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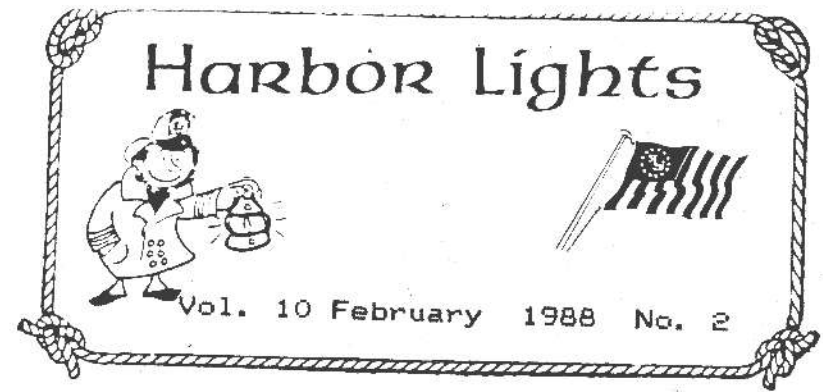
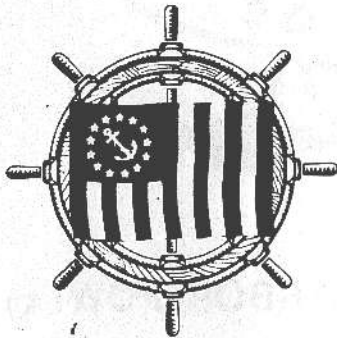
1987 & 1988

BRIDGE OFFICERS

Commander..... H. Lance Crosby JN 378-2946
 Executive..... Don Madsen AP 378-5142
 Education..... Lee Campbell AP 378-5237
 Administrative.
 Treasurer..... Ed Carlberg AP 378-5552
 Secretary..... Pete Plunkett AP 378-5223

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander H. Lance Crosby, JN
 Donald Madsen, AP Win Sharp, AP
 Lee Campbell, AP George Porter, P
 Bob Blanchard, AP P/C Fred Hoepfner, AP
 Ed Carlberg, AP P/C Frank Hudson, JN
 Pete Plunkett, AP



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- 2 Feb. Public Boating Course begins.
- 2 Feb. Executive Meeting- Lee Campbells' office - 1200 - "Brown Bag" lunch. All invited.
- 4 Feb. Squadron Meeting-Legion Hall
POTLUCK 1830
Election of Officers etc.
- 6 Feb. District 16 Council Meeting-Seattle
- 15 Mar. Seamanship course begins.

COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Inevitably, as one approaches the completion of almost any task, one begins to wonder "How could I have done a better job?" This is certainly true for your Commander! It's this sort of thinking that led your incoming Commander and me to come up with a Change of Watch plan to make life easier for the new Bridge.

The idea is to make sure that every member of the Bridge and all Committee Chairpeople know for sure what their new jobs entail-- the what, when, why and (most important) the how! There is a lot of experience out there that needs to be shared. In addition we all need to know that the other fellows job is too! In other words, we need a really practical Operations Training course. New members can join in such an effort and add to their enjoyment of the organization while preparing to take an officers role one day.

We are asking each new officer to meet with his incumbent counterpart and for all committee chairs to do the same. Look up your Operations Manual or beg, borrow or steal one and study the appropriate pages. We are ordering a number of the O.T. texts for reference also. Keep track of your time and stick to basics. We'll all get together for a sharing session then and exchange ideas. What could be more timely? Here's to a great 1988-89.

If there are any questions or suggestions get in touch with Frank Woodward or me and let's discuss them.

PETE'S PORT

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
(Approval Pending)

CALL TO ORDER: The 5 Jan. 87 meeting was called to order by Cdr. Crosby at 1206. Present were Sharp, Carlberg, Woodward, Madsen, Hudson, Hoepfner, Plunkett, Mitchell, Holmgren and Cdr. Crosby.

MINUTES: Minutes of 1 Dec. 87 were read and approved as corrected.

