



BELLVIEWS

The Official Magazine of Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron

JANUARY

2011



Lake Tipsoo, Reflections of Mount Rainer

BELLEVUE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE

UNITED STATES SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON - DISTRICT 16

Commander	Cdr. Dennis Dorratcague, SN	425-823-6291
Executive Officer	Lt/C Vern Redecker, JN	425-487-8058
Admin Officer	Lt/C Dianne Greene, AP	425-746-7566
Educational Officer	Lt/C Dennis Kinch, AP	206-236-2778
Treasurer	Lt/C Ralph Baum, N	425-644-6379
Secretary	Lt/C Mary Austin	425-864-8004

BSPS: www.BellevuePowerSquadron.org D/16: www.usps.org/localusps/d16/

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Executive Officer Lt/C Vern Redecker, JN
 Flag Lieutenant Lt Jim Peters
 Safety Officer Paul Austin
 Coop Charting John Worl
 Liaison Office P/R/C Gaston Decock, SN
 VSC Lt Joseph Saromines, AP

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Admin Officer Lt/C Dianne Greene, AP
 Auction Chairs Don and Susan Decock
 Boating Activities Lt Leslie Veres, P
 Lt Jim Veres, AP
 Dinner Reservations Lt Kym Terwilliger
 Port Captains P/C Don Williams, AP
 P/R/C Gaston Decock, SN
 Programs Lt Gerry Johnson
 Publications Chair Lt Don Decock, AP
 Advertising Mgr. Lt Duncan Milloy, JN
 Bellviews Editor P/Lt/C Susan Decock, AP
 Webmaster Kendal Landers
 Who's Who Editor P/C Lonnie Butler, AP
 Sqdn Photographers Lt Willa Conrad, P
 D/Lt Steve Erickson, AP

TREASURER DEPARTMENT

Treasurer Lt/C Ralph Baum, N
 Property Officer Lt/C Ralph Baum, N
 Ship's Store Lt Diane Heinrich

SECRETARY DEPARTMENT

Secretary Lt/C Mary Austin
 Database Lt Brad Waters, SN
 Lt Fran Waters
 Historian P/C George Lucker, SN

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

SEO 1/Lt/C Dennis Kinch, AP
 Assistant SEO Lt Jim O'Sullivan, AP
 Public Boating Classes
 Chairs Lt Bruce Gardiner, AP
 Lt KK Gardiner, P
 Lecturers Lt Bill Badgley, SN
 P/C Lonnie Butler, AP
 Lt/C Dianne Greene, AP
 P/Lt/C David Greene, SN
 Lt David W. Galloway, P
 Lt Schell Harmon, AP
 Lt Ray Huggins, SN
 Lt David W. Mowrer, P

Advanced Grades
 Chair Lt Bill Badgley, SN
 Seamanship 1/Lt Dennis Kinch, AP
 Piloting Lt Harry Johnson, AP
 Advanced Piloting P/C Chris Brown, SN
 P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN
 Jr Navigation P/Lt/C Ralph Baum, N
 Navigation P/Lt/C David J Greene, SN
 Elective Grades
 Chair Lt Bill Badgley, SN
 Cruise Planning Lt. Eileen Huggins, SN
 Engine Maintenance Lt Carl Lang, AP
 Instructor Develop. P/C Chris Brown, SN
 Marine Electronics Lt Alfred Felker
 Sail Lt Dave Mowrer, AP
 Skipper Saver P/Lt/C David J Greene, SN
 Weather Lt/C Vern Redecker, JN
 Seminar Coord. Lt. Jerry Bohannon, AP
 Lecturers Lt Ray Huggins, SN
 P/C Chris Brown, SN
 P/Lt/C David J Greene, SN
 P/Lt/C Allen R. Cole, AP
 ABC Coordinators Bruce and KK Gardiner
 Lecturers P/C Christopher Brown, SN
 P/Lt/C Allen R Cole, AP
 Equip. Custodian P/Lt/C Ralph Baum, N
 Sight Reduction Lt Gary W. Mohr, SN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members at Large: Lt Ray Huggins, SN
 Lt. Bruce Gustas, S
 P/C Sally Stuart, SN
 Lt Mike Heinrich, P

COMMANDER'S AIDES

Chaplain P/Lt/C David J Greene, SN
 Sunshine D/Lt Ruby Ann Mahnken, P
 Leadership Develop P/C Chris Brown, SN
 MBYC Liaison P/R/C Gaston Decock, SN
 Merit Mark Lt Laurel J. Redecker, AP
 Operations Training P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN
 Parliamentarian P/C B.J. Ursin, JN

