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of BELLEVUE



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Antigua, Caribbean Seas. Rough ride with wind gusts and swells. Courtesy of S.D. Erickson

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	P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN
	Mark Christenson, P
	P/Lt/C Rick Vicik, P

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Frank N. Young, Jr.	1 year

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Membership Chair	P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN
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P/C Mark Stevens, SN

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Open	2 year
Open	3 year

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P/C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN	3 year

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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 •

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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

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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
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Sail	Open
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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

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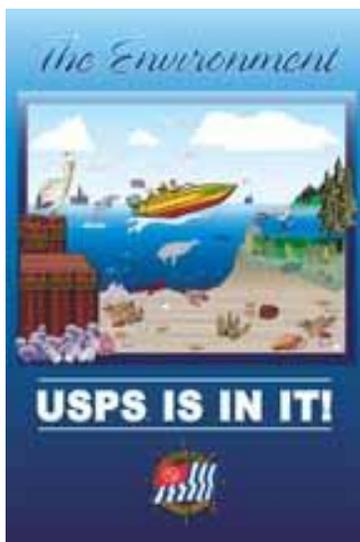


Monthly Meeting via ZOOM Wednesday, 2 June 2021

ZOOM link will be sent out closer to the meeting date!

SOCIAL HOUR: 6:00 to 6:30pm

PROGRAM:
R/C Steve Gatton, N-IN
6:30 to 7:15pm



We are all stewards of our Salish Seas!

We are extremely fortunate to have our National Environmental Committee Chair, Steve Gatton, Beaverton Sail & Power, D/32, join us as he shares how we can employ good overall environmental citizenship as we enjoy our time on the water.

TOPICS: Proper trash control, effects of plastics, interactions with wildlife, as well as boat maintenance.

Short Business Meeting follows



From the Commnader Cdr Sally Stuart, SN

Spring is here, summer is approaching and boating season has started. As vaccination rates increase, Covid-19 cases continue to decline. Governor Inslee recently announced that King County will remain in Phase 3 of the state's Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery plan. That means that some activities will be allowed with fewer restrictions and increased capacity for groups of fully vaccinated people. Plans are underway for in-person socializing and boating activities this summer. So, if you aren't already fully

vaccinated, get that jab in the arm and join in us in these upcoming activities.

A simplified version of the Poulsbo Rendezvous is scheduled for June 11-13, 2021. Moorage has been reserved and a block of rooms secured at the Poulsbo Inn for those who come by car. A no-host BYOB&F (Beverage & Food) will take place on participant's boats or on the dock Friday night and dinner will be on your own Saturday. Send your reservation to P/D/C Craig Brown before May 24th. Check the May Bellviews for details and reservation form.

Bobbi Jensen and Michael Reichstein have organized a summer cookout to be held in Mark and Anne Marie Steven's backyard on Mukilteo on July 31st at 4:00 PM. This will be the first in-person gathering for members in over a year. Please join us. We look forward to seeing you in-person and not on zoom and meeting our new members. Check the June Bellviews for details.

Assuming Covid-19 cases continue to decline, monthly dinner meetings will resume in September at the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club. The first meeting is September 8th, Jan Brintnall will continue to send out reminders and options for dinner.

As we continue to move forward with in-person social and boating activities, please send us your suggestions and ideas for additional activities for this summer and beyond. This is your club/squadron. We want to hear from you. How would you like to get involved? Please let us know what boating or social activities you would

like to lead or take part in. Would you be willing to organize a boating activity such as a rendezvous, raft up, cruise, fishing tournament, water skiing or other water sport? What classes or seminars would you like to take or teach: ABC-3, advanced or elective courses or seminars? Do you have suggestions for program topics and presenters for our monthly meetings? Would you be interested in chairing or volunteering on a committee; perform vessel safety checks; cooperative charting? Would you consider volunteering as a Bridge Officer for the 2022-2023 Watch? Please contact a Bridge Officer and let them know your interest. Bridge officer's contact information is listed on Page 2 of the Bellviews. Please call us.

