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*Monthly Newsletter*



Sharing the holiday  
spirit with memories  
from  
the past  
to help  
you  
enjoy  
this  
holiday  
season!

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## BELLEVUE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE

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Sunshine	Anne-Marie van Opdorp
MBYC Liaison	Lt Willa Conrad, P
North Shore Liaison	P/Lt/C Rick Vicik, P
Merit Mark	Lt Jan Brintnall
Operations Training	P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN

#### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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Coop Charting	Open
Liaison Office	Open
Social Activities	Lt Willa Conrad, P
VSC Chair	P/C Dennis Dorrattague, SN

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Programs	Open
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	P/Lt/C Frances E. Waters
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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bridge Officers	
Past Commander:	P/C Nick Ledbetter, JN
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	P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN
	P/C/C Frank Dvorak, SN
	Lt. Michael Heinrich, P
	P/Lt/C Rick Vicik, P

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE

P/C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN	1 year
Frank N. Young, Jr.	1 year

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	P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN
Membership Involvement Chair	
	P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN

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Lt/C Michael Reichstein
P/C Mark Stevens, SN

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Open	3 year

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P/C Donald Williams, AP	2 year
Open	3 year

#### BOAT OPERATORS CERTIFICATION

BSPS Coordinator	
P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN-IN-CN-ACN	
Certifiers:	
Inland, Coastal and Advanced Coastal	
	IN CN ACN
P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN	• • •
P/C Dennis Dorrattague, SN	• •
P/Lt/C Dennis Kinch, AP	•

Hands on Training (Small Boat & Large Boat)  
P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P  
P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN

#### EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

SEO	P/C/C Lance Jensen, SN
Assistant SEO	P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN
Chairs Local Board of Boating	
	Lt Bruce Gardiner, JN

#### ABC Third Edition

Lecturers	Lt Bill Badgley, SN
	P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P
	P/C Dennis Dorrattague, SN
	P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN
	P/C Nick Ledbetter, JN

#### ABC Third Edition All Day Classes

Lecturers	P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P
	P/C Dennis Dorrattague, SN
	Lt Bruce Gardiner, JN
	P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN
	Lt Harry Johnson, AP
	P/C Nick Ledbetter, JN

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Chair	P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P
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Piloting	P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P
	Lt Harry Johnson, AP
Advanced Piloting	Lt Harry Johnson, AP
Jr Navigation	P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN
Navigation	P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN

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Instructor Development	
	P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P
Marine Electrical Systems	
	P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P
Marine Communications Systems	
	P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P
Sail	Open
Skipper Saver	P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN
Weather	Lt/C Vern Redecker, JN

#### Seminars

Chair	Open
Lecturers	P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P
	P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN
	Lt Harry Johnson, AP