TREASURER: Carlberg reported \$2,822.72 in checking and \$1,162.00 in savings. Annual financial summary attached. Membership totals 59.

Plunkett commented that Treasury continues to grow and suggested buying training aides, committing to a better quality roster, finding other ways to better serve members needs and/or reducing dues. Carlberg suggested obtaining a copy machine for the Squadron and will check on prices. Issue will be reviewed probably in February.

EDUCATION: PBC will begin 2 Feb. and continue every Tues. and Thurs. in the Friday Harbor High School. Notice in newspaper and TV ad on Ch. 3 (consensus to spend \$25.00) will be handled by Hudson. Posters will be placed and "old" lists will be reviewed for prospective students. There is a possibility that the Sea Scouts may audit PBC. Jan. Harbor Lights contains PBC instructor assignments. A US Coast Guard Video tape on life preservers is available for use in PBC. Weather will commence 19 Feb. in Campbells office at 1900. JN and N classes will be promoted at the 7 Feb. Squadron meeting. Bay Chambers, N is available to assist in

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a Sat. seminar.

Cdr. Crosby requested that Hudson prepare a certificate of appreciation for a well known local Squadron instructor.

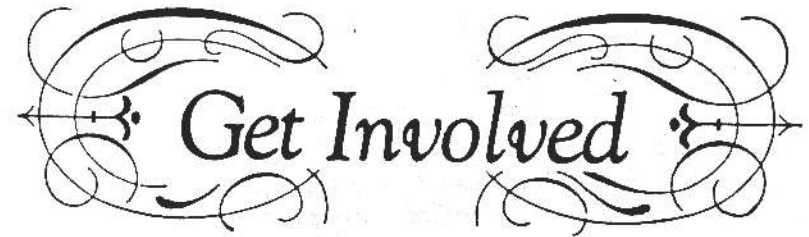
ADMINISTRATION: 7 Jan. meeting at Legion Hall and feature a discussion of Ham Radio. Coffee and donuts will be served.

COMMANDER: Cdr. Crosby encouraged use of the product information card in the Ensign and return of completed boat insurance forms. He discussed Operations Training Prog. to be held soon and reviewed program meeting plans for balance of the year.

NEXT MEETING: The next E.C. meeting will be 2 Feb. at 1200 at Campbells office. Bring a brown bag lunch. All Squadron members welcome.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1326.

Elizabeth Plunkett, AP
Secretary



SO IT MAKES SENSE

AND YOU GET SOME FUN

OUT OF IT

You could sit and wait for someone to put the finger on you. That would make extra work for the Bridge and heads of committees. You could get stuck with an assignment that won't suit you at all. You could say "No!" and go a quiet trip for days and days.

Here's a better way. First think about what you would like to do. Then, on your Squadron Roster, look up the person who chairs the committee in charge of that kind of activity, and make contact. Chairpeople love to have volunteers to make contact with them - in person or by phone. If you have lost your ROSTER, just call anyone on the Bridge as they will be glad to help.

For the new members, we are listing committees that serve the Squadron. Each has a brief description. Each needs volunteers. For our veteran members, we ask you to look these committees over and choose a new one. Find an area that really interests you so we may use your valuable expertise. By sharing your talents and interests with others, you also will gain a Merit Mark from the Squadron.

Now let's get going. What are you going to do about getting involved in the No. 1 Boating organization in the whole world?

SQUADRON COMMITTEES

Boating Activities -Boat Exchange, helps members swap boats with members in other areas on mutually acceptable terms for vacation cruising; Crew Register, lists members available to crew; Owners Registry, lists boats owners seeking crews.

