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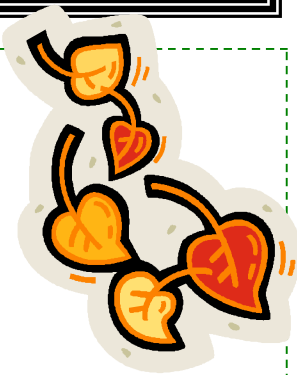
November 2010

General Meeting

*Tuesday,
November 16*

Potluck dinner 6 PM,
meeting and presentation to follow

Tuesday, November 16th at 7:15pm, at the Port Townsend Yacht Club, Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron will host well known rigger/author Brion Toss presenting "Rigging Tool Tales: Good and Bad Examples of Rigging Tell a Story." Brion has over 30 years of stage, arborist, industrial, and yacht rigging experience and has written a number of books including The Complete Rigger's Apprentice, considered the standard text on yacht rigging procedures. In 1978 he established Brion Toss Yacht Riggers Inc., a yacht rigging company in Port Townsend, Washington that specializes in rigging cruising vessels for offshore voyages (<http://www.briontoss.com/index.html>). He has rigged everything from small daysailers and racing yachts to large square-riggers. Brion regularly consults on rig design, layout, fabrication, and installation of rigging for naval architects, boat builders, and yacht owners.



FROM THE BRIDGE

**BY: COMMANDER
NATALIE HUTTON, AP**



Squadron Members,

Glad things are going well & that we have such a great bunch of officers & members that allows me the opportunity to get to visit some family and attend my high school reunion in New Jersey. Thank you all! I am writing from New Jersey and, as of this point, we have traveled over 5200 miles and been to 24 states. We will see more on our journey home.

We have had the opportunity to see some wonderful boating areas of the country and many historic places as well. We have enjoyed seeing the locations of Jim's submarine/Navy days both in Norfolk VA area and in New London/Groton CT. We had the opportunity to tour a current nuclear sub, the USS Norfolk and see the USS Wisconsin battleship in VA, visit the first nuc, the USS Nautilus in Groton, CT, and see the Mayflower II in Plymouth MA. We also took a river cruise on a 1898 steambot at Mystic Seaport and went aboard one of the oldest sailing whaling ships which is being restored there. All the colors back here have been quite beautiful in New England, and getting to see Cape Cod and Maine were special treats as well. Even though we have been far away, we have not been far from much water!

We hope many of you will be taking advantage of the upcoming Weather Course & sign up to join in. Weather is something we all need to know more about. Also for anyone who still would like to take our advanced course curriculum -- Bob Miller will be teaching the Seamanship, Piloting, & Advanced Piloting sequence. Take one or all. Weather will be held at the Skookum building in Port Townsend and the others will be held at the Wooden Boatbuilding School in Port Hadlock.

It was a gorgeous day in the high 70's in Jersey today, and I got to stick my feet in the Atlantic ocean! Hope the Fall weather is being kind in that part of the country.

From the road,

Commander Natalie



2010 Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron Calendar



November

- 4 Weather Course, Thursday nights thru Jan. Open to members (\$55 + \$10 for spouse) or the public (\$55 + membership fee). Linda Newland.
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting, 7 pm @ Skookum
- 16 November meeting & potluck, 6 pm @ PTYC; Program:
Brion Toss: Standing Rigging Surveying.

