



Cardinal Points

Fall 2023 Quarterly Newsletter

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SUMMER ARRIVED WITH A BANG

As our Fall newsletter comes to you, we have had a fantastic summer..... once it decided to arrive. Unlike many places in our United States that have suffered with extreme heat and weather, we have had days of enjoyable sun with modest moisture. It is my hope that our D16 members have been out on boats, kayaks, RVs and having fun.

We started off our summer with our annual D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo. We had 11 boats and others arriving by car to have about 60 in attendance. The weekend was busy with Dock-tails, Flare Practice, Fire Extinguisher Practice, and a Co-op Charting tutorial followed by a Geodetic Marker hunt and an Aids to Navigation survey exploration on-the-water. Also, in the first time in 5+ years we held a Boat Operator Certification session. The weekend was capped off by our catered dinner at the Poulsbo Yacht Club. We were able to have a presentation from the Coast Guard and a lively auction of amazing items donated by our squadrons and district. Mark your calendar for our 2024 Rendezvous scheduled for June 21 – 23 at our favorite rendezvous location, Poulsbo Marina. It will be a fun event!

Speaking of fun.... I joined Steve and Barbara Erickson for a Geodetic Marker

Adventure. While on an RV trip to beautiful Montana with our RV friends the Ericksons, Martins, and Johnsons, we decided to look for some markers near our location in Columbia Falls. Montana does not have a squadron, so we decided to bring USPS to the area and do some looking. With the help of an app called Benchmark Hunter, we identified four survey markers in the area. Of the four, we were able to locate one which had last been recorded in 2016. The other three have not been located since 1979. We used the available information provided by the National Survey Data Explorer through NOAA. The data sheet included a description of where the mark was last found. The descriptions provided did not match the current landscape although the GPS coordinates were close. To further validate the possible location, Steve Erickson spoke to the business owners and determined that there had been multiple changes in



Annette with our found mark.

the ground where the markers were originally documented. Despite only finding one, it was great fun and a neat way to see an area of Montana.

For those of you who have not participated in a Co-op Adventure, check it out. It makes a great squadron outing.

As August comes to an end, I along with others from our district will be traveling to Kansas City for the USPS Governing Board Meeting. I hope many of you will attend the meeting virtually. I realize it is a time commitment on a Saturday, but it is a good way to hear firsthand what is happening from the national officers and committees.

With the end of summer, our various squadrons gear up for the year. Education of recreational boaters remains one of our goals. As we continue to pull out of the Covid shutdown, the focus remains on new member recruitment and taking care of our existing members. Those of us on the local level know that without our members, we cease to exist. Let's gear up and grow!

Lastly, have a fun Fall. Fall is a great time for boating and your District has a Fall Cruise coming up. How about joining? Hope to see you soon.



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DISTRICT EXECUTIVE OFFICER TOM DALGLIESH

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Summer is getting close to a 22 September finish. Pretty good season, except for the current smoky skies caused by Canadian forest fires.

Penny and I got back today (Sunday, August 20) from a quick visit to Oregon, attending the annual District 32 (D/32) Rendezvous in St. Helens. D/32 is the district south of us that includes three Oregon squadrons and one (Fort Vancouver) in Washington state. This district was part of our own D/16 until 1976 when it spun off as an independent group. St. Helens is a small town and marina on the south bank of the Columbia River, roughly 28 miles northwest of Portland. Formerly called Plymouth, it was renamed for its nice view of Mount St. Helens. Alas, that vista has been somewhat compromised since the volcano blew its top in 1980.



This D/32 gathering is similar to our own district rendezvous at Poulsbo in June. There was a long chatty Docktails on Friday, then some Saturday education events, followed by a catered dinner starting at 1700. Very nice and the gathering of local squadrons is always a pleasant meeting with members you may not have seen since the previous year. Our own Craig and Sandy Brown were also present and D/32 District Commander Charlene Donnelly and District Executive Officer Ron Bergmann made us "foreigners" welcome, and well-watered and fed.

