

# Point Wilson Sail & Power Squadron Port Townsend, WA



## "The Point" Fall 2011

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### From the Commander

Fall is here and the boating season for most of us is waning. As the best days on the water are getting fewer, we are already planning to get boaters ready for the 2012 boating season. We have a great line-up of classes set to run from mid October to the first week of June. It will take a novice through Seamanship, Piloting, and Advanced Piloting, providing a respectable boating foundation, as well as qualifying (with ABC) for the Washington State Boater Education Card (the Flyer "Save Your Life..." is in this issue).

They can test the waters (no pun intended) with a FREE 6 month membership. That will cover all of these classes for materials cost only (if they start with ABC). This is a bargain at any time but, especially in this economy.

We have a central location at the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding at the lower end of the bay and hope to draw from Port Ludlow as well. Members are also welcome to come to just refresh your skills.

Port Townsend knows how to have a good time. It's hard to find a week throughout the year when there is not an event or gathering to celebrate some facet of life. We hope that PWSPS will continue to be a part of that for you. Tap into that camaraderie and help broaden it. Let friends and acquaintances who would benefit from these courses know and help expand our circle.

Port Townsend also has a deep tradition of volunteerism. Boating education is our best way of giving back to our community. We now have a significant number of our membership with the background, education, experience, and even credentials to pass on these skills to others through our boating education program. To be able to sustain a quality program into the future, we need to incorporate more instructors. The materials are well defined, the support is there. Get your feet wet with even part of a lesson, or team teach with another instructor. We

It's nice to have a "club" to come to once a month to have dinner with friends and hear an entertaining program. It's great to be able to expand your own skills through member education. I think we all know that there should be more to it than that.

Bob Miller  
Commander

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### Don't miss the October 18 meeting! See you at the meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

Program: Guest presenter, Tim Lee, will discuss rebuilding of the AK \*Ilen\*, Ireland's sole surviving and largest original seagoing sailing ship, Tuesday, October 18 at the Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron Meeting.

6:00 pm potluck, 7 pm presentation  
Port Townsend Yacht Club

Traditional boatbuilding skills kept alive here in Jefferson County are showcased around the world. Most recently Tim Lee, Chief Instructor at the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding (Port Hadlock) spent July and August in Ireland as part of a "train the trainers" program associated with the rebuilding of the AK \*Ilen\*, Ireland's sole surviving, and largest original, seagoing sailing ship. The 56-foot ketch, launched in 1926, was used commercially until 1997 in the Falkland Islands, and is now back in Ireland. An Irish not-for-profit organization is overseeing the reconstruction.

**We all know how important it is to be safe -- in our homes & on our boats. Check out your fire extinguishers to be sure they are compliant & up to date! Also it's that time of year to replace batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.**

## **Recall Alert: Kidde XL Fire Extinguishers**

Kidde Fire Extinguishers, in conjunction with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, has announced a voluntary recall to replace certain XL Fire Extinguishers that lose pressure faster than others due to an improper lubricant used in manufacturing. The effected units were manufactured in Mexico between October 2007 and April 2008.

Specific models affected by this recall include the following items: **XL Models:**

FX340SC, FX340H, FX340GW, XL5MR, FX210R, FX340SC-2, FX210W, XL2.5TCZ-4, E-340-3

Model numbers can be found just below the UL logo on the lower right of the extinguisher label.

The manufacturer date and location code will be found stamped just below the center of the label. Further information and to register your fire extinguisher under the recall, contact Kidde on the website at , [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com)

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### **Important news items from USPS Nat'l Meeting, Sept. 2011**

A motion that USPS establish a first aid safety program for squadrons that combines the Red Cross and American Heart Association first aid and CPR programs with supplemental boater safety programs from the Safety Institute of Maryland. The logistics will be administered by the National Executive Department in conjunction with Lt. Alan Karpas, JN, Rockville/5.

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Mary Catherine Berube: Berube reported on grant proposals under consideration: 1) Boat Handling Simulator; 2) Situational Awareness; 3) Google Licensing; 4) MMSI Registrations; 5) Electronic delivery of boating education, and 5) a continuation of the Practical On-the-Water Rollout Grant

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C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, reported that he had not received any further correspondence from District 23 concerning online sales of USPS courses to nonmembers. V/C Sweet stated that the Educational Department is reviewing retail pricing of USPS Advanced Grade and Elective courses for public sale

V/C Sweet reported that the Educational Department is moving toward blending classroom instruction and e-learning. On 14 June 2011, 123 members completed an advanced weather webinar via SailAngle. He also noted that an instructor recertification webinar is under consideration.

