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Welcome to my first column as District Commander.

I've read back several issues, three years of them in fact, hoping to figure out what commanders do, or at least say they would like to do. Mostly, the columns have been about this or that conference or national meetings. But reading between the lines it is clear that all commanders, whether national, district, or squadron, come to the job with a question. What the heck am I going to do to make a difference?

Well, let's start with the good news. First, I'm fortunate to have a full district bridge this year. First time that's happened in a while. Our XO Gary Baker of Everett is in line to replace me for next year, and AO Larry Warren of Tacoma is there to replace Gary. Education Officer Jim West of Everett, Secretary Barbara Erickson of Bellevue and Treasurer Dave McBride of Bremerton are there as well, each serving another year, and their quality is obvious. And of course, Past Commander Annette Ferguson of Everett is keeping us all in line. Past Commander has always been the best job in the USPS, and Annette is doing the best job of it.



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Ready to set Sail !



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Bellevue—Bellingham—Bremerton—Deception Pass—Everett—Friday Harbor—North Olympic

North Star — Olympia — Point Wilson — Poverty Bay — Seattle — Skagit Bay — Spokane — Tacoma

D-16 MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS, 2024

Declining membership is our major problem. But even here we have some good news. Five of our thirteen squadrons (**Red Type**) increased their numbers, particularly Bellingham and Skagit Bay.

SQUADRON	31-Dec	31-Mar
Bellevue	84	80
Bellingham	105	109
Bremerton	39	38
Deception Pass	40	38
Everett	77	76
Friday Harbor	144	145
North Olympic	66	67
North Star	19	14
Pt. Wilson	18	19
Seattle	90	86
Skagit Bay	38	43
Spokane	12	12
Tacoma	158	147
TOTAL	890	874

Tacoma is currently leading the member total, with Friday Harbor a close second. Alas, Spokane is basically in hibernation. The significant decline of Seattle and Bellevue over the past three or four years (both had over 200 members before Covid-19) is certainly a concern. Still, my recent visit to Seattle's Change of Watch was encouraging; thirty-three members showed up for that event and the atmosphere was positive.

DISTRICT SEMINARS

To get membership numbers up for all squadrons is really all about boating education. Declining membership has made it very difficult for some squadrons to find instructors. We have a plan for that.

Starting next month District will host the first of seven seminars. Subject to change, the titles are

- 1 Rules of the Road
- 2 Marine Charts and Buoys
- 3 Using GPS & Chartplotters
- 4 Boat Handling Under Power
- 5 VHF Radio and DSC
- 6 Anchoring & Mooring
- 7 Puget Sound Local Knowledge

These will be FREE Zoom seminars, roughly one per month. For more details, please contact our DEO Jim West at phnx789@msn.com

OLYMPIA SQUADRON

One of my goals for 2024 is to establish a new squadron in Olympia. I was DEO when the original squadron voted to call it quits. I thought then, and still do, that losing this squadron in our capital city was a marketing disaster

It was suggested to me at the Tacoma COW, by Rick Edel of Tacoma, (former DEO) that a district goal to recreate Olympia Squadron might be more practical as a satellite of Tacoma or Bremerton squadrons? Many of our earlier squadrons got started this way. Bellingham was originally a satellite of Everett, and Bremerton was a satellite of Tacoma.

If you agree this is a good, positive idea, and would like to help, please email me at:

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Happy Summer Boating!



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TRAVELLER

SPRING TIME IN THE NORTHWEST

SPRING TIME in the Pacific Northwest is a season to start fresh, anew, and rededicate to our purposes. This stands true for our commitment to America's Boating Club. This spring, America's Boating Club, nationally and in the Pacific Northwest, is getting a fresh start with several important developments:

- New National, District and National Headquarters leadership
- New national marketing consultant and campaign being planned
- New administrative software system, promising efficiencies
- New marketing money available from National to Clubs

District leadership is dedicated to helping D-16 Clubs grow and thrive. The tools and resources are available, and we just need leadership and ingenuity to make it happen. The formulas for success include Club led and District supported:

- Boating education
- Vessel Safety Checks
- Civic engagement
- Geodetic Survey activities
- On the water and land social activities

I am long time member to America's Boating Club but new to D-16 leadership. As a long-time member of America's Boating Club of Snohomish County, I have served in numerous Club leadership positions, and served at the National level too. I understand the Club and National issues and challenges and stand ready to help any D-16 Club as I can. If I cannot help directly, I will find that help for you.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, boating is fun; and America's Boating Club provides a perfect opportunity to enjoy all boating activity, as well as to socialize and serve our community. Let's have fun and have fun doing it!



