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Commander's Report Jim Jones, P

The District 16 Spring Conference was held this past weekend at Campbell's Resort/Conference Center in Chelan, at the south end of Lake Chelan. About 50 USPS members went over on Thursday in order to cruise "up-lake" to Stehekin, about 50 miles north. Stehekin is a village of about 70 permanent residents who get all their supplies by barge, as the only way in is by boat, seaplane or a very long hike. Once there, you can hike, backpack, fish, or just hang out as there is a hotel and a few B&B's. They get a lot of summer traffic and it's fun to visit such an isolated place with snowcapped mountains all around, and traveling on the 3rd deepest lake in the world (over 1,200 ft deep). The meeting was a success and we came away with a renewed excitement about USPS programs. Our members attending were, Bob and Naomi Brummett, Del and Sydney Copeland, Ron Jones and yours truly.

One of the new programs National is coming out with is a broadening of our educational offerings – in addition to our updated Advanced and Elective courses for members, will be several seminars that can be offered to the public. They will cover subjects like, GPS, Radar, Radio, Boating Handling Techniques and others. These will be 2-4 hr seminars and will be a new feature of the "USPS University". Also new will be a "Boat Operator's Certification" program that will be recognized outside of USPS. This will be a level of proficiency measurement beyond the SN level. So for all you members out there who have a "complete ticket" – have taken all the courses; hang on because I'm sure that you'll want to get this new certification! We also sat through a new "Leadership Training" seminar that will be sent to all of the squadrons for

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Executive Officer's Report Tom Chandler, SN Choosing A Surveyor

Choosing the right surveyor for you and your boat is one of the most important steps in buying a boat. It is to the surveyor that you, your finance company and your insurance company look to for guidance in the decision as to whether or not this boat is a reasonable investment. In many states surveyors are accredited or certified by their peers. Who knows better what it takes to survey a vessel than another surveyor? Many of the finer professions are regulated in this manner.

The Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors is one of the nationally recognized sources of marine surveyor accreditation. SAMS requires that an individual wishing to be accredited by them, submit five surveys, one from each year of five years experience for review by their board, have high moral character and receive a score of no less than 80% on their test to become accredited. In order to maintain their accreditation, surveyors must acquire 60 hours of continuing education units every five years.

Some surveyors acquire their knowledge from having been in some part of the marine industry, such as shipyard work, while others are Shipwrights. Still others attend a school such as Chapman's School of Seamanship in Stuart Florida..

Most marine insurance companies require a survey before the boat is insured. Many marinas require the boats moored there to be insured. All finance companies require insurance on the boats they finance to protect your investment and theirs.

There is a more fundamental need for a surveyor. What is the real value and condition of the boat? Are there things about this boat that no one is aware of? Is there a problem with the structure of the boat that is hidden by the fact that some of the boat is under water? The infamous blisters reside where only an out of the water inspection of the hull can disclose their existence. Under the layers of paint in a well-maintained boat there may be chunks of corrosion detectable only by the trained and experienced eye of a surveyor. If there is a problem, is it

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General Meetings:

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Executive Board Meetings:

3rd Monday of every month at 8:30AM, at Jean's Deli in Sequim. All members are welcome.

Straitlines Deadline:

All materials for publication must be submitted to the Editor by Friday following the Executive Board Meeting.

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**MINUTES of REGULAR MEETING
NORTH OLYMPIC SAIL & POWER
SQUADRON**

March 13, 2006, at

The Secret Garden, Port Angeles, WA

Commander Jim Jones opened the meeting with the flag Salute. Guest Dorn Carey of the Coast Guard Auxiliary was introduced. Dorn Carey and P/C Ted Shanks agreed to get together to discuss a joint Coast Guard and NOSPS vessel check April 1.

Jim announced that several people would be receiving awards at the District Conference at Chelan March 17-19. P/C Nancy Magisos will be receiving a National Award for Operations Teachers Training; Richard Michels will receive a USPS Education Achievement Certificate; Bob Brummett now has 25 merit marks and will receive a Life Member Award. This year five more members have received a total of five merit awards and are now considered "Senior Members". They are Tom Chandler, Richard Michels, Ted Shanks, Judy Shanks, and Harvey Smith. To earn a merit mark one must have 20 hours of work or responsibility and be recommended by the squadron. This year we had 32 merit marks approved. P/C Ron Jones and Mark Lewis have taken all the regular and advanced courses and all the elective courses and will be receiving Educational Achievement Awards.

