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Secretary	Lt/C Bobbi Jensen	425-747-4143

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COMMANDER'S AIDES

Chaplain	P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN
Flag Lieutenant	Lt Mark Christenson
Sunshine	Anne-Marie van Opdorp
Law Officer	Lt Bruce Gardiner, JN
MBYC Liaison	Lt Willa Conrad, P
North Shore Liaison	P/Lt/C Rick Vicik, P
Merit Mark Chair	Lt Jan Brintnall
Operations Training	P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Executive Officer	Lt/C Michael Reichstein
Marketing/PR - Chair:	Michael Reichstein
Safety Officer	Lt Dale Vodicka, AP
Coop Charting	Open
Social Activities	Lt Willa Conrad, P
VSC Chair	P/C Dennis Dorratcague, SN

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Admin Officer	P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN
Boating Activities	Lt Mike Heinrich, P
Dinner Reservations	Lt Jan Brintnall
Programs	Open
Sqdn Photographers	Lt Willa Conrad, P Steve Erickson, JN

TREASURER DEPARTMENT

Treasurer	P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN
Asst Treasurer	P/C Mark Stevens, SN
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Ship's Store	Lt Diane Heinrich
Advertising Mgr.	Open

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Secretary	Lt/C Bobbi Jensen
Bellviews Editor	P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN
Webmaster	P/Lt/C Frances E. Waters
Database	Lt Brad Waters, SN
Historian	P/Lt/C Frances E. Waters Open

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bridge Officers	
Past Commander:	P/C Nick Ledbetter, JN
Members at Large:	
	P/C/C Frank Dvorak, SN
	P/R/C L.D. Brown, 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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership Chair	OPEN
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BUDGET COMMITTEE

P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN
Lt/C Michael Reichstein
P/C Mark Stevens, SN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Open	1 year
P/Lt/C Laurel Redecker, AP	2 year
Open	3 year

RULES COMMITTEE

Lt Michael Heinrich, P	1 year
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 Dorratcague, 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 Dorratcague, 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 Dorratcague, SN
	Lt Bruce Gardiner, JN
	P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN
	Lt Harry Johnson, AP
	P/C Nick Ledbetter, JN

Advanced Grades

Chair	P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P
Seamanship	P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P
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

Elective Courses

Chair	Open
Cruise Planning	Lt Eileen Huggins, SN
Engine Maintenance	Lt Carl C. Lang, AP
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

Sight Reduction Checker

	P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN
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Equip. Custodian

Open

Squadron/Club Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 3 February 2021

6:00 – 6:30pm Founder's Day Celebration

Join us for an incredibly special evening via Zoom as we celebrate Bellevue's historical beginnings and then some!



6:30 – 7:15pm The Whale Museum

Guest speakers Tracie Merrill, Education Curator, and Alanna Frayne, Soundwatch Boater Education Program Coordinator, share the biology, ecology, social structure, behaviors, endangered status, threats, and conservation measures surrounding our local orcas. Learn how you can Be Whale Wise and help support TWM's Soundwatch Boater Education Program.



7:15 – 7:30pm Business Meeting

Slate of Officers, Members-at-Large and Committee Members for 2021-2022

America's Boating Club of Bellevue By-Laws requires the Nomination Committee to select and submit to the Secretary nominations for the 2021-2022 Bridge Officers and Committee Members. The following members are nominated for the slated positions:

Elected Bridge Officers:

Commander: Sally Stuart
Executive Officer: Michael Reichstein
Administrative Officer: Barbara Erickson
Secretary: Bobbi Jensen
Treasurer: Barbara Erickson
Squadron Educational Officer: Lance Jensen

Elected Assistant Officers:

Assistant Squadron Educational Officer: L. D. Brown
Assistant Treasurer: Mark Stevens

Elected Members-at-Large:

L. D. Brown
Frank Dvorak
Rick Vicik
Mark Christenson

Elected Committees:

Auditing Committee:

Frank Dvorak, Chair;
Frank Young

Rules Committee:

Donald Williams, Chair
Lance Jensen
Bruce Gardiner

These persons have been contacted and have agreed to serve if elected.