The Executive Committee will take a break after the June Zoom meeting. In-person dinner meetings will resume in September 2021. We would like to extend a special thank you to you, our loyal members, for your efforts this year to keep America's Boating Club of Bellevue vital and responsive to the challenges posed by the Covid-19 Pandemic and who have stayed with us this year and continue to renew your membership. Enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.



From the Executive Officer
Lt/C Michael Reichstein

SUMMER BOATING SAFETY

As we start to make all those busy plans for boating this Summer, please take the time to review your boats checklist of all safety items. Also suggest a little practice time on your boat before heading out to the big waters beyond the Ballard Locks.

This past week I had the opportunity to visit in person with Sgt. Barton of the King County Sheriffs Department on several matters of water safety. Our goal as boaters is to educate the public about being a responsible boater and as he said so many out there haven't a clue. Focus on knowing the rules of the road and be patient with others we encounter who may not know. Keep spreading the word that Americans Boating Club of Bellevue is the place to go for a number of positive reasons for education and training to be better boaters. I wish all of you a fun filled Summer and for those boating, hope to see you out on the water.





We are having a BSPS Summer Cookout!

Where? Mark and Anne Marie Stevens' house

4802 Huntings Lane

Mukilteo, WA 98275

When? 31 July 2021

What time? 4:00

Cooking will commence at 5:15 p.m.

*Mark has offered the use of his large yard and BBQ
so bring your meat to cook and your own sides to
go with it.*

BYOB (booze) or liquid refreshment- ice & cups provided

*Eating utensils, plates, napkins, and condiments
provided*

Brownies and Blondies provided for dessert

Bring folding chairs to sit on

RSVP by 25 July to mreichbmw@gmail.com



Karl's Kwiz

by P/R/C Karl Lang, SN

1. What major river has no bridges across it?
2. What is the difference between a blimp and a dirigible?
3. What is rifling in a gun?
4. Why is the device "Bluetooth" called that?

Answers found on page 12



A "snubber." Useful to stop the anchor chain rattling on the bow roller.



From the Administrative Officer
P/R/C Barbara Erickson, JN

Having just arrived home from our wonderful trip to Caribbeana Island of Antigua, I am not sure what my article should be about this month. Since my mind is still in Antigua, and the beauty of the Flora and Fauna lingers, read on not about ABC – Bellevue, but Flora and Fauna of Antigua.

Everywhere I looked, I could see hibiscus, bougainvillea, the Century Plant, Oleander, and Night Blooming Cereus and some other pretty flowers that I cannot identify. So take a look at these:



Bougainvillea - variety of colors



Variety of cactus



Hibiscus



Very fragrant flower - almost like Mock Orange



Turk's Head or Barrel Cactus



Century Plant



Oleander



Night Blooming Cereus



Close-up of the flower! So fragrant, bees were everywhere

The Fauna aspect was also very interesting. My very first introduction to a mammal was when we went to the showers. I saw a RAT and of course I screamed. The woman in charge of the showers and laundry asked what that was about. (\$3.00 US to take a 3-minute shower.) She tried to convince me that I really saw a Mongoose because they like eating the fallen mangos around the restroom area. I did see a mongoose when we were at Deep Bay. Does not look anything like a RAT.



Wild goats, they blend into the environment.



Mongoose



Saw this beautiful cow, maybe a Charolais mix, grazing on the side of the road when we took the local bus to St. John's Harbour.

Switching to the unusual birds. The Frigate was the most unusual I would say with their wide wing span



We were anchored in Mamora Bay and I was up early and had the cockpit to myself. I spotted these white goats on the shore! Later when we were anchored at Deep Bay, what do I see, wild goats! They are brown in color and very hard to see in the photo. BUT I had Curry Goat for my last local meal in Antigua at a place called Caribbean Taste. I'm very sad to say it tasted wonderful! Sorry goats.