Second Order of business was election of officers for the coming year. Those nominated by the nominations committee were: Jim Jones: Commander, Del Copeland: Executive Officer, Richard Michels: Administrative Officer, Ron Jones: Education Officer, Sydney Copeland: Secretary, Jan Jones: Treasurer, Carol Brown: Assistant Treasurer, Svein Seljeseth and Gary Yaruss: Executive Committee. Jim called for nominations from the floor. When it was apparent none were coming, a motion was made to close the nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for the slate of officers. The motion was seconded and carried.

Our Cruise Schedule keeps changing so pick up a new one or consult "Calm Seas". The Shake down cruise will be March 26-30 (or history by the time this is out – hope you were at the meeting). Chris Muir has offered to captain the Mystery Bay Cruise May 19-21

Bob Ketelsen has donated his brand new edition of Chapman's to the power squadron.

THANK YOU, BOB

Charlie Brown, who says he has been "recycled", is once again taking over Co-op Charting. He says there are two new things coming out: Print on Demand Charts and soon "Booklet Charts". Joe Richerts has Learning Guides on GPS, Radar, etc. He also has a Canadian Chart Catalogue.

Bob Brummett explained his latest navigation question and Richard Michels was the lucky correct answer. Always remember – there are also usually several other correct answers in Bob's hat – so luck does enter into it.

Mike Waseca is our newest member. Mike, a sail boater, has the Jack in the Box in P. A.

David Hill won the 50-50 pot and Christine Hill won the "Wearing of the Green" award with an all green outfit. Congratulations to the Hill family.

**Recorded by
Sydney Copeland, S
Secretary**

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING NORTH OLYMPIC SAIL AND
POWER SQUADRON March 20, 2005 at Jean's
Deli — Sequim, Washington**

Nine members were in attendance at the meeting, minutes from the February Executive Board meeting were accepted as printed in the STRAITLINES.

Commander Jim Jones, P, passed out copies of the 2006 District #16 Roster to the officers.

The Commander reported that NOSPS member Bob Ketelsen, P, died and the memorial service is scheduled for Tuesday, 11:00, at the Queen of Angels Church, Port Angeles. A reception will follow at the Port Angeles Yacht Club.

Commander Jones, P, attended the District #16 Spring Conference at Lake Chelan, March 17, 18, 2006. The National Secretary of the USPS represented the National USPS Organization. SEO

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April 2006 Navigation Exercise:

You are on your way to Port Townsend from Port Angeles. Fog had been predicted, but when you left the weather was clear, calm and warm. When the light house on Dungeness Spit is abeam to starboard, a scan of the horizon ahead with your binoculars revealed patches of fog forming. A quick check of your chart gives you a distance of 13.7 nM from your current location to light R "6" FI R 4 sec. That light is just before you plan to change course to Point Hudson light, clearing Point Wilson. According to your GPS your boats speed over the ground is 8.2 knots. If your boat speed does not change, how long should it take you to reach buoy R "S"? If your watch time is 1248. What would be your watch time when you should get to the buoy? Why would you want to know your ETA at light R "6" ?

Send your answer with all calculations to:

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Solution for March Navigation Quiz

This is a compass problem, so we write down T, V, M, D and C vertically and fill in the information on hand:

	hand held	boats
	compass	compass
T		not needed for either boat or hand held
V 18° E		given but not needed for boat or hand held
M 097°	097°	Calculated for hand held by applying D to C (magnetic bearing of sun).
D 00°	16° W	Given for hand held, calculated by difference between M and C
C 097°	113°	Compass bearing of sun measured with string shadow of sun for both compasses.

Because your hand held compass has no deviation, its compass bearing of the sun is the same as the suns magnetic bearing. When this magnetic bearing of the sun is compared to the suns compass bearing obtained for the boats compass the deviation is found to be 16° W. This deviation will only apply to the direction the boat was heading when the measures were made. However, if the deviation is as great as 16° at any heading it would indicate that the compass is in NEED of being adjusted and would not be of much use as is.

You must remember that a hand held compass is not without deviation just because you can move it away from outside magnetic influences. Some hand held compasses have a constant deviation at all headings because of construction errors. Furthermore your glasses frames can have magnetic effects as can things in your shirt or pants pockets or even your belt buckle. You do not know that it does not have any deviation unless you check it.

P/R/C Bob Brummett, SN



2006 SPRING CONFERENCE JN - N QUIZ

by P/R/C Robert E. Brummett, SN

Quiz: Your neighbors dropped over for HAPPY HOUR and while you were having a drink you were telling them about a trip you were planning to Fortaleza, Brazil. They had never been there. While you were showing them where it was on your world atlas, one of them asked "How far is that from here?" You answer, "I do not know, but can give you a rough estimate."

