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CONNECTIONS and REFLECTIONS

As the holiday season fast approaches, I find myself reflecting on holidays in the past and why they are remembered. Through the eyes of myself as a child, I was excited about the hoped for gifts from Santa. As a much older child, I remember many of the holidays because of the people I celebrated with. Celebrations included my immediate family and extended family who would sometimes celebrate with sentimental toasts and tears. As I grew older and had my own family, our celebrations were smaller as we lived away from extended family. But we celebrated with new friends in Virginia and later in Seattle. We had connected with people to celebrate.

Connecting with people takes an effort on our part. We can connect through our work, our boating groups, our religious affiliations and even at the grocery store when we help someone get something off a shelf or say hello to the cashier. The key part to connecting is stepping out of our place of comfort ...saying hello.

Connecting is an important element in our success as an organization. Connecting can include introducing yourself to a fellow boater at a marina or a marine supply store. Connecting can be saying hello to someone at a squadron meeting that you may not know very well .Connecting allows us to meet new people and deepen relationships with those we already know.

Each of us has a challenge....Say hello...shake someone's hand...pick up the phone and call someone you haven't seen in a while...take cookies to someone

We wish you a
 "Merry Christmas"
 "Happy Hanukkah"
 "Joyous Kwanzaa"
 "Happy Holidays"
 And a Safe, Well, Happy
 & Prosperous New Year



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who isn't feeling well..."Reach out and touch someone".

Take the challenge and connect. Invite a new connection to join you for an evening out at a squadron event or to a program at your squadron meetings. We never know the impact that a "hello" will have.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year

News From District Fall Conference and Zoom Meeting with NXO. I hope these news updates are helpful.

At our D16 Fall Conference, some issues and info came up that I promised follow up: The ABC app that has been promoted as a marketing tool for our recreational boaters is no longer being upgraded to be available for download on the newer phones. It is still available for phones that were released before 2023. I raised this issue to our NXO as a loss of a great marketing tool and was told that he would look into this. Stay tuned for more follow up.

Per our NXO, the dissolution of Poverty Bay is completed and will be finalized at the Board of Directors meeting this month (November).

The IMIS management system that is being developed to manage the annual dues renewals and other functions both for HQ and later for squadrons is close to a launch time...probably around the new year.

The Cooperative Marketing matching dollars that will be available for each squadron is slated to begin in the new year. Watch your Member News for info. When I get more information, I will pass it on to you.

It recently came to my attention that some of our Member Benefit companies have been sending out information to members. I questioned where the company would get specific member information. I did an inquiry to the Member Benefits Chair as well as our NAO. I was told that some of the companies as a part of their involvement as a benefit provider are given names and addresses only of members.

Any member who does not want to have their name and address be released can opt out by going to your "Member Profile" on the Member Home Page and go to the tab "Managing Your Personal Information". Scroll to "Receive Benefits Announcements" and change the entry to "No". Remember to select "update" for your selection to take effect.

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Loon-Song

Seasons Greetings to all!

V/C Ralph Bernard (NXO) hosted a zoom meeting for district officers nationwide on November 9th. He shared several aspects of the business our National Officers are currently handling:

- The upcoming online IMIS program which will enable auto billing for dues and track member education. Planned release date is now January 2024.
- A search is underway to find a replacement for Mary Catherine, our HQ Office Manager, retiring after an incredible 42 years of service. Finding someone to match even half of Mary's competence seems like a really tough task. She will be sorely missed.
- A search is also underway to hire a new Marketing company. Six companies submitted bids, and three are still in the running.
- FIVE more squadrons have been dissolved. National suggests that weak squadrons merge rather than dissolve. This allows the merging squadrons to keep and share their bank accounts and other assets. Alas, Poverty Bay is a recent D-16 failed squadron. I'm asking you to consider joining the D-16 Bridge. We need your ideas and energy to help keep our remaining squadrons serving the boating public.

