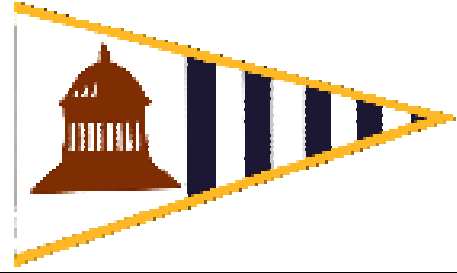




THE SEAMAN'S LOG

The Voice of the
OLYMPIA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

March 2010



FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

How ironic is it that I travel several hundred miles to Penticton, Canada where there are literally hundreds of wineries and I don't even have a taste? But I go 15 miles down the road to the Walter-Dacon Winery for a Squadron tasting just a few weeks ago and drink several glasses of white wine. This, I guess is just a reminder that you tend to be more comfortable close to home. Speaking of comfort zone, I just taught a Radar Seminar class for the Squadron. I teach students all the time in my professional job. That is a subject I have been familiar with for the past 25 years. I did have a lot of interpolation about teaching a class I was familiar with but not a true expert in. The only fear a lot of us have when trying something new is usually embarrassment or failure. This is where a little studying of the material provided by the Power Squadron, along with a good support system within the Squadron, will pull you through with flying colors every time. It may seem like you are alone, but if you look around you, there is always someone who has been where you are and will lend you a helping hand. Thanks to the Olympia Squadron, the class went off without a hitch. The Power Squadron should feel like your second family or your home away from home.

I only have a few more articles left that I am responsible for before I become more of a reader. I will still submit an article from time to time when I think I have something to share for the good of the order.

This is just to let you know that everyone can participate in all aspects for the betterment of the Squadron. You don't need to hold a Bridge position to be a participant, although there are many Bridge positions available for this upcoming year.

This past weekend I was able to go to Port Townsend for the first time to attend the District 16 Spring Council Meeting. Although I didn't get to see much of the town, it seemed like a place I would like to go back to with my family. What I did get to do was meet with old friends, Cdr. Ray and Sandra Thomas of North Olympic, Larry and Cindy Warren of Tacoma, along with many other enjoyable people. Enjoying the company and conversation with others about our love and interest in boating is what being a Power Squadron member is all about.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

This may count as spring weather, because it's raining and it rains here in the spring. There are even three daffodils in bloom in our yard. Unfortunately, they're in places where there aren't supposed to be things growing, but the bright yellow blooms are cheerful, nonetheless. We're just home from Spring Council in Port Townsend.

Paul and I drove up on Friday night and stayed in one of the 1890s buildings that are now hotels. It was 36 stairs up to our floor and 24 more to the third floor. I must learn to pack less! Arriving early gave us a chance to talk with D/Cdr. Barbara Erickson about the "Uncommitted Funds" proposal, as well as to enjoy fellowship with local Squadron members. The Nifty Fifties juke joint stayed open late (after 5:00!) just for us, all 9 of us.

More than 70 people attended the Council, which opened with the formalities of protocol; plunged on with the roll call of Squadrons (which overlooked three, who stood up to be counted, in case there's an award); elided gracefully into approving fall minutes; contemplated the favorable numbers in the budget and financial reports; stumbled through the "Uncommitted Funds" report so that the issue must be clarified and voted on at Spring Conference; and got up-to-date on the radio-controlled, voice-activated boat with an animatronic seagull that the District has commissioned as a teaching tool for kids, and which should make its debut at the Poulsbo Rendezvous in June.

The District Nominating Committee reported on the slate of officers two female Commanders in a row! The official announcement of the disbanding of the Possession Sound Squadron was made, and sad sighs were heard over that.

Several Bridge members attended the national meeting in Orlando and reported on happenings

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ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE END OF THE BRIDGE

I don't know about March coming in like a lion. The sun is streaming brightly

through my dirty windows, highlighting dust motes and reminding me that the apple trees need pruning, the flower beds are a mess, and the house is knee deep in dust bunnies. As usual, I'll put all this off until May, by which time it won't matter because we'll be off somewhere in the boat.

So we may as well just plow our way to the Yacht Club through weeds & dust balls, and whip up something tasty for the March St. Paddy's Day potluck. I may do corned beef with colcannon. How about that for Irish? If you're so inclined, wear something green for the evening, or orange, maybe? A green shirt with a blaze orange hat? I could wear a green shirt with a bright orange hunting vest that's been in mothballs for ages, since we don't hunt anymore. Our speaker for the meeting will be Bruce Marshall of Swantown, speaking about future plans for the Marina, and what effect, if any, the proposed elimination of Capital Lake will have on development in the area.