Tom and Penny at the D/32 Rendezvous

This visit reminded me of something that is available to all power squadron members. Squadrons exist throughout the country, including Alaska and Hawaii, even Japan. You may not realize it, but you have ready-made groups of boater friends in dozens of places. If you, for example, happen to be visiting New Orleans or San Diego, get in touch with the local squadron and plan a visit to a dinner meeting with them, perhaps even take a seminar they are teaching that week. Squadrons will be delighted to have you visit with them and will provide you with good local knowledge to improve your trip. Use the internet to connect with squadrons along your planned travels. Our district website hosts a calendar of known events for our own squadrons. Other districts/squadrons may have similar information.

And be sure to invite your hosts to visit you back home and there you have it ... new friends from afar.

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District 16 Members

Happy August. Although as I sit here typing, the temperature is a cloudy 70°, the thermometer has topped out this week at 92°, and I have seriously considered breaking out the Air Conditioner.

As some of you may know, my day job office sits on the Ship Canal between the Fremont bridge and Seattle Pacific University. I have the pleasure of watching all manner of vessels pass along the canal, from UW Rowers to enormous fishing and construction boats guided by Tug and Tow boats. Since the weather really turned in June, the traffic on the canal has steadily increased, and though I can't prove it objectively, I believe the proportion of pleasure craft has also increased significantly. When I walk the Canal Trail at lunch, I often wonder how many of those operators could benefit from our ABC and Advance Grade classes. Sadly, more than once I have seen people on the front deck of a boat with their legs dangling over the water, and many vessels exceeding what I would consider a safe and prudent speed in the narrow confines of that channel. Especially with rowing sculls so prominent at this time of year. It's a shame we can't post an advertisement along the canal with our contact information. Sometimes, I fear that the only way we can reach some of these people is after a catastrophic event occurs that could have been prevented.

The good news is, USPS/America's Boating Club is still a thriving organization, and we are still reaching out to the recreational boating community, both new and seasoned boaters. I have received notifications that Everett, Bellingham, and Tacoma are planning ABC classes this fall, as well as Advance Grade classes in both virtual and live venues. D16 Commander Annette Ferguson has also asked if we at the district level can sponsor a multiple squadron ABC or advanced Grades class via ZOOM. This will take some research, but for those who are interested and cannot find a local class, please contact your squadron SEO, or feel free to E-Mail me at phnx789@msn.com, or uspsd16.deo@gmail.com.

The D16 Fall Conference is scheduled for October 7th as part of the fall cruise schedule. Conferences and meetings are much more enjoyable in person, and now that we can hold them, I hope that folks will be able to attend. Information on transportation and accommodations should be available elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please touch base with your Squadron Educational Officer for classes that you might want to take. Even if your local squadron isn't hosting the class you want, other squadrons may have that class available by remote learning. If you know of boaters in your marina that need the ABC Class or additional navigation knowledge, please reach out to them. As I have said before in these pages, our individual members are the best ambassadors for USPS education programs, and those programs are the best way we have to get our membership opportunities out to the public.

As always, I also want to ask everyone to consider becoming an instructor. Teaching an ABC Class requires passing the Instructor Development class, and is very helpful in teaching our other Advanced Grade and Elective classes.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, stay out of the excess heat, and let's look forward to reopening our classroom efforts in the fall.

DISTRICT SECRETARY BARBARA ERICKSON

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This month of August has been quite fraught with news. Good and Bad. Good news that almost everyone is happy about, those extremely hot “dog days of summer” seem to be over for now. Gloria our cat was extremely unhappy.

The not so good news has been mostly about people we know. **R/C Nancee Adams**, CPS-ECP and USPS member and chair for the National Ship’s Store recently passed away; as did **Naomi Brummett**, P/D/C Robert Brummett’s wife. **P/C/C Les Johnson** will not be attending the upcoming Governing Board meeting as he fell and broke his hip and we send prayers for Steve and Gina Shapiro, formerly Everett, who need our prayers. Steve suffered a severe stroke and is currently in Swedish Hospital. We send our deepest sympathy to those whose loved ones have departed and we send wishes for a speedy recovery for anyone who is on the mend.