Please remember your Life Jackets !





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Fascination

Hello from the Admin. Department! This is a beautiful time of year, with the reawakening of flowers and trees. It's a time of rebirth and a fresh start for gardens waiting to get past the inevitable last frost of winter. This time of year has its allure of wanting to get out of the house, get your hands in the soil, and smell the fresh air of springtime, that is if it's not raining out. Ok, that's the downside of spring, but many good things will come from those spring rains.

It's also a time when we crawl into the "Holy Place" to make things right for the upcoming Boating season. I know you know the routine, but **Don't** take shortcuts! Make sure things are as they should be. Check for bilge pump operation, hose clamps are good, through hulls are functioning, etc. You know the routine, but just be thorough now; your summer should be a breeze! (Knock on Wood).

Events for the District are light; our next big event is the D-16 Rendezvous coming up in June. Watch for more information down the road. But please plan on putting this on your calendar (June 20 - 23, 2024) for a must-do event. It's a great time to see old friends, explore the town of Poulsbo, take a couple of trips to Sluys Poulsbo Bakery, have a Docktail party, and have a wonderful dinner on Saturday. Come by boat or RV, or stay in the Poulsbo Inn. They have rooms set aside for us at a pretty good price.

The weather looks to improve by late March, turning to a warmer trend, mixed with the occasional shower or two. Check your local weather source before heading out in your boat on a spring day. Spring weather can be crazy and sudden at times!

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(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"

Spring has finally sprung here in Beautiful downtown Everett Washington, and the boating season is ready to get underway. Last weekend was absolutely gorgeous, and this one looks to be just as nice. So I hope that you are all looking forward to getting out on the water.

Your D16 Education Department is hoping to jump-start your adventures with a new initiative suggested by District Commander Tom Dalglish. We are beginning a series of Seminars throughout the summer, focusing on the skill set to get our members out on the water, boating safely. These will be held monthly via Web-Based ZOOM Conference, instructed by local squadron members.

The first presentation, "Rules of the Road", will be on June 13th, at 6:30 pm. We will plan the seminar for 2 hours. It will be taught by D/Lt/C Gary Baker, AP-IN.

General Information:

Navigational rules of the road help you know what to do when you share the water with other boats, how to recognize and signal intentions, and how to avoid a collision. This seminar focuses in a practical way on helping you understand the basic rules encountered by recreational boaters during almost every boating outing and the rules most likely to apply in the local waters where you boat. It covers skipper responsibilities, general rules, and definitions, rules to avoid a collision, lights and shapes, and sound and light signals.

Rules of the Road will help you understand how to recognize local situations, the rules that apply, and the actions you should take. And be sure to read the United States Coast Guard's Navigational Rules and Regulations Handbook for the authoritative word on all rules of the road, since - as the skipper or designated crew member - you are responsible to know the rules that apply anywhere you boat.

Following this, we will be presenting the following seminars:

July 25: Marine Charts and Buoys, Instructor Lt/C Brian Rachal AP, Squadron Educational Officer for Everett Sail and Power Squadron, America's Boating Club of Snohomish County

August 22: Using GPS and AIS, Instructor D/Lt/C James West, JN, D16 Educational Officer.

September 25: Boat Handling in Close Quarters, Instructor Lt/C Rob Hamilton SN, SEO for Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron. This seminar will be held at 3:00 pm, as Rob will be presenting this as a hybrid ZOOM/In-Person meeting, in partnership with his local Yacht Club, using their conference facilities.

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After the July event, we will set up additional seminar presentations in the following months.

We would like to see as many folks as possible attend these seminars. Even if you have been boating for a long time, you can always learn something new, and getting together with your fellow D16 members is a way of keeping in touch.

I will be looking for instructors for the later seminars, so please let me know if you are interested. This is definitely Merit Mark work.

