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Equip. Custodian Open

America's Boating Club of Bellevue Annual Meeting via ZOOM Wednesday, 3 March 2021

6:00 – 6:30pm Social Hour

Join us with a beverage of choice along with a nibble if you are missing your dinner! As we prepare for the coming year, we are interested in hearing your thoughts about what you would like to see our squadron do this coming year. What classes/seminars would you like to take; what type of activities; topics at our monthly meetings; opportunities to get involved.



6:30 - 7:15pm

Agenda:

- Officers' Reports
- Audit Report
- 2021 2022 Budget Report and Approval
- Introduction of Slate of Officers
- Election
- Adjourn



District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch Saturday, 13 March 2021 Virtual via ZOOM

Mark your calendars for the Spring Conference & Change of Watch. An abbreviated agenda is provided below.

Agenda:

0900-0930 – Opening Ceremonies

0930-0950 – Meeting (Administrative)

0950-1005 – Chief Commander's Message

1005-1035 – Bridge Officer Reports

1035-1045 – Stretch break

1045-1055 – Old Business

1055-1130 - New Business

1130-1140 – Stretch break

1140-1210 – Awards

1210-1240 – Change of Watch Ceremonies

Good of the Order

Adjourn

The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the Conference date. Questions? Contact D/C Craig Brown at craig.a.brown2@boeing.com





From the Commnader Cdr Sally Stuart, SN

"Oh, the weather outside is frightful...let it snow, let it snow, let it snow". Many of us senior members remember Dean Martin singing that song years ago. It's been snowing in my neighborhood and as I write this article, the snow has been piling up. There was close to 12" of snow in my backyard and it still continued to snow. Fortunately, there was no wind and I still had power.

We are about two-thirds of the way through Winter so we are likely to have more "frightful" days ahead of us before Spring arrives. Spring will arrive in the Northern Hemisphere on Saturday,

March 20th at 2:37 A.M. The Spring Equinox or Vernal Equinox occurs when the Sun is exactly above the Equator, at that time day and night are of equal length. After March 20th, the Northern Hemisphere begins to tilt more towards the Sun and results in longer daylight hours and warmer temperatures.

Until Spring arrives, I suggest you pick out a book, settle down in a comfy chair, and read. I recommend Patrick Dillon's book "Lost at Sea". Dillon describes the dangers of commercial crab fishing in the Bering Sea and the political battle to get safety regulations implemented.

Thirty-eight years ago, on the morning of February 3, 1983, fourteen men from Anacortes left their home port for a three-month fishing season in the Bering Sea. The fourteen crewmen were fathers, sons, brothers, and friends who had known each other all their lives. Their boats, the Americus and Altair, were reported to be two of the most high-tech crabbing vessels of the time. Each ship was equipped with thousands of dollars' worth of lifesaving equipment and they were supposedly super-stable. Their company had a reputation as being a safety conscious outfit. Neither ship nor the 14 crew members returned to their home port.

Eleven days later after leaving Anacortes, on February 14th, the overturned hull of the Americus was found

drifting in the vicinity of the Pribilof Islands. The seas were reported to be calm. There was no record of a single distress call or trace of its crew. The Altair vanished altogether. A desperate search followed, but no evidence of the vessel or its crew was ever found.

Patrick Dillon uses his journalism skills to reconstruct the lives of the fishermen and their families and the dangers that commercial fishermen face. Dillon begins with the fishing company in Anacortes, it's development and the personalities involved, and the loss of the fishermen who died at sea. He traces the two-year investigation launched by the Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board. Dillon describes the families' efforts to get legislation passed to ensure greater safety requirements for fishing vessels over the vested interests of politicians, lawyers, and insurance companies. Dillon makes the case for the necessary regulation that was finally passed and has reduced fatalities.

Now is also a good time to brush up on the Navigating Rules, before boating season begins and you get back out on the water. The Rules are available on America's Boating Channel, free. You can view the videos at https://americasboatingchannel.com/navrules





From the Executive Officer Lt/C Michael Reichstein

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

We are getting closer to longer and warmer days. That means time to start focusing on our boating skills and education.