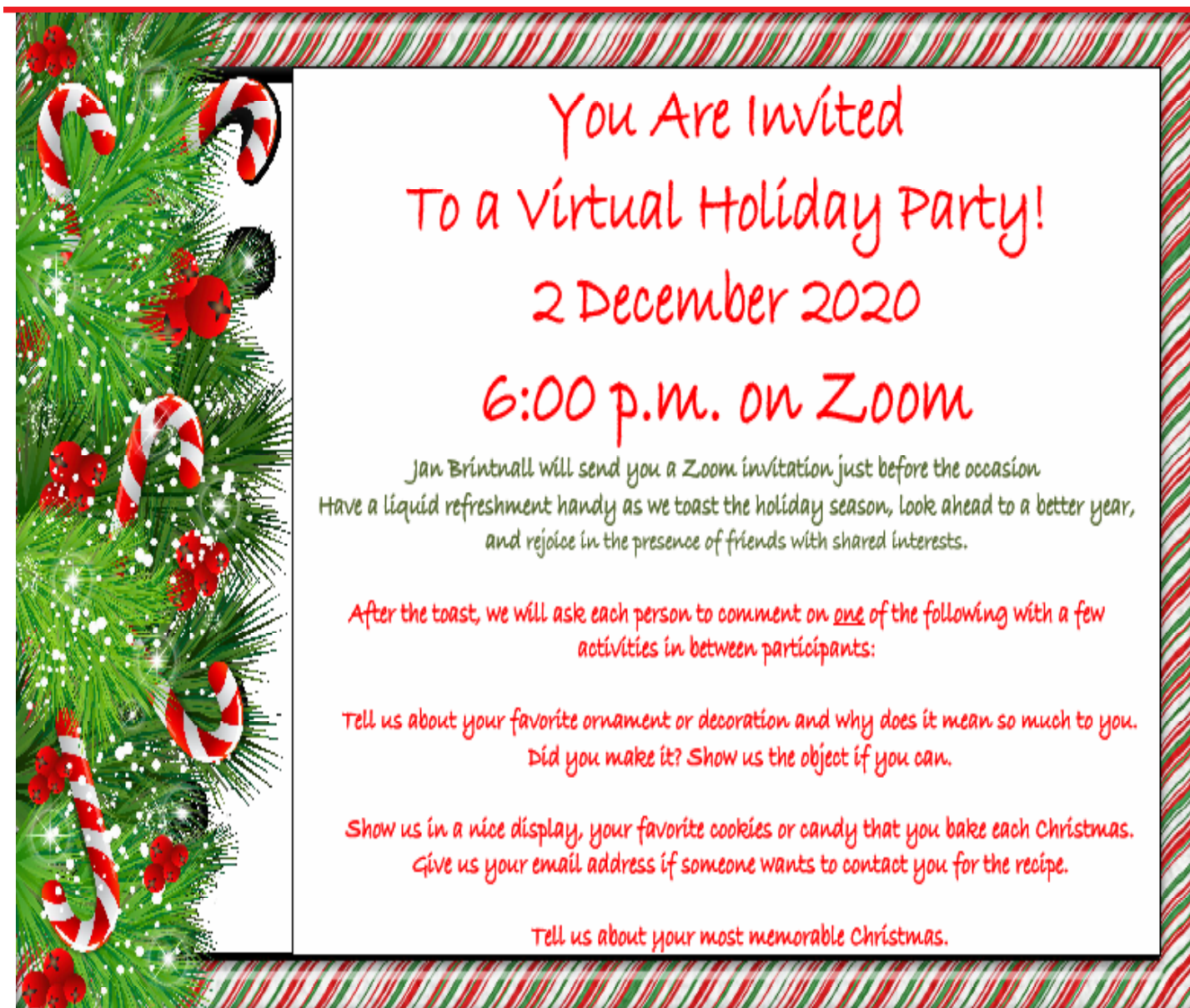
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P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN

#### Equip. Custodian

Open





## Cover Holiday Photographs

Upper left corner clockwise:

- 2007 Seabelles (Women's Auxiliary) did the decorations led by Patricia Dorratcague and crew
- 2012 Holiday Party with music by Randy Litch, One-Man Band, dancing to that old favorite YMCA by the Village People
- 2013 Holiday Party's decorating crew led by Pat D with Vern & Laurel, Jan & Lonnie, Mike & Diane, Dennis and Barbara & Steve (behind the camera).
- 2014 A blast from the past! with Paula & Steve and Laurie & Jim!
- 2015 Festive table setting, meal and guests: Harry & Teri, Trudy & LD, and Jim & Laurie
- 2018 A special Holiday party with a visit from Santa Claus and donations to Toys for Tots and the Humane Society
- 2019 Holiday Party with Cdr Nick and plenty of holiday spirits !



## From the Commander Cdr Sally Stuart, SN

We talk about the “new normal” – what does that mean for America’s Boating Club of Bellevue?

