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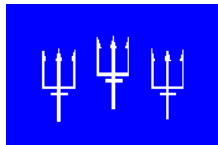
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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HAPPY NEW YEAR..!!

I hope that Santa found your stocking and filled it with those boating toys that you needed to make this year's cruising fun. I was really glad that Santa did not bring me a plastic gas tank, now that we have all of that great ethanol in our gas. I guess that I will have to ask for an aluminum gas tank. It's really not fun to find the bilge filling with gas; that might make for loud noises!!

Education is what the Power Squadron is all about and the classes are going great. We have classes overflowing with students and learning going on everywhere. The Seamanship, Weather, Instructor Development and Engine Maintenance classes are complete, and Piloting, JN and Navigation classes are in process with Advanced Piloting and Sail ready to start. The Bridge and the Education Department hope that you all have found "your" class and have signed up to take that class. Ordering the correct amount of books is getting more difficult so please make your desires known to the planners in the Ed Dept. as soon as you think that you might like to take a particular class.

The main activity this time of year is preparing for next year's operation. The Nominating Committee is filling positions; the Budget Committee is planning on next year's dues and expenses, and the Bridge Officers are planning for the meetings, speakers and activities. The Secretaries Dept is getting a new roster ready for distribution and collecting ads for paying for the printing costs. You all can help here by contacting the marine suppliers that you use to take out an ad in the squadron's roster. Kathy can help you with the prices and what is necessary to have the ad "print ready". Please contact her. There is lots of activity and many committee's are very busy. If you are interested in "joining in" please contact any bridge officer or call me to become a "joiner". Many jobs are not large and do not take more than 4-5 hours per month for a couple of months, call me for a list.

The Sea Scouts Christmas Ships cruise was well attended and lots of fun. The weather cooperated (not cold but windy) and the treats were great. We were so close to the ships at one point that you could almost touch them. The children on the cruise really were excited.

NOW... LET'S GO HAVE FUN..!

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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I would like to wish a Happy New Year to all squadron members and their families. I hope you got a lot of great boating gear over the Christmas Holiday. January may not be the best boating month around here but we do have the boat shows to keep us going.

The Portland Boat Show is at the Portland Expo center on Marine Drive. The show runs from Saturday January 6 through Sunday January 14. When you go to the show be sure to stop by the Power Squadron booth and say hello to our member volunteers. The booth is located across from the Clark County Sheriff booth. The sheriff has a great booth with activities for kids.

The Seattle Boat Show runs from January 25 through February 3. This show is at the Events Center next to Quest Field. There is also an in water part of this show at Lake Union for those of you that want to spend big money.

An interesting story out of Tacoma last month; According to Sea magazine a 25 foot Bayliner ran aground on a row of logs being towed by a timber company tug. The loggers had a deadline to meet so they towed the Bayliner all the way to Olympia. (30 miles) The boat was then freed and taken to a local launch to repair major damage. I have heard of boaters hitting floating logs, but running aground on them is a new one.

Can't wait for spring? Get a heater and try a winter cruise. I was out on the river one weekend day before Christmas and it was a beautiful day. What a great way to relax and get away from the hectic hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping. The river was calm and we pretty much had it to ourselves.

Have a great month. Please contact me if you have ideas or questions.



ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

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Our Christmas party was a great ending to the year. The Grange was beautifully decorated. It was a real family atmosphere, with lots of little ones running around waiting for Santa to show up. His little elves kept the little ones busy making ginger bread houses while we had our meeting. When Santa showed up the kids all visited with him and got their little gifts. Even some of the teenagers like Anne Sundberg and Betty Lofdahl seem to be enjoying Santa's company. We had a good meeting. The Sea Scouts provided us with a color guard for the Pledge of Allegiance. There was lots of fantastic food and the Lady Skippers Bake Sale provided lots of yummy deserts.

We were treated with a couple of Christmas carols by the kids, led by Santa's elves. It was absolutely adorable. Rick Gilbertson made a great Santa. Thanks Rick. And a special thanks to our elves Jessica, Nicole, Savannah and Ashley. They did a fantastic job with the kids.

The B.O.A.T. quilt finally found a home at the Kolstad's as Santa drew Kathy's ticket out of the box. I know there were a lot of disappointed people out there that really wanted that work of art. Janet Chandler donated two beautiful Christmas Wreaths that went out as 2nd and 3rd prizes.

Now to start off the New Year, our next meeting Wednesday, January 17th will be at the Clark PUD at 6:30. The Bridge Officers will be participating in their annual chili cook-off. People should bring a salad, desert or something that would go with the chili. Some people in the past have brought muffin tins so they can sample the different officer's chili with out have to go back for each one. If you're curious, Stafford Campbell was the winner of last year's cook-off.