Speaking of things that need to be done, have you sent in your reservation for Change of Watch? It's always a blast; let's try to have everybody there! Dust off your duds, do up your hair (in Stan's case, both hairs) and we'll have a great time!

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SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER REPORT

So what is going on in our Education department?

Our new **Junior Navigation** class was delayed a week and starts March 9. The instructors are **Clyde Shiner** and **Phil Tenkhoff**. The students enrolled include: **Gary Ball**, **Rich LaRosa**, **Bill Walker** and **Rose Ann Walker**. Our **Piloting** class started last month.

Perhaps we should rename this class, Tollefsons and friends. Enrolled in the class are **Dave and Margaret Tollefson**, along with sister **Debra** and her husband **Yanni**, and a friend of the family, **Austin Lampert**. In addition, we have two other members taking this course; **John Turner** and **Guy Craynor**. I am sure they will learn a lot under the tutelage of **Gary Ball**. Finally, let's not forget the Gelcoat Repair class that is scheduled for March 27 (see article in Seaman's Log).

Finally, don't forget to remind your boating friends that the new Boater Education requirement is now up to age 30. Guess what, we just happen to have a Public Boating Class that will qualify someone for the Boater Education Card, the class is scheduled for Sat. April 17.

In closing, I'd like to give a BIG "thank you" to Nick Brower, our assistant Squadron Education Officer, who has done such a tremendous job over the past several years in making our Squadron one of the most successful in District 16 for presenting Public Boating classes.

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 we'll show you how"*
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2010-2011 Squadron Nominations

The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of March at such time and place as the Executive Committee may designate, at which time an election of officers and members of elective committees, including the chairman thereof, shall be held. Written notice of the Annual Meeting, containing a list of all active members nominated by the Nominating Committee for election to positions within this Squadron, shall be sent to each active member by the Secretary, in

such manner as determined by the Executive Committee, at least 30 days prior to such meeting.

Candidates for office to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting are being nominated by the Nominating Committee as provided, or by petition in writing signed by at least five active members in good standing and filed with the secretary at least 15 days before this date.

The Nominating Committee submits the following officers for the 2010-2011 year:
 Commander: Lt/C Donna Davis, P
 Executive Officer: Guy Cranor, S
 Administrative Officer Open
 Educational Officer Open
 Secretary Open
 Treasurer P/C Rose Ann Walker, AP
 Assistant Educational Officer Open

Executive Committee:
 1 yr. Lt. Paul Davis, P
 2 yr. D/Lt Jim Harden, JN
 3 yr. P/C Bobbie Scott, P

Nominating Committee:
 1 yr. P/C Stan Scott, P
 2 yr. P/C Tim Miller, P
 3 yr. P/C Jerry Cross, P

Rules Committee:
 1 yr. Lt. Maggie Miller
 2 yr. Lt. Rick Schnatterly, P
 3 yr. P/C Mike Contris, JN

Auditing Committee:
 1 yr. Lt. Viki Sharp, S
 2 yr. Lt/C Patricia Brower, JN
 3 yr. Lt. Phil Tenkhoff, N

Nominating Committee
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 P/C Stan Scott, P; P/C Tim Miller, P

As you can see from reading the previous article, your Nominating Committee has been unable to fill several critical positions in our Squadron for the coming year. If we are to get our safe boating message out to the public in the coming year, we need more people to come forward and help! Can you do something? Call one of the Nominating Committee members, or our incoming Commander, Donna Davis, if you can volunteer your time and effort for any of these positions. Please help!

P/C Bobbie Scott, P
Nominating Committee



TAKE THIS QUICK QUIZ

- ✓ Do you like to see people learn and grow?
- ✓ Would you want like to see our Squadron grow?
- ✓ Do you enjoy new challenges?
- ✓ Do you believe in boating education?
- ✓ Do you have some computer skills?
- ✓ Do you have some organizational skills?
- ✓ Would you enjoy learning new skills?

If you said "Yes." to most of the above, then you are a strong candidate to become the Squadron's Education Officer (SEO) for 2010. If this sounds interesting and you'd like to know more, please contact me. I will be available to the new SEO in training and assistance.

At this time, we have no one who has volunteered to accept the nomination for this position for next year (starts in April 2010). This is a critical position to fill in our Squadron if we are going to fulfill the training needs of our members and the public.

Please give this serious consideration.

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GELCOAT REPAIR CLASS

Do you have some gelcoat repairs needed on your boat? Did you think it was too expensive to have those repairs done by a professional? Have you thought about someday fixing some of those minor gelcoat problems yourself, but have just never gotten around to it? Frankly, do you think you ever will???

