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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had an enjoyable summer of short and long cruises or just plain fun messing about in boats! We are all looking forward to an interesting fall and winter of programs, get-togethers, and exchanging tall stories from summer adventures. Also, there may still be some good weather for boating in September and October. Take advantage of it! I understand only one of our group, the Einbodens, made the trip to the Rendezvous with our Canadian friends the end of July this year. A little more advance publicity on our part in the future will hopefully result in more people being able to attend these gatherings. However, I did hear that several unforeseen conditions prevented some who were actually enroute to making this event, including frozen starting motors, hull inspectors (collision with floating logs) etc.

Chuck Milne has a detailed report on our education program later in the news letter. As of now, a number of people (5) have indicated they want to take AP this fall. Fred Hoepfner will be the instructor. Since Chuck is

gone for several weeks, I am helping to coordinate enrollment for AP. Please let me know ASAP if you plan to take this course in the fall. Sessions will probably start September 27, although since Fred and Peg are cruising at the time, possibly a little later. The course will last 10 weeks. I really enjoyed AP and the understanding I gained about the influence of wind and current on piloting. Fred's practical experience adds a tremendous amount to the course.

Ann Einboden has a good crowd lined up for Boat Smart this fall. That course will start in early October. Some enrollees are already asking about the next course in the series, Piloting. Good job Ann!

Jim Mitchell did a fine job with the new Roster. One addition/change I would like to make is to recognize our new Safety Officer, Virgil Boyt. Virgil has done an out-

Don't miss the Season Opener and BBQ at Dick Barnes home on September 7...

standing job of coordinating

the vessel safety check program and generally keeping us up to date on safety issues important to boaters.

Thanks to Victoria Baker for production of the Harbor Lights.

I recently heard from Sally Hudson that Myrle Garlick was not well. Myrle and Lew were enroute to the Port Townsend boat to Friday Harbor Tuesday for a day visit but Myrle decided a different kind of attention was needed in the form of a mild TIA (stroke). Fortunately she and Lew were able to return home and get immediate medical assistance. A short time ago Myrle phoned and gave me a rundown on what happened. She said a TIA is a great way to get lots of attention but she does not recommend it as a routine! Myrle sounded fine on the phone. I'm certainly relieved to know they can get the kind of medical assistance they need when necessary.

The first meeting this fall will be with the Executive Committee, September 5, 1500 at the library and then the BBQ/picnic September 7, 1730, at Dick Barnes home, 2101 Mitchell Bay Road. Hope to see you all at the BBQ.

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Coming Events

05 September 1500
Executive Meeting
San Juan Library

06-09 September
All Governing Board Meeting
Baltimore, Md

07 September 1830
Season Opener
Home of Richard Barnes
2101 Mitchell Bay Road

03 October 1900
Boat Smart Class
Friday Harbor High School

SEO REPORT

LT/C CHUCK MILNE, JN

With Fall not too far away, it's time for each of us to be thinking about taking some more Power Squadron courses. There are a number of really good courses which have been developed by USPS—why not take advantage of them? Some work best in a formal classroom setting, but there are several which can be done by individual study.

For those newer members who may not be familiar with all the USPS courses, I would like to point out that they are arranged in two broad groupings, known as "Advanced Grade" and "Elective".

Advanced Grade:

1. Seamanship
2. Piloting
3. Advanced Piloting
4. Junior Navigation
5. Navigation

Seamanship and Piloting can be taken in any order, but both are pre-requisites for Advanced Piloting. AP is required for JN, and JN for N.

Elective:

1. Cruise Planning
2. Engine Maintenance
3. Marine Electronics
4. Sail
5. Weather
6. Instructor Qualification

Elective courses have no pre-requisites,

and can be taken in any order.

In addition, "Learning Guides" are available on a variety of subjects, including Amateur Radio, Boat Design and Construction, Boat Insurance, Calculators for Navigation, Compass Adjusting, GPS, How to Fly Flags, Intro. To Sailing, Marlinspike, Loran C, Navigational Astronomy, Oceanography, Plotting and Labeling Standards, Predicted Log Con-tests, Radar, Sight Reduction Methods, Skipper-Saver, USPS Glossary, and Water Sports. The current member price on all of these is \$4.00.

