

Point Wilson Sail & Power Squadron

The Point

January, 2007



Seattle Boat Show

The largest boat show on the west coast is now in two locations: Qwest Field on 800 Occidental Ave S in Seattle and south Lake Union where 200 world class boats can be seen in their natural habitat. The show runs from Thursday, January 25th to Saturday, February 3rd. Hours are weekdays from noon to 8pm; Saturdays from 10am to 8pm, and Sunday from 10am to 6pm. Tickets are adults \$10, youth (11-17) \$5, children (10 and under) free.

Besides fueling dreams and making ones' tongue hang out, the boat show has more than 200 free seminars available, ranging in topics from Cruising the San Juans, Salmon Fishing Tips, First Aid at Sea, Ultimate Boat Maintenance Projects, Electrical Troubleshooting, Diesel Repair and more. Log onto www.seattleboatshow.com for a schedule log. Seminars are 3 hours long and are free.

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From The Bridge – Comments From the Commander

Happy New Year

Here we are beginning a new year and I hope it is prosperous and happy for everyone. Our squadron is growing and getting better organized, as more members come forward to help with the planning of events and squadron activities.

I'm looking forward to working with the new bridge officers that will be taking over soon. They have a lot of good ideas and are looking forward to working with our squadron members.

In February, at Bremerton, WA, District 16 will hold a Spring Conference. At this conference all the squadrons get together to meet the officers of District 16, exchange ideas and set goals for the coming year. I encourage all of our members to attend and continue the network that we have established with our fellow squadrons.

Our January 16th meeting will be held at the Port Townsend Yacht Club. This will continue to be our meeting place for the rest of 2007 rather than the Fire Station on Lawrence St. The Yacht Club is in the Boat Haven at 2503 Washington St. We had been calling several places about availability but their charges were too high for our budget. Squadron members Don Halsey and Frank Boyle saved the day by getting the yacht club for \$50/month. Frank handles the rentals at the Yacht Club, so he was able to get us a reduced price. A big THANKS to the both of you.

"For all that has been, Thanks.
For all that will be, Yes!!"
Dag Hammarskjold

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The USPS will have a Boater Education Center booth at the show, applauding our products ... education, safety and fellowship. All slots for volunteers at the booth have been filled at this time, so our chances of getting in free are gone. However, there is a show in Everett March 8-11 and another in Tacoma March 28-April 1. Neither show is as large as Seattle and tend to feature smaller boats, but USPS will have a booth in both, so if you are interested, please call Ruth Kohl (385-7467) to find out how to get into the boat show for free by manning the booth for a few hours.

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Henny Youngman

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Doug & Nancy Leeds
Chelcie & Kathy Liu
Jerry Thompson
Steve Tucker
Phil Williams

NEW RULES FOR EMERGENCY BEACONS

The US Coast Guard is reminding all boaters that beginning January 1, 2007, both 121.5 and 243 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) are prohibited from use in both commercial and recreational watercraft. Boaters wishing to have an emergency rescue beacon aboard their vessel must have a digital 406 MHz model. The January 1st date to stop using 121.5 MHz EPIRBs is in preparation for February 1, 2009, when satellite processing of distress signals from all 121.5/243 MHz beacons will terminate. Following the 2009 termination date, only the 406MHz beacons will be detected by the international Cospas-Sarsat Satellite System which provides distress alert and location data for search and rescue operations around the world.

The regulation applies to all Class A,B and S 121.5/243 MHz EPIRBs. It does not affect 121.5/243 MHz man overboard devices which are designed to work directly with a base alerting unit only and not with the satellite system.

This change in large part was brought about by the unreliability of the 121.5/243 MHz beacons in an emergency situation. Data reveals that with a 121.5 MHz beacon, only one alert out of every 50 is a genuine distress situation. This has a significant effect on expending the limited resources of search and rescue personnel and platforms. With 406 MHz beacons, false alerts have been reduced significantly, and, when properly registered, can usually be resolved with a telephone call to the beacon owner. Consequently, real alerts can receive the attention they deserve.