Frigate flying high in the air. They are beautiful birds.

and their "forked" tails. They soar in the upper drafts,



Carib Grackle

circling in small groups. We spotted the Green heron in Deep Bay while crossing over the "bridge." It was fishing. The Laughing Gull is all over Nelson's Dockyard as is the Grackle - a bold bird - almost a camp robber like the Jay. The Brown Dove can be heard cooing all over the place.

A bit of Fauna includes the Sea life. The most interesting of which was the Hawksbill turtles. We saw them in Deep Bay, Carlisle, and Falmouth. They are quite the hams. It seemed they would catch our eye, then dive under, wait 5 minutes, surface, look to see if we were waiting cameras in hand and then pose a few seconds - just to tempt you, then dive again. I spent way too much time trying to get photos. I'd turn off my camera and say I'm done. Lo and behold, one would surface



Green Heron



Hawksbill turtle coming up for air and teasing me to take a photo!



Laughing Gull. When I first heard the laugh, I thought of the Aussie Kookaburra.

closer to the boat to tempt me. It worked.

So this ends my Flora and Fauna article. Turned out longer than I imagined, but with photos, any article will grow! There are many other aspects of Antigua that I could share. Maybe in another article down the road. If you don't mind non-ABC-Bellevue articles!

RECOGNIZING OUR "HALF CENTURY" MEMBERS STILL ACTIVELY HELPING OUT!

by Mike Heinrich, P

In these challenging times not seen in a century with respect to the Coronavirus of today, it might be fitting to recognize some of our 50-year members who are still actively participating while continuing to have their heart, arms, and legs involved in leadership roles here at the squadron level.

Those referred to have been commanders, with some going on to be District Commanders and even as our Chief Commander as in the case of Lance Jensen, SN, and Frank Dvorak, SN. Lance has, at the present, returned to the local educational side and Frank has audited our financials for the past few years and is now an active Member at Large on the Executive Committee.

Past District Commander L.D. Brown, SN, has been on Bellevue's bridge for several years and today is chair of the Membership Committee, bringing in folks who are interested in more boating knowledge including recruiting from the cyber arena.

Another longtime volunteer in various rolls would be Past Commander Bernie Conrad, SN, who served my wife and I our first beverage at our first dinner at Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club. Bernie has continued serving us and so many others at nearly every dinner since that time. Many will not know of his volunteering for the former SeaBelles but when the decision was made to handmake napkin holders for the family table, Bernie stepped up to make many. This involved obtaining a sheet of plywood, finish lumber, sawing, assembly, gluing, painting, decorating and delivering them. Missing was his bill for repayment of the materials, something that seems typical with not only volunteering a member's time but their resources as well. Again this is the type of love the above gents have provided, mostly for

their 50 or more years of service. Past Rear Commander Karl Lang, SN, is another who headed up the great Salmon Bake for a period of decades including moving this big event to at least three different locations. Karl also went on to be the president of the SeaBelles, and then on to be head of the "Woman's Auxiliary" nationally.

Let us also know that these men have wives, and they too were right behind their men from day one. An example is Bobbi Jensen who with the planning for a national conference here in Bellevue, chose to create miniature boxes for each attendee with pictures of our northwest on each side thus promoting our region for those coming from afar for the national event. Today, she is our squadron secretary and creates many of the flyers for both our educational classes and activities.

For years our featured speakers at the monthly dinners were recruited and scheduled by Past Rear Commander Trudy Brown, AP. Not a simple task but she did it well, along with arranging and scheduling national events in cities from here to there as the National Meeting Committee Chairperson. Trudy also served on the squadron bridge as Executive Officer. Wa-a-a-y back when, she was active in the SeaBelles organization and was Commanderette too, after working her way up in subordinate rolls.