As social beings, we are hard-wired to connect with each other. Although COVID-19 self-isolates many of us, we find ways to connect with each other and continue to give our time and skills. Technology, such as Zoom and Free Conference Call bring us together to learn boating skills, engage with other boaters, and connect with the boating

community.

Despite COVID-19, America’s Boating Club of Bellevue is thriving. The Ex-Com continues to meet monthly on Zoom to plan, discuss and implement new ideas, and vote. The monthly membership meetings with a social event, program and brief meeting are relatively well attended on Zoom. And Barbara has hosted several Tavern and Tidbits gatherings with more to come. We have four new members: Paulo Albuquerque, Stephen Antush, Sofia Castellanos, and Kristina Tong. Educational courses and seminars are offered on zoom and 6 students are taking Marine Navigation. Jan Brintnall, Merit Mark Chair, recently submitted the 2020 Merit Marks for 27 of our members.

To learn, engage and connect....

1. Join our book club discussions. Read a book--keep your brain healthy, increase your knowledge, have interesting things to talk about with family, friends and members. Read LD Brown’s article in the Bellviews and let him know you are interested in joining or starting a new club. We meet Thursdays at 7:00 pm on zoom.
2. Take one or more of the two-hour seminars listed on the website listed under Boating Education. Learn how to safely anchor your boat; predict tides and currents; trailer your boat; go through the locks; catch crabs in Puget Sound; properly use VHF and DSC; and navigate in crowded waterways with Automatic Identification System.
3. Connect with fellow members. Join our monthly membership meetings for a social event, program and brief meeting. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM. An email notice is sent to all

members with the zoom link.

4. Join our Tavern and Tidbits for socializing and a program. Watch for notices in the Bellviews and Website. An email notice is sent to all members with the date and time and zoom link.
5. Attend Executive Committee Meetings. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas. Help us plan new activities to keep our members active and our club vibrant. We meet the last Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Let one of us know you are interested in joining and we will send you the link.
6. Join the National Environmental Committee and volunteer to promote environmental best practices for boaters. To learn what you can do, check out their brochures at [https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Environmental/usps\\_brchr\\_final\\_2.pdf](https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Environmental/usps_brchr_final_2.pdf)

COVID-19 is creating a new normal, emerging technology will continue to grow in popularity even after the coronavirus is controlled. What does that mean for our future? Please send us your thoughts, suggestions, comments. We want to hear from you.

In the meantime, take care of yourselves, and be mindful of your family and friends.



## From the Executive Officer Lt/C Michael Reichstein

### CO-OP CHARTING ADVENTURE

Greetings from your scavenger hunting guide. This past Saturday afternoon, I teamed up with Barbara and Steve Erickson (my seasoned guides) for the first time to locate the ever-elusive U.S. Coast Guard & Geodetic Survey Marker. I almost thought for a moment we saw Bigfoot!!!

Barb and Steve shared five possible markers first starting in Kirkland for the first two. First one was easy in a city park on Lake Washington Blvd. The second one was not located due to its location buried deep in the woods down a steep ravine. Then we jumped in the car for a beautiful Fall drive east to Duvall and Monroe. Our GPS guided us to two small bridges with "witness post" wooden markers which could be seen by foot from the road.

Eureka, we found marker gold in them there hills!!! There cemented in the bridge support were our markers. It had been many years since they were last reported, and we were excited for our success.

Our last challenge on the same highway was our last locate. After arriving at the site and studying the possible location, it was determined we would not be able to proceed. Our marker was possibly behind a secure fence with a "no trespassing" sign. So, we were done for the fun afternoon.



Barbara explained the next process of taking required marker photos of proof of our finds. They needed to be added to our documented report to receive credits. Once submitted they are reviewed and notes updating our efforts. If a marker has been reported within 3 years, no credit. Anything older than 3 years and all the paperwork and photos are correct, you earn your credits.