The location of your home is Lat. 48° N and Lo. 123° W. From your world atlas you get the approximate location of Fortaleza as Lat. 4° N and Lo. 38° W.

You make a sketch on your bar napkin on the plane of your meridian of longitude and in a couple of minutes tell them that the approximate, shortest distance in nautical miles is _____. What is the distance you told them?

Bob received several correct answers, and the names of those submitting correct answers were placed in a hat from which the winner, Lt/C Richard Michels, JN of North Olympic was drawn and awarded a bottle of Hoodspout wine as the prize.

Quiz Answer: I must first apologize to all of you in D-16 as well as the people of Brazil. Fortaleza is at 4° S latitude not 4° N. It is obvious that I had too many beers when I checked the atlas in the quiz. The error was kindly pointed out to me by Stf/C Ken Griffing, SN of D-13. However the quiz can be answered using either 4° N or 4° S.

Figure A represents your free hand sketch on the bar napkin. You are at Z, Pn and Ps are the north and south poles and the line Q-Q' is the equator. The N-S line is your celestial horizon. The dot labeled D is your destination. The shortest distance from Z to D is the dashed arc going from Z to D. The angular distance from Z to the line N-S following that arc is 90° and the distance to travel can be determined by projecting this arc to the original circle. Because the circles are the same size, this can be done by drawing a line through the destination point D parallel to the N-S horizon line across to your original circle. This line is about 6° above the horizon. Thus the distance to travel is 90° - 6° = 84°. Each degree is equal to 60 nautical miles so 84° x 60 = 5040 nautical miles, which is the shortest distance to your destination.

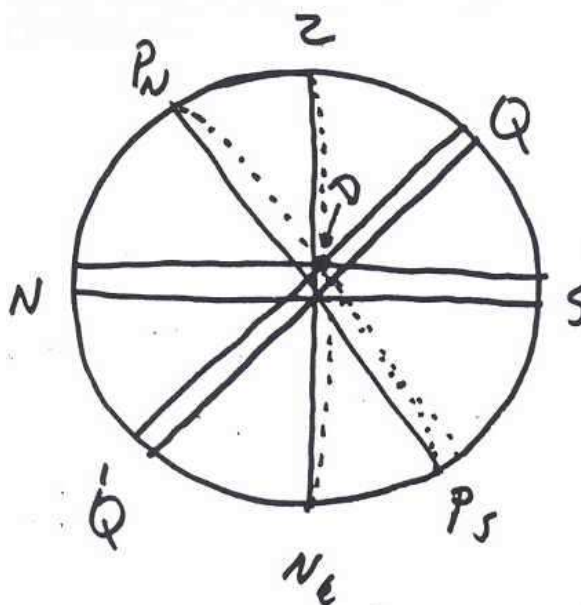


Figure A



BOATSMART INSTRUCTOR'S SCHEDULE

Year	Quarter	Primary	Secondary	Proctor
2006	Apr 29	Ron Jones	Peyton Greenough	Chris Zook
	Aug 5	Peyton Greenough	Chris Zook	Joe Richerts
	Oct 7	Chris Zook	Joe Richerts	Hank David
2007	Winter	Joe Richerts	Hank David	Mark Lewis
	Spring	Hank David	Mark Lewis	Harvey Smith
	Summer	Mark Lewis	Harvey Smith	Sparks
	Fall	Harvey Smith	Sparks	Jim Fitzpatrick
2008	Winter	Sparks	Jim Fitzpatrick	Ted Shanks
	Spring	Jim Fitzpatrick	Ted Shanks	Joel Magisos
	Summer	Ted Shanks	Joel Magisos	Richard Michels
	Fall	Joel Magisos	Richard Michels	Jim Jones

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Course	Dates	Time	Location	Contact (360) 683-6506
Boat Smart	29 Apr 06	1000-1600	PAYC	P/C Peyton Greenough, AP
Boat Smart	5 Aug 06	1000-1600	TBC	P/C Peyton Greenough, AP

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us to give locally. It is a power point presentation of leadership skills, which we can all use in aspects of our daily lives – with our kids, prospective members, friends, etc. It is well done and is similar to training that major corporations give to their managers.

Congratulations to Bob Brummett who received his “Life Member” award at the closing dinner for achieving 25 Merit Marks – at one mark per year – that’s a lot of years of contribution and service to USPS and NOSPS! Thanks Bob and Naomi! Also Ron Jones and Mark Lewis received their SN Awards (Certificate of Educational Achievement)!