When a 406 MHz beacon signal is received, search and rescue personnel can retrieve information from a registration database. This includes the beacon owner's contact information, emergency contact information, and vessel/aircraft identifying characteristics. Having the information allows the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary, or other rescue personnel, to respond appropriately.

In the U.S., users are required by law to directly register their beacon in the U.S. 406 MHz Beacon Registration Database at: <http://www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov/> or by calling 1-888-212-SAVE.

The United States Coast Guard is the lead agency for coordinating national maritime search and rescue policy and is responsible for providing search and rescue services on, under and over assigned international waters and waters subject to United States jurisdiction.

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OUR NEXT MEETING IS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007

held at

Port Townsend Yacht Club

2503 Washington Street

In the Boat Haven

Potluck Dinner starts at 6pm. The meeting begins at 7pm. This month's speaker is Steve Tucker who will present a video and short talk on hypothermia.

We definitely will be having a raffle this month, so bring lots of \$\$ to participate. (My biggest and best apologies to Doug Leeds. He never had the raffle tickets. -ed)

It will be fun meeting in a new location and I'm sure you all know we are responsible for leaving the meeting room and bathrooms in ship-shape. But did you know King Triton keeps track of squadron members who sneak off without helping in the clean-up? Yes, he does. And if your name is on the list too many times, you are forced to walk the plank at the pointy end of the sword on the coldest and nastiest day of the year to see

Living on the earth may be expensive, but it includes an annual free trip around the sun.

Never overload your boat with passengers and cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity. Too many people and/or gear will cause the boat to become unstable. Always balance the load so that the boat maintains proper trim. Here are some things to remember when loading your boat: Distribute the load evenly fore and aft and from side to side. Keep the load low. Keep passengers seated. Fasten gear to prevent shifting. Do not exceed the "U.S. Coast Guard Maximum Capacities" information label (commonly called the Capacity Plate.)

Filling the Bridge

By Jay Merrill, Nominating Committee

In an effort to determine which members are interested in the specific offices of the Power Squadron that must be filled, I am requesting and would appreciate a response back either by email (mcmerrill1@msn.com) or phone (360-379-1608). We want to be sure each member has the *opportunity* to serve on the bridge or on the committee that interests them. The following is a very brief description of the offices and committees that need to be filled for a squadron to function properly. If you have a computer you can check out in detail the various functions of each of the positions by going to www.usps.org website. We also have printed excerpts from the appropriate chapters of the USPS Operations Manual and you are welcome to look them over. Bob Lehnert and Ken Shaver have manuals that can be referred to.

Note: As you read through the various responsibilities, be aware that not all of the committees will need to be filled at this time. The current officers, though, would appreciate training someone to step into a position in the future.

Commander: As you know, Bob has worked non-stop in recruiting members to build this squadron so that we are now able to Charter. He is also working hard on bringing in funds to sustain the squadron and keep our dues nominal. Bob's leadership and drive has served us well, but his term is up early this year, and if we don't fill his post, then District 16 will assign us a commander from outside our squadron.

Executive Officer: This position generally moves up to the position of Commander if requirements and consent of membership is met. The executive officer is responsible for the functions generally described as external. The committees generally assigned to the squadron executive officer are: boat show, cooperative charting liaison, legislative, public relations, radio technical, safety and vessel safety check. This post has been filled by Ruth Kohl, who is unable to take over for Bob on his retirement.

Administrative Officer: This position is next in line in command in the event of absence or incapacity of the commander and the executive officer. The Administrative Officer in general handles internal affairs of the squadron: membership, member involvement, boating activities, meeting and program and operations training. This position has been vacant for sometime now, with the duty of acquiring speakers, programs and social outings falling also to Commander Bob.

Squadron Education Officer: This position is responsible for the training classes offered by the squadron. This position encompasses many responsibilities and tasks including acquiring instructors, books and classrooms. This officer is in charge of setting class programs and schedules, keeping student records, and filing tests with the USPS headquarters. Our education officer is Steve Tucker, who is doing a dazzling job of filling the educational requirements of our squadron to keep us in good standing with headquarters.