The only course presently scheduled for the coming year is Advanced Piloting, to be taught (as it has been for several years) by Fred Hoepfner. It will be taught Wednesday evenings 1900-2100 at Skagit Valley College; cost will be \$26.00. (The exact starting date will depend on when Fred & Peg return from their northern summer cruise). Those interested should contact Keith Van Cleve ASAP, so we can try to have textbooks available on time.

We've been hoping to offer Engine Maintenance this year but have been unable, so far, to come up with a qualified instructor. Suggestions?

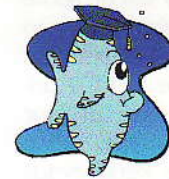
In addition to Member courses, one of the USPS main public service activities is a basic boating course for the general

public. This course, presently offered as Boat Smart, is generally taught twice a year in Friday Harbor. The current Chairperson for that course is Ann Einboden, who plans to begin the next session on October 3. Our Asst. SEO, Bruce Heller from Orcas, is also planning on offering Boat Smart this fall.

Depending on interest developed through Boat Smart, we may decide to offer Seamanship next Spring.

Which courses we try to offer depends primarily on the desires of the members. We don't know that unless you tell us. Feel free to contact any member of the Board, especially:

Keith Van Cleve, Commander
 Chuck Milne, SEO
 Bruce Heller, Asst. SEO
 Fred Hoepfner, Chairman,
 Advanced Grades
 Richard Baker, Chairman,
 Elective Courses



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE'S REPORT

LT/C ROBERT ARNETT

Dick Barnes has invited the Squadron to his home on Mitchell Bay for our September picnic. Dick promises a warm evening, a beautiful sunset and good fellowship. His home address is 2101 Mitchell Bay road; follow Mitchell Bay Road as though you were going to the Snug Harbor Marina but instead of turning down the driveway to Snug, continue one block to Dick's home.

For the picnic, bring your own entrée (barbecue grills will be set up) plus the alphabet course—and, of course, BYOB.

Please bring the following dishes:

Your invited!

**Season Opener
 September 7
 1730 Hours**

2101 Mitchell Bay Rd.

A—D a vegetable or potato dish.

E—M a desert.

N—Z a salad and rolls.

This is a great opportunity to catch up with the summer activities of Squadron members so we look forward to seeing you on September 7th.

Bob Arnett

SAFETY TIP FOR SEPTEMBER

Use it or lose it...

Proficiency can slip away from you if you don't reinforce it from time to time. You do your boat-handling thing all the time but how often do you use your piloting skills? In these days of GPS do you even remember where your plotting tools or your worksheets are? Help is available! Look for the details of the upcoming Advanced Piloting class.

Lt. Virgil Boyt, AP

Boat Smart

Boat Smart for Fall 2000 will begin on October 3rd, and run for four weeks on Tuesday evenings, 1900 –2100, at Friday Harbor High School.

If you know of anyone interested in taking the course, or someone whom you think "should" take the course, please call Ann Einboden at 378-3288, to sign up.

This promises to be a full class, as people have been calling about it since early summer. Apparently, we have quite a few new boaters who have recently moved here.

On Orcas Island, Bruce Heller is organizing a Boat Smart to run in September, so both islands will be covered.

Ann Einboden, AP

Lost & Found

Slotted Serving Spoon
Left at the Hoepfner's house after the last potluck...

Call Peg at 378-4213

Comedy Corner

The Senility Prayer

God grant me the Senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I'm older, here are some things I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into Shredded Wheat.
3. I finally got my head together; now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
5. All reports are in; Life is now officially unfair.
6. If all is not lost, where is it?
7. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
8. Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
9. I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents; accidents in the back seat cause kids.
11. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
12. Only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
13. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
14. When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
15. It's not hard to meet expenses...they're everywhere.
16. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
17. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter...
I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm here after...



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