William Milwee, the author of Modern Marine Salvage, is our guest speaker for the evening. From what I hear he has some pretty interesting stories to tell.

Mark you calendars for February 21st. That's the day of our election and pizza party. For you new members this is the day that we will vote in the new bridge officers and approve our upcoming budget. But more important it's a day for the squadron to thank you for your support through out the year, so the pizza's on us. This year's pizza party will be held at **Juliano's Pizzeria**, 15606 Southeast Mill Plain Boulevard in Vancouver.

See you all in

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Our fall schedule has completed Seamanship, Engine Maintenance, and Weather classes; and have Piloting, Junior Navigation, and Navigation resuming after a well deserved holiday break. Congratulations to all our members who have completed a class.

Now is the time for you to start planning for our Spring schedule. We are coordinating our plans for an Advanced Piloting, Sail, and Cruise Planning classes. If you are interested in any of these classes, let us know as soon as possible. Classes won't get scheduled if there isn't sufficient member interest.

Our public Boating Smart classes will resume early this year also. Watch for emails concerning classroom proctor needs for these classes.

Lets make this year a fun and interesting year of boating education by continuing to take courses. Visit the squadron's website for an up to date schedule of classes. It's the most important benefit you have by belonging to USPS. Don't pass up the opportunity to learn more!

I am looking forward to seeing you in classes in the near future.

Congratulations!

to our recent
SEAMANSHIP GRADUATES

Jerry Brown
Dan Goodell
Mark Louey
Michael Mattson
Mark Newsom
Jack Valentine

...and to our recent
WEATHER CLASS GRADUATES

John Cruz
Keith Mathison
Leslie Sawyer

IMPORTANT NOTICE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following members are nominated to serve Fort Vancouver Sail & Power Squadron during the 2007-08 Bridge year, and will be voted on by the squadron membership at the Annual Squadron Meeting, to be held on 21 February 2007. Additional nominations can be made from the floor prior to voting.

Squadron Commander: Stafford Campbell, AP
 Executive Officer: Nancy Bettencourt, AP
 Administrative Officer: Josh Green, AP
 Educational Officer: Al Griggs, JN
 Asst. Edu. Officer: Fred Taylor, P
 Secretary: Adele Campbell
 Treasurer: Paula Zellers, AP

Board of Directors: Phyllis Sines, JN - 1 yr
 Keith Mathison, AP - 2 yrs
 Larry Snyder, AP - 3 yrs

Nominations: Kathy Kolstad, AP - 1 yr
 Larry Snyder, AP - 2 yrs
 Bob Cravens, SN - 3 yrs

Planning & Rules: Al Sundberg, SN
 George Eaton, SN
 Art Ricchiuti, S
 Bobby Ricchiuti

Auditing: Rick Mathews, AP
 Joan Mathews, AP

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

D/Lt/C Gary Hardiman, AP
 P/C Kathy Kolstad, AP
 P/C Larry Snyder, AP

The annual meeting will be held at Juliano's Pizzeria,
 15601 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver

The pizza is FREE (plan to purchase your own drinks
 and side dishes). Please plan to attend.

2007 Roster Ads Needed

Full Page	\$ 105
Half Page	\$ 70
Quarter Page	\$ 50
Business Card	\$ 35

We are counting on all of our members to help sell ads for the 2007 roster. The money earned will pay for the cost of printing, and any funds left over will go to our membership funds. This helps keep everyone's dues low.

If you know of someone who wants to place an ad in the roster, or if you know of someone who should, call or e-mail Kathy 360 837-3702 kathy@computerjon.com

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Fort Vancouver's Fishin' Folk



After the Christmas parties and celebrations are over, put off taking down the decorations long enough to soak some lures in the Columbia and Lewis Rivers for some iron hard, delicious steelhead. Before you go, check the regulations. Many have changed in favor of the fishermen.

My favorite bait is a sand shrimp or prawn baited up on a Spin 'n Glo plunked from the bank. Jigs are very productive drifted below a bobber on rivers like the Lewis.

Sturgeon fishing is not hot, but many are being caught by anglers that are hardy enough to fish in the winter weather. Smelt is still the best bait. Smaller pieces or a half of a smelt seems to be the recipe.

Don't forget to come to the Reel People breakfasts where fish heads and tales come together. Our new start time is 8:30 a.m. to accommodate the growing number of early birds and take advantage of the Early Riser Menu.