We are in the third week of the Boat Handling/Seamanship class with Robert Cooper on Zoom. For those of us enrolled, it's great to be talking about boating and not politics and COVID-19 vaccines.

We have also been taking online seminars with the USPS National Annual Meeting for about two weeks with lots of education and great information of their plans and goals for 2021. For me it has been a great experience to hear the success of others across the country who are progressing over the past year. They have shared many challenges and yet everyone is still passionate about boating!!!

As soon as we get the green light from the Coast Guard to complete in person boat inspections for Vessel Safety Checks, we look forward to coming out to inspect your boats and give you those well-deserved decals. I look forward to meeting many of you and seeing your beautiful boats and hearing your stories.

We will start talking about some future Rendezvous and if you would like to share your experiences and suggestions, please let us know. Looking forward to the day we can all meet in person. For now, be safe.





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

Attending the first day of the USPS Virtual Annual Meeting was very interesting. I attended the general Education Department overview of courses which was comprehensive. It was completely recorded so questions were saved until a second session a day later. About 135 members attended. Later in the first day, Bobbi and I both attended a session on using the Information Center on usps.org. It was very informative with lots of questions and answers about rosters, emailing, etc. There were about 150 in attendance. As I write, we are only in the second day of these interesting meetings. For a schedule and how to access, visit the National

Meetings Committee web pages on https://www.usps.org.

Early in March, Vern Redecker will begin teaching a Weather Course which is nearly fully subscribed. I recall taking this course many years ago and learning a great deal about weather forecasting. I met a retired NOAA forecaster who lived in Bellevue and he taught the course in Everett as that was my squadron at the time. Our own Vern Redecker has a great deal of experience teaching Weather and even though the teaching will be remote, I believe it will be a great experience.

Our JN Course under Dave Greene and the Boat Handling (Seamanship) course under Robert Cooper are both well under way. Any member interested in taking a course, please let L. D. Brown or myself know. Email me at: lijensen@comcast.net and LD at ldandtrudy@outlook.com.

FLASH: BREAKING NEWS!

Congratulations to the members of Robert Cooper's Marine Navigation (formerly Piloting) class, all of whom passed the final exam. Eric Maiken, Katherine Kaprivnikar, Stephen Antush, and Kristina Tong all made scores in the 90s! And of course, thanks to Robert Cooper for his time and effort in a great remote teaching effort!



KARL'S KWIZ

by P/R/C Karl Lang, SN

- 1. Most folks have heard of "solar flares" that often disrupt communications here on Earth. These flares typically reach out from the Sun's surface:
 - a. over 100 miles
 - b. over 1000 miles
 - c. over 10,000 miles
 - d. over 100,000 miles
 - e. over 1,000,000 miles
- 2. In platform and springboard diving, there are 5 classes of dives: forward, backward, cutaway, gainer, and twists. What dive might be considered the most difficult?
- 3. How many moving parts does a gas refrigerator have?
- 4. In the stock market, what is a "short sale"?

Answers found on page 13





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

Wednesday, 3 February – Monthly Meeting Highlights!

Social Hour: Celebrating Founder's Day. Cdr Stuart acknowledged the chartering of our Bellevue Power Squadron back on 9 June 1958 – the ninth squadron in District 16. We split-off from the Seattle Power Squadron. 50-year members present were asked to give us a remembrance of the best of their 'good old days.' P/R/C LD Brown, P/C/C Frank Dvorak,

P/C/C Lance Jensen, P/R/C Karl Lang, and P/C BJ Ursin entertained us with stories.



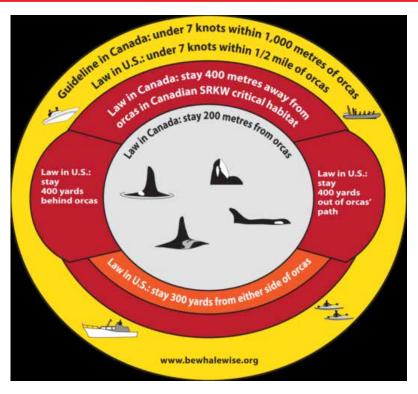


Zoom Squares. Not the best way for the photographer to take pictures. Courtesy of Steve Erickson

The Whale Museum. We were very fortunate to have Tracie Merrill, Education Curator, and Alanna Frayne, Soundwatch Boater Education Program Coordinator from the Friday Harbor Whale Museum as our guest speakers. We have their permission to share a few slides with you... Give you an idea of important things to know about 'whale watching.'

