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## Commander's Report Jim Jones

It's been said that we are the leaders in boating education among the various boating clubs and organizations ... and the North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron is living up to that commitment. It's just mid September and after having 3 America's Boating Courses (ABC) last Spring and Summer, we have a Sail class underway; Marine Electronics, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>; Seamanship will begin October 6<sup>th</sup>; another ABC course, October 29/30; Navigation is planned for this Fall; Advanced Piloting is scheduled for Jan 12<sup>th</sup>; and we have Engine Maintenance, Weather, the Squadron Boating Course and Cruise Planning are on deck for this Winter and next Spring!

Members – your goal should be to take one or more of these courses this Fall/Winter/Spring! **All new members should be signed up for Seamanship for sure.** Don't forget your \$10 new member discount on your first course! What better way to spend some time during the cold months of the year than in a class room with your NOSPS friends and learning some new boating skills. Check out the NOSPS Course Planner in this issue of the Straitlines and call the Contact indicated for the course you are interested in. Do it today!

The national USPS had their Fall Governing Board meeting in Portland in September and Jan and I drove down for one day to see what it was all about. We attended workshops for Coop Charting, Treasurer and Membership. There were table displays with all the new literature on various programs, Ships Stores, Boat Insurance and others.

If you didn't attend our first meeting of this season – our Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous/picnic – you missed a good one. The silent auction found new owners for many boating items - thanks to member Gil Newton for running the auction! The food that

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## Executive Officer's Report Tom Chandler, SN Circumnavigating Vancouver Island

If ever an island was meant to be circumnavigated, it is Vancouver Island. Its dramatic beauty, majestic mountains and natural harbors provide an awesome backdrop for a race that has become "the must do" event on the west coast sailing circuit. This unique race, the Cadillac Van Isle 360, held every other year on the odd year, attracts some of top sailors in the Pacific Northwest. The variety of extremes and conditions challenge even the most seasoned sailors. The current changes every few hundred yards - maybe by 180 degrees - and the wind funnels down off the cliffs..... you'd better have your boat sorted out."

The timing for the entire event is dictated by the currents through Seymour Narrows (just north of Campbell River). Seymour Narrows is renowned for having some of the strongest currents in the world, at times reaching 16 knots. Northbound ebb early in the day through this area determines the dates for the race.

**The Course:** After blasting out of Nanaimo harbor the boats proceed 580 nautical miles and 360° counter clockwise around the island, stopping at French Creek, Comox, Campbell River, Hardwicke Island, Telegraph Cove, Port Hardy, Winter Harbor, Ucluelet, Victoria and finishing back in Nanaimo. This is a point-to-point race and, other than the start and finish lines, there are no courses. Basically the rules are - keep Vancouver Island to port and get to the next stop the fastest way you can.

Each leg is unique with a new adventure lurking around every corner. Strong currents and narrow passages along the inside route; the notorious Nahwitti Bar, where fish boats' windows get permanently etched by the sand churned up in the waves;

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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 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 Annual Picnic Meeting of  
North Olympic Sail & Power Squadron  
Held at The P. A. Yacht Club, September 10,  
2005**

Commander Jim Jones opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. At the time, there was only one guest in attendance Newton's granddaughter. Later on, Ron and Sandy Jones' son joined us. In all, we finally had thirty three attendees.

Jim and Jan Jones attended the National Fall Conference in Portland and Jim reported that besides insurance and ship's stores, the main interest of the meeting was getting membership up and the programs going. One idea discussed and to be sent to National's overall meeting was to open all the elective courses to the public since it was thought that would bring more people in to NOSPS.

Richard Michels passed out the new "Certified Instructor" pins to the instructors who were present. He announced the following classes: October 29<sup>th</sup> – ABC with Jim Jones and Richard Michels, October 6<sup>th</sup> – Seamanship which only has 7 signed in – it was budgeted for 10 and costs \$31.00, January 12<sup>th</sup> starts Advanced Piloting. Navigation is already in session with only 1 student so far – If you hurry you can still get in. October 5<sup>th</sup> – Marine Electronics with Hank David. January 10<sup>th</sup> will be weather, Cruise planning still has no date, and PC Ron Jones has four students and could take two more for Sailing Class.

