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Commander's Report

Ron Jones, N

We have just returned from attending the District 16 Fall Conference at Silverdale where each squadron was asked to review how they were tracking with the goals statement that each squadron submitted last April of this year. This review was appropriate, as the end of October marks the midterm of each squadron's bridge. The goals statement I submitted is shown on page 7, with the current status shown as of 22 October 2004. Each squadron was also asked to comment on their greatest concerns. NOSPS has two critical areas where we need to improve.

Our first concern is to get and retain new members, 31 members from the previous year did not renew their USPS membership. To gather data as to why members are dropping out we developed a questionnaire that was sent to the 56 members who had dropped out over the past two years. We received back 14 responses. These responses were reviewed to get an understanding of why our previous members have dropped.

Our second concern is filling several vacant positions. We have been searching for a member to accept the position of Secretary; also we are looking for an Editor of The Straitlines. In addition we need someone to be chairman of the Co-Op Charting Program. The success of the squadron depends on the active participation of all of its members; if you are interested in any of these positions please call me, the squadron needs your help.

At our September Bridge meeting P/C Nancy Magisos, AP and Carol Brown, AP suggested we make the table settings more attractive for our monthly dinner meetings to encourage attendance. The bridge authorized funds for purchasing tablecloths and table decorations. Thanks to Nancy and Carol for the great improvement in the appearance of the tables at our October dinner meeting, and thanks also to P/R/C Bob Brummett, SN for acquiring a very interesting guest speaker for our after dinner program.

Since our public boating classes are our best source for new members, Bob Stearns, AP has agreed to take on the job of Public Relations for the squadron. Getting the schedule for our public boating classes widely distributed and publicized in the local newspapers is critical to attracting students for these classes. Thanks to Bob for stepping up to this very important job.

At the District 16 Fall Conference, NOSPS was announced as winner of The Prince Henry Award for the second year in a row. This award is presented each year at the District 16 Fall Conference for excellence in teaching navigation.

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General Meetings:

Sept. through May on the 2nd Monday of the month.

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Executive Board Meetings:

3rd Monday of every month at 9:00AM, at Joshua's. 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 the NOSPS Executive Board Meeting
Held at Joshua's on 17 October 2004

Commander Ron Jones called the meeting to order at 0900. Minutes of the September Board meeting were approved as published in the October issue of the Straitlines.

Five additional responses were received from former NOSPS members to our questionnaire were discussed. Bob Stearns, Jim Jones & Jim Fitzpatrick discussed the results of their analysis of the nine previous responses to our questionnaire. They suggested that we increase the number of Public Boating Classes offered each year.

Bob Stearns will work with the local newspapers to advertise these classes to help generate community awareness of NOSPS and attract new members.

After much discussion, it was decided to reduce the time allotted for "Happy Hour" to 30 minutes. Table decoration will occur from 1700 to 1730 with "Happy Hour" starting at 1730. If you would like a longer "Happy Hour", please come at 1700 and help decorate the tables. The Business meeting will be called to order at 1800, and the start of food service will begin at 1830 followed at 1930 by the guest speaker's presentation. The meeting will adjourn no later than 2030 to allow time to remove the table decoration and be out by 2100.

The board approved \$50.00 for entertainment at our December meeting. Carol Brown has arranged for the "Sweet Adeline Singers" to provide the entertainment.

The board meeting was adjourned at 1120.

November Navigation Exercise is a survey:

Please Send completed Navigation Equipment

Survey to: Robert E. Brummett

40590 N. U. S. Hwy. 101

Lilliwaup, WA 98555

Please check all of the equipment and or materials that you carry on your boat. This includes ma-

terials that you may keep at home when not on the boat, but take with you when you leave port. You can copy the survey form to send to me or you can just make a list of the materials you have. Everyone sending in a completed survey will have their name entered for the drawing at the November meeting.

Your Name _____

Boat length ____ Power ____ Sail

___ Hand bearing Compass

___ Compass

___ GPS

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___ Note Pad & Pencil

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___ Depth Sounder

___ Chart #1

___ Charts

___ Binoculars

___ Chart Plotter

___ Marine Atlas

___ Electronic Charts

___ Cruising Guides

___ Accurate watch with GMT time error known

Please List any other navigation instruments or materials

Administrative Officer's Report

Jim Jones

The great Northwest is a boater's paradise with all the semi protected water to boat in, hundreds of fun ports to visit, islands and coves to hide near overnight, and great support from various boating clubs and organizations such as the **North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron**. In our Power Squadron we have many resources that can be called upon to answer your question about a port, or about the current at Deception Pass, or the best route to the Gulf Islands - on and on. Where can you get this kind of knowledge? By attending our regular monthly meetings. They are held at the Secret Garden Buffet in PA on the second Monday of every month, September through May, at 5:30 pm. We invite you to attend and meet our boaters - and feel free to ask them questions you may need answers to about your next boat trip to the South Sound or to Friday Harbor. We also have a program at each of the meetings that can enhance your boating experience - Our November 8th meeting will feature Jerry Estberg, PhD from the University of San Diego who will talk with us about Lightning - its patterns, why it strikes and lightning problems on the water. **REMEMBER - KNOWLEDGE IS POWER** on the water. Be safe, educate yourself by taking USPS courses.