You may have noticed this is not the standard format for the Cardinal Points. Our editor, Alayne Fellows, was heading home from Alabama, and her car decided to take a rest. Alayne is staying with grandchildren until the car is ready to begin the trip again. This complication has led to not having full access to her library of tools to put the Cardinal Points together for you. I offered to do this issue (and only this issue) as I do not have the full compliment of tools needed to do the job as ably as Alayne! She will be back with us for the Winter issue!

So my life is not all sadness. I have enjoyed the wonderful, though frightfully hot days of summer we have been having. We took a wonderful RV trip to Columbia Falls, Montana. We caravanned with the Martin’s, Ferguson’s, and Ray and Judy Johnson. We spent a one night layover in Cheney, WA before heading into Montana. Surprise! This area was not cowboy country. It is more recreational boating, jet skiing, fishing country. And HOT.

Steve and I visited Hungry Horse Dam, went to a Farmer’s Market in Kalispell where I bought a loaf of sun-dried tomato and parmesan bread, and I visited a couple churches. The highlight was our Co-Op Charting adventure where Annette joined us. I used my BenchHunter App to locate nearby geodetic marks. There were many around for the hunt, but that hunt was aggravated by the fact that most of the geodetic marks had not been recovered since 1979. That’s 44 years ago. Imagine how much change has occurred since then. My only thought was “golden oldies” worth X amount of points if recovered. Not. Montana, especially this area, has undergone massive change. The data sheets that NOAA provides are not very helpful. So we had a lot of “not found” situations.

The good part of Co-Op Charting is that it is still fun whether you recover marks or not. You meet some very nice informative people and it’s a good way to do a little civic service and get some exercise in. We had a great time with Annette and even found a Starbucks where we enjoyed cool beverages—I still ordered a hot brown sugar oatmilk latte! I hope you will take advantage of this summer weather and do a little Co-Op Charting. And if you’d like to go Co-Op charting with us, give us a call!

Save the Date

FOR THE 2023 DISTRICT 16 FALL CONFERENCE!

SATURDAY, THE SEVENTH OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY THREE

SAN JUAN ISLAND YACHT CLUB
9 A.M. — 2 P.M.
FRIDAY HARBOR, WASHINGTON

D/16 MARKDOWNS!

Our District Treasurer, aka supply officer, Dave McBride, is ready to give you a wonderful deal! Need an Ensign? Or perhaps thinking ahead for the 2024 Change of Watch, you are interested in officer flags?

Your district is always ready to help. Once again, we have come up with a money-saving offer! Check out the pricing below. As you can see, supplies are limited. Contact Dave McBride at davmcb@comcast.net or text him at 360 228-6003 to take advantage of these great prices!



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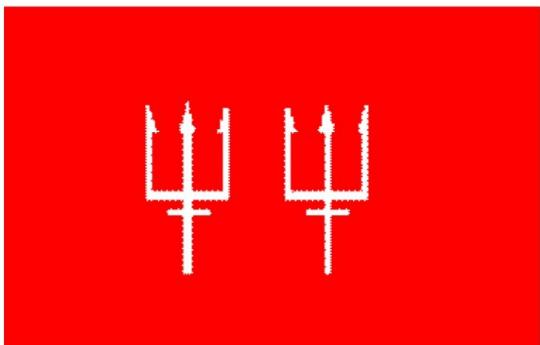
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OFFICER FLAGS