From the Commnader Cdr Sally Stuart, SN

America's Boating Club of Bellevue will pay tribute to our Founders and Past Commanders at our February 3rd meeting. These are the people who laid the foundation, set the standards and are to be credited with what we are today.

In 1911, Roger Upton of Boston, presented the idea of forming a powerboat squadron within the Boston Yacht Club to a small group of colleagues. His ideas were accepted, and he was placed in charge of the unofficial powerboat squadron of the fleet. On February 2, 1914, the United States Power Squadrons became an official national organization. Men

of the Boston Yacht Club banded together and chose Founder Roger Upton as the first Chief Commander for the United States Power Squadron.

Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron, a spin off from the Seattle Sail and Power Squadron chapter, became chartered in 1958. In 2016, the USPS Governing Board authorized the name America's Boating Club® as a trade name for the United States Power Squadrons. Today, Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron is "doing business as" America's Boating Club of Bellevue.

Our Founding Fathers, members who signed the Charter in 1958 are no longer with us today. However, the following have been members for over 50 years and have played a significant role in our history and are to be credited with what we are today.

Viggo C. Bertelsen, Jr., 51 years

L. D. Brown, 54 years

Bernard W. Conrad, 50 years

John M. Cronkhite, 56 years

Charles W. Doland, 55 years

Michael S. Hiatt, 53 years

Lance J. Jensen, 53 years

Karl E. Lang, 58 years

Ellsworth Schober, 51 years

Bjarne E. Ursin, 60 years

The following is an excerpt from documents Barbara Erickson located on District 16's website.

THE FIRST FIVE-YEARS' HISTORY OF BELLEVUE POWER SQUADRON

By

P/D/C E. Everett Mansfield, N

FOREWORD

Most of this early history of the Squadron is taken from the log of Bellevue Power Squadron and written by Percy Guy while he was Squadron Historian. It covered the activities of the Squadron through 1962 and was published in 25 chapters in various issues of Bellviews starting January 1966 and ending January 1972. Percy was editor of Bellviews from May 1960 until February 1963.

Back in 1957 there was a group of Seattle Power Squadron members who lived on the east side of Lake Washington. Dr. John S. Gullikson was one of those who had the idea of forming a new squadron. This group became known as the "rebels".

At the 1958 Power Squadron booth in the Seattle Boat Show, 538 signed up for the Spring Piloting course; 110 of these were from Bellevue. As a result of this, the first Piloting Course in Bellevue was started 4 February 1958 at the Bellevue High School. A very good turnout of 154 people attended the first night. The final enrollment was 228, with 127 completing the course.

At the Seattle Power Squadron Executive Committee meeting of 20 March 1958, the "rebels" pushed for a

new squadron as soon as possible. Cdr. Ingman then recommended ordering a "Squadron Kit" from National Headquarters. He appointed a study committee to report at the next meeting. A motion was then passed that the Seattle Squadron approve the start of a division of the Greater Bellevue Area Power Squadron. John Gullikson was appointed Acting Commander. It was the devoted efforts of Assistant S/EO John Gullikson, George Donnally, S/EO Austin Friend, and Cdr. Gordon Ingman and others that spurred the effort to start a new squadron.

Cdr. Ingman wrote District Commander G. Arthur Randell of Portland Squadron asking that he get the New Squadron Kit from National. When the kit arrived from Headquarters, D/C Randall sent it up from Portland with a letter which contained these words, "I am sure that with the large head of super-heated steam that your crew has, that the papers will be back in my hands PDQ."

John Gullikson held an organization meeting on 9 April 1958 to complete the requirements of the new Squadron Kit. Twenty-one Seattle Power Squadron members signed applications to transfer to the proposed Bellevue Power Squadron. The list of officers presented were: Cdr. John S. Gullikson, Lt/C Charles A. Sparling, 1st/Lt Walter Stephan, Treasurer Samuel L. Biddle, Secretary Percy Guy, Trustees John Whitmore and C. R. Smith, S/EO Glenn Rotton, Ch/L. B. Admissions Raymond O. Larson, Ch/AG Howard C. Eddie, CL/AP Del Miller.

