

The Pirates log

(Temporary alternative)

Poverty Bay Members,

Julie Hale, our fantastic Pirates Log Editor, has been ill and unable to bless us with her excellent Pirates Log this month. Therefore you are receiving a much simpler version without the usual quality or additional content she provides. Thank you all for your patience.

We all wish Julie a swift recovery and keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Special Notice:

Be sure to attend our March Dinner Meeting. ***We will elect our new Bridge*** at this Meeting.

Our Dinner Speaker will be Bob Opple, a nationally recognized speaker, and former Director of Marketing and Sales Manager for NC Machinery, the Caterpillar dealer in Seattle. Bob will tell us about how ***he and a crew brought the USS Razorback a WWII, fleet-type, diesel-electric sub-marine from Turkey to its final home in Littlerock, Arkansas.*** This promises to be a five-star program so plan to be there.

POVERTY BAY SAIL AND POWER
SQUADRON'S
SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010
“Corrected”

The Nominating Committee is excited to announce the 2009-2010 slate of officers. We hope you will attend the Dinner Meeting on March 5th and vote to approve the nominations.

Commander:	Kara Dalkey, P
Executive Officer:	Mary Quande, P
Squadron Education Officer:	Rick Edel, JN
Administrative Officer:	Tom Spohn, P
Secretary:	Don Parker, AP
Treasurer:	Gloria Hunt, N
Assistant SEO:	Dave Sharp, N

Members At Large:	Sheila Green, AP Dan Ottenbacher, P Duane Quande, P
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Auditing Committee: term)	#3 Cyndi Davidson, S (3 year
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Rules Committee: year term)	#3 Marcus Nelson, AP (3
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Nominating Committee: floor)	(To be nominated from the
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Respectfully Submitted,

P/C Bob Miller, SN
P/C Jack Green, N
P/C Terry Scott, P

From the Deck of the *Flamingo*

By Cdr. Roger Hunt, N
March 2010

As the Poverty Bay Rendezvous season is about to begin with a possible rendezvous in Tacoma followed by the usual gatherings throughout the year, it would seem to be a good time to consider the reasons we should attend these wonderful events.

Lt/C Ginger Marshall-St Arnaud, AP of the Seattle Sail and Power Squadron wrote the following article for The Pilot. She has given me permission to reprint it.

She also suggested as an addition that rendezvous do not have to be attended by boat. Most are readily available by car and members are welcome regardless of how they arrive.

Having attended a lot of rendezvous, Gloria and I can attest that the Poverty Bay folks know how to have a good time. Our rendezvous committee, chaired by Don Parker, has done a terrific job.

The Real Value of a Rendezvous

This year, Gary (St. Arnaud, AP) and I attended six SSAPS Rendezvous, a Joint Rendezvous with the Bellevue Squadron, a District 16 Rendezvous, and a Bavaria Rendezvous. Now that our Squadron Rendezvous season has come to a close with Brownsville, I am reminded about the many reasons why we attend Rendezvous.

- **New Places** - We visited six marinas that we had never been too. There are so many places to boat in the Pacific Northwest, yet we often find ourselves going to the same old familiar places year after year. A Rendezvous gives us "an excuse" to try a new place. Usually a friendly face is standing on the dock ready to catch a line or guide us to our slip.

• **New Faces** – While many “regulars” attend Rendezvous, there’s always a new face or two in the crowd. Rendezvous provide a great way to get to know other members of the Squadron that we may not have met at dinners or in classes. Rendezvous are typically smaller groupings and allow for more quality time to get to know each other.

• **New Boats** – A Rendezvous is a great way to see and learn about other boats. We have picked up many ideas from being aboard the boats of our fellow Squadron members. You can learn things like: nifty ways to store things in the galley, saloon lighting improvements, engine idiosyncrasies, or the a test in safety gear. We also do some troubleshooting; your new problem may have been solved by someone else before!