You're in luck! Now is the time to learn how to "do it yourself". One of our Squadron members, **Bill Eppenstein**, has the expertise to teach you and he has all of the materials for a fun and educational class. The class will be at Bill's home and will last about an hour or so.

Class size is limited, so sign up early. Contact me. The class will be offered sometime in Feb. or March, after it warms up a little, on a date that meets the needs of most students.

THE CLASS IS FREE!!!!

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Welcome New Member!

Our newest sworn-in member is Kendal Lemn, an 8th grader (otherwise known as Top Dog) at Chinook Middle School. Kendal enjoys boating (totally), sports, especially football, (great) and school (somewhat). His least favorite class is English (boring), and his most favorite is MATH! Kendal, how could you? After I passed algebra with a "D", the second time around! Welcome, oh brilliant new member!

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Check out our Squadron web-page, really cool!!!

<http://www.oly-sps.org/albums.html>

A big thanks to our Webmaster, Kathryn Querry, who keeps updating our web-page with new/cool stuff!!!!

Tim



“That's why I am only the leader. I am not expected to be right, only to have the best people surrounding me.”

From somewhere...Ed.

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How to see the OSPS Roster on the website:

1. Go to <http://www.oly-sps.org>
2. Toward the upper right corner, click on “Squadron Roster”;
3. At the login screen, type your first name in the User Name field;
4. Type your member number, E218507, in the Password field;
5. Click Login.
6. In the next window, click to open the roster file;
7. Once in the roster .PDF file, you can use the Find feature in Adobe Reader to locate any name/ word in the file;
8. When you want to return to the OSPS website, click the link at the top of the first page of the roster file. Your internet browser Back button will not work, for security reasons.

If the Login page does not work for you, it is probably because I don't have your name and member number in the validation list. Please send me an email with first and last name, and member number. You can click on

the "Webmaster" link at the bottom of any page on the website

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY
THAT DIDN'T MAKE THE ARTICLE**

Peggy McHugo and Margaret Tollefson.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

Daniel Coleman, Joanne DeMeyer, Rich Larosa, Kendall Lemn, Hugh Schuetz and Chuck Sharp.

Congratulations! Come celebrate with us and have some cake at the March General meeting.

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Hidden Membership Number

Yippee!! We had a winner! One of our newer members, and youngest, **Kendal Lemn**, found his hidden membership number in last month's Seaman's Log. His prize is a free member's class of his choice. He has already elected to take Seamanship.

There is another winning number in this issue, is it yours? If so, contact me right away.

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**USPS DISTRICT 16
2010 SPRING CONFERENCE AGENDA
Saturday, 20 March 2010
La Quinta Suites
Tacoma, WA**

Friday Evening, 19 March 2010

Dress: Casual

1400 – 1900 Registration

1800
Alter, SN

No-Host Reception V/C John
C/C's representative

Saturday, 20 March 2010

There is no charge to attend the meeting. All Squadron Officers and interested members are encouraged to attend whether or not you have a vote. (Non-voters have the privilege of the floor.)

Dress: USPS casual or appropriate attire

0800 – 1000 Registration
0800 – 0915 Breakfast Meetings
(Cdrs, Exec Officers, SEO, P/D/C)
0920 – Call to Order
Opening formalities
Business Meeting
1145 – 1300 Lunch
1300 Business Meeting resumes
1420 Sail Angle Presentation
1630 Conference recess

Saturday Evening Activities & Banquet

Dress: Hawaiian, formal or appropriate USPS attire

1800 – 1900 No-host Social Hour
1900 Conference reconvenes
Dinner
Awards

CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY

2100 Adjourn 2010 Spring
Conference



BRIDGE MEETING

The next Bridge meeting is March 8th. This meeting will be held at The Tea Leaf Restaurant located at 4646 Pacific Ave. SE in Lacey. It lies between St. Martin's and Cut Rate Auto Parts. Dinner will start @ 6:00 PM and meeting @ 7:00 PM. Remember, you don't have to be on the Bridge to attend.

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Editor's Notes

As I discussed at a Bridge Meeting, please, do not format your work with the

space bar or tab key. I have to take it all out. If there is a special format, like the reservation form for the Christmas Party, send it that way and ask for a separate page.

Second note, everything you send to seamanslog@yahoo.com, goes into the Seaman's Log.

