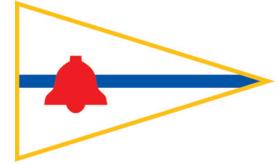


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## BELLEVUE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE

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### COMMANDER'S AIDES

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

### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Executive Officer	Lt/C Michael Reichstein
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Coop Charting	Open
Liaison Office	Open
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VSC Chair	P/C Dennis Dorratcague, SN

### ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

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

### TREASURER DEPARTMENT

Treasurer	P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN
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Ship's Store	Lt Diane Heinrich

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Historian	P/Lt/C Frances E. Waters Open

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#### Members at Large:

Lt Michael Heinrich, P	
P/C Nick Ledbetter, JN	
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	P/C Nick Ledbetter, JN
Membership Involvement Chair	P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

#### RULES COMMITTEE

Lt Michael Heinrich, P	1 year
Open	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	P/Lt/C David J. Greene, SN
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	
Lt Mark Galbraith, SN	

**Equip. Custodian** Open

No dinner meeting until (hopefully) September

No classes

Several rendezvous' cancelled while questioning the others

No vessel safety checks

But, we have several options to stay in touch in small groups via social media and video conferencing apps.

AND THEN, by the time the Bellviews comes out again in the Fall, the editor will have received article submissions from all of the departments, and selfie photos from the bridge members, right? And we can prepare for gathering again for... what?

**At this point, the Governing Board Meeting is still on!**

### Join Us in Raleigh, NC!

We are bringing it home! The National Meetings Committee has put together a fun and exciting meeting for our members in our hometown: Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Fall Governing Board meeting will be held 8-13 September 2020 at the Raleigh Hilton North Hills hotel. Having this meeting in Raleigh enables us to cut expenses, offer tours of headquarters, and a meet and greet with the staff.

The meetings are designed to accomplish the work of the committees and to enhance the organization to keep ahead of the boating community needs. Everyone is welcome to join and those not interested in attending meetings, or who can break away from meetings, are welcome to join us on various tours and activities in the area.

Other activities include kayaking, touring our headquarters building, visiting the NC History and Science Museums, sampling the wonderful IPA beers in the area, and afternoon tea in the beautiful wooded property of the Carolina Inn.

More details about the event can be found at [https://www.usps.org/php/reservations\\_new/meetings.php?mtg\\_id=39](https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39).

This meeting has been designed with "fun" as the theme and "learning and communication" as the goal. We look forward to seeing you there! (Special gifts for first time national meeting attendees will be given.) 



**2020 Fall Governing Board**  
Raleigh, North Carolina



## From the Commander Cdr Sally Stuart, SN

The United States Power Squadrons have an interesting history with an evolving mission that strives to meet the ongoing needs and interests of boaters today. In the early 1900's recreational boating consisted mainly of sailing craft and large steam yachts. Power-boats, internal combustion engine, and gasoline-driven watercraft were coming on the scene and leading to a new breed of boat owners: "gasoliners". However, when the motor driven vessel owners joined yacht clubs, there were few activities for them. In the summer of 1911, Roger Upton of Boston Yacht Club presented his 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.

Upton believed the organization could be of use to yachtsmen for three major reasons. First, improvement in navigating ability of power-boat owners; second, promotion of acquaintance and social intercourse by the power-boat owners; third, to be received as volunteers to the Navy in time of war. These are the precursors of the mission today: "Learn boating skills, engage in fun boating activities, connect with the boating community".

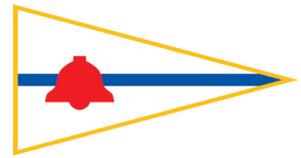
On 2 February 1914, the United States Power Squadrons became an official national organization. Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron, a spin off from the Seattle Sail and Power Squadron chapter, became chartered in 1958. Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron was once a vibrant organization, with a large membership, all of whom were taking boating classes, participating in social activities and rendezvous.

Times changed and we are in a new era. As with many organizations, United States Power Squadrons is experiencing challenges recruiting and maintaining members. Boaters' interests are now more diverse and with the advent of TV, personal computers, and cell phones; they have less time for boating activities, families have more demands and are busier, free boating courses are available on the internet, and "Power Squadron" does not reflect that we are a boating organization. Fortunately, changes within the organization are under way to meet those challenges.