Secretary: This officer heads the secretary's department and is responsible for the maintenance of all squadron correspondence, minutes, official squadron records and member data. This position is also responsible for sending out calls for meetings and for supervising the Historian committee, Roster committee, Squadron publication and any other committees assigned by virtue of squadron bylaws. Mary Ann Merrill has been doing an extraordinary job as secretary but is vacating her post this winter.

Treasurer: The treasurer is responsible for collecting, holding and disbursing squadron funds, keeping appropriate records, making required reports, and preparing tax forms and returns as directed by the national treasurer. Doug Leeds has been seeing that all funds are properly accounted for since last July.

In addition to these six offices, there are several committees to help lighten the load of each officer. It is essential that these committees be formed and filled, enabling the squadron to operate efficiently. The saying "many hands make light work" definitely applies to a squadron working together. It is the members that make the squadron happen. We ask that you involve yourself by volunteering to hold these offices and committee chairs. Each and every member can make a difference and enable membership in our squadron to be a fun & gratifying experience. Please don't be shy or modest. We need your knowledge & skills to build this squadron to its full potential.

Jay Merrill, Nominating Committee chair. 360-379-1608/ email: mcmerrill1@msn.com



"My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance." Phyllis Diller

Our Christmas Party

Jim & Natalie Hutton hosted the fellowship and food bonanza at their home last month. The pictures below tell the story better than words.....



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Education Department

To kick off the new year, the Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron is offering its members the complete USPS Sail Course, including both the 101 Basic and 102 Advanced modules for a fee of \$50 and a new Beta version of the Engine Maintenance Course.

Sailing

The Sailing Course will be largely self-study but will have two in-class sessions for each module (101 and 102) and one in-class exam session for each module, a total of six in-class sessions for the two modules. The Sailing Course schedule is as follows:

1. Register and order books by Thursday, January 11th and begin reading and studying on your own when you receive the books in two to three weeks. Some of us already have the books and can share with others.
2. For **Sail 101 Basic**, we will meet at 4:30PM at the Skookum, Building in Port Townsend's Boat Haven the third Friday of January (January 19th) and the third Friday of February (February 16th) to review what we have read and view a selection of the slides for the course, plus work through questions anyone may have. We are able to use the classroom as late as we need, so the class may be 2-4 hours in length, depending on the questions. We will take the test for the first module in-class at 3:30pm, Wednesday, February 28th.
3. For **Sail 102 Advanced**, we will meet at 4:30pm at the Skookum Building the third Friday of March (March 16th) and third Friday of April (April 20th). Hopefully we will take the test the night of April 20th since we will have had the material much longer at that point.

Engine Maintenance

The Engine Maintenance course will be on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30PM to 5:30PM in the Skookum Building starting Wednesday, March 7th. The length should be approximately six to eight weeks, but since this is a new course, we do not know for sure. Education Director Steve Tucker will know more about the cost in a few days, but he expects it to be \$35 or so. "After my eye-opening experience in a friend's boat on January 2nd, I am very excited to teach this course and add a few of my own maintenance tips and tricks.", says Steve.

To register for the courses, call Steve Tucker at 360-385-0447, or email tuckerworks@gmail.com and arrange to get your payment to him no later than January 11th.

Looking forward to the courses and to sailing together on our various boats as the weather improves in April!

Best regards, the Education Department: Steve, Dave, Albert and Don



Jim Maupin, ACMS-CMS
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2. We gotta throw this fish back, I don't think it will fit in the frying pan.
3. Hey! Let's take our wives fishing!
4. You don't need to buy those fishing flies Jay, send Mary Ann some flowers instead.
5. I don't think duct tape will fix that.
6. Let's go shopping, fishing can wait.
7. I feel pretty guilty about not washing those breakfast dishes before coming out here.
8. C'mon, man, we can watch bass fishing anytime! Figure skating's on the other channel.
9. My truck can't get through that!
10. Somebody come land this 20" rainbow for me. I need to straighten up the cabin.
11. I think electronic fish finders should be banned.
12. I can't participate in National Hunting and Fishing Day because my neighbor is throwing a Tupperware party.