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Lt Duncan Milloy, JN 1 year
 Lt Majorie Dippie, P 2 years
 P/C Don Williams, AP 3 years

FINANCE AND

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Chair P/C Don Williams, AP
 Lt Marge Dippie, P

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair P/C Lonnie Butler, AP
 Lt Mike L. Heinrich, P

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

P/C Sally Stuart, SN 1 year
 P/C Lonnie Butler, AP 2 years
 P/C Chris Brown, SN 3 years

RULES COMMITTEE

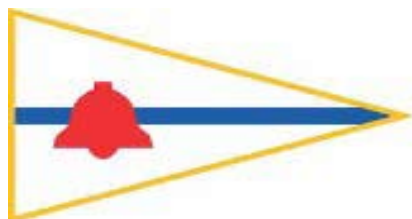
P/C Don Williams, AP 1 year
 P/C Chris Brown, SN 2 years
 P/C/C Lance Jensen, SN 3 years

SEA BELLES BRIDGE

President Diane Heinrich 425-885-1127
 VP Judith Lidgus 425-338-5804
 Treasurer Marge Dippie, P 425-885-0754
 Secretary Barb Erickson AP 425-746-1094
 Membership Jan Brintnall 206-232-4449

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sharon Macklin, AP
 Pat Dorratcague
 P/Lt/C Susan Decock AP
 Lt Mike Heinrich, P



**Monthly Dinner Meeting
5 January 2011**

Program: "The Kenmore Air Story"

Reservations (or cancellations of permanent reservations) are required before Noon **Saturday** prior to the dinner meeting. **If you have not received a confirmation of your reservation, by Friday night before the deadline call or e-mail to make sure you are on the list.** Make your reservation (or cancellations) with:

Lt/C Kym Terwilliger, 425-765-9498
dinnermeeting@bellevuepowersquadron.org

Get on the permanent reservation list and avoid the hassle of phoning each month.
Tell Kym, "Put us on the List"

We accept **Visa and MasterCard**, as well as cash and local checks. The check-in table closes at 1900; Late arrivals please check in with Kym Terwilliger or Thomas Sheppard at the Dinner Tables.

Location and Time

Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club,
9927 Meydenbauer Way SE,
Bellevue, WA 98004.

Members and Guests meet from 1800 for a social hour on the Top Deck.
Dinner is served at 1900 and the meeting will be adjourned around 2100.

Dress Code

For Everyone, The Uniform for January is Business Casual

Buffet Style Dinner

Continuing this month is a buffet style presentation
by Chef Bob Harvey which includes a dessert.

Price, \$22 per person.

From the Commander
Cdr. Dennis Dorratcague, SN



I hope you all had time to enjoy and are still enjoying the holidays. We had a busy but very enjoyable holiday season. I especially enjoyed the Holiday Gala on 4 December. I thank Pat and all who worked so hard to make the event special.

Now, it's back to squadron business. Although you might think this is a little early, it is time to start getting ready for our 2011 – 2012 year.

Important Squadron Business

At our annual meeting in early March, we have three important items of business up for votes by the membership. These are:

- Squadron Elections – The nominating committee has been working hard in November and December to provide us with an excellent slate of officers.
- Budget Approval – A new budget for our 2011 – 2012 operating year has been developed by our budget committee and approved by the Executive Committee.
- Updated Squadron Bylaws – It has been five years since we have updated our bylaws. We have a proposed set of bylaws developed by our Rules Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The updated bylaws will bring us into line with new changes at the national level.

To ensure compliance with Washington State law applicable to non-profit organizations, we will be providing written notice to our members of the slate of officers up for election and bylaws updates about 45 days prior to the election. In addition, complete copies of the old and new bylaws will be available to all members attending the January 2011 and March 2011 dinner meetings as required by Bylaw Article 17. You will receive a mailing from Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron in early January. It will contain the slate of officers and brief discussions of the bylaws changes and budget for 2011 – 2012. The full versions of the bylaws and budget will be posted on the squadron web site. In addition, the mailing will contain the squadron schedule for next year showing the dates of the dinner meetings and rendezvous. This will give all members a chance to become acquainted with the slate of officers, budget, and updated bylaws before the vote at our annual meeting on 2 March.

Crab Feed

January is a good boating month. I know that the weather is not the best, but we have the Seattle Boat Show downtown in the Qwest Events Center and the Boats Afloat Show at the south end of Lake Union. Most importantly, we also have the Sea Belle's Crab Feed on the last Saturday of January, which is the last weekend of the boat show. After you have gone to the boat show and learned about a lot of neat stuff, be sure to go to the crab feed and tell your friends about it. If you haven't attended our crab feed, I highly recommend it. There is fantastic crab, often outlandish table decorations, a great raffle, music, dancing, and great fun for kids of all ages.