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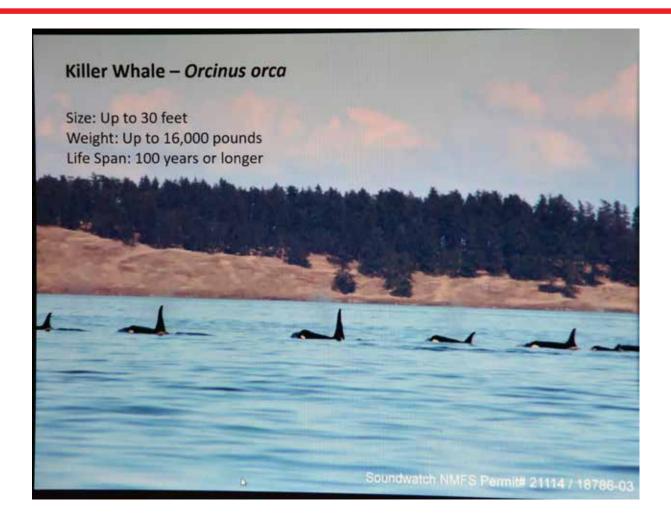


New regulations for operating vessels around killer whales, specifically the Southern Resident pod, in our area.

Below. There are many ways we can help be an Orca Steward.

Be an Orca Steward SAVE ELECTRICITY. Unplug chargers when you aren't using them. Turn the heat down in your bedroom at night and while you are at school. Ask your parents to change the lightbulbs in your home to fluorescent ones. SAVE WATER. Take shorter showers. Instead of leaving the water running, turn it off while you are brushing your teeth, washing dishes or soaping up in the shower. REDUCE POLLUTION. Remove garbage from a beach. Ask your parents to purchase organically grown fruit or vegetables if possible. Organically grown means that pesticides aren't used Ask your parents to change one cleaning product in your home to a biodegradable one. During the summer, pull weeds in your yard instead of using chemicals. Recyclel PROTECT THE ORCAS' FOOD. If you eat seafood, choose something from the "good" column of the Seafood Watch card. PROTECT THE WHALES FROM HARASSMENT BY BOATS. If you go whale watching on a boat, go with one who follows the BE WHALE WISE guidelines and has a professional naturalist on board. ADOPT A WHALE. Hold a fundraiser so your class can adopt a whale through The Whale Museum's Orca Adoption Program. The money goes toward research, protecting the Orcas and educating people. Plus you get a great certificate and other fun things for your classroom! SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED.





Adopt an Orca Program. Here's another way you can help the whales and provide a lasting gift - Adopt an Orca. The Whale Museum offers this unique opportunity to adopt one of the Southern Resident Community orcas. We know them as J, K, and L pod members; and I just heard that one of the 30-year old females just had a baby!

The proceeds from the adoption will support orca education and research. Great future gift idea - visit https://whalemuseum.org/collections/adopt-an-orca.

Lacking an official Program Chair, coming up with programs that are interesting to the membership could use some help. If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics that would be of interest, please let me know. The Monthly Meetings are designed to keep the membership informed - whether boating, or non-boating related - this is your time. Help make the most of it by offering suggestions. Thank you and feel free to contact me at jbe46@msn.com.



Executive Board Minutes 27 January 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Those present were Sally Stuart, Michael Reichstein, Lance Jensen, Bobbi Jensen, Barbara Erickson, Rick Vicik, Frank Dvorak and L.D. Brown. Mark Christenson attended as a guest. Absent were Nick Ledbetter and Mike Heinrich. There was a quorum and the order of business was changed to facilitate the meeting. The minutes from the past meeting were approved.

<u>Commander Stuart</u> began the meeting by reminding everyone to be thinking about who might succeed them in 2022/2023, stating that now is the time to be scouting for a replacement and to begin training and mentorship. A lengthy discussion followed.

