is this odd one from another country?**

- A. Texas Jerk String
- B. Chinese Finger Knot
- C. Rolling Hitch
- D. Spanish Bowline



4. **What Knot is this?**

- A. Carrick Bend
- B. Round Turn End Two Half Hitches
- C. Sheet Bend
- D. Rolling Hitch



5. **What Knot is this?**

- A. Sheet Bend.
- B. Rolling Hitch
- C. Half Hitch
- D. Bowline

Answers are on page 19

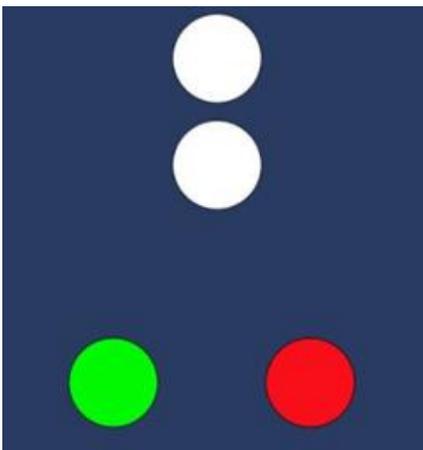


Boat Music Trivia

1. What was the name of the ship in the famous song by Gordon Lightfoot?
2. The Beach Boys sung about her in this classic hit?
3. “My Heart will go on”, sung by Celine Dion about two lovers on this ill-fated ship?
4. Little Big Town sings about this beloved type of boat?
5. The band called, “The Hues Corporation” tells you to not do this in this 70’s classic hit.

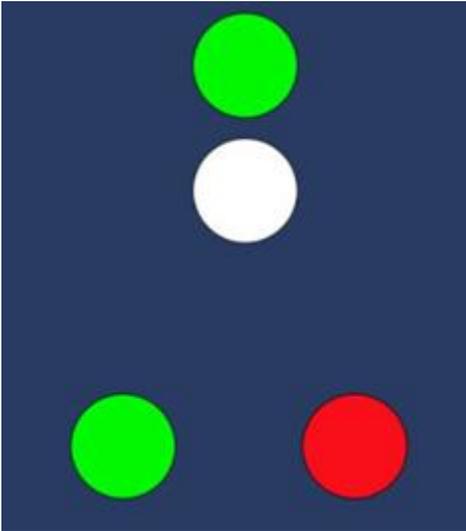


Nautical Lights Quiz



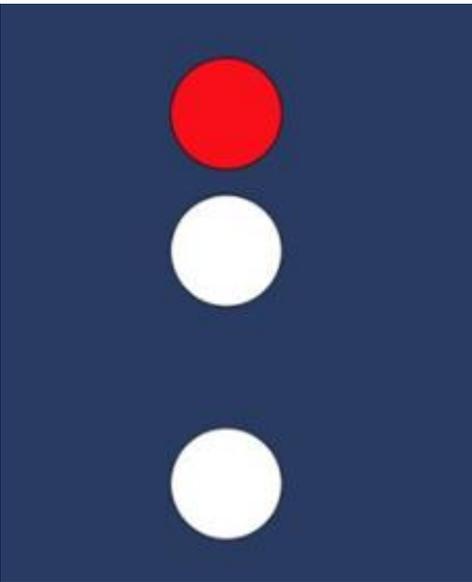
1. What type of vessel is it?
 - A. Powered >100m, bow aspect
 - B. Powered >50m, bow aspect
 - C. Sailing >20m, powered
 - D. Towing >50m, tow>200m

Answers are on page 19



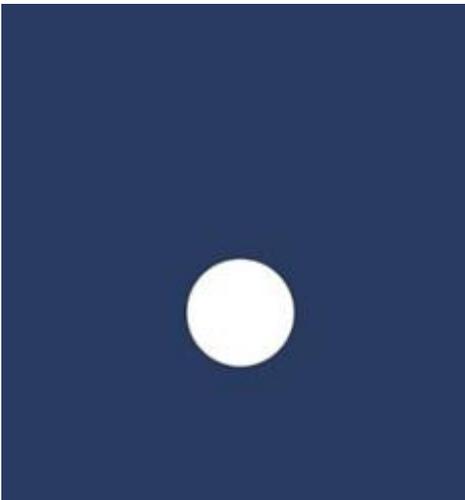
2. What type of vessel is it?

- A. Pilot Vessel, bow aspect
- B. A trawler, bow aspect
- C. Sailing >20m, powered
- D. Sailing boat over 20m, bow



3. What type of vessel is it?

- A. Towing ,50m, port aspect
- B. Pilot making way, bow
- C. Pilot Making way, stern
- D. Fishing Vessel Making way, stern aspect



4. What type of vessel is it ?

- A. Vessel under oars
- B. A powered boat, less than 7m, max 7knots
- C. Anchor light
- D. All of the above are correct

Answers are on page 19



The Pilot's Shorts

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.

[Lt/C Eileen Huggins, SN.](#)



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>



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Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) Call and schedule your free inspection today! VSC Chair Lt Rebecca Garvie, P., canstyle@aol.com, 206 979-1870 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 October Birthdays!



3	Beth Andrus	19	Jeni Bennett
4	Kim Nolte, P	19	Ryan Garvie
5	Deborah Grant	20	John Hayworth, AP
8	Mary Ghan, S	23	Rich Lacher
14	Eric Ames	27	John Combs, SN
16	Steven Mohr, AP	28	Shelley Williams, N
17	Suzanne Fontaine-Hays, AP	30	Steve Erickson, JN
19	Jack Bennett	31	Jennifer Hamilton, S

Nautical Knowledge Answers

Knot Quiz {Taken from <https://www.zoo.com/quiz/96-people-cant-name-all-these-knots-one-picture-can-you> }

1. B. Cow Hitch. The cow hitch has a long history, with evidence of its use as far back as the first century. You may also know this knot by the name of "lark's head," covering jobs on both land and water.
2. A. Sheet Bend. A sheet bend is an easy-to-tie knot. It gets its name from being used to tie sheets or sails on a ship
3. D. Spanish Bowline. This knot can be used to lift a person, conscious or unconscious. This is a good one to know if you are an outdoorsy person - it may help you save a life.
4. A. Carrick Bend. If you like things that are pleasing to look at, you may tie a Carrick bend and hang it on your wall. Though it has its useful functions, this knot is decorative and even used as a badge of heraldry for some families.
5. C. Half Hitch. This is a very common knot used to fasten things together. You can strengthen this knot by making it a double.

Boat Name Music Trivia

1. Edmund Fitzgerald
2. Sloop John B
3. Titanic
4. Pontoon
5. "Rock the Boat", "don't rock the boat baby"

Nautical Lights Quiz

1. B
2. B
3. D
4. D



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