Willa Conrad, P, is another who has a long history of volunteering within the squadron and its SeaBelle Auxiliary. She too went through the chairs of the SeaBelles, a couple of times, and officiated for decades as chairperson or worked on Bellevue's Crab Feed in a supporting role. One of the roles – among the many positions

for the Crab Feed she held, was preparing our toasted bread with the marinated sauce that is a half day project, doing it year after year for the benefit of we, the attendees.

I know there may be omissions regarding these long term members but this writer has yet to cross the two decades of membership with the challenge of high-

lighting those serving for a half century. One can only get so much information from scrapbooks, picture albums, and hearing of "the past". We can also be thankful to the many long time volunteering members who are not quite in the 50-year category.

Our deepest appreciation goes to all who have made Bellevue (0450) what it is today.

Karl's Kwiz Answers

1. The Amazon River at 3445 miles in length has no bridges. Kind of makes sense since it winds through virgin rainforests where there is no development or roads at all.
2. A blimp is held in shape by the gas pressure only, while a dirigible has a rigid frame structure covered with fabric. (e.g., Good Year blimp vs. the Hindenburg).
3. Spiral grooves machined in the barrel causing the bullet to spin which stabilizes its flight and therefore its accuracy.
4. The device was developed by a team of Intel, Erickson, and Nokia in the late 1990's to unite PC and cellular industries. Intel team member Jim Kardach, suggested the Bluetooth name after Viking King Harald Blatand, nicknamed "Bluetooth" who reigned in Denmark and Norway uniting Scandinavia during the 10th century AD. His initials "H B" in runes form the Bluetooth symbol.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK UPDATE

by P/C Dennis Dorratcague, SN

The Vessel Safety Check (VSC) team is getting underway again after the COVID 19 pretty much canceled the program in 2020. Many yacht clubs and marinas are still restricting functions with multiple people on their docks. So, each of our vessel examiners are setting up individual vessel checks on their own. We have completed 24 VSC's to date.



With the easing of restrictions and more vaccinations, owners will be more willing to have their boats checked in the future. We are looking forward to increasing our VSC numbers this spring and summer.

More of us are preparing to get back out on the water this summer. A good way to get ready is to get your vessel inspected. If you want a vessel safety check on your boat, please call one of the vessel examiners listed below. Stay Safe.

Please contact any one of our VSC Examiners...
and get yours done today!

Bernie Conrad, 425.736.5099 or
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Executive Board Minutes 28 APRIL 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. The entire board was present. We had a quorum. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Commander Sally Stuart again reminded us to be thinking about our replacement for next year. There was also a discussion of how to change over to the label of America's Boating Club. The consensus was to use both labels, Bellevue Power and Sail Squadron along with America's Boating Club in a consistent manner until people recognized us as America's Boating club.

Educational Officer-Lance Jensen announced that he had listed an ABC3 class on our website. It was to commence on Saturday 22 May from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. followed by the same schedule on 29 May. Bruce Gardiner is in charge.

Discussion then followed on how to advertise the class. Michael offered to disperse flyers to dealers and marinas, Barbara will put a flyer on Facebook but will need it in JPG form. Rick will send out a blast via Wix, and post at Newport Bay Marina and perhaps on NextDoor interest group. Bobbi will have posters printed at Office Depot.

Executive Officer-Michael Reichstein Barbara will work with Michael about printing out a USPS proclamation available on-line to send to the Bellevue City Council during National Safe Boating Week 22 May to 29 May.

Michael reported that he had taken the Seamanship/Boating on Steroids test the previous night. Part of the course consisted of practical on the water training using Robert Cooper's 12 foot inflatable dinghy on Lake Washington. Robert spent 4 days in total on a 1:1 basis with those who could attend giving each a two hour long session.

Michael said attendance at the last Taverns and Tidbits meet-up was low but that a good discussion ensued on various types of social outings. He mentioned several suggestions for the future.

