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The Pilot

Monthly Newsletter

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Happy New Year Squadron Members!



Fog rolls in from Elliott Bay, shrouding the Space Needle at the start of the New Year 2024 fireworks and drone show. 200 choreographed drones performed a dazzling display of lights and imagery. Photo taken by Jack Darling—Facebook—Life in Northwest

2023-2024
SEATTLE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE
 UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®—DISTRICT 16

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER

Commander	Mike Lancey, AP
Commander's Aide	Lt Susan Lancey
Flag Lieutenant	Open
Merit Mark Officer	Lt David Rust, JN
Education Fund Chair	Lt Shirley Bollinger, AP
Historian	P/C Tim Rutledge, SN
Chaplain	Cdr Mike Lancey, AP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Commander	Mike Lancey, AP
Executive Officer	Lt/C Steven Mohr, P
Educational Officer	Open
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Jeremy Zink, S
Secretary	Lt/C Dennis Harris, S
Treasurer	Lt/C Rick Laboda, AP
Asst Educational Officer	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener-Mazzeo, N
Elected Member	P/C David Weale, JN
Elected Member	Lt Shirley Bollinger, AP
Elected Member	Open
Past Commander	P/C Robert Dahlin, AP

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Executive Officer	Lt/C Steven Mohr, P
Canadian Liaison	Lt David Berger, S
Radio Tech Officer	Lt David Rust, JN
Safety Officer	Open
VSC Chair Examiner	Lt Rebecca Garvie, P
Vessel Examiners	Open
Social Media CH	Lt Shelly Wistar
Sea Scouts Liaison	Lt Stephen Taylor, S

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Educational Officer	Open
Asst Educational Officer	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener-Mazzeo, N
ABC Instructors	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener-Mazzeo, N
	Lt Reid Larson, AP
	Lt Stephen Taylor, P
	Lt Stephen Mohr, P
Advanced Grades CH	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener-Mazzeo, N
Sextant Custodian	1st/Lt Rocky Mazzeo

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Administrative Officer	Open
Port Captain	P/C Leslie Kodish, JN
Boating Activity CH	Lt Suzanne Schoonover, JN
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Membership Comm. CH	Lt/C Gail Kalbrener-Mazzeo, N
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Dinner Meeting Greeter	Lt Shirley Bollinger
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Telephone Comm. CH	Lt Donna Berger

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Squadron Roster	Lt/C Mike Lancey, AP
Pilot Editor	P/C Robert Dahlin, AP
Webmaster	P/C James Haglund, P

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Dinner Mtg Bookkeeping	Lt/C Rick Laboda, AP
Ships Store	P/C Robert Dahlin, AP
	Lt Adrienne Dahlin, S

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	Lt Janet Pearson, S
	Open
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	P/C James Haglund, P
Rules Committee CH	P/C Steve Kodish, JN
	P/C Ginger Marshall-St. Arnaud, AP
	Lt Maggie Murphy, JN-IN

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House Committee CH	Lt Rebecca Garvie, P

DISTRICT 16 BRIDGE

Commander	D/C Annette Ferguson, AP
Executive Officer	D/Lt/C Tom Dalgiesh, SN
Administrative Officer	Open
Educational Officer	D/Lt/C James A West, SN
Asst Educational Officer	Open
Secretary	D/Lt/C Barbara Erickson, JN
Treasurer	D/Lt/C David M. McBride, AP
Past Commander	D/C Kenneth Smith, AP



Schedule of Events



Date	Time	Meeting Location	Status
Jan 11, 2024	1830-2000	Monthly SSAPS Board Meeting	Virtual
Jan 18, 2024	18:00-2100	SSAPS Monthly Dinner Meeting Puget Sound Yacht Club Potluck Chili Night. Bring apps \$10	In-person
Feb 8, 2024	1830-2000	Monthly SSAPS Board Meeting	Virtual
Feb 15, 2024	18:00-2100	SSAPS February Founder's Day Meeting Puget Sound Yacht Club	In-person
March 2, 2024	10:00-1500	Boating Skills and Safety Fair Puget Sound Yacht Club {Free, \$5 Lunch}	In-person
March 14, 2024	1830-2000	Monthly SSAPS Board Meeting	Virtual

Join us this month !!