Richard Michels and PC Ted Shanks will be planning the cruising for 2006 in co operation with both Sequim and P.A. Yacht Clubs plus some of our own. Please let them know what you would like, Time, places, etc. before Oct.3.

Bob Ketelsen is now official Co-operative Charting Chairman. Please let him know if anything out on the water is out of kilter with your current charts.

Bob Brummett gave the answers and explanations for the past three months navigation lessons. He had lots of winners in his hat and those who were drawn were: July – Mark Lewis, August – Tom Chandler, September – Payton Greenough. Bob expects everyone to turn in an answer to the Cardinal Points quiz and make our chapter proud.

District 16 is still looking for a design for their

official flag. If you can turn in your design at the October meeting it will be in time for the rendezvous October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Rosters and By-Laws are done and ready to be handed out. Be careful when you open them, the standing orders are also in there loose. Dr. Mike Tyler of the Greywolf Veterinary Clinic spoke on what to do with your dog (or cat) on the boat. Even those of us who do not take pets aboard were fascinated; it is a lot like taking a baby but without the stroller. Mike brought his wife Suzanne( head of the clerical side of Greywolf) and her very good and very patient black poodle. He obviously is quite used to being used to illustrate a point and allowed himself to be muzzled three different ways without grumbling!!

A new member, Gil Newton ran the silent auction in the place of Joe Richerts. Joe had company who wanted to be on the water. Gil did a very good job and the items donated brought in a goodly amount of money.

Duke and Dodie put on a good picnic, ordered enough ribs and chicken for 40 and the Secret Garden must have sent enough for 50. No one went home hungry!! Thank you to all who brought food, helped put on the picnic, and stayed to clean up. As usual, we had a great time with a great bunch of people.

**Recorded by Sydney Copeland, Secretary**

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**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE  
BRIDGE MEETING  
NORTH OLYMPIC SAIL &  
POWER SQUADRON  
Held at Jean's Deli on Sept. 19, 2005**

Commander Jim Jones opened the meeting and reported we had all had a good time at the annual picnic which was held at the P.A. Yacht Club. We made, he said, \$187.00 on the silent auction. This reminded him that perhaps we should see if the Sequim Bay Yacht Club would give us the same use of their class room facilities for an annual fee as does the P. A. Yacht Club. As of now, only the ABC Course will have a free room. Mark Lewis had reported he was going to use, for free, Edward Jones class room for some of his classes.

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**October 2005 Navigation Exercise:**

You are on your way home to Sequim Bay from Victoria BC and your compass does not indicate the same course provided by your GPS. You decide to check your compass when the light house on Dungeness Spit is clearly visible ahead to starboard. You have the light house coordinates already stored in your GPS. You slow your boat and choose the light house as a way point and your GPS gives a true bearing of 154°. After you alter the GPS readout, it provides a magnetic bearing of 136°. It only takes a couple of minutes to alter course and get a compass bearing of 138° on the lighthouse. You jot the bearings on your scratch pad and resume your original course and speed. You ask your spouse to watch the helm while you determine your compass deviation on this heading and the variation in the area according to your GPS.

Send your answer with all calculations to:

Robert E. Brummett  
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**Solution for September Navigation Quiz**

The first thing you do is convert 5 1/2 fathoms to feet by multiplying by 6 (6 feet per fathom) and get 33 feet. You record this on your note pad:

- 33.0 feet - charted depth.
- 8.6 feet - height of high tide during your stay.
- ??? feet - height above the water line to your bow
- 41.6 feet chock. I am very sorry that I screwed up and did not provide this information for you.

41.6 feet X 5 (desired scope) = 208 feet for the minimum scope needed IF YOUR BOW CHOCK WAS AT WATER LEVEL. If this was the case you would have been on the bottom by now. The minimum scope of 208 feet would need an additional 5 X??? for the minimum scope. SORRY. The low tide of 1.2 feet is of no consequence when computing minimum scope.