Favorite Recipe

Delicious, easy to pack, makes a lot and they're even kinda' good for you

Yummy Bars

Melt one cube butter with 2 pkg marshmallows (small) & one cup chunky peanut butter.

Put 2 cups rolled instant oatmeal, 1 cup sesame seeds & 1 cup sunflower seeds on baking sheet and toast in oven til lightly browned. Pour into LARGE bowl. Add 5 cups rice krispies, 1&1/2 cups mixed fruit bits, raisins, or dried apricots (I like to add them all), 1 cup dry roasted peanuts, 1 cup coconut (if desired) . Add marshmallow mixture & mix well. Press into jellyroll pan, refrigerate a bit to harden mixture, cut into bars. Then invite me over to sample them.

Look how excited the trees are! Tossing their branches in glorious enthusiasm. Even the wind is green.

Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron Executive Board Meeting Minutes 12/11/06

The meeting was held at the Skookum Building in Port Townsend and called to order at 7PM by Commander Lehmert. The following members attended: Commander Robert Lehnert; Steve Tucker, SEO; Mary Ann Merrill, Secretary; Jay Merrill, Nominating Committee Chair; Doug Leeds, Treasurer; Ken Shaver, Past Commander and Nancy Leeds, Newsletter Editor.

Bob said he took the food that was donated by the Squadron members at the November meeting to the Port Townsend Food Bank and they were very appreciative.

The new commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary has changed their meeting date to the 4th Tuesday enabling members of both the Squadron and Auxiliary to attend both meetings.

A proposed budget for the squadron was handed out and each item was discussed and approved with some changes. Two items were on the squadron wish list...lap top and projector.

Bob said the 4 USPS class seminars cost \$25 each. Most are 2 hours long. He suggested a \$40 or \$50 fee to attend. Bob will check descriptions of what the seminars will cover.

Jay Merrill advised he has been contacting various members regarding the Bridge position that will be vacant and he will have a proposed ballot ready for the January meeting.

Bob said we are still looking for a place to have our monthly membership meetings. Many locations are being checked for availability and cost.

Steve Tucker said classes are going well. It was suggested that books of the various classes be brought to all of the meetings for members to look at and note those that would be of interest to them. Steve feels the squadron needs to train more teachers.

Various ways to make money for the squadron were discussed in addition to book sales and classes. A monthly raffle was suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Mary Ann Merrill, secretary

A submission from member Natalie Hutton...

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative will require people traveling between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Panama, the Caribbean, Bahamas and Bermuda to have a passport to enter or re-enter the US. Citizens of the US, Canada, Mexico and Bermuda will be affected by these changes.

The timeline for implementation of these new passport requirements has been amended, again. The new deadline to have a passport for land border crossings and sea travel is June 1, 2009, though Congress left itself lots of wiggle room and could actually move the deadline up under some circumstances to early 2008. The deadline for air travel remains the same — January 8, 2007.

Currently, cruise lines that sail roundtrip from US ports to any of these destinations say they will continue to accept a certified birth certificate and government-issued ID (such as a driver's license) from citizens of the US and Canada for 2007 departures, in lieu of a passport. However, many cruise lines, including Carnival, Princess, Royal Caribbean and Holland America, strongly suggest that guests obtain a passport anyway, and here's why:

Guests who cruise after January 8, 2007 and need to fly to or from the US unexpectedly will likely experience significant delays and complications related to booking airline tickets and entering the United States if they do not have a valid passport with them.

BUS TRIP

A tour bus driver is driving with a bus load of seniors down a highway when he is tapped on his shoulder by a little old lady.

She offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up.

After about 15 minutes, she taps him on his shoulder again and she hands him another handful of peanuts. She repeats this gesture about five more times.