A dinner meeting at which 43 attended was held at the Crabapple Restaurant in Bellevue on 7 May 1958. This was the first regular meeting of the group which was to become the Bellevue Power Squadron. Monthly dinner meetings were held at the Crabapple until January 1962 when they were moved to Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club. It was a lively meeting. Spirits ran high. Before anyone fully realized it, there was movement afoot to challenge the Seattle Power Squadron to a predicted log race. Cdr. Elect Gullikson had to remind them that they were still only "the rebels from across the lake" and not yet a Squadron. However, he appointed a committee consisting of Chm. Ward Doland, Dick Carkeek, Jack Shinn, and Bill Rocket. The challenge was actually made by Gullikson at the 15 May Seattle Power Squadron meeting. The race was run 18 October 1958 under the command of Fleet Captain Dick Carkeek, Seattle won.

SPS agreed to give Bellevue Power Squadron \$3 per member for the 38 transfers. Profit from the sale of Chapman's at the 1958 Spring Piloting Class and pro-rata per member transferred from SPS to BPS after 1 July 1958, was received by Cdr. Gullikson and brought to the first official meeting of the Executive Committee on 17 June 1958. This was the result of the "rebels" efforts to get some beginning finances.

The Charter, containing 75 members' names and dated 6 June 1958, was received by Cdr. Gullikson and brought to the first official meeting of the Executive Committee on 17 June 1958. The first official act of the new Squadron Executive Committee was to grant a charter to a women's auxiliary, it was the first time in the history of USPS that a squadron chartered an auxiliary concurrently with the formation of the Squadron. Another bit of evidence that Bellevue has always been a remarkable Squadron. Nineteen names were approved as members of the women's auxiliary.

The Squadron Charter Banquet was held at the Crabapple on 20 June 1958. Bob Sandbo and Warren Bailey designed our Squadron pennant. Warren had it accepted at Headquarters in New Jersey and arranged or its commercial production. The Executive Committee extended honorary membership to Gordon Ingman and Austin Friend of Seattle Power Squadron.

Attendance at meetings ran from 25 to 35, but when the auxiliary attended the first joint meeting in October 1958, the attendance went up to 41. The Sea Belles have been included ever since, with each group holding their separate meetings after dinner.

The Squadron has not always had sufficient funds to operate. In its first year, there were real problems. Samuel L. Biddle, our third Commander was Treasurer. It was necessary to float a \$300 loan to pay for materials and publicity. One of the members made the loan, interest free.

The first Bellevue-conducted Piloting course was the fall class of 1958 with a registration of 228 of which 127 finished. Twenty-six new members were added to the roster.

Nineteen Merit Marks were earned by the first-year workers, then 44, 60, 64, and 93 in the following four years.

The first Bellevue Squadron rendezvous was held 23-24

May 1959 on the spit at Port Ludlow. This was when the concrete boiler house was still standing and there was no moorage, restaurant or condominiums. George Donnally, Chuck Sparling and Ward Doland were the salmon baking team. Eighteen boats arrived and there were 68 members with their families.

The first Bellviews was published in May 1959. It was 6 1/4" x 9" and continued that size through January 1963. The first editor was John W. (Jack) Shinn. The second editor was Percy Guy who served admirably from May 1960 through December 1962.

Treasurer Bill Douglass announced at the 7 October 1959 meeting that the Squadron was in the black to the extent of \$161.52.

The first annual Pancake Feed was put on by the Sea Belles at Joe and Betty Marshall's dock on Mercer Island on Sunday, 8 May 1960. More than 100 attended and were served pancakes, ham and coffee on board Birdseye's Comrade, Sparling's Saga, Marshall's Rose Marie, and Lang's Ballerina.

The Pancake Breakfast became more successful every year. It was held at the Al Smith's Enatai dock, the Henry Ronberg's at Cozy Cove and at the Bob Rolfsness' in Portage Bay near the Queen City Yacht Club for three years. Bob improved his dock and added additional power in the boat house to make it easier to handle the crowds. Upwards of thirty boats would show up and eight were used for cook boats. In both 1964 and 1965, about 300 were served. It was a profitable venture for the Sea Belles. Then the Rolfsness family moved to California, and after that, there was no suitable place to continue.