Treasurer's Report

Rick Mell

Receipts are running behind budget projections; however, we are constraining ourselves on the spending side. I hope we will end the year with income approximately equal to expenses; which means we will not have to tap the CD we have as backup.

Education Officer

Richard Michels, AP

Have you ever wondered what the local weather forecast is before going out onto the water? Did you ever wish all the Straitlines were easily accessible in one place, in order to refer to a previous issue or specific article? Ever wish you could look at some pictures of one of our previous cruises? Well.....I have created a new website www.calmseas.org which has this information. Since this is our website, we're free to place content on the site which is of the most use to our members.

Checkout www.calmseas.org and use the *feedback* link to suggest changes and/or additional content.

Northwest Watch

Become a "Northwest Watch" volunteer and help the U. S. Coast Guard save lives and property, prevent oil spills and protect wildlife, all from the comfort of your own home. This vital program enlists the assistance of residents who live near navigable waterways, to assist the Coast Guard with their missions.

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The Northwest has an extensive amount of waterways and communities to protect, and the U. S. Coast Guard needs dependable and proactive volunteers to aid in keeping our waters safe and clean. Fill out an online application at:

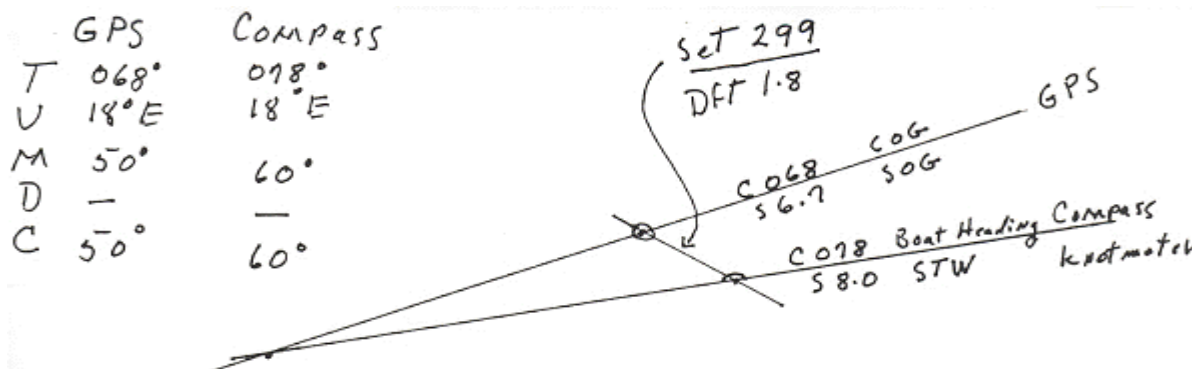
www.uscg.mil/D13/nwwatch/

Answer for the October Navigation Exercise:

The easy answer is you should not be surprised as the GPS and your compass and knot meter give different information because they measure different things. The GPS measures course and speed over the ground (COG and SOG) while the compass measures the direction your boat is headed and the knot meter measures speed through the water (STW).

You can show this relationship using a vector diagram as taught in AP. The diagram I drew is shown below. I converted the GPS magnetic course and the compass heading to true by adding 18 degree East variation so that the resulting diagram could be easily compared to the chart. Making this diagram was not required to get credit for a correct answer to the quiz.

P/R/C Bob Brummett, SN



NOSPS COURSE PLANNER

	2004	2005	2005	2005	2006	2006	2006
	Fall	Wntr	Spr	Fall	Wntr	Spr	Fall
Seamanship		X			X		
Piloting		X		X			X
Adv Piloting		X			X		
JN	X						X
Navigation				X			
Engine Maint					X		
Marine Electronics		X					X
Weather					X		
Instructor Development		X					
Ops Training			X			X	
Cruise Planning						X	

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**North Olympic Sail & Power Squadron
Commander's Report to D16 Fall Conference**

Question: How are we tracking with our Goals Statement?

Goal 1 - Membership increased 5% from 1 March 2004 to 29 February 2005.

As of 22 October 2004 we are down 31 members from last year. Not a good Start.

Goal 2 - 20% of members take elective or advanced courses.

As of 22 October 2004 we are on schedule to meet this goal.