Zach Zachariasen
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Squadron Education Officer, Al Griggs
Is Looking for Inquiring Minds
If you're interest in Advanced Piloting, Sail, or
Cruise Planning, let Al know NOW
360 891-7029

Plan for it Now

The Official January
Bridge Chili Cookoff
Wed - Jan 17th - 6:30PM

Bring a Salad, Dessert, Bread, etc.

Vote for Your Favorite Chili
Made by One of Our 6 Bridge Members

tasting cups are provided but word has it
that a muffin tin (6) works great

Guest Speaker...
Salvage Expert, Bill Milwee
Author of
Modern Marine Salvage

Former naval officer (Commander, U.S. Navy, Ret) Bill Milwee has attended casualties as a U.S. Navy salvage officer and commercially as salvage master, salvage engineer, and consultant. He has worked on all seven continents and in many remote locations in conjunction with salvage work.

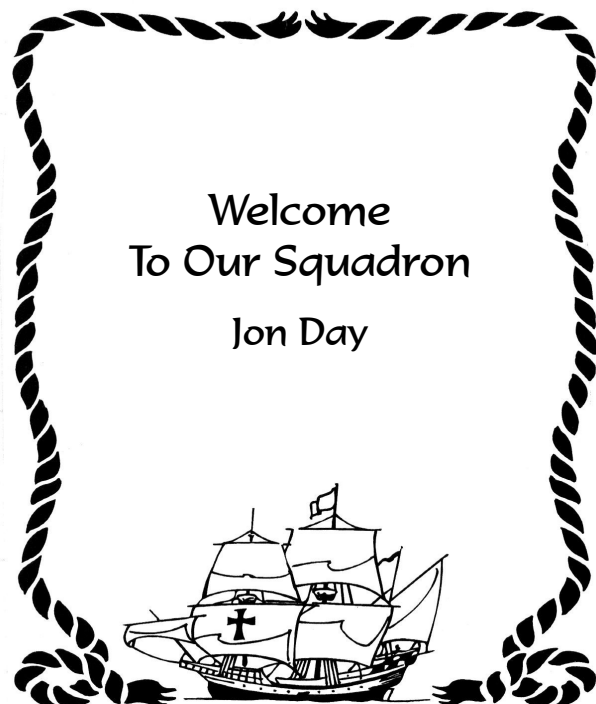




On December 28th, the Fort Vancouver Sail & Power Squadron Executive Committee voted to donate \$250 to Sea Scout Ship, Déjà vu. Thanks to a more than generous offer on the part of Pacific Lifestyle Homes, owners Kevin & Nikki Wann, to match donations made to the Ship during 2006, this donation is worth \$500 and will be directed to be used on the ongoing boat house project for the Déjà vu Ship.

If you know of a young adult, between the ages of 14 & 21, who are looking for challenges and long-lasting friendships, please refer them to Sea Scouting and Ship Déjà vu. For information contact Larry Snyder (503 737-1509) or Bob Cravens (360 694-0434).

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- WHEN:** Jan 23, 25, 30 & Feb 1
- WHERE:** Hazel Dell Church of Christ
11105 NW Lakeshore Ave,
Vancouver

- WHEN:** Feb 6, 8, 13 & 15
- WHERE:** Port of Camas/Washougal
24 South A Street
Washougal

- WHEN:** Feb 20, 22, 27 & Mar 1
- WHERE:** Boaters World
Jantzen Beach Shopping Center
Portland

- WHEN:** Mar 5, 12, 19 & 26
- WHERE:** Rock Creek Recreation Center
710 SW Rock Creek Drive
Stevenson

- WHEN:** Mar 6, 8, 13 & 15
- WHERE:** Sportsman's Warehouse
11505 NE Fourth Plain Blvd
Vancouver

- WHEN:** Mar 20, 22, 26 & 29
- WHERE:** International Air Academy
2901 E. Mill Plain Blvd
Vancouver

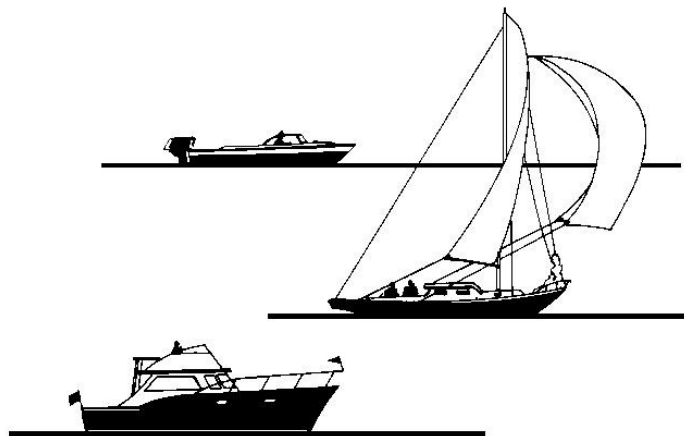
- WHEN:** April 9, 16, 23 & 30
- WHERE:** Rock Creek Recreation Center
710 SW Rock Creek Drive
Stevenson