The next District Meeting is our annual District Education Seminar, May 13 in Bellevue; Bob Sweet, National AEO will be the speaker. Bob is the author of the “Weekend Navigator” (we use in P and AP), “GPS for Mariners” and several “Captains Quick Guides” for Using VHF and SSB Radios, On-Board Weather Forecasting, and Boat Handling under Power. Any member is invited to these District 16 meetings, not just our SEO and ASEO. Get more knowledge and have more fun by attending a District meeting! Ron Jones (incoming SEO) will head up our delegation.

LEARNING GUIDES

What are Learning Guides, you ask? Learning Guides are USPS publications that cover subjects as varied as "How to Fly Flags" to "The Boat-owner's Guide to GMDSS and Marine Radio". They vary in size from as few as thirty pages to over one hundred and fifty and cost \$7.50 to \$18.50 each. Some of the more expensive ones have a CD enclosed.

These are really good references if you want to brush up on a specific subject. Let's say you are contemplating a new radar for your vessel. The LG for radar covers, Selection of a Radar System, Installation and Maintenance, and Integration with Other Systems among other subjects. It is about thirty five pages and costs \$7.50.

We have available Learning Guides on the following subjects: How to Fly Flags, Radar, The Boat-owner's Guide to GMDSS and Marine Radio, Knots, Bends and Hitches, Marine Amateur Radio, GPS, Compass Adjusting, USPS Glossary, Introduction to Sailing, and Skipper Saver. These will be available for sale at our regular meetings, or if you just can't wait to get yours, call Joe Richerts at 681 2197. I will review one or two each month In Straitlines

April Birthday Corner

Doug Timmons 4/6
Will Woods 4/8
Carol Brown 4/16
Barbara Cooper 4/17
Linda Timmons 4/19
Alan James 4/20
Ed Dymont 4/28
Gil Newton 4/28

NOSPS Website

More useful links have been added to www.calmseas.org. To access these links, go to www.calmseas.org, click on *boating links*, and then click on the relevant floating menu tab. New links include the following:

ABC Course Info tab:

ABC Instructor Manual

Educational Info tab:

Free Maptech Digital Charts

GPS Time Information

World Facts

Local Variation

Associations tab:

Ensign

Education Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following members for attending the recent Membership Orientation class conducted by P/C Nancy Magisos. The students received valuable information on the structure and operation of USPS as well as the local operations of NOSPS.

Melanie DeBiddle
Steve DeBiddle
David Hill
Christine Hill
Janet Jones
Jack Luenow
Roland Lohner
Svein Seljeseth



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Michels, AP, won an award for the NOSPS Web-Site. The squadron won an award for being part of the 100% honor roll for the USPS Education Award. P/D/C Bob Brummett, SN, explained the navigation problem that the CARDINAL POINTS District Newsletter printed. SEO Richard Michels, of NOSPS, won the draw from the correct answers to the problem and received a bottle of wine. P/C Ron Jones, and Mark Lewis both received a plaque for having completed all the requirements for Senior Navigator.

Poverty Bay Squadron won the Commander's Challenge Award for the year 2005.

The new Point Wilson Squadron is the 17th squadron to join District #16.

USPS will soon have available a Power Point Presentation to inform the public about USPS.

USPS University is the title of some 2 to 4 hr. seminars that will be available for squadrons to present to the public. They will be about various aspects of boating.

NOA has announced that the Geodesic Marker Reports Survey Program is changing and the Cop Charting Chairman will be informed of the new guidelines.

USPS Anniversary Billing is now in affect. Most of the membership dues will be due in June. Others will pay dues on the anniversary of the month they joined the USPS.

The new Leadership Training Program, a slide show, will be available or incorporated in the Operation Training material.

The Jim Rober Award, a new district award, is given to the squadron with the highest number of students in classes compared to the squadron membership. This year, NOSPS placed second for the award.

The Fall Conference will be hosted by Columbia Bend Squadron in Richland, WA.

SEO Richard Michels reported the next Boat Smart class will be April 29 - 30, at PAYC. It is possible to sign-up for the BS class on the web page, www.Calmseas.org.

The Engine Maintenance class is proceeding with 4 students.