• **Boat Projects** – There’s always something to be done when you own a boat, but it can be hard to find the time to complete your boat projects. Rendezvous offer a concentrated time on your boat to tackle some of those projects that you don’t make time for when at dock.

• **Quiet Time** – Rendezvous are a nice little get-away. Even though you’re not so far from home, you feel a million miles away from the day-to-day stresses. The water, fresh air and a good book seem to melt away the tensions of the prior week...or, refresh and prepare you for the week ahead.

Rendezvous, much like people, are different and wonderful all at the same time. Sunshine or rain, warm or cold, the condition of the weather really doesn’t matter. When we’re together, members of the SSAPS know how to have a good time.

As a couple who joined the Squadron solely for the cost-effective educational opportunities, we have also come to enjoy the social side of our organization. If you haven’t joined us for a Rendezvous, consider dipping your toes in the water like we did. We picked a place that was close to home so if we didn’t enjoy our- selves, we could slip away easily. Needless to say, we stayed! We hope you decide to take that plunge and join us when the next

SSAPS Rendezvous comes your way.

Enjoy the Water and “Be Safe”,

Lt/C Ginger Marshall-St Arnaud, AP

All of these thoughts provide a great excuse for you and your family to attend a Poverty Bay Rendezvous in the upcoming year. Look for the schedule in the Pirates Log or at our website.

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March Quiz

The moon takes about 28 days to orbit the earth, and we always see the same face or side of the moon. How long does it take the moon to rotate once on its axis?

- a. it does not rotate
 - b. 24 hours
 - c. 28 days
 - d. 365 days
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Musings from the Final Answer Lt/C Kara Dalkey, P

It's been a busy month, with Commander Roger doing "shore leave" in Hawaii. I had my first taste of MC-ing a monthly meeting for February Founder's Day, but it seemed a dimmed affair, with three of our members out with illness or injury, and others out of town. I apologize for dropping the ball and not making sure there was a costume contest prepared. Next year I'll plan a hum-dinger to make up for it.

Speaking of plans, preparations for Change of Watch 2010 are coming along. The date is April 1st, and the theme will be Carnival in Rio. The caterer Mangia Bene of Seattle is planning some scrumtuuous specialties to match the theme. The location will be our cozy Masonic Hall. Invitations should be going out sometime next week so watch your mailbox!

On February 13th, I attended the District 16 Spring Council as Roger's fill-in, along with Bob Miller, Rick Edel, Pat Foley and Terry Scott. It was... interesting to see how D16 does their meetings, and by the afternoon it became the Poverty Bay Show with presentations from Pat Foley about Merit Marks, Joanna Webster discussing Co-op Advertising, and Terry Scott explaining "How To Add Fun To Your Squadron."

There was some information given out at the Spring Council that I was asked to pass along to the membership of Poverty Bay:

- Remember May 22nd-28th is National Safe Boating Week. If anyone has a cool idea for a safe boating presentation for Poverty Bay, let me know (note: due to construction in Des Moines Marina, there will be no Marina Days Celebration this year.)

- D16 is planning to move its newsletter Cardinal Points to online, so they wish to know how many members wish/require to receive it hard copy.
- D16 needs a new Boat Show Chairman and Marketing Chairman. Let Joanna Webster know if you might be interested in volunteering for these positions.
- Sail Angle, the online communications tool, up and running (all Poverty Bay members are set up to use it, thanks to Bob Miller. Let him know if you want to opt out.) There will be a seminar on how to use Sail Angle at the March Conference in Tacoma.
- It was recommended that for information about environmental issues in Puget Sound, you can go to www.pugetsoundkeeper.org.
- There will be a Co-op Charting Workshop offered on March 27th at Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon from 0900-1500. There is no charge for this course. Let me know if you want a copy of the registration form.

Whew! Lots going on, and I'm –still- looking for ideas for an event we can present during Three Tree Point Yacht Club's Summer Social for at least one of the six Thursday's in late July and August. See you at the March dinner!