I wish you and yours a happy and successful new year. ❖

Boat Show Help Needed!

If you would like to volunteer a segment of your time spent manning the Power Squadron booth at this year's 2011 Seattle Boat Show this is the opportune time to let me know. Show dates run the last full week of January. This year we will receive complimentary entry to the show on the day of volunteering. Please contact Mike Heinrich for additional info at mikelheinrich@aol.com or at 425-885-1127.

Thank you,
Mike

Sea Belles Crab Feed!

Includes coffee, beer and pop!

Saturday, 29 January from 1800 to 2300

VFW Hall

1836-72nd Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA. 98040



Cost: \$25.00 Adults

\$10.00 Non crab eaters

Kids 7 and under free + poster painting

**Make your reservation with Barbara Erickson by calling:
425-746-1094 or email at: barbara.erickson@Q.com**

Deadline for reservations: Monday, 24 January 2011

Make checks (US Funds) payable to "Sea Belles" and mail to Barbara at:

14306 SE 49th Street, Bellevue, WA. 98006-3147

Please bring your crab crackers and remember your table can be decorated per article in the January issue of the *Bellviews*.

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



Well, the New Year is upon us and we all have a new chance to write checks, etc., with the wrong year on them!

The Executive Department is still hard at work trying to develop our marketing campaign. Great progress is being made with new handout material developed, new flashier posters printed and, by the time that you read this, hanging in stores and dealers. The web site is in the process of changing webmasters, and we are well on the road to a new look on the site. The current site has served us well for internal communications, but we are revamping the look to appeal to potential members and public students. Look for it in the not too distant future.

On 11 December, Your commander **Dennis Dorratcague, John Worl, Nick Ledbetter and I** went a Coop Charting in an attempt to garner a few points for the Commander's Challenge. The Lake Washington and Ship Canal chart (18447) that the squadron adopted some years ago had not been reviewed in some time. So with a chart and Google Earth we first reviewed the area. Google Earth resolution has improved over the last few years and the images have been updated regularly. As a result, looking for changes is relatively easy.

My initial task was to look at the Lake Washington north of the SR 520 bridge. I compared a number of features and verified that the Latitude-Longitude coordinates of charted landmarks matched those of the Google Earth image. I also spotted a few landmarks – water towers and such, that no longer exist as well as some shoreline building changes. All good stuff to report.

Interestingly enough, a building in Juanita is shown on the chart; it turned out to coincide with the Starbucks in which we met for the exercise, but was not high enough to be seen from the water. I was told that a taller structure had been torn down.

We met at 0800 – the middle of the night for a retired guy living south of Issaquah – and split up into two teams. Dennis and Nick went down the east shore of the lake to review the old mill area in Kenndale and Gene Coulon Park in Renton. John and I headed to the Ship Canal to confirm some changes that John had uncovered. We also confirmed that one of my missing towers high on Laurelhurst was indeed gone. We also wandered out to Shilshole after I noticed that the tower on the old marina building is still shown on the chart. That building was torn down during the marina redo over the last few years, so the tower is no longer there.

This was my first attempt at a coop-charting exercise; the moral is, with Google Earth and the appropriate chart, one doesn't have to leave home to update a lot of things. Navigation aids still need to be checked by boat, and marinas must still be confirmed to have the necessary services, but if it's visible, it can be done remotely. There is no longer an excuse to sit by. ❖



Panorama of Fisherman's Terminal showing that no log booms are there.

Happy New Year!

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



HAPPY NEW EDUCATION DEPARTMENT YEAR!!!

Well I'm a happy camper! The Ed Department is getting some great help from other guys in the Squadron and I greatly appreciate their efforts. **Vern Redecker** started a Marketing Committee to get the good word out about our Courses and they have been working wonders. **Bill Munroe, Lonnie Butler, Dave & Dianne Greene** and many others have revamped the Posters & Brochures and set up a delivery system to get them on counters and bulletin boards in a timely fashion. The Committee has met several times and I believe going to make some great changes in the near future.

This winter we have a super-size offering of classes for every interest. **Ray Huggins, SN**, will teach the new Marine Electrical Systems course. Engine Maintenance sign ups were at 5 in early December so I would imagine that **Carl Lang** is going to have another full class. I would sign up as soon as you can. Advanced Piloting will begin 15 February 2011. **Lance Jensen, SN** and **Chris Brown, SN** will instruct but **Jim O'Sullivan A/P** will proctor this year's class. Seamanship begins 10 January and we have another new Instructor. **Robert Cooper** will proctor the class. Roberts' specialty is Electrical Engineering and he will be instructing the Marine Communications Systems in the spring.

