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Summer 2023 Quarterly Newsletter



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Words For the 2023-2024 Bridge Year –

As the 2023-2024 bridge year begins, it is time for every member in District 16 to take a deep breath, push up your sleeves, and get to work. All squadrons/clubs have an opportunity this year to stabilize and grow. I believe that reaching out to our communities by teaching our classes and seminars is critical to bringing in new members. It is also critical to develop and nurture our existing members. If we focus on both, we will stabilize and grow.

How do we do this? Each squadron/club can begin the process by establishing some measurable goals that can focus on immediate needs as well as goals that after two to three years will help establish continuity between bridge years. The goals can and should have member input regarding the classes, seminars and other educational offerings they would like to have. Additionally, member input as to boating and on-land activities can increase participation.

Engage your members by asking for help with short-term projects or committees. Engaged members typically stay engaged ... which means member retention. For example, members can call other members, set up the room for a meeting, make reservations for a dinner outing, bake a pie, etc. You get the picture.

Use the resources on the National and District websites. Do you use the Info Center on the National website? Have you checked the Resources tab on the District website? There is a "boat load" of information on these sites.



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Call a District officer if you have a question. The district bridge is committed to helping wherever and whenever they can. If the officer doesn't know the answer, that officer will go to National to get the answer.

Come to the conferences and district sponsored rendezvous'. The Poulsbo rendezvous has been given a boost this year by changing some things and adding back some previous activities. The raffle is back with a twist. This year any squadron/club that donates an item valued at \$50 or more, will go home with some money. All raffle proceeds will be equally divided between the participating squadron and district.

Cooperative Charting will be added with a Geodetic Marker and an on-the-water activity. If you are unsure how the Cooperative Charting Program works, join the group. Try it out and add it as a squadron/club event, i.e. Scavenger Hunt.

Boat Operator Certification (BOC) returns to our Poulsbo rendezvous. Ted Shanks from North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron will be leading the group of our own mariners through the paces to become an IN (Inland Navigator). The BOC program recently received a \$1500 donation of funds designated for the program. P/D/C L.D. Brown, SN-CN managed the account and transitioned the money to our District 16 budget. This money will provide the district the ability to support the expenses of the BOC program.

These items are just a beginning of ideas to consider. Put on your "thinking cap", take a deep breath, push up your sleeves and get to work.

Here is to a great year! Annette

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Loon-Song

Well, I'm back again. Five years ago I completed a three-year stint as District Education Officer (DEO). When that was done, I was asked if I wanted to stay on the district bridge as DAO, but I chose instead for two years in National Education Publications. Then another year as Bellingham's commander. Even a heart attack for me last year has not slowed me down, although that's more the result of Bellingham's superb cardiac unit than my stamina. If you want to survive heart problems, consider a move to Bellingham.

This year, after visiting Everett for the D-16 Spring Conference, it became clear that district needed some help for its bridge. Annette Ferguson had agreed to be district commander for a second time, following two consecutive years as D/C by Ken Smith. But Annette had no backup. District XO and AO were both vacant for this year. Having been quite vocal opposing National's plan last year to eliminate all districts, I felt a strong need to step forward and help out. I was offered the role of District XO and so here I am, or should I say DXO pro-tem until the next District conference in October.

So, how can I best help? Although I'm generally an optimistic guy, the reality is our power squadron is in trouble. We are losing members (and squadrons) at an alarming rate. Our own Poverty Bay Squadron has just "jumped ship" and that's a big worry. This was a strong squadron for many years, with stellar members such as Joanna Webster, Rick Edel, and Craig Brown, but now was unable to find any members willing to serve on its bridge. There was a time when being asked to serve on a squadron's bridge was an honor and privilege, but those happy days are gone, same for District too.

Can the decline be halted? I believe it can, but some things must change. Membership in any squadron requires two essential factors. First, an excellent education program to get new members, and second, fun, interesting meetings and cruises to keep all members. This is not a new idea. Its been around for many years, never better said than "Come for the education, stay for the friends". Our District is doing a good job communicating with squadrons, thanks to our DEO Jim West, webmaster Jim Haglund, and our amazing secretary Barbara Erickson. But we need squadrons to re-focus on better education and more fun. That's my plan. Please help me make those happen with your ideas and energy..

Cardinal Points Instructions for each quarterly newsletter articles

1. Please have your articles to me by the 15th by 5PM. (If you are going to be late, please let me know).
2. Please use Arial 12 pt front for your articles
3. Please Single Space lines
4. Indent 3 spaces with each new paragraph
5. Label your article with your first and last name or your officer title.
6. Submit all articles in word format and attached to your email.
7. All pictures are to be submitted as .jpg format
8. Run "spell check" before submitting your article



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

"Boating is Fun, We'll Show You How"

Wow! What a difference a week makes. Last weekend, I had extra blankets on my bed, and now I have switched to summer weight sheets, and removed all but one blanket. The sun came out yesterday bright and clear and nicely warm. I hope you are all looking forward to a new summer season of boating or RVing, or whatever your choice of recreation is.

Looking back over the last three months, a lot more than the weather has changed. With the easing of COVID issues, and the expiration of in person meeting restrictions, we are now starting to see Squadrons hold their regular monthly meeting in person, which is a relief. I was honored to represent the District Commander at two squadrons Changes of Watch: Bellingham and North Olympic. In both cases I was welcomed with accustomed USPS hospitality. In fact, one of Bellingham's members offered accommodations for the night of the meeting. So I want to say a very hearty "Thank You" to Peter Coggan and Maureen Ryan for opening their home to me.

The winter/spring class season has come to an end as we all look to begin boating again in the fine (if somewhat early) weather. Several squadrons have completed a spring ABC Class, and are finishing advanced grade classes. I participated in an early expo at Everett's Harbor Marine location, where we met a quite a few new and seasoned boaters looking not only for education opportunities, but Vessel Safety Checks, and other contact opportunities. In that spirit, I want to reiterate something I mentioned last month. Now that we are out in the marinas and on the water, please be sure to take an opportunity to act as ambassadors for USPS, District 16, and your local squadron. If your marina or yacht club is hosting an event, mention our organization when and where you can. Let people know that we are out there, and can assist with basic Boater Education, Navigation Instruction, and associated information like our Elective Classes. If you know someone who needs an updated Vessel Safety Check, put them in touch with your local VSE contact, or let P/D/C Craig Brown know and he will be happy to find one of our district Examiners to assist.

As I said above, a lot of us will be out boating this summer or otherwise enjoying the Pacific Northwest recreational opportunities, so there won't be many classes until fall. However, it is not too early to begin thinking about the upcoming months, if not actually planning for classes. Reach out to marinas and yacht clubs, find out what gaps exist in their boating knowledge, and see what we can do to help fill those gaps. Fine weather such as is predicted for this coming week will mean that there will be more boaters out on the waters of Puget Sound and our lakes and rivers. I got an updated report from our government contacts that more than 700 people died in various water related tragedies, most of which could have been avoided with more education and training. Our mission in the United States Power Squadrons is to provide that training, so let's all see if we can't get our name and brand out there.

In closing, let me wish each and every one of you the very best wishes for a fun and above all safe summer of recreation. I hope to see you out on the water.

Please remember your Life Jackets !





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This and That
A few things from your District
Secretary

Thank you to the commanders for confirming their squadron/club rosters. The District Roster will be available on the district website by June 1. If you find there is a need for corrections, please let me know, bj46@msn.com.

Just a reminder that the Cardinal Points is a district newsletter. Please feel free to use it to share information or articles with other squadrons. We welcome articles from other than district officers!

I have been asked if the Secretary Department would be holding an “in-coming officers” training. I had thought this would be a good idea, but wonder how many new secretaries we have. It is one of those positions where the secretaries tend to hold that position for multiple years. So I’m wondering if it would be a better idea to hold a panel discussion. Each squadron runs a wee bit differently, and I’m sure the secretary functions vary within our district also. I am contemplating maybe holding a secretary panel meeting during the Poulsbo Rendezvous. If that doesn’t work, perhaps a Zoom meeting in early June. Thoughts?

One of the things I’ve noticed at the National level is that I believe the Dues Payment System can now be found under the Treasurer information. This is the site where you can create Squadron Reports. Reports that can provide you with the status of each member of your squadron. Most common Status Terms are:

- Dues Status: one month before dues are due.
- Past Due: Past Payment due date
- NON-Renewal: member is no longer a member of USPS|ABC
- Past Member: Non-renewal previous year

To access this database, please visit:

https://www.usps.org/dues/reports/Login.php?ret_link=index.php

You will need your Squadron Account Code as well as the Squadron Password. That would be the “user, updater or master” password. If you need help, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

What does one do with this report? Use the [Due] list to thank them for being members, remind them of the upcoming events and a subtle hint that their membership renewal is coming up soon. Use the [Past Due] list to reach out to check to see if they forgot to pay their membership renewal. Use the [Non-Renewal] list to conduct an “exit interview.” It all takes time. But it is worth it to retain a member. Let me know how you use the Reports feature or if you have tips, share them **Please**.

The Fall Governing Board is taking place in Kansas City Missouri. If you would like to attend, the National Secretary’s Department is holding Committee Meetings. Please come to meet your fellow secretaries, maybe sightsee – after all, Kansas City is known for its BBQ, its water fountains, and perhaps the Missouri River. Visit:

https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=45 for more information.

Thank you for your faithfulness to your squadron and therefore, the United States Power Squadrons. We would not be here, except for your belief in what we do and who we are.



D/16 Annual Poulsbo Rendezvous June 9 – 11, 2023



It is time once again to SAVE THE DATE for one of our favorite district events. The Poulsbo Rendezvous. The place where there is plenty of slips for boaters, the Poulsbo Inn for those who come by car, and a destination for RVers! All happening in the city of Poulsbo – known for its famous-and-we-can't-miss-it Sluys' Bakery! That in itself motivates considering attending this year! Being in Poulsbo brings a welcome set of memories and opportunities for new ones.

COME JOIN US!

DOCKING: Dave McBride and crew will be assisting the boats with docking *Thursday—Saturday*. Everybody is required to call in on **VHF 72**, prior to entering the marina. Even if you do not wish assistance in docking, please inform the docking crew you have arrived.

REGISTRATION: Friday and Saturday, rendezvous check-in will be at the multi-purpose room (pictured) located at the entrance to "E" dock. Times for registration will be posted on front of the building. You must send in the \$10.00 dock reservation fee (non-refundable) with your reservation to ensure you will have a confirmed slip. The remainder of your moorage fees (for your entire stay) must be paid directly to the Port of Poulsbo. **The reservation for your meals and moorage must be received by May 18, 2023.** No guarantees for the dinner or dock space after this date.

NEW THIS YEAR! It is always good to add something new to stir things up. This year we are fortunate to have two new items!

- ◆ **A Co-op Charting Adventure** led by Dave McBride that will feature the search for geodetic markers and a navigational aid component. Opportunity to learn about this fun, adventurous, and rewarding skill!
- ◆ **A "Share the Wealth" Silent Auction!** This auction will provide an opportunity for the squadrons and the District to earn rewards. Yes, each squadron that donates an item (\$50.00 value) for the auction will receive a share of the proceeds. It is a win-win for everyone!

FRIDAY, June 9, 2023

- 1:30pm:** Flare Shoot Training. Join Craig Brown for the Flare Shoot training session on the beach at the end of the boardwalk. This is a great opportunity to obtain "hands-on" experience with your on-board safety equipment. Don't wait until you have an emergency to figure out how to use these critical items.
- 5:30pm – 7:30pm:** Attend our traditional "**Dock Party**" on "E" Dock." Members/Guests will setup tables and chairs (tents or covering depending on weather). Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share to this BYOB event! All alcoholic beverages must remain within the docks and cannot pass the ramp.

SATURDAY:

- 9:00am:** Wake up to the smell of freshly brewed coffee and join us for pastries in the Multi-purpose building!
- 10:30am Co-op Charting Adventure:** Practical hands-on search for geodetic marks in the area. Join Dave McBride and Jim West at the Multi-purpose building to begin skill building in the art of geodetics! Put on your walking shoes and get ready to have fun and perform a bit of civic service!
- 1:00pm:** Fire Extinguisher (real fire) practice and training at the Fire Pit.
- 3:00pm:** Man-Overboard Recovery practice heaving line throw & recover "Oscar" (the same weight & size of a person) from the water on "E Dock." Bring your life jacket.
- 5:30pm: Pre-Silent Auction.** Each squadron is asked to donate a **new** item valued at \$50.00. Bring your items to the Poulsbo Yacht Club. Raffle winners will be announced at 7:30pm.
- 6:00pm:** Make your way to the Poulsbo Yacht Club for a delicious grilled chicken breast meal! Includes baked potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, and dessert. BYOB (Water & soda will be available). All plates and utensils will be provided. Dinner cost is \$25.00 per person – reserve on the Registration Form!

Your Rendezvous host this year for docking is Dave McBride, davmcb@comcast.net and

Annette Ferguson, newfy03@gmail.com for general questions!



Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: June 8-11, 2023

Registration:

Name(s): _____ Squadron: _____
"Cell" Phone: _____ Email: _____

*****If you are coming for any of the rendezvous events PLEASE register*****
Registering only for events/fellowship (no moorage or meal) circle YES

All reservations must be received per below prior to May 18, 2023.

No guarantee for meals or moorage will be given after this date!!

Friday Skills: Flare shoot (fire real flares) training in afternoon (1330). On Friday because of timing of Tides.

Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB&F) "Dock Party" from 5:00-7:30+PM on "E Dock". Members/guest set up tables & chairs (and tents/covers depending on weather) at the end of "E Dock". Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres & BYOB to share with fellow district members and guests.

Saturday Coffee & Sweets: 9:00AM at the Poulsbo Marina's "party barge".

Saturday Skills:

- **Co-Op Chart** (Geodetic & Navigational) practice/training in morning (1030) @ multi-purpose room.
- **Fire Extinguisher** (real fire) practice/training in early afternoon (1300) @ Fire Pit.
- **Man Overboard Recovery** practice heaving line throw & recover from the water "Oscar" (the same weight & size of a person) in afternoon (1500) @ "E Dock" To-Be-Announced. Bring your life jacket.

Saturday Evening Dinner: 6:00PM at the Poulsbo Yacht Club. Catered Grilled chicken breast, Baked potato salad, Pasta salad, Baked beans, and Dessert. BYOB (Water & soda will be available).

Please note quantity eating: _____ **Total Meal Amount (\$25/person):** \$ _____

Dietary considerations: _____

MOORAGE Reservations:

- **Pay a nonrefundable \$10 for moorage reservation prior to May 18, 2023.**
- Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is \$1.50 per foot (30' minimum). We recommend boats are "stern in" to facilitate socializing.
- **Please circle your "1st choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard stern in port stern in starboard
- **Please circle your "2nd choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard stern in port stern in starboard
- **Please circle Arrival Day:** (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)
- **Estimated arrival time:** _____

Boat Name: _____ **LOA** _____ **Beam** _____ **Draft** _____

Special Considerations: _____ (will try to accommodate)

Prior to entering the marina hail "America's Boating Club" on Ch72 for docking instructions (no self-assigning slips).

Non-refundable Moorage Reservation Fee (\$10.00): \$ _____

LODGING:

Call Poulsbo Inn @ 360-779-3921 or 360-779-9737. Reference "District 16" for group rate of **\$124.60/night plus tax.**
Group block rate closes June 1, 2023. Make your hotel reservations early and payment directly with the hotel.

Registration form and payment must be received prior to May 18, 2023. Please Send to:

Make payment out to "USPS District 16"

TOTAL (meals + moorage): \$ _____

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Join us at the Fall Governing Board in Kansas City, MO

Fall Governing Board
August 27 - September 4, 2023
Kansas City, Missouri

Members of your District 16 Bridge will be flying into Kansas City to participate in the 2023 Governing Board Meeting in Kansas City, MO.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US!

Just to give you a taste of what you will experience:

We'll be staying at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown Hotel with discount rates available August 27 thru September 4

Kansas City is known for its BBQ and Jazz, also numerous fountains and a free great RideKC streetcar that has a 2-mile route right through the heart of downtown! Also, the National Meetings Committee has planned activities that will keep you busy!

There will be plenty of opportunities to learn what's new in USPS|ABCclub!

Saturday will be spent at the Governing Board meeting and there will be the Members Lunch or the Social Lunch to dine with old friends and make new ones!

Registration for Activities and Events will be available by June 1, 2023. A first-glance agenda for the Governing Board itself will also be available! Check: https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=45

Hope You Will Consider Joining Us as A First Timer Or A Many Timer!





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Subj: BOATING SAFETY APPLICATION FOR SMART PHONES

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.
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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.

*All ALAUX's are posted on the Chief Director of Auxiliary web site located at: [CHDIRAUX ALAUX](#)

If you have a question regarding this ALAUX, please seek resolution within your Chain of Leadership and Management (COLM) including up to your servicing District Director of Auxiliary (DIRAUX). If your question still cannot be resolved after that, then please email CGAUX@uscg.mil.

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12 things to always remember

- 1. The past cannot be changed*
- 2. Opinions don't define your reality*
- 3. Everyone's journey is different*
- 4. Things always get better with time*
- 5. Judgements are a confession of character*
- 6. Overthinking will lead to sadness*
- 7. Happiness is found within.*
- 8. Positive thoughts create positive things*
- 9. Smiles are contagious*
- 10. Kindness is free*
- 11. You only fail if you quit*
- 12. What goes around, comes around*

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***District 16 Calendar
2023***

June 2023

9-11 June D/16 Rendezvous Poulsbo, WA

August 2023

26 August to 4 September

Fall Governing Conference Kansas City, MO

