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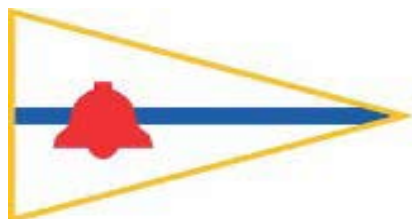
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# Squadron Annual Fundraiser/Rummage Sale/Wine Pull

Friday, 1 April 2011

**We Need Your Help!**

We will be doing things different this year and giving the people who donate to our wonderful auction the year off. So let's go back to how we used to do it years ago and we are going to have ourselves a old fashioned Rummage Sale. Start going through your house and if you haven't used it in the last year, please think about donating it to the squadron. If you have changed your colors in your home and switched dishes to match the new colors, then maybe your old set would be a great item. Maybe some artwork you want to switch out and replace with something new? Here are some ideas: jewelry, pottery, furniture (within reason) lamps, baseball cards, golf clubs, DVD's you have already watched that maybe someone else might enjoy now, handbags, etc. Just to name a few things to give you some ideas. We want things in **good shape** and **please no junk**. We are also doing a wine pull, so if you would like to donate a bottle of \$10 - \$20 bottle of wine, it would be greatly appreciated and fun at the same time. **Bob Harvey** has graciously told us we can use the back apartment at MBYC to store items starting one week ahead of time. Remember he has Monday and Tuesdays off. Please have the bags or boxes labeled BSPS fundraiser and have your items priced. Our goal is to hopefully raise \$4,000 for the education department. So don't be afraid to price your things high, as we are trying to raise money.

Any questions, please call **Mary Austin** at  
425-864-8004 or email: [maryaustin1@aol.com](mailto:maryaustin1@aol.com)

**Cost: \$20.00 per person**

**Menu:**

Taco Bar  
Ground Beef  
Shrimp or white fish  
Hard corn shells and soft tortilla shells  
Spanish Rice  
Black Beans  
Lettuce, tomatoes, shredded cheese, chopped onions  
Sour cream, salsa  
Tortilla chips

Variety of Cookies

No theme this year

But please no uniforms. wear jean if you like and be comfortable.

**Remember one many's things are another man's treasures!**  
**Please help us out if you can, even if it's just a couple items.**

**From the Commander**  
**Cdr. Dennis Dorratcague, SN**



The start and end of the operating year for the Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron is early May. At this time we are wrapping up the 2010-2011 year and completing the planning for the 2011-2012 year. In next month's article I will describe our accomplishments for the present year in more detail. In the space below, I describe some recent news on what we are doing this year and describe what we are planning for next year.

**Annual Meeting**

Our annual meeting was held on 2 March at the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club. At that meeting we approved the budget and the new slate of officers, and voted on changes to our bylaws. The budget was approved by unanimous vote. It covers the operating period, 1 May, 2011 to 30 April, 2012. This budget is very similar to the last year's budget. The major difference is that we are trying to decrease our dependence on the April fundraiser to balance our budget. To do this we reduced the fundraising goal by increasing our squadron dues \$6 per year for a single member and \$9 for a family membership. The Executive Committee has identified cost cutting measures that it is now working on to reduce our expenditures and the dependency on our April fundraising event.

We also approved the new slate of officers for next year. We have a great group of volunteers to lead us next year. I am pleased with the number of new members, who have stepped forward to fill many of our positions. This is heartening since many of the squadrons are having trouble-finding volunteers to fill the bridge and key committee chairs.

We also voted on several changes to our bylaws, which had not been updated since 2004. Most of the proposed changes had to do with making our bylaws agree with those of the national organization, mainly having to do with the new membership categories and billings. These passed unanimously. However, one change drew a lot of discussion from the members present. This article proposed changing the number of people on the nominating committee from 3 to 6. After much discussion, both for and against, the vote on this change did not receive the required two-thirds vote to pass. So, the bylaws article designating the nominating committee stays the same, and the committee membership remains at three.

In addition to these items, we have plans for next year to increase our educational offerings by adding on-the-water training components to our advanced grade classes of Seamanship, Piloting, and Advance Piloting.

**Leslie and Jim Veres** have a slate of six rendezvous planned for the boating season, starting with a rendezvous at Kingston from 29 April - 1 May.

**District 16 Spring Conference**

The District 16 Spring Conference will be held 25 - 27 March. The Bellevue Squadron will have full contingent in attendance. If you have not been to a District 16 conference, I urge you to attend and see how our organization in Washington works and meet our District leadership.

