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## Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron

### Dates to Remember

**25-26 March - D/16  
 Spring Conference & COW**

**7 April  
 PBSPS COW**

**29 April - 1 May  
 Port Orchard Rendezvous**



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### *2011 Rendezvous Schedule*

May 27-28-29	Brownsville
June 24-26	District 16 Poulsbo Marina
July 1-2-3-4	Des Moines Marina
August 5-6-7	Dock Street (Call for first night's confirmation before July 4)
Sept 2-3-4-5	Eagle Harbor
Sept 30 Oct 1-2	Blake Island State Park
Winter Rendezvous	TBD

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PBPS Elected officers meet the third Thursday of each month at 1900 to conduct Squadron business. All members are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in various locations. For meeting locations, please contact Cdr Mary Quande at 206-241-5799.

**General membership meetings & programs are on the first Thursday of the month at: Masonic Temple  
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# Spring Kickoff Rendezvous

## PORT ORCHARD MARINA

29 APRIL – 1 MAY, 2011

Don't miss the 'Spring Kickoff' Rendezvous at Port Orchard hosted by new members Paul & Carol Butler and ancient mariners Barry & Linda McDonnell. Activities include the opening day of the Farmer's Market, 2011 Vessel Inspections, dining with some of the finest people in the world, and more.

We're combining the boats of Poverty Bay with the boats of the Minnkota Cruising Club to get at least 30 boats on the dock. This'll save each boat \$5.00, as the Port will refund our \$150 reservation fee.

The AGENDA isn't final, but will look something like this:

- Fri 1900 Hearty Hors d'Oeuvres Potluck ('Hearty' = bring a 'hearty sized' offering!)
- Sat 0700 Coffee on the dock.
- Sat 1800 We'll provide spaghetti, meatballs and bread. You bring salad or dessert.
- Sun AM Continental Breakfast on the dock. If weather threatening, take it to go.

**Signup NOW with:**

**Barry McDonnell**

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## HAILINGS FROM THE HELM

By Cdr Kara Dalkey, P

Greetings all. This will be my last Log article as the Commander of Poverty Bay Sail & Power Squadron. I hope you are all looking forward to the Change of Watch on April 7<sup>th</sup> as much as I am.

It has been an interesting year, and I have learned a great deal more about how the Power Squadron operates. I have gotten to travel to new parts of Puget Sound and listen to other squadrons talk about their activities. I have gained new appreciation for the efforts of prior commanders and their accomplishments, as well as other members whose hard work have made Poverty Bay as successful a squadron as it is. Our co-op charting group continued to rack up the points. Greater numbers took our advanced classes. We were able to maintain, and even slightly increase our membership number, despite it being a recession year, through the efforts of our great education department, and through our partnership with Three Tree Point Yacht Club (see Tom Spohn's article in this log further detailing this).

I have many people to thank for assisting me—Lt/C Tom Spohn, P, P/C Bob Miller, SN, P/C Jack Green, N, P/C Joanna Webster, AP, Lt/C Rick Edel, JN, Lt/C Mary Quande, P, P/C Terry Scott, P, Sheila Green, AP, Duane Quande, P, Nancy Scott, P, the rendezvous committee, and the rest of the E-board this year. Even though I may have exasperated them at times with my inexperience, they were willing to generously offer their advice and assistance.

I regret that the knee injury I sustained in August somewhat took the wind out of my sails, and the increasing pressures of my day-job made me less inclined to give as much creative effort into the commandership as would have been ideal. Poverty Bay is a fine squadron, with many achievements, and deserves a commander with the time, means and temperament to encourage the best from its members and find the new opportunities that keep us growing.

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That brings me to your incoming commander, Mary Quande. I believe she will serve Poverty Bay well with her positive attitude, charm and sense of fun, overlying a basic practicality. We foresee issues in the year ahead for the squadron, such as a possible change of meeting venue, and I hope you will all lend her your assistance and good will as she takes on this challenging position.

As for me, although I may take a breather from major squadron projects for a while, I will still be happy to lend my assistance in small ways. I have a couple of novels and a short story or two to get back to, after all. So again, I thank you all for your help and forbearance and wish everyone a happy and safe 2011 boating season.

P.S. When your calling committee person contacts you for the May dinner meeting, he or she will have a survey question for you regarding the Pirate's Log. Please give them your honest opinion so that we can better communicate with as many members as possible. Thanks!