Ralph's report was followed by an interesting Q&A session. This included two questions from our D/C Annette Ferguson. She pointed out that the excellent USPS Boating App would not download to the most recent iPhones. Ralph said he would examine that problem ASAP. Annette also wanted to know when the National funds for Coop Advertising would be available. Ralph replied in one or two months. Sharing information benefits us all.

They say that hours pass slowly as we get older, but the years rush along. Your 2024 district Change of Watch will be held in Bellingham on Saturday, February 24. The event will start early afternoon and then the host Bellingham squadron will hold their own COW. More specific details will be available by E-Blasts, but I want you to "Save the Date". Come for both events if you're able. My squadron always has a fun COW & Bellingham is known as the "City of Subdued Excitement"!

It is with a great deal of sadness that I share the loss of our dear friend Ted Shanks. He passed away Tuesday morning at home one day short of his 82nd Birthday. Ted was a long time active member of the North Olympic Power Squadron. He will be missed by all!

Cards may be sent to his family at his home address:

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Greetings USPS District 16, America's Boating Club of Washington, Idaho, and Alaska™

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Greetings District 16

It looks like we made thru another year. Did you get all your clocks changed? The cold weather is setting in, and the smell of wood smoke is in the air. I am probably the weird one around here, but this is my favorite time of the year. Things get quieter, people seem to move a little slower, (especially the traffic, unfortunately), and the world seems just a bit less frantic.

I was able to attend the Fall Conference in Friday Harbor, and I can report that our first try at a hybrid meeting went very well, both technologically, and physically. From the Education Department perspective, I met with several SEOs, in person and virtually, and the reports from the field are encouraging. Five Squadrons scheduled 19 classes, and completed 16. 113 Students took and passed classes.

Our outlook for 2023/24 is a work in progress. We at the district would like to work toward getting our classes out to multiple squadrons, so that squadrons that are not able to produce classes by themselves, can still provide educational opportunities to their members, and hopefully hold onto their membership. We are also looking to offer classes outside District 16. We have worked with District 32 this year, and several squadrons have been able offer educational presentations to folks outside the Pacific Northwest. The wider our reach can be, the better our chances of reaching new prospects for membership.

I have been working with the SEOs during our monthly meetings to organize and schedule district sponsored classes and seminars across the district, along with District 32 squadrons, and we are also working with the District calendar to make sure that everyone is able to see what classes will be available in the next six months. Please keep in touch with your local SEO for classes, and remember that you are ambassadors for USPS, District 16, and your own local squadrons. If you know of people who are getting into, or back into boating, please reach out and let them know what we can offer. And, if there is a class that you are looking for or a seminar that peaks your interest please let your SEO know, or you can contact me at phnx789@msn.com. Remember also that you too can be an instructor. In Washington State, in order to teach the America's Boating Course, you do need to take and pass the Instructor Development Class, but to teach an Advanced Grade or Elective Class, you only need the enthusiasm and willingness to share your knowledge with your fellow students.

That's all I have tonight. I want to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season. Stay Warm, Stay Safe, and if you venture out onto the water, remember all the safety knowledge we have.



Please remember your Life Jackets !





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Reflections...

In case you haven't noticed, the hours of daylight have drastically reduced. Once again, we wake up in the dark and we come home in the dark. The winter solstice begins on Thursday December 21 this year at 7:27 p.m. PST—the shortest day of the year in terms of hours of daylight. If you are like me, I'm craving more sleep for some reason.

But we still have things to do and looking toward the holidays is a good thing to do. I realize that I never really have a chance to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving or a Merry Christmas or a Happy New Year. There are many other holidays besides these standard ones, and so as not to forget those, I am extending a wish for a *Happy Holiday Season and a New Year full of new opportunities and adventures*. Before we know it, it will be 2024. Can you believe it?