When she is about to hand him another batch again, he asks the little old lady, "Why don't you eat the peanuts yourselves?"

"We can't chew them because we have no teeth," she replied.

The puzzled driver asks, "Why do you buy them in the first place?"

The old lady replied, "We just love the chocolate around them."

Moral of the story: It pays to be careful around old people.



NAUTICAL TERMS

Did you know that "Greenwich Time" was established in 1675 as the international time center for mariners? It wasn't until the first world war, from 1914—1918, that French navigators used any measure other than Paris time for their reckonings.

"Reckonings" is the act or process of calculating the position of a ship or an aircraft, or the position so calculated.

D16 2007 Spring Council & Incoming Commanders' Seminar

WHEN: Saturday, February 3rd
Arrival & Registration/Check-in: 8:00 - 9:00 (continental breakfast)
Council & Seminar: 9:00-3:00 (on separate agenda - lunch available)

WHERE: Bremerton Yacht Club
2700 Yacht Haven Way
Bremerton, WA 98312

HOW: **From the North:** Approx 18 mi. & 28 min from WA-3S Poulsbo exit. Take WA-3S toward Bremerton. Approx 14 mi. take Kitsap Way exit (WA-310E). Approx 1 mi. turn left on Marine Drive (LazyBoy store on left at light). Approx VA mi. turn slight right on Rocky Point Rd NW. Approx 1 mi. turn right on NW Kennedy Dr, which turns right onto Yacht Haven Way

From the South: Approx 35 mi. & 45 min from I5/WA-16. (New Narrows Bridge construction can cause significant delays - allow some extra time). Take WA-16W toward Bremerton, WA-16W becomes WA-3N around Gorst. Approx 3 mi. take Kitsap Way exit (WA-310E). Approx 1 mi. turn left on Marine Drive (LazyBoy store on left at light). Approx 1/4 mi. turn slight right on Rocky Point Rd NW. Approx 1 mi. turn right on NW Kennedy Dr, which turns right onto Yacht Haven Way

From Seattle Ferry: Approx 4 mi. & 12 min from Ferry. From Ferry discharge, follow Washington Ave and turn left on Burwell, WA-304. Approx 1-1/4 mi. turn right on Callow, WA-310 and then left on 6th. Follow WA-310 approx 1/2 mi. and turn right on Marine Drive (LazyBoy store on right at light). Approx 1/4 mi. turn slight right on Rocky Point Rd NW. Approx 1 mi. turn right on NW Kennedy Dr, which turns right onto Yacht Haven Way

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1000	Call To Order Invocation Flag Salute Introductions Rules of the Council Role Call of the Squadrons Determination of Quorum Approval of Fall Council Minutes Change Order of Business Host Squadron Announcements Guest Speaker Presentation	D/C Pete Betlem, AP D/Lt Ruby Ann Mahnken, P D/F/Lt James Harden, Jr, AP D/C Pete Betlem, AP D/Lt Jackie Smith, AP D/Lt/C Barbara Erickson, AP D/Lt/C Barbara Erickson, AP D/C Pete Betlem, AP D/C Pete Betlem, AP Cdr Loyd Walker, III, AP Thomas Fawthrop, Sea Scouts
1030	Standing Committee Reports (as necessary) Planning Department Budget and Finance Committee Membership Committee USPS Educational Fund Century Fund Representative	D/Lt James Harden, Jr, AP D/Lt/C Carolyn Black, AP P/R/C Christine Rasmussen, SN D/Lt Ruby Ann Mahnken, P D/Lt Jean Miller, JN
1100-1115	Break	
1115	Old Business	D/C Pete Betlem
1130	New Business Nominating Committee D/16 Spring Conference Navigational Olympics Standardization Accounting	P/D/C Joseph Cartwright, SN Cdr Gerry Porter, AP P/C Hank Willis, AP D/C Pete Betlem, AP
1145	Fire Suppression Presentation	North Olympic Power Squadron
1200-1300	Lunch	
1300-1500	Incoming Officer Meetings	