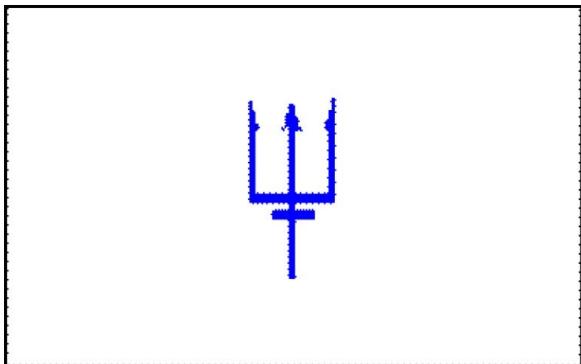
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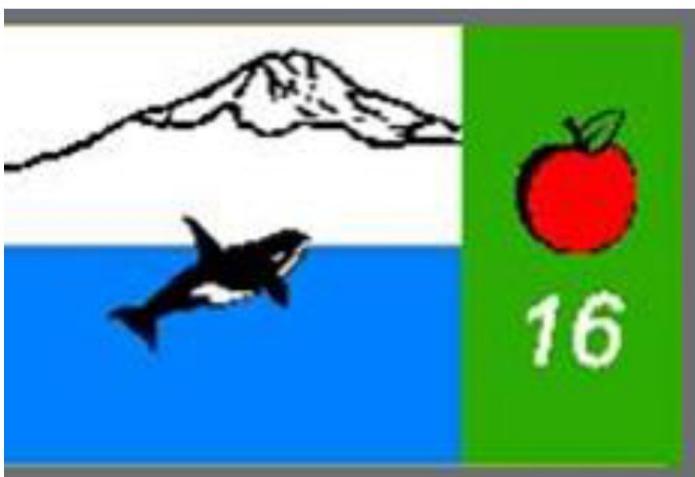
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SQD 1ST LT

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DISTRICT 16 FLAG

Number available	Price	Marked down to:
3	\$20.00	\$10.00

END OF SUMMER CRUISE ADVENTURE

SEPTEMBER 29 THROUGH OCTOBER 14 (EARLY START DAY: SEPTEMBER 28)

Brought to you by Polar Mist,
P/D/C Ken Smith and Pat Diehl

The third annual D/16 End of the Season Cruise Adventure is just around the corner. You have heard about it since last year. Well now it's here. Time to sign up.

This year we have an expanded cruise agenda; 18 days! with more opportunities to cruise with your friends or come and go as the destinations and your time allows. As before, the format is very loose and open-ended with those cruising and the weather deciding what activities, gatherings and free time will occur.

To assist our district members from the South, the cruise starts in Kingston Harbor, progressing North to Langley on Whidbey Island. Since we are educated boaters, there will be fun and amusing education contests and skill tests along the way with prizes.

As of today, five boats – power and sail, from 36' to 54' have already signed up. Make yourself next! Registration is easy just contact Ken at kenes@earthlink.net.

This extended cruise agenda is designed to get our local squadrons involved in a District 16 cruise in addition to:

- 1) Challenging D/16 members in the many different aspects of cruise planning.
- 2) Since this is October, weather will dictate the final agenda. Locations can change based on weather severity and direction.
- 3) The first six days are RV accessible and require no ferry trips.
- 4) The cruise pauses two nights in Friday Harbor for the D/16 Fall Conference at the San Juan Island Yacht Club on Saturday October 7.

After the D/16 Conference, we will head around San Juan Island, down the backside to the South end of Lopez Island for some days at anchor. Those who complete the cruise will have circumnavigated both San Juan and Lopez Islands and visited some of the highlights of the San Juan Island group.

The cruise will challenge you with the following:

