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The Pike Pole

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Salmon run, Friends of the San Juans "Green Boating in the San Juan Islands"

May Highlights

4th - Tuesday - General Meeting *via* **ZOOM 1830 hours (6:30 pm)**

SPEAKER: Friends *of the* San Juans

"Green Boating *in the* San Juan Islands"

Due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, our General Meeting is GOING VIRTUAL. Join us at 1830 hours (6:30 pm) with your favorite beverage and munchies. Once again, all activities are subject to change under Governor Jay Inslee's recommendations. There are a few classes that will be taught online including Seminars. If you need any information you can contact SEO Linda Martin. Like all "plagues" in our history, we will recover from this one. In the meantime stay safe, use good hygiene and keep an eye on any at-risk member's in your family. Check out our website at http://www.BoatClubSnoCo.org for information on Covid 19 and boating the Salish Sea.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for

2021

MAY

1-2	OPENING DAY OF BOATING WITH MUKILTEO YACHT CLUB
4	**GENERAL MEETING ON ZOOM Speaker: Friends of San Juan Islands "Green Boating" See Page 5 and Insert**
8	Vessel Safety Checks @ Everett Marina RSVP Danny Daniels
11	Seminar: HOW TO USE A CHART, RSVP Linda Martin
15	D-16 Instructor Recertification on Zoom 10:00 am RSVP Jim West
13-17	RV TRIP TO TWISP RSVP, Mike Martin
18	Executive Meeting, 6:30 pm ON ZOOM
22-23	America's Boating Course, RSVP Linda Martin
27-31	RV TRIP TO ELLENSBURG, RSVP Mike Martin

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE JUNE COURSES AND SEMINARS SO WE CAN ORDER MATERIALS! RSVP LINDA MARTIN

JUNE

1	**GENERAL MEETING** BBQ Outside
8	Seminar: EMERGENCIES ON BOARD, RSVP Linda Martin
12	Vessel Safety Checks @ Everett Marina RSVP Danny Daniels
10-13	D-16 RENDEZVOUS IN POULSBO by Boat or Car RV TRIP TO POULSBO
22	Executive Meeting, 6:30 pm ON ZOOM
26-27	America's Boating Course RSVP Linda Martin

JULY

NO	**GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH**
1-6	RV TO YAKIMA, RSVP Mike Martin
10	VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS AT EVERETT MARINA RSVP Danny Daniels.
16-18	Rendezvous to Fisherman Bay by boat or car, RSVP Susan Tarpley
17	Camano Island Garage Sale, RSVP Annette F. See Page 15
17	Adopt-a-Street, RSVP Dennis M.
22-31	***RV TRIP TO VANDERHOOF, BC, RSVP Mike M.***
NO	Executive Meeting

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE FALL COURSES AND SEMINARS SO WE CAN ORDER MATERIALS! RSVP LINDA MARTIN

Come ZOOM with US at the **MEETINGS**

GENERAL MEETING via ZOOM
TUESDAY, MAY 4 @ 6:30 PM

OPENING MONTH OF BOATING
SPEAKER: Friends of San Juan "Green Boating"
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GENERAL MEETING via ZOOM
TUESDAY, JUNE 1 @ 6:30
BBQ *in the* Parking Lot *of* Fireman's Hall

LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR
WILL MEET AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER

NO GENERAL MEETING

COME JOIN US FOR LOTS *OF* BOATING & RV FUN

JUNE 10-13 – D-16 SUMMER RENDEZVOUS *IN* POULSBO BOATS AND RV'S

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FROM THE HELM

Commander Mike Watkins, AP

Welcome to Boating Season!

Thank you for your vote of confidence and making me your next commander. There are many opportunities coming up for service, fun and education, see the remainder of *The Pike Pole*.

My focus as commander this year is Renewal. Webster says that Renewal is to restore freshness & vigor or to do again.

Our focus over the next year as a club should be Renewal of our core historic principles.

We should renew our excitement for Boater Education

- As a club, we should continue to actively teach classes.
- As members, please renew your hunger for boating knowledge. Take a class or seminar.

We should renew our commitment to fellowship with our boating community

- As a club, we are stronger and healthier together.
- Your individual gestures of friendship and kindness are more valuable than you can ever imagine. Share them freely.

We should renew our passion for service to our boating community

- As a club, we will strive to make our community safer on the water and better than when we arrived.
- As club members, be open to lending a hand and leaving only positive impressions in your wake.

Ovid, *Metamorphosesa*
As wave is driven by wave And each, pursued, pursues the wave ahead So, time flies on and follows, flies, and follows Always, forever and new. What was before Is left behind; What never was is now; And every passing moment is renewed.
Thank you for your support and your service

Come ZOOM With Us...

during *the* Covid 19 pandemic

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO JOIN THE MEETINGS:

1. Go to http://www.BoatClubSnoCo.org
2. Click on MEMBERS ONLY link (your computer may show MORE) Click the link.
3. Key in the password that was given to you.
4. Find Zoom Instructions and click the IMAGE.
5. A .pdf file will open with the instructions.
6. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL:
D/Lt/C Jim West, JN 425/778-0283

Please note, using ZOOM for meetings is temporary and we will get back to face to face meetings when Covid 19 is under control.