Ray Larson put out the first Squadron Roster in 1960 with 157 members. The 1962 roster was the first to include the wives' names.

In the fall of 1960, Carter McClure and his staff faced an enrollment of 189 in the Piloting Course. At that time it seemed like an amazing number and there was a lot of shaking of heads and talk of having reached the saturation point in the Bellevue area.

The first Squadron Auction was held at the regular meeting 5 April 1961. Ward Doland was the auctioneer. The 10% tax on sales netted \$20 for the Squadron. At later auctions, all of the items were donated and the proceeds were greatly increased.

The Sea Belles are always making money and supplying funds to the Squadron. In 1961 they gave \$300 for the purchaser of education materials and equipment. This was spent for movie projector, screen and sextants. The Sea Belles put on the first Squadron Potluck Steak Fry in August 1961 at the waterfront homes of Fran and Leon Lewis and their neighbor Thea and Len Nicklas who were also active members. Other homes have been used over the years when our former hosts left the area.

The Squadron was incorporated in 1961 by Legal Officer Story Birdseye after three years of diligent effort.

The cost of putting out Bellviews was a continuing discussion item. The return from advertising never was able to pay the way for the publication. Many methods for covering the costs were suggested over the years but none seemed to be the answer. The Executive Committee never had wanted to cut the quality of the Bellviews. And so it came about that in January 1963, as an economy measure a momentous decision was reached and Bellviews' format and printing process was changed from the 6 1/4" x 9" to the larger 8 1/2" x 11". The front and back covers were printed for several issues ahead. They included the officers, committees, and advertisements.

The 1962 BPS Predicted Log Race on Lake Washington was a little out of the ordinary in that it included a man overboard drill during the first log of the race.

There were many appointments from BPS to District 16 Committees, even from the very beginning of the Squadron. At that time, the District included Tacoma, Portland, Seattle, Everett, Bremerton, Olympia, Agate Pass, Bellevue, and Bellingham Power Squadrons.

The first District 16 activity sponsored by the Squadron was the Fall Conference held in October 1962 with Ward Doland in charge. It was at Pantley's Motel.

The Sea Belles launched the weekend with a beautiful hors d'oeuvre table on Friday evening. It was loaded with Polynesian goodies. The honorary guests were duly impressed. Attendance was larger than any previous Fall Conference. The Education Room was well stocked with teaching aides, including the BPS model engine and slide projector. Cdr. Bill Douglass wrote, "It was a wonderful weekend and Bellevue Power Squadron covered itself with laurels."



From the Executive Officer
Lt/C Michael Reichstein

Greetings one and all-

Today, I drove out to the marina where “Oh Boy” is parked nicely in her slip. First thing came to mind is to make sure this year she gets inspected. I am looking forward to learning about the inspection process so I can inspect my own boat and help everyone as needed with theirs this Spring.

I know the vaccines are around the corner and with the grace of God, we can start planning to get back out there on the water. So start thinking about what you need to get ready on your boat and if you need a refresher class on Seamanship, the class starts on February 2nd and runs for 12 weeks with the amazing Robert Cooper leading the way. If you know of any new boaters, please

encourage them to get involved. We are also working with the great team of guys at West Marine in Bellevue to host a Zoom seminar on one of my favorite topics, CRABBING!!! We will keep everyone informed on that date and time. Any questions or concerns, please ask and we are here to help.