SSAPS Jnauary Dinner Meeting

*******Chili Cook-Off. Bring your special homemade Chili to share with your favorite toppings*******

Jan 18, 2024

Puget Sound Yacht Club

Potluck Dinner

Social Hour: 1800 (6:00pm)

Dinner: 1900 hours (7:00pm)

Venue: *Puget Sound Yacht Club*

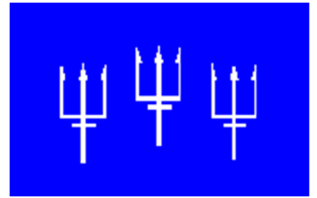
Cost: \$15pp BYOB {cost offsets club rental costs}

Or Bring Dessert/Side/Appetizer to share.

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



From the Helm



Cdr Mike Lancey, AP

Happy New Year Squadron Members!

With the start of the New Year, we must continue striving towards our goal to revitalize the squadron by encouraging active participation and getting back to our roots of boater education and safety.

Even though the pandemic is over, our meeting attendance levels are not even 1/3 what they were in 2019, even though we have worked hard to provide themed dinners, guest speakers and engaging group workshops. If we are going to revive the Seattle squadron and its wonderful 82+ year history, we need as many of you that we can to come back to meetings or consider being an ambassador and assisting with charitable funding. So please make a New Year's resolution to come back to the squadron if you haven't already and get involved with the process of reviving meetings, activities and cruises. Afterall, it is all of these and the comradery of the membership that made you enjoy being a member.

Education, Education, Education

We currently do not have any courses being taught as we do not have an active SEO to teach them. We could really use some volunteers to step up and take on teaching an ABC boater course or any of our other courses such as Boat Handling or Piloting. These courses are vital in that they bring in new members through the courses and the added discounts we offer. Please consider helping us teach a course. If you've never taught before and have taken some or all of these courses, you can get started by taking the WA ABC Class for Instructors course. Please contact me if you are interested in being an instructor or helping out with a class. Many of us have unique skills on the water, including fishing, crabbing, photography and technology that could also be used for "Mini" classes that could be taught to the public. Many of our other squadrons such as ABC of Snohomish, Friday Harbor and Bellingham are currently doing this and have been successful in drawing in attendees. I am currently working with your SSAPS Board to float these ideas and other classes that we can offer that might be useful to the public.

My 2024 New Year's Plan:

Is it a bad thing to be too ambitious? I don't think so, but then again, I run a privately owned business so I have to be always considering ways to move ahead and be at the top of my game.

- Let's increase meeting attendance by 20% this year. I'll bring the speakers, the good food, fun times and boater workshops and you come and enjoy them. If you haven't been to our new meeting location at Puget Sound Yacht Club, we have lots of space, multimedia capabilities, high-speed internet, a full kitchen and the best view on Lake Union!
- Let's get Boater Education Classes back up and running.
- Let's consider starting up New Boat Owner Mentoring on the water classes to educate the public and gain new members.
- Lastly, let's get cruises started back up again so we can cruise together to marinas and destinations and have a good time!

Let's do this together in 2024 and Beyond!

Fair winds and Following Seas!

Mike Lancey

Commander 2023-2024



XO Report



XO Stephen Mohr, P

Greetings and Salutations for a Prosperous New Year!

With the start of the New Year, you know what's coming up?



You guessed it, the Seattle Boat Show, happening at Lumen Event Center in Seattle from February 2nd to the 10th. The event will feature lots of different booths from vendors to boat related services to Yacht Clubs. Make sure you get down there and enjoy all that the show has to offer including free classes on anything from boating skills to crabbing or adventure setting in Alaska.

The boat show is the perfect opportunity for us as squadron members to show the community how engaged we are with boating skills and safety. The District may not be running a booth this year, but it doesn't mean we can't be engaged in learning, exploring and getting involved in discussions with other boaters {a lot of them new} about boating skills and how our squadron or the organization as a whole can help them get training.

You can also use this opportunity to talk with boaters about vessel safety checks and the importance of getting them done regularly for not only the safety of their crew/passengers but peace of mind knowing when the Coast Guard or Police see your Safety Check decal, they won't board you for an uncomfortable half hour checking your boat.

The show is getting bigger and bigger each year, so make sure you plan to go down and tour some of the new boats, take a class and say hi to your squadron/boater friends who will likely be walking the aisles. You may not be walking out of there with a shiny new boat, but you'll certainly learn about new boater technologies, skills and make some friends/contacts along the way.

SeaSkills or BoatFest this year?