Treasurer
Lt/C Randy
Krumm, AP

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http://www.BoatClubSnoCo.org aka http:www.everettsailandpowersquadron.com

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Darcy Baker, AP

I'm wearing my volunteer request hat today, and hope that you'll let the following people know if you're interested in participating with fellow Boat Club members as either a **Vessel Examiner** *or* **Super Adopt a Street Trash Collector. Great ways to support our community and have fun at the same time!**

Interested in being a Vessel Safety Examiner? Are you interested in volunteering to help America's Boating Club of Snohomish County with our Vessel Safety Check program? It's easy… and our experienced examiner's will train you! A Vessel Safety Check is a free examination of recreational boats (sail, power or paddle craft) to verify the present condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and Federal regulations. Our Vessel Examiners are trained specialists who represent America's Boating Club of Snohomish County (United States Power Squadron). In person Vessel Safety Checks generally take about a half-hour, after which you may make recommendations, discuss safety issues, and if the vessel passes, award a year dated annual decal that the owner would apply to their vessel's window. Helping out with this program requires a small investment of your time, both to learn the skill and then apply it. You're certified once you've successfully completed five Vessel Safety Checks during a given year. Our VSC's are generally conducted the second Saturday of the month, beginning in February and ending in August. Interested in participating or need more info? Please contact Danny Daniels, VSC Chair, at 206/229-9649 (leave a message)

Adopt-A-Street Clean Up Saturday, July 17, 2021 The next Adopt a Street cleanup is planned for Saturday, July 17 from 0800 to 1030. Meet at the Broadway – Gateway Plaza IHOP for breakfast at 0800 (3710 Broadway). Or join in at 0900 at Henry M. Jackson Park to help with the cleanup. Generally takes about 1.5 hours. Dennis says "this activity is easy and fun"! Please contact P/D/C Dennis Morris, SN at 425/355-2108 or dennis.morris3@frontier.com to sign up. Please rsvp at least one week in advance to ensure there are enough materials on hand for the clean up.

Thanks, everyone, for helping your Boating Club help the community in any way you can!

GENERAL MEETINGS
When:
First Tuesday of the month except July & August- no meeting - November on first Wednesday of the month.
Time:
Social 1830 (6:30 pm)
Dinner 1900 (7:00 pm)
Program 1930 (7:30 pm)
Location:
Firefighter's Hall
2411 Hewitt Ave.
Everett, WA 98201
http://www.boatclubsnoco.org
D-16: http://www.uspsd16.org

Contact Cdr *for* NEW D16 Password

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
When:
Third Tuesday of each month except July
Time:
Business Meeting 1830 (6:30 pm)
Location: ON ZOOM
Everett Yacht Club / River Room
Central Docks, Everett Marina
Everett, WA 98201

All members welcome!

SQUADRON COMMITTEES

Standing Committees....
Telephone Committee
Nancy Stratton
Kathleen DaSousa
Sharon Ward
General Committees....
Auditing...
1 yr P/Lt/C Cathy Rich, AP
2 yrs Susan Green, P
3 yrs P/C John Tarpley, AP
Rules...
P/C Gary Baker, P
P/C Annette Ferguson, AP
OPEN
Nominating...
1 yrs P/C John Tarpley, AP
2 yrs P/C Gary Baker, AP-IN
3 yrs P/C Frank Havens, AP-IN

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

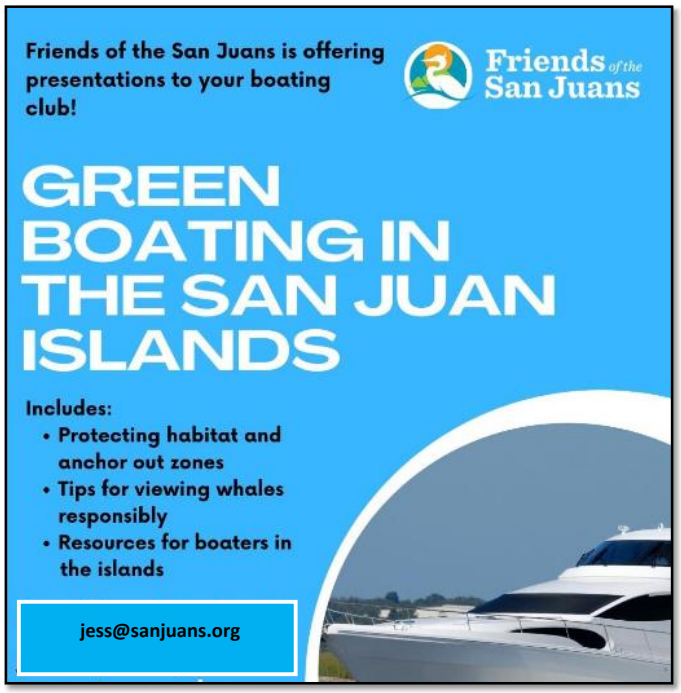
Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP

Spring has arrived! We have already been treated to numerous days, with gorgeous sunshine, warm temperatures, beautiful blue skies, colourful flowers and blossoming trees, birds a' singing and the sounds of folks mowing their lawns (or at our shady house…the moss!) Time to change the seasonal activity calendar and plan for summer outings, e.g., day hikes, weekend boating cruises, RV trips, or maybe just sitting on the shoreline somewhere watching the sunset. Whatever you choose, be in the moment and enjoy what life in the Pacific Northwest has to offer. Hopefully, this past year of living with the pandemic has made us all re-calibrate things and realize that life is precious, not to be wasted but rather maximized and enjoyed whenever/wherever possible!

It's time to prepare our boats and land yachts for the 2021 exploring season! To help celebrate, join us for Opening Day of Boating Season at the Port of Everett's North Marina on Saturday May 1st. This will be a fun event in partnership with the Mukilteo Yacht Club. See "Are You Ready to Cast Off?" article in this edition of *The Pike Pole*. To help prep for our inaugural crab pot event, several members gathered for a work party in late April (see photos). America's Boating Club of Snohomish County has some great activities to look forward to, so check out the list of rendezvous and pencil in some dates on your calendars. I say "pencil them in" as we are still in a state of flex Re: Covid safety protocols and thus some activities may be revised/postponed/ cancelled depending upon circumstances beyond our control.

Sans any more disclaimers….
come join the camaraderie and in-person, socially distant interactions that will make such a nice change to the past year's COVID stay-at-home/ZOOM meeting isolation we've all endured. Let us be healthy and hopeful!

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant.
Anne Bradstreet



"Green Boating in the San Juans"

by Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP

Ever wondered what boaters can do to help protect endangered salmon and orca AND avoid impacts to critical habitats such as eelgrass and kelp? Join us May 4th for a presentation and Q&A session with Friends of the San Juans. Learn about their "Anchor Out" program as well as green boating practices including boating around whales, marina resources, and other useful information. Perfect timing for the upcoming boating season, eh!

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Linda Martin, JN

The Role of Education in America's Boating Club

by 1st/Lt Chuck Taylor, SN, Assistant Educational Officer

America's Boating Club has three primary objectives:

* Continuing Education through courses and seminars
* Community Service (Vessel Safety Checks, Adopt-A-Street, etc.)
* Social activities such as meetings and rendezvous

Course offerings are divided into Advanced Grades and Electives. Five Advanced Grade courses are offered: Boat Handling, Marine Navigation, Advanced Marine Navigation, Offshore Navigation, and Celestial Navigation. Nine Electives are offered: Cruising & Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Instructor Development, Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Communications Systems, Electronic Navigation, Radar for Boaters, Sail, and Weather. That's a lot of courses! Besides all those courses, there are seminars too!

When you take and pass a course exam, that gets recorded in the data base at HQ. Completion of Advanced Grade courses carry with them recognition in the form of grades such as Seaman (S), Pilot (P), Advanced Pilot (AP), Junior Navigator (JN) and Navigator (N).

Completion of Elective courses is also recognized, but in a different way. You can earn the Educational Proficiency Award for completing Advanced Grade courses through Advanced Marine Navigation, plus any 3 Elective courses. The Educational Achievement Award is given for the completion of all Advanced Grade courses and all Elective courses. With the Educational Achievement Award goes the title of Senior Navigator (SN).

America's Boating Club also offers Boat Operator Certification (BOC). There are four levels of BOC: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator, Advanced Coastal Navigator, and Offshore Navigator. Requirements for earning these certification levels include completing some combination of Advanced Grade and Elective courses and seminars.

Eligibility for these awards and certifications is determined by consulting course completion records in the data base. That is one reason why it is so important that you take the course exam, not just sit through the course.

There is a lot to learn about boating! What are you waiting for!

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB of Snohomish County

2021 BOATING EDUCATIONAL SCHEDULE

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE -- ABC
MAY 22-23, 2021
JUNE 26-27, 2021
AUGUST TBD
OCTOBER TBD

All 8-HOUR ABC courses will be taught face to face, at the Everett Yacht Club. The course cost is $60 per person. RSVP Linda Martin 425-422-4721

ALL COURSES (below) GOING FORWARD WILL BE TAUGHT VIRTUALLY USING ZOOM

FALL COURSES

TBA 2021 – ELECTRONIC NAVIGATION SYSTEMS
8-10 WEEKS
COST $55 MEMBERS/$100 NON-MEMBERS
INSTRUCTOR: RAUL BIASCOECHEA
LOCATION: ON ZOOM
TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM

TBA 2021 – BOAT HANDLING (SEAMANSHIP)
8-10 WEEKS
COST $60 MEMBERS/$110 NON-MEMBERS
INSTRUCTOR: JOHN TARPLEY
LOCATION: ON ZOOM
TIME: 6:30-8:30 PM