In 2016, the USPS Governing Board authorized the name America's Boating Club® as a trade name for the United States Power Squadrons. USPS recently published America's Boating Club, Marketing Guidebook, Version 2.3 in March 2020. We need to update our image to appeal to today's boaters, not the image of a 100-year-old, somewhat stodgy organization as described in the ABC Marketing Guidebook. I encourage all members to read this publication if you haven't already. It has a wealth of information and exciting suggestions and ideas for recruiting and maintaining membership in America's Boating Club. The Guidebook can be downloaded from

<https://www.usps.org/national/marketing/ABClub/America's%20Boating%20Club%20Guidebook.pdf>

# BELLEVUE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON



Today we are faced with an even greater set of challenges due to Covid-19. This year we canceled our Change of Watch; the April, May, and June dinner meetings; and our annual June Salmon Bake. These are social and boating events we plan and look forward to each year to get together, honor the outgoing Bridge, welcome in the new Bridge, and go boating. The new Bridge and Members-at-Large are meeting virtually to plan our next steps to address these challenges. We look to you, our members, for guidance and suggestions so we can change our imagine to one of having fun in the classroom, socially, and on the water.

To plan for our future, we must keep in mind our mission: to promote recreational boating safety through education and civic service while providing fellowship for our members. For now, we are relying on technology to meet the challenge of keeping a social distance of 6' for boating classes, socializing, and civic service. America's Boating Club/BSPS's continued success depends on each of you and your commitment to seek new ideas and opportunities to build a bigger and stronger organization in 2020 and beyond. We have weathered storms together in the past; together, we can weather this new storm.

We hope you are staying healthy during this uncertain time, taking care of yourselves, and being mindful of your family and friends.

Select excerpts from the United States Power Squadrons Operation Manual, 2020 and America's Boating Club, Marketing Guidebook, Version 2.3, March 2020 are included in this article. 





**Chief Commander**

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21 May 2020

This is National Safe Boating Week and the lead in to Memorial Day Weekend!

The Board of Directors and Headquarters continue to work remotely on the behalf of squadrons and districts with the focus on our members and a watchful eye on our bottom line. We have some updates and new information for you as it pertains to conducting business:

A. With Regard to Squadron and/or District Meetings, Events, Activities, and more:

The first Message from the Chief Commander dated March 17, 2020, included a succinct statement regarding COVID 19 implications to the way our squadrons and districts function. Specifically "...for squadrons and districts to conduct business by the best available means while preserving the safety and security of our members".

I would like to reiterate that the Board of Directors is in agreement that the best way for our organization to deal with the ongoing health situation: locally at the squadron and district levels. To review:

1. First and foremost is preserving the health and well-being of our members (this includes those in the recreational boating public who seek our educational classes)
2. All squadrons and districts are to adhere to the local, state, and national directives concerning social distancing and stay at home initiatives
3. Tools are available and are continuing to be developed to assist with remote learning, virtual meetings, virtual classrooms, and virtual conferences.
4. There is no expectation or obligation to the squadrons or districts to host face-to-face (F2F) classes, meetings, or activities. Nor is there an obligation or expectation for our volunteers to attend or conduct same. (There is no penalty for erring on the side of caution!)
5. We are not issuing an edict from national on how to conduct squadron or district 'business' during COVID-19, we are here to support the squadrons and districts as they choose given the above guidelines and smart hygiene practices.

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## B. Headquarters Business Hours Update

1. Effective Monday, May 19, 2020, hours for headquarters staff who work in customer service, membership, education, shipping, and accounting have been reduced to 3.5 hours per day. We will re-evaluate at the end of June.
2. We will continue shipping orders, responding to emails, phone calls, and accounting, membership, and education requests.

## C. VSC/VSE Update

1. Until further notice, all Vessel Safety Checks remain in **stand down**. To review the policy and a new virtual option please visit the Safety Committee home page on the website. Also, do not forget that USPS/America's Boating Club works with the CGAUX on vsc; the CGAUX is the administrator of the courtesy checks, not the USCG. To read further, here is the link to the MOU:

[https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Gvt\\_Partner\\_Rel/MOU/Other/VSC\\_MOU.pdf](https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Gvt_Partner_Rel/MOU/Other/VSC_MOU.pdf)

## D. MMSI Update

1. Please be advised that an agreement has been reached to restart the issuance of MMSI numbers; we are targeting **early June** to be 'live' once again. Watch for more information.