Goal 3 - Squadron web page set up to allow members and the public to request Vessel Safety Checks.

As of 22 October 2004 Done

Goal 4 – Two additional NOSPS members qualified as Vessel Safety Examiners.

As of 22 October 2004, one new VSE qualified & one still in training.

Goal 5 – Four members, including myself, taking the Instructor Development Class.

Class will start in February of 2005 with eight members taking the ID Class

Goal 6 – Continue NOSPS participation in USCG Port Security Planning program.

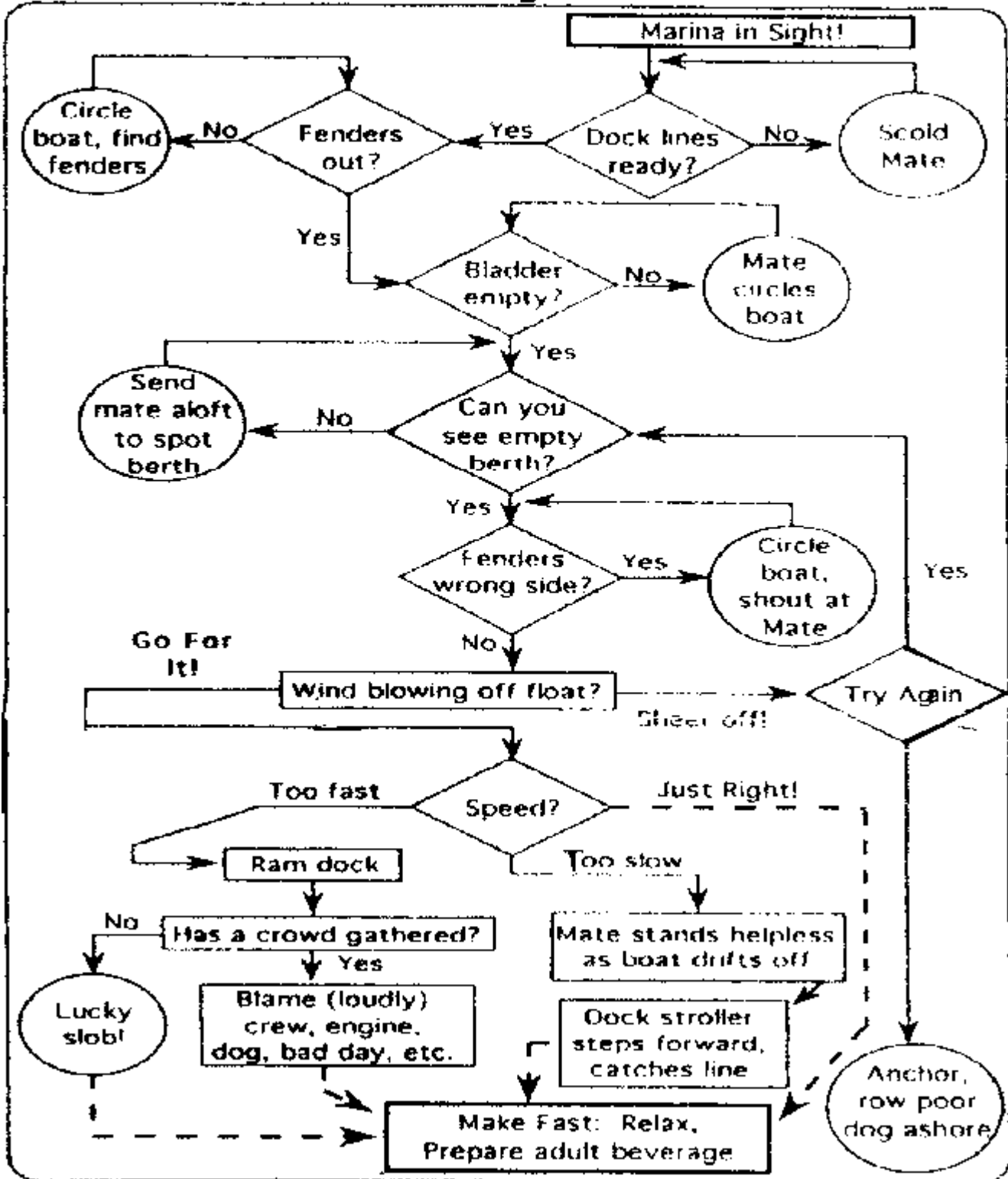
I am attending the meetings.

Goal 7 – Conduct a JN Class for NOSPS members.

I will be teaching JN starting 28 October 2004. At the present time three NOSPS members have registered to take the class.

Tom Chandler - Executive Officer

The Docking Flowchart



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***Visit the NOSPS Web Site at
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/olympic>***

***The District 16 Web Page is at
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NOSPS TIPS

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