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Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron

Dates to Remember

3 February—Founder's Day Meeting

12 Feb - D/16 Spring Council

**POVERTY BAY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON
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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 Kara Dalkey at 206-878-5222.

**General membership meetings & programs are on the first Thursday of the month at: Masonic Temple
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FOUNDER'S DAY EXTRAVAGANZA 3 FEB 2011

This is the time to remember just who we are and proudly wear our pirate regalia. Are you proud of being a "Pirate"? Then show off and come in costume to our annual Founder's Day meeting.

If you don't want to "walk the plank" (pay \$1.00 fine), at least wear your gold earring proudly.

Let's create a bit of mayhem and have some fun at this meeting.



HAILINGS FROM THE HELM

By Cdr Kara Dalkey, P

**Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!
Happy Holidays! Season's Greetings!**

Not much more to say than that. We wish you and yours the merriest.

In January, there will be news about changes to the Ship's Store, and Mary Quande is organizing a new-member orientation for the third Thursday. There's also the Seattle Boat Show to look forward to!

Stay warm and safe and we'll see you next year!

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
1911SW Campus Dr, BX 569
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FELLOWSHIP FROM FRIENDSHIP

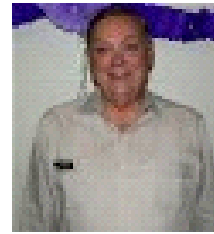
By Lt/C Mary Quande, P

Hi, Members of the best Power Squadron in Washington:

The E-Board had a great meeting Thursday the 16th. It was hosted by Jack and Sheila Green. These are the types of perks you enjoy by being a board member. Our commander Kara did a great job of running the meeting, as always.

We discussed the New Members Introduction to our squadron. We have tentatively set the date of Thursday January 20th from 1800-2100. We are working on getting a meeting place. I will call each new member that joined within the last couple of years and give you the final details. This will be a fun event. No books, no tests. This is a good way of getting to know how the squadron works and how you can participate, a lot or a little. Members who are committee chairmen will be present to discuss what the different committees do. You as a new member will be our honored guests.

Duane and Mary wish you, your family and friends a fun holiday.



FROM ANDROMEDA'S COCKPIT

By Lt/C Tom Spohn, P

I am really proud of our Squadron. Thanks to your generosity I was able to deliver an SUV load of food and \$540 to the food bank after our December meeting. It was the first time I had visited the food bank and after seeing the clients lined up--many with children--I knew we had done the right thing. Thanks again to all who contributed. And if you weren't at the December meeting be sure to swing by the Des Moines Methodist Church to leave a donation for the holiday season.

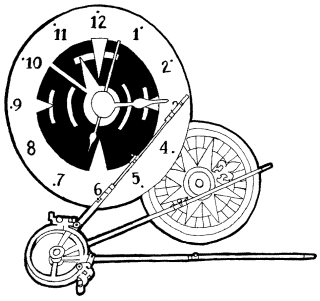
Our next dinner meeting will feature a guest speaker, Captain Gary Fischer, Ret. USN Meteorologist. Be sure to have your questions ready. Jean and I took a break in mid-December and headed out to Puerto Vallarta to take in some sunshine. The weather was perfect and the highlight of the trip was the whale watching we did on Banderas Bay. Interestingly Mexico considers all the whales that migrate down from Alaska to be Mexican, since that's where they were born. Makes sense, I suppose except the distinction is surely lost on the whales! This is the spot where I would normally tell you how great it was to be back in the NW, but clad in shorts and T-shirt we hit Sea-Tac in the cold rain. It was too late to book a round trip so we stayed here, really working the furnace for a few days till we acclimated. OK, now acclimated, I am glad to be back. There is no better summer anywhere than Puget Sound--especially when it falls on the weekend.

The big Seattle Boat Show is coming up this January 21-30. Volunteers are appreciated, but if not volunteering be sure to stop by and say hello. Maybe if Santa left some cash a new gadget is in order as well. (You have been good haven't you?)

For 2010 I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all the Squadron members I have worked and socialized with. You have all been very helpful and I feel blessed to call you friends. May you have a great holiday this year and safe boating through next year and beyond.

SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

By Lt/C Rick Edel, JN



Marine Electrical Systems (MES) finished on schedule. All students reported that they learned a lot from the course and that it will help them troubleshoot their systems and be safer around electricity in the future.

Marine Communications Systems (MCS) is about half done. Ron Davidson, SN, is doing a great job teaching this elective and we are learning a lot about our Government's FCC and about radios and radiofrequency physics. The exam is scheduled for mid-January if no more snow days are required. We do have class on December 22 and again on the 29th.

In discussions with Ron and Dave Sharp, N, we decided that it does not make sense to follow these two state of the art courses with the old and out of date ME103. Even though Ron is more than willing to develop a custom Marine Navigation Systems (MNS) course, there would be no HQ approved exam and no student manuals (or instructor manual for that matter). So it is best if we just wait until the new course is completed by HQ and made available to us.