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Dear U.S. Power Squadron Members:

On Saturday, June 17th, Bellport Deer Harbor Marina will be hosting an Open House” featuring the 85 foot United States Coast Guard Cutter “Osprey” and her Crew. Osprey is the Coast Guards state-of-the-art Vessel. She will be available. For your inspection and questions The Osprey crew has also been kind enough to Offer “mini courses” while at our dock. The following topics could be covered:

- Recovering a person in the water
- Safe Navigation DGPS Radar Turn Bearings Danger Bearings
- Fist Aid, Quick Patient Assessment
- Flood Control
- Lines and Line Handling
- Portable Fire Extinguishers
- Search and Rescue and Law Enforcement questions and answers
- VHF Radio Communications Navigation Basics

We would be pleased to have you and other U.S. Power Squadron members share not only this opportunity to learn more about the United States Coast Guard and her operations here in Puget Sound, but to also rendezvous together in our beautiful harbor At the specially reduced rate of \$1.20 per foot. Regarding the “mini courses”, if any are of Interest to you and your members, please contact us for more information. Also at our dock that day will be the SeaCure fire Services. They will be available to re-charge and certify your fire extinguisher needs. Happy Boating.

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P.S.

The coast guard has told me they are working on getting two 87ft cutters, a 47ft lifeboat and possibly a helicopter up here. There will be crew stationed at each spot to talk with visitors (engineer, bridge, galley etc.). The interest with the U.S.C.G. is phenomenal and I think if we have a good showing we could possibly do this every year.

Thanks for spreading the word.
Marc

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a major item or only the product of age and to be expected when buying a used boat? What, if any, is the urgency of these items? What will it cost to have these items repaired or should these items be replaced? What will it cost and which will be the most economical?

Even though many experienced boaters have been around boats most of their lives, they would no more be their own surveyor than be their own attorney. They may be reasonably good mechanics and good electricians. They may understand the physics of stress and strain and know what cracked metal and/or fiberglass looks like. But they have not spent years crawling through boats looking for problems. Neither have they spent years looking at boats that have been repaired to see if the work has been done according to insurance standards and boat builders specifications. These are the things surveyors do.

Most surveyors charge around ten dollars per foot. Their price has little to do with their ability to give you what you need in a survey. Some of the highest priced surveyors offer little more than their ego and a fancy folder for their report. While the least expensive are sometimes "filling in" while waiting for something else to do.

Most good brokers furnish their clients with a list of several surveyors and their phone numbers. All of these should be acceptable to both the insurance companies and the finance companies you have chosen. As a buyer, one should talk to as many surveyors as possible and decide which surveyor you can communicate with best. Ask for and compare resumes. The surveyor should be knowledgeable about the particular boat to be surveyed. After talking with a surveyor ask yourself the following questions: Were his answers clear? Did he keep things in a reasonable perspective? Or did he go off on a tangent? Is everything a big deal? Does this surveyor understand how the boat will be used?

There are two extremes found among surveyors, which should be avoided by all buyers: 1. The surveyor who does only a cursory inspection, 2. The surveyor who makes a big deal out of every little thing. Either of these surveyors will cost you money, time and heartache. The surveyor who just gives your boat a cursory once over will not see problems or weaknesses that will cost you unexpected money in the

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future. The surveyor, who picks out even little thing and does not explain what to do about it but makes you feel that you are foolish for even looking at this boat, could stop you from buying that boat which is perfect for you.

The best surveyor is one who meets the above criteria and invites you to be there while he is surveying "the boat" or will have you come at the end of the survey and go over every thing with you. During or after surveying the boat, the surveyor should explain the ins and outs of each thing he finds that is not up to par. Your surveyor should explain to you those things like plumbing items that may not be quite as good as they could be but are working and do not need attention immediately. Your surveyor should be willing and able to tell you how to fix that plumbing properly with out unduly alarming you. As he goes through the boat with you, he should point out items that need particular attention on this boat and other items that need regular maintenance. Some buyers use a tape recorder for the entire survey. Others take notes. The information you get from a good surveyor will come in handy as long as you own a boat.

When your surveyor finds a problem that requires immediate attention, he should be able to explain why it is a problem and what it will take to fix it. He should be able to talk to the yard or other appropriate persons and help you get a fair and honest estimate for the repair. A good surveyor will consider this part of the service the buyer is paying for. You may want to discuss this during the interview/selection process.

When we talk about surveyors, generally we think of the vessel surveyor. There are two other kinds of surveyors that are important in some cases. Rigging surveyors and engine surveyors. These surveyors are not regulated at all. They stand to profit from any thing they find wrong, unlike vessel surveyors that do no repair work. As a buyer you should consider having some one other than these surveyors do the recommended repairs and certainly have the replaced parts saved for your inspection. Your vessel surveyor may recommend rigging and engine surveyors. Ask him. Discuss with him the ins and outs of these types of surveys. At this juncture in time your properly chosen vessel surveyor is your best source of advice.

Any sailboat over ten years old should have a

rigging survey unless you intend to replace the rigging immediately after purchasing the vessel. Most vessel surveyors will survey the bottom of the rigging up as far as he can reach standing on the deck

This includes the deck fittings, chain plates, mast step and the shrouds at deck level. Rigging surveyors inspect the mast and the rigging all the way to the top.