As many of you know last year we had to cancel the Sea Skills event that we normally hold at Shilshole Marina in May due to low attendance/participation. We opted instead to run an America's Boating Club of Seattle booth at Boat Fest a month later at the same marina and it cost us next to nothing to run it. Shilshole Marina has been running BoatFest for many years but they have been struggling to get people to come out to the event and are doing everything they can to get vendors and clubs to open booths to attract attendance. Last year they even offered us no cost on guest dock moorage to show up and teach some classes. If we can get the participation this year, it would be good to run our SeaSkills event at BoatFest where we can attract some new members, and provide quality boater education. Look for more information in upcoming e-blasts and newsletters. If you are interested in helping us run the event or teach a class, please email Mike at ssaps.cdr@gmail.com.

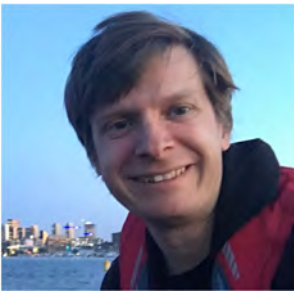


Have a wonderful New Year and remember we are halfway there to Opening Day of Boating 2024!

See you at the next club meeting or event,

Stephen Mohr

XO 2023-2024



AO Report



AO, Jeremy Zink, S

Happy New Year Squadron Members,

Looks like Jack Frost is headed our way with the possibility of snow and freezing temps. Be sure to check your stored boats to ensure everything has been winterized and make sure water is turned off on the docks. With the cold weather, join us next week at Puget Sound Yacht Club for our Chili Cook Off on Thursday, January 18th. What better way to warm up than enjoying a nice hot bowl of chili with your favorite fixings! Bring your favorite Chili dish to the club with your favorite veggie, cheese or delicious topping and then enter the contest for the best chili! \$15 per person to offset the club rental costs. Hope to see you there!!

Join us for a

Chili Cook Off

hosted by

Thursday, January 18th, 2024
From 5:00 - 8:00PM
Puget Sound Yacht Club
2321 N. Northlake Way, Seattle WA, 98103
\$15pp - Prize for Best Chili

Jeremy Zink

AO 2023-2024



BOATING SKILLS & SAFETY FAIR



SATURDAY
March 2nd
09 AM - 3 PM



PUGET SOUND YACHT CLUB
2321 N. Northlake Way, Seattle, WA

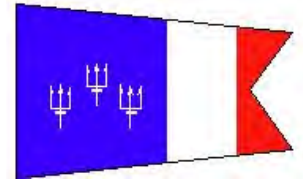
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Past Commander's Blog



P/C Robert Dahlin, AP

Happy New Year Squadron Members!

I hope you had an enjoyable summer of boating, and a nice fall and holiday season. I had intended to include this in the September newsletter, but with the Huzzle and bustle of life, it did not become a reality. I want to recall the events of the summer of 2023.

I spent a good portion of my summer with my other club, Puget Sound Yacht club and trying to pass on knowledge I have learned in the squadron to help make yacht club members safer boaters. We started with our Edmonds Cruise in April where we arranged to have the Snohomish Squadron come and perform safety inspections on our members boats, right there in the visiting marina. It is very important that we find ways to promote boater education and safety awareness as much as we can. The more we can promote and educate, the more we can steer yacht club member and members of the

public to join our organization. P/C Ginger does this with her boater education courses at Seattle Yacht Club, Becky Garvie does this with her vessel inspections at Queen City and P/C Steve and Leslie Kodish do this at Meydenbauer Yacht Club. Thank you all for doing such a great job promoting boater safety and education!



The summer of boating continued with a trip to the San Juans and down the Hood Canal to Pleasant Harbor, which I had never done before. Seems when you think you've been everywhere boating, you find there are still many "first times" at going here and there. The weather and the seas had never been so nice, making for smooth transits and excellent fuel efficiency! My summer ended with what was to be the best event I had ever participated in. In August I participated as a chase boat

captain, escorting a large number of Hawaiian outrigger canoes from Alki Point to Pier 62 in Seattle. The event was to welcome the Polynesian voyaging vessel, Hokulea to Seattle.