It was suggested that we find ways to get to know the members better that have joined us in the past few years.

<u>Education Officer- Lance Jensen</u> said he had sent out a survey to educators to see how they felt about permanently offering most classes virtually in the future. Currently two classes are in session-Boat Handling with instructor, Robert Cooper and Junior Navigation with instructor, Dave Green. A Weather class is planned for the near future.

Executive Officer-Michael Reichstein- no report

Administrative Officer-Barbara Erickson-no report

Secretary-Bobbi Jensen-no report

<u>Treasurer-Barbara Erickson-Sent</u> out treasurer's report by same day email to all on the board.

<u>New business</u>: Meydenbauer Yacht Club liaison, Willa Conrad, contacted Sally about reserving meeting nights and special social activities dates for 2021-2022. After discussion with the board, the Board decided depending on COVID guidance, dinner meetings would start on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 1st, 2021, except for Crab Feed Saturday Nov. 13th 2021, in lieu of November dinner meeting and COW May 4th, 2022, Social Hour 5:45 to 6:45. Dinner 6:45. We will continue to use Zoom for Ex-Com Meetings. Sally will report this information back to Willa.

Calendar-

<u>3 February</u>: 6:00-7:30 pm- Zoom meeting with members. Founder's Day will highlight 10 members who have been members for 50 years or more. Program: San Juan Island Whale Museum

15-26 February: USPS Annual Meeting on Free Conference Call (Sally will send out info about the schedule)

24 February: Next Executive Board Meeting 7 pm

3 March: BSPS Annual Meeting-Election of officers for 2021/2022- 6-7:30 pm

Submitted by Bobbi Jensen, Secretary



KARL'S KWIZ ANSWERS

Having your broker to sell shares you do not own at current market price. You expect the price to fall and then repay your broker with shares you buy at the lower price. Of course, if the price goes up instead, you lose big.

then an evaporator producing cooling by expanding.

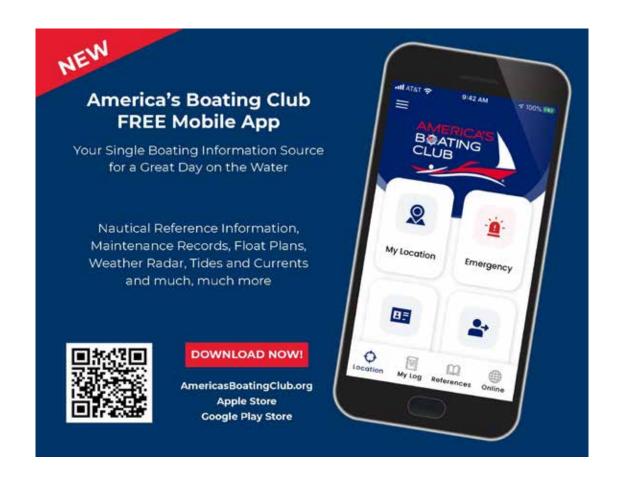
3. None, a small gas flame heats a refrigerant which enters a condenser and

learning a half gainer---haven't tried one since.)

rotate backward toward the board or platform---full meaning 360 degrees, entering the water feet first. (I whacked my head on the board while

2. Full GAINER with twist. A gainer is where you stand facing the water and

1. d. Over 100,000 miles---more than 4 times around the Earth.





VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

15 - 26 February 2021

Opening Remarks

C/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN-IN



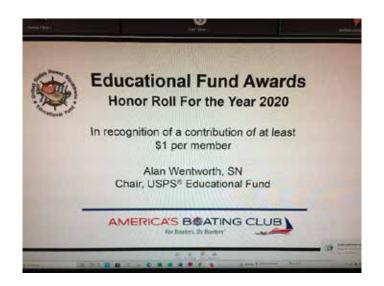
At 8:00am PT on Monday, 15 February, Chief Commander Abbott welcomed everyone to the First Ever 11 days of an USPS|ABClub Virtual Meeting. "There is something for everyone..." as she reviewed what was in store for everyone. Captain Nori Ann Reed, USN, Retired, is the Keynote Speaker for Thursday, 18 February at 5pm; the Annual Meeting itself is scheduled for Saturday, 20 February at 10am; and the Annual Meeting culminates with a Virtual Cocktail Party on Friday, 26 February at 4pm; with many workshops, seminars and committee meeting in between. "... a wonderful way to LEARN | ENGAGE | CONNECT!"