You are an outstanding group and I am proud to associate with all of you. Please keep up the good work, your sense of humor, and compassion to others as we continue this uncharted journey together.

I wish you fair winds, calm seas, and good health.

*Mary Paige Abbott*  
Chief Commander

“Perpetual Optimism is a Force Multiplier”  
General Colin Powell



## From the Administrative Officer

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

This is the first official article from your Administrative Officer and it's a bit difficult writing an article when our world is still in the midst of this pandemic. I am happy to report that your bridge is working behind the scenes to set a course under what may become our lives. Social distancing, virtual meeting technology, and even telephoning are all becoming a "natural" part of our lives. I say telephone as I was not much for making phone calls. Texting or email was a better tool for me, personally.

So with all that said, here's what I know is happening within USPS|ABClub:

#### National:

- Plans are still moving forward to have the Fall Governing Board in Raleigh, NC. Reservation information for both the hotel, activities and the draft agenda are available on the [USPS.org](https://www.usps.org) website. Your National Meetings committee has put together a fabulous list of activities to do while in Raleigh: Raleigh Beer Trail, trips to Headquarters, and an Afternoon Tea Party, just to name a few. We are staying at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills which offers free transportation from the airport! I hope you will consider attending – consider it a well-deserved vacation.

#### District:

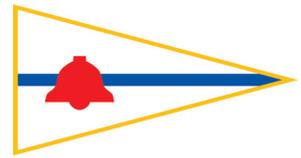
- Our district Administrative Officer is D/Lt/C Sandy Thomas, AP, from North Olympic Sail & Power Squadron. She also serves, and has for many years, in the capacity of the District Membership Chair, so membership is a passion with her. I'm of the firm belief that we will be looking at ways to keep you engaged with this organization.

#### Squadron:

- Just to reiterate from the May issue of the *Bellviews*, Lt Mike Heinrich, P, will remain our Boating Activities Chair and hopefully we can still have a rendezvous or two; P/Lt/C Rick Vicik, P, is still planning the Maple Bay Rendezvous, and has a note in this issue; Lt Jan Brintnall remains our able Dinner Reservations coordinator.

Something new, I will be asking the ExCom to consider moving the *Bellviews* and the BSPS website back under the Secretary Department, and our Secretary, Lt/C Bobbi Jensen approves. This was suggested long, long ago and I'm hoping all will agree. This puts us in line with the Operations Manual, but I suspect our bylaws will need to be changed.

# BELLEVUE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON



Our Membership Chair is P/C Nick Ledbetter, JN, and he has asked that we look into forming a Steering Committee to address membership. There will be more information to follow.

We continue to consider finding the right tool – Zoom, Free Conference Call (FCC), or whatever will hold virtual meetings. We have tried FCC with varying success and since we want this to be a good experience, we are still researching. I also found out that district is trying to identify a common platform we can all use. More information to follow.

So, this is my report to date. I encourage you to continue practicing social distancing, wearing your face covering (effective Monday, 18 May in King County), and check out the America's Boating Channel – LIVE – at <https://americasboatingchannel.com/>. These episodes are done well! Plus there are online seminars that you can watch to keep your skills up to date, since now day use of your boat is approved! 



## Maple Bay Rendezvous and COVID-19

**P/Lt/C Rick Vicik, P**

Linda and I were hoping to go ahead with the Maple Bay Rendezvous (31 July-3 August), but that seems less likely as summer approaches. The Canadian border closing will most likely be extended until 21 June. If it is extended beyond that, we'll have to cancel. Maple Bay Marina has detailed information about their plans for re-opening on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/maplebaymarina>. They are planning a “limited opening” starting on 15 May. That means “social distancing” and takeout service only in restaurants. If that is still in effect at the end of July, there won't be much point in having a rendezvous. Also, marinas in the San Juan Islands are prohibiting transient moorage as long as Governor Inslee's stay-at-home order is in effect and it is not clear how long that will be.

