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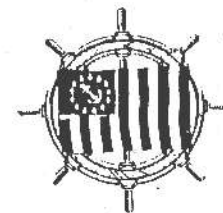
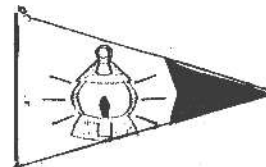
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COMING EVENTS

1 September: Executive Committee Meeting

Grange Hall 1300 Everyone welcome.

10 September: Season's Opener BBQ and Potluck

Keith Van Cleave's house on Golf Course Road (See Admin. & Education Reports for more details).

29 September: Executive Committee Meeting

Grange Hall 1300 Everyone welcome.

1 October: Potluck Dinner - Grange Hall
(More info on this next month)

23-25 October: District 16 Fall Conference -Bremerton
(Silverdale Hotel on the Bay)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Many thanks to P/C Fred (AP) and Lt Peg Hoepfner AP for hosting the spring picnic at their home on Mitchell Bay 7 May. Moreover, everyone appreciated the gracious assistance of Don and Kathy Kauffman, AP. We all had a fine evening, the food was outstanding, company better and the sunset in this beautiful setting was fantastic. There certainly were some great "stories" that surfaced as the evening progressed !!

As a reminder, the Season Opening Picnic, 10 September will be at Keith Van Cleve's home on Golf Course Road. This will be a Potluck dinner with everyone bringing his own main course for the grills and a dish to share (enough to serve about 8 people). The telephone committee will remind everyone of these details closer to the 10th.

The October meeting will feature a speaker, Retired Naval Captain Andy Kerr. Andy served as special counsel to four Secretaries of the Navy during the 1960s. He will speak about events of the Kennedy era. Let's all try to attend this opening, support the Power Squadron and hear from a very interesting gentleman.

I hope everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable summer with lots of cruising and outdoor activities in general. There will be good weather in the next month or two so make the most of it!

Lt/C Keith Van Cleve, AP
Administrative Officer



SQUADRON EDUCATION REPORT

Summer is about over, so back to work we go. Several changes have been made: (1) All student course materials must be paid for before the orders being sent to National Headquarters. (2) There will not be any Advanced Grade Courses scheduled for the fall 1998.

The Piloting and Advanced Piloting Chairmen/Instructors are studying Junior Navigation which will require a tremendous amount of time.

The following members are studying Advanced Grades on their own: **Bill Henderson, S - Piloting, Susan Ley, P, and P/C Hank Wutzl, P, Advanced Piloting. P/C Fred Hoepfner, AP, Chuck Milne, AP, and Lt/C Keith Van Cleve, AP - Junior Navigation**

If other members wish to do Advanced Grades as home study, contact me at 378-4722 for details. **Ann Einboden, AP, Boating Course Chairman** will be conducting the new Boating Course - BOAT SMART. This will be conducted at the High School starting Tuesday, 13 October at 1900. This course will be scheduled for either a three(3) or four (4) week duration.

P/C Lewis R. Garlick, AP
Squad. Educ. Officer

OPERATIONS TRAINING orientation program is scheduled for 14 November 1988. This will be a joint session with Pole Pass and Friday Harbor Squadrons and will be held on Orcas Island. More information will be in future *Harbor Lights*.

P/C Lewis R. Garlick AP

The Season Opener Picnic will be on 10 September and will be held at Keith Van Cleve's home 1996 Golf Course Road. We need BBQ grills badly as Steve Billmyer, P will be off island, so his BBQ grills will not be available. If you have a cooker we can use, call Keith, his number is 378-4575. He will be back on island after 28 August.

Can we use your grill?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The Friday Harbor Power Squadron will celebrate its 20th Anniversary on 5 November 1998 at the Grange Hall. Six charter members are still members of our Squadron. Plans are still in the formative stage. More details will be in coming *Harbor Lights*.

P/C Myrle Garlick, P

SAFETY SAM



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Your USPS
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Committee

Run Those Blowers!
Checked The Battery?
How's the Weather?
Life-Jackets Handy?
Is the Plug In?
Float Plan Filed?

Safe Boating is No Accident!!!

WHAT TO REPORT?

"Reeling and Writhing, or course, to begin with" the Mock Turtle replied, "and the different branched of Arithmetic - Ambition, Distraction, Uglification, and Derision."

Could These Ten Items Keep You Busy For A While?

- Identify charted landmarks that are no longer visible or have been destroyed?
- Identify features that are currently shown on the chart as 'visible' but can no longer be seen?
- Identify changes to shoreline features?
- Identify areas of shoaling?
- Identify new features such as visible or submerged wrecks, pilings, rocks or obstructions that are not charted?
- Report any features that you can identify or position shown on the chart as 'PA' or 'PD' - you don't know that "PA' or 'PD' is DO YOU?
- Reports on local marine facilities are important to the recreational boater and small craft operator?
- Report misspellings or geographic names and other chart annotations?
- Report chart discrepancies regarding aids to navigation to NOAA, and report damage or maintenance issues to the U.S. Coast Guard?

Is there a SAILOR among you who couldn't find something out of the above listed items?