There is one more offering for this winter. **Dave Mowrer** has again agreed to instruct the Sail Course. Dave is absolutely one of our best instructors. But for some reason this course has not gotten much attention in the last few years at **BSPS**. I am hereby asking everyone in our Squadron to think of those who are sailors and suggest this class to them. Please help me get the word out.

We have nine (9) Seminars between January to the end of March. Take your pick and tell your friends. There is nothing better than spending 2 hours on a Wednesday evening with an excellent Marine Instructor.

ABC 3rd Edition 5 weeks begins 20 January and the All Day class starts 5 February 2011. Both are taught at the Newport Yacht Club.

As always, check the website for time and location. ❖

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



A huge thanks you to **Jennifer and James Hamilton** who have served as BPS Webmasters since 2003! After 7 years, they are retiring from this position. James and Jennifer, members of BPS since 1999, live onboard their 52' Nordhavn at Bell Harbor Marina in Seattle. Their boat, *Dirona*, is named for *Dirona Albolineata*, or the Alabaster Nudibranch, an invertebrate indigenous to the Puget Sound that they see when scuba diving. They authored Waggoner Cruising Guide's, *Cruising the Secret Coast*, about unexplored anchorages on British Columbia's inside passage. Jennifer and James have also published many articles in Pacific Yachting, Passage Maker, and Nor'westing magazines. To view these articles go to: [http://www.mvdirona.com/topics/PublishedArticles, asp](http://www.mvdirona.com/topics/PublishedArticles.asp). For more information about the Hamilton's you can also go to www.mvdirona.com and www.blog.mvdirona.com.

When SEO for two years, I was always sending Jennifer and James new schedules, changes, deletions as well as upgrades to the education information and pictures to post on the website. They were always prompt in responding to my requests and letting me know when the work was completed. It was such a pleasure working with Jennifer and James! You may remember, they presented a program at one of our dinners, so hopefully we can get them to do another presentation in the future. Thanks again Jennifer and James for seven years of service!

2011 BPS RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE

29 April -1 May	Kingston Marina (pending confirmation on 2 Jan.)
20 - 22 May	Cap Sante Boat Haven, Anacortes
	Same weekend as the 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
12-14 Aug.	BPS Invited to Join VISD Rendezvous at Port Browning, Canada
16-18 Sept.	Arabella's Landing, Gig Harbor
20 Sept. - 2 Oct.	Port Orchard Marina for Soup Pot Rendezvous with Bremerton

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. ❖



Sea Belles Soundings
President Diane Heinrich



Here we are finalizing one year and readying ourselves to embark on another.

I would like to thank all who have helped me in so many ways to continue the progression of the **Sea Belle auxiliary** these past months and I look forward to continuing my duties as President and hope you will let me know how we are doing and also we would welcome your input on how we might add to the current list of offerings that may be available to us.

The activity schedule for the **Sea Belles** remains strong as many of us enjoyed the nearly yearlong efforts **Pat Dorratcague** and her crew did in producing the December Gala which was not only a big success but resulted in a grand evening to socialize with our members and their guests. Their work is most appreciated. Not to be forgotten is the popular and blossoming MBYC band **Red Right Returning** which featured dozens of well known songs, and the superb dinner prepared by **Chef Bob Harvey**, with **Laurel Redecker** on the piano in the bar, extraordinary contributions by all for the enjoyment of our members and their guests.

Just around the corner will feature our annual **Crab Feed**, geared for the family, which is set for Saturday, 29 January. This traditional event should again be a hit for the whippersnappers as well as the seasoned “old salts” featuring poster painting (age effective) for the younger ones, also free parking and brew for those of age. Please note the colorful ad for this occasion contained herein.



A reminder that our table top decoration contest is alive and is expected to again be very competitive in nature, with competitors coming from local squadrons such as Seattle (always a strong contender) to BSPS plus entries from Norvan and other Canadian squadrons. Speaking to those from Bellevue I urge you to empower your minds to create a decoration unsurpassed by all others in this very intriguing competition, remembering that the winners are the first to go through the dinner line. For the non-crab eaters we will have spaghetti as an entrée plus the rest of the trimmings including an array of deserts, coffee, pop and brew on tap. Those preferring wine are welcome to bring their favorite selection to augment the evening. Yes, dancing after dinner would be another reason to make your reservation to attend and participate at a price that is still very attractive,

FYI round tables seat 8-9 and are 58 inches in diameter while the rectangles are 30 x 96 inches, which seat 10 and more. More info; gladly just write us at mikelheinrich@aol.com. A typical full house may be expected so please let Barbara Erickson (see accompanying ad) know of your plans to attend and how many will be in your party.