Squadron Calendar

<i>March 2010</i>			
6-7	Cabellas Captains' Weekend		
8	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
9	Junior Navigation Class Begins	1900-2100	Lacey Fire Station 6500 Mullen Road Lacey
15	General Meeting 1830: Potluck - St. Patrick's Day Theme 1930: Speaker: Bruce Marshall, "Swantown Future Plans"	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
19-20	Spring Conference in Tacoma		La Quinta Inn Tacoma
<i>April 2010</i>			
12	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
17	Public Boating Class	0800-1600	Lacey Fire Station 1231 Franz Road Lacey
19	Change of Watch Dinner	1800-2100	Panorama City Restaurant 1751 Circle Lane Lacey
<i>May 2010</i>			
10	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
17	General Meeting	1930-2100	Olympia Yacht Club

Cooperative Charting Update D16/Lt Inez Schwartz, JN



I want to bring all the Squadrons up to date on the D16 CoCh Challenge and to announce the dates for upcoming Cooperative Charting workshops.

D16 CoCh Challenge We have done what it takes and more so! Thanks to the whole D16 Cooperative Charting Team!

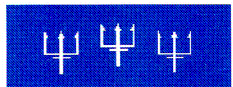
As you know the Challenge for D16 was to reach 75% Squadron participation in CoCh report submissions. That would place us on the National Cooperative Charting Honor Roll as a District. The challenge was to have that accomplished by January 31, 2010. As of this writing we are at 69% of our 75% goal. That translates into 11 of 16 Squadrons participating. Twelve Squadrons represent 75%. The effort made has been tremendous and of course signifies far more accomplished than if no challenge had been given. As D16 CoCh Chairman, I am proud to have had a part in the expanded education and great civil service that Cooperative Charting represents.

To let you know how significant this is on a national level, only 3 other districts have attained honor roll status. District ranking is determined by a sliding scale of points in proportion to number of members. At this writing, D16 ranked 7th of 33 districts nationwide! Last year, D16 ranked 17th. In addition to checking the Credit Reports link on CCWeb Main Menu, the individual and Squadron ranking is posted on the D16 Website under Cooperative Charting, as well as on the Sail Angle D16 CoCh Challenge Group page.

NOAA/NOS do not end the reporting year until March 31st. To have time to process these reports in a timely manner, all reports need to be to me prior to March 15th. Anyone wishing to add sufficient activity to reach Squadron or individual honor roll status will have until then to submit reports. I fully expect that when you read this we will have attained National District Honor Roll status!

For all of us who have submitted, or have been listed as an observer on, a report this CoCh year beginning April 1, 2009 – we are going to celebrate with a party at the D16 Spring Conference in Tacoma! Party time and place will be posted at the registration table.

Upcoming Cooperative Charting Workshops **Two 2010 CoCh Workshops will be held before the main cruising season gets into high gear. The first will be held March 27th the Saturday following the D16 Spring Conference. Asst. CoCh Chuck Leavitt has secured a classroom at the Skagit Valley College for the 0900-1500 workshop. Our main focus will be more in-depth training in making reports, and we will have hands-on work with the CCWeb site. The second workshop is currently set for April 17th. The site for that workshop has not been confirmed but will be more convenient for the bulk of the southern and western Squadrons. Check with your Squadron Commanders for handouts provided at the Spring Council meeting in Pt. Townsend in February. There will also be more information provided at the Tacoma Spring Conference registration table.**



Olympia Sail & Power Squadron 2010 Change of Watch

Where: Chambers House restaurant (Panorama City)...The Garden Room
1751 Circle LN.
Lacey, WA.

When: Monday, 19 April 2010
1800 Social Hour
1900 Dinner

	<u>Dinner Choices</u>	<u>Price</u>
Prime Rib		25.00
Salmon		25.00
Chicken Tommasso (Breast of chicken with prosciutto and mushrooms in a Marsala sauce)		25.00

What to wear: *Gentlemen...business Suit, Blazer or Uniform "A"*
Ladies... semi-formal

Your reservation must be received no later than April 5 to be honored.

Please detach and mail your reservation to:
P/C Rose Ann Walker, 3650A Simmons Mill Ct. SW, Tumwater WA 98512
Checks payable to: Olympia Sail and Power Squadron

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2010 COW Reservation Form

Name(s): _____

Choices

- Prime rib
- Salmon
- Chicken

How many?

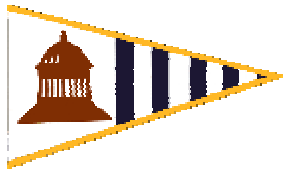
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ON THE HORIZON

March 2010

- 8 Executive meeting at Tea Leaf II Restaurant.
- 15 Meeting At Olympia Yacht Club
- 15 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

April 2010

- 12 Executive meeting at Tea Leaf II Restaurant.
- 19 Meeting @ Change of Watch.
- 19 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

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Squadron meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month starting at 1930, unless otherwise specified. Call one of the Officers for the location. Summer meetings (July & August) are usually held at different locations. Executive Committee meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at places *to be announced* in the Seaman's Log, starting at 1900 except in July and August when they are held at Rendezvous.

THEY ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.