**April Fun Fundraiser**

Our annual fundraiser will take place on Friday, 1 April. We have taken a different approach instead of our usual auction. This will give us more of a chance to socialize with our squadron mates. There will be a silent auction and Wine Pull. Bring a bottle of wine and buy a chance to draw another bottle wine to have with dinner. I hope to see you there with items to sell. See the announcement in this issue of the Bellviews for more information.

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**Smug Mug! What is this you may ask**

Smug Mug is a website where all the BPS photos are posted along with Seattle Sail and Power Squadron and District 16 Squadron. This is an easy and great way to see what is going on in your squadron and other Squadrons in your area. <http://usps-d16.smugmug.com/>

## **Start Planning Now! It's That Time Again!**

### **Our Change of Watch is Wednesday, 04 May 2011**

- Where:** Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club  
9927 Meydenbauer Way, S.E  
Bellevue, WA 98004
- Time:** 1800 Social Hour  
1900 Dinner  
2000 Change of Watch
- Dress:** Uniform A Blazer or Appropriate Attire

### **Dinner Menu**

Roast Tenderloin of Beef Bearnaise  
Roasted Potatoes  
Asparagus & Roasted Carrots  
Salad  
Roll  
Wine, Coffee, Tea  
Dessert

**\$33.00 per person**

Please R.S.V. P. to:

Lt/C Diane Greene  
14811 SE 58th St  
Bellevue, WA 98006-4614

or

*dinnermeeting@bellevuepowersquadron.org*

**Please make checks to: Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron**

Any questions call Dianne at: 425-746-7566

**Hope to see you all there!**

**From The Executive Officer**  
Lt./C Vern Redecker, JN



This squadron year is rapidly escaping! The annual fund-raising event will be upon us very shortly (unless you read this after the April meeting), and the planning for the Change of Watch in May is progressing. On top of that, our squadron is to host the fall conference (just found out about that!), and that planning is getting started with searching for an appropriate hotel. Fortunately, I'm blessed by having **P/R/C Trudy Brown** with her extensive experience in organizing national meetings to help me. **Laurel** will be deeply involved, too. It never rains, but it pours, as 'they' say. Expect pleas for help organizing the conference soon.

Meanwhile, the rendezvous season also approaches with new event at Kingston in the works. There is more about that in this issue. I was looking forward to finally getting to that one by boat, but once again I am double booked. Instead I will have the great pleasure of attending the Change of Watch of **North Vancouver Power & Sail Squadron**, our sister squadron in CPS, as **Frank Mogridge** is installed as Commander. I had the pleasure of meeting Frank at our crab feed and look forward to seeing him again.

The recent earthquake in Japan and the resultant tsunami effects in Brookings, Oregon and Crescent City, California is a reminder of our vulnerability here on the edge of the San Juan Plate. The current wisdom is that our salt-water marinas south of Point Wilson aren't likely to be too affected by a rupture of the subduction zone here, and there is not a lot that we can do about it anyway. The last time we had a quake of that magnitude was about 1700; the average is thought to be about 500 years apart, and we are only a little over 300 years into the cycle. I have to admit, with the frequency of events around the "Ring of Fire," I'm wondering when our turn is. Statistics really are no accurate guide, we just have to wait and see. We can beef up our homes, but the boats have to take care of themselves.

This reminds me that I lived in New Orleans at the time of the 1964 Alaska quake; there were stories of Lake Pontchartrain sloshing a bit. True or not? I don't know, certainly nothing significant. While researching this, I found similar reports for the 2002 Denali quake, which included muddy well water in Pennsylvania. So far, our community wells appear to be clear. For you Navigators, I hear that we have to shorten the day by another 1.6 microseconds or so; combined with the Chilean quake of a few years ago, and the 2004 Sumatra shake; the day is about 5.5 microseconds shorter. No wonder I'm running out of time! ❖



PC Bjarne (BJ) Ursin, JN receiving his 50 year plaque from Commander Dennis Dorracague, SN  
Photo courtesy of Steve Erickson

From the Educational Officer  
Lt./C Dennis J. Kinch, AP



**Education** in the largest sense is any act or experience that has a formative effect on the mind character or physical ability of an individual. In its technical sense, education is the process by which society deliberately transmits its accumulated knowledge, skills and values from one generation to another. (Wikipedia)



In the nautical sense, **Marine Educational Training** is transferring the knowledge, experience and skills necessary to use boats safely and effectively while on the water. Last year 25 Washingtonians lost their lives while on the water. We are charged with reversing this trend by educating our fellow boaters. Let's redouble our efforts to keep the boating community safe.

