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Commander's Report Cdr. Jim Jones, AP

Greetings to all members, boaters and aficionados of anything having to do with the sea, lakes, rivers or water in general – guess that includes everyone, even if you're just a drinker of water. Of course we have some of the best sailing and cruising water in the US, surrounding where we live, the Pacific Ocean, Strait, Hood Canal and Puget Sound and with it being the 3rd week in August, I hope you have had your share of enjoyment on these waters so far this summer! There is another great body of water just 3 hrs South – the Columbia River. We sailed up river on the Queen of the West Steamboat paddle wheeler for 7 days from Portland to Lewiston, ID and back, down river to Astoria then back to Portland – what a grand time, beautiful water and sights along the way; we locked through all 8 locks up and back; toured the Bonneville Dam and Fish Ladder; Multnomah Falls, various venues of the Lewis & Clark expedition; took a jet boat ride 60 miles into Hell's Canyon and in the process sailed on the Willamette, Columbia, Snake and Clear Water rivers.

Many marinas full of boats reside in every town and hamlet along all of these waters and around The Dalles and Hood River, OR there are many sail boarders and kite boarders that use the river and winds for their recreation. The area is steeped in history, not only of Lewis & Clark, but of the Nez Perce and other Indian tribes, fur traders and of the early businesses that sprung up along the rivers – salmon canneries, Pendleton Mills, wheat farming, wood/forestry products, fruit orchards and more recently vineyards. Did you know that Oregon has the 2nd and Washington the 3rd largest grape growing and wine industry (behind CA) in the US?

Our Fall District 16 Conference is being held in
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Executive Officer's Report Lt/C Del Copeland, P

Occasionally I chance upon a short story that presents a valuable lesson. The following is an example.

A group of country neighbors wanted to get together on a regular basis and socialize. As a result, about 10 couples formed a dinner club and agreed to meet for dinner at a different neighbors' house each month. Of course, the lady of the house was to prepare the meal. When it came time for Jimmy and Susie Brown to have the dinner at their house, like most women, Susie wanted to outdo all the others and prepare a meal that was the best that any of them had ever lapped a lip over.

A few days before the big event, Susie got out her cookbook and decided to have mushroom smothered steak. When she went to the store to buy some mushrooms, she found the price for a small can was more than she wanted to pay. She then told her husband, "We aren't going to have mushrooms, because they are too expensive." He said, "Why don't you go down in the pasture and pick some of those mushrooms? There are plenty of them right in the creek bed." She said, "No, I don't want to do that, because I have heard that wild mushrooms are poison." He then said, "I don't think so. I see the varmints eating them all the time and it never has affected them."

After thinking about this, Susie decided to give this a try and got in the pickup and went down in the pasture and picked some. She brought the wild mushrooms back home and washed them, sliced and diced them to get them ready to go over her smothered steak. Then she went out on the back porch and got Ol' Spot's (the yard dog) bowl and gave him a double handful. She even put some bacon grease on them to make them tasty. Ol' Spot didn't slow down until he had eaten every bite. All morning long, Susie watched him and

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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 EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING NORTH OLYMPIC SAIL AND
POWER SQUADRON Aug. 21, 2006
at Jean's Deli — Sequim, Washington**

The meeting was called to order by Comdr Jones; the July minutes were approved. Attendance was light due to members cruising, sick or on vacation.

The Fall Conference being held October 13-15 was discussed; all the info including location of hotel in Richland, agenda, guest speaker is on the District 16 web site; some of the information was also published in the August Straitlines.

XO Report: Del Copeland was absent (traveling).

SEO Report: Ron Jones published the Fall and Winter class schedule in the August Straitlines; has instructors lined up for all courses – we need students. We will have a Boat Smart class September 9-10. Advertising has been in the PDN and posters are on the Marina bulletin boards; Peyton is handling articles for the PDN. Richard Michels and Hank David are planning on putting on the new USPS Seminars on GPS and Radar in the September/October time frame. These are the new 3-4 hr seminars for the public. We decided on a fee schedule for the seminars of \$40 for public participants, \$30 for yacht club members and \$20 for NOSPS members. We will expand each of these USPS seminars with our own Maptech instructional for the GPS seminar and the Radar Simulator with the Radar seminar. We think these seminars could be a source of new members as well as excellent for the boating community at large. The Squadron Boaters (7 week) Course will be scheduled for sometime in Jan/Feb, 2007. Richard has met with people at Peninsula College who look forward to sponsoring the course, publish it in their course guide, etc. We decided on an \$80 fee per person with a discount for the second person from the same family working out of the same book. The college splits the proceeds after our costs. We had a small discussion about the idea of working with John Pope of the PAYC who works with kids (teaching sailing) to put on a Boat Smart course for high school aged kids; more on this as we work out the details.