The motivated kind of guy I am, what do my credits get me? Maybe a Starbucks coffee card or my picture in the paper standing next to my marker? Not sure but had a lot of fun with Barbara and Steve and that is what this activity is all about. So, when working together as a couple or small group, this

would be a great adventure to get some people out of the house. We talked and are looking forward to our next day of more marker searching and just maybe this time we might see Bigfoot!! Please everyone, I'd welcome you to join the fun.

Merry Christmas y'all--



Witness post to the left of the Geodetic Marker





## From the Administrative Office

### P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN

This is my last article as your Administrative Officer. I will be reverting to the role of Bellviews editor with this December issue. And in doing such, I am resigning from this position. We could sure use someone to replace me. Hint.

I did have a wonderful time off thanks to Laurie Stevens jumping in to be your editor for the past seven months. But now life takes her on a different road. We/I will miss her beautiful covers, and the professionalism she always brings to the newsletter!

**MEMBERSHIP IS JOB #1.** You probably have heard this a bazillion times, and it is true. For without you, there would be no America's Boating Club of Bellevue. So, I want to thank each one of you for remaining members of this squadron. And a special Thank You to the new members who recently joined us.

But there is another part of membership, that I would like you to consider. INVOLVEMENT. Being a member is more than enjoying my Chestnut Praline lattes and knitting hats for the Seafarer's that have become a part of my early morning and late evening routine. There are a lot of things being offered that you can take advantage of in your home, in front of your computer or even outdoors.

The first Wednesday of each month (September thru June) we have our monthly squadron meeting. With COVID present in our lives, your Bridge is focusing on providing you with social time get to see each other and great presentations. If you have ideas for a Zoom presentation, please contact Sally Stuart at 425-455-2369. Taverns & Tidbits has moved from fun at local pubs, to providing you with a wide range of different opportunities. These are all held using the squadron Zoom account. Join us.

Zoom IS expanding our horizons. We are offering more classes and seminars via

Zoom. Check out: <https://www.bellevuepowersquadron.org/seminar-list> to see what you might take in the way of refreshers during this "down" time. There is quite an array of courses/seminars that our education team has for you. Sign up for a remote learning course or a two-hour seminar. There is no better time than now. Plus, the America's Boating Channel, <https://americasboatingchannel.com/>, offers many short refreshers "featuring safe boating videos and boater education digital media created especially for boaters, by boaters."

Have you logged onto our website lately? <https://www.bellevuepowersquadron.org/> There is a team currently working on improving the look and feel of our website. Do you have an interest in helping? We can always use more help, contact Sally at 425-455-2369 to get involved.

Co-Op Charting is featured in Michael's article, page 5 of this issue. This is like a "scavenger hunt" and it can be addictive once you get started and the weather cooperates. As we are just getting our feet wet with this Civic Service program, you can be on the ground level! Contact Michael at [mreichbmw@gmail.com](mailto:mreichbmw@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more. Plus putting safety first, bright vests are available!

Boating Activities have been zero this past year. I know we are all hopeful, especially



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## KARL'S KWIZ

by P/R/C Karl Lang, SN

1. What two books of the Bible are named after women?
2. What is the first Commandment?
3. Which of the following do not belong in this group?
  - a. Dory, b. Lifeboat, c. Johnny boat, d. Punt, e. Gravy boat, f. Gondola, g. Barkentine, h. Blood vessel.
4. The terms Democracy, Socialism, Anarchy, etc. are bandied about a lot lately. See if you can match the form of government with its description.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. A government in which a deity, of some type, is recognized as the supreme ruling authority.</li><li>B. A government that places strength in the hands of a small, privileged, ruling class.</li><li>C. A government characterized by a single leader with little or no tolerance for pluralism, independent programs, or media.</li><li>D. A political and economic theory of social organization, which advocates that production, distribution, and exchange be owned or regulated by the community as a whole.</li><li>E. The state of a society being freely constituted without authorities or governing body.</li><li>F. A type of democracy founded on the principal of elected officials representing a group of people.</li></ol>	<p>CANDIDATES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Communism</li><li>2. Socialism</li><li>3. Anarchy</li><li>4. Dictatorship</li><li>5. Theocracy</li><li>6. Republic</li><li>7. Monarchy</li><li>8. Liberalism</li><li>9. Aristocracy</li><li>10. Fascism</li><li>11. Democracy</li><li>12. Other</li></ol>
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## Boating Overnight with the 12 to 20 Foot Open Boat