WINTER COURSES

RADAR FOR BOATERS
MARINE NAVIGATION (PILOTING)
WEATHER OR ENGINE MAINTENANCE
RSVP JOELLYN JACKSON -- 425-347-0763

ALL SUPER SEMINARS (below) GOING FORWARD WILL BE TAUGHT ONLINE USING ZOOM

MAY 11 – **How to Use a Chart**
JUNE 8 – **Emergencies On Board**

All **SUPER SEMINARS** will begin at 6:30 pm and will cost $30 per person or $45 per couple sharing a book. You can register and pay on the website using PayPal.
RSVP Linda Martin 425-422-4721

GO TO www.BOATCLUBSNOCO.ORG FOR MORE INFO.

MASTER LIST OF USPS COURSES

If any of these courses interest you, give us a call. We will help search District 16 for a squadron teaching the course you want to take.

Linda Martin 425-422-4721
Joellyn Jackson 425-347-0763

ADVANCED GRADES

Boat Handling: How the heck do I get this boat to do what I want?

Marine Navigation (aka Piloting): How to get from here to there without running into something.

Advanced Marine Navigation (aka Advanced Piloting): Navigation under more difficult circumstances while using electronic tools, especially GPS all the while taking wind and currents into account.

Off-shore Navigation (aka Junior Navigation or JN): When off-shore there are no longer landmarks for reference; we must substitute celestial objects such as the sun.

Celestial Navigation (aka Navigation or N): The final navigation course focuses on sextant use---for when all your electronics fail!

ELECTIVES

Cruising and Cruise Planning: You're going on a two-week cruise in Canada – what do I take? Customs? Forbidden fruits & veggies? What if I get hurt? We answer all these questions and more!

Engine Maintenance: Diesel, gasoline, spark plugs, pistons, fuel mixtures, ... and how they all work together to get you where you're going.

Instructor Development (ID): Want to teach a course? We'll show you how! Open only to members.

Marine Electrical Systems (MES): There is one system on the boat and one that you plug into at the dock, which is which?

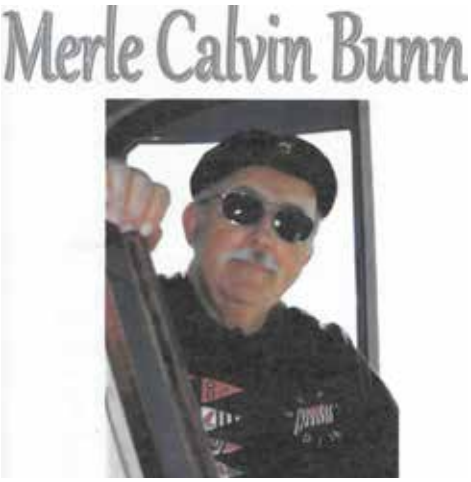
Marine Communications Systems (MCS): It can be a matter of life or death to be able to communicate with the first responders. We teach you how to make a SOS call and more.

Electronic Navigation Systems (ENS):

Radar for Boaters: The systems used to navigate by on the boat are changing as we speak. Learn now before they change.

Sail: What are all those lines and gadgets for? Are you sure the wind will blow me where I want to go? Answer: only if ***you*** know what to do!

Merle Bunn Award Recipient *for* 2020-2021 P/R/C Chris Brown, SN-ACN



In 1997 P/C Elaine Matthews, P (deceased) created an award to honor long time members who continued to serve and dedicate their time and energy to the Everett Sail & Power Squadron much like P/C Merle Bunn, JN (deceased) had done for many, many years.

Merle currently had 35 merit marks and had been a member since 1968. He was a Life Member and was commander in 1974. When many of the "old timers" left the squadron in the late 1980's, Merle stayed and kept teaching the Basic Boating class, cruising with the new members, and telling stories. His wife, Shirley, by his side, welcomed each new family to the squadron.

Let me tell you a little about Merle. When Mike and I took the Basic Boating Course back in 1986, Merle was the instructor and continued for many years after that. He always started off asking how many years of boating experience each student had. Some had over 50 years' experience, however, they came to the course to learn to be a safer boater. He also said at each course, "There are two kinds of boaters; those who have run aground and those who will." So true!!

In a little booklet, we received at Merle's memorial service, his family wrote, "In 1958 Merle got involved in Power Squadron, taking boating classes. He enjoyed the curriculum and decided to join their club. Later he began substitute teaching some of the classes. Soon the group realized what a good teacher Merle was and asked him to teach on a regular basis. He enjoyed the fellowship, friendships, food and fun for many years with this group."

Since 1997 the award has been given to 23 members who don't stop doing something for the squadron, because they enjoy serving and believe in the safe boating mission. This year at the Change of Watch, the bridge honored P/R/C Chris Brown, SN-ACN for all the time he has spent supporting the Everett Sail and Power Squadron and many other squadrons and district and national.