Cruising Option for 2011

This year for the annual trek to the Gulf Islands rendezvous we will see an expanded “open cruising” period between the joint BSPS and NorVan rendezvous set for **29 July to 1 August** and the heralded VISA rendezvous taking place **12 – 14 August**. This window of around 10 days may allow for exploring more of the Gulf Islands or venture farther into BC waters as desired.

Itinerary info about both rendezvous themselves may be found in a spring issue of the **Bellviews**.

Mike Heinrich

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

Join us at the USPS District 16 SPRING COUNCIL 2011



In Beautiful Downtown Friday Harbor, WA
Location: The San Juan Island Yacht Club
237 Front Street (It's a short walk from ferry)

Proposed Winter 2011 Ferry Schedule

Ferry Departs Anacortes 9:05 AM—Arrives Friday Harbor 10:45 AM
Ferry Departs Friday Harbor 4:30 PM—Arrives Anacortes 5:35 PM

Hosted by the Friday Harbor Power Squadron



Saturday, 12 February 2011

Registration	11:00 AM
Call to Order:	11:30 AM
Luncheon:	12:30 – 1:00 PM
Adjourn:	3:45 PM

Contact: Cdr Carolyn Bowen, P
www.fridayharborpowersquadron.com

Info: 360-378-5445
carolyn@fbowenassociates.com

Registration Deadline: February 8th, 2011 (for luncheon)

Name/Squadron _____
Phone/email _____

Catered Luncheon will include Lasagna, Salad, Roll and Dessert
Coffee provided during the day

Please check one: ___ Meat Lasagna ___ Vegetable Lasagna
_____ Reservations @ \$16.00 each = \$_____

Please make checks payable to Friday Harbor Power Squadron
Send to: Cdr Carolyn Bowen P, Post Office Box 1565, Friday Harbor, WA 98250



Seattle Boat Show Update

I was one of the lucky few who received a box of books which Jim Harden gave away at the Fall Conference in Tacoma and I am very grateful to his wife for ordering too many and sharing them with us.

Upon closer inspection (by playing the game at home!) I found out that this is actually a very novel way to help our next generation to create an interest in boating in a fun way.

With the book comes an interactive CD and kids learn a lot of rules and regulations in a fun way. They will need to collect a number of items before they can get aboard the boat. They also learn to slow down, because if they don't and speed up instead or don't watch where they are going, either the Coast Guard will come along and fine them, or they may just run aground. The book/CD also talks about basic and advanced navigation, like navigation in fog and at night, it talks about safety, rescue and the environment. It explains the difference between boats, like cruisers and yachts, but it also teaches about parts on boats.

- Safety and rescue talks about the importance of communication, the importance of a float plan, wearing PFD's, hypothermia, the effect wind chill can have on us and a lot more.
- Another chapter is dedicated to fishing in fresh as well as salt water and deep-sea fishing. It teaches kids to identify species, limits set on fishing as well as size of fish caught, talks about hooks, rods and reels, bait & lures as well as some knots.
- The environment and the impact we have on it and how the environment is affected by what we love doing, boating & fishing.
- At the end of the book is even a 52-question test for the kids, (or whoever gets there first).
- The website, if you can't wait for a book, is: <http://www.usps4kids.org> and well worth visiting as well.

I was very pleased to find out that these books are still available and I managed to get a number of them as a give-away for the next generation of boaters at the Seattle Boat Show 2011. I really hope that this will create some interest in the next generation.

As far as the Seattle Boat Show 2011 is concerned, we are again very lucky that The USCG (United States Coast Guard) is sponsoring the booth and has invited us to participate. We will also be in the West Hall, space #36 and that is some really good news since there will be a lot more traffic passing our booth than in previous years and I hope that we will be able to take full advantage of that new position.

If you want the floor plan and see where the booth is, you can download it at: http://www.seattleboatshow.com/img/west_hall1118.pdf.

That is all the information I have right now, but will keep all of you up to date on any development and news as soon as I receive it.

Regards

John Winkler, AP
D16 Boat Show Chair



From the Membership Chairman

There have been changes in the membership process. Approved at the National Governing Board meeting in Bellevue in September were a couple of new approaches to entice folks to join us, which were effective 1 December 2010.

The one-time \$25 entrance fee/initiation fee/set-up fee is eliminated from the National portion of new member dues. The initial data entry now is done online rather than the old very labor-intensive process at Headquarters in the past shuffling reams of paper. Beginning with the June 2011 renewal period (which is when the majority of us renew), all will see an increase of \$2 to our National portion of dues from that date on. As of this writing, squadron dues are unchanged.

