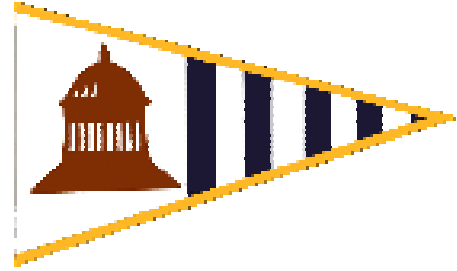




THE SEAMAN'S LOG

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FROM THE BRIDGE

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Has everyone thawed out after the recent cold snap to have a wonderful and joyous holiday season? I sure hope you did. As far as my family goes, our kids, Cassandra and Jared, both broke the same bone - on the same foot - just 5 days apart and 2 weeks before Christmas. I know, what are the odds of this occurring? Just so you know, casts and crutches don't work that well in a 2 story house!!! Sometimes family togetherness is just meant to be. Like the commercial says, "Some-things are just Priceless".

Did everyone find what Santa got for them underneath their tree or in their driveway? You know, the GPS, the touch screen monitor, the integrated radar system, or the latest and greatest fishing boat on a trailer. Don't worry, neither did I. I guess I will just have to try to be less naughty and a little more nicer in 2010. If that happens, you can recognize me as the bored guy sitting in the corner at the monthly Squadron meetings.

Thanks to Kendall joining the Squadron at the annual Christmas party. We raised \$450 for Community Youth Services. We can proudly close out 2009. A big THANKS to Barb / Steve Erickson for joining us at the Christmas Party, on her birthday no less! Is that dedication and commitment beyond the call of duty or what?! Congratulations to the Education Department for jumping into 2010 with both feet. They are starting out with a Public Boating Class and lots of classes for

members, to include AP and JN. Maybe we can go look at the celestial sights together? Just don't tell my wife.

I look forward to seeing everyone in 2010 for some new boating adventures. That is, once my engine is replaced.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

FROM UNDER THE BRIDGE

Even on a day when it seems that nothing good is going to happen, but yucky things will, there can be a ray of sunshine. We received a thank you letter from Community Youth Services for the donation we made via the Christmas Party. A personal letter, from a person we know, Barbara Wakefield, sister of our nephew-in-law and wife of the managing editor of The Olympian, Jerry Wakefield. Jerry's the guy I was able to influence to print the article about the rescue award from USPS for our brave members.

I appreciate the letter/receipt, but we don't get to itemize deductions anymore.

Keep Wrapping!

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ADMIN OFFICER'S REPORT FROM THE END OF THE BRIDGE

The Squadron's annual Christmas party, as always, left me excited and ready for the rest of the holidays. You couldn't get more for your money. A huge tree, a crackling fire, sparkling lights, and great friends. Every year it seems the Olympia Country and Golf Club outdoes itself with decorations! After dinner we raised money for Community Youth Services by auctioning off homemade, yummy desserts! What a way to start the Christmas season!

As you're marking your activity calendar for the remainder of the year, think of the Squadron! The Nominating Committee is hard at work filling offices. We need members to step up and call us! When each of us takes on a bit of the task, the work can be accomplished easily. Well, more easily, somewhat easily. Call us and let us know if you can help. We have a wide range of jobs available; there's sure to be one that just fits your time slot, interests, and definition of Somewhat Easy. We not only get a lot of important jobs done for the Squadron and the boating community, we have fun doing it. Join us! Volunteer! Call! You'll be glad you did!

Our next meeting will take place on January 21st. If that isn't deep midwinter I don't know what is. We'll be brightening up the long, dark days with our annual Hot Beverage Blowout at 1830. We'll have everything from green tea and apple cider mix to hot cocoa and the usual coffee, with additives for all these. You'll feel even warmer when our guest speaker arrives - she's Pam McHugh, owner of Boston Harbor Marina, with a PowerPoint program on activities at the Harbor. You'll get to see whales making spectacular leaps in the sparkling sun, bathers lying on warm sand, boaters wearing only shorts and tees. I vaguely remember these activities. It'll be fun to be reminded that summer will come again, someday. Meanwhile, stay safe, stay

warm, and we'll see you on the 21st for a hot drink and a really spectacular program.

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OUR ANNUAL WINE

It's that time! Our annual wine tasting will take place at the Walter Dacon Winery just on our side of Shelton on Saturday, January 30th from 6 PM to 8 PM. This place makes great wines, so I hope we can all make it for an evening of good fellowship, and learn something about wines. The wine tasting is always one of our most enjoyable events, and this winery is quite close. For this event we have agreed with the winery to pay \$15.00 each, for which we get lots of tasting and abundant finger food.

We will taste our way through seven wines, two whites and five reds. For each wine there will be a short explanation of what it is, how the grapes are grown, how this wine is made, and something about the cooperage. They use some oak from France, and some U.S. oak for their barrels. They say that the type of oak makes a big difference in the taste of the finished wine.

For our finger foods we will have three or four different cheeses, an assortment of meats, several breads, fruits, smoked salmon, and with chocolates.

