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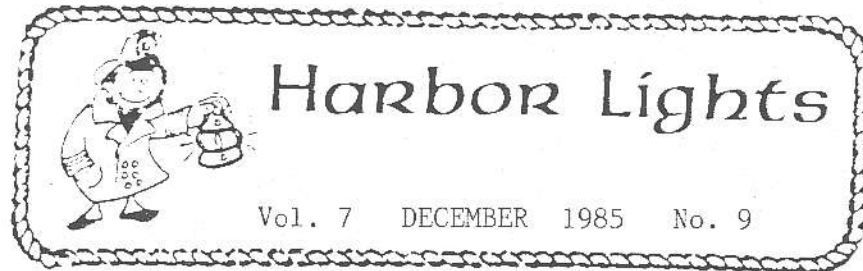


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**DATES  
TO KNOW**

**TUESDAY**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING (HECTOR'S)

**10**

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**THURSDAY**

CHRISTMAS PARTY

GRANGE HALL

**12**

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**WEDNESDAY**

**Christmas**

**25**

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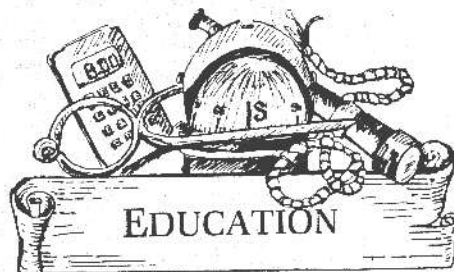


## Commander's Message

By Fred Hoepfner, AP

The District Education Seminar which Lee Campbell and I attended 9 November in Federal Way was very interesting and instructional. D/1st/Lt Bay Chambers, N, D 16 Asst Educational Officer planned and conducted an excellent meeting which explored problems and questions common to all Commanders and SEO's, and offered helpful solutions, inspiration and sympathy. I think we both came away determined to work a little harder at our jobs.

I am, however, somewhat concerned that a goodly number of our members are not taking advantage of our classes and progressing up the educational ladder. It was repeatedly stated during the seminar that the grade sequence of Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Navigation must be followed. No examinations will be sent for students that do not have the required prerequisites. Successive grades (classes) can be taken simultaneously, but a student must have passed the lower grade before the next higher grade examination will be sent. This means, obviously, that one must get started on the lower grades now. AP should be the goal of every member; JN and N if you are interested in completing your navigation education and qualifications. Start in a class now. Don't worry about missing a few classes, most of us find that to be inevitable. Just take your books along with you, study and do the homework on your own while you are gone. Your instructor will be pleased to give you special help if needed upon your return.



## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT.

...By Lance Crosby

# CHRISTMAS

### CHRISTMAS PARTY !!! (All-Star Committee)

December 12th - Thursday Evening

Grange Hall

Cocktails 1830

Potluck Dinner 1930

Christmas Tree, Santa Claus and Entertainment !!!

Each person bring a small gift appropriate for his/her sex. Label it M(ale) or F(emale).

Telephone committee will contact you regarding the Potluck.

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### UPCOMING:

January 9th - Luncheon at Legion Hall.

February 13th - Valentine Potluck

Watch the Harbor Lights for program information. How did you like the idea of a Luncheon meeting on alternate months? Did you give the Commander your views?

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

By Lee Campbell, P

### *Learning opportunities*

#### OUR CURRENT CALENDAR

Public Boating Course - Class Examination -	Dec 3rd
Seamanship (Lance Crosby AP) "	Dec 17th
AP Course started (Fred Hoepfner AP)	NOv 19th
JN Course Starts (DAve Seaman N)	Jan 15th

Course material for EM, P, IQ, W and ME are on hand and awaiting instructors decisions on starting dates.

**WHY NOT  
YOU?**

## Secretary

By Fred Popham AP

Please make the following additions to your copy of the 85/86 Squadron Roster.

Add under Ed Carlberg's BARNACLE, the call sign

WSM 2153

Add under Doug Jefferies' MARLINDA, the call sign

WSE 2874

#### MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING 5 NOVEMBER 1985

Commander Hoepfner, AP, called a Special Meeting on 5 November 1985 to consider a proposed set of Bylaws, prepared by our Secretary, and conforming to those prepared by USPS. The primary purpose of the new Bylaws was to delete all references that restricted membership to males. The new Bylaws were passed by the members of the Special Meeting.

#### MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING 5 NOVEMBER 1985

Members present: 10

#### Reports:

Adm O. November's meeting is set, Arnie Bentzen is speaker. Meeting will be at noon in Legion Hall. PBC members are to be invited.

Christmas Party is to be Chaired by Bev Steel Executive Board to assist.

Sec. Advised Bylaws require the Nominating Committee to provide the Secretary with the list of proposed candidates for election 40 days before the Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the Executive Meeting 5 Nov 1985 cont.

SEO: PBC is doing well. AP, S & P are about to start. Commander Hoeppner noted that the new AP material was excellent.

Comdr: Jazz Festival reimbursed the Squadron for expenses incurred. Members declined reimbursement and money was turned over to the Treasurer.

Membership: Gil & Jan Elmore were approved as new members.

New Business: We have been advised by National that they would award an Ensign to those passing Seamanship. Rules are that members are not allowed to fly the Ensign until they have passed seamanship. Further clarification is being requested.  
P/C Lew Garlick is ready to hold a course in Operations Training when sufficient members are able to attend.  
Frank Woodward AP will obtain information on "Honorary" and "Life" members.

Meeting adjourned 1408, Nov 5th.

IT MATTERS NOT  
WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE

... until you lose

## Editor's Corner .....

... By Fred Popham



Here is a couple of tidbits that caught my attention from the Bellingham Power Squadron's "Bell Signals" (Oct 85)

These articles are from the 1985 US Boat Reports, vol XX.

### SENATE PLOTS \$15 NAUTICAL CHARTS

Disregarding safety concerns raised by BOAT/US, the Senate has passed legislation which will allow the government to hike the price of nautical charts by nearly 300 percent. The House is expected to consider the matter during September.

Acting on legislation sponsored by Sen. John Danforth, the Senate bill, S.990, would give the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) the authority to raise the price of its charts in three stages to somewhere in the \$14-15 range. Currently, NOAA produced charts are sold for \$5.50.

For the past five years, the Administration has been seeking to substantially increase chart prices, claiming that the cost of producing charts should be borne by those who use them. At one point, the Administration had sought to raise prices to \$45 per chart.

### CUSTOMS AYES FEES

The Coast Guard isn't the only agency trying to collect from boat owners this year. The U.S. Customs Service has also jumped on the user fee bandwagon and legislation is now moving through Congress that will allow Customs to charge boaters a fee when returning from a foreign port.

Under legislation introduced by Rep. Sam Gibbons (D-Fla) and approved by the House Ways and Means Committee, private boat owners would have to pay \$25 per year for entering U.S. ports and being cleared by Customs officers. The fee is intended to "reimburse" the agency for the services it provides to the public.

The Administration was originally seeking to raise \$400 million for Customs via the user fee scheme and originally proposed charging recreational boaters \$53 for entering the U.S. The House committee scaled down the total to \$200 million.