

## SEO September Report

Welcome back after a sort of nice summer. There were some spectacular sailing days and then there were those foggy and drizzly ones. Regardless we had a great group of folks who took the Cruise Planning class that started in May and went through the first week in July. This is one of the regular electives that USPS offers both members and now has opened up to the public. Congratulations to the following members completing the class and passing the exam: Albert Foster, Jim and Natalie Hutton, Chelcie and Kathy Liu, Mary Ann and Jay Merrill and Andy and Cindy Okinczyc. Once the formalities were over, the group planned a rendezvous at Reid Harbor on Stewart Island. Due to some unforeseen circumstances with boat haulouts, only the Newlands and Bill Beezley and Roz Fettig met up and had a lovely evening. Thanks to Albert who loaned the Newlands his dinghy so we could row Bill and Roz over to Pegasus XIV. Thanks to Roz for bringing most of the food and cooking it aboard Pegasus. (See photos). The Newlands were also entertaining Anne Rush from Louisiana, Dan's cousin, also seen in the photos. Hopefully we can continue the cruising life next season or later this Fall.

At the Poulsbo District 16 Rendezvous, Bob Monica and Linda Newland, passed the Boat Handling course which is a required element of the new Boat Operator Instructor's Certificate level of Inland Navigator. The on-the-water requirement for boat handling is but one of several required classes to take to earn this level of competence for all members. Once Bob and/or Linda get fully qualified, they can work with other members who want to achieve the Inland Navigator level. There will be four levels of qualification, however, the final Offshore Navigator level is still under construction by the BOC National Committee. You will be hearing more about these at our meetings.

Next up will be another ABC class for both members and public on October 16. We will also be offering the Weather elective course for both members and public beginning November 4 with time out for the two holidays and ending in January. This is an in depth worthwhile course for all boaters and we will personalize it for our local area as an extra added attraction.

Bob Miller just completed a Piloting class held at the School of Wooden Boatbuilding and will begin a Seamanship class on Wed., Oct.20 running for 8 weeks. Next will be Piloting starting on Jan.5,2011 for 10 weeks and then Advanced Piloting beginning on Apr.6, 2011 for 10 weeks. All classes will be open to members and the public and will be held at the School of Wooden Boatbuilding. This is a good opportunity to grab one of these important classes if you missed out earlier in the year or last Fall. Please pass the word around so we can fill the classes.

We will also plan to present several three hour seminar courses TBD this Fall and next Spring. These will also be open to members and the public.

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