Another change is the inclusion of a free 6 month membership for all those folks who sign-up for our local ABC3 (aka Squadron Boating Class) classes. This is an extension to squadrons of a National program noted below. At the end of the 6 month period, these new members receive an official renewal notice from HQ to pay the normal dues amount. Initially, we will be signing these folks up as Single members. This free membership is for one Single membership only. The Single status can be changed to Family at the 6 month renewal time including the incremental dues increase. All attendees will be signed up unless they specifically ask not to be included. This is where our member involvement efforts must kick in to make these new members feel wanted and encouraged to take advanced and elective classes, and of course participate in our social activities and rendezvous. When you see an unfamiliar face at a dinner meeting, it is your job to introduce yourself and let them know we appreciate their interest. Tell them your boating fun, or even the horror story...it all gets the conversation going. Eight out of the new members listed in this issue are from the latest ABC3 class.

The reference above to Single and Family status has to do with dues collection simplification. A Single Active member is obviously one person. A Family status now includes all the bodies in a household calculated at 150% of the Single dues rate. The various family categories of the past are being phased out totally by mid 2012. If you have an Active and Additional Active in your household, you are now a Family. No action is needed.

So what is this Cyber Squadron we've heard referenced via The Ensign and Bellviews? It is a venue whereby folks can join USPS online via the National website. They can simply join upfront, and pay full Single or Family dues based upon an average of all districts and squadrons of USPS. Or, they can sign-up and pay for the online ABC3 class, and receive a free 6 month Single membership in the Cyber Squadron. This is an offer to pull them in to see what we are all about. The administration of this online class and membership is handled through Headquarters, including the renewal invoice in 6 months. In both cases, we are notified of these new members, and of course encouraged to make contact with them via the data provided to us. We have been doing that for the last 6-8 months since it went into effect. With that contact, we encourage those new folks in our local area to Transfer to Bellevue, which is done online. We do have several newer members who have come to us via this route, and expect more in the future. Once transferred, Headquarters deposits the squadron's dues allotment to our account from that collected. Converting to the Family status can occur at this renewal.

These new members are entered into our roster and receive all the publications and benefits of any other member. They receive blast emails as would any other member. Again it is our job to make these new folks welcome. It is my intent to recognize these folks when they attend dinner meetings so the rest of you know how they came to us.

One last item which has been a bit controversial; all of our classes are now open to the general public. They will pay a higher fee for the class, be able to take the test and will also have their record kept by Headquarters. Should these folks later (or sooner!) decide to join as members, or join during the class, they would then pay member class fees and dues, and have their education record tied to their membership.

Feel free to contact me to discuss any details, which are still confusing. Hopefully I have stated all this correctly.

Lonnie Butler



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

MARINE SAFETY ALERT

Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship

December 15, 2010
Washington, DC

Alert 09-10

TYPE I PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE STRAP CHECK



Recent Coast Guard inspections of Type I Personal Flotation Devices, (PFDs) in both adult and child size, identified a potential hazard that could prevent proper donning in the event of an emergency. The chest strap was threaded through the fixed "D" ring that the strap is intended to clip to when worn. *(Image left)*

It was discovered that several PFDs were assembled this way at the factory and if not corrected could create a hazardous condition during an emergency when they are donned.

Instead of the strap falling away, allowing the wearer to wrap it around him or her, the clip end of the strap could snag in the "D" ring preventing the wearer from getting it around their body. *(Following image)*

(PFDs shown on this page are for example purposes only and are not Kent models.)

Manufacturer, Models and Lot Numbers known to be affected:

Kent Adult Model 8830 (USCG Approval Number 160.055/1840) in Lot 53W manufactured in October 2006

Kent Child Model 8820 (USCG Approval Number 160.055/1500) in Lot 012T manufactured in March 2008

The Coast Guard strongly recommends that vessel owners/operators using the PFDs listed above check each lifejacket for proper routing of the strap. Completely unwrap the primary strap to ensure it is free and capable of being adjusted for any wearer. The strap of the lifejacket must not be threaded through the fixed "D" ring. If routing is satisfactory, the strap may be wrapped around the life jacket and clipped to the fixed "D" ring for storage. *(right image)* If the strap is incorrectly threaded through the fixed "D" ring, the snap hook assembly should be carefully removed from the strap, the strap pulled out of the fixed "D" ring, and the snap hook assembly re-attached.



Vessel owners/operators are also encouraged as part of general preventative maintenance to verify that all their PFDs are in fully serviceable condition with an inspection of the straps, components, fabric and flotation material. Any significant deterioration in condition or poorly functioning hardware indicates a replacement is necessary.