Safe Boating Through Education

Lt/C Rick Edel, JN

Hi Pirates!

Bob Miller brought great news back from Orlando. Effective immediately our Advanced Grade and Elective courses are now open to non-members. This supports the USPS goals and objectives of advancing boating education and safety to the boating public at a time when it is more important than ever to be advocating for increased boating safety and security awareness.

What's in it for us you might ask? Well the standard approach being advocated is for us to charge more for non-members – and let them know that. And then tell them how our members get to take the classes for cost – thereby incentivizing the students to join USPS. We are all positive about this and will work very hard to make this work. After all, it's all about keeping the desire and love for boats and boating alive even in this tough economy and allowing people who want to take classes to take them from us, rather than go to a different source of boating education.

Working together with the lead instructor, Lowell Anderson, we are offering our USPS Sail class beginning March 3rd. The class will be taught on Weds evenings in the Des Moines Public Works bldg. – our usual classroom venue and run over 9 or 10 weeks. Three Tree Point Yacht Club, sponsored by the City of Des Moines marina will send 4 or 5 sailing instructor candidates to our course. I mentioned sponsored by the DMM because the city will pay the costs for the non USPS members to attend. I will discuss how to cost this with the eboard on Feb 18th.

Advanced Piloting is on track - 4 students so far are expected. If you need to take AP or just want to sit in and learn, get in touch with me and we'll see you there. The first class is scheduled for Tuesday Feb 23rd at 7pm in the usual Des Moines Public Works classroom. I will be ordering books so if you want one, please drop me an email.

Jim Sola will be teaching another Instructor Development Class soon. I'm awaiting his determination of a classroom and dates that don't conflict with the other courses.

Our first 2010 ABC class will be held on February 20th in the Des Moines Public Works bldg classroom. 14 students have signed up – this is a great turnout.

We then have two classes in March, one at the Centre at Norpoint and the second back in Des Moines.

We talked with and passed out Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron info at the Big Seattle Boat Show. There were a lot of looky loos but not too many interested in staying and talking. I'm not sure why but the proximity of us to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and State of Washington seems to be confusing to the walk-bys.

Here is the latest PBSPS Course Schedule, **NOTE THE CHANGES THAT ARE HIGHLIGHTED:**

Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron Education Courses 2009/2010					
Course Type	Course Name	No. of Meeting Days	Day of Week	Dates Begin - End	
ADVANCED COURSES					
	Seamanship	7	Weds	May 5th - June 16th, 2010	
	Advanced Piloting	11	Tues	February 23 - May 4, 2010	
	Instructor Development	3	Weds	TBD	
ELECTIVE COURSES					
	Sail		Weds	March 3 - April 28th, 2010	
ABC SESSIONS (ONE DAY EACH) and SWITCHING TO ABC REV. 3					
		1	Sat	February 20, 2010	Location Des Moines
	NOTE: NORPOINT	1	Sat	March 13, 2010	NORPOINT
		1	Sat	March 27, 2010	Des Moines
		1	Sat	April 10, 2010	Des Moines
		1	Sat	May 8, 2010	Des Moines
	NOTE: KENT COMMONS	1	Sat	May 22, 2010	KENT
SEMINARS					
	TBD	1	Sat	Late spring or summer	

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Lastly, here is the latest information from the USPS HQ website and from an email I sent to R/C Gene Danko, the Committee chairman responsible for the new Marine Electronics course. Looks like we are going to be waiting a little while longer for the new ME102. -- Rick

New Marine Electronics Courses (Updated)

Electronic devices for the recreational boater have come a long, long way over the years. With the advent of solid state digital electronics, sophisticated sensors and radios have become commonplace on our vessels. EMSCom has split Marine Electronics into three new standalone “systems” courses. Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Communications Systems, and Electronic Systems for navigation are loosely equivalent to ME101/102/103, but with updated and expanded material.