I first met Chris while he was the member of the Bellevue Squadron and the Treasurer of the District. I was constantly asking for money to support the new Boating Safety for Kids program, robotic jet ski and the seagull, "PFD". When he and his lovely wife, Bobbi, moved closer to Everett, they transferred to Everett. Chris jumped right in to helping with the educational mission of our squadron. He has been our Squadron Educational Officer, our On the Water Chairperson, our instructor for Piloting (now called Marine Navigation).

Besides education he has done the Merit Mark duties for years in a very excellent way. If you have a question regarding something at National, Chris knows who to talk to and where to find the answer on the USPS website or DB2000. And he knows the back story and is willing to share that information with you. He is amazing!

Receiving this award is a very high honor and Chris deserved it greatly. And the Everett Squadron appreciates all his hard work and his willingness to help wherever and whenever needed. Chris, you are in good company. I have attached the list of members who have received this award.

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Rendezvous Schedule - 2021

DUE TO THE CONTINUED PANDEMIC WE ARE UPDATING ACTIVITIES AS REOPENING CONTINUES

June 10-13	Poulsbo Rendezvous *with* D-16
July 17	Driftwood Shores Garage Sale 2nd fundraiser of the year
July 16-18	Commander's Cruise to Fisherman's Bay on Lopez Island
August TBD	Group Picnic somewhere in the beautiful PNW
September 3 - 6	Point Hudson Marina Labor Day Weekend

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P/D/R/C Chris Brown, SN-ACN

Everett Sail and Power Squadron
MERLE BUNN AWARD
For Continuing Service *and* Dedication
97-98 P/C MERLE BUNN
Life Member *in* 1994, 35 MM
Deceased December, 2015/
Joined *in* 1974/ 41 years *a* member

	NAME
98-99	P/D/C BRUCE TROTH, AP
99-00	STEVE ASHLOCK
00-01	P/C MIKE MARTIN, P
01-02	P/C LINDA MARTIN, JN
02-03	P/D/C DENNIS MORRIS, SN
03-04	STEVE WESTFALL
04-05	P/Lt/C ROBERT SAVELA, SN
05-06	PAM & ABE REESE
06-07	Lt LINDA SKUGSTAD, AP
07-08	P/Lt/C JOELLYN JACKSON, S
08-09	P/D/C CARROL WALKER, SN
09-10	P/C TONY GOBERNATZ
10-11	P/C ANNETTE FERGUSON, AP
11-12	P/C RENEE OLSON, SN
12-13	LLOYD RICHMOND, SN
13-14	P/C JIM WEST, JN
14-15	Lt DAN FERGUSON, AP
15-16	P/C RAY KEASEY, P
16-17	P/Lt/C CHUCK TAYLOR, SN
17-18	Lt/C DARCY BAKER, AP
18-19	Lt ELAINE KEASEY, S
19-20	Lt/C SUSAN TARPLEY, AP
20-21	P/R/C CHRIS BROWN, SN-ACN

NEWS From our friends at BoatUS

New Boat Engine Cutoff Switch Law Goes Into Effect **April 1, 2021**

Applies to boats less than 26 feet operating on plane or above displacement speed

Read this press release online at:

SPRINGFIELD, Va., March 15, 2021 – There are new engine cutoff device wear requirements for recreational boat operators as part of the January 1, 2021, passage of National Defense Authorization Act that included a U.S. Coast Guard Reauthorization. These devices, commonly referred to as engine cutoff switches (ECOS), are designed to prevent a boat-strike injury if an operator is accidentally ejected overboard while underway. Engine cutoff devices can be located at the helm of the boat or on the tiller or body of an outboard engine and typically connect a boat's operator to the cutoff switch with a lanyard. Some ECOS devices eliminate the lanyard and rely on wireless proximity devices to shut down an engine if the operator goes overboard. Effective April 1, 2021, the new law requires a vessel operator to use either a helm or outboard lanyard or wireless ECOS on certain vessels less than 26 feet when traveling on plane or above displacement speed. These vessels include (1) boats that have a functioning engine cutoff device installed at the helm or on an outboard engine or have wireless ECOS, or (2) boats manufactured beginning January 2020. The Coast Guard increased the number of boats required to have ECOS installed after this date in an effort to reduce boating accidents and fatalities. Exceptions to the ECOS requirement include if the main helm of the vessel is in an enclosed cabin or the vessel is not operating on plane or at displacement speed. Low-speed activities such as fishing or docking do not require use of an ECOS. The vessel operator is also exempt if the boat's motor produces less than 115 lbs. of static thrust – or about the size of a 2-hp engine.