Since the new courses are stand-alone anyway, all of us that have taken and received certificates for MES and MCS have completed two electives and that is enough to achieve SN assuming all the other requirements have been met.

Clearly, we all look forward to and anticipate taking MNS as soon as it is available.

Piloting 2010 has completed all of the lectures. We are taking a holiday break and will resume with the course review and issuance of the take-home exams on January 4th. The students will complete their exam and return them to me not later than January 11th. Then I send them to HQ and we wait for the graders to do their magic. Many thanks to the teaching team: PC Martha Battles, JN, Bob Swarm, SN, Dave Sharp, N and yours truly.

We're scheduling a new member introduction (and existing member refresher) where we will demonstrate how to find and use all the available information and tools that are available to us. One example is our own award winning Pirates' Log. It is available to all – not just Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron members for viewing and downloading and printing (if you want). We want to be sure everyone knows how to find, access, read and if desired, print their monthly Log. And also we want to be sure everyone who doesn't have a computer or can't access large files due to dial-up connections knows that they can still get a paper copy of the Log for a small fee. We also plan on showing how to use SailAngle for those interested in getting up to speed with that useful program (it does far more than email and is after all the official USPS social network engine.)

We will move weather earlier given that no MNS will be available to us. Let me know if you would like to take it!

That's about it for now. As always, don't hesitate to call or email me or the assistant education officer, Dave Sharp with any questions. Merry Christmas, Seasons Greetings, and Happy New Year to all.

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

ABC Sessions	Dates	Location
	Feb 19, 2011	Des Moines
	Mar 5, 2011	Des Moines
	Mar 19, 2011	Des Moines
	Apr 16, 2011	Des Moines
	May 21, 2011	Kent Commons

D/16 Education Seminar **May 7, 2011** **Deception Pass**

Course Name **Dates Begin - End** **Location**

Contact: Ron Davidson, SN, Chair of Local Board,
Adv Grades, rdusmc@comcast.net

Piloting	Oct 12-Jan 11, 2011	Des Moines
Instructor Development	March, 2011	Des Moines
Advanced Piloting	Feb 15-May 3, 2011	Des Moines
Instructor Development	March, 2011	Des Moines
Seamanship	May 3-June 14, 2011	Des Moines

Contact: P/C DeVere Lindh, SN,
Chair of Local Board, Electives,
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Marine Electronics	Sept 15-Jan 22, 2011	Des Moines
Weather	Feb 23-May 4, 2011	Des Moines

Saturday Seminars Contact: David Sharp, JN, ASEO
dsharpman@comcast.net

Charting and VHF Radios	Summer 2010	Des Moines
GPS / Radar	Summer 2010	Des Moines

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January

Shelly Leenhouts	5
Nancy Serino	6
Elizabeth Simon	9
Jay Storm	10
Christine LaBounty	12
John Tollo	15
Linda McDonnell	19
John McKay	23
Julie Hale	24
Patty Frary	25
Kay Karn	25
Wendy Pringle	30

February

David Fitzpatrick	1
Sally Hass	1
Joe Iannarone	4
Allison Tennant	5
Dan McMullen	18
Linda Curtis	19
Joshua Ellis	23
Justin Ellis	23
Nikolaos Dunbar	24
Ron Greene	26
Michael Peters	27
Teresa Fantz	27

POVERTY BAY WANTS YOU!

By P/C Terry Scott, P

The value of volunteering; we know that it's a given that volunteering is its own reward, that if you have something to say about a volunteer maybe you should volunteer yourself! And of course one of my favorites, "Want to see a volunteer? Look in the mirror"! I've heard all of these and some I can't type here. The bottom line for me is that my time spent volunteering with PBSPPS has led me to friendships that I will cherish for the rest of my life and insights into what leadership means. These realizations have enriched my personal and professional life and I continue to learn from my time with the Pirates.

I am concerned, though. I've heard people say "I don't need to step up. There are lots of other members to carry the squadron." That's not true! Like every other squadron in District 16, or for that matter, nationally, we are facing a shortage of members willing to take leadership roles. We have had an impressive influx of new members who bring excitement and energy, but asking them to step into leadership roles is a little intimidating. We also have a list of members that came to us from the internet. It's a wonderful thing, but I would really like to meet them and have them at a dinner meeting or rendezvous (I care about you, not just your dues).

I am asking, please contact a member of the executive board and ask how you can volunteer with the most outstanding squadron in District 16, (and maybe even the United States!) Poverty Bay Power Squadron. You are all too old for Uncle Sam but we still want you!

EDITOR NEEDED

Poverty Bay Sail & Power Squadron is in need of an editor starting in April, 2011

Speaking of volunteering, as Terry did so eloquently in the article on page 13, we need someone to step up to the role of editor for this great squadron.