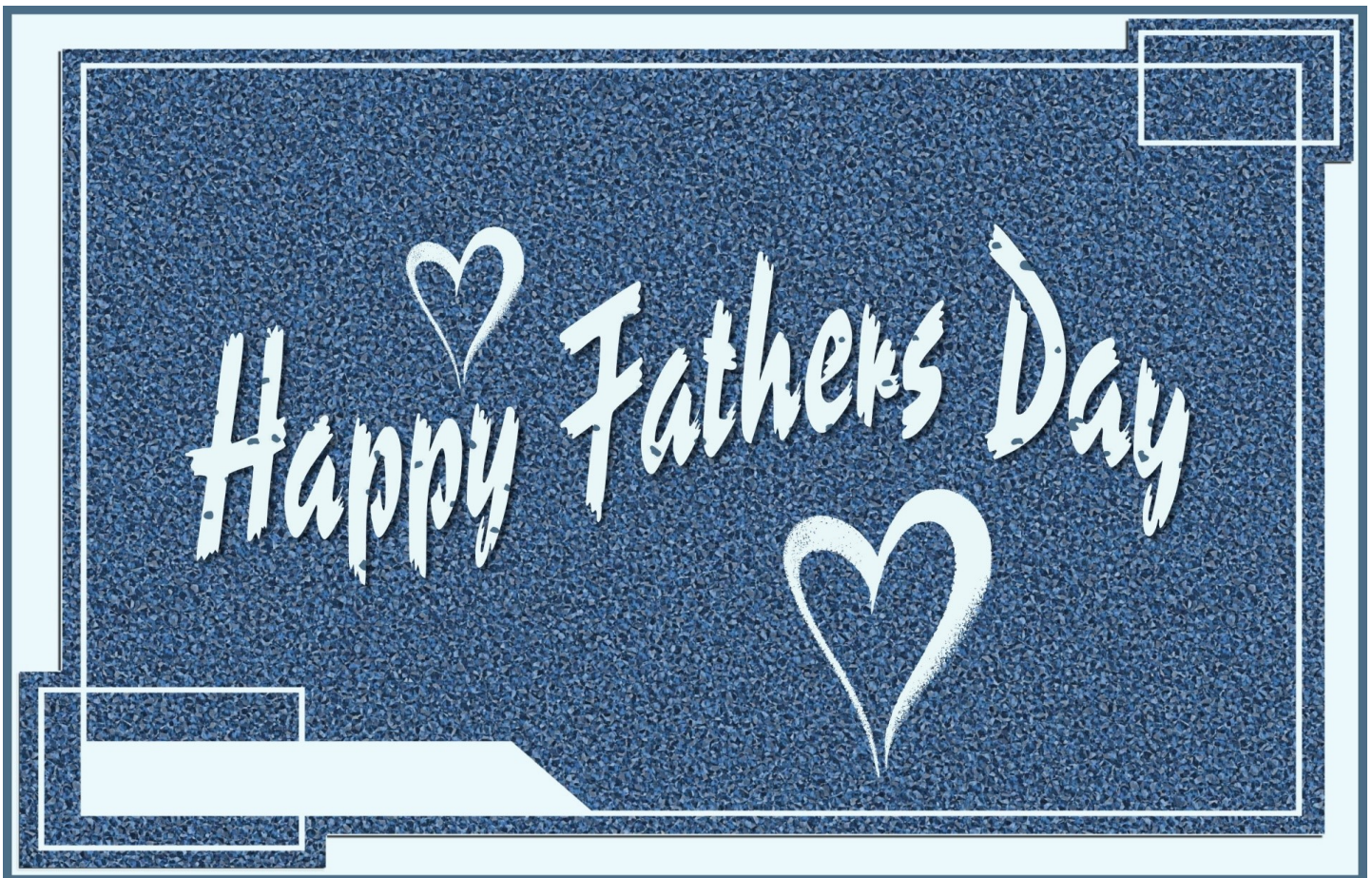
Speaking of Seminar presentations, we will also be showing "All about VHF and DSC Marine Radio at the Poulsbo D16 Rendezvous, Saturday June 22nd, at the Marina Dockside Room, at 1000. Please contact D/Lt/C Dave McBride for additional information

These seminars are presented free of charge, unless anyone is interested in having the seminar recorded on their USPS training record.

The local squadrons continue to offer our USPS classes, so please check with your SEO, and on the national website, www.usps.org, for information on instructions you may be looking for. Also, you can always contact me at phnx789@msn.com and I will be more than happy to assist in getting anyone the classes they are interested in.

I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these presentations.

Let's Go Boating





Jump-Start Your Boating Adventures!

Check your calendars!
District 16 is on an educational mission!

... to provide you with a series of 2-hour web-based no-cost seminars that will enhance your boating experience this summer...

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| June 13 | Rules of the Road with
D/Lt/C Gary Baker, AP-IN, Everett |
| July 25 | Marine Charts and Buoys with
SEO Brian Rachal, AP, Everett |
| August 22 | Using GPS and AIS with
DEO James West, JN, Everett |
| September 25 | Boat Handling in Close Quarters with
SEO Rob Hamilton, Point Wilson |

The clinic, **All About VHF and DSC**, is a precursor to the series and is offered to all attending the Poulsbo Rendezvous. Or just come for the seminar—there's room!