by Mike Heinrich, P

The idea of extending the use of smaller boats especially for long weekend trips is not new but for my wife Kid and I, the subject has been dormant for a number of decades. Years ago we and friends with their boats started overnight trips primarily in the summer months using our small open runabouts to get to our destinations with little to no research on if this temporary beach lodging was legal or not.

It's probably good to say the following comes from the confessional so bear with plenty of unorthodox accountings. We would leave a boat ramp with a couple of portable gas tanks, seat cushions offered as "Life Jackets", a paddle, anchor with chain and line and little more including no navigation equipment with the exception of a Texaco (gas station) road map of western Washington state. On the provisions side we carried an ice chest with food for breakfasts, lunch and dinner, plus enough beers to get us through the evenings we would be away. The intended steak dinners were to be cooked over an open fire near the water's edge or up a way if the tide was incoming. We were oh-so-happy and away for the weekend.

Today, with wisdom gained we see things differently, but to the positive side and with the minimum of research there are many places to consider if one is willing to bend a little by getting along without the creature comforts such as having the ability to make ice, bake fresh bread on board, turning up the thermostat if it's a bit chilly on-deck and so on.

The Washington State Marine Parks puts out material on destinations and what type of facilities might be expected upon arrival. On the other hand, much needs to be personally explored to know how one can have an enjoyable time all within the guidelines of the park you intend to be at. What about the pos-

sibility of beaching the boat on a gravel beach, always using a long bow line (50 foot minimum) with the anchor placed inland to keep the current or wind from washing the boat to sea. One also wants to take enough potable water for each person for more than the duration of your trip, because if an unexpected wind surfaces or fog sets-in your departure may be delayed a day, or possibly longer. Some State marine parks also have running water so keeping the containers full might be a simple way of extending the journey from a weekend to a mid-week mini vacation.

It's our view that camping with the smaller boat has its big advantage by being able to "squeeze" in at the dock or at the head of the dock, being creative to see how you can weasel in somehow, lessening the need to carry an inflatable dinghy but if so equipped this may increase your choice of places to stay. This past summer we saw many places where beaching the boat, pitching a small tent and cooking in a fire ring could be a big way of making full use of the smaller boat today.

Items to consider might be, newspaper and kindling to start a fire, water proof matches, an axe to cut up drift wood for burning, paper towels, gallon water jugs, plenty of line for the boat, grommated tarp in the case of precipitation with line to string between two trees. Wrapping goods in plastic will also help you attain the happy feeling. You may be sharing the area with "sea going" kayakers as well

Happy Boating



## Welcome New Member Kristina Tong!

We moved to Bellevue about seven years ago from North Carolina. Philip and I started our own business, “Hissho Sushi” at Charlotte, NC. As a founder of a small business, we both wore many different hats to run our business. I was mainly in charge of the administration, accounting, and finance. Philip was in charge of operations, sales and marketing.

When our sons started elementary school, I mainly focused on my boys and family. Philip ran the business with his team.

I also had the opportunity to stay in Taiwan and Singapore with my boys. During that time, I traveled many countries with the boys and saw many different places and experienced different cultures. I love traveling and celebrating the differences in the world with my loved ones. One of my goals was to raise my children to experience, understand and know how to deal with different, diverse and difficult situations and people since very young age.

At this point in my life, I have a little extra time and am doing something that I am interested in doing. Other than taking Marine Navigation (formerly Piloting) class and America’s Boating Course, I’m also learning how to play Mahjong.