Tom Kemp reported year-to-date Ship's Store sales of \$28,598 as of 31 Aug. 2011. Kemp reported on a proposed member benefit program with Ford Motor Co., where members would receive discounts on purchases of Ford vehicles. Program details will be available in fall 2011.

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October 31, 2011  
**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!**

## **ENJOY THE FALL WEATHER**

Kemp reported that MetLife has donated thousands of coloring books to USPS that squadrons give away at boat shows and boating events. The Board agreed to present an award to MetLife during the 2012 Annual Meeting to recognize its significant contribution to USPS.

Kemp reported that videos on docking a boat, performing a quick stop, performing a slow speed slalom course, and the Boat Operator Certification Program can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/user/uspowersquadrons](http://www.youtube.com/user/uspowersquadrons). He noted that the boat docking video had received 2,000 views.

V/C Jean L. Hamilton, SN: V/C Hamilton reported 2,193 cyber squadron members joined to date. An average of 1.31 cyber members join per day and 2.66 ABC students join per day.

**From Squadron Education Officer,  
(SEO) Bob Monica, AP**

### **Boating Classes Underway**

The upcoming ABC Boating Course will be held on Wed., Oct. 19 & 26<sup>th</sup>. Spread the word, as this is a most important first step in learning boating basics and a pre-requisite for the Washington State Boater's Card. An attached flyer is in the newsletter. (Please, each one of

you, take the flyer and hang it up somewhere to help out our advertising efforts!)

Bob would like to "Appeal to members to set a goal of speaking to one person in the next month about taking a boating course." So now is your opportunity to promote our classes. The Ed dept. mailed out a "Currents" newsletter dated 16 Sep 2011 about training for the people that will act as trainers for a NEW on- the-water training program for USPS and the public. This is a new grant program. The instructors for this program will be the BOC (Boat Owner Certification) Inland Navigator certifier trainers. Talk to Bob if you are interested in being involved in the BOC program.

Bob Monica is also the lead instructor for the Marine Electronics course which started on September 14. A total of 9 squadron members are involved taking this Advanced level course. Bob Miller and others are involved in teaching our Seamanship and upcoming Piloting and Advanced Piloting classes weekly at the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding.

## **October Birthdays Congratulations**

11 Kenneth Philips  
21 Bill Dengler  
23 Dimitri Kuznetsov  
25 Dan Newland  
27 Cindy Okinczyc  
29 Erica Hutton

## VHF Radio Seminar Grads

Congratulations to the following members for completing the VHF Radio seminar at the meeting in June. Thanks to XO, Linda Newland, JN, for being our instructor for the event: Sandy & Bill Dengler, Crystal Freeman, Ron Hayes, Jim & Natalie Hutton, Chelcie & Kathy Liu, Dimitri Kuznetsov, David Morgan, Linda Newland, Ken Shaver, and Andy Okinczyc.

## District Fall Conference is Coming!

If you have never attended a USPS conference, consider doing so – they are fun & you meet a lot of great people. Here is a summary of the events & activities; you can go to just one or all of them (the Conference, itself, has no fee). For more details & registration forms, check out the D16 website Fall 2011 newsletter: [http://www.calmseas.org/cardinal\\_points/fall\\_11.pdf](http://www.calmseas.org/cardinal_points/fall_11.pdf)

### **Welcome to the Bellevue Red Lion Hotel**

A venue for several past District Conferences, the former Bellevue Holiday Inn has been rebranded as the Bellevue Red Lion Hotel. This venerable establishment has been selected by host squadron, Bellevue, as the facility for the **2011 Fall Council/Conference** to be held **21-22 October, 2011**.

The hotel is situated on a six acre site just off I-405 near the CBD and shopping. Free parking for guests and conference attendees is located on the property. Handicapped parking near barrier free rooms is provided. No elevator is available for access to the second floor. According to published information, barrier free circulation is possible between most first floor guest rooms and the meeting facilities.

For the \$89.00 + tax group rate, make reservations before 28 September and ask for the **USPS rate**.

**Hotel telephone: 425 455-5240**

If one needs barrier free facilities, have difficulty walking longer distances, or climbing stairs, make this clear to the reservations person when reserving your room.