Your vessel surveyor will tell you what he thinks of the engine but most will not do an engine survey. They will tell you if they think the engine smokes too much or has a suspicious knock or some other problem he can see. Most often a mechanic will do an engine survey.

A Surveyor is hired by, and paid by, the buyer to give an honest, fair and unbiased appraisal of the vessel. The results of the survey are therefore owned by the buyer and should only be shared with those whom the buyer chooses. Obviously, the survey report will go to the insurance and finance companies if the buyer wants their services. But, if after the survey the buyer does not want the boat, the buyer is not required to share the survey report with anyone. If there is a clause in the purchase agreement whereby the buyer agrees to share the survey with the broker then there is a contractual obligation. Also if the buyer wants to use the survey report to renegotiate the price of the vessel, then the report must be shared with all parties. What should be guarded against is the extremely slim possibility that another buyer could use the report to obtain insurance and/or financing without paying for a survey.

The job of a surveyor is difficult enough in that they have to crawl around in the bilges and all the hard to reach places on a vessel to see what is there and see that they contain no surprises. Often his job is made more of a challenge by the different parties involved in a sale and their desire to have the survey report come out in their favor. A good surveyor has a strong enough will to report the facts in a totally unbiased, fair and honest manner.

A good surveyor is a real professional. Choose your surveyor with the same care you would an accountant or a doctor. Your money is in his hands, and your life could be.

Administrative Officer's Report Duke and Dodie Sparks

Here we are --- going into our April meeting which is the Change of Watch. Our year as Co-Administrative Officer is almost over. First of all, we would like to thank you for the privilege of serving as your officer. We hope that you enjoyed our meetings and programs and that you will support Richard Michels, the incoming Admin. Officer as well as you supported us.

We would like to extend a grateful thank you to the following members who helped us set up and clean up the meetings throughout this past year:

First of all, Carol Brown – our telephone lady who unfailingly made phone calls each month, we couldn't have survived without you. The following members pitched in to help at the various meetings, including setting up and running the Rendezvous and pot luck dinners, helping to decorate for the meetings and helping to clean up after the meetings: Sydney Copeland, Del Copeland, Dolores Kettlesen, Lois Benson, Jim Fitzpatrick, Gloria Fitzpatrick, Nancy Magisos, Gil Newton, Linda Newton, Svein Seljeseth, Jan Jones and Richard Michels. We greatly appreciate your busy hands, helpfulness and support.

We think that most of you know that we are stepping down from the line of Bridge Officers. Jim and Gloria Fitzpatrick requested to be released from the duties of Membership, so after much thought, we decided to step back into that Squadron position, rather than advance through the Bridge. We would like to personally thank Jim and Gloria for their membership work the past couple of years. You did good!

Speaking of membership, each member of NOSPS can and should be a part of the Membership Committee. We all know boaters and/or people who would like to be boaters. It is through our contact with our friends that help bring new members into the Squadron, as well as through the Basic Boating classes. By mentioning NOSPS and encouraging others to take the boating class, we are fulfilling our purpose to "Promote Safe Boating Through Education" and gaining new members. We are a great organiza-

tion with an important purpose and when we work and "play" together we each grow in friendships, pride and satisfaction.

We have several committees, some of which do not require a whole lot of time and others that do require time and effort, but each one works together to make us whole. Check out the committees (they are listed on the second page of the Straitlines each month) with a bridge member or committee chair and get involved. The more hands that "stir the pot", the easier it is to reach the final goal. And in doing so, the camaraderie and fun of working together is a wonderful reward.

Coming up in May are several activities that could use your help. During National Safe Boating Week, May 22 – 27, we will have a display booth set up at various stores in Sequim to display information about safe boating and the North Olympic Power Squadron. Spending a couple of hours talking with people on the street is very rewarding and last year brought several people to our Boating Classes and to our Squadron. Join in and help us do it again! Also, we will have a "boat float" in the Irrigation Festival Parade again this year to emphasize safe boating and the wearing of PFD's. Anyone interested in helping with either of these projects can contact our Commander, Jim Jones, or us.

Thanks again for a great year and we look forward to being together with you for a super new year.