I found out about this club through my lovely neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Brown and LD has been sharing his knowledge and helping me with my study. I truly appreciate LD and Trudy’s guidance and their friendship. Looking forward to meeting you all.



**Meet Kristina and her family.** L to R: Philip Maung, Kristina, Ryan, a sophomore at Boston University and Colin, a high school senior at Putney School, Putney, Vermont.



## From the Education Officer SEO Lance J. Jensen, SN-IN

### EDUCATION NEWS

With rising Covid-19 restrictions we still cannot plan for in-person classes or on-the-water classes, so we are pretty much limited to remote teaching. Classroom facilities at locations like fire stations and libraries are simply not available. Remote sessions with Zoom, FCC and the like are better suited to USPS classes that do not require a lot of plotting and calculations so for the coming year we can concentrate on courses like Seamanship (now called Boat Handling) and on our elective courses like Cruise Planning, Weather, and Instructor Development. If you are interested in taking one of these classes in the new year, please contact me at [LJJensen@comcast.net](mailto:LJJensen@comcast.net) and let me know your thoughts.

### Admin Officer Continued

with the new vaccines coming, that perhaps the Brownsville Salmon Bake and the Maple Bay Rendezvous (if Canada ever lets us across her border) will happen in 2021! These two events are accessible by water or by land. Looking out to the future, perhaps we can even host additional rendezvous opportunities whether water or land based. There are many places in this Puget Sound region where one can boat. Think of your favorite boating place and consider hosting a rendezvous. Never hosted one before? That is okay. We are here to help, and we will help. Just offer.

So, you see, there are many ways to get involved. Being a member of this squadron is more than having a certificate number. Being a member is getting involved. Being educated. Performing Civic Service. Participating. Volunteering.

**MEMBERSHIP IS JOB #1.**



2019 Salmon Bake



2019 Maple Bay, BC Slider

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# America's Boating Club of Bellevue

## Executive Board Minutes

### 28 October 2020

The October meeting on Zoom was called to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Sally Stuart, Lance Jensen, Michael Reichstein, Barbara Erickson, Bobbi Jensen, Frank Dvorak, L.D. Brown, and Rick Vicik. Absent: Mike Heinrich and Nick Ledbetter. There was a quorum present and the order of business was changed to facilitate the meeting. The September minutes were approved as corrected.

**Commander Sally Stuart** led a discussion on updating the roster of squadron jobs on the second page of the Bellviews. Sally asked that Frank Dvorak be elected as the 4<sup>th</sup> member at-large to the Executive Board. There was a motion, a second and the vote was unanimously in favor.

A discussion followed about the future resignation of Laurie Stevens as the Bellviews editor because she was probably going to move out of state. The value of the Bellviews was also discussed. Everyone felt it was extremely valuable and a unanimous vote was cast to retain the newsletter.

Barbara was willing to take back the job of editor during this pandemic year because her job as Administrative Officer was quite light. It was decided to leave Barbara's name on the duty roster until a replacement for Administrative Officer could be found.

Sally will add Bruce Gardiner on Page 2 of the Bellviews Roster as Law Officer under the Commander's Aides. Bruce has been fulfilling that position by providing legal advice, registering our DBA with the state, and taking care of other legal matters.

A discussion ensued about the lack of billing to advertisers in the Bellviews and questioning the need for an advertising manager. Barbara will investigate and possibly write up a billing proposal.

Sally noted that the by-laws, with high-lighted changes, were ready for the Executive Board to examine. Following approval from the Executive Board, the by-laws will be sent to the National Rules Committee for approval.

As a final remark, Sally said that all Merit Marks should be sent to Jan Brintnall by November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Education Officer -Lance Jensen** announced that 7 or 8 on-line Saturday seminars scheduled for November and early December and taught by our members have been posted on the squadron website and that L.D. Brown had taken a flyer with information to West Marine to display. Rick Vicik posted the information about the seminars on NextDoor, the neighborhood social media website.