Also on page 4 of the September Straitlines the formula  $60 \times 0 = S \times T$  had a typo and the 0 appeared as a O. I hope this did not confuse anyone.

P/R/C Bob Brummett, SN

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**September NOSPS Rendezvous**

**From Duke & Dodie**

It was great to see all who attended the September Rendezvous on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Port Angeles Yacht Club. It was a beautiful day and the view of the bay was gorgeous. The ribs and chicken from The Secret Garden were well accompanied by a variety of delicious salads, beans, rolls and desserts. Thanks go to all the members and their bountiful contributions.

Our speakers, Dr. Mike and Suzanne Tyler presented a very interesting program. Dr. Tyler is the Veterinarian and Suzanne is the Office Administrator of Greywolf Veterinary Hospital.in Sequim.. Their topic was "Having Pets on Board Your Boat, and What To Do If There Is An Emergency or Injury."

The winners of the Safety Ring Toss were: Del Copeland in 1<sup>st</sup> Place with a "Ringer", Ron Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and there was a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place by Naomi Brummitt, Roland Lohner and Frank Benson. Congratulations to these "ring tossers". We would travel with them on their boats anytime!

The Silent Auction was well equipped with donations from our members and created a lot of frenzied bidding, with all proceeds going to NOSPS.

We would like to thank all who pitched in and helped with the Rendezvous, especially Dolores Ketelsen, Gil Newton, Del and Sydney Copeland, Lois Benson, Ted and Judy Shanks and Linda Newton. Your help was greatly appreciated.

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**Get the maximum benefit from your membership in NOSPS by registering today for one of the advanced grade or elective classes being offered this coming fall & winter.**

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**WANTED NOSPS Safety Officer  
Contact Tom Chandler, SN to apply for this important position.**

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Member Jim McCartney has just earned his 25 year award! Jim lives in Laguna Hills, CA. Congratulations Jim on being a member of NOSPS for 25 years and here's to many more!

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**Commander's Report** continued from page 1 members brought and from the Secret Garden was outstanding and everyone had fun trying to land the life ring on the buoy. Our guest speakers Dr. Mike and his wife Suzanne, Dr. Tyler is a veterinarian and had a lot of good information about pets on boats! See the pictures in this issue of Straitlines. THANKS to Duke and Dodie and all their volunteers for a great picnic! That's all – See you at the Oct 10<sup>th</sup> squadron meeting at the Secret Garden Buffet.

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### Boater Safety Education Card

The new Washington State Boater Education Card will be available from Washington State Parks January 1, 2006. It will not be mandatory until Jan 1, 2008 when a phase-in period will begin. However for the many thousands of Washington boaters who have already received a certificate of completion from a U.S. Power Squadron or Coast Guard Auxiliary boating safety class (and pass the test), you need only supply a copy of your certificate along with a \$10 fee to receive your lifetime Boater Education Card under the new law. Our ABC or Squadron Boating Course are qualifying courses for the card.

Boaters born before January 1, 1955 are exempt. However, most boaters regardless of age will get the card as a supporter of the State's boating programs and for the promotion of safety on the water. The majority of the states already have mandatory boater education laws, including neighboring Oregon and Canada. NOSPS has conducted classes and test for the Canadian Boater's Card.

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Rendezvous Picnic 2005 / Cmdr in Thought



Rendezvous Picnic 2005 / Instructor Discussion



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Course schedules, course descriptions, and the course planner is available by clicking on the *class schedule* link.