**The Smarter They Are
 The Safer We Are**

Fort Vancouver Sail and Power Squadron Announces the 2007 Cruise Schedule

April 6-8	Government Island, East Dock
April 20-22	Coon Island (sponsored by SHSPS)
May 18-20	Portland Riverplace
May 26-28	Martin Slough (sponsored by SHSPS)
June 8-10	St Helens City Dock
June 29-July 1	St Helens City Dock (sponsored by SHSPS)
July 11	Reel People, Lake Merwin Fresh Fish Fry/Picnic
July 20-22	Sand Island, Upper Dock (Pirate Cruise)
Aug 3-5	Beacon Rock
Aug 3-5	Gilbert River (sponsored by SHSPS)
Aug 18-26	Vancouver to Astoria Cruise (Ending at Rendezvous)
Aug 24-26	St Helens City Dock (D-32 Rendezvous)
Sept 7-9	Government Island, East Dock
Sept 14-16	Sandy Island/Goble (sponsored by SHSPS)
Sept 28-30	Portland Riverplace
Oct 19-21	Hadley's Landing (D-32 Halloween Cruise)
Nov 22-25	Government Island, East Dock (Thanksgiving Cruise)

NOTE: Cruises and trips will be added as scheduled by squadron special interest groups. USPS members can attend any cruise or event sponsored by any USPS squadron. Make plans now to attend the cruise events of your choice this coming summer.





**REGISTRATION FORM FOR DISTRICT 32
SPRING COUNCIL & EDUCATION SEMINAR**

Saturday, 10 February 2007

Location: St Helens Moose Lodge
57317 Old Portland Road
Warren, OR 97053
503-397-5354

Directions: From Portland, take Hwy 30 toward St. Helens, turn right onto Bennett Road and a left onto Portland Road. Follow Portland Road until you see the Moose Lodge.

Times:

0900 - Council
1200 - Lunch
1300 - Educational Conference



PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR RESERVATIONS BY 31 JAN 2007

Make check out to Portland Sail & Power Squadron and mail to:

Portland Sail & Power Squadron
Lt/C Cathy Jones, S, 716 SE 221st Ave, Gresham, OR 97030

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Lt/C Cathy Jones, S
at 503 310-6331 or mpcathy@teleport.com

Name(s):

Squadron:

**Council/Seminar Lunch:
Sandwich Luncheon Bar**

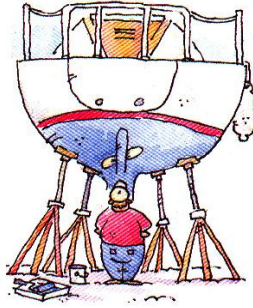
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SQUADRON MEETINGS

Squadron Meetings are held monthly (except June, July & August). The date, time and location is listed below under "Coming Events"

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Executive Meetings are held on the FOURTH WEDNESDAY of each month at 1900 at 6708 NW Burnie Drive in Vancouver

LADY SKIPPERS MEETINGS

Lady Skippers Meetings are held on the SECOND THURSDAY of each month with no meetings in July, August, September & January

COMING EVENTS

JAN 6-14	PORTLAND BOAT SHOW - <i>Expo Center, Portland</i>
JAN 12	REEL PEOPLE FISHIN' BREAKFAST – <i>Peach Tree Restaurant, Vancouver</i>
JAN 13	FORT VANCOUVER SAILS BREAKFAST – <i>Sunrise Bagels, Vancouver</i>
JAN 13	WATER TRAILS BREAKFAST - <i>Sunrise Bagels, Vancouver</i>
JAN 17	SQUADRON CHILI COOK-OFF/POTLUCK/MEETING - <i>Clark County PUD, Vancouver</i>
JAN 24	BRIDGE MEETING – <i>Barbara Petersen's House, Vancouver</i>
DEC 16	LADY SKIPPERS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – <i>Albertina Kerr, Portland</i>
JAN 25-FEB 3	SEATTLE BOAT SHOW – <i>Qwest Field Events Center / South Lake Union, Seattle</i>
JAN 26	REEL PEOPLE FISHIN' BREAKFAST – <i>Peach Tree Restaurant, Vancouver</i>
JAN 27	FORT VANCOUVER SAILS BREAKFAST – <i>Sunrise Bagels, Vancouver</i>
FEB 2	REEL PEOPLE FISHIN' BREAKFAST – <i>Peach Tree Restaurant, Vancouver</i>