After 15 years as your editor, I find this position hard to give up, but something I must do as I retire from Boeing and move on to other activities.

Being editor of the newsletter for any organization is a great opportunity to share your talents and time for the good of the group. The newsletter is sometimes the only means some of the members have for getting the information they need about the organization, and so, is a very important form of communication.

With the Log now being on the internet, there is a whole new variety of things the newsletter could include, which makes it an ideal forum for the "computer nerds" out there who wish to be creative and contribute to the organization.

Please consider this important position and contact any board member or Julie Hale for details. No resume necessary, just bring your joy of creativity and sense of involvement. This is a great position to hold in our group and I will miss it.

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

**Join us at the USPS District 16
SPRING COUNCIL 2011**



In Beautiful Downtown Friday Harbor, WA
Location: The San Juan Island Yacht Club
237 Front Street (It's a short walk from ferry)

Proposed Winter 2011 Ferry Schedule

Ferry Departs Anacortes 9:05 AM-Arrives Friday Harbor 10:45 AM
Ferry Departs Friday Harbor 4:30 PM-Arrives Anacortes 5:35 PM

Hosted by the Friday Harbor Power Squadron



Saturday, 12 February 2011

Registration 11:00 AM
Call to Order: 11:30 AM
Luncheon: 12:30-1:00 PM
Adjourn: 3:45 PM

Contact: Cdr Carolyn Bowen, P Info: 360-378-5445
www.fridayharborpowersquadron.com Carolyn@fbowenassociates.com

Registration Deadline: February 8th, 2011 (for luncheon)

Name/Squadron _____

Phone/email _____

Catered Luncheon will include Lasagna, Salad, Roll and Dessert
Coffee provided during the day

Please Check one: _____ Meat Lasagna _____ Vegetable Lasagna
_____ Reservations @ \$16.00 each = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Friday Harbor Power Squadron
Send to: Cdr Carolyn Bowen P, Post Office Box 1565,
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

**SAILING NAVIGATION SECRETS -
USE THESE MAGIC NAUTICAL GPS "CIRCLES-OF-SAFETY"**
From the internet @ <http://ezinearticles.com>

Did you know that your nautical GPS offers a way to warn you if you sail too close to rocks, coral, or other "ship killing" dangers. Make tough sailing navigation passages much easier with the magic of proximity circles. Put these five easy steps into play today on your small cruising or racing sailboat.

Most handheld marine GPS receivers (or chart plotters) have a proximity function that allows you to set up a waypoint surrounded by a circle. You can set an alarm to sound if you touch the circle's edge. This gives you time to take action and turn toward deeper water. Follow these five steps for navigation safety.

1. Look over your nautical chart
 - Plot your course lines onto your paper navigational chart. Even with the great accuracy of GPS and chart plotters, vector displays often do not give enough detail when sailing close to hazards.
2. Set up hazard waypoints
 - Measure the navigation latitude and longitude of the center of the hazard. For a cluster of rocks or coral, use the approximate center of the cluster as the center waypoint. Write each hazard waypoint down into a logbook along with the lat and long.
3. Determine your "circle-of-safety"
 - Use a plotting compass to measure the radius of the circle. Push the needle point into the waypoint. Scribe a circle that surrounds the danger. Add at least 1/2 of that radius for safety.
 - For example, if the radius of the circle that surrounds the hazard was 1 nautical mile, then your proximity circle should have a radius of at least 1.5 nautical miles. Increase this distance as you see fit, based on maneuverability, point of sail, wind, and current.

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4. Program each hazard waypoint

- Enter each hazard waypoint into your gps. Label each hazard waypoint so that it cannot be confused with a non-hazard waypoint. For example, you might use Z-1; Z-2, or any other unique name. Double check each hazard waypoint's latitude and longitude with the navigational chart before going to step 5.

5. Set up and test your proximity circles

- Check your manual for directions to access and set up "proximity" waypoints. Access the proximity menu and set the alarm toggle to "on". Go to the menu to select each of your hazard waypoints.
- Set your circle radius with the toggle (up-down) key. Finish one hazard waypoint; then page over to the route screen. Check to make sure the computer has drawn the correct size proximity circle. Repeat this method for all other hazards.

Use these five easy steps to set up proximity "circles-of-safety" in your nautical GPS. Boost your sailing navigation skills to the next level for worry-free sailing wherever in the world you choose to cruise.



Don't let these kinds of accidents happen to you or your loved ones.

Encourage your boating friends and acquaintances to take a boating course and to boat safely.

Let's all do our parts to keep our waters safe for everyone.

January 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6 Dinner Meeting	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 E-board Meeting	21	22
23	24	25 Log Articles Due	26	27	28	29
30	31					

February 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Founder's Day Meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 AP Class starts	16	17 E-Board Mtg	18	19 ABC Class
20	21	22 Log Articles Due	23	24	25	26
27	28					