The first of these three courses, Marine Electrical Systems, is now available. Marine Electrical Systems (MES) covers the practice of wiring your boat, including boat electrical wiring practices and diagrams, direct and alternating current power, galvanic and stray current corrosion, and lightning protection. Troubleshooting is emphasized throughout, so students should feel comfortable performing even tricky wiring tasks after passing this course. See the [Materials catalog](#) for ordering information. Errata sheets are also available. See the [Downloadable Material](#) section for these updates. (04 Jan 09)

Marine Electrical Systems updated errata are available from the [Downloadable Material Section](#). Marine Communications Systems (MCS), **the ME102 replacement course, is now in beta testing and will be available mid-summer for general distribution.** [Rick’s note: see email below from R/C Danko] When MCS is placed into full release, the ME101/102 courses will be made obsolete and retired in accordance with USPS standard procedures.

Credit will be granted for any combination of old and new courses, until ME101/102 is removed from service. (14 May 09)

And here's the very latest on ME directly from R/C Gene Danko, the Committee chairman.

Rick,

The Marine Electrical Systems course (ME101 replacement) is in general distribution. Communications Systems is completing beta, but the results indicate that we should cut out some of the offshore components – this will slightly delay general release. I have been holding back Navigation Systems, fearing that the Communications beta would turn out this way; there is little sense repeating the same mistake with ENS.

We hope to have Navigation Systems ready by autumn.

Gene

Safe and smart boating for all
Rick

TATOOSH TOPICS

Lt/C James Anderson, AP

Founder's Day was a great success although the turnout was less than usual due to the illness of some of our members and others who were traveling. Thanks go out to the Cunningham's, McDonnell's, and Marc Nelson for their help in the clean-up and set-up.

The next dinner meeting will be on **4 March** at 1800. There we will vote on the incoming E-Board and Bridge for the next term so plan to be there to have your vote count.

The program will feature Bob Opple, a nationally recognized speaker, and former Director of Marketing and Sales Manager for NC Machinery, the Caterpillar dealer in Seattle. Bob will tell us about how he and a crew brought the USS Razorback a WWII, fleet-type, diesel-electric sub-marine from Turkey to its final home in Littlerock, Arkansas. This promises to be a five-star program so plan to be there.

My term as Administrative Officer is nearly finished.

Accordingly, I wish to acknowledge and thank all those who have supported the various committees under this office and have continued to give of their time and effort to make our squadron a success. Without all of you the system would crash. Thanks again.

I also wish the incoming Administrative Officer my best and will help when needed.

Let's have a big turn-out for the March meeting.

- SAVE THE DATE -

First Regular Season Rendezvous in 2010

Port of Bremerton Marina

April 23rd – 25th

A special welcome to the Minnkota Cruising Club, who will combine with us once again.

So join us all you cowboys and Indians (men and maidens)

for a weekend in the **Wild, Wild West!**

(Please note the agenda revision below)

Friday: Arrival Day, all day

7 PM Potluck Dinner aboard the USS Turner Joy.

Saturday AM:

Coffee only available in the party tent at 7 AM for all you early birds.

Breakfast and lunch on your own.

In the party tent: Wild West Photo booth throughout the day and evening, with your printed souvenir available the same day.

COME IN COSTUME!!

In the party tent: A Texas Hold'em rematch with Ferd and Beth defending their winner's titles.

In Port Orchard by foot ferry: For Port Orchard Farmer's Market and antique and collectible hunting.

Dinner: Heavy Hors d'oeuvres potluck in the party tent.

Sunday AM:

Coffee again available in the party tent at 7 AM

Continental Breakfast begins at 8:30 AM in the party tent.

Please let us know if you are planning to attend to help in food preparation and planning. More details to follow in the April 2010 Pirates Log.

Your rendezvous committee: Judy and Ferd Nist; Beth and Rebecca Simon and Wendy McGee; Barry and Linda McDonnell, representing Minnkota Cruising Club.