AO Report: Our picnic, August 26 has been well planned, but it may be a lighter turnout than in the past due to vacations, etc. Carol Brown, leader of our Calling Committee indicates around 34 members have indicated they would attend. We hope for more. Ron will handle the Life Ring Toss; Richard, the Ships Stores; Mark L. the Silent Auction. We have contacted the USCG about the use of Flares and will contact the local police and PAFD on Sat am. Chris M. will handle the safety issue and use of Flare guns. Our guest speaker will be Jill Landback of Anchor Marine Insurance Co. Cruising – Richard has published our cruise pics on the web site and has worked very hard with Ted Shanks on the upcoming Princess Louisa cruise, Sept 4-15.

Secretary Report: Syd was traveling with Del; Gene Haugen will have the new Roster booklets done in time for the Picnic. Richard showed his “laminated pin up” describing the features of our website. These will be placed on marina bulletin boards complete with removable card with address info for people to take with them. The idea is advertise NOSPS.

Treasurer’s Report: Jan said that only a couple of bills for course materials came in during the last month and that we have about \$900 in our checking account and \$8,500 total in our CD and savings account.

There was no further old or new business; the meeting was adjourned.

**Recorded by Cdr. Jim Jones, AP
for Lt/C Sydney Copeland, S
Secretary**

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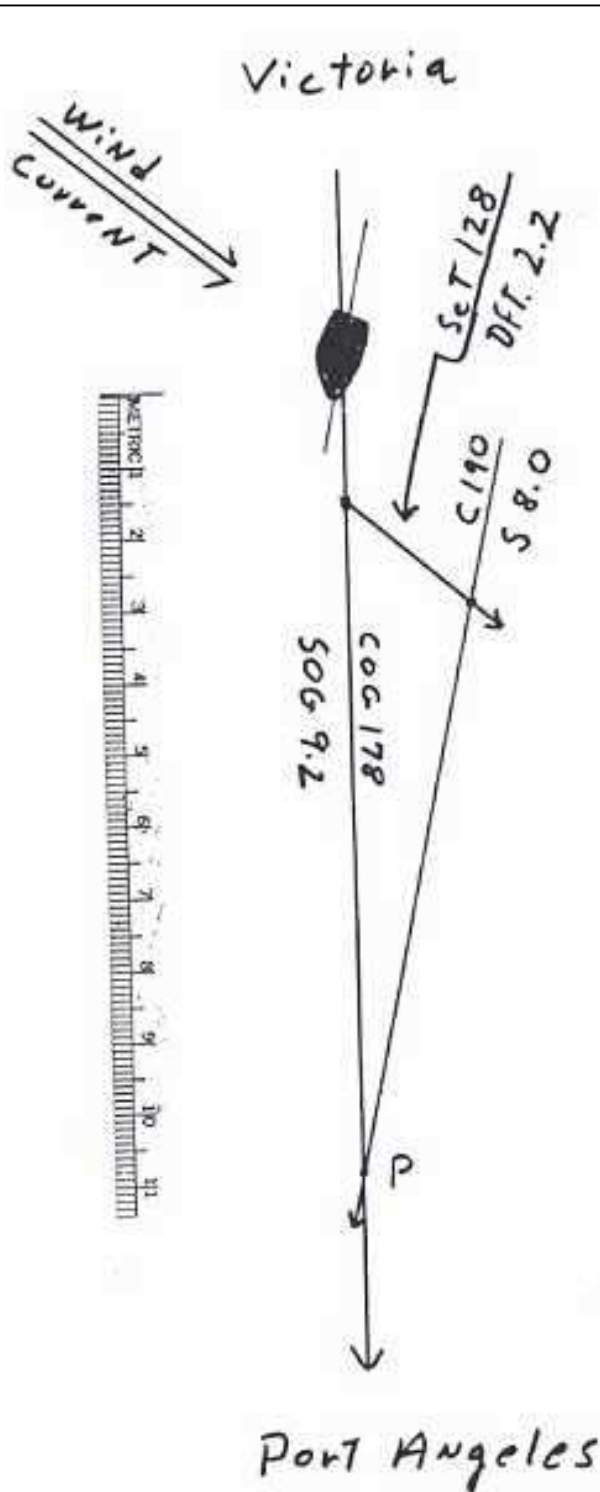
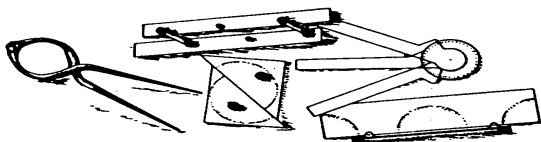


