

FOURTH OF JULY BEACH PICNIC - 12 MAY

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# HARBOR LIGHTS



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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Here we are kicking-off another administrative year. We have had the benefit of P/C Myrle Garlick, P, for the past two years and we are very grateful for her administration. I hope I can do as well for the next year.

We graduate another Public Boating Course on 3 May. There appear to be some great potential members in class. We will need some help in recruitment efforts that night. Someone may be calling you to help.

In May we will be gathering at Fourth of July Beach for a Potluck Picnic. I hope to see you there.

This summer it is hoped we can do some boating if nothing more than a BBQ at Parks Bay or going to Fisherman Bay for dinner.

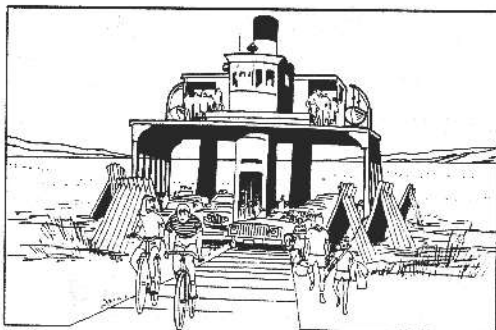
It has been suggested that some of us with boats invite members that do not have boats to join us on such cruises. You will be hearing from us regarding the above.

This fall we will be launching a "Let's Get Educated" campaign. Maybe courses can be offered in the evening as well as in the day.

It is important that I hear from anyone who has a suggestion that can make ours the best squadron it can be. Call me if you have something to say - 378-3135.

See you at the beach.

Commander Bill



## NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

### 6 - 11 JUNE 1994

Chairman: Henry Wutzl Phone: 378-5677

USCG AUXILIARY WILL BE CONDUCTING COURTESY MARINE EXAMINATIONS. Contact Hank Wutzl and arrange for your inspection.

9 June: 1800 at the Fourth of July Beach or South Beach, depending on the wind.

Bring your outdated flares and fire extinguishers. There will be a demonstration and practice in the safe use of flares.

San Juan District #3 Fire Chief Glen Potter will demonstrate the correct use of fire extinguishers and assist the participants in the safe use of this equipment.

BRING A BROWN BAG DINNER AND BEVERAGES AND HAVE FUN.

Volunteers are needed to help with this activity. Call Hank at 378-5677. Volunteers will earn credit toward a Merit Mark for 1994.

P/C Myrle L. Garlick, P  
Public Relations Officer



### EDITORS CORNER

You will note on the last page that there is a very welcome new addition to the staff of Harbor Lights. Peg Hoepfner, AP has answered my editor's note in the April issue of Harbor Lights, and will be joining me in publishing Harbor Lights. Peg will be printing, collating, putting on address stickers and stamps, and mailing your publication in the future. This is a lot of work. Peg, many, many thanks in advance!!

Jim Mitchell, AP

## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

With the nice weather and the warm sun in the afternoons it's that time again to prepare your boat for the summer cruising season if you haven't already gone through the routine.

If you haul, check all raw water intakes, propellers for nicks etc., shaft bearing, trim tabs, transducers and wheels, zincs (overboard and heat exchanger), rudder movement (grease the zirk fittings), bottom paint, and inspect for any hull damage.

Go over your entire fuel system and make sure you have no leaks. Change the oil and filter. Add water to your batteries (distilled is best). Check all belts for proper tension and make sure you still have a spare on hand. Check your water pump, bilge pumps and any sump pumps you might have. Check your shaft log and adjust if necessary. If you have a auxiliary generator or water maker do the required maintenance by the book. Check all electronics to insure they are working properly. Check your anchor winch.

After all your routine maintenance is complete, it is time to see to your brightwork, (polishing, sanding and varnishing). Once all these things are completed -enjoy the boating season.

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## POTLUCK BBQ - 4th OF JULY BEACH 12 MAY

12 May is almost here so get your field clothes on and join the Annual BBQ Potluck Picnic crew at Fourth of July Beach, at about 1700 or as soon as you can make it. We will have a couple of BBQ's handy for your use.