**Executive Officer-Michael Reichstein** said that he would pick up trifolds from Barbara and take them to marinas and boat brokers in the area. He was also willing to hand them the flyer about the seminars. He said he had met with Jim Harden over the phone regarding Co-op Charting and that the following Saturday he would go with the Barbara and Steve to recover some geodetic markers for the first time.

**Administrative Officer-Barbara Erickson** said District 16 had voted to maintain its membership in the Northwest Marine Trade Association, but, because of the pandemic, D/16 would play no role in the boat show for January 2021.

**Treasurer-Barbara Erickson** sent a written treasurer's report to the Executive Board before the meeting, but the SEO noted some revenue and expenses from the education department were missing. Barbara explained that a billing error correction by headquarters would be reflected in the next billing cycle. She will check into



the revenue question. Following a discussion of renewing the squadron's Post Office box, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to renew the box for another year at \$118.

**Secretary-Bobbi Jensen** – Sally will schedule another meeting with Fran, Bobbi, and Michael to work on updating and redesigning the website. Items to be addressed would be ADA compliance, a calendar that lists all meetings, events, and educational offerings, and perhaps adding more photos. Fran initially made some cosmetic changes to the website.

New Business- There was brief discussion of the January meeting program.

Calendar

12 November-DSPTS Zoom Meeting Invite-Virtual Wooden Boat Show 6:30-8:30 p.m.

18 November-Zoom Tavern and Tidbits with National Education Officer Bill McManimen 6:00-7:00 p.m.

25 November-Executive Meeting on Zoom 7:00 p.m.

2 December-Squadron Christmas Party on Zoom 6:00-7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Jensen

## KARL'S KWIZ ANSWERS

1. Ruth and Esther
2. "Thou shalt have no other God before me."
3. e. Gravy boat, h. Blood vessel.
4. A—5. Theocracy
- B.—9. Aristocracy
- C.—4. Dictatorship
- D.—2. Socialism
- E.—3. Anarchy
- F.—6. Republic, also called a Representative Democracy.

## Book Club

by P/R/C LD Brown, SN



The Book Club continues to be great. We have enjoyed reading and discussing some really great books. However, we would welcome more members.

Anyone interested, please contact L.D. Brown at 425-785-3844 or email: [ldandtrudy@outlook.com](mailto:ldandtrudy@outlook.com) and he will help you get started in a group. The Squadron will provide Zoom for the meetings.

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## Ways of Giving This Holiday Season

Join America's Boating Club on Giving Tuesday, December 1. Your generous donation will help support mission-critical boating education and safety awareness projects. Together, we make boating better.

Together, we make boating better

Your generous gift will fund urgently needed educational initiatives, provide operational support during challenging times and ensure that America's Boating Club enters 2021 ready to fulfill its mission of keeping our waterways safe. But we can't do it without you. Donate today, and help make boating better!



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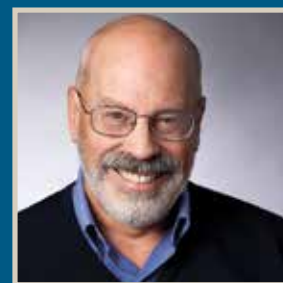
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## December

- 2 Dec Virtual BPS Meeting  
"Holiday Party"  
hosted by Lt/C Bobbi Jensen & Lt Willa Conrad
- 25 Dec Merry Christmas
- 30 Dec ExCom Meeting - Open to all

## January 2021

- 1 Jan Happy New Year
- 6 Jan Squadron Meeting
- 27 Jan ExCom Meeting - Open to all

## February

- 5 Feb Squadron Meeting
- 18 - 21 Feb ABClub Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra, FL
- 24 Feb ExCom Meeting - Open to all



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