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- Chaplain -Pronounces invocations and benedictions, offers prayers when appropriate during Squadron meetings.
- Cock-Charting -Reporting changes in navigation aids, landmarks, boating facilities and services.
- Entertainment -Committee for special programs including the Christmas party, Change of Watch, Annual Meeting. Making arrangements for dinners etc.
- Finance -A 3 person team that works with the Treasurer and other members of the Bridge to plan Squadron financial year. One appointment each year for 3 year term.
- Historian -Writes up the history of the past year, records accomplishments, educational achievement, any special awards, and other significant items.
- Law Officer -Member of the Bar who handles legal matters related to the Squadron.
- Legislative -Keeps abreast of any local, state or national legislation affecting boating.
- Long Range Planning -Planning for solid and continuing growth in our Squadron's internal and civic service objectives far into the future.
- Member Involvement -Sees that new members know how USPS works, welcomes them to functions, encourage members into the educational programs, and see that they participate in the enjoyment of USPS.
- Membership -Major responsibility for the growth and quality of USPS membership. Checks out prospects, processes their applications, makes sure that new members get proper orientation, a good start in USPS service, educational, and social functions.
- Operations Training -Conducts annual program to train members for better management of Squadron activities, with experienced members as lecturers and teachers.

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- Photo -Photographic recording of Squadron activities.
- Port Captains -Any USPS Member arriving or passing through our area per: quick answers to most questions about local boating by calling our Port Captains.
- Predicted Log -It's you and your boat against time and whoever comes closest percentage-wise to his predicted ETA wins. Sign up for the competition or serve on the committee and help with the numbers.
- Program -If you have a flair for booking talent or showmanship, serve on this committee and help arrange for speakers, films, etc. to top off our rendezvous.
- Public Relations -In USPS the PRO'S job includes every kind of external promotion -media news releases, posters, public events- anything that will polish the public image of the USPS and to help to tell the story of USPS service.
- Radio-Technical -Dedicated to support of boating safety through proper use of radio equipment. Keeps up to date on FCC Rules and Regulations and on latest technical developments in radio and electronics.
- Roster -Works closely with the Secretary to turn out an annual roster, a complete directory of members and their boats.
- Safety -Works closely with the USPS General Safety Committee. If you have experience in marine or industrial safety, this group needs your help to make everyone conscious of the importance of safe boating practices and to promote National Safe Boating Week observance.
- Squadron Liaison -While we absolutely must not, as an organization, do any lobbying, it just makes sense for USPS to keep on good terms with other governmental or private organizations concerned with boating activities and boat safety. That's this group's responsibility, and you can help if you have reasonable experience in USPS policies and activities.
- Teaching -Whether it's the Public Boating course or USPS courses,

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the Bouscron NEEDS teachers. If you have taken a course why not teach it.

Telephone

-Contacts members by phone, prior to any event that requires additional information be dispensed.

If you are interested in any group, circle the group you are interested in, sign your name and phone number and send to Frank Woodward on phone Frank at 375-2302.

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LEGISLATIVE LORE

Washington says yes for mandatory Safe Boating Education at a convention of the National Association of State Boating Administrators recently. Each boater would be required to have a certificate of completion of an approved course (could include USPS and USCG Aux. basis boating courses.) Their certificate would be irrevocable to avoid it becoming a boating license. The 1988 Legislature will consider this.

Of under age 26 boaters in this state, 2/3 rds have had no boating safety training; but over-all boaters 2/3 have had some safety training.

Four more eyes will be watching out for violations of shell-fishing regulations on Hood Canal and South Puget Sound in 1988 as the Fisheries Dept. adds two more patrol officers.

License time again for personal-use fishing. Salmon anglers also need 1988 salmon punch cards.

If your vessel is documented, altering internal space or adding area to the superstructure changes the tonnage. You must then have it remeasured and get a new Certificate of Documentation or face penalty.

Some changes are made in private aids, regatta regulations and marine parades as C.G. issues aids "final rule".

DO YOU KNOW-

That your Squadron has the following Supplemental Programs for Squadrons or individual use:

- Predicted Log Contests
- Oceanography
- Principles of Water Skiing
- Boat Insurance
- Elements of Boat Design and Construction.
- Hand Tools
- Preparation for Coast Guard License
- Introduction to Astronomy
- Compass Adjusting
- Introduction to Sailing
- Skipper Saver

Costs vary from \$2.00 to \$6.00 each. They may be ordered through the S.E.O.