Here's what to bring:

1. Your own BBQ meat
2. Dishes, classes and/or cups as needed
3. A salad, vegetable dish or dessert to share with eight others (or one of each if you'd like!). We are leaving it to you.
4. Your own libations.
5. It has been suggested to bring chairs - some folks got a bit tired of standing last year
6. Remember, it can get cool as the evening wanes. Dress accordingly.
7. Bathing suits if you want to swim...hmmmmmm!

Fourth of July Picnic Beach is located on the east side of Cattle Point Road about half way through American Camp.

This party was a real success last year so let's do it again.

Jim Blaisdell, P, Asst. Admin. Officer

## SEO'S REPORT

We have been fortunate to have had an outstanding SEO for the past three years, P/C Shirley Holmgreen, N. She has worked very hard to bring you the best courses offered by the USPS, and many of us have taken advantage of these opportunities to improve our boating knowledge. Thank you very much for all your many contributions to the Education Department, Shirley, and we hope to continue to benefit from your experience and enthusiasm for USPS at the Squadron, District and National levels.

The Spring Boating Course is in full swing, under the direction of P/C Frank Hudson, JN. Twenty-eight students are enrolled, their names are listed elsewhere in this newsletter as potential new members of our Squadron. Many thanks to all of you who have assisted in the instruction, and to those that are planning to help out on final exam night, 3 May.

The Engine Maintenance course given by Elizabeth Plunkett, AP, has just completed writing the final exam on 5 April. The results should be coming in shortly, and will be reported in the next issue of *Harbor Lights*. The next course to be offered will be Seamanship given by Richard Baker, AP, starting 23 May. If you haven't already called Richard and signed up, do it now. His phone number is 378-3447.

The Piloting course will be given in the fall, following Seamanship. In addition to these two courses, we will offer Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation and Marine Electronics if sufficient interest is generated. Please contact me at 378-2302 if you are interested in signing up for any of these fall courses.

P/C Frank A Woodward, N  
Squadron Education Officer

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## SAFETY CORNER

Channel 13 is used by large commercial vessels for collision avoidance. Unless it is absolutely necessary for safe navigation you have no reason for using Channel 13! The Coast Guard is wanting to reduce the congestion caused by the abuse of this frequency. Calls of convenience or casual conversation are considered an abuse. It is mandatory that you use low power. If voluntary compliance is not forthcoming, Channel 13 capability may be removed from the drawbridges in the future.

Use appropriate sound signals. These are found in the *United States Coast Pilot #7*. You can phone the bridges with cellular or your VHF radio telephone to the marine operators.

Henry H. Wutzl  
Safety Officer

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## LEGISLATIVE LORE

THE legislative SESSION HAS NOW ENDED AND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE OF INTEREST TO BOATERS:

### Washington State Legislation

#### S-6000 Abandoned Vessel Bill

This was introduced by the Parks and Recreation commission. The bill allows Parks to claim, under certain conditions, abandoned vessels. This measure passed both the House and Senate. Any questions about this bill should be addressed to Paul George, Maintenance Chief, Parks Comm., 206-753-1931.

#### S-5319 Gas Tax Refund Base

Senator Fraser of Olympia sponsored this bill so boaters would get a refund on the additional 5 cent tax imposed recently. The measure was not heard in the House. The Dept. of Transportation had large sums of money taken from them and transferred to the general fund last session. This year they did not want any additional loss of revenue. (Fiscal not indicates revenue loss: 1st year \$108,368, 2nd year \$1,275,833). The bill did not pass.

#### H-2365 Reducing Disturbance of Fish

Introduced primarily to control ski boats in fresh water spawning grounds. Bill was opposed by Parks and Recreation Commission and the Recreational Boating Association of Washington. Passed House, not heard in Senate.

D/Lt Thomas L. Copeland, P  
D/16 Legislative Officer

## INTERNATIONAL RENDEZVOUS & PIG ROAST

The Pig Roast and International Rendezvous will be the weekend of 22, 23 and 24 of July at Otter Bay. Otter Bay is located on the northwest side of North Pender Island. It is the bay around the bend by the new B.C. Ferry dock. 30 slips are reserved. Cost \$.50 per foot Canadian or about 35 to 40 US. Very reasonable.