Figure 1



### Solution for August Navigation Quiz

When you initially set your autopilot for a  $178^\circ$  T Course Over the Ground (COG) using your GPS, your boat was in the orientation shown in figure 1. It is turned into the wind and current to compensate for their set and drift effects (crabbing). The magnitude of the set and drift and the resulting effects on your course and speed can be diagramed by initially drawing a course line of  $178^\circ$  T. This is your charted course line as well as your COG as indicated by your GPS. Then, using any convenient scale such as a metric scale mark a segment of that line 9.2 units long or in this case 9.2 CM for 9.2 knots (1 knot per CM) This line segment represents your Speed Over the Ground (SOG) indicated by your GPS ending at P in figure 1. Then draw your true compass directed course line of  $190^\circ$  to intersect the COG line at P and make it 8.0 CM long (speed through the water of 8.0 knots).

The set and drift is the direction and length of the line from the beginning of the  $178^\circ$  course line to the beginning of the  $190^\circ$  course line. The 2.2 CM length would represent a drift of 2.2 knots.

You could also draw both vector course lines beginning at the same point for the appropriate length representing speed and the vector line connecting the two ends would then represent the set and drift of the wind and current.

With a 2.2 knot wind and current effect coming at your boat on your starboard quarter could make your boat difficult to steer.

P/R/C Bob Brummett, SN

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**September 2006 Navigation Exercise:**

You and your wife are preparing for a fishing trip to Neah Bay. Your wife wants to know if she should bring dinner for your evening of arrival or do you expect to get there in time to have dinner at a local restaurant. You check your chart and find the distance from buoy R "2" Fl 4sec BELL at the east end of Ediz Hook to the entrance light Fl R 6sec 46 ft at Neah bay to be 49.3 nM. A check of your tidal current tables indicates a high slack about half way there and the moon was about the last quarter phase, so you guess the tidal current with you and against you will be about equal and not great, so you ignore it.

Your boats planned cruising speed is 8.5 knots. After allowing time to get from your slip to the east end of Ediz hook you predict you would depart buoy R "2" at 0930. What is the time you tell your wife your ETA at the entrance to Neah bay will be and should she plan to have dinner at a restaurant at your usual dinner time about 1830 or prepare dinner underway?

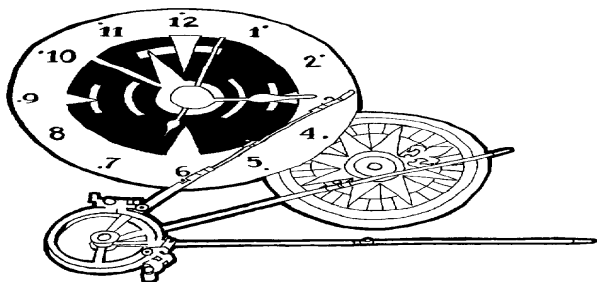
Send your answer with all calculations to:

P/R/C Robert E. Brummett, SN  
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NOTE - The drawing for the September exercise will be at the October meeting along with the drawing for the October exercise. To count your answer for the September must be sent to me before the answer is published in the October Straitlines.

**Education Honor Roll**

Congratulations to Charlie Brown for completing all of the requirements for the Advanced Grade of Navigator.

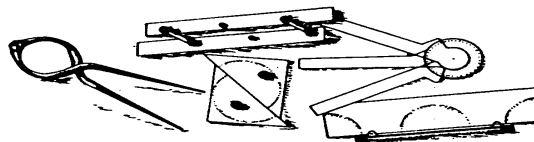


**GPS Survey Update**

I heard from 2 more people. These additional data are consistent with the last report and help because they increase the number of responses. If you use the magnetic mode of operation for your GPS, you will need to enter the variation yourself and change it as the

local variation changes or when you travel to other locations. At least for my Garmin - 12 Hand Held the default mode is magnetic. I still do not understand why, because if your GPS is operated in the True mode you are communicating with your chart using a common language.