The new law applies to all federally navigable waterways. As this is a federal law, states do not have the ability to enforce the new ECOS regulation — though seven states (Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Nevada, New Jersey and Texas) currently have their own ECOS laws. BoatUS expects most states to amend their regulations to match federal law over the coming years. While boat operators who fail to follow the new requirement could face a $100 civil penalty for the first offense, BoatUS expects the U.S. Coast Guard's initial focus will be education. Boaters are encouraged to check the U.S. Coast Guard website for additional information on this new use requirement and other safety regulations and recommendations. "BoatUS supports responsible use of cutoff devices and wants to get the word out to boaters to be aware of this new requirement so they can prepare," said BoatUS Manager of Government Affairs David Kennedy. "We believe the new requirement allows recreational boaters to operate their vessels in a practical manner while increasing boating safety."

Kennedy suggests that boat operators double check to see that their engine cutoff switch is working and begin the season by getting into a good habit of wearing it. Celebrating more than 50 years, BoatUS is the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters with more than 700,000 members. We are the boat owners' voice on Capitol Hill and fight for their rights. We are The Boat Owners

Auto Club and help ensure a roadside trailer breakdown doesn't end a boating or fishing trip before it begins. When boats break down on the water, TowBoatUS brings them safely back to the launch ramp or dock, 24/7. BoatUS offers GEICO Marine Insurance policies that give boat owners affordable, specialized coverage and superior service they need. We help keep boaters safe and our waters clean with assistance from the nonprofit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water. Visit BoatUS.com

Thank you,
RBAW
Follow us on Facebook

Thank you to all participants in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program who have designated the Everett Sail and Power Squadron (ESPS) as your non-profit of choice. By linking your Fred Meyer Rewards card you help to raise funds for the ESPS while continuing to earn your own Fred Meyer points and gas rewards!

Because the Fred Meyer Rewards program is evaluated each year, a re-enrollment process is required for all shoppers. Please re-enroll in Fred Meyer Community Rewards to continue supporting ESPS. Visit the Fred Meyer Community Rewards website. At www.FredMeyer.com/CommunityRewards Click on "Link your Rewards Card Now" And sign in with your email and password. Then follow the instructions to designate us as the beneficiary. Thank you!

TO JOIN THE ***COMMUNITY*** REWARDS PROGRAM:

- Have your Freddy's card handy
- If you do not yet have a Freddy's card they are available at the customer service desk at any Freddy's or Kroger or QFC store.
- Register your Freddy's card online at the www.FredMeyer.com/CommunityRewards
- Click on "Enroll". Follow the steps to create an account and link it to your Freddy's card number.
- Enter our NPO number which is 84945 or Everett Sail and Power Squadron and click on "confirm".

Members must swipe their registered Freddy's card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Freddy's card when shopping for each purchase to count.

If you do not have internet access, please call 1-800-621-7042 and a letter will be mailed to you with a barcode you can use at the store.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT LIFE JACKET

WEAR IT
A program of the National Safe Boating Council

REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket on board for every person on the boat.
- Boating safety advocates recommend all boaters and passengers wear a life jacket at all times while boating.

READ THE LABEL

- All life jackets that are USCG approved have an approval number. Look for it to ensure your life jacket meets the law requirements and is safe.
- You may see a new label on the inside of new life jackets with a performance level icon. These are approved for use in the U.S. and Canada, whereas devices with the old labels continue to be approved in one country or the other, not both.
- Life jackets you may already own may have the old "type" life jacket label (Type I–Type V).
- The new label **DOES NOT** make obsolete life jackets with the old label (you can continue to use your life jacket as long as it is in good condition and appropriate for the activity).

RIGHT LIFE JACKET

- **WEAR IT**—The best life jacket is one you will wear.
- **ACTIVITY**—It should be appropriate for the recreational water activity.
- **FIT**—A snug fit is a proper fit. All straps, buckles, and zippers should be secure.
- **CONDITION**—Life jackets with a tear, broken pieces, or buoyancy loss should be disposed.

YOUR BOATING DOLLARS AT WORK

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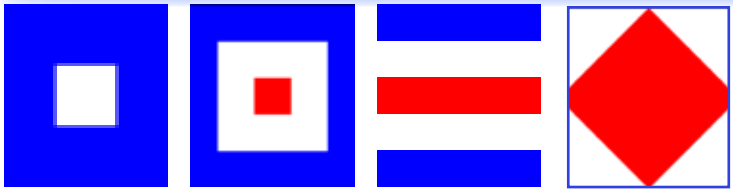

PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS

BY P/C LINDA MARTIN, JN
EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

When a member (or non-member) takes a course, takes an exam and passes that exam, ***I SAY PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS!***

Congratulations to those who passed a course. Listed below are the students who passed Sail in March.

John Tarpley, AP
Brian Shields

Those who passed Marine Navigation

Devin Ganger, P
Lori Dey, AP
Mark Landau, P
Janice Baird, P
Christian Sandvig, P from Detroit

If you are ready to take another course, check the calendar in this *Pike Pole* to see what courses are offered in 2021.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE BIKE FUND STARTS UP AGAIN!

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

May is our usual month to begin collecting funds for the bikes at Christmas House. Hopefully at our May meeting we will be able to contribute to this worthwhile cause. There may be many more families in need this Christmas.