Please contact the manufacturer representative at the address below if additional information is needed.

Kent Sporting Goods Co.
433 Park Avenue S.
New London, OH 44851
Mr. Wayne Walters
Phone: (706) 769-1682
E-mail: WWalters@kentwatersports.com

Developed by the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Lifesaving and Fire Safety Division with assistance from the Office of Investigations and Analysis. Questions may be addressed to Mr. Martin L. Jackson: Martin.L.Jackson@uscg.mil or 202.372.1391.



Kent Sporting Goods Lifejackets Shown Above

Distributed by the Office of Investigations and Analysis: Martin.L.Jackson@uscg.mil

To subscribe: research@uscg.mil

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/>

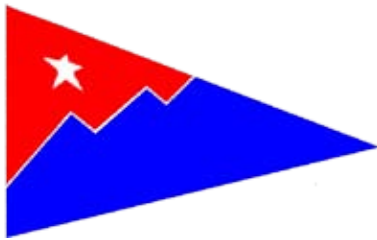
BOAT ELECTRIC

Helping You Cruise in Confort Since 1968

Heating Galley
Electrical Audio
Refridgeration/Service

206-281-7570 fax 206-281-7511

www.boatelectric.com
2520 Westlake Ave. N.
Seattle, WA 98109



Norvan's Upcoming Social Events

19 February 2011- Pub Night

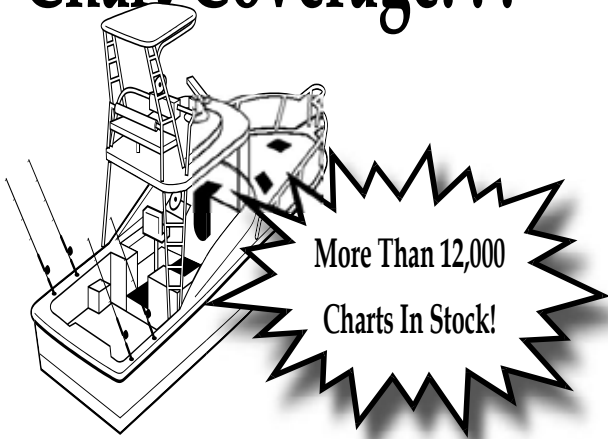
16 March 2011 - March Social

13 April 2011 - AGM

14 May 2011 - Change of Watch

(All Dates are Tentative)

World Wide Chart Coverage...



World Class Customer Service...

-- SINCE 1897--

Weather Instruments Clocks Sextants
Electronic Charts Navigation Software
Marine Books & Videos Almanacs
Tide & Current Tables Light Lists
Plotting Tools

West Coasts Largest Selection of Quality
BINOCULARS & TELESCOPES



Captain's Nautical Supplies

2500 15th Ave. West
Seattle, Washington 98119

Phone 1-800-448-2278

FAX 206-281-4921

Email sales@captainsnautical.com

www.captainsnautical.com

*Anchors Aweigh with
McAdams Builders*



THE REX AWARDS
REMODELING EXCELLENCE
2008 WINNER

McAdams Builders has been a leader in the remodeling industry for more than 33 years. We provide high quality design and expert project management to make sure your remodeling project exceeds your expectations. Combined with our industry leading 2 year warranty we call our system *The McAdams Advantage*.

Call us today at 425.822.6555 for a complimentary 10 point safety check of your home!

**McAdams
Builders**
Distinctive Design/Build Remodeling

425.822.6555

www.mcadamsbuilders.com

USPS PLEDGE

I do solemnly pledge to abide by the Bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons; Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship; Maintain my boat and operate it legally;

Render assistance whenever possible;
And conduct myself in a manner that will
Add prestige, honor and respect
to the United States Power Squadrons.

**WELLS
FARGO**

ADVISOR

It's never too late for a second opinion

The financial advise you'll receive comes with:

- Personalized financial strategies with a broad range of investment choices.
- A Financial Advisor who takes the time to listen and understand your individual needs.
- Support from a talented force of market analysis, investment planning specialists and portfolio managers



Mary Black
First Vice President - Investments
1201 Third Avenue, Suite 3500
Seattle, WA 98101
206-344-6525
Mary.Black@wellsfargoadvisors.com

Investment and Insurance Protection

NOT FDIC Insured

NO Bank Guarantee

May Lose Value

Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC, Member SIPC, is a registered broker-dealer and a separate non-bank affiliate with Wells Fargo & Company
2009 Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC. All rights reserved. 0509-2293 [74020-v1] A1286.

Articles Needed!