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Course	Dates	Time	Location	Cost	Contact
<a href="#">Squadron Boating</a>	5 Feb. 06	TBD	Marine Center	\$43.00	Hank David
<a href="#">Seamanship</a>	6 Oct. 05	TBD	Edward Jones	\$31.00	Ted Shanks
<a href="#">Advanced Piloting</a>	12 Jan 06	7-9PM	JWM	\$60.00	Mark Lewis
<a href="#">Navigation</a>	Fall 2005	TBD	JWM	\$86.00	Mark Lewis
<a href="#">Engine Maintenance</a>	Winter 2006	TBD	TBD	\$45.00	Ted Shanks
<a href="#">Marine Electronics</a>	5 Oct 05	7-9PM	JWM	\$45.00	Ted Shanks
<a href="#">Weather</a>	10 Jan 06	7-9PM	JWM	\$65.00	Ted Shanks
<a href="#">Cruise Planning</a>	Winter 2006	TBD	TBD	\$45.00	Ted Shanks
<a href="#">Sailing</a>	6 Sept 05	7-9PM	JWM	\$45.00	Ted Shanks

Pictures taken by Dodie Sparks at the September Rendezvous Picnic can be viewed on Calmseas by navigating to [www.calmseas.org](http://www.calmseas.org) > Fun Events > 2005 Rendezvous Picnic.

National has requested that we include more commercial websites on our website, Calmseas. So, please email your favorite commercial sites to [calmseashelp@yahoo.com](mailto:calmseashelp@yahoo.com). You don't have to send in WestMarine, since that site will be included by default.

NOSPS is participating this year in the website Award program. There are about 350 squadron websites nationwide and NOSPS has evaluated 10 of them plus one district site. The evaluation period runs through October 15th and we'll know if we qualify for an Award following that date.

The ENSIGN has agreed to publish an article on *Electronic Newsletters*, written by our webmaster, in a future edition.

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## WANTED !!

We need persons interested in helping with table decorations for dinner meetings.

Please call Duke and Dodie Sparks at 681-4089 if you are interested.

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Publicity Chairman, Bob Stearns said we could start taking out ads for our courses. PND 2"x2", 3 times a week for 3 weeks would cost \$378.00. The Gazette 2"x2" once a week for three weeks would cost \$175.00. The radio station charges a non profit rate of \$8.00 per minute, per time.

The Parks Department will start issuing safe boating cards January, 2006 although they won't be needed in 2006. However, they are sure everyone will want one, if only to prove to Canada that they hold one. Bob Stearns will contact the Parks Department to see if they will include us on their list of places that one can get a safe boating course.

Richard Michels suggested that paid ads would be best used at Boat Show Time. Jan Jones suggested we contact our insurance companies to see if we could get better rates if we took courses, some do, and I we could put that in our ads it might generate business for our courses and NOSPS membership.

Richard reported that we have 9 people signed up for Marine Electronics starting Oct 5. There are 5 in Sailing which is in progress. There is still only 1 for Navigation. 5 are signed up for ABC Oct. 29 & 30. The long Boating course starts Feb. 5. at the Marine Center. Jan Jones, Treasurer, reports that we are \$1418.00 in the hole for the above courses and ABC is \$747.00 in the hole with a large back supply of books etc. When we get paid for the courses, this should all disappear.

The District "Train the trainer" course is Saturday November 12 for Piloting and Advanced Piloting. The GPS and Radar instructor is a commercial pilot..

Richard Michels made the motion and Bob Stearns seconded it that "NOSPS courses shall be \$10.00 for auditing, challenging, or just taking the test IF no books are involved. The Board passed the motion. Richard will put it on the web site.

Cruise Planning will include our SEO Richard Michels, and P/C Ted Shanks representing NOSPS, Hal for PAYC and Peter R. for SBYC.

Jan Jones reported we are just barely holding our own without getting into the C.D. We need more members and more members taking courses.

Jim reported that National may decide the Membership Chairman should become part of the voting segment of the Bridge.

A member orientation and involvement course should be held after the 8 week Boating course. Jan suggested that it should be before the Change of Watch so everyone could know which activities they wished to volunteer for.

It was suggested we run a survey of all members : what type boat do you have, what are your main interests in boating, etc. so we can better serve the membership.

Many Thanks to Gene Haugen who collated and printed the rosters complete with the By-Laws and Standing Orders. Be sure to pick yours up at the October meeting.

Dodie announced that George Schoenfelt, Port Commissioner Candidate will be our guest speaker at the October Meeting.