**MONTHLY DINNER MEETINGS AT MASONIC TEMPLE  
2208 S 223RD ST, DES MOINES**

Your telephone committee calls each member the week prior to the monthly dinner meeting. IF you have not been called by Sunday and you wish to attend our dinner, please contact Chairperson Lt Linda McDonnell, P (206-244-6714). All additions or cancellations to our count must be in no later than the Monday before the meeting! Also Please, Please see that we have a correct phone number for you. If you are not being called, we probably don't.

"A reservation made is a reservation paid". Please remember when the telephone calling committee member calls you for dinner reservations, that you are obligated to pay for your dinners if you do not attend or cancel by the Monday preceding the dinner meeting. *Dinner price is \$20.00/person. The squadron has to pay for ALL reservations made.*

*For a missed reservation, please remit check to  
PBSPS, c/o Lt/C Gloria Hunt, JN  
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**FELLOWSHIP FROM  
FRIENDSHIP**

*By Lt/C Mary Quande, P*

The next article will be from your new commander, me. The change of watch is scheduled for April 7th, our regular dinner meeting date, at the Masonic Temple. The catering will be done by Collier Catering, so again it will be a great meal. It would be great to see some members who have not been able to attend regular meetings. If you did not get an invitation in the mail, please let me know.

I could use more pictures of members boats for COW decorations. You can e-mail them or mail the pictures.

I will be at District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch this weekend, March 25 & 26 in Bremerton. Hope to see you there.

Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron and Three Tree Point Yacht Club have set a date of July 7<sup>th</sup> to participate in the TTPYC summer social. Plan to come by the Des Moines Marine and say hello and join in the fun. More information will be available the closer we get to July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Soon we will begin boating. Looking forward to the summer. See you at the COW.



## **FROM ANDROMEDA'S COCKPIT**

**By Lt/C Tom Spohn, P**

When all else fails I sometimes read the instructions. That is what happened this month when I realized I would be your new Exec. Officer. Just to make sure I knew what I was expected to do, I re-read my duties as posted on the national web site. The primary area is to “be responsible for the functions described as ‘external affairs’”. I am really looking forward to serving the Squadron in this capacity and would like to hear from members who have some good ideas on the things we should emphasize.

One of the first “external affairs” I would like to clarify for our members is our relationship with the Three Tree Point Yacht Club. I have picked up on some confusion as to what this is all about. I would describe our relationship as neighbors living on the same street who have discovered we have some mutual interests and share a love of being safely on the water. We plan to do some activities together, but we do not plan to live in the same house. Both organizations will remain separate, with separate charters, goals, purposes, and organization structure. But, like good neighbors, it won’t hurt to socialize and share some activities every now and again. This got started when the Des Moines Marina wanted to host a youth sailing class and needed some folks from the yacht club to assist as instructors. Only problem was they had to be certified instructors. Enter the Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron who put on special Instructor Development classes for the yacht club. Oh, and by the way, about 10 of their members joined the PBSPS! Not too bad considering some other boating organizations are struggling to hold onto members. In turn TTPYC has invited PBSPS to participate in a fund raising event for Hospitality House this July. TTPYC emphasizes safe fun on the water along with caring for the community and for Puget Sound. PBSPS is the foremost boating safety and education organization in the area—and yes, lots of fun too. Different emphasis, but not in conflict with each other.

Looking over the list of officers we need to appoint this year I would like to get going on the office of Chaplain. I am requesting suggestions and volunteers for this very important position.

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at our dinner meetings and other events in 2011. Please don’t be afraid to tell me how you think I am doing.

## **A LITTLE HUMOR**

From the internet @ <http://www.volunteer-yachtclub.com/funny>

### **Time for Intervention?**

A shark enters a drinking establishment in and demands service. The Catfish bartender approached saying, "We don't serve drinks to sharks in here." The lady dogfish at the end of the bar piped in as well; "Get your scaly face out of here!"

The shark became slightly ticked and bit off a large section of table then said, "I want a drink now!" The Catfish calmly said, "I told you, we don't serve drinks to sharks in this bar." The lady dogfish again gives the shark a piece of her mind saying, "Get out you ugly, toothy brute."

Hearing that made the shark very angry. He went to the end of the bar table and devoured the lady dogfish before she could give him any more lip. The bartender now said, "Now you have really done it. We absolutely don't serve sharks that do drugs."

In a bit of confusion the shark said, "But I never use drugs!" To this the Catfish bartender told him, "Yes you do. That was a barbitchyouate."

## SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

By Lt/C Rick Edel, JN

AP, being taught by P/C Martha Battles, JN, Bob Swarm, SN, Dave Sharp, N and myself is progressing on schedule with 4 member-students and is now half over on March 23, 2011..

Weather, being taught by Pat Foley, SN and myself, is also progressing with a very large class of 21 member-students and is getting into the exciting world of cyclo-genesis and extra-tropical cyclones. It is so gratifying to hear members I meet on the street say things like I looked at some satellite weather pictures or surface analysis maps and actually enjoyed and understood them for the first time. We'll all be more weather wise and safer boaters as a result of these courses.

Next up under incoming SEO Dave Sharp's watch will be Seamanship, usually taught by P/C Bob Miller, SN and a team that he assembles. All those needing or knowing someone who does need Seamanship should call myself or Dave or Dan Ottenbacher, P and let us know as we have to order books very soon.

With an eye to ABC, this winter has had us in the doldrums more than any previous year. We have had one student and have cancelled 2 entire classes. We don't know the reason but will be discussing this with our counterparts at the District 16 Conference in Bremerton on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

My term of office ends effective the Change of Watch in April. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your Squadron Education Officer and Assistant Squadron Education Officer over the last 5 years (as hard as it is for me to believe that it's been that long.) I thank all the members of our Squadron and all those in Headquarters for their unflagging support during that time. I have enjoyed being your SEO and know that Dave Sharp will meet or exceed the high standards that myself and my predecessors have set.

Always remember that learning goes on until (and possibly beyond) death, so keep on learning. It is never too late and we never know it all. It is perfectly ok to take a course again that we took 4, 10 or even 20 years ago. The methods and materials have changed. The technology certainly has and so have the rules and regulations that we are all subjected to.

As always, don't hesitate to call or email me or the new education officer, Dave Sharp with any questions.

All the Best and yours in Safe and Smart Boating

### Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron Education Courses 2010

ABC Sessions	Dates	Location
	Apr 16, 2011 May 21, 2011	Des Moines Kent Commons
D/16 Education Seminar	May 7, 2011	Deception Pass
Course Name	Dates Begin - End	Location
<b>Contact:</b>	Ron Davidson, SN, Chair of Local Board, Adv Grades, rdusmc@comcast.net	
Advanced Piloting	Feb 15-May 3, 2011	Des Moines
Instructor Development	March,-April 2011	Des Moines
Seamanship	May 3-June 14, 2011	Des Moines
<b>Contact:</b>	P/C DeVere Lindh, SN, Chair of Local Board, Electives, devere.v.l@comcast.net	
Weather	Feb 16-May 3, 2011	Des Moines



**April**

Richard Bolen	1
John Willard	2
Ferd Nist	6
Jamelle Garcia	7
Darlene Bishop	10
Linda Huddleston	13
John Daly	14
Lowell Anderson	15
Janice Peters	23
Mark Fecteau	23
Carol Thompson	24
Toni Prudden	24

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Ron Davidson	6
Doug Emert	9
Mary Jackson	11
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Herbert Young	17
Patricia Foley	18
David Howells	21
JoAnna Webster	23
Cynthia McKay	23
Alan McEachern	23
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Duane Quande	27
Wendy McGee	29

**A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR**

By Lt Julie Hale, P

As most of you know, this will be my last Pirate’s Log issue as your editor. It is with great sadness that I relinquish my duties, as I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 15 years as editor, but time marches on and it’s time to give someone else a chance to enjoy the position as I have.

I am retiring from my job at Boeing as well, and Don and I plan on lots of travel in our future. We will be leaving the first of June for 4 months up in the Broughtons, home again in time for the Blake Island Rendezvous in October, then plan on leaving in December for 4 months in Panama to escape the dreary Northwest winter. So you can see that there just won’t be time or opportunity to continue as editor.

Right now the future of the Pirate’s Log is in question, as no one has stepped up to fill in as editor, so if you want this publication to continue, please respond as honestly as possible to the survey coming by the telephone committee as to how you want to receive information about squadron activities. Once the information is gathered, there will be more planning to try to meet everyone’s needs in getting that information out to all of you.