Since there won't be another BSPS newsletter or meeting before the date of the rendezvous, please email me at [vicik2@hotmail.com](mailto:vicik2@hotmail.com) if you are still considering going (assuming the border and marina restrictions are lifted by then). Then, I will keep you informed via email about the status of this rendezvous. 



## From the Executive Officer

**Lt/C Michael Reichstein**

### MESSAGE TO THE BRIDGE AND MEMBERS OF THE BELLEVUE SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

It is with great privilege and honor that I have been appointed to your 2020 Bridge as your Executive Officer. Please bear with me as I learn about what I can do to help make our club the best in the region. It has been a pleasure working with Commanders past and present (P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN, P/C/C Lance Jensen, SN, and Cdr Sally Stuart, SN) helping me get up to speed. My wife Elizabeth and I joined about 3 years ago with the goals of being better educated boaters and meeting great folks who share a common interest in having fun on the water.

My decision to be your Executive Officer is to pump in some exciting new ideas and let our Eastside boating community know Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron/America's Boating Club is the club to join. We all know that online education is available and for many, it is a great way to learn about boating while sitting in front of a computer. However, the best lessons are taught and learned on the water. We were blessed a couple of years ago to take a Boating Safety Class with Richard and Bob for an entire day on our new boat on Lake Washington. I can't tell you how much we learned and tell everyone what a terrific experience.

So, with that said: We, as members, need to get the word out, when it is safe to gather, that boat inspections and training will be available. I will push for it and with all your help we can add new members and would that be great at our dinners and rendezvouses to see new excited people wanting to be on board.

When we have the opportunity to have our next dinner, I look forward to meeting all of you and please tell me anything you think that I could do to best serve you.

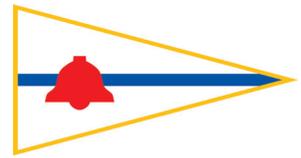
Cheers- Michael 



## Vessel Safety Checks

By order of the Coast Guard  
and USPS,  
no VSC's are to be done  
until further notice.

# BELLEVUE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON



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## From the Education Officer

**P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN-IN**

### BOAT HANDLING NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

Bored with the shutdown? There is a new USPS educational opportunity available online. Successful completion will earn members the grade of Seaman (S). This course consists of a series of six online seminars. The course is not as complete as the Seamanship course taught by our own P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P, but of course, classroom courses are on hold until the pandemic is pretty well behind us.

#### Now available online

*Boat Handling*, the new squadron course that replaces Seamanship, is now available in a virtual classroom. The online version of *Boat Handling* includes student-controlled narrated slide presentations for each of the six sections, an e-book version of the full Boat Handling student guide, and an online test. If you've taken *America's Boating Course* then *Boat Handling* is next! Purchase, take the course, take the test, and earn your grade of Seaman all online.

#### Learn at home

In this time of social distancing, what could be better than taking and passing *Boat Handling* at home? The course covers what all boaters need to know: rules of the road, docking, boating with confidence, anchoring, emergencies on board, and knots and line handling.

#### Get it here

Go to America's Boating Club Online Boating, click on the gray Virtual Classroom tile and purchase Boat Handling for \$67.50. You can also purchase the individual seminars that make up the Boat Handling course for \$24.95, but the full course is the best deal, saving you \$82.20!

Check it out! 

## From the Treasurer

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

Taking over a position I haven't held since 2004 at the district level is a bit daunting.

P/Lt/C Vern Redecker, JN, has given me many hours, numerous questions and answers while training me to take over this position. Vern has given this squadron at least four years, if not more, as the keeper of our finances. He stepped up and has fulfilled his pledge to "... *perform faithfully and impartially the duties of the office which I am about to assume.*" And for this, and all the time and patience he has extended me, I am forever indebted. Both Vern and P/Lt/C Laurel Redecker, AP, deserve our THANK YOU! Please acknowledge their many gifts to this squadron if you get a chance. I'm sure they will remain involved and we look forward to their contributions in other ways!