I am always looking for new and interesting articles for the Bell-views. If you have a secret cove or cruising spot you would like to share, please don't hesitate to write an article about it and send them to me. Maybe a new galley recipe or new rendezvous spot. Send photos with your articles too if you have them. You can send them to: srdecock@comcast.net, my mailbox is always open.

Happy New Year Everyone!

10 Most Popular New Years Resolutions

1. Getting into shape
2. Change jobs
3. Find a mate
4. Pay off debt
5. Pursue higher education
6. Getting organized
7. giving up bad habits
8. Start a hobby
9. Take a trip
and
10. Move to a new house.

Badgley & Badgley

When it comes to selling your home,
We will be with you every
step of the way.

- 22 years of combined real estate experience
- Extensive knowledge of the local market
- Enhanced technology and marketing tools
- TurnKey Services - Worry free assistance with helping you prepare your home for the market
- Known for going "above and beyond" the normal real estate duties



Jim Badgley
Associate Broker, CRS, GRI
jim@badgleyhomes.com

Rest in Our Expertise

Trust in our Ability

Visit our web site at www.badgleyhomes.com
for our current newsletters, blog and up to date
market information.

Past client references available on request


Windermere



Bill Badgley
Associate Broker, GRI
bill@badgleyhomes.com

1-888-649-5462 www.badgleyhomes.com



The Godfather at the Christmas Gala with the Lang Girls.
Pictured from left to right:

Karen
Dortha
Gus
Tracy
Alice

Photo Courtesy of Paula Seegar



On Seattle's Lake Union
Since 1983

We offer:

- Complete engine room service, gas or diesel engines
 - Haul-out, shaft and prop repair
 - Our dock or yours
 - Parts Monday to Friday 8am-5pm
 - Repower or rebuild
- Ford Lehman
- Cummins
- Westerbeke
- Universal
- Crusader
- Hino
- Yanmar
- Marine Power

717 N.E. Northlake Way **206-547-2477**
Seattle, WA 98105 **Fax: 206-547-2180**



Vessel Safety Checks

We have many Vessel Safety Examiners who are ready to meet you at your boat to make sure your vessel meets the current standard for safety. Let's see if we can get 100% participation from all of you who currently own a boat. We don't want to see anyone with an outdated 2009 sticker or older.

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

David Greene, 425-746-7566 or email: davegreene99@comcast.net

Joseph Cartwright, 360-588-0127 or email: joemarion2@frontier.com

Dewey Lybecker, 206-612-4296 or email: DLybecker@oacsvcs.com

Joseph Saromines, 425-827-8642 or email: bvi2002@comcast.net

Lonnie Butler, 206-718-2608 or email: lonnie.butler1@gmail.com

Susan Decock (our MBYC Examiner), 206-300-1163 or srdecock@comcast.net



Morris & Company Inc. dba

**OCEAN ALEXANDER
MARINE CENTER**

YOUR FULL SERVICE BOAT YARD
SINCE 1993

General Maintenance
Haul Outs on a Marine Elevator (NO SLINGS)
Bottom Cleaning and Painting
Shafts, Props and Bearings
Stabilizers
Bow and Stern Thrusters
Electronic Installation
A/C and D/C Electrical Systems
Heating Systems
Dry Zone Systems
Gel-coat and Fiberglass repair

We can handle many of your service needs with our 80 ton marine elevator, in-water work area and 10,000 feet of covered work area.

**Many years of experience in repairs
and commissioning of yachts.**

**We would like to consult with you about
repairs or customizing your boat.**

*****FULLY INSURED*** ALL WORK GUARANTEED*****



*****FREE ESTIMATES*****



Located on Seattle's Lake Union

**1115 N. Northlake Way #100 ** Seattle, WA 98103 **
Phone (206) 547-1395 ** Fax (206) 547-3789**

Calendar

January 2011

- 5 Dinner Meeting, MBYC
- 29 Crab Feed, VFW Hall
- 31 Jan - 5 Feb
USPS Annual Meeting

March 2011

- 2 Dinner Meeting, MBYC
Election of Officers

April 2011

- 1 Dinner Meeting/Fundraiser,
MBYC - Please note this is a
Friday night!

May 2011

- 4 Dinner Meeting, MBYC
Change of Watch

June 2011

- 1 Dinner Meeting, MBYC
- 17-19 Salmon Bake, Brownsville



Editor

Bellviews Contact

P/Lt/C Susan Decock, AP
10290 NE 12th St. E-202
Bellevue, WA 98004
Ph. 206-300-1163
Email: srdecock@comcast.net

Deadline for the next issue is:
January 15th

January 2011, Vol. 49 No. 6