The Secretary announced that in her absence, Nancy Magisos will be taking her place as Secretary for the months of October, November, and December. Thanks, Nancy!!

**Recorded by Sydney Copeland, Secretary**

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**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

This year's courses have started out with a bang. Navigation and Sail are already in session, with Marine Electronics scheduled to begin on October 12th. Now is a good time to assess your level of knowledge and plan which course you'd like to sign up for in the Winter. Why not take a checkpoint on your grasp of the various subjects by trying some of the questions from the courses. You can access the questions on Calmseas by navigating as follows:

www.calmseas.org > members only > (login) > Boating course reviews. Click on the subject you'd like to test yourself on. You can check course schedules by going to www.calmseas.org > Class Schedule and review prices at www.calmseas.org > members only > (login) > Course Prices. If you find yourself weak in a given area, consider taking the course for the first time or as a refresher.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT  
Duke and Dodie Sparks**

In surfing the Web regarding Boating Safety, we came across the ABA (American Boating Association) website. It provides interesting information which we thought we would glean and pass on to you.

ABA states that in the most recent year with complete data, 701 lives were lost as a result of recreational boating accidents in the U.S. and its territories. Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) was identified as part of the problem in 31% of those fatalities. Additional contributing factors were: excessive speed and other improper operation, poor vision, faulty equipment, inadequate safety systems and devices, limited or inaccurate local knowledge and ignorance of basic rules of the waterways.

After reading the above, just think a few minutes about how many injuries or deaths our USPS and NOSPS educational program could possibly prevent, or has already possibly prevented. In order for our program to be successful, each and every one of us needs to be proud of and "advertise" our organization by word-of-mouth, or visually, to any and all boaters we see or meet. We need to get every boater to at least take a Basic Boating class, hopefully expanding to become a member of NOSPS and take advance or elective courses. In this way, **we all become safer** on the water.....

We are sure that almost every member of NOSPS can tell of at least one incidence of poor or unsafe boating practices that they have witnessed. We personally have seen several, in some of which we could possibly have become a victim. We also have potentially prevented a few of our own inadvertent problems by learning through NOSPS and USPS. The more knowledge we have regarding boating in this area, the safer we become.

We will leave you with the National Safe Boating Council's "**BESAFE**" **KNOW YOUR--**

- B**oat
- E**quipment
- S**afety devices and PFD's
- A**lcohol limits
- F**irst aid and emergency procedures
- E**nvironment (area and weather)

.....**BEFORE YOU GO!**

**HAPPY SAFE BOATING TO ALL!**

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**NOSPS OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING**

Our next NOSPS meeting will be Monday, October 10, 2005 at The Secret Garden Buffet, 1936 East First Street in Port Angeles. Social Hour will begin at 1730 (5:30). After our regular monthly meeting, we will have a buffet dinner at approximately 1830 (6:30) followed by our Program Speaker.

George Schoenfeldt , dispatcher for the Longshoremen ILWU, Local 27, in Port Angeles will be our speaker. George is a member of NOSPS and is running for Port Commissioner for the Port of Port Angeles. We're sure you will be interested in his presentation and will bring your questions for him.

Hope to see you on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

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**BIRTHDAY CORNER**

- Chris Muir – 10/14**
- Christine Hill – 10/20**
- Dolores Ketelsen – 10/22**
- David Linsdell – 10/25**

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**Have you had your FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK for 2005? If not what are you waiting for? Contact any Vessel Safety Check Examiner listed on page 2 for an appointment.**

## IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS

The following safety tips were offered by NOSPS members at the Annual Rendezvous Meeting. Thanks go to each of you for your good thoughts and tips.

From Roland Lohner --Have VHF radio on, when under way. Stay in port on a foggy or stormy day, and listen to weather report before leaving the harbor. --A similar tip was also received from Richard Michels.

From Frank Benson --Use "Redundancy"! : spare radio, depth finder, GPS, charts, water supply, pump parts, everything!

From Mark Lewis --Whatever you do, make sure that someone is looking out for traffic, shoals, etc. A similar tip was also received from Emily & Jack Leunow.