The total is $122 so far this year. That's about half what we had at this time last year. Our total last year added up to over $1700 and we were able to purchase 34 bikes and donate them to Sharing Wheels since Christmas House was not able to open due to the pandemic. As we approach Christmas we can decide how we want to contribute and to which organization.

So bring your coins, dollars or checks to the May 5th meeting. Oh wait, we will not be face to face yet in May. But WAIT!!! You can donate to the Bike Fund on our website www.BoatClubSnoCo.org The PayPal button is under NEWS & EVENTS. You can donate $20 per submit. I love this page from the children's book, *Is it Christmas yet, God?* By Elspeth Campbell Murphy

You know what God?
Some kids have a lot of stuff.
Other kids don't have enough.
That's why a kid
I'll never see
Will Get a Christmas gift ---
From me!

Vessel Safety Check Website

Visit: http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/
Visit: http://www.safetyseal.net

Vessel Safety Check

Anyone who would like a vessel safety check done on their boat,

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VSC Schedule 2021

The 2021 VSC schedule is coming soon. Please check The Pike Pole for dates and locations for 2021. Other locations may be added. We will do many exams on an individual basis over the winter and spring months and respond to squadron member's requests.

Vessel Safety Exam
Contact: Lt Danny L.Daniels, AP for details

Upcoming VSC's

Everett Marina
May 15
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11

Shelter Bay
Mid May

Free Vessel Safety Checks - - We Want You to Have One Too!!

It's easy…sign up at https://www.boatclubsnoco.org/vsc-request

A Vessel Safety Check is a free examination of your boat (sail, power or paddle craft) to verify the present condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and Federal regulations. The Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist and is a member of America's Boating Club of Snohomish County (United States Power Squadron). They will also make certain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer boater.

This is not a boarding or law enforcement issue. No citations will be given as a result of this encounter. We will supply you with a copy of our evaluation so that you may follow some of the suggestions given. Vessels that pass will be able to display our distinctive VSC decal. This does not exempt you from law enforcement boarding, but you can be prepared to make this a positive encounter.

The vessel examiners performing this service have been trained to look for some of the more common problems which might occur in your boat or its associated safety equipment. Some of the items we check are:

- Proper display of numbers
- Registration/Documentation
- Personal Flotation Devices; Life Jackets
- Visual Distress Signals
- Fire extinguishers
- Ventilation
- Backfire flame control
- Sound producing devices
- Navigation lights
- State requirements
- Overall vessel condition

If a vessel meets all the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) requirements, you'll be awarded a VSC decal. Ideally, this exam should be completed annually.

Interested in a Vessel Safety Check for your watercraft? Please contact Danny Daniels, AP, VSC Chair at https://www.boatclubsnoco.org/vsc-request.

April 3rd clean-up with Lt Glen Sandvick, P, P/D/C Dennis Morris, SN and P/C Jim West, JN

Adopt-A-Street Clean up planned July 17, 2021

The next Adopt-A-Street clean up is planned as follows:

When: **July 17- Time: 0800 – 1030**
Where: **Meet at the Broadway IHOP *for* breakfast at 0800 *at* Gateway Plaza - 3710 Broadway**

Meet at Henry M. Jackson park for clean up at 0900

The activity is EASY and FUN. It usually takes about 1-1/2 hours to complete.

Please contact P/D/C Dennis Morris, SN (425) 355-2108 dennis.morris3@frontier.com to sign up.

It is important to sign up at least 1 week prior to ensure we have enough materials.

Are You Ready to Cast Off?

by P/D/C Annette Ferguson, AP

As the sun shines and the temperatures begin to warm, our thoughts turn to getting our boats on the water. Opening Day on May 1, 2021 is the perfect day to get on the water.

Join us on North Guest Dock 6, Port of Everett on Saturday, May 1st. ABC of Snohomish County will be joining Mukilteo Yacht Club in a celebration of boating season. From 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm, we will host an afternoon devoted to all things about crabbing. Our own "crab experts" will be available for questions and will present a free seminar on crabbing from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

Come learn all about crab pots and how to avoid crab pot loss. As an additional bonus, there will be refurbished crab pots fully equipped and available for donations. ABC of Snohomish Co. will also provide U.S. Coast Guard approved Vessel Safety Checks at the marina from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. To schedule a Vessel Safety Check, contact Danny Daniels at danny/daniels@gmail.com.

See you on the water! Everett Sail and Power Squadron America's Boating Club *of* Snohomish County.

Susan Tarpley and some of the refurbished crab gear

Preparing the Crab Pots for sale at John and Susan Tarpley's house...

It's hard work, rigging

Driftwood Shores Garage Sale is Back

(COVID willing and Puget Sound don't rise)

When: July 17. 2021
Where: Annette and Dan Ferguson's Garage
222 Driftwood Shores Road
Camano Island, WA
Time: Arrive and Set Up 8:00 am.
Sale time 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Volunteers are needed to help at the sale. We will set up a schedule for short shifts where you can work one or more shifts. Couples are welcome.