The spring class registration was held at **Lake Hills Elementary** on 28 March. There is still time to sign up for **Marine Communication Systems** with **Robert Cooper, P** which begins **Thursday, 14 April** or **Cruise Planning** which starts **Tuesday, 12 April** is being taught by **Lt Eileen Huggins, SN**.

**ABC 3rd Edition All Day** class begins 02 April at **Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club**. The **ABC 3rd Edition 5-week** class starts 07 April at **Newport Yacht Club**.

### SPRING SEMINAR OFFERINGS

<b>SKIPPER SAVER</b>	<b>14 APRIL</b>	<b>LAKE HILLS ELEMENTARY</b>
<b>RULES OF THE ROAD</b>	<b>20 APRIL</b>	<b>WEST MARINE BELLEVUE</b>
<b>PADDLE SMART</b>	<b>11 MAY</b>	<b>WEST MARINE BELLEVUE</b>
<b>BASIC COASTAL NAVIGATION</b>	<b>18 MAY</b>	<b>WEST MARINE BELLEVUE</b>

All seminars are scheduled for 2 hours from 6pm until 8pm **Wednesday** evenings and are usually held at **West Marine Bellevue**. The fee for the seminars is \$10 per class and the purchase of the course materials is optional. As always check the website for details. ❖

*<http://www.bellevuepowersquadron.org/Education/UpcomingCourseSchedule.htm>*

From The Admin Officer  
Lt./C Dianne Greene, AP



## RENDEZVOUS – GREAT CRUISING, FELLOWSHIP, & FUN!

Now that spring is here, it is time to start thinking about cruising the beautiful waters of the Northwest again! I belong to Bellevue Yacht Club that cruises 12 months of the year! **Dave, Lonnie, Jan and I** hosted a BYC rendezvous at Gig Harbor the weekend of 18 – 20 March, and the weather was perfect for the event. Winter boating can be fun, less crowded and more economical! BSPS has a great rendezvous schedule for 2011, with three new destinations. **Leslie and Jim Veres**, chairs of boating activities, have put together a very enticing cruising schedule!

The first rendezvous will be the weekend of 29, 30 April to 1 May at the Port of Kingston (one of the new venues). Hosts **Paul and Betty Haack** have a wonderful weekend planned that includes joining the Kingston Cove Yacht Club for cocktails Friday evening, a potluck dinner on Saturday and a continental breakfast on Sunday. There may be an educational seminar offered on Saturday. Many have signed up for this fun event, but there is room for more people/boats! Register online, and all people taking their boats need to make marina reservations directly with the Port of Kingston. See flyer on page 11 for details. If going by car, the Kingston/Edmonds ferry brings you right into the Port of Kingston.

Check out the flyer in this edition, on page 10, for the Anacortes Rendezvous at Cap Sante Boat Haven on 20 – 22 May, another new venue. The Anacortes Waterfront Festival is the same weekend. Many of us are going by car and staying in Anacortes at Cap Sante Inn for the weekend. They reserved a block of rooms for BSPS.

**Pat Dorratcague** has planned out an upcoming rendezvous in LaConner on 22 and 23 July. See the flyer on page 16. Sounds like it will be a lot of fun. Hope to see you all there.

Our incoming Administrative Officer, **Paul Austin**, and I have started planning the Salmon Bake Rendezvous, our most famous rendezvous with great activities and delicious wild Alaskan salmon cooked outside at the fire pit. Save the weekend of 17 – 19 June for this remarkable event – look for the flyer with details that will be out soon!

All eight rendezvous are listed in this issue of Bellviews on page 13, and online. Many people are signing up now for all the ones they want to attend. Sign up early! It really helps the hosts for each rendezvous plan for the event!