From Bonnie Cooper --Always run the blowers for a few minutes prior to firing up the engine. Sniff test works well, too. A similar tip was also received from Bob Ketelsen.

From Naomi Brummitt --Do not use milk boxes (crates) or other make-shift steps. They slip or break. Get authentic boat steps.

From Del Copeland --When in fog, have as many persons as possible at the controls as it is hard to keep on course without visible landmarks. Have one to steer by compass, one or more to watch Radar & GPS and one to watch and listen for traffic.

From Linda Newton --File your Float Plan with a friend.

From Ted Shanks --Computer Ready Float Plan -- I have a Boat U.S. Float plan partially filled out and on my desktop. Prior to a departure, I complete the form with the latest details and attach the form to an e-mail to our daughter.

From Anonymous --Don't store knives or other steel tools near the ship's compass.

From Doug Timmons --Never use charcoal on your boat.

From Tom Chandler --Keep fire extinguishers in tip top shape.

From Judy Shanks --Dog Safety, while in port, attach a small round tag with boat name and cell phone number to your dog's regular dog collar in case the dog is separated from the humans.

From Lois Benson --Wear your PFD when walking around on the outside of your boat, on the bridge, and ALWAYS in your dinghy.

From Dolores Ketelsen --Grandchildren safety: Put their life jackets on them before bringing them down to the pier.

From Anonymous --Always have extra life preservers for unexpected guests. --

From Gil Newton --Check Life Jacket every cruise.

From Jan & Jim Jones --Always wear a PFD when on board.

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Cape Scott on the north tip of the island, an area revered by mariners everywhere; and the infamous Brooks Peninsula, an area renowned for its fierce storms, square waves and weather stations that are frequently blown over - will test boats and crews to the max.

**Host cities welcome the fleet:** After a great day of racing the fun continues ashore where sailors can unwind and enjoy the friendly Canadian hospitality and character of each Host City. Awards and special events are organized by each town to welcome the fleet. Every one of these little towns puts on a phenomenal welcome.

### **Spectators, sponsors & support crews:**

The race was designed with spectators and sponsors in mind. With the exception of Hardwicke Island, all stops are accessible by road, allowing easy access for support vehicles and followers. The number of people following by road has increased substantially each year, adding to the overall festival atmosphere at each stop. Where possible the start and finish lines occur right in the towns' harbor off the local fishing pier or dock and in some rather tight quarters.

**Safety qualifications:** The west coast of Vancouver Island is extremely rugged and remote. This is no place to find out you are afraid of the dark. Boats and crews need to be well prepared for any and all weather. The Cadillac Van isle 360 requires all boats to carry 406 EPIRBs. (Emergency Position Indicator Radio Beacon) Tempting as it may be to take that heavy life raft off the boat for the inside legs of the race, all mandatory safety gear must be

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must be onboard the boat for every leg of the race. Aside from the required safety gear, the skipper must have competed in at least two overnight races and the registered skipper must be onboard for each leg.

Scoring system & prizes: The Cadillac Van Isle 360 is an invitational race open to monohulls and multihulls. A performance handicap is assigned to each boat based on a formula that allows slower boats and faster boats to compete on a level field. Additionally, boats are grouped into separate divisions allowing for closer competition. A unique "high point" scoring system was developed for the event using weighted legs based on the degree of perceived difficulty. The last leg from Victoria to Nanaimo, which is sailed through the Gulf Islands at night, has been assigned one of the highest values. With many different routes, hazards, and strong tidal passes skippers and crews need to develop clever strategies and tactics if they expect to do well on this final leg.

"The Cadillac Van Isle 360 is hard work, it is fun, it is tiring, it is sometimes bruising, and it is all consuming, and it is the best race available. You get a lifetime's worth of sailing wrapped up into 10 legs over 15 days. "There is nothing else like it," Kim Alfreds, 2003 multihull winner and winner on elapsed time.