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## MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING

5 April 1994

Call to order: Cdr Myrle Garlick, P, called the meeting to order at 1203 at the Grange. Present: P/C Lew Garlick, AP, Lt/C Bill LaPorte, S, Lt Jim Mitchell, AP, Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP, Lt/C Jim Blaisdell, P, Mary Wutzl, P, Lt Ken Campbell, AP, P/C Shirley Holmgreen, N, and Lt Jean Mitchell, P.

Minutes: The minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting were approved as published in *Harbor Lights*.

Treasurer's Report: Lt/C Ann Einboden, AP, gave the brief Treasurer's report saying she had been busy studying for an exam. She stated that we have \$652.26 more than at the last report.

Executive Report: Lt/C Bill LaPorte, S, said he is ready with awards for the Change of Watch dinner.

Commander's Report: Discussed National Safe Boating Week theme "Sobriety". On the 9th of June at 1800 we will have a flare shoot at 4th of July Beach or South Beach depending on the wind. Have old flares ready for this and also we should have old fire extinguishers which need to be recharged. The flare shoot is open to the public. Myrle will notify the Yacht and Sail Clubs. Two of our members are on the Coop Charting list, Jim Blaisdell, P, and P/C Frank Hudson, JN

SEO: P/C Shirley Holmgreen, N, said that potential new members who have taken the Boating Course exam must have their own certificates if they took the exam more than 3 years ago. National had discarded the Public Boating exam reports after 3 years. (The new system at National is to keep the records permanently by Social Security numbers). She discussed rebates on advanced courses. (This was discussed in greater detail in the April *Harbor Lights*). District Conference expenses were discussed.

Administrative Report: Lt/C James Blaisdell, P,

mentioned the May picnic and that both he and Don Madsen, AP, will be gone at that time.

**New Business:** We need a chairman for the National Cruise in September 1995. P/C Shirley Holmgreen, N, will help the Chairman. Our part will involve making the arrangements with *Islander Lopez*.

**Membership Involvement and Retention:** P/C Lew Garlick, AP, reported that we have only 2 less members than we did last year at this time. We will probably get some new members after the next boating class. As with other local groups there is concern about costs. The loss of our bar income requires us to look for another source of funds. Lt/C Anne Einboden, AP, commented that she noted the Squadron which retained the most members had the most boating activities.

Lt/C Bill LaPorte, S, complimented Commander Myrle Garlick, P, on her two years of devoted service to the Squadron. All joined in on a hearty round of applause.

Adjournment: 1310

Lt Jean E. Mitchell, P  
Acting Secretary

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

BANK ACCOUNT AS OF 1 March	1994	\$5,323.04
INCOME		
Dues	52.88	
COW dinners	931.00	
Boating Class	470.00	
OT and Marlinspike	29.50	
Engine Maintenance	69.00	
Interest	8.18	\$1,597.56
EXPENSES		
Education Materials	241.00	
USPS dues to National	170.00	
Sec. of State - IRS fee	10.00	
COW dinner deposit	100.00	
Postage	26.75	
Grange Insurance	22.00	
Misc	256.67	
March Meeting	11.88	
Harbor Lights	54.88	\$893.18
Net Gain or Loss	+704.38	
BANK BALANCE AS OF 6 April 1994		\$6,027.42

Lt/C Ann E. Einboden, AP

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The Public Boating course is underway with the following people enrolled. If you know any of them or have any comments on any of them, good or bad, please contact Don Kauffman, AP, membership chairman at 378-4771.

Paul Benson	Kathryn Benson
Ed Bretz	Mickie Bretz
Marty Carrizosa	Neil Castren
William Downsworth	Wally Gillette
Tim Guernsey	Gail Hovard
John Hovard	Dennis Kappler
Karen Libby	Tami Mason
Robert Parish	Marg (Beth) Phillips
Lynne Prichett	Laurie Shochenmaier
Donald Sept	Joan Sept
Ralph Smith	Ronald Tekatch
Jeff Van Dyke	Antal Vita
Jack Wood	Margaret Wood
Fred Young	

P/C C. Frank Hudson, JN  
Chairman Boating Course

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