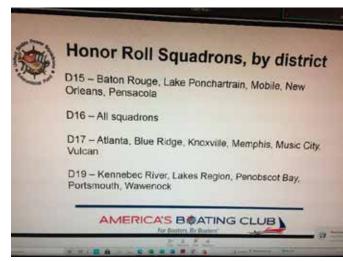
AWARDS

Educational Fund Award

Congratulations Bellevue! Your contribution of \$1 per member plus your donations from the Amazon Smile reward program and other programs has put us the Educational Fund's Honor Roll for 2020!

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Governing Board Emeritus Award

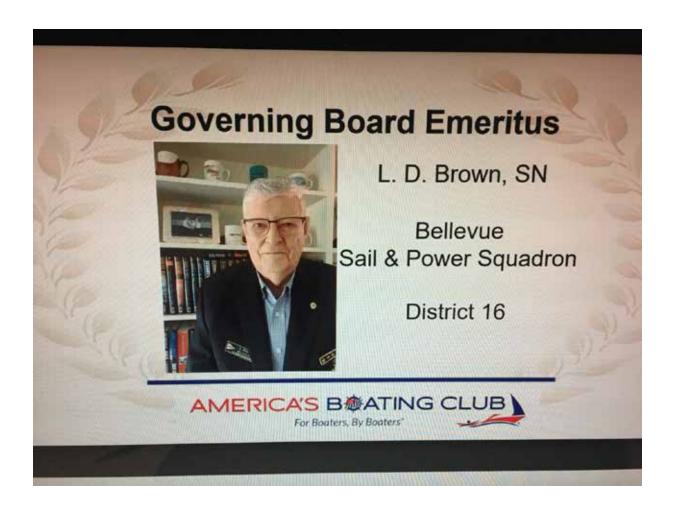
Congratulations P/R/C LD Brown, SN-CN on 50 years of meritorious service to the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club! LD received his award on Friday, 19 February. LD was one of 15 members recognized for a combined 797 years of membership and 750 years of volunteerism to this organization. LD will receive an Emeritus Member Certificate as well as his Emeritus Member Pin.



L. D. Brown is a well known figure at the Squadron, District and National levels of United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club. So how has LD spent his years within the organization? We'll give you a few highlights:

He joined the Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron in June 1968 and has served as Instructor, BSPS Commander, and this year has stepped up to be Membership Chair, our Public Contact, Operations Training Chairperson, and Assistant SEO! At the District level, LD served as District Commander in 1993 and spent many hours on the water with his boating friends. At the National level, LD served as a member of the Committee on Nominations and Rear Commander for the National Meetings Committee - both very challenging positions that required much time and dedication!

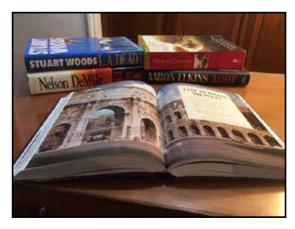
We all have benefited from LD's experience in a diversity of roles and in each position he served, has infused the organization with his energy, commitment, and dedication. Send LD a Congratulations at: ldandtrudy@outlook.com, I am sure he will enjoy hearing from you!





Book Club

by P/R/C LD Brown, SN



The Book Club continues to meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Join us for lively discussions about the books we are reading. We read a variety of books and talk about our favorites.

We also pick a "Book of the Month". This month's book is "Chasing the Dime" by Michael Connelly.

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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February

15 - 26 Feb ABClub Annual Meeting via FreeConference Call

24 Feb ExCom Zoom Meeting - Open to all

March

3 Mar America's Boating Club of Bellevue Annual Meeting

4 Mar Weather Class Begins

13 Mar District 16 Spring Conference & COW via Zoom

15 Mar Deadline for April Bellviews

24 Mar ExCom Zoom Meeting - Open to all

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7 Apr America's Boating Club of Bellevue Club Meeting

15 Apr Deadline for May Bellviews

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