SALE AND WANT ADS

WANTED. Copy of November and December 1987 CRUISING WORLD to borrow for several days. Fred Hoepner 378-4213.

FOR SALE. OPT 1 hand bearing compass. New. \$40.00. Fred Hoepner 378-4213.

THE SAFETY CORNER

by Maury Evans

With the ECHO afloat again after a hiatus of several years, Ytee will have to face the real world of seamanship. No longer will this "armchair navigator" be doing USPS courses and writing gems on safety at sea with impunity. Who will be the first to note the blunders if the "oracle" winds up with "egg on his face"? Just about everyone who reads this stuff. Well the record is not that great. Where do you suppose the grist for this column originated? Experience, partner, experience... call it a synonym for errors.

With that out of the way, lets get to the subject, making the ECHO seaworthy, because safety and seaworthiness go hand in hand. A seaworthy boat is a safe boat. However, the term is somewhat relative since a given boat could be considered safe for the conditions of its use, but totally inadequate for more demanding conditions.

The problem is to achieve the maximum of seaworthiness for a boat having certain limitations of hull and installed equipment for use where the sea conditions are generally mild, but may on occasion be extremely demanding. A boat of faulty design and poor construction may never be seaworthy. The ECHO is hardly a world cruiser, but it was designed for off shore use on the Oregon coast. Mr. Calkins called his design "bartender" probably in reference to harbor entrances where breakers may be a hazard. The hull was built by an experienced shipwright (Jim Martinson) with Ytee's assistance. It is now Ytee's responsibility to create in the boat the condition called seaworthy.

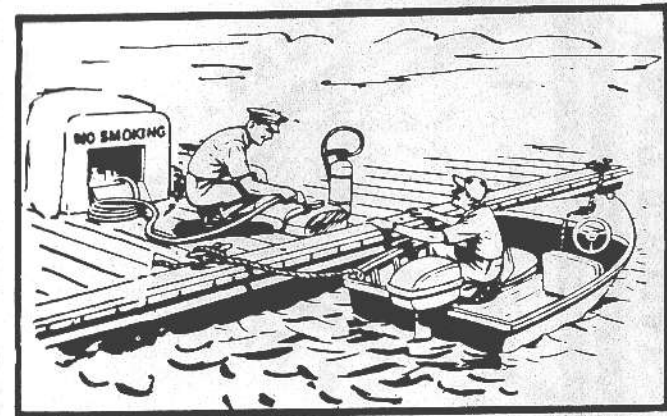
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To accomplish the stated objective all systems and equipment must be properly installed and perform the required function. The work done should and will be checked by a professional marine surveyor as required by marine insurance underwriters. Also it is hopeful the boat will be examined for safe operation by the Coast Guard Auxiliary Examiner. Sea trials will be preceded by dock trials. Sea trials will be made with in hailing distance of the marina and will precede any shake down cruise. During sea trials important operational facts about the boat can be checked. The boat's turning circle, transfer, stopping power, backing and turning characteristics will be noted.

The preparation for trials requires a systematic check off of every item of installed, required, or useable equipment. To organize the check off, all related items are placed in a category. The categories listed are: Hull, Propulsion, Steering, Ground tackle and Mooring, Safety equipment, Communications, Sanitary system, Galley, Electric systems, Stowage & Logistics, Electronic Equipment, and Unclassified. Each category will have listed a few to many items. Care must be taken not to omit anything.

Herewith Ytee has attempted to tell how he believes a boat can be made seaworthy, assuming, of course you have more than a sow's ear to start with. There is more. The shakedown should be a data collecting time for finding SOG, fuel consumption, and other characteristics needed for DR piloting. The procedures suggested here are only specific for the ECHO, but the system is adaptable, and Ytee thinks it contributes to safety at sea.



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We Need your articles by February 15th for the March issue.

WRITE OF ONE OF YOUR EXPERIENCES FOR THE PAPER SO IT CAN BE SHARED WITH OTHERS IN THE USPS.