Directions are: from Olympia, go south on I-5 to exit 104. Take the exit to merge onto US 101 N. Stay on 101 until you reach SE Lynch Rd/SE Lynch Lane. You'll go about 15 miles total on US 101. Go right on Lynch Rd & follow the road for 1.6 miles. At Skookum Inlet Rd, turn right. The Walter Dacon Winery will be on your right. The address of the winery is 50 SE Skookum Inlet Rd, Shelton, WA 98504 and their phone number is (360) 426-5913

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SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER REPORT

Would you be interested in teaching one of our seminars, advanced grade classes or an elective? Is there a particular seminar or course you would be interested in attending? If your answer is, "Yes.", please get in touch with me.

We are now accepting students for our upcoming Jr. Navigation class starting March 2. Pre-payment and pre-registration are required at least 30 prior to the first class. Don't wait until the last minute. Enroll NOW (contact me).

So, what's on the horizon? Here is what we have so far coming up in 2010:

Jan. 5...**Advanced Piloting class** (Jim Harden and John Demeyer)

Jan. 9...**GPS Seminar** (Gary Ball)

Jan. 23...**Public Boating class**

Jan. 30...**Radar Seminar** (Jerry Cross)

March 2... **Jr. Navigation class** (Clyde Shiner and Phil Tenkhoff)

April 17...Public Boating class

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we'll show you how"

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SAFETY REPORT

Just a few things to look out for during the rest of the winter months, especially after the recent boat fires at Lake Washington and Lake Union. Make sure of your footing on and around the docks. Check your electrical connections and wiring for wear and tear. Keep heaters and dehumidifiers in good working order and

away from curtains or other combustible items. Reduce the amount of mold and other contaminants by removing all non-essential items, food and cushions off your vessel. If you keep your boat in a marina, pay close attention to the zincs, especially if you have a out-drive. Warm up the engine to the operating temperature at least monthly. Keep the water tanks empty to prevent the lines from freezing. For more information, consult your local marine mechanic or your latest "Sea" magazine for helpful hints.

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Hi All,

The following web site provides a world-wide map displaying active coverage of ships/yachts/boats that have AIS transponders on-board. It provides free real-time information to the public about ship movements and ports, mainly across the coast-lines of Europe and N. America. The web site allows one to view the entire world or zoom down to a specific location. It will automatically refresh every 100 seconds or one can manually refresh. If you put your cursor on any of the ship icons, you will get a readout of ship name, speed and direction. Give it a try. It will provide you with a little more insight to AIS. Also, go to Frequently Ask Questions for more information.

Ray Thomas, Commander

North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron P.S. This email was sent to all D/16 Squadron Commander and D/16 Officers

<http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/default.aspx?level0=100>



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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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



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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 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 JANUARY**

Gary Ball, Dorothy Tenkhoff, and Rick Schnatterly.

Congratulations! Come celebrate with us and have some cake at the January General Meeting.

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Are you a winner?

There was no winner this last month for the member number hidden in the Seaman's Log. See if you can find it in this

issue. If you find your number, contact me to claim your prize, a free Squadron class.

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Vacationers among you, take heed!
Lawyers among you, do you ever get any cases as interesting as this?

Note: The link takes you to excerpts from the judge's order, along with comments by the individual who posted them. The attachment is the complete order, which is also amusing.

Due to lack of space, you will have to wait till next month for this article. Ed.
Not here, I lost it. *Ed.*



BRIDGE MEETING

The next Bridge meeting is January 11th. This meeting will be held at The Tea Leaf Restaurant located at 4646 Pacific Ave. SE in Lacey. It lies between St. Martins 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.

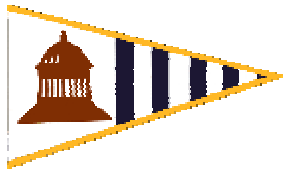
Squadron Calendar

<i>January 2010</i>			
5	Advanced Piloting Class Begins	1900-2100	Hardens' Home 5553 Wallaby Ct. Lacey
9	GPS Seminar	1000-1200	Lacey Fire Station 6500 Mullen Rd. Lacey
11	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
18	General Meeting 1830: Hot Beverage Event 1930: Meeting – Speaker Pam McHugh from Boston Harbor Marina “Happenings at the Harbor”	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
23	Public Boating Class	0900-1600	Lacey Fire Station 1231 Franz Rd. Lacey
30	Radar Seminar	1000-1200	Lacey Fire Station 6500 Mullen Rd. Lacey
30	Wine Tasting Event	1800-2200	Walter Dacon Winery Shelton
<i>February 2010</i>			
8	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
15	General Meeting Speaker: TBA	1930-2100	Olympia Yacht Club
<i>March 2010</i>			
2	Junior Navigation Course Begins	1900-2100	(TBA)
8	Bridge (Executive) Meeting 1800: Dinner 1900: Meeting	1800-2100	Tea Leaf II Restaurant 4646 Pacific Ave. Lacey
15	General Meeting 1830: Potluck 1930: Speaker: Bruce Marshall, “Swantown Future Plans”	1830-2100	Olympia Yacht Club

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ON THE HORIZON

January 2010

- 11 Executive meeting at Tea Leaf Restaurant.
- 18 Meeting At Olympia Yacht Club
- 17 *Deadline for Seaman's Log Articles*

February 2010

- 8 Executive meeting at TBA.
- 15 Meeting At Olympia Yacht Club
- 17 *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.