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JOINT NOSPS/PAYC/SBYC CRUISE SCHEDULE – 2006

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Length (Days)</i>	<i>Destination</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Sponsor Cruise Captain</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Interest Level</i>
March 26-30	4	Port Hadlock	NOSPS Shake Down	NOSPS	Super yummy Sunday brunch at Alcohol Plant/dinner at Jakes	High 7
April 4-8	5	Port Hudson Port Hadlock Bell Harbor	SBYC Shakedown	SBYC <i>Captain: Ted Shanks</i>		Medium
April 20-23	4	Sidney BC, Oak Bay	PAYC Shake Down	PAYC		High 6
May 5-7	3	Canada	Predicted Log	PAYC <i>Captain: Al Gross</i>	Van Isle-Race@ Haro-Victoria	Medium 4
May 19-21	3	Port Ludlow	Practice Anchoring	NOSPS <i>Captain: Chris Muir</i>	Potluck Picnic/ BBQ/Predicted Log	Medium 5
May 25 - June 3	10	Gulf Islands, Chemainus, Telegraph Cove	Memorial Day Cruise	PAYC <i>Captain: Hal Gilmour</i>	BBQ/Dingy Races/Bocce Ball at Telegraph	Medium 6
June 23-25	3	Poulsbo	USPS D16 Rendezvous	NOSPS <i>Captain: Jim Jones</i>	NOSPS Only	High 6
July 3-5	3	Bell Harbor	Rockets Red Glare	NOSPS <i>Captain: Richard Michels Co-Captain: Jim Jones</i>	Contact cruise captain to waitlist	FULL
July 24-29	4 - 6	LaConnor, Anacortes, Oak Harbor	For the Ladies	SBYC <i>Co-Captain: Larry Fox Co_Captain: Jim Jones</i>	Quilt museum, shops	High 6
August 22-27	6	Victoria/Sooke, Brentwood & points east for fishing	Fish & Shop	NOSPS <i>Captain: Willard Woods</i>	Mates can shop while fisherpersons follow Willard. Fireworks at Bu- chart. Requires Canadian fishing license.	High 7
September 4-15	12	Princess Louisa	Paradise Found	NOSPS <i>Co-captain: Ted Shanks</i>		High 9
September 16	1	Local Sequim Bay	Hospice race Predicted Log?	SBYC		High
September 22-30	9	South Sound, Hood Canal	Port Orchard, Olympia, Tacoma, Bell Harbor	PAYC		Medium
October 8-10	3	Victoria	Maple Leaf	SBYC <i>Captain: Co-captain: Ted Shanks</i>		Not Polled

Notes:

"Destination" does not necessarily include all the harbors to be visited; only the primary harbors may show here
 All cruises are open to all three boating organizations, unless indicated otherwise
 To join a cruise, boats must coordinate with the Planning Captain
 Sponsoring Club members *may* have priority

Mystery Bay Cruise May 19-21

Don't forget to mark you calendars for this weekend! Because of low tides in Mystery Bay, we are changing the venue to Port Ludlow – for Friday and Saturday nights. Call now to make your reservations, 360-437-0513; they have plenty of slips now, but that could change with the Rhododendron Festival going on that weekend. The theme for this cruise has not changed – we plan on doing an “anchoring” exercise near the Port Ludlow marina Friday afternoon after we all have arrived and checked in. Then on Saturday, we plan to have some fun with a “predicted circumnavigation of Marrowstone Island”, stopping at Port Townsend for some shopping or sightseeing before heading back to Ludlow for the evening and dinner. Sunday we are on our own to motor back to Sequim or where ever you want to go. We should have fun! A trophy will be presented to the boat that wins the Saturday navigation problem – put your P, AP, JN and N skills to use on the water by joining us on this cruise. Detailed instructions will be handed out at the cruise meeting that we will have the week before the cruise date. **Get out on that water! And remember...”Don't measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by what you should have accomplished with your ability”!**

**2006 EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR
13 MAY 2006
VFW HALL, MERCER ISLAND, WA**

The featured speaker will be the USPS Assistant National Education Officer R/C Robert J. Sweet, SN. R/C Sweet, SN is a nationally published author who has written guides for McGraw Hill and Mapteck. His works, "GPS for Mariners" and "Weekend Navigator" are familiar to all of us. He will be speaking on what is new in USPS Education in the morning session and a train-the trainer session along with the new GPS Seminar in the afternoon. Please welcome him with your presence.

Final agendas and registration forms will be forwarded to all D#16 Squadrons as soon as final arrangements are made.

**ADEO D/1st/Lt Karin McLean, JN,
karinmclean@hotmail.com**

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There was a discussion about a Map-tech CD that contains 61 charts of Canadian waters from below Vancouver Island to the top of Vancouver Island and costs nearly \$200. The SEO will seek more information about the CD.

The Treasurer asked that all outstanding bills be sent to her before March 31. That is the end of the fiscal year.

