



The Pilot



The SSAPS Newsletter

September 2024

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Welcome Back Squadron Members!

Attention, Seattle Squadron! As we say good-bye to the Summer of '24 we greet the start of Autumn. After our 3 month break this month is a great time to regroup and refocus, let's hit the ground running and make this Autumn the best yet.

Educational Initiatives: We're rolling out a series of educational programs to sharpen our teaching and boating skills. Biweekly Engine Maintenance course starts October 1st and ABC Course is Sept 14-15th.

Membership Drive: With new classes set our next major task is membership. We need you on board.

Squadron Continuity: This is an important topic for the year. Though we are fully funded, as a chapter, we are short on volunteers to serve on the bridge. The USPS minimum calls for only two officers; Commander and SEO. Historically we know it is always someone's "turn". This time it may be yours.

SSAPS Schedule At A Glance

Education 2024

Sept 14-15, ABC Course for the WA Boater Safety Card.

October 1st - January 21st, Engine Maintenance Course, Tuesdays 7pm to 9pm, Zoom.

Events

Sept 19th— Autumn Potluck Dinner— You are welcome to bring a potluck-dish; to make sure you have your favorite desert for dinner. [RSVP here.](#)

Please attend! Come say "hello" to your squadron family!

· Hour: 1800 (6:00pm)

· Dinner: 1900 hours (7:00pm)

October 17— Oktoberfest Halloween Party, 6pm to 9pm, [RSVP here.](#)

Dec 13th— Annual Holiday Party, 6pm to 10pm, Queen City Yacht Club, [RSVP here.](#)

Please RSVP for Sept 19, 2024: <https://www.seattlesailpowersquadron.org/potluck>

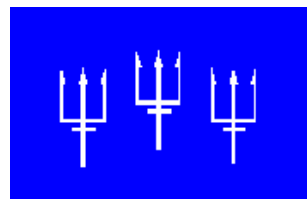
Autumn Potluck Dinner

Venue: Puget Sound Yacht Club

Potluck Dinner Details: Last Name: N-Z (Salad), A-E (Side Dish), F-M (Dessert)

Side note: There is no bartender at his event. BYOB.

From the Helm



Cdr Mike Lancey, AP

Happy Autumn Squadron Members!

Welcome back from your Summer boating adventures!

- **Our world traveling SSAPS members** have returned from vacations throughout the world including cruises to the San Juan Islands, Alaska, and a number of West Coast ports.
- **Please RSVP** to attend the Sept 19th Potluck Dinner with the seasonal theme Engine Maintenance.
- **Membership Drive:** September marks the start of our first membership drive that I have participated in for our Seattle Squadron. With new classes set our next major task is membership. We need you on board.

Survival of Seattle Sail and Power Squadron:

- **To maintain our USPS charter we require 2 officers and one completion of the ABC course.**
 - Maintaining the bridge is key to maintaining our USPS charter. And that is where we have been weak.
 - The position of Commander and Education Officer must be filled to remain a chartered chapter.
 - Our funds will be distributed to other local chapters if SSAPS is not able to bridge-up with officers.
- I have served three terms as Commander. Past Commander Robert Dahlin served two consecutive terms.
 - As SEO Gail Kalbrenner-Mazzeo (Our Chaplin Award Winning SEO) served several years as SEO until retirement and family concerns made serving on such a high level for SSAPS untenable.
 - **Thank you Robert and Gail for your service.**

Call to Serve

- For SSAPS to continue its existence 2 people are required to serve at Commander and SEO.
- It is a small and simple requirement. If not, then SSAPS will be forced to relinquish its charter.

Membership Drive —All new SSAPS members in 2024 receive a beautiful baseball-style cap, one free course book, and the rest of your family joins free. In addition, see these discounts on the already low \$157 membership fee.

#1: Military Discount 50% off; including NOAA, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, Navy, all serving and retired Military.

#2: Yacht Club Members 25% off; Seattle Yacht Club, Queen City Yacht Club, and Puget Sound Yacht Club.

#3: Instructors and Bridge Officers; FREE membership. Paid, as usual, when joining then reimbursed when courses and officer duties commence.

Membership drive offers are available only while supplies last and a budget still exists for each give-away. Hurry.

Let's tell our friends and family about how easy it is, now, to get started with SSAPS.

Fair winds and Following Seas!