December

- 6 Executive Committee Meeting, 7 pm @ Skookum (first Monday!)
- 21 Christmas Dinner & Party, 6 pm @ PTYC

January 2011

- 5 *Piloting Class begins (10 wks.), Wed. 5:30 – 7:30, NW School of Wooden Boat Building, Port Hadlock, Instructor Bob Miller
- 10 Executive Bd. Mtg., 7 pm Skookum
- 18 January meeting & potluck, 6 pm PTYC, Program: Bob & Molly Miller's River Trip in France

February

- 7 Executive Bd. Mtg., 7 pm Skookum
- 15 February Meeting, 6 pm dinner & ceremonies @ PTYC;
Program: Change of Watch/Installation of Officers

(* Advanced Piloting begins April 6 (10 wks.), Wed. 5:30 – 7:30, NW School of Wooden Boat Building, Port Hadlock, Instructor Bob Miller)

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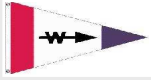


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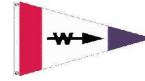
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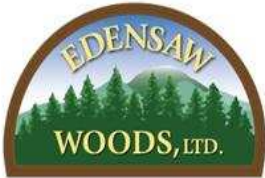


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SEO Report

By: Linda Newland, AP

Dan and I just returned from a visit to Texas and Louisiana and we came across a funny sight at the beach in Galveston where three boats are permanently beached as an attraction (see pic). One would assume since they could not be easily removed, they were just roped off and used as a children's playground. Just another way to use boats for recreation. Sadly we saw much destruction remaining from Hurricane Ike along that waterfront, much of which is not being repaired.



On another boating safety note,

we did a charter fishing trip for redfish out of Lake Charles, LA on an open high speed boat. We never saw a sign of a lifejacket nor were we given any direction on where to find them if we needed one. At 35 knots top speed in a building chop heading into a southerly, it was a wee bit disconcerting to go without one. Of course we could have requested one. We guess it's just a different mind set as we saw no evidence of them on other charter fishermen. Although the water was warm, it would have been prudent for people to be wearing them underway. However, we did limit out and enjoyed hooking into real fighting fish. October was a busy month for your squadron's educational division. On the 16th, Albert Foster and Chelcie Liu assisted me in teaching an ABC class to five people who all passed with flying colors. An excellent teaching opportunity presented itself when Albert pointed, from the top floor NWMC window, to his previous boat, Pleiades, as her charter skipper expertly demonstrated our lesson on proper docking in a good breeze.

Meanwhile, Bob Miller, started the Seamanship class at the Center for Wooden Boat Building on October 20 with 14 students. I'm happy to report that our Weather class that begins on November 4 now has 13 students and we will be using the larger room at Skookum, not the Board Room. Thanks to Albert for arranging for the security training by the facilities director, Alyssa Russell. Chelcie Liu will be onboard as an instructor, also. This is an in depth look at weather principles as well as local weather patterns of interest to boaters.

We now are building a library of materials for several elective classes and seminar classes, so if anyone would like to do an individual study group or go it alone, please see me for details on how to proceed.

Linda Newland, SEO

**Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron
October 19, 2010 Membership Meeting Minutes
Port Townsend Yacht Club**

Members gathered at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy a potluck dinner. Guests in attendance for the dinner included Lon and Joan Zimmerman (guests of Phil and Vera Williams), John and Carol Collins (Graves) from Port Hadlock, Keri Black from Port Ludlow and Kees Prins from Port Townsend who was a presenter for the evening's program. An additional three guests came at 7:15 for the program.

Business Meeting

Executive Officer Bill Beezley acting for Commander Natalie Hutton called the business meeting to order and outlined the order of events for the evening as well as giving an update on Jim and Natalie Hutton's journey across the country.

Secretary Denny Newland discussed the last membership meeting minutes which had been published in our newsletter for review by the membership and asked if there were any additions or corrections. There were no additions or corrections and Albert Foster motioned that the minutes be approved with Ron Hayes seconding the motion. The minutes were approved by the membership.

Treasurer Ron Hayes gave the status of the squadron's finances reporting that we had \$830 in the bank.

Squadron Education Officer Linda Newland reported that she, Chelcie Liu and Albert Foster had conducted an ABC class at the Northwest Maritime Center last Saturday with 5 students in attendance. She also reminded members of the November 4th start of the Weather class coming soon. Bob Miller reported that a Seamanship class was beginning tomorrow night, October 20th at the Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building and that this class would be followed by a Piloting class in January, 2011 and an Advanced Piloting class in April. Linda also discussed the several short courses that she may be giving as three hour seminars (such as VHF, GPS etc) and that are available to be taken by the squadron membership on a self study basis.