As for who's who in this department now, let me share:

We will have an Assistant Treasurer this year, P/C Mark Stevens, SN, has volunteered to help and I am grateful for his steadfast commitment to this squadron! Budget Committee is something that needs to be filled, and I'm hoping to have a chair soon. We haven't had a Property Officer for a while and Mark Stevens has offered to take that over! The Ship's Store is once again ably led by Lt Diane Heinrich – if you wish to purchase either BSPS branded attire or generic USPS|ABClub attire, contact Diane and she will help you order what you want.

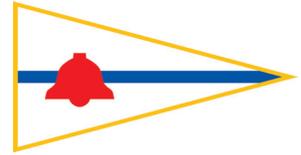
That's about all from your Treasurer. I don't anticipate providing an article each month, but will be providing monthly financial reports at the virtual (for now) ExCom meeting held on the last Wednesday of each month at 1900 hours (7:00 pm). You are always welcome to attend a meeting, these are open to the membership. Contact Cdr Sally Stuart, SN, to receive the link. Stay safe, stay healthy, stay involved! 

## KARL'S KWIZ #26

JUNE, 2020 BELLEVUES

1. What is the largest denomination bill ever printed by the US government?
2. The retina of the human eye contains cone cells that respond to only 3 colors. Yet the human eye can differentiate about 11,000 different shades of colors. Remarkable, no? What are those 3 primary colors?
3. Which religion or culture believes that, after death, reincarnation occurs?
4. In poker, does anything beat a royal flush in spades? If so, what?

Answers on page 17



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## **America's Boating Club of Bellevue Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron Executive Board Meeting Minutes For 20 May 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Commander Sally Stuart, SN, at 1904 hrs.

Those present were: Cdr Sally Stuart, SN; Lt/C Michael Reichstein; P/C/C Lance Jensen, SN; P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN; Lt/C Bobbi Jensen; P/Lt/C Rick Vicik, P; P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN; and P/C Nick Ledbetter, JN. There was a quorum. The order of business was changed to facilitate the meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Membership:**

Barbara reported that she, Sally and L.D. had almost finished all the phone calls and emails to those members whose membership dues were up for renewal in April, May and June.

L.D. was asked to forward the names of deceased members who were still on the roster to Bobbi so she could contact the national organization as part of the secretary's job.

Barbara also said that, with approval from the Executive Board, the squadron would only use the National Membership form instead of using a BSPS form and then transferring information to the National Membership form when new members are submitted. She will ask P/Lt/C Fran Waters to post the National Membership Form on the BSPS website so members would be able to download it and present it to future members. The board approved.

Nick Ledbetter reported that he and P/Lt/C Laurie Stevens, AP, would try to get together to discuss Constant Contact and its possible use by our organization.

It was also mentioned that past issues of the *Bellviews* are available to read on our squadron website.

#### **Executive Officer: Michael Reichstein**

Mike said he had almost completed the Operations Training class given remotely by chairman L.D. Brown and Lance Jensen and had also discussed Co-op Charting with P/D/C Ken Smith, AP, District Executive Officer via the telephone.

#### **Administrative Officer: Barbara Erickson**

For budget and financial purposes, Barbara asked the board to move the *Bellviews* and the squadron website to the secretary's department. This item was tabled until the by-laws could be examined for guidance.

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## **Squadron Education Officer: Lance Jensen**

Lance said that at the present time BSPS had no on-going classes. Four students took the Seamanship Class by remote learning. After testing, two want to join BSPS. The other two would become Cyber-members.

Nominations for the Squadron Chapman Award were discussed and Sally mentioned that P/Lt/C Dave Greene, SN, was submitting a nomination for P/Lt/C Robert Cooper, P, for 2019-2020. The board approved his nomination.

## **Treasurer: Barbara Erickson**

The transition of the of treasurer's job is almost complete.

Discussion followed regarding reimbursement of the cost of the squadron website.

## **Secretary: Bobbi Jensen**

Bobbi asked for clarification on the Executive Board's decision on posting the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting. Options were presented and it was decided that the minutes would go out to all members as an e-mail blast. *(Editor's note: This meeting's minutes are being included here since they were submitted close to publication.)*

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Rick Vicik-Maple Bay Rendezvous Chairman**

No decision has been made yet on whether to cancel the Maple Bay Rendezvous. The Canada-USA border remains closed until the end of June. The rendezvous is scheduled for 30 July-3 Aug.