Mike Lancey

Commander 2022-2025



SSAPS Schedule of Events



Date	Time	Meeting Location	Status
Sept 14-15, 2024 Saturday-Sunday	Sat 9am-5pm Sun 1pm-5pm	ABC Boater Safety Course — WA State Boater Safety Card — Puget Sound Yacht Club, Upstairs	In-person
Sept 19, 2024 Thursday	18:00-21:00	SSAPS Potluck Dinner Meeting — Theme is Engine Maintenance :-)	In-person
Oct 1, 2024 To Jan 21st, 2025 Alternate Tuesdays	19:00-21:00	Engine Maintenance 9 week Course start, — Meets biweekly on Tuesdays (skips 14 days) from 7pm to 9pm, Oct 1st to Dec 10th, Then in 2025 Jan 7 and 21st. — Fun, Comprehensive, Guest Experts.	Virtual
Oct 8, 2024 Tuesday	18:30-20:00	Monthly SSAPS Board Meeting	Virtual
Oct 17, 2024 Thursday	18:00-21:00	SSAPS Oktoberfest Halloween Party	In-person
Dec 10, 2024 Tuesday	18:00-19:00	Monthly SSAPS Board Meeting	Virtual
Dec 13, 2024 Friday	18:00-22:00	SSAPS Annual Holiday Party — Queen City Yacht Club	In-person

SSAPS Autumn Potluck Dinner

******* Club to provide main entrée. Please bring an appetizer for social hour and a side or salad for dinner *******

Thursday, Sept 19, 2024

Venue: Puget Sound Yacht Club

Autumn Potluck Dinner:

Social Hour: 1800 (6:00pm)

Dinner: 1900 hours (7:00pm)

Cost: \$15 per person, There will be no bartender so refreshments will be BYOB.

Potluck Dinner Details, Details, Details:

Last Name: N-Z (Salad), A-E (Side Dish), F-M (Dessert)

Reservations: <https://www.seattlesailpowersquadron.org/potluck>



Lt Dennis Harris, S,
 Lt Mary Maloney,
 Lt Tiffany Maloney,
 and Cdr Mike Lancey, AP

From the Membership Team

Membership Drive —New members, renewing members, and cyber-members that join SSAPS in 2024 receive 3 FREE items; (1) a beautiful Seattle Squadron burgee, the colorful SSAPS flag, (2) one free USPS course book for the course you choose, and (3) the rest of your family joins free. In addition, if you qualify, you will receive the discounts, listed below, on the already low \$157 membership fee.

#1: Military Discount 50% off; including NOAA, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, Navy, all serving and retired Military. Total investment in your boating safety and new sea skills is \$72 plus the 3 FREE items.



#2: Yacht Club Members 25% off; Seattle Yacht Club, Queen City Yacht Club, and Puget Sound Yacht Club. Your total Yacht Club Member investment in your boating safety and new sea skills is \$118 plus the 3 FREE items.



Seattle Yacht Club



Puget Sound Yacht Club

#3: Instructors and Bridge Officers; FREE membership. Paid, as usual, when joining then your membership is reimbursed when courses and officer duties commence. Your cost to join is zero, when you join, renew or transfer into SSAPS to become an officer or instructor. Plus you will receive the 3 free items listed above.

Membership drive offers are available only while supplies last and a budget still exists for each give-way. Hurry.

Let's tell our friends and family about how easy it is, now, to get started with SSAPS.

For more information contact the Squadron Commander at ssaps.cdr@gmail.com or

Contact the membership committee at ssaps.jointheclub@gmail.com



From the Newsletter Team



P/C Robert Dahlin, AP

Mike Lancey, AP

[New editor of the Pilot](#)

Summer Photo Contest — Attention Members — – Put Your Boating Pictures in the Pilot!!

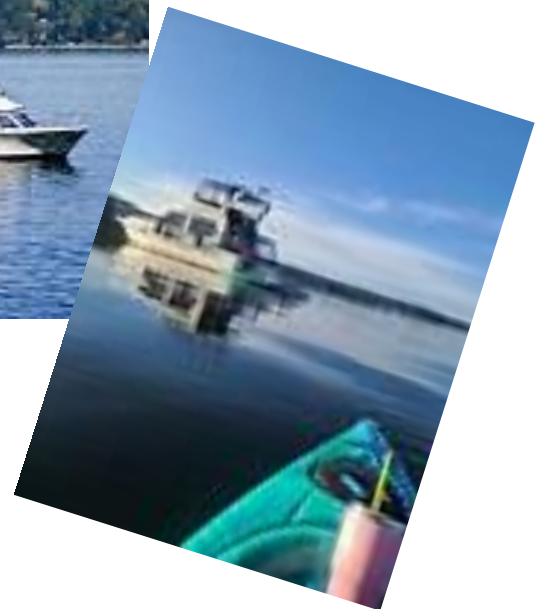


Attention all SSAPS members with a keen eye for a great photo! We hope you have been enjoying the summer vacation and captured your adventures on film.