Administrative Officer Albert Foster discussed the program planned for the squadron's November meeting. Renowned yacht rigger Brion Toss will be giving us a talk on how to recognize rigging problems as you are looking at a prospective boat for purchase. This type of talk had been requested by a squadron member and will be very informative for everyone in attendance.

Acting commander Bill Beezley reported on the need for three members to serve on the new officer nominating committee as well as volunteers to become the new slate of officers for 2011 as the process for selecting new officers and installing them in February, 2011 has gotten underway. Bill also reported that the squadron's financial status has been slowly eroding over the past couple of years. In response to that situation the Executive Committee has recommended that we consider replacing our normal Christmas meeting gift exchange with a fundraiser. The fundraiser recommended was to hold an auction which we could make a lot of fun for all attendees as well as raise money for the squadron. The exact format of the auction has yet to be decided with ideas ranging from the use of an auctioneer to holding a silent auction or a Chinese auction. Mary Ann Merrill reported she had been to a Chinese style auction and the event had been a lot of fun and succeeded in raising money for the Elks organization. Ron Hayes made a motion to proceed with the auction fundraiser with Dan Newland seconding the motion. The motion was approved by the membership and the Executive Committee will continue the planning for the event. Bill asked the membership to begin thinking what kind of goods or services they could donate so that they could be auctioned off during our Christmas meeting.

Bill Beezley adjourned the business meeting.
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Program

Administrative Officer Albert Foster introduced the program, The Designing and Building of the Townsend Tern, and its two presenters Chelcie Liu and Kees Prins. Chelcie and Kathy Liu are the owners of the boat with Kees being the commissioned designer/builder. Chelcie gave a brief background introduction about the origin of this effort which occurred during a casual conversation between himself and Albert Foster in Chelcie's garage while looking at Chelcie's rowboat "Puff". Chelcie remarked as to how he would like something about twice as big and just as reliable as the 11 foot Puff and Albert said he knew just the guy who had a version of a 23 foot double ender in mind, Kees Prins. A few conversations later and the project was underway!

Chelcie and Kees then described the establishment of a set of desirable features (e.g. be trailerable, be easily single handed, accommodate two crew etc) they would strive for during the design and construction of the boat. Several features of the 23 foot Norwalk Island Sharpie which Kees had in mind were incorporated into the "Townsend Tern", a name originally suggested by Kees and eventually adopted by the Liu's after much consideration.

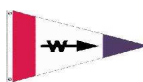
The Townsend Tern has a Cat-Ketch rig with carbon fiber masts that can be easily lowered and stowed for trailering, it has electric maneuvering propulsion, distinctive dark maroon sails with a double line reefing system, specially designed portal windows, a navigation station and a galley that can both be accessed from the same seat and enough interior space to feel comfortable in with accommodations for two.

Kees and Chelcie then described the construction of the boat with a wonderful set of slides detailing how a half model was built, how the partially completed hull was rolled a couple of times during its construction to allow better access, how the keel was laid out with the proper NACA curvature and the lead ballast was added. how the stem was fabricated and incorporated into the construction, how the garboard was added to the keel and fiber glassed, how the remaining planking was done etc along with describing several tricks of the trade as to how to get the proper planking bevels, how to construct inexpensive planking clamps, how to obtain the proper centerboard curvature etc.

The detailed description of hull construction was followed by discussions on deck and cabin construction. Almost every component, including things like flooring and bunk side boards, of the Townsend Tern has a role to play in achieving a strong light-weight structure.

The efforts to design and build the Townsend tern spanned more than two years and indeed resulted in a beautiful, functional craft. Chelcie and Kees finished their presentation with several pictures of the finished boat being painted, weighed, trim tested and undergoing its initial sea trials. A site to behold!

Denny Newland
Secretary





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