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|-------------|-----------|------|-------|
|             | Hand Held | Boat | ?     |
| <b>T</b>    | 125°      | 287° | _____ |
| <b>V</b>    | 19°E      | 19°E | 19°E  |
| <b>M</b>    | 106°      | 263° | _____ |
| <b>Age</b>  | 5 to 6    | 3    | 6     |
| <b>Mode</b> | Mag.      | Mag. | ?     |



**Commanders Report Continued From Page 1**

Richland, WA October 13-15 and all members are invited. Information was in the August Straitlines and also in this issue. It will be held at the Clarion Hotel. The District 16 web site has all the info with pictures. You could easily turn this meeting into a getaway trip to see some of the sites along the Columbia River in the Tri-Cities area – a wine tour or a drive South to Wallula Gap, Sacajawea State Park, Walla Walla (onions?), the Whitman Mission and down river (on the way home) to Maryhill Museum and the Stonehenge replica; even a tour of the Bonneville Dam, and Multnomah Falls. You could put together a nice 4-5 day tour of that area including the meeting on Fri and Sat, the 13/14<sup>th</sup>! Hope you will think about attending the Fall Conference and take advantage of this part of the State of Washington and Northern Oregon. Remember – Get out on the water – enjoy!

**Administrative Officer's Report  
Lt/C Richard Michels, JN**

As chronicled elsewhere in this issue of Straitlines, a good time was had by all on the For the Ladies cruise to the San Juans and points south. It was a great opportunity to recognize our First Mates by giving them a chance to mall cruise and visit domains catering to their interests; such as the Quilt Museum in LaConner. By the time you read this, the Princess Louisa cruise will be in the final stages of preparation and we all hope and pray for light winds and calm seas on this longest cruise of the season. Eight boats are scheduled to participate in this cruise to Jervis Inlet.

The membership is reminded that the next General Membership meeting will be October 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting in September; however, all members are always invited to attend the Bridge meeting held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month.

There is exciting news on the education front this month. It has been decided to offer the GPS and RADAR seminars this year and the seven week Squadron Boating Course will be offered through Peninsula College this coming January or February. We will be looking for proctors and graders for the Squadron Boating Course. This will be an opportunity for you to become involved in the Education Committee without actually doing any teaching and your help will certainly be appreciated. The short one day Membership Orientation course is also on the agenda to be taught in the near future and all new members need to signup. What better way to find out what is going on in your local chapter of the country's largest boating organization.

Kudos to all members who helped with the August picnic, including the Phone Committee, the Decorating Committee, Ron Jones for organizing the Ring Toss, Mark Lewis with overseeing the Silent Auction, Chris Muir for the flare safety demonstration, and all of YOU who supported the picnic and participated in the events. THANKS!

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the wild mushrooms didn't seem to affect him, so she decided to use them.

The meal was a great success, and Susie even hired a lady from town to come out and help her serve. She had on a white apron and a little cap on her head. It was first class. After everyone had finished, they all began to kick back and relax and socialize. The men were visiting and the women started to gossip a bit. About this time, the lady from town came in from the kitchen and whispered in Susie's ear. She said, "Mrs. Brown, Spot just died."

With this news, Susie went into hysterics. After she finally calmed down, she called the doctor and told him what had happened. The doctor said, "It's bad, but I think we can take care of it. I will call for an ambulance and I will be there as quick as I can get there. We will pump out everyone's stomach and everything will be fine. Just keep them all there and keep them calm." It wasn't long until they could hear the wail of the siren as the ambulance was coming down the road. When they got there, the EMTs got out with their suitcases and a stomach pump and the doctor arrived shortly thereafter. One by one, they took each person into the master bedroom and pumped out their stomach. After the last one was finished, the doctor came out and said, "I think everything will be fine now, and he left."

They were all looking pretty peaked sitting around the living room, and about this time, the town lady came in and said, "You know, that fellow that ran over Ol' Spot never even stopped."

The point of this story is to always try to get all the facts available before taking action. This is true in everything we do, including boating.