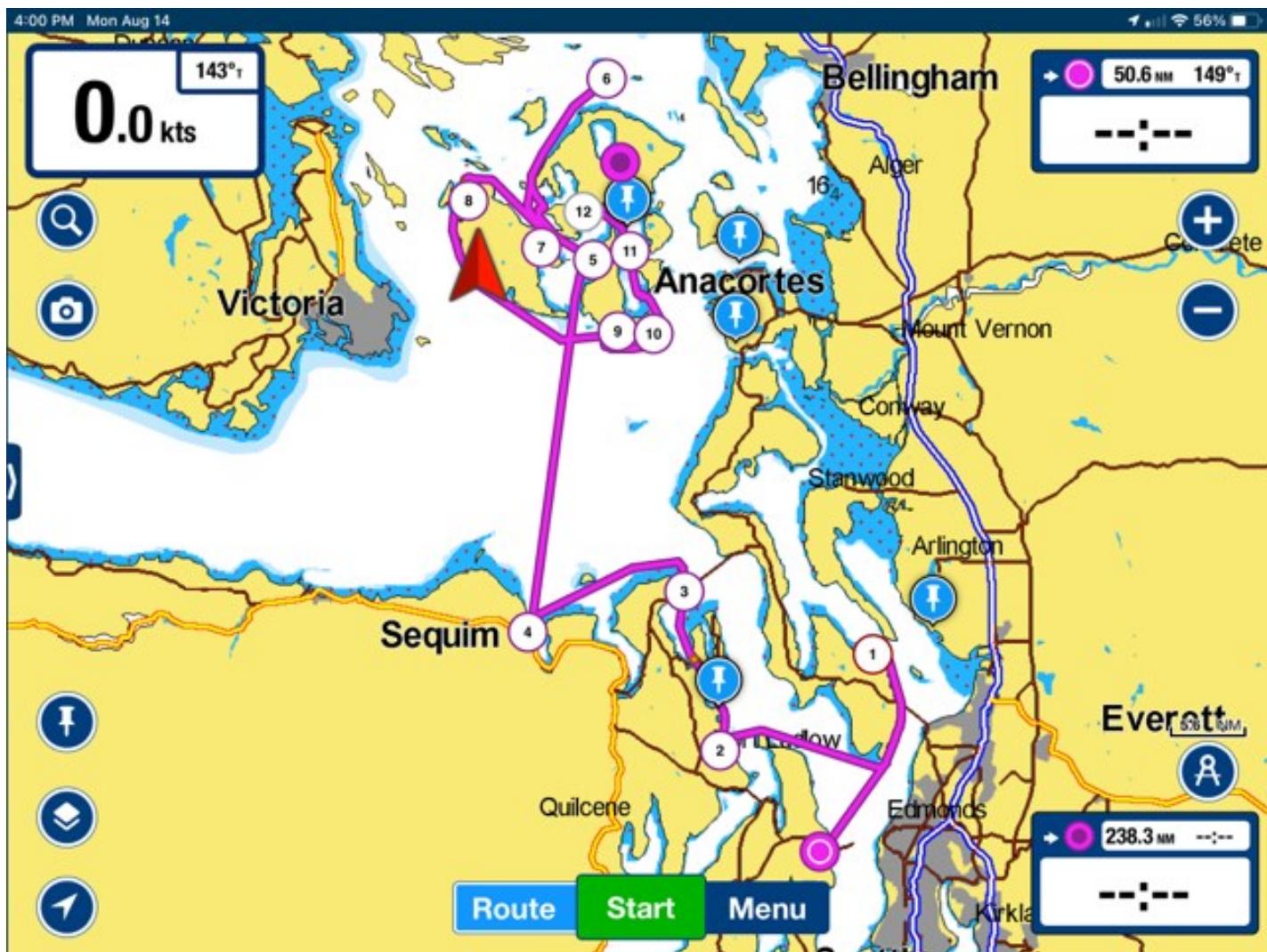
- 1) The logistics of attending, coming and going, from a long cruise (188nm).
- 2) Working around and anticipating weather conditions by working with fellow cruisers.
- 3) Crossing Puget Sound and the shipping lanes and dealing with Cattle Pass.
- 4) Anchoring and rafting when docks are available. Every location has access to a beach or dock for doggie relief.
- 5) Managing onboard resources such as water and waste.
- 6) Group gathering and doggie relief where your skiff is the only transportation.

NOTE: Attend this cruise. You can't teach or talk about cruising if you have never done it!

P/D/C Ken Smith on Polar Mist will lead the cruise attending all locations.

A detailed cruise packet will be available very soon.

Map of the route.