## **District 16**

**Fall Council/Conference**

**21, 22 October 2011**

**ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

**NOTE: No charge to attend the meetings, the only charge is for meals.**

**Dress:** USPS Polo or appropriate attire, all activities.

### **Friday evening, 21 October**

1700 – 1930 Registration Foyer

1800 – 1930 C/C's Rep Reception

Jonah's No host Bar & Buffet

1930 – 2030 FALL COUNCIL Yarrow Hunt

### **FALL CONFERENCE**

#### **Saturday, 22 October**

0730 – 1000 Registration Foyer

0800 – 0900 Breakfast Buffet

P/D/Cs & Gen. Members Ravenna

Squadron Cdrs & XOs Newport

Squadron SEOs & ASEO's Medina

Others: Buffet or menu choices offered in Jonah's

**0915** Conference called to order  
Yarrow/Hunt

**1000** Chief Commander's Message by his  
Rep. R/C Howard Yoas, SN

**1050 – 1120** Marine Sanitation presentation by  
Chris Piel, Marine Sanitation & Supply Co.

**1145 – 1300** Lunch Buffet Jonah's

**1300 - 1430** Break-Out Sessions:

Membership Ravenna

Boat Operator Certification Medina

**1430 – 1600** Conference business

**1630** Adjourn Conference

Evening Activities

**1800 - 1900** No Host Social Hour

Yarrow/Hunt

**1900 - 2100** Dinner

Awards: Excellence in Education

Prince Henry

Outstanding Educators

Carl Mahnken

Smith Brothers Trophy



## Point Wilson Recognition Received at Spring Conference

USPS DISTRICT 16 2011 Spring Conference  
Minutes, 25-26 March 2011 Kitsap Conference  
Center, Bremerton, WA

### Awards:

**Navigation Quiz** by P/R/C Robert Brummett, SN gave to correct answer as 9° W and the winner of the draw of correct responses was Richard Michaels, North Olympic Squadron.

**P/D/C Barbara Erickson, JN** announced recognition certificates for the **Doing It Right (DIR) Retention Award** –For Squadrons; Friday Harbor, North Olympic, and Skagit Bay. Additionally **New Member Award**- Six (6) Squadrons were mentioned ranging from 11 to 33 new members.

**National Growth Award** went to five (5) Squadrons, with special mention to **Point Wilson** placing **2nd in National**, and **Poverty Bay** placing 7th. A special D-16 Award, the **Membership Trophy** (3rd Place. Bellingham, 2nd place Friday Harbor) 1st place and **Winner Point Wilson Squadron!**

Way to go Point Wilson! Let's keep up the momentum in adding members, offering courses, and taking classes. Also officer elections will be coming soon, so start thinking how you can serve and help out the squadron during this next year. Positions are available.

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At the **Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding**  
42 N. Water Street, Port Hadlock

Take **America's Boating Course** and get a **FREE** 6 month membership in the **U.S. Power Squadron**  
**8 Hour** course, Wednesdays, **Oct 19 & 26, 5:30-9:30 PM (\$35)**

**ABC** is a national course, certified by NASBLA (National Association of State Boating Law Administrators) as an introductory course for boating safety.

Successful completion of the course qualifies you for the  
**Washington State Boater Education Card**

**WA State Law:** Required by 2014 for all non-exempt boaters operating a vessel w/15 hp and up (by 2012, age 40).

**Continue with the following courses, materials cost only!\***

**Seamanship\*\*:** Wed, Nov 2 – Dec 21, 6-8 PM (\$37 member\*, \$95 non-mbr)

Building on the basics in **ABC**, Seamanship adds practical skills for increased safe operation of recreational boats. Emphasis is on higher level boating skills: Boat handling theory, rules of the road, and marlinspike seamanship.

**Piloting\*\*:** Wed, Jan 11- Mar 14, 6-8 PM (\$44 member\*, \$100 non-member)

Piloting is the first of the classes focusing on techniques used in coastal and inland navigation. The course emphasizes planning and checking along with the use of GPS for determining position, and introduces digital charting along with traditional charting, compass and dead reckoning skills. Plotting, labeling, use of the compass, aids to navigation.

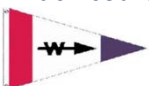
**Advanced Piloting\*\*:** Wed, Apr 4-Jun 6, 6-8 PM (\$30 member\*, \$90 non-member)

Course continues to build coastal and inland navigation skill, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chartplotters, and other electronic navigation tools. As with Piloting, the course includes many in-class exercises. Topics covered include: Advanced positioning techniques, radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chartplotters, hazard avoidance, collision avoidance using radar and GPS, working with tides, wind, and currents, and the "Seaman's Eye."

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\*ABC graduates with 6 month free membership qualify

\*\*Each course includes at least one optional on-the-water Saturday TBD



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