## FUN FUNDRAISER

Join the fun on **Friday, 1 April, 6:00 – 9:00 or so** for the BSPS Fund Raising Event! The evening includes a silent auction, taco bar dinner, and a wine pull. First, for the silent auction, bring any quality items that someone may want to buy. The bid for each item will be determined by the person donating it – or there will be someone at the event to help with pricing. A bid sheet will be placed with each donated gift. After dinner, there will be a Wine Pull. What is that??? People are bringing a bottle(s) of wine to donate to the fundraiser worth \$10-\$20 and on up. **Anyone can donate wine – it is greatly appreciated!** Then following dinner, you can buy a number that will correspond to a bottle of wine. You won't know which wine you are purchasing until the number is matched to a number on the wine bottle. We hear this is a lively and fun way to raise money for a good cause! We hope to see you on 1 April – no fools joke! And remember it is on Friday night – perfect for a good time. If you would like to help with this event please notify **Mary Austin** at [maryaustin1@aol.com](mailto:maryaustin1@aol.com) or 425-864-8004. Your help is greatly appreciated. ❖



# Kingston Rendezvous - April 29-May 1

**CALL MARINA NOW FOR MOORAGE- 360-297-3545**

## Schedule of events

- Arrive on Friday –no host cocktails at 1800 at Yacht Club- come by boat, or walk on Edmonds ferry!
- Dinner on your own at Kingston's fine restaurants
- Light breakfast Sat. and Sun.
- Potluck Sat. evening at Yacht Club – food assignments to follow
- Educational seminar Sat.
- Leave for home port Sun.

Questions? Call Paul or Betty Haack @ 425-643-9957 OR E-MAIL [pvhaack@live.com](mailto:pvhaack@live.com) - register on-line, or call us.



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## **Who's Who Updates**

Lt. Brad Waters, SN, Database Chair

Please make these updates to your printed copy of *Who's Who* 2010. **All Members:** please ensure your contact information is up-to-date at [www.bellevuepowersquadron.org/onlineroster.htm](http://www.bellevuepowersquadron.org/onlineroster.htm). The National database will be updated as well as the squadron's mailing list. Now that we send the Bellviews via email, if you have never given us your email and would like to continue receiving the Bellviews please email us your email address so you can receive the Bellviews in your email box or you also have the option to view it on-line on our website.



No updates at this time.

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## **Welcome, New Members**

Lt. Lonnie Butler, AP, Membership Chair

The Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron welcomes the following new members, Please take some time to introduce yourself to them and help get our new friends firmly and actively integrated into the squadron.

Removed for privacy

# 2011 BSPS RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE



29 April - 1 May  
Kingston Marina



20 - 22 May  
Cap Sante Boat Haven, Anacortes  
Anacortes Waterfront Festival



17 - 19 June  
Brownsville Marina for Annual Salmon Bake



22 - 24 July  
La Conner Marina



29 July -1 Aug.  
Maple Bay, Canada  
Joint Rendezvous with Norvan



19 - 21 Aug.  
Port Browning, Canada  
BSPS Invited to Join VISD



16-18 Sept.  
Arabella's Landing  
Gig Harbor



30 Sept. - 2 Oct.  
Port Orchard Marina for Soup Pot Rendezvous with Bremerton

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• There are three new venues offered for 2011, •  
• which will be interesting and fun! Also, note the new •  
• Canadian venue with VISD. Mark your calendars. •  
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## Norvan Change of Watch

**Date:** 30 April 2011

**Place:** Seymour Golf Club

**Cost:** Dinner - \$40.00 cdn

**Time:** 1700 – `Till?

**Note:** 1700 - Social and graduation ceremony and pledging of spring boating class students

1900 – Dinner – dress semi-formal (jacket & tie)

**Reservations:** Jennifer Shaw – Tel: 604-904-2447  
Email: [jenandaussie@shaw.ca](mailto:jenandaussie@shaw.ca)  
Michaela Kuehn – Tel: 604-986-3149  
Email: [mick1257@shaw.ca](mailto:mick1257@shaw.ca)

**Note:** Committee requests advance reservations be made –  
If paying by Credit Card, Norvan's only set up to accept  
Visa, or you can pay at the door.

### Hotel

**Reservations:** A block of rooms has been reserved at the Lonsdale Quay Hotel under "Norvan" at \$99 a room. **Deadline for reservations, 31 March**  
Tel: 1-800-836-6111 or 1-604-986-6111  
Email: [Farah@lonsdalequayhotel.com](mailto:Farah@lonsdalequayhotel.com)  
Lonsdale Quay Hotel- on the waterfront 1 block west of  
Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver

**Location:** Seymour Golf Club  
3723 Mount Seymour Parkway  
North Vancouver – 1- 604-929-5491

**Mark your Calendar –  
Plan to attend and have an enjoyable evening  
with our Sister Squadron**

## From the Membership Chairman

At the annual meeting of BSPS on 2 March 2011, a dues increase of \$6 was approved by the membership, which applies to the new budget year. There is also a \$2 increase in National dues for which we had no vote. In an effort to keep us up to date with Membership costs and fees associated with BSPS, the following is a summary of dues.