D/16 End of Summer Cruise Adventure

Preliminary Agenda

Day	Date	Location	Marina or Anchoring	RV Access	Squadron involvement	Access to Dock / Dog relief
Thursday	28-Sep	Kingston	marina	yes		yes / yes
Friday	29-Sep	Langley	marina	yes		yes / yes
Saturday	30-Sep	Port Ludlow	marina	yes		yes / yes
Sunday	1-Oct	Pt Hudson	marina	yes	Pt Wilson	yes / yes
Monday	2-Oct	Sequim	marina	yes	N Olympic	yes / yes
Tuesday	3-Oct	Sequim	marina	yes	N Olympic	yes / yes
Wednesday	4-Oct	Fisherman Bay (Lopez)	marina	ferry		yes / yes
Thursday	5-Oct	Fossil Bay (Sucia Island)	public dock	ferry		yes / yes
Friday	6-Oct	Friday Harbor (San Juan Island)	marina	ferry	Friday Harbor	yes / yes
Saturday	7-Oct	Friday Harbor (San Juan Island)	marina	ferry	Friday Harbor	yes / yes
Sunday	8-Oct	Garrison or Westcott Bay (San Juan)	anchor	ferry		yes / yes
Monday	9-Oct	Barlow Bay in Mackaye Harbor (Lopez)	anchor	ferry		no / high tide line
Tuesday	10-Oct	Watmough Bay (Lopez)	anchor	ferry		no / beach
Wednesday	11-Oct	Spencer Spit (Lopez)	anchor	ferry		no / beach
Thursday	12-Oct	Blind Bay (Shaw Island)	anchor	ferry		no / beach
Friday	13-Oct	Rosario Resort (Orcas Island)	marina	ferry	Skagit Bay	yes / yes
Saturday	14-Oct	Rosario Resort (Orcas Island)	marina	ferry	Skagit Bay	yes / yes
Sunday	15-Oct	Rosario Resort (Orcas Island)	marina	ferry	Skagit Bay	yes / yes



FISHERMEN'S FALL FESTIVAL

BOATING SAFETY 4KIDS NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

By P/C Linda Martin, JN Everett

Boating Safety 4 Kids is what Everett does well. There is an event in Ballard on September 30th that we partnered with Seattle back in 2019. It was a blast! We are signed up to do it again this year.

The event is called Fishermen's Fall Festival. Its mission is to provide a free community event with the focus on family fun bringing awareness to Fishermen's Terminal and its retail businesses, promote the commercial seafood industry and the North Pacific Fishing Fleet and bring awareness to the positive economic impact on commercial seafood industry and Fishermen's Terminal provides to the local economy. Also, to spotlight the benefit the Seattle Fishermen's Memorial and the services it provides to the commercial seafood industry including but not limited to safety and bereavement issues with all proceeds going to the memorial. The festival is a non-profit fund-raising event funded through donations from the commercial seafood industry, Port of Seattle, Fishermen's Terminal tenants and various local businesses.

In 2019 the Boating Safety 4 Kids booth gave out Passports to the kids coming by the booth. They had to complete three activities to receive a color book. There was also time to talk to the parents regarding boating safety and get them signed up for classes and Vessel Safety Checks. We had over 10 volunteers at the event from the Everett and Seattle Squadrons, and we reached over 80 kids that afternoon.

Andy Gregory, the Sr. Program Manager, at Fishermen's Terminal loved our plan because it keeps the kids engaged and teaches them water safety.

We are looking for volunteers from Everett, Seattle, and Bellevue Squadrons to come and help with the Life Jacket Style Show, Buckles in the Ice Chest, and the Rescue Line Toss activities. We need a greeter to give the kids the Passports. We need a person to give out the color books at the end of the activity. We need people to talk to the parents and other boaters.

Are you willing and able on Saturday, September 30th?

There will be two 4-hour shifts if we get enough helpers. Setup begins at 10 am and tear down is after 6pm.



If you would like to help with Boating Safety 4 Kids at the Fishermen's Fall Festival and you have never done it before, let me know.

It's super easy and SUPER FUN!!!

Just call or click...425-422-4721 or PDFprettyfancydude@yahoo.com

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September 2023

27 September - 14 October

End of Summer Cruise Adventure

October 2023

7 October D/16 Fall Conference

San Juan Island YC, Friday Harbor