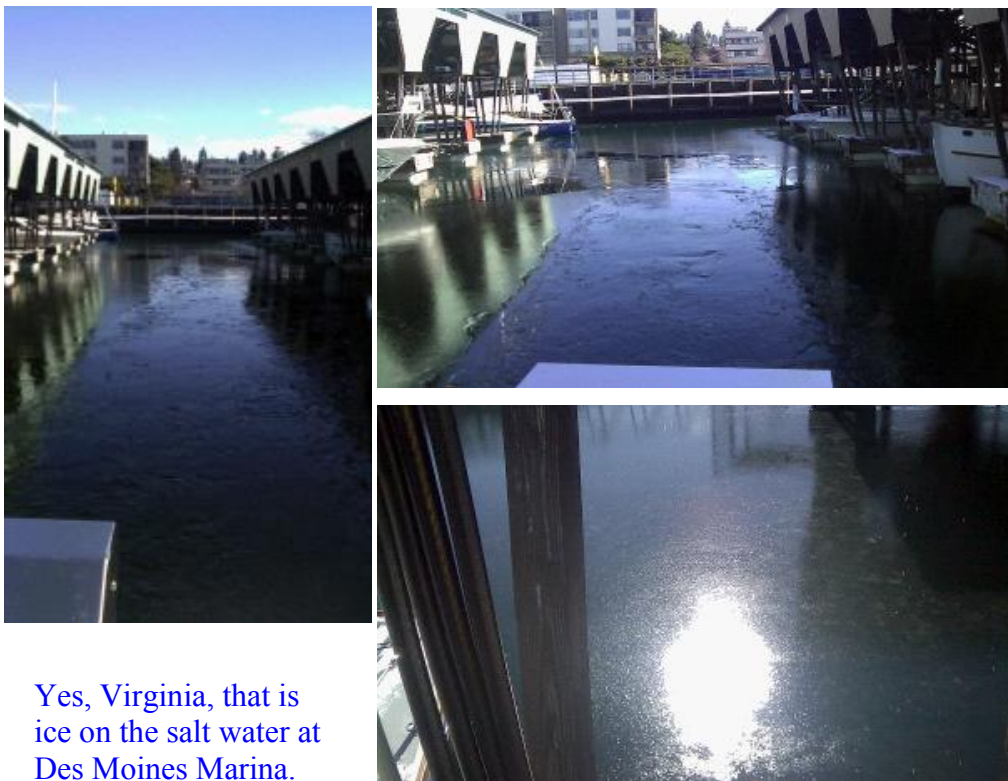
I am very sorry that no one has stepped up to the task, as it’s a great way to earn your merit marks each year, doesn’t take more than 2-3 hours each month, and best of all, you get to be creative!! There’s still time to answer our call for an editor, so please, if you’re interested, call our new commander or any of the e-board members and let them know.

## Winter Rendezvous at Des Moines

In spite of the cold weather the “Polar Pirates” had a great time at the winter rendezvous at the Des Moines Marina in February.

Two of our boats had to brave winds to arrive from other marinas, and as you can see, those of us at the Des Moines Marina had to place our boats in “ice breaker” mode to get out of our slips and over to the public dock.

On Sunday, three of our boats elected to stay at the public dock and not return to our respective moorages.



Yes, Virginia, that is ice on the salt water at Des Moines Marina.

As you can see, we partied hearty on the Bianca, even though the Parkers weren't home. Very generous to share their boat (even if it was only the back deck) while they were in Mexico.



## FOR CHANGE OF PACE, PRISTINE CRUISING AND GUNKHOLING IN SOUTH PUGET SOUND

By BILL KNIGHT ✉

SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER  
NATIONAL SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

In nearly four years of cruising every pristine cove and checking out the endless recreational boating opportunities of South Puget Sound, Jo Bailey came to two conclusions.

- These waters are overlooked by many sailors and powerboaters who, almost by habit, head north for the San Juan Islands and beyond. "South Sound is virtually empty all summer and there are some great places there," she said.
- Access to shore is available in most areas. In fact, there are miles of beaches that belong to the public, but it's important to have a map to show specifically where you can go, she said.

• South Sound includes a wide range of cruising destinations, old favorites such as Blake Island, Olympia and Port Madison and more remote spots such as Hammersley Inlet, Tanglewood Island, Ora Bay, Hope Island and Little Skookum Inlet.

Bailey and sailing companion Carl Nyberg run the gamut in "Gunkholing in South Puget Sound," the book they have co-authored (San Juan Enterprises, \$27.50), that is the most compelling argument for taking a South Puget Sound cruise, whether it's for a weekend or a month. It is the most comprehensive and boater-friendly publication covering these waters.

Throughout the text, Bailey and Nyberg have enriched the perspective with a touch of history, noting many of the milestones of the first exploration of this inland sea by Peter Puget in the spring of 1792.

Working under orders from British Capt. George Vancouver, Puget explored these waters in seven days, hardly a pace that qualifies for gunkholing.