Nanaimo is the start and finish of the race. Located on central Vancouver Island, Nanaimo with its natural beauty, attractions and activities, is waiting to be explored. Nanaimo is also the only all-purpose port city on Vancouver Island, with every facility required to serve both commercial and recreational needs of business and tourism.

French Creek's working harbor is home to a large commercial fishing fleet and many charter operations that can take visitors fishing, sightseeing, and diving. French Creek Marina offers sheltered moorage and yachting amenities for sailboats and pleasure craft.

Comox Valley is nestled between the Beaufort Mountains and the Strait of Georgia. It is a distinctive collection of small communities, farms and forested areas located on the central East coast of Vancouver Island.

Campbell River is also the gateway to Strathcona Park, the Discovery Islands, and remote North and West Vancouver Island. In these renowned wilderness destinations, you'll find a world of mountains, coastlines, and islands just waiting to be explored

Hardwicke Island. Not too much can be said about this tiny Island. However sailors should be careful of this place. The SS Minnow was ship

wrecked here.

Telegraph Cove was voted one of the ten best "towns" in Canada to visit by travel writers; it is tucked away on the eastern coast of Northern Vancouver Island in one of the last virtually untouched areas of the North American continent.

Port Hardy is the launch point for spectacular paddling areas appealing to all skill levels. From Beaver Harbor and its sheltered islands, and rugged Cape Scott with its 23 kilometers of sandy beaches to the archipelago of islands stretching across to the mainland, the diversity of the area will amaze you.

Winter Harbor is one of the most remote stops of the race. It is a small fishing village with a very well sheltered harbor. During its hey day in the 1940's the population swelled to 60, now less than 20 folks live here year round. A boardwalk extends along the waterfront connecting the residences. Driving to Winter Harbor from Port Hardy is 76 km. via a gravel-logging road. Sailors will find fuel, water, small grocery/liquor store, laundry, limited showers and pay phones all close at hand

U-clue-let has long been used by the Nuu-Chah-Nuith people, meaning "safe harbor" and it is indeed an apt description for a village that offers both a sheltered inner harbor and magnificent vistas of the open Pacific Ocean within easy walking distance.

Victoria has always had a history as a stronghold of British tradition. Double-decker buses, horse-drawn carriages, meticulously kept gardens, and the tradition of formal afternoon tea has contributed to the city's long-standing reputation. However, over the past decade or so, Victoria has earned a reputation as a mecca for adventurers drawn by the limitless outdoor activities available in the city and throughout the Islands.

I have always thought that a nice leisurely cruise around Vancouver Island in a power boat would be fun. It would have to be done in the summer time so that the water would be calm on the West side of the island. There is the sometimes issue of fog in the summertime but that is where Radar and GPS really shine. The trip would be counterclockwise around the island so as to take advantage of the South flowing current on the West Coast. It would take about 2 weeks. There would be a lot of bragging rights with having done a cruise like this. Anyone that would like to go on a cruise like this next summer, let me know and we will start planning.

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**NORTH OLYMPIC SAIL and POWER SQUADRON**

**Invites you to attend our next general meeting on October 10th**

**From 1730 to 1900 at the Secret Garden 1936 East First Street in Port Angeles**

**Social Hour will begin at 1730 (5:30). After our regular monthly meeting, we will have a buffet dinner at approximately 1830 (6:30) followed by our Program Speaker.**

George Schoenfeldt, dispatcher for the Longshoremen ILWU, Local 27, in Port Angeles will be our speaker. George is a member of NOSPS and is running for Port Commissioner for the Port of Port Angeles. We're sure you will be interested in his presentation and will bring your questions for him.

**CRUISES - 2006**

There is an effort underway to join forces with the Sequim Bay Yacht Club and Port Angeles Yacht Club to organize cruises for 2006. At the October General Membership meeting a form will be distributed asking you for your cruise preferences. These preferences will include length of cruise, cruise destination, and cruise theme. It would be very helpful if you could spend some time thinking about your cruising objectives, so the cruise committee can get some good input at the next meeting. This is your organization and the cruising committee would like to do everything possible to accommodate your cruising desires.

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