Along with holiday wishes, I would like to take this opportunity to take a quick look at the upcoming squadron bridge responsibilities by reminding you all:

- Consider attending the 2024 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch in Orlando Florida. Just as the traditional nominating process for the squadrons brings in a new bridge, the National Officers will conclude their terms and new officers will be elected to various positions. Visit: [National Meetings Committee \(usps.org\)](https://www.usps.org/national-meetings-committee)
- And speaking of Changes of Watch—don't forget to notify our district commander of the date for your squadron's Change of Watch! The district commander or their representative will be available to swear in your squadron's new leadership. (And some of us just like attending so we can thank the outgoing/incoming commander in person!)
- Visit the Ship's Store, [Insignia and Flags \(shopusps.org\)](https://shopusps.org), to order your Change of Watch paraphernalia. Changes of Watch normally take place in April although we have a couple squadrons who are earlier and at least one squadron that holds theirs in May.

I would also like to suggest that you try something different in your squadron. Never tried Co-Op Charting? It's like a treasure hunt and fun with a group of your fellow members.

Never hosted a rendezvous? Talk to your Boating Activities Chair and find out how you can participate. Think it would be daunting? Ask a "seasoned member" to co-host with you! And when you think about a location, consider your members who may no longer have a boat; who may want to attend either by land yacht or perhaps stay in a nearby hotel.

Be adventurous. Skagit Bay's boating activities chair sets up adventures. Adventures that take members on day trips to a variety of different places in Washington and even up into Vancouver BC. We are a boating organization, and we still educate the local recreational boating community how to be safe and confident on the water. But we can, as time passes, try new things. Our membership is the heart of who we are. Remember "Membership is still Job # 1!"

Sending wishes that whatever festivities you celebrate, may they be a joyous way to begin the new year!

It was a Smashing Success! By Ken Smith

Fall has arrived, our boats are tucked away for the season and the third annual D16 “End of the Season Cruise Adventure” is in the books. It is time to reflect on last Summers activities and dream of adventures to come. Following is a quick summary of the cruise.

Nine D16 boats, crewed by their intrepid members, braved the unpredictable October weather and participated in the Third Annual D16 End of the Season Cruise Adventure - from September 28 through October 15. The cruise spanned 18 days and covered over 283 nautical miles; all within easy reach for most of our squadrons. There were marina stops, most accessible by RV, anchoring stops and most importantly every place was “dog friendly”. Below is a chart with the entire route. We made stops in Port Townsend and Sequim where we had potlucks with the Point Wilson and North Olympic squadrons. A big thank you to the officers and members of Point Wilson and North Olympic who opened their hearts and made all of us feel welcome. Also thank you to the Skagit Bay squadron for arranging our last two nights at the Rosario Resort on Orcas Island.

As cruise leader, I wish to thank everyone who participated in the adventure, adding their seamanship knowledge and comradery in making this the most successful end of season cruise to date. Every year just keeps getting better and better. Read below what just some of what attendees have told me:

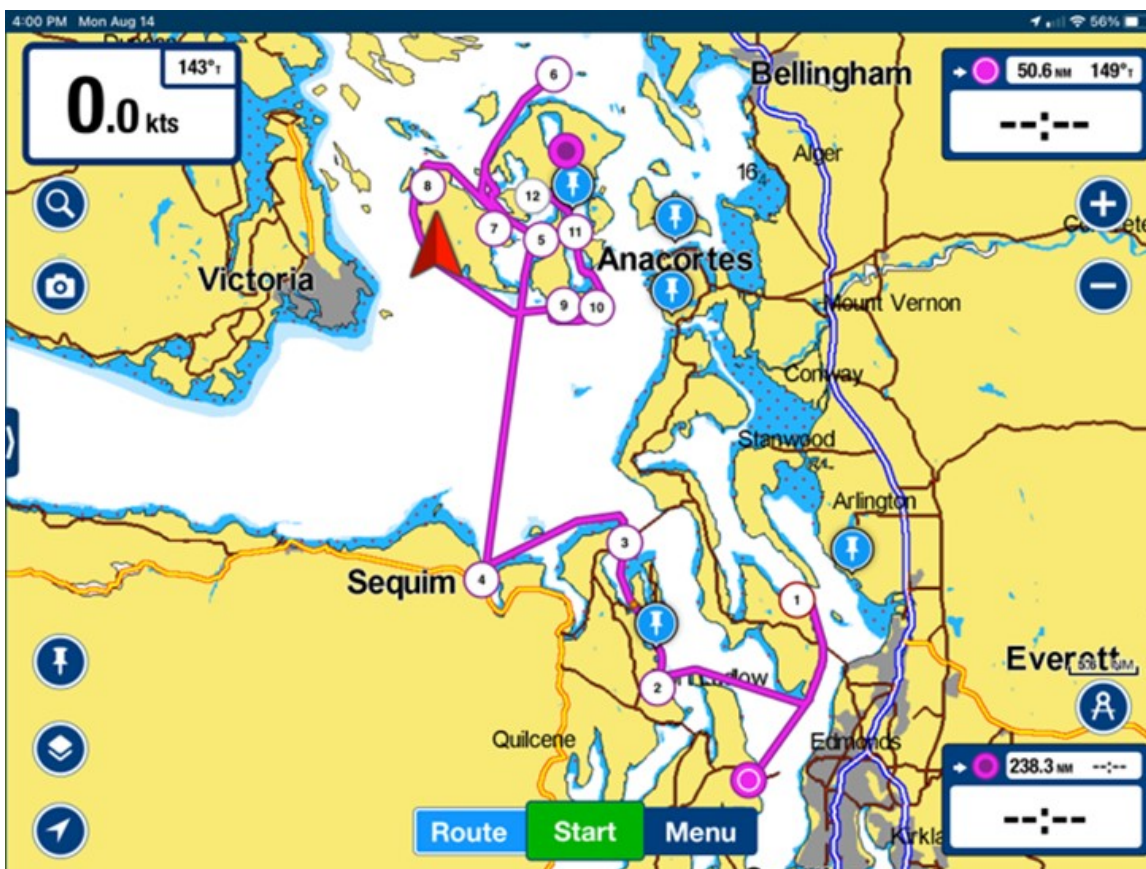
“What a learning opportunity – thanks!”

“I have never been to Sequim, it’s really nice here.”

“I would never have crossed the strait in the fog alone – check that off my list”

“I can’t believe others didn’t come.”

“Where are we going next year?”



Geodetic Marks Not Registered with NGS

P/R/C Jim Harden, JN-CN
District Cooperative Charting Chair

This is from the Co-Op Charting Committee Newsletter – Thanks Greg Shay

Most times when we go out looking for geodetic markers, we have done some pre-planning and have the data sheets for the marks we are seeking to recover. Or we might be out somewhere and decide to use one of our smartphone apps (e.g., *BenchMap* [Android] or *Benchmark Hunter* [Android or iOS]) to see what marks are nearby and then go find them. In those situations, you know that the marks that appear on the app's electronic maps are all in the National Geodetic Survey Data Explorer (NGSDE) database. And, if they have not been recovered in the past two years by a USPS person or in one year by some other person or agency, the marks qualify for recovery and Co-Op Charting credit.

But suppose we are again out somewhere – maybe not even looking for marks – and we unexpectedly spot a survey disk in a sidewalk, building wall, or elsewhere. Does that sound familiar? So, what do you do? First, while at the mark's location, look in the *BenchMap* or *Benchmark Hunter* app or NGSDE website on your smartphone to see if there is a mark showing at that location. If there is something close, click on it for the information popup or upload the datasheet to see if the marks designation (the marks official name) matches the one on the disk. If it does, you are good to go for a recovery and report as you now also have the mark's PID etc.

But what do you do if the mark does not show on the app or NGSDE maps. We suggest you go ahead and take appropriate photos of the mark and record any useful measurements. When convenient later, get the email of one of your USPS National Coop Charting Committee (CoChCo) members at <https://www.usps.org/departments/12000/12200> and send them the photos (with coordinates in or on them). It turns out that CoChCo has additional resources for looking up marks that might not be in NGSDE but that still might be in an NGS database somewhere and eligible for credit.

Please be aware that some agencies like the US Army Corp of Engineers do not have many of their survey disks registered in NGS. Some other local, county, state, national, and non-government agencies also may not have some of their marks in the NGS registry. There are a few possible reasons for this:

- 1) They do not submit their marks to NGS,
- 2) NGS does not see a need to have their marks included in the NGS database, or
- 3) The marks do not meet some of the requirements of NGS for registration.

On rare occasions, you might come across a mark that you are pretty sure should be in the NGS database, but it does not show up. Perhaps it just slipped through the cracks! They reported that it could get a PID and NGS datasheet at some time in the future if an agency were to do a leveling (accurate height determination) on the mark.

If you have any questions on geodetics or any of the other Coop Charting programs, I'm here to help. You can reach me by texting: (360) 870-5530.

There is still plenty of time until the end of the year to get out there and do some marks, ATONS, bridges, and marinas.

Happy hunting!



The Boat Operator Certification Program

From Norm Pennington <nwpenn@sbcglobal.net>

D/Lt/C Dave McBride communicated a question to R/C Norm Pennington, chairperson of the Boat Operator Certification Committee, that came up at the 2023 Friday Harbor Fall Conference. The question asked was about the benefits of having Boat Operator Certification when traveling internationally or insurance wise?

Response from Pennington follows: "At the moment there is no known benefit for chartering, especially in the international arena. My first thought was the San Juan Island or the Eastern Caribbean such as the Virgin Islands. Originally, there were great expectations regarding international recognition under UN Resolution 40 for our certification program that never materialized.

On the insurance side, there is, or at least there was a great (USPS) insurance benefit for education and certification. On this page it mentions discounts for BOC certification: <https://www.usps.org/departments/14000/1450001/1450001-benefits/163-usps/administrative/member-benefits/1280-mcgriff-seibels-williams>. I seem to recall that I am getting a 28% discount with that carrier on my big boat, however 0% discount with a different carrier on my runabout that McGriff doesn't cover.

Unfortunately I do not see anything here: <https://www.mcgriff.com/abcboatinsurance.html>

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As the year comes to an end I urge you to take care of yourself and avoid accidents, because spare parts for old models like you and I are no longer in stock. Forward to other old models you care about.

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Bremerton Sail & Power Squadron History Corner

In September 1951, five members of the Tacoma Power Squadron Started an Elementary Piloting Course at Olympic College: Cdr. Ernie Thompson; Dr. Robert Sprenger; Harvey Johnson; Neil Armstrong; and Earl Riebow. Their objective was to form a Squadron in the Bremerton area. Seventy persons were present for the first night at Civic Center (O. C.), the room assigned was too small, so half the class had to use the stage area behind the curtain. After the examination, eleven men became members of Tacoma Power Squadron, that was on 12 December 1951,

During the Spring of 1952, a group of Tacoma Power Squadron members, including Cdr. Cecil Powel, and the members from Bremerton met with District Commander Richard McCann at Olympic College and formed Bremerton Power Squadron. At that meeting they elected: Maurice L. Wallis, Commander; Weymar A. Rosso, Lt. Commander; Carl G. Nichols, Secretary-Treasurer, and applied for a Charter.

The Charter, which is dated June 04, 1952, was presented by District Commander Richard McCann at the Installation of Officers on 2 July 1952, at the "Top of the Town" Restaurant, in Bremerton. The following persons becoming Charter Members of Bremerton Power Squadron:

Arthur Anderson	Owen R, Loftus
Ansel B. Chitty	Irving L. Munsch
Harold E. Edwards	Edward J. Murphy
Lawrence E. Foster	Carl G. Nichols
Joseph L. Gates	Alvin G. Nyhus
C. L. Klieves	Weymar A. Rosso
Maurice L. Wallis	

In 1955-56, we were the 'Parent Squadron' for Agate Pass. Buz Whitely of Poulsbo is the only remaining member of the original Agate Pass group of 12 who broke off from the Bremerton Power Squadron to launch the Agate Pass squadron in 1956. And his parents had been among the first in the Bremerton Squadron. It has become a tradition to have a Joint Dinner meeting with them each year (November) with the Host Squadron alternating between the two.

Note: Today Buz is still an active member of the Cyber Squadron (6404), having transferred there when Agate Pass Dissolved. Buzz joined the USPS on 4/16/1952, has accumulated 33 Merit Marks and 70 years of membership. He became a Senior Member in 1957 and a Life Member in 1977. His official title is (A036450) PC William (Buz) Whitely, JN.

Holy Cross Cemetery and Funeral

James E. Roeber

(February 24, 1929 - November 02, 2023)

James Edward (Jim) Roeber

Spokane, WA-November 2, 2023 – James Edward (Jim) Roeber died peacefully at home on November 2, 2023, surrounded by his beloved wife of 73 years, Jean, and other family members. He was 94 years old.



Jim was born February 24, 1929, in Newark, New Jersey to William Frederick and Reta Bernice (Carter) Roeber. He graduated from Blair Academy in Blairstown, NJ in 1945 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY in 1949. While at Cornell, he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau, participated in ROTC, and was a member of the Pershing Rifles Company. He also participated in the Cornell Dramatic Club where he met Jean, who years later he described as “my wife, my love, my lover, my mate, my helpmate, my spouse, my dearest friend, my life’s companion.” After graduation he began a career in teaching.

Jim and Jean married on August 19, 1950. Jim moved into managerial work at General Electric in order to support a growing family and earned his MBA at Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH in June 1954. He left GE to work in the aerospace industry. In 1961 he accepted a job with Aerospace Corporation and moved the family, which by then included five children to southern California. He later left Aerospace to become General Manager of General Steel & Wire, a company owned by his cousin Jim Smith. After four years there, the company was sold to a larger competitor and Jim went into business brokering steel and wire for a short time, before moving into commercial real estate. He obtained a broker’s license and worked as a commercial real estate broker in California until 1978 when the family moved again, this time to Spokane, WA. He worked as a commercial real estate broker in Spokane until his retirement in 2004.

Jim enjoyed time on the water and shortly after moving to California became active in the United States Power Squadron, a national education and boating safety organization. He moved through the ranks of the local organization both in California and in Spokane and then on to the national organization, eventually serving on the National Bridge as National Education Officer from 2000-2003. He also served as the USPS representative on the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators for several years and on the USPS Nominating Committee.

Bremerton Sail and Power Squadron

CHRISTMAS

Brunch

Amelia's Restaurant
Bremerton National Airport
8850 WA - 3
Bremerton, WA 98312

1 pm on Saturday, December 9th

in a semiprivate main runway view location within the restaurant.

We will be ordering from the menu so that you may control your food and beverage costs.

Please bring canned or nonperishable items for a local food bank

NO NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETINGS



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Subj: BOATING SAFETY APPLICATION FOR SMART PHONES

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1. The Coast Guard Boating Safety application has allowed smart phone users on the Apple and Android mobile operating system platforms to input a profile, email a float plan, review safety equipment requirements, and obtain emergency assistance, as well as other features. Unfortunately, the application is no longer available in the application stores since updates have not been possible.
 2. The Coast Guard is exploring the future of the application and hopes to put out additional information in the next 90 days. In the meantime, Auxiliarists should advise anyone who is interested in the application that it is not available, and users who have the application on their smart phones should be advised to delete it until further notice.
 3. Questions should be directed to the Boating Safety Division (CG-BSX-2) at (202) 372-1062 or at rbsinfo@uscg.mil.
 4. Internet release is authorized.

For many reasons including the value of keeping communication lines clear and open as well as facilitating access to training and educational tools, all Auxiliarists are urged to have their own email address and to keep it updated in AUXDATA II.

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2023-2024***

December 2023

9 December Bremerton S&P Christmas Brunch

February 2024

15 February Spring Cardinal Points Deadline

March 2024

March D16 Spring Conference

May 2024

15 May Summer Cardinal Points Deadline