The Budget, as prepared by Joel Magisos, AP, was read, adjusted and totaled. A motion was passed to accept the budget for the new fiscal year.

The Change of Watch meeting and dinner is scheduled April 10, 2006. The dinner cost is \$20 per person.

The Shakedown Cruise begins March 26. Chris Muir is Captain of the Mystery Bay cruise in May. Com. Jim Jones is Captain of the District #16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo, June 23, 24.

National Safe Boating Week is May 20 - 27. Display Booths/Tables will be set up in some downtown stores similar to last year's displays. Workers are needed to be at the booths during that week. Volunteers should call Cdr. Jim Jones, 582-9134.

Willard Woods has volunteered his boat and trailer to be in the Irrigation Parade, May 13, 2006. If you would help decorate the boat, call Cdr. Jim Jones.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Recorded by
Acting Secretary,
P/C Nancy Magisos, AP**



Pillage and Plunder in Poulsbo
USPS District- 16 Rendezvous — June 23 — 25, 2006

That's the theme for this years rendezvous. We are back at the Port of Poulsbo again. In keeping with the St. Hans Summerfest put on that day by the Sons of Norway, we are going to lend ourselves to their Viking theme.

There will be an assortment of fun and games. Sons of Norway will add to it with their annual festivities including the famous "Fish Toss". In addition to the traditional revelry, based on a Viking theme we will have the best decorated boat, the most unusual dinghy (maybe use it in the race) and the best table decorations. This last one will be on a Squadron basis. If you feel real silly, you may even wear your most "Authentic" garb.

The Sons of Norway is catering with a "sit down" Chicken Breast with Bearnaise Sauce dinner and a breakfast Sunday morning. We need at least 50 for breakfast. We will have our own bar and hors' d'erves. We will have the usual evening drawings with both a raffle and a silent auction. The Strawberry Grandmas said they missed us and were not going to come back this year until they found out we were coming. Now they say they will make every effort to be there.

We urge each Squadron to get donations from local businesses for 3 prize items. We would like 2 for the general raffle and 1, possibly of a little more value, for the silent auction. The more the merrier. Please keep track of who donated, including mailing addresses, so we can give them a nice thanks.

We have a number of rooms held at the Poulsbo Inn @ \$66 if you are not coming by boat. There is also a Holiday Inn Express nearby. Nicole is our contact at the port for morage. We have 80 assorted size slips being held but you must call at least 30 days prior with your credit card to hold a space.

This will be a great time as usual. Fun for the entire family so bring the kids, grandkids ... and your rowdy Viking pals.

Registration: Note: All meal counts must be in by 19 June or you may not be served.

Name: _____ Squadron: _____
(Please include rank and/or grade)

_____ Phone: _____
(Spouse/guest names)

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

e-mail _____ Boat Name _____

(Ask for the D16 Docking Crew on 72 to help you in)

Saturday Evening Banquet, \$21 per Person: Number _____ \$ _____
(6 year old or under 1/2 price)

Sunday Breakfast, \$10 per Person Number _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Coming by boat? Size: _____ Call Nicole at Port Poulsbo (360) 779-3505 by 05/23

Coming by car? Number _____ Call Poulsbo Inn (800) 597-5151 by 05/23

Send registration and payment in US funds no later than 06/15/06 to USPS District 16 Rendezvous, D/Lt/C Joanna Webster, AP, 31820 37th Ave. SW, Federal Way, WA 98023-2176 (253) 927-7474 or e-mail jimjoweb@aol.com

For general information or comments call D/LtC Mark Richey, JN (360) 387-1260 or e-mail damnrich@wavecable.com

NORTH OLYMPIC SAIL and POWER SQUADRON

Invites you to attend our Change of Watch meeting on Monday, April 10th, at John Wayne Marina, 2577 W. Sequim Bay Road in Sequim. There will be a no-host bar, and the Social Hour will begin at 1700 (5:00), followed by dinner at 1800 (6:00). Our formal Change of Watch will begin at 1900 (7:00) and will be conducted by our District 16 Officers. The entrée is Baron of Beef or Chicken w/orange sauce. The rest of the menu will included roasted red potatoes, Normandy blend vegetables, tossed green salad, rolls and butter and dessert. The cost per person for this catered dinner is \$20.00, payable at the door. Dress is Blazer or Mufti (appropriate attire).

We hope to see all of you there to support our change of officers.

Visit the NOSPS Web Site at
<http://www.calmseas.org>

The District 16 Web Page is at
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d16>

NOSPS TIPS

Before you head out on your boat or haul it out for the winter, have your FREE Boat Safety Check. Contact P/C Ted Shanks, P for an appointment.

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