For landlubbers, that terminology refers to a quiet anchorage, as in a cove used by small yachts, where the anchor usually sinks into soft mud, or "gunk." Thus, gunkholing applies to those who engage in this low-key, relaxed style of cruising."

This is the fourth "gunkholing" cruise book co-authored by Bailey since 1984. Earlier boating guides -- covering the San Juan Islands, Canada's Gulf Islands and the Desolation Sound/Princess Louisa Inlet waters of British Columbia -- have sold out, some 70,000 copies. Updating those books already is under way.

The latest -- 343 pages, 8-by-11-inches, soft-cover (available at The Elliott Bay Book Co. and other sellers) -- is jammed with hard facts describing almost every mile of South Sound shoreline, every imaginable point of interest -- from fuel facilities, launching ramps and restaurants to out-of-the-way coves and anchorages, marked with a "G" (for gunkhole, of course). Photographs and charts are plentiful.

Experienced blue-water sailors, Bailey and Nyberg take the reader on a north-to-south excursion that divides the territory geographically into 19 separate chapters.

At the start of each section, the facilities are listed where boaters can find fuel in the area covered. And they note an estimated mileage of public tidelands available in each region.

"A lot of people don't know there's public access just about everywhere and people think they can't get off their boats," Bailey said. "The people at the Department of Natural Resources want to let you know how many beaches there are and where they are."

To avoid trespassing on nearby private property, Bailey said, it's critical to acquire a Washington State Public Lands quad map from the state agency.

Bailey and Nyberg have done their research by sailboat. It's obvious their favorite spots are not marinas with electricity and gift shops, but anchorages where the water is flat and the most noise comes from seagulls or critters.

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But that's what gunkholing is all about.

Some of the authors' favorite but lesser-known spots that might be stopping off places for skippers who decide to head for South Sound:

**Tanglewood Island:** Tucked next to Fox Island south of the Narrows, the best anchorage is on the west side. There's plenty of water depth to go behind Tanglewood. There are about five miles of public tidelands on Fox island. Avoid the fish farm, charted as an obstruction.

**Hammersley Inlet:** A picturesque, winding but tricky channel that leads to Shelton. The currents run up to 5 knots and the traffic can be tricky, with tugs and tows and the shallows. A couple buoys marked on the charts have been taken out and finally the government stopped replacing them.

**Oro Bay:** Situated on the east side of Anderson Island. Watch the depth finder (1 to 2 fathoms at low tide). A quiet, serene gunkhole, the bay features about 2,000 feet of tidelands. The settlement of Vega is nearby and a county road leads about 2.5 miles to a well-stocked grocery and deli.

**Hope Island:** The 106-acre island is the newest state marine park, offering a wide range of activity -- hiking, picnicking, clamming, fishing -- and about 8,500 feet of saltwater shoreline for beachcombing. The state plans to add more mooring buoys to the single buoy of last year. The state bought the island from a private estate for \$3 million. Check the good views of Mount Rainier down Squaxin Passage.

**Little Skookum Inlet:** A tranquil, 2.5-mile-long shallow inlet, an arm of Totten Inlet. It's not far from Wildcat Cove. Best explored by small boat.

## BOATING TIPS

From the internet @

[http://www.fintalk.com/resources/boats/boat\\_safety.html](http://www.fintalk.com/resources/boats/boat_safety.html)

**Before departure, always be sure your vessel is in good working condition and properly equipped for emergencies. Avoid inconvenience and potential danger by keeping your boat well maintained, and taking a few minutes before each trip to inspect your boat and check for the following:**

- **Lifejackets for each person (properly sized and worn)**
- **Current weather forecast and tides checked**
- **Boat plug installed/sea cock closed**
- **VHF marine radio (tested prior to departure)**
- **Fire extinguishers (fully charged)**
- **Throwable flotation device with floating line attached**
- **Sound-producing device (air horn, whistle, bell)**
- **Visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, signal light)**
- **Fuel and oil sufficient for trip ( 1 /3 out, 1 /3 return, 1 /3 reserve)**
- **Battery fully charged, terminals covered & battery secured**
- **Bilge pump and manual pump or bailing device**
- **Tools and spare parts (battery, fuses, spark plugs, belts)**
- **Navigation lights functioning properly**
- **Registration certificate onboard, numbers and decals affixed**
- **Anchor**
- **Paddle/oar or other alternate propulsion**
- **Food/emergency shelter/drinking water**
- **First Aid Kit**

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