

Point Wilson Sail & Power Squadron The Point

MARCH 2006



From The Bridge – Comments From the Commander

I would like to thank everyone for a great meeting in February. I want to say “Welcome” to the following new members: Bridget Browning, Albert Foster, Robert Golwas, Debra Golwas, Chelcie Liu, Katherine Liu, John Lynes, Brad Mace, Christina Mace, Gary Nelson, Tom Ramsy, Brian Ritchie, Kathy Ritchie and Donald Smith. It is a good feeling to have the Charter matters behind us and we can all look forward to the year ahead of us with enthusiasm. I also want to thank the new members of our Bridge for their willingness to help guide our new squadron in the coming year. We have a lot of activities coming up in the next few months and I hope everyone will be able to participate in them. If you could help out at a function or help proctor or teach a class, let us know. You get to know the other squadron members better and it is great fun. -Cdr Bob Lehnert ph. 379-2610

From The Squadron

Education Officer by Larry Kilburn

Spring is coming and with it new classes from your Squadron Education Department. By the time you read this the first marlinspike seamanship class will have finished down at West Marine. The class was held the weekend of March 4th and 5th. The first day was spent on learning and practicing basic knots and splices. Albert Foster and Dave Linsdell led the Saturday session and on Sunday Ian Weedman presented a class on splicing nylon rope. This was the first in a series of “hands on” classes that the squadron will be offering from time to time so watch for them in the future.

The Piloting class will begin Monday the 20th at 7 pm. Steve Tucker has made arrangements with Manresa Castle so that we can hold our class there. This class runs 11 weeks and will be a lot of fun. The cost of the materials for the class is 50 dollars.

March 25th and 26th will be our next Boat Smart class. This class is the first step down the road to safer boating. Watch the paper for the time and location. Tell your friends and fellow boaters about the class and don't forget to mention our free boat inspection service while you're at it.

Congratulations to Dick Daley and Don Lee for passing their Seamanship examinations. Ten other squadron members have started studying the Seamanship course materials. This course can either be self study or done in a class setting.

The Chart Smart class was held March 11 and we had 6 people attending. We offered plotters, dividers and course materials for a nominal fee, and there seemed to be a good deal of enthusiasm. This is a good precursor class for those taking the Piloting class and for people who have had no experience working with charts and plotting a course. We will offer this class as needed from time to time.

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Safety Precautions: Be Aware of Carbon Monoxide Dangers

by D. Kilburn

In each issue we will try to focus on some aspect of boating safety for our members. This month we want to focus some attention on the dangers of **carbon monoxide**. It can accumulate anywhere in or around your boat.

Inadequately ventilated canvas enclosures and exhaust gas trapped in enclosed places can pose a risk. Also, you should check for blocked exhaust outlets. Another vessel's exhaust can poison you, such as a boat docked next to yours. You are also at risk at slow speeds, while idling, or stopped. It's important to know, also, that carbon monoxide can remain around you and your boat even after it has stopped running.

REMEMBER: Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas which enters your bloodstream through the lungs, blocking the oxygen your body needs. Prolonged exposure to low concentrations or very quick exposure to high concentrations can **kill** you. (This is what is killing a lot of youth on and around boats the past several boating seasons because of "teak surfing" or hanging off the back of ski boats.)

EVENTS CALENDAR

March

17,18,19

Spring Conference Lake Chelan

20

Piloting Class begins Manresa
Castle 7-9pm for eleven weeks

21

Potluck Dinner & Meeting Fire
Hall at Lawrence and Harrison St. 6-9pm
Speaker: Ken Mikkelsen -Cruising to Alaska

25,26

Boat Smart Class Fire Hall 9am-1pm

April

18

Potluck Dinner & Meeting at
Manresa Castle District officers will
be here for installation of Bridge
Officers. No business at this meeting,
only FUN !

22,23

Boat Smart Class Fire Hall 9am-1pm

May

23

Potluck Dinner & Meeting Fire
Hall at Lawrence and Harrison St. 6-9pm
Topic: VHF Radios



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Watch This Newsletter In The Future:

There are a lot of exciting events coming up this year that will provide our squadron with some great fun.

If you have something you think would be of interest and want to get it into the newsletter please email is to Daphne Kilburn, our volunteer editor, at LKBear2@cablespeed.com or mail it to Daphne Kilburn 50 Foxfield Dr. Port Townsend WA 98368. Or call 385-1119.



OUR NEXT MEETING IS....

1800 hrs (6PM) Tuesday, March 21 at the Fire Hall on Lawrence Street in Port Townsend.

Razor Clam Dig and camping at the coast: Call Bob to find out more about joining a group of us April 27-30. ph. 379-2610



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