Additional seminars/clinics are scheduled for the Fall of 2024.
If you want to know more or are interested in teaching,
please contact Jim West at phnx789@msn.com.

WHY! Environment and You

By: District AO Larry Warren AP

Why? Well, I've been wondering the very same thing since I was not more than a teenager! Let me take you back to the year 1971. On Earth Day of that particular year, there was a, I'll say, a public service announcement, a 60-second spot by the Anti-Littering campaign. You may recall the Campaign to "Keep America Beautiful" featuring an actor representing an American Native, paddling down a river with trash and Litter in the water, traveling on to a big city that was spewing pollutants in the air and ending up on a riverbank that is covered in trash, as he turns around, you see a Tear in his eye. He was known as "Iron Eyes Cody". There and then, I started hating Litter along the highways, in streams, and beaches, basically everywhere. Why? Would so many people throw their trash on the ground in the country? Do they think someone else is their servant to pick up after them? Why, when there are trash cans at every gas station, rest stop, home, and office, do they have this mentality that if they don't throw trash out of the car or in a parking lot somewhere, it will catch on fire and burn their vehicle to the ground? Why would a person think that this behavior would be acceptable? These questions are way above my thought process, but I must figure out Why. I shouldn't put all the blame on people. I've seen garbage trucks and open construction dumpsters spewing out plastic bags and light pieces of trash. However, some things you see along the road didn't just fall off a truck! Should there be stricter standards? If so, do we need more government control? No, of course not! The companies involved know this is happening; if they can design and build a truck that picks up garbage without getting out of their vehicle, they could figure out how to retain the trash until they dump it! As for people, it will take some miracle to convince them to change their habits and teach their children to respect the land and beauty of our country.

I'm a fanatic about this subject; you could ask people in my squadron if I don't get out my net when we get to a marina to scoop up trash. Bell Harbor is the worst, and I'm sure it has something to do with the currents. The entrance of the marina is like a funnel gathering driftwood and trash. I'd like us all to be passionate about this topic. Is there a solution? Still waiting!

I have personally confronted a litterer, whom I witnessed dumping his ashtray on the street. I grabbed a pad and paper and quickly wrote his license down as I approached his car. Of course, he jumped out of his car and demanded to know why I was taking his plate number. I told him there was a \$500.00 fine (I didn't know what the fine was) for littering and would make sure he would pay it. He quickly scooped up all the butts off the ground and put them back in his ashtray. In reality, he most likely went around the corner and re-dumped them? Washington State doesn't have a litter hotline where you can report an incident of littering. Their only solution, at this point, is to have youth groups Adopt a Roadway or something similar to physically pick it all up! Which is not really a solution? But a band-aid! What do you think? Have a solution? Give me your feedback; what do you think about this topic?

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By the time you read this issue of Cardinal Points, it will be a few weeks away from the Poulsbo Rendezvous. I'm sure there will be information about the rendezvous in this issue, but I would like to encourage you to attend... either by boat, car, or land yacht... there is place for you to experience a mini-vacation and enjoy the festivities or should I say the Hippie Days of the mid 50s/60's.

If you have never been to a District 16 Rendezvous, this just might be the year to try one! District Administrative Officer Larry Warren has planned an outstanding rendezvous for you. One that we haven't seen for a while, so this will be cool! And to be in Poulsbo. What more can you ask for? (Maybe super-duper weather?)

Meanwhile the Secretary's department continues to hum along. From a district standpoint, I'm wondering if there would be any interest in sharing boating related photographs – "stock photos" – that we all could use with our newsletters. I know I'm always careful about using graphics or photos from any website – copyright infringement brings stress. So, if anyone else is interested, please contact me.

The Fall Governing Board for the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club is taking place from September 22 through September 29 in Pittsburgh, PA. If you haven't had a chance to attend a national meeting and would like to take a trip back East, this would be a great opportunity. The National Meeting Committee's website is now open for registration for the Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square and for the events and activities. Check out <https://www.usps.org/departments/14000/14800>. Discounted pricing is now in effect and the initial agenda for the committee meetings and workshops might be soon be posted. The Secretary's Department has seminars open to the membership along with all the other departments and of course, my favorite place to shop – the Ship's Store.

Never been to Pittsburgh? Take a look at your September calendar, check your Frequent Flyer miles, and then consider joining your district bridge as we gather in Pittsburgh for the 2024 Fall Governing Board meeting... Remember the tagline: LEARN | ENGAGE | CONNECT? Now's your chance to see it in action. Make this a vacation and LEARN what is happening with education; ENGAGE with fellow members in various activities; CONNECT with Power Squadron members from across the country!