### **Barbara Erickson-National Boating Safety Week**

Our squadron issued a proclamation to the Bellevue City council promoting Boating Safety Week, but due to the pandemic the Council was not meeting. She and Steve Erickson, JN, did participate in Safe Boating Week by posting photos of members wearing life jackets on the District 16 Facebook page.

### **Virtual Happy Hours:**

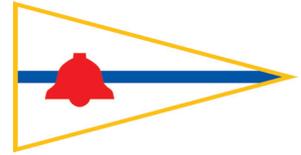
In lieu of "Taverns and Tidbits", a virtual happy hour was discussed for the purpose of meeting, greeting, and keeping our friendships active during this pandemic period. Barbara offered to host the first one. The secretary was asked to include this information when she sends out the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hrs 

Respectfully submitted,

**Bobbi Jensen, Secretary**

# BELLEVUE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON



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**P/C Nick Ledbetter, JN**

## MARCO,? MARCO ?

Polo!, Polo! We are right over here! On the web that is—Go to <https://www.bellevuepowersquadron.org/> for our website and <https://www.facebook.com/EastsideBoating> to find our Facebook page.

These are two great resources for you to use to stay connected with us, you boating buddies from the Power Squadron!

Our web site is a wealth of information and resources for boaters. We provide boater education, information on squadron events, new membership information, and the ever-popular section for members services. This members section lists a range of services, from Fisheries Supply discounts, to discounts on all kinds of insurance, Waggoners Cruise Guide, and much, much more. This section really is the secret resource of our web site, providing you the ability to save a bunch of money on products you buy everyday. There is also a link to the national web site and a full listing of services, available at discounts to all our members. This is a great stop to dig up savings while on your web browsing tour.

Another stop on the web is our page on Facebook. Our editors and contributors are regularly posting to our page, with information that may otherwise get past you. For example, most recently there is an article about how the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced that beginning in 2021, it will be eliminating the paper publications of the annual Tide Tables and Tidal Current Tables. All NOAA Tide Predictions and NOAA Current Predictions will continue to be available online in electronic form. I know that this will eventually effect me, front and center, given my reliance on my tide books at the helm, my desk, and a half dozen other places I manage to misplace them!

Another topic you might miss is the coverage of America's Boating Channel, and their regular updates on boating news and information. America's Boating Channel, presented by United States Power Squadrons, is the official showcase for multiple formats of digital media focused on boats. Surf on over to the boating channel and get to some relevant, intelligent boater content on the web—there's a resource you may not have been aware of.

As a bonus, if you dig around, you can find USPS/Americans Boating Club YouTube clips on boater safety, a handful of which were produced here on Lake Washington, a few years back.

So make it your “Lock Down Challenge of the Day”, to get online, and see how much you can learn about boating and US!

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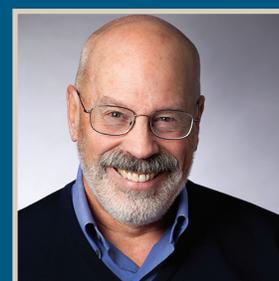
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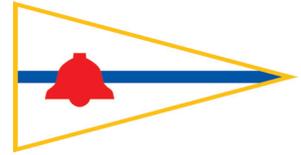


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- 4. No! In some games, a royal flush in another suit ties but like in bridge, in official poker, spades is supreme.
- 3. Buddhism
- 2. Red, Blue, Green (same as television uses)
- 1. The largest ever printed was the \$100,000 bill but it was never issued to the public—used for inter-bank transactions only: \$500, \$1,000, and \$10,000 bills were issued until 1946. The \$100 bill is the largest printed and issued today.

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**June**

- 3 Jun BSPS Meeting: **CANCELLED**
- TBD** Virtual Happy Hour

**July**

- TBD** Virtual Happy Hour
- 31 Jul-3 Aug Maple Bay Rendezvous  
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**August**

- 31 Jul-3 Aug Maple Bay Rendezvous  
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- 15 Aug **Bellviews** Deadline for September Issue
- TBD** Virtual Happy Hour
- 26 Aug ExCom Meeting: **CONFERENCE CALL**

**September**

- 2 Sept Tentative BSPS Dinner Meeting
- 8-13 Sept **Fall Governing Board, Raleigh NC**



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