The theme this year is marine gear. Boat related items could include anchors, motors, life jackets, survival gear, electronics, fishing gear, dinghies, art work, books or almost anything else related to a nautical theme.

As in the past, lunch will be provided.A strong effort is needed to gather sale items prior to the event. Contact us if you need assistance transporting items to our location. Otherwise, let us know before dropping things off. Donations need to be on hand a day or more before the sale.

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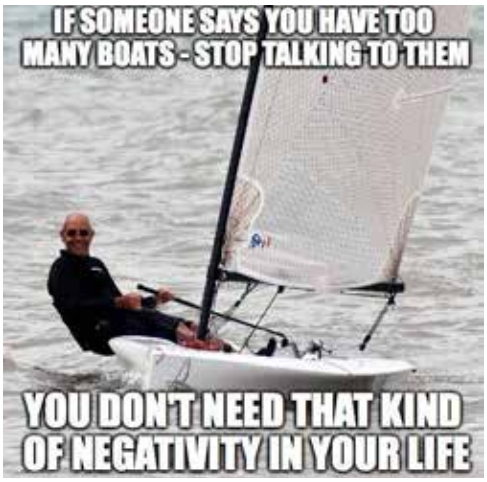
2020 ADVERTISING RATES FOR *THE PIKE POLE*

The Everett Sail and Power Squadron's monthly newsletter, *The Pike Pole* is a great place to advertise *your* business. With over 100 + members, your exposure will cover a wide audience that receives the newsletter September to June each year. Below are the rates per Squadron year:

Business card size	$55.00
1/4 page ad	$63.25
1/2 page ad	$120.75
Full page ad	$215.00

Ad invoices will be billed out starting in September, and will cover 10 issues. If you would like to place an ad in *The Pike Pole,* please contact P/C Mike Martin at 425/337-2762 or via email at: frugalboatnut@frontier.com Thank you for your business.



CLASSIFIEDS FOR SALE

Do you have some thing to sell? If so, advertise free in *The Pike Pole* classifieds. Ads will run for 2 months at a time, depending on space availability.

16', 2004 Smoker-Craft Osprey DLX, King trailer, new hubs, spare on the tire mount, Honda 50 hp outboard with tilt/trim, 4 stroke, 12 volt 52 lbs Navigator 5200 electric motor mounted on Honda, anchor & chain with 50 ft of rope. Asking $14,600 for the boat. Lots of extras itemized to the tune of $2577. Boat + extras for $17,200. Negotiable. Contact Dennis @ Dennis Morris 425-355-2108.

FYI

SmugMug PHOTOS

Pictures from a variety of D-16 events are posted to the D-16 SmugMug photo site at:

http://usps-d16.smugmug.com/

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In an effort to Reduce, Recycle, Reuse… please consider visiting:

Sailboat Wrecking Yard (power boats too)
210 Duffner Drive
Lynden, WA 98264
360/739-8748
(call first if you're looking for something specific)
Hours: Monday – Friday 1 pm to 6 pm

The Sailboat Wrecking Yard was born from a real need in the coastal environment as well as the sailing community. They reduce, reuse, and recycle derelict boats. The result is a melding of benefit to harbors, marinas, boat yards and private individuals. Their labor force is minimal, and their prices are reasonable. Thank you Lt/C Darcy Baker, P

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Mukilteo Yacht Club's 18th Annual Opening Day Of Boating

April 30 - May 2

Theme

Wild, Wild West

WANTED

Saddle up and ride on over to North Guest Dock 6 Port of Everett

REWARD

GREAT PRIZES!!

Open To All Boaters

Website:
www.mukilteoyachtclub.com
Questions?
Enn Mikk, 425-210-8056

April 30 (Friday)

6:00 pm - Happy Hour (Party Barge)

May 1 (Saturday)

9:00 am - Eye Openers (Party Barge)
11:00 am - Registration & Captain's Meeting (Party Barge)
Blessing of the Fleet
12:00 pm - (Weather Permitting) Boats depart Guest Dock 6 (parade route outlined at Captains Meeting). Boats parade within the breakwater and return to Guest dock 6.
4:00 pm - Peoples Choice Voting Closes
6:00 pm - Happy Hour - Prizes Awarded (Party Barge)

Please note that due to COVID concerns, the Potluck Dinner originally planned for Saturday night is cancelled.

May 2 (Sunday)

Boats depart at their leisure.

ANCHOR OUT OF EELGRASS

Help recover salmon and orca by avoiding sensitive eelgrass and herring spawning habitats when boating in the San Juan Islands.

Herring Spawning Habitat

Anchor out of eelgrass or use mooring buoys to protect herring spawning grounds.

Shallow Eelgrass Habitat

Anchor deeper than 15 feet (at low tide) to avoid eelgrass in these areas.

Eelgrass Habitat

Anchor deeper than 25 feet (at low tide) to avoid eelgrass in these areas.

This map not intended for navigational purposes

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