Administrative Officer-Barbara Erickson-No report

Treasurer-Barbara Erickson sent out the Treasurer's report ahead of the meeting. Lance asked that she send invoice copies to the SEO and the ASEO.

Secretary-Bobbi Jensen Sally reminded people to update the roster on the 2nd page of the Bellviews for their department. She wondered if we should distribute the Bellviews to a wider audience and include cyber members and non-members.

Membership Chairman-L.D. Brown said that Kevin Swift had reinstated his membership as he wanted to take more classes.

New Business-Rick Vicik is using Wix for email blasts.

Michael said final plans for the outdoor barbecue on 31 July at Mark and Anne Marie Stevens' house were in place. All agreed that the fall schedule of classes and who would teach them should be prepared now.

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Secretary's Minutes Continued

Calendar

26 May- 7:00 Next Ex-com meeting on Zoom

2 June- 6:00 Next General Meeting on Zoom

13 June- D/16 Poulsbo Rendezvous

31 July- 4:00 Cook-out at Mark and Anne Marie Stevens' backyard.

25-August-7:00 Ex-comm Meeting on Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Jensen

Secretary

Welcome to the Ship's Store!



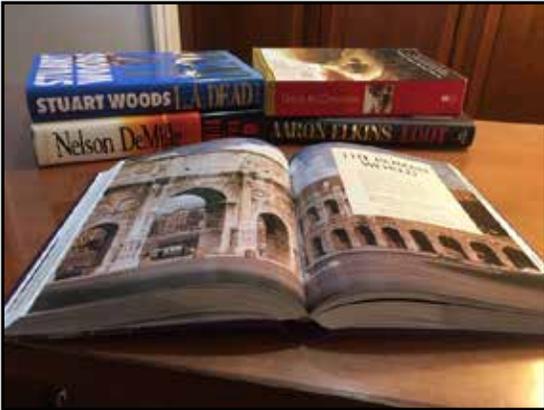
The proprietress is Diane Heinrich, and she is available to help you find any item of clothing, hats/caps, burgee for your boat, or name badge! Most items are ordered from Don's Group Attire and can be shipped directly to your home or you can go to their store and pick it up.

We just ordered these two baseball caps – they are a good promotional tool as well as keeping the sun out of our eyes! The America's Boating Club logo is on the front, and because adding "of Bellevue" would make for squinting reading; we opted to have BELLEVUE placed on the back.

There is no setup charge for the logo as other clubs/squadrons in the area also use Don's for their Ship Store needs. The owner is also a member of America's Boating Club of Seattle! Contact Diane at 425.885.1127, she's waiting for your call!

Book Club

by P/R/C LD Brown, SN-CN



The members of the Book Club continue to read good books and report on them at our weekly meeting. We share comments on the books read but sometimes stray to other subjects and just have FUN.

The Book Club meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Join us for lively discussions about the books we are reading. We welcome new members - all you need to do is contact L.D. Brown at 425.785.3844 or email: ldandtrudy@outlook.com and he will help you get started and send you the Zoom link.

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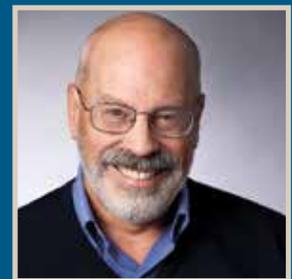
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May

- 22 - 28 May National Safe Boating Week
- 26 May ExCom Zoom Meeting - Open to all

June

- 2 June America's Boating Club - Bellevue: Club Meeting
- 11-13 June District 16 Rendezvous at Poulsbo
- 20 June Happy Father's Day!
- 30 June ExCom Zoom Meeting - Open to all

July **No Bellviews, enjoy boating!**

- 31 July Squadron/Club Cook-out Cook-out

August **No Bellviews, enjoy boating!**

- 25 Aug ExCom Zoom Meeting - Open to all



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