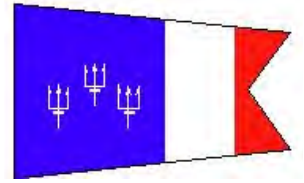
Hokulea started its voyage from Alaska in the Spring of 2023 and spent the entire summer traveling down the coast of Alaska into Canada, before finally arriving in Seattle of Saturday, August 19th. This new voyage entitled

"Moananuiakea" {a Voyage for Earth} will take Hokulea 43,000 miles and 345 ports sailing through 36 countries and archipelagos. As I steered my boat to escort the outrigger canoes, Hokulea with its dark brown sails, came into view and she was soon welcomed by a Suquamish tribe canoes. As you may or may not know, the waters of Elliot bay in Seattle are those of the Suquamish Tribe of which Chief Seattle was from. Most of my work as primary chase boat captain, I had to coordinate with other escorting chase boats while communicating with Seattle Vessel Traffic on Channel 14, the Seattle fire boat that was taking up the rear of the convoy and with a Seattle Police boat to steer boater traffic away from our path. On board with me was Nikki, a veteran Coast Guard member who was coordinating the radio calls, providing directions via phone to the Coast Guard Auxiliary boat and taking excellent photographs. My Dad,





Past Commander's Blog



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P/C Robert Dahlin, AP

Stan Dahlin was also on my boat as the coach of the Wakinikona Hawaiian Club Canoe Team and as the event organizer. When we finally reached the completion of our escort run; a ceremony to hand over rights to the waterway from the Suquamish tribe to the Hawaiians began in native chants and horns. Upon conclusion of it, the crew on the Hokulea performed Hawaiian ceremonial chants which allowed our outrigger canoes to come closer to join at Pier 62. Hokulea then was permitted to dock at Pier 62 where tours of the vessel were conducted after speeches from local politicians and members of the media. It was a wonderful event to be a part of and I was extremely proud to share this moment with other Hawaiians in the Northwest including my dad who had missed Hokulea the last time it passed through Seattle in the 90's.





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>



Flare Disposal Option - Disposing of old marine flares always seems like a challenge. They can't all be shot off as a demonstration. Sometimes Police or Fire Departments will take them, but it can be a hassle to arrange this. Thankfully, several King County transfer stations now accept expired flares. The North Seattle, South Seattle, and Factoria Hazardous Waste sites will accept up to 10 expired marine flares per person. For more information, visit www.HazWasteHelp.org or call (206) 296-4692.



Squadron News Brief

Americas Boating Club Channel Wins 2023 Gog Global Award for Maritime Services

Have you heard that America's Boating Channel won an award back in November? The U.S. Coast Guard funder boater safety and education videos produced by USPS was recognized with the prestigious award on November 8th in Providence, RI. This is a huge win for the organization as our Channel reaches thousands of viewers everyday that are interested in boating skills and safety. See more about the award ceremony and the members of our organization that accepted it here: <https://hype.news/americas-boating-channel/americas-boating-channel-wins-2023-go-global-award-for-maritime-services-r0p6kotk>



New Inlet Drone Videos Available Online now

Are you wanting to navigate some of the toughest inlets in the Pacific Northwest? Nine new inlet videos have just been approved by the U.S. Coast Guard for Public release and contain many details, marker buoy numbers and best methods to navigate them. See them at the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgIbejlMU2Hd_IYJGtyK6udYt4t-4zFSz



Remember

America's Boating Channel videos are free for squadron members and SEO's to download and use. Download them today at: bit.ly/USPSABC.



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>

America's Boating Club of Seattle Needs your Help!!!

The Squadron/Club really needs your help to keep this club running. Many of you have already served many faithful years performing excellent work for this squadron, but we've reached a critical point where only a select few are holding the club up in regards to holding bridge positions, teaching and providing services to the members and our boating community.

Open positions for 2023 –2024 bridge year

- **SEO** {Squadron Education Officer} Chairs and teaches Classes
- **Newsletter Editor** – Help us create this fine newsletter!
- **Treasurer**—Handles Club Finances and books.

Become a leader in this prestigious 82+ year boating organization! Sign up today and help us fill these vacant job roles! It takes a village to keep the squadron going and many of us are already handling multiple roles. Much of the work has been done to document these work tasks to provide a smooth transition into these roles.



HELP
NEEDED



HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!



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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Marlene Martzke, P | 14 Gabbe Mazzeo |
| 1 Lt Janice Reebbs, JN | 14 Suzanne Schoonover, JN |
| 3 Lt Wendy Rittreiser, S | 15 Wendy McRobbie, S |
| 7 P/C Douglas Crim, JN | 17 Gordon Sivley, S |
| 8 P/C Nadeanne Rutledge, SN | 20 David Newman, AP |
| 10 P/C Barbara Crim, JN | 21 P/C Richard Kay, SN |
| 10 Marc Rapaport, N | 22 Dean Carlisle |
| 13 Thomas Kelley | 23 Ted Johnson |



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