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The Pike Pole

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Braving the cold, the Adopt-a-Street clean-up crew

March Highlights

**Tuesday 4 - Monthly Gathering, Everett Firefighters Hall, Potluck 6:30 pm
Election of Officers, Member Appreciation and Derelict Barge Removal Presentation**

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Everett Sail and Power Squadron *is*
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 CLUB CALENDAR *for*
2025

March

- 4 Monthly Gathering, Member Appreciation Dinner, Slate of Officers and budget presented, Everett Firefighters Hall, Presentation: Derelict Barge Removal, food bank donations encouraged, 6:30 pm
- 8 Vessel Safety Checks, Port of Everett Marina, RSVP Danny
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 29 District 16 Change of Watch, Port of Everett's Blue Heron Room and or via Zoom, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

April

- 1 Change of Watch, Everett Firefighters Hall, 6:30 pm
- 5 Life Jacket Style Show, Boating Safety 4 Kids, Mountlake Terrace Pavilion, RSVP Linda M.
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 12 Vessel Safety Checks, Shelter Bay Marina, RSVP Danny
- 14 Instructor Re-certification Class, details tba, RSVP Jim
- 19 Adopt a Street, 9:00 to 10:30 am, Meet at Henry M. Jackson Park, RSVP Danny or Claire
- 26 Booth at North Sound Marine Expo, Harbor Marine, 10 am to 3 pm

May

- 3-4 Shakedown Cruise, Oak Harbor, Reserve space with Marina directly, RSVP Susan
- 6 Monthly Gathering, food bank and bike fund donations encouraged, Speaker tba, Everett Firefighter Hall, 6:30 pm
- 8 - 12 Confluence State Park, Highway Mariners, RSVP Mike Martin
- 10 Vessel Safety Checks, Port of Everett, RSVP Danny Daniels
- 13 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 17-18 America's Boating Course, Port of Everett Blue Heron Room, 9:00 am, RSVP Linda
- 17-23 National Safe Boating Week
- 22 - 27 Gilgal RV Resort, Highway Mariners, RSVP Mike Martin
- 24 World Boating Day

Happy
 Saint Patrick's Day



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**Adopt-A-Street
 Clean up planned
 April 19, 2025**

The next Adopt-A-Street clean up is planned as follows:
 Meet *at* Henry M. Jackson Park for clean up *at* 9:00 am. The activity is EASY and FUN. It usually takes about 1-1/2 hours to complete.

Please contact [Lt Danny Daniels](#) or [Lt Claire Greer](#) to sign up. It is important to sign up at least 1 week prior to ensure we have enough materials.



“Our Story...The Next Chapter”

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*77th Annual Change of Watch
Tuesday, April 1, 2025*

*Wear your tropical best and join us as we swear in 2025/26
officers and join in person to celebrate*

6:30 pm - Social time

7:00 pm - Dinner

7:30 pm - Ceremony

*Catered Hawaiian Dinner by Chef Bobby**

**Members meal is hosted (free to attend) by America's Boating Club of Snohomish
County. Guests are \$20.00 pp, payable in advance*

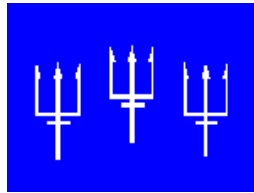
RSVP to Darcy Baker by Monday, March 24 commander.boatsnoco@gmail.com

Please note: advance reservations are required for all

**Firefighters Hall
2411 Hewitt Avenue
Everett, Washington 98201**

FROM THE HELM

Commander Darcy Baker, AP



Grateful Living

— WORD FOR THE DAY —

You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

JANE GOODALL
[EXPLORE GRATEFUL LIVING](#)

I can feel it in the air...Spring is just around the corner...

With warmer weather arriving soon, it's time to wrap up winter activities and gear up for Spring. Yes, boating season is approaching again!

First up is voting in next year's slate of Bridge and Executive Committee members. Our group of capable individuals will be looking for additional ways to enrich both members and the boating public's experiences. We'll be voting them in at March 4th's Annual Meeting, sharing an Italian meal "on us" (no potluck! – just come to eat!), and hearing a program put on by Port of Everett. The April 1st Change of Watch and swearing in with give incoming Commander Annette Ferguson an opportunity to introduce plans to take us into the next year and beyond.

America's Boating Club of Snohomish County is responding to changing member and public boater needs/wants. Plans include sharing more educational opportunities with our members and the boating community. We will also stick with our tried-and-true engaging monthly presentations, fellowship opportunities, plus interesting destinations to get you out on the water this year. Boating is our focus and getting you safely onto the water is our priority!