Some of your shipmates are finding something!!

They have put your Squadron on the Honor Roll for the '97-'98 year!! and I would like to mention them - P/C Richard Baker, AP, Jim Blaisdell, P, Marty Garren, P, and Don Kauffman, AP. and compliment them!

Jim Blaisdell, P, also got cited for individual honors as well!

I know some of you guys and gals can do the AMBITION, DISTRACTION, AND DERISION and make this a banner Coop Chart year!

and here is your own Sq. Coop Chart Chairman - the MAD HATTER AKA Frank Hudson on 378-2437--- can you afford not to pick up the challenge!!!

SAFETY CORNER

Skippers should always warn passengers when their boat will be crossing another boat's wake. "Hold on! Boat wake!" is usually sufficient. This warning is especially important when crew are below decks and can't see the approaching wake. The most effective way to avoid getting rocked while cooking dinner below is to anchor well away from busy thoroughfares.

Don't wait until you are in the middle of a wake to pull back on the throttle. Slow the boat before the wave arrives. The larger the wake (and the smaller your boat), the more important it is to lessen the impact with the oncoming wave.

Don't come to a complete stop. With an especially scary wave you may be tempted to stop the boat to lessen the impact, DON'T! Without adequate headway ---at least three or four knots --- a wave could shove the bow to the side and you won't be able to continue maneuvering toward the wake.

On smaller boats that could be bounced by a boat wake, older passengers should always stay aft.

Rather than crossing an oncoming wake at the perpendicular (90 degree) angle, try bearing off a few degrees so that you cross the wake at a slight angle. This allows your boat's bow to grip the wave longer and helps prevent the bow from being thrown as high in the air.

When overtaking another boat, try to cross its wake quickly rather than riding the wave. Keep both hands firmly on the wheel and stay well away from the other boat's stern. In close quarters, remember to signal the other boat before passing and be aware of the wake being created by your own boat.

Avoid taking a large wake on your bow. Especially on smaller boats, it is better to turn into the wake briefly and then come back of course.

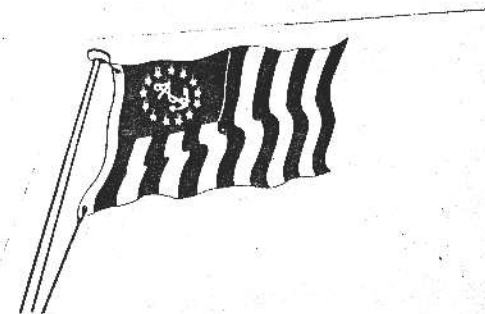
From May 1997 PPS *Soundings*

RADIO TECH

Will the VHF Channel 16 and 2182 kHz Watch on Ships continue? The third session of the international Maritime Organization (IMO) Communications and Search and Rescue Subcommittee has recommended that the date ships subject to the Safety or Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS) can suspend their watch on VHF channel 16 on 1 February 2005. The Maritime Safety Committee will confirm this recommendation later. The original date VHF channel 16 watch was to be suspended on large ships was 1 February 1999, the date the GMDSS comes fully into force. For further information, check out the USCG website.

Dan Asplund, AP
from the *PIKES POLE*

Don't throw away your Loran-C yet. There are rumors that the end might not be when originally planned. When we hear what the status is, we will put it in *Harbor Lights*.

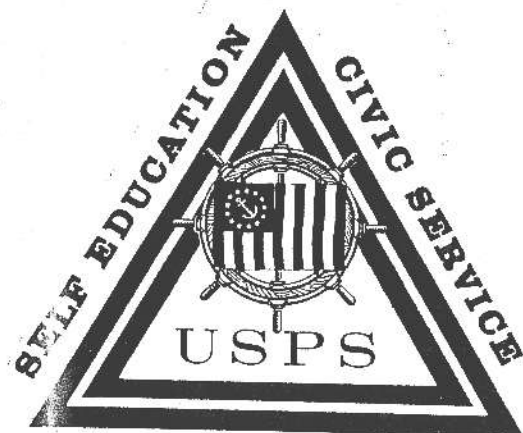


DISTRICT 16 FALL CONFERENCE

The Bremerton Squadron is the host for the Fall Conference at the Silverdale Hotel on the Bay. It is just 15 minutes from downtown Bremerton and offers the visitor with endless possibilities for fun and relaxation. The hotel features 151 spacious guest rooms and suites with private balconies, fireplaces and sweeping views available. With more than 5,000 square feet of meeting space, the hotel can accommodate groups of up to 500 people. Nearby is a golf course, tennis courts, fitness center and glass enclosed pool.

Rooms at the Silverdale Hotel on the Bay are priced at \$78 for a single room and \$88 for a double room plus tax. You must reserve your room by 15 Sept. 1998 for guaranteed rates. 360-692-0932.

Your mail reservation form must be sent in before 8 October. If you need any of the forms, contact Jim Mitchell at 378-3028 or Victoria Baker at 378-3447.



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I want to thank Peg Hoepfner for the excellent job in publishing *The Roster*. She does an excellent job in printing, collating, and mailing.
MANY THANKS PEG!

Jim Mitchell