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**BOATSMART INSTRUCTOR'S SCHEDULE**

| Year | Quarter | Primary          | Secondary       | Proctor          |
|------|---------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 2006 | Sep 9   | Peyton Greenough | Diane Head      | Ron Jones        |
|      | Oct 7   | Bob Brum-        | Chris Zook      | Diane Head       |
| 2007 | Winter  | Chris Zook       | Diane Head      | Paul Mowery      |
|      | Spring  | Bob Brum-        | Paul Mowery     | Mark Lewis       |
|      | Sum-    | Paul Mowery      | Mark Lewis      | Sparks           |
|      | Fall    | Mark Lewis       | Sparks          | Harvey Smith     |
| 2008 | Winter  | Sparks           | Harvey Smith    | Jim Fitz-        |
|      | Spring  | Harvey Smith     | Jim Fitzpatrick | Ted Shanks       |
|      | Sum-mer | Jim Fitzpatrick  | Ted Shanks      | Magisos          |
|      | Fall    | Ted Shanks       | Magisos         | Richard          |
| 2009 | Winter  | Magisos          | Richard Michels | Jim Jones        |
|      | Spring  | Richard          | Jim Jones       | Ron Jones        |
|      | Sum-mer | Jim Jones        | Ron Jones       | Peyton Greenough |

**Squadron Education Officer's Report  
Ron Jones, SN**

I am happy to report that five of our members have signed up to beta test the "New" Junior Navigation Class that will be starting October 5th; however **we need students for the following classes.**

P/C Paul Mowery, P & Jim Fitzpatrick, P will be teaching **Seamanship** starting on Tuesday October 3rd.2006

Cdr. Jim Jones, AP & Lt/C Richard Michels, JN will be teaching **Piloting** starting on Tuesday January 9th 2007.

Lt. Mark Lewis, SN & P/C Peyton Greenough, AP will be teaching **Advanced Piloting** starting on Wednesday January 10th 2007..

P/C Hank David, P will be teaching **Marine Electronics** starting on Wednesday October 4th 2006.

Roland Lohner will be teaching Engine Maintenance starting on Wednesday October 4th 2006

P/C Nancy Magisos, AP will be teaching a **Membership Involvement** class starting in February 2007.

You can register for these classes by going to our web page at <http://www.calmseas.org>

Please register at least six weeks prior to class start date to allow time for ordering class materials.

**Note:** If an instructor cannot be available on the commitment date, it is the instructor's responsibility to arrange a swap with another instructor and let Lt/C Richard Michels, JN know, so he can update the instructor schedule.

In February of 2007 P/Lt/C Joel Magisos, AP will be teaching the **Instructor Development** class, this is your chance to become a "Certified Instructor" by completing the Instructor Development Class.

**La Conner Cruise Recap**  
**July 24 – 29, 2006**  
**Theme – “For the Ladies”= Shopping**

Abraham Lincoln said “Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle”. For those members who hustled to sign up and take this cruise on our great waters, were able to reap the rewards of going both cruising and shopping. Those of you who were waiting for a better opportunity or for later in the summer, or for whatever – missed out on a great 6 days of good weather, good shopping, good camaraderie. We were eight power boats and one sail boat in all – we left our marina to cross the strait on Monday am, heading for Fisherman’s Bay on the West side of Lopez Island. After a sunny and smooth crossing, we arrived at the narrow entrance to Fisherman’s Bay, goofed around until we had more water in the inlet, and then proceeded to dock. If you haven’t been there – the Islander Resort has a lot of amenities. Some of us lounged away the afternoon puttering around our boats; some of us took a dip in their pool, while others visited the marina store next door. A 2 mile walk to town was there for the taking, but no one in our party made the trip. That evening, after cocktails on the dock, we all sat down together at the Islander Resort restaurant for a nice repast. Next day we headed for Cap Sante Marina in Anacortes – we cruised around the North end of Lopez, through Thatcher Pass, across Rosario Strait and Guemes Channel into the marina. The trip was smooth with many sights, ferries coming and going and challenging across Rosario, but we all made it and in plenty of time for lunch at the Calico Cupboard or the Ghiradelli Deli, then on to West Marine, or any one of several quilt shops or yarn and stitchery stores. The marina has a new “C” dock – wide and nice for a happy hour, so we used it for that purpose. Wednesday we all followed each other down the Swinomish Channel to La Conner. This is peaceful and delightful ride – almost like driving down a street looking at the homes on the channel and businesses along the way; we arrived in La Conner again in time for guess what – lunch! After tying up we all went separate ways to our favorite restaurants, then to the shops! Since we were staying