As one of America's Boating Club's most active squadrons nationally, we have much to be thankful for. This past year, our Bridge/Executive Committee has dug deep into topics we hope will strengthen our position as community leaders, volunteers and educators, while we adapt to changes in membership organizations due to increasing online influences, financial pressures and changes in boating habits. Now is not the time to jump ship – stay aboard and let us help you realize your boating goals.

Yours in Boating,
Commander Darcy Baker

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Nick Rich, AP



Greetings fellow boaters! With the February boat show in our wake, we look forward with enthusiasm toward getting out on the water soon.

Cold Water Survival & Spring Boating

Safety:

Staying Safe on the Sound and Salish Sea

Spring is an exciting time for boaters in the Pacific Northwest. As the days get longer and the urge to get back on the water grows stronger, it's important to remember that while the air may be warming up, the water in Puget Sound remains dangerously cold year-round. A sudden fall overboard or an unexpected dip can quickly turn into a life-threatening situation. Here's what you need to know to stay safe while enjoying spring boating in the Seattle-Everett area.

Cold Water Survival: Why It Matters

The waters of Puget Sound average around 45-50°F in the spring—cold enough to cause cold water shock in just seconds. Here's what happens when you suddenly enter cold water:

- 1. Cold Shock Response (0-2 minutes):** Gasping, hyperventilation, and panic set in. If you inhale water, drowning can occur immediately.
- 2. Cold Incapacitation (2-15 minutes):** Loss of muscle control makes it difficult to swim, climb back aboard, or even hold onto a flotation device.
- 3. Hypothermia (15-60+ minutes):** As your body loses heat, confusion, unconsciousness, and eventually cardiac arrest can occur.

Wearing a properly fitted life jacket significantly improves survival chances by keeping you afloat and conserving body heat.

How to Improve Your Cold-Water Survival Chances

- **Always Wear a Life Jacket:** Choose a USCG- approved life jacket designed for cold water conditions. Even experienced swimmers can succumb to cold shock before they have a chance to react. Please do check this space in last month's Pike Pole for more information on PFD readiness.
- **Dress for the Water, Not Just the Air:** Consider wearing a drysuit or wetsuit if you're boating in early spring, especially for kayaking, paddleboarding, or sailing.



- **Use the 1-10-1 Rule:** If you end up in the water:
 - **1 minute** to control your breathing and avoid gasping.
 - **10 minutes** of useful movement before muscle failure.
 - **1 hour** before unconsciousness due to hypothermia.
- **Stay With Your Boat:** A capsized boat is easier to spot than a person in the water. If possible, climb onto it to get as much of your body out of the water as you can.
- **Signal for Help:** Keep a waterproof whistle, personal locator beacon (PLB), or VHF radio accessible.

Spring Boating Safety Tips

Beyond cold water risks, spring presents its own set of boating challenges. Here are some key tips to help you prepare:

- **Check the Weather:** Spring storms can roll in quickly. Always check the marine forecast before heading out and be prepared for shifting winds and choppy conditions.
- **Inspect Your Boat:** Ensure your bilge pump, navigation lights, VHF radio, and engine are in top shape after winter storage.
- **Watch for Debris:** Spring runoff increases floating logs and debris, especially after heavy rains. Stay alert and maintain a proper lookout.
- **File a Float Plan:** Let someone know your planned route and estimated return time—especially if you're boating early in the season when fewer boats are on the water.
- **Stay Warm & Dry:** Pack extra clothing in a waterproof bag, including gloves, a hat, and an emergency blanket.

Be Prepared, Stay Safe

Boating in the Pacific Northwest is beautiful in the spring, but the cold water and unpredictable conditions demand extra caution. By dressing appropriately, wearing a life jacket, and being prepared for emergencies, you can safely enjoy the season on the water.

I also invite you to catch up on upcoming events and educational opportunities to enhance your safety and enjoyment out on the water, by checking out the educational and events calendar in this issue, and I also invite you to visit the America's Boating Club/Everett Sail & Power Squadron Facebook page. Stay safe, and we'll see you out there on the water!

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP



Derelict Barge Removal efforts by the Port of Everett



Ahoy!

We missed seeing everybody at the last gathering due to the inclement weather cancellation, thus, our in-person meeting this month will be extra special. Not only will we be able to catch up on a lot of goings-on in this early part of 2025, we will also proudly celebrate being members of America's Boating Club of Snohomish County, Everett Sail and Power Squadron. It is our club's opportunity to acknowledge the importance of members and how very much everyone is appreciated. So, if it is not already on your calendar, make sure to make note of this upcoming event:

Has anyone driven down Marine View Drive in Everett recently and seen a large crane lifting pieces of a barge from the mudflat near the Bay Wood Nature Trail (north of the 10th Street boat ramp)? Did you wonder what was going on? Well, come to our March 4th gathering and hear what our speaker from the Port of Everett has to tell us about this particular activity and other similar efforts!