*Congratulations Bellevue on EXCEEDING
your 2020 goal!*

Educational Fund Honor Roll Update

Bellevue January Honor Roll Status

Year	Honor Roll Target	Donation	Percent of Target	Status
2021	\$142	\$0	0.0%	Idle
2020	\$172	\$243	141.3%	Honor Roll



From the Educational Officer P/C/C Lance Jensen, SN-IN

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a huge challenge for all USPS activities, not just educational offerings. But there has been an upside, too. Of necessity, we have learned to teach remotely, taking advantage of the many Zoom-like communications programs available. One challenge has been learning to use these programs efficiently and effectively. L. D. Brown, our Asst SEO and I want especially to thank Dave Greene, Robert Cooper and Rick Vicik for taking on these challenges so that our members and others can complete some of the many

USPS boating programs and classes offered. Three classes are about to start; *Boat Handling* (Seamanship “on Steroids”) taught by Robert Cooper, *Junior Navigation* taught by Dave Greene, and the *VHF Seminar* led by Rick Vicik. Sign up for these offering on our website: <https://www.bellevuepowersquadron.org/>.

Now that vaccines are being distributed, we can expect that eventually, probably by this fall, many of our on-site teaching locations like fire stations and libraries will again become available. Also of course, in-person

space for meetings and dinners which provide the social backbone of our squadron. I know we are all looking forward to getting back to life as we knew it pre-pandemic.

Those looking to take particular classes and those looking to teach classes remotely in the current environment should contact either L. D. Brown or myself and let us know your needs.

KARL'S KWIZ

by P/R/C Karl Lang, SN

1. Wintertime in the Northern hemisphere is caused by
 - a. wind coming from the North
 - b. earth is further from the sun
 - c. earth's axis is pointed away from the sun
 - d. Arctic Circle moves well into Canada, e. something else.
2. We have 3 time zones across America. If it is noon on the Eastern edge of China, what time is it on the Western edge?
3. Dolly Parton is noted for many things, one of which is writing songs. How many did she write?
 - a. Over 50
 - b. Over 200
 - c. Over 500
 - d. Over 1000
 - e. Over 3000
1. The last major movie star from the 1939 movie "Gone With The Wind" died in July 2020. Who was he/she?

Answers found on page 14



From the Administrative Officer

P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN

Well, I'm back. It seems my priorities changed again. With our new Membership Chair, LD Brown, so busy with recruiting new members, I felt I had to get back to the Administrative Department. MEMBERSHIP IS JOB #1!

You may have noticed the slate of officers and committees that will be voted on at our Annual Meeting – Wednesday, 3 March. This has been such a crazy Watch Year, that the Bridge

unanimously agreed to stay in office for another year. We hope this will be a more “traditional” year and will help keep us moving forward under Cdr Stuart’s excellent leadership.

Here’s a quick recap of what else is happening...

After having attended a New Member Orientation presentation by Deception Pass Sail & Power Squadron, we decided that we too should offer this to our new members. So, I’m busy updating the template to fit Bellevue’s needs. Hopefully, we will be able to present it sometime 2nd Quarter 2021.

National Annual Meeting. This will again be a virtual meeting using Free Conference Call. The conference will be spread out over two weeks – Monday, 15 February through Friday, 26 February with the Annual Meeting itself taking place on Saturday, 20 February at 10:00am PT. Committee meetings, workshops/seminars, Awards Ceremony, the Keynote Speaker, and at the conclusion, Friday, 26 February a Cocktail Party so we can just gather and get to know each other. All of this will be available virtual via FreeConference Call! Watch your email, promotional material will be arriving! The schedule is available at [USPS.org: 202101132055010.2021VirtAmAgd2.pdf \(usps.org\)](https://www.usps.org/202101132055010.2021VirtAmAgd2.pdf) Check it frequently for updates!

District 16 Events.

Spring Conference & Change of Watch. Call to Meeting will be sent out in February to your mailboxes.

MARK your calendars for **Saturday, 13 March**. This will be a virtual meeting. The **District 16 Rendezvous** is happening! I have it on good authority that 11 – 13 June we will be rendezvousing in Poulsbo! Rooms have been reserved at the Poulsbo Inn; for boaters, I heard a waiver on boat length charges is in the works, and the Flare Shoot and Fire Extinguisher training will take place. That’s about all the news I have to date. Mark your calendar!