there for two days, we could really get to know these shops and many of the 1<sup>st</sup> Mates went to some of them 2 or 3 times. We hit the marine stores, boat yards, grocery stores, yarn shops, the Quilt Museum and walked from one end of the town to the other – had to get rid of some calories. On the second night we all had dinner together at a waterfront restaurant to celebrate our purchases of the last couple of days shopping. After checking on the tides we decided it was safe to leave with the Paddocks (sail boat) on Friday am through the channel and on to Oak Harbor. We all made it and found gas prices to be reasonable. (We had been checking at every harbor for the best deal and keeping our speed down to conserve). Oak Harbor has a great bus system – it is free- and you can go all over the island. Several of us jumped on the bus at the Marina and rode all over town before we discovered we were on the wrong bus – we wanted the Coupeville bus! Oh well, we jumped off, had lunch at KFC, then started shopping again. West Marine was only a short distance from the quilt shop and the yarn store, so we could all have some fun. Back at the marina we prepared to have dinner at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club weekly Friday hamburger cookout. We all arrived there on time and met some very nice people, who welcomed us with open arms and showed us how to cook our own burgers on the huge open grills they have near their club house. This was a pot luck, so we all brought a dish and for \$3 each, cooked our burgers; they had an open bar – so we were all set! They have a very social Friday night/burger program and it was fun to be a part of it; thanks to Larry Fox, SBYC Cruise Chairman for arranging this dinner and all of our slip reservations for this great cruise! We all had lots of fun, had another positive boating experience and great conversations with each other. A Chinese Proverb says “A single conversation across the table with a wise man is worth a month’s study of books.” We had many great conversations with everyone that went on this cruise and hope that you will find cruising with us- meaning the North Olympic Sail & Power Squadron, SBYC and PAYC members of enough value to want to sign up for more cruises on these great waters that we have at our doorstep. Get out on the water and enjoy!

**JOINT NOSPS/PAYC/SBYC CRUISE SCHEDULE – 2006**

| <i>Dates</i>       | <i>Length<br/>(Days)</i> | <i>Destination</i>         | <i>Theme</i>                                        | <i>Sponsor<br/>Cruise Captain</i>                  | <i>Comments</i> | <i>Interest<br/>Level</i> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| September<br>4-15  | 12                       | Princess Louisa            | Paradise Found                                      | NOSPS<br><i>Co-captain: Ted Shanks</i>             |                 | High 9                    |
| September<br>16    | 1                        | Local<br>Sequim Bay        | Hospice race<br>Predicted Log?                      | SBYC                                               |                 | High                      |
| September<br>22-30 | 9                        | South Sound,<br>Hood Canal | Port Orchard,<br>Olympia,<br>Tacoma,<br>Bell Harbor | PAYC                                               |                 | Medium                    |
| October<br>8-10    | 3                        | Victoria                   | Maple Leaf                                          | SBYC<br><i>Captain:<br/>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

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

There will be no September General Membership Meeting due to the picnic being held on August 26th this year.

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on October 9th at the Secret Garden. The speaker will be Gail Frick from Edward Jones, who will speak to us on a subject close to all our hearts; namely \$\$\$\$\$.



**District 16 Fall Conference**

This is early, but our Fall conference is October 13-15, 2006 in Richland, WA. This is a good meeting to attend as a USPS member. It will give you a broader picture of what the Power Squadron is all about as an organization of many Squadrons. It is being hosted by the Columbia Bend Sail and Power Squadron, which is only a few years old. The featured speaker is Margo Wood. She is well known for the “Charlie’s Charts” series of cruising guides and will share her experiences during many cruises along the BC Coast to Alaska. She will discuss tides, currents, weather, fuel, provisions and side-trips. Sign up sheets will be available at our picnic and on line at the District Web site – All the info is there.

## **NORTH OLYMPIC SAIL and POWER SQUADRON**

**Invites you to attend our next general meeting on Monday, October 9th, from 1730 to 1900 at the Secret Garden Buffet, 1936 East First Street in Port Angeles. The BYOB Social Hour will begin at 1730 (5:30PM) . After our regular monthly meeting, our monthly program will be presented.**

**The speaker will be Gail Frick from Edward Jones, who will speak to us on a subject close to all our hearts; namely \$\$\$\$\$.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE SECRET GARDEN BUFFET ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER.**

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### ***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, AP for an appointment.

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