### ***Budget year Effective 1 May 2011 through 30 April 2012:***

**New Single membership runs \$79.00** per 12 month period, starting with the month (anniversary) application is submitted to USPS. Each membership has its own fiscal month.

**New Family** (those living under the same roof) **membership runs \$115.00** per 12 month period, starting with the month (anniversary) application is submitted to USPS. Each membership has its own fiscal month.

**Associate dues are \$26.00** annually, coinciding with our budget year of 1 May through 30 April. Any current USPS or CPS member qualifies.

**Annual Renewals** have reverted to what is called Headquarters Anniversary Billing, meaning that it occurs in the month you joined. A large number of members are still under the old renewal date of 1 June, and will remain for the time being.

**Single renewal membership runs \$73.50. Family renewal membership runs \$110.25**

**Reinstating** former members returning from any power squadron may rejoin BSPS to an active status at the **annual renewal rates** above which the rest of us currently pay. There is no extra fee for reinstating, and a new renewal date commences in the month the reinstatement application is processed. ❖

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## Bjarne (BJ) Ursin, 50-Year Member

Our own BJ Ursin has been a member of USPS for 50 years. He was Commander of the BSPS for two years and is an associate member of the Bellingham Squadron. In addition to his volunteer work with the USPS, he is a past president of the Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW) and Director Emeritus. RBAW lobbies in Olympia on behalf of all boaters in Washington and was the major player in getting the boater education bill passed. BJ is also a member of the Bellingham Yacht Club, a 35-year member of the Seattle Yacht Club, and former Commodore of the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Newport Beach, California. He is also a 51-year (Life) member of *Kongelig Norsk Seilforening* (Royal Norwegian Y. C.). Next time you see BJ congratulate him and thank him for his 50 years of service to USPS and boating.



Photo to the left: Taken in 1939 in Florida, where they had moved right before the German Invasion

Photo to the right: Taken in 1936 in Spitzbergen, Norway. As you can see he obviously was born to sail.





## LaConner Rendezvous

22 and 23 July 2011

**Reservations:** Make your moorage reservations directly with the Harbor Master, 360-466-3188, for BPS space on the south dock, just a block from the town and its boutiques, galleries, restaurants and museums.

**Friday evening social:** Casual happy hour on the dock. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share and a drink or your choice.

**Saturday 10:00 am:** Tour of the American Tug Factory, Tomco Marine, (tentative - reserve through **Pat Dorratcague**)

**Saturday Afternoon:** Explore the quaint town on your own, and take along our game sheet.

**Saturday Evening:** Join us at the reserved picnic and barbeque area on the lawn to submit your game sheets and for a potluck if you are not trying out one of the town's great restaurants. A LaConner prize will be given to the person or team submitting the game sheet with the most correct answers, or should there be a tie for the most correct answers, we will draw the winning name.

**Sunday:** On your own.

**Reservations and Questions?** Contact **Pat Dorratcague**, 425-823-6291 or email her at [patriciadorratcague@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciadorratcague@hotmail.com)



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## Norvan's Upcoming Social Events

13 April 2011 - AGM

30 April 2011 - Change of Watch

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## Rendezvous Season Approaching

With the rendezvous season starting next month it's time to take inventory of the safety tools you have on your boat. Fire extinguishers are as important a tool as you can have in case of an on-board emergency and it's time to check to make sure you have them located in the proper places on board and that they are the right type for the emergency at hand.

Boats have relatively poor ventilation so the fumes emitted from a fire are especially noxious. On-board fires can spread quickly throughout the boat because of various highly flammable materials located in all areas. As is stated in the GEARHEAD article by **Steve D'Antonio** in the January/February issue of *Passagemakers.com*, some studies suggest **on-board fires will double in size every minute.**

D'Antonio went on to state that ABYC (American Boat and Yacht Council) guidelines for portable fire extinguishers should be located in multiple areas throughout the boat. They make it clear that an extinguisher should not only be located in the galley but it should be located opposite the stove rather than next to it or above it. One suggestion is to keep a box of baking soda near your stove for cooking fires; this works on your boat as well as in your kitchens at home and can be used to help with smaller fires. The author went on to say that a user should not have to travel more than half the length of the boat or more than 33 feet, whichever is less to reach one. (Imagine traveling 33 feet in your moving boat to get to something as important as a fire extinguisher). One option is to have a fire extinguisher in every cabin and compartment as well as one located outside the engine room access hatch or door. It seems best to have fixed extinguishers installed in engine spaces as well as portable extinguishers available in and outside engine spaces. As the author suggested, with this approach you should not have to worry about being trapped in a space without the ability to fight a fire. If you are on a gas powered vessel the best strategy may be to get off the boat as soon as possible for fear of an explosion.

The Guidelines from ABYC recommends that all boats should be carrying the same number of portable fire extinguishers even if they have a fixed fire-fighting system. The type of extinguishers is discussed specifically, in that any vessel from 40 – 65 feet in length must carry 4 portable extinguishers of the B-1 variety. ("B" refers to the type of fire it can fight – flammable and combustible liquids, "1" refers to its contents: 1.25 Gal. of Foam, 4 lbs. of CO2 and 2 lbs. of dry chemical, "2" refers to 2.5 Gal. of Foam, 15 lbs. of CO2 and 10 lbs. of dry chemical, so a "2" is considerably larger and heavier than a "1" and can be used to put out a larger fire)

ABYC guidelines are more stringent than USCG guidelines (United States Coast Guard), USCG suggests that with a fixed fire fighting system installed, the same size boat can have one B-2 extinguisher. I would think that common sense would overrule the USCG guidelines and going with the ABYC regulations makes the most sense.

Many boaters may want to consider adding a class C fire extinguisher ("C" leaves no dry residue or powder, is non-conductive and non-corrosive) it's used for fighting electrical fires. In his article D'Antonio mentions a couple of incidents he witnessed. The first one was when a B-1 extinguisher was used near an engine compartment where the fire was immediately put out. Normally you would be happy to have the fire out, but the engine was running and ingested the dry chemical from the extinguisher, causing the valves to stick open and the pistons to strike them. This caused several thousands of dollars in damage. One important item to note is that proper insurance should cover damage to the engine although; it would be nice to avoid the troubles. The second one was a fire around an inverter, it was controlled with the same type B1 extinguisher and the inverter was destroyed. Having a class C extinguisher located near the electrical panel and primary electronics to fight electrical fires could save a boater more than just the cost of the fire damage.

In conclusion, it's not just important to test your fire extinguishers with rendezvous season approaching, but also to be sure the right size and type are installed and to have them in the proper locations. One thing you might want to think about is getting a Vessel Safety Check done by one of our Examiners before you head out for your next cruise. You can find a list of them on page 22.

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Please contact anyone of the VSC Examiners listed below and get yours done today!

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# USPS District 16 Spring Council



# Calendar

## March 2011

25-26 D16 Spring Conference  
Bremerton

## April 2011

1 BSPS Annual Fundraiser, MBYC  
**Please note this is a Friday night!**

29 -1 May

Kingston Rendezvous

30 Norvan COW

## May 2011

4 Dinner Meeting, MBYC  
Change of Watch

7 D16 Education Seminar  
Deception Pass

20-22 Cap Sante Rendezvous

## June 2011

1 Dinner Meeting, MBYC

17-19 Salmon Bake, Brownsville

24-26 D16 Rendezvous

## July 2011

22-24 La Conner Rendezvous

29-Aug 1

Bel-Nor Rendezvous, Maple Bay

## August 2011

19-21 Port Browning Rendezvous with  
VISD

## September 2011

12-17 Fall Governing Board  
Greensboro, NC

16-18 Arabella's Landing Rendezvous  
Gig Harbor

30-2 Oct

Soup Pot Rendezvous, Port Orchard

## October 2011

28-29 D-16 Fall Conference, Bellevue



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## *Waterfront Festival*

# Anacortes Rendezvous!

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\* **Cap Sante Boat Haven - FREE** moorage (does not include electricity) this weekend, but you must book your reservation through me (Barbara Erickson)! We'll start the weekend off with a Happy Hour on the docks; bring your favorite appetizer to share and a beverage to drink!

**Deadline for reserving a slip is Monday, 1 May!**

\* **Cap Sante Inn - Not bringing your boat?** We have reserved a block of rooms just so you won't miss out on the fun! Make your reservation

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\* **Anacortes Yacht Club -** a barbeque dinner with all the trimmings awaits you here on Saturday evening 21 May! We will begin with a Happy Hour followed by a scumptious dinner. Cost to be determined.

And besides all that, enjoy the

## 22nd Annual Anacortes Waterfront Festival!



Saturday, 21 May from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday, 22 May from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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