America’s Boating Club of Bellevue will be holding our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, 3 March where you, the membership, will elect your officers for the 2021-2022 Watch Year. All duly elected officers will be sworn in at our Change of Watch (again virtually) on Wednesday, 5 May 2021. Plans for rendezvous, classes, Co-op Charting, Vessel Safety Checks and just plain having a good time will materialize. Let’s keep our fingers crossed and, in the meantime, Mask Up, Social Distance, and Limit Gatherings. Oh, and get your shot in the arm when called!

The - Benefit -- that counts

Mike Heinrich P

Responding to the challenge our Commander presented in the January issue of our Bellviews newsletter, regarding the opportunity to provide an article, I would offer this from my wife and I as to membership and why we are still members.

Originally, like most I suppose, my wife and I joined to get some education on boat navigation. Our son and I had gone about as far as we could go with the use of the Texaco road map, learning the physical shoreline of Whidbey Island, Deception Pass, across to Lopez Island, now within the San Juan group of Islands and so on. All is well as long as we had flat water and no visibility issues, along with plenty of fuel. It was me who realized I was more than pushing my boating navigation skills, while at the same time having our young son onboard.

Searching a bit, I took what was billed as the "Squadron Boating" course offered at the local high school at the time and passed the introductory course but felt I was still not comfortable enough to venture to a foreign land, being Canada. What was there? What about customs? What about refueling to keep us going, essential groceries, a marina that would accept a boat from Washington state and so on. During my boat classes we were given the names and phone numbers of certain established members to contact if we had questions about the class curriculum or beyond. It was the beyond that filled my need to get to a foreign country and learn a bit about it before we embarked on such a venture.

I phoned the first name provided from the list of Power Squadron contacts and the fellow asked "where I lived," after providing a general geographic description he suggested I call a person who turned out to live only a few blocks away. After calling the suggested contact he asked if I could come down to his house in --- one hour --- and of course I wanted to learn so I said yes and thanked him for accommodating me on such short

notice. Upon arriving we sat down at their dining room table with a chart or charts and he and I together walked through choices that could get me to Canada. I should mention that my wife previously did not take part in our boating because she felt the boats were too small and bounced too much for her comfort level. So, we bought another boat with a stand up head, two burner alcohol stove, a refer large enough for a pound of bacon and a dozen eggs and hoping it did not bounce around as much. She then not only took part but suggested we go places. Lucky for me.

In summation, after the classes I deemed necessary for us to venture beyond, we found it was the members themselves that was the attraction leading to the continuation of our membership and also in participating with like-minded and down to earth folks who have the heart of gold, we have found. Beyond a doubt when the word of benefit is considered --- it is the members themselves who not only shine but lead to become friends extending not only in the local squadron area but include friendships internationally too due to the distant rendezvous that were on-going long before my wife and I were members. Of course the friendships generated would not have been possible if we did not participate in the year round events.

Minutes of the Executive Board

30 December 2020

The meeting was called to order at 1906 hours. There was a quorum present. In attendance were Sally Stuart, Michael Reichstein, Lance Jensen, Barbara Erickson, Bobbi Jensen, L.D. Brown, Frank Dvorak, and Rick Vicik. Absent were Nick Ledbetter, and Mike Heinrich. The order of business was changed to facilitate the meeting.

Commander - Sally Stuart reminded everyone that the annual meeting is scheduled for 3 March and that according to the by-laws the general membership needs to be notified of the slate of officers 30 days in advance by email and/or regular mail if no email address exists. It should also appear in the Bellviews. Voting will occur at the Zoom meeting 3 March assuming 10% of the active members are in attendance.

Education Officer - Lance Jensen announced that two classes will commence in January and February. Dave Green has three students for his Junior Navigation class, and Robert Cooper has students signed up for a Boat Handling class due to begin in early February.

Rick Vicik is offering an AIS (Automatic Identification System) seminar at the price of \$30.00. A VHF/DSC seminar will also be offered at \$30.00.

Executive Officer - Michael Reichstein will ask West Marine and other boat dealers if they would be willing to put a schedule of our educational classes on their websites as part of our marketing effort. L.D. Brown plans to do a mass mailing to advertise classes to former students.

Administrative Officer - Barbara Erickson said she would concentrate her efforts as administrative officer on member involvement. She also led a discussion of whether to pursue active involvement with North Shore Squadron of Canadian Power Squadrons. It was suggested that topic be discussed later if we hear back from North Shore.

Treasurer - Barbara Erickson sent the executive board a summary of activity and the current balance before the meeting.

Secretary - No report

Auditing Committee - Sally issued a reminder that the squadron audit will be due at the Annual Meeting on 3 March.

Membership chairman - L.D. Brown will make sure new members receive all communications issued by the squadron.

Rules Committee - Squadron By-laws will be sent out to the Executive Board after the first of the year with all changes highlighted.

New Business - The board voted unanimously to renew the WIX license (website software) for 1 year at \$297.00.

[Addendum: A suggestion came after the meeting that we contact TechSoup to see if we could obtain a subscription through them as we are a non-profit organization. Fran Waters, our webmaster, was able to renew our subscription at a 70% reduction which will cost us \$168.28 for two years.]

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Calendar

6 January 2021-General meeting on Zoom-Program-Washington State Parks-1800-1830 Social, 1830-1900 program, 1900-1930 short meeting.

21 January 2021-Tavern and Tidbits- Ken Smith (District DXO) and/or RC Jamie McCurry will update us on the National Planning Committee activities. 1800 on Zoom.

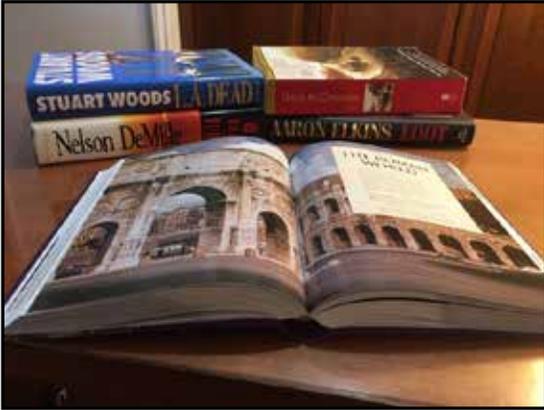
Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Jensen, Secretary

KARL'S KWIZ ANSWERS

- ANSWERS
1. C. Earth is actually about 3 million miles closer to the Sun in winter, but Earth's axis tips roughly 23.5 degrees away from the Sun.
 2. Noon. China only has one time zone, as does India.
 3. E. She has composed over 5000 songs throughout her career. Incredible, no?
 4. Gloria de Havilland at age of 104. She played the role of "Melanie" opposite Leslie Howard. Born July 1, 1916 in Tokyo, Japan; died in Paris on July 25, 2020. Of interest is that her sister, Joan de Havilland, born April 1917, died in 2013. She was known as Joan Fontaine.

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.

We have finished reading and discussing *Unsinkable* by James Sullivan and have begun reading *Nothing Ventured* by Jeffery Archer.

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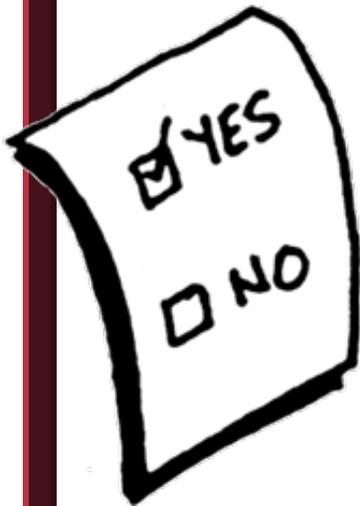
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6:30 – 7:00pm Business Meeting
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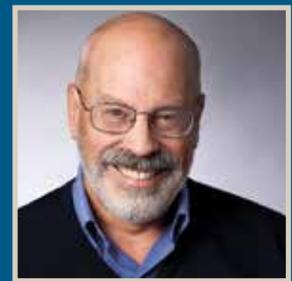


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3 Feb Squadron Meeting

15 - 26 Feb ABClub Annual Meeting via FreeConference Call

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March

3 Mar Squadron Annual Meeting

13 Mar District 16 Spring Conference & COW via Zoom

24 Mar ExCom Zoom Meeting - Open to all



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