See you there!

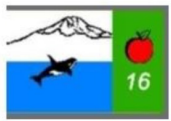


Boat Operator Certificate Program led by Regional Director and District 16 Treasurer, Dave McBride, Bremerton, who is qualified to teach and evaluate on-the-water skills. This session was held at the District 16 Rendezvous in 2023 at Poulsbo.

One of the many different skills and activities offered at
the District Rendezvous

JUNE 21—23 2024

SAVE THE DATE



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

WASHINGTON ★ ALASKA ★ IDAHO



48th Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: June 21st – 23rd, 2024

— Registration —

Name(s): _____

Squadron: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

****If you're coming for any of the rendezvous events PLEASE register****

Registration @ the Multi-Purpose Room, get your Meal tickets and Raffle Tickets!

If you are registering only for events/fellowship (no moorage or meal) Circle **YES**

All reservations must be received per below, before June 7th, 2024. No Guarantee for meals or moorage will be given after this date!

Friday Night Social: No Host (BYOB&f) 50's & 60's "Dock Party" 5:00 PM – 7:30+ PM on "E-dock". Members & Guests set up tables & chairs (and tarps/canopies depending on the weather) at the end of "E- Dock". Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres from the 50's & 60's & BYOB to share with fellow members and guests. Let's bring back the '50s & 60's for the weekend, bring appetizers, your favorite drinks that were favorites way back then, and throw on some duds from back in the day when Bill Haley and his Comets, Jerry Lee Lewis, and The Platters reigned supreme in the music world! Let's "Rock Around the Clock" There will be prizes for the best-dressed couple and the most authentic 50's and 60's dishes or appetizers served at the party!

Saturday Morning: (9:00 AM) Coffee & sweet treats to get over that throbbing head from the night before!

Opening Ceremonies: Saturday 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Saturday Skills: Fire Extinguisher practice at the fire pit area, Time: 08:00 -10:30 AM. Flare shoot at the beach, Time is TBD, early afternoon.

An array of Seminars is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, Subjects & times will be posted in the Multi-Purpose Room located by the Port Office

Saturday Afternoon: Championship "JENGA" Come join us in a game of excitement, Fun, and skill! The location and time will be posted in the multi-purpose room.

Saturday Evening Dinner & Entertainment: Poulsbo Yacht Club 6:00 PM. If you would like a ride to the Yacht Club for dinner, please sign up at the Multi-Purpose Room when you register, or Saturday morning.

- We'll be having a raffle of donated items from the Squadrons, The **First Ticket Drawn** will get the **first pick of Prizes**, and so on till all are claimed!
- Please join us for a fun-filled evening With Performer **"Joey Jewel"**! Performing songs from the 50s & 60's of **"Old Blue Eyes"** (Frank Sinatra) & Friends!
- Dinner is made to perfection, from Danney's BBQ of Silverdale. Brisket & Smoked Chicken, Baked Beans, Smoked Mac-N-Cheese, Potato Salad, a Corn Muffin, and Dessert. BYOB, Water/Sodas are provided.

Number of people dining: _____ Total amt. (\$25.50 Per/ Person): \$ _____

Dietary Considerations: _____

— MOORAGE RESERVATIONS —

Pay a Non-Refundable \$10 for moorage reservations prior to June 7th, 2024

Pay Moorage fee to Port Poulsbo after arrival. The moorage rate is \$2.00 per foot (30' min.) +power @ \$3.50 per night. We recommend that 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: _____

(We will try to accommodate) Prior to entering the Marina hail "America's Boating Club" on Ch.72 for instructions (no self-assigning slips)

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

— LODGING —

Poulsbo Inn & Suites Call (360) 779-3921 or (800)597-5151. Reference" America's Boating Club" for the group rate of \$124.00/night +TAX. (\$138.01) **Group rate ends June 7th, 2024.**

Make your hotel reservations early and pay directly with the Hotel. **Registration form must be received by June 7th, 2024.** Please send to D/Lt/C Larry Warren (Address below)

Make payment out to "USPS District 16" Total (Meal(s) + Res. Fee) \$ _____

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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.

*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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***District 16 Calendar
2024***

June 2024

21-23 June D16 Poulsbo Rendezvous

August 2024

15 August Fall Cardinal Points Deadline

September 2024

22 - 30 September ABC National Meeting
Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel
Station Square.
Pittsburgh, PA