Please email your summer photos to ssaps.newsletter@gmail.com

All photos entered will be shown in the October Pilot and eligible to be selected as the cover of next squadron roster (we're making a new one)!!

Send your Summer Photos today!! The due date to be included in the October Pilot is Sept 27th.





Engine Maintenance 2024-25

Tuesdays from October 1st 2024 until January 21st 2025

7pm to 9pm, (Every 2 weeks, skipping Dec 24th.)

9 Virtual Zoom Meetings, 2 hands-on meetings

This new course is complete in one Student Manual with one exam. The course has been put into one ten chapter course that stresses the diagnosis of modern systems, while also teaching the basics of engine layout and operation. Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught in a way that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work.

Modern engines offer high reliability and good performance through the use of computerized systems for fuel delivery and engine timing. Most of these systems are “black boxes” that can no longer be serviced by weekend mechanics with ordinary tools.

The course covers those repairs that do-it-yourselfers can still perform, teaches how to diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix, and how to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed.

The new Engine Maintenance also covers basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls.

Contact Mike Lancey at ssaps.cdr@gmail.com to sign up for this course or volunteer to assist. The course fee of \$60 covers the cost of the manual and the USPS examination grading.

Instructor is Mike Lancey, AP a veteran of engine issues, rebuilds and vessel restorations. **Expert speakers** will be called upon to get the expert mechanic's point of view, as well.

JUST A REMINDER

Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) Call and schedule your free inspection today!
Email or call VSC Chair Lt Rebecca Garvie, P., canstyle@aol.com
(206) 979-1870 or use the Online Request Form:

<https://www.seattlesailpowersquadron.org/vsc>

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:

America's Boating Club of Seattle Needs You!!!

- The Squadron/Club really needs your help to keep this club running. That is why we have set up such a generous offer for new and returning members.
- Most of us have already served unselfishly for this squadron, and yet you know many people who might enjoy membership.
- Please forward the member offer to those you know in who are in community groups, sailing clubs, boating associations, nonprofits, are new retirees from the military or new SeaScout graduates, and one of the thousands of those who work in the maritime community.
- It is true that we've reached a critical point, however this situation does not need to continue for the Seattle Squadron, our club.

Open positions for the current bridge:

- **AO** {Administrative Officer} Handles meetings and events,
- **SEO** {Squadron Education Officer} Chairs and teaches Classes
- **AEO** {Asst Education Officer} Assists SEO. helps with classes.
- **Newsletter Editor** – Help us create and edit this fine newsletter!
- **Writers and Literary Types** — Write articles about boating, boating skills, your boating adventures, or Seattle Squadron news.

Become a leader in this prestigious 80+ year boating organization!

[] Sign up today to serve in one these well-documented roles of helping, fun and fulfillment. More roles may be found and created for each person's comfort and abilities.





The Pilot's Shorts

Become an Associate Member of SSAPS

Are you interested in becoming an Associate member of Seattle Sail and Power Squadron? If you are a member of one of the squadrons of the United States Power Squadrons or a member of Burnaby Power and Sail Squadron (our sister Squadron in British Columbia) we welcome you to become an Associate Member of Seattle Sail and Power Squadron. To join, all you have to do is let me know, and I will send you an application form or visit our website: <https://www.seattlesailpowersquadron.org/associate> or click [here](#) You can also contact Lt/C Gail Kalbrener-Mazzeo, N, at ssaps.membership@gmail.com



On the Water Education (OTW) - Members interested in OTW education please contact Jim West, regional director for OTW events, at jwestboat-er@comcast.net

Be a Part of History - As Squadron Historian, I collect photographs every year for storage in the Squadron archives. Steve Erickson, JN is a huge resource for this and we are ever so grateful. However, I welcome pictures from others, preferably low resolution to minimize electronic storage. Send them to the historian at rutledges@aol.com

Membership Information up to date? - If there are any changes to your address or contact information there is an online form you may fill out on the membership page of our Seattle website. This also includes boat and or boat name changes as well. We don't want you to be left out of the loop. <https://www.seattlesailpowersquadron.org/member-update> or click here: [Update My Membership Info Link](#)



Merit Marks - Want to view or print your merit mark from 2022? Go to <https://www.usps.org/php/DHinders/meritmarks/getMM.php> or

Click here [I want to see my Merit Marks](#) and put in your USPS Certificate number

Vessel Safety Checks

Request your Vessel Safety Inspection!! Go to

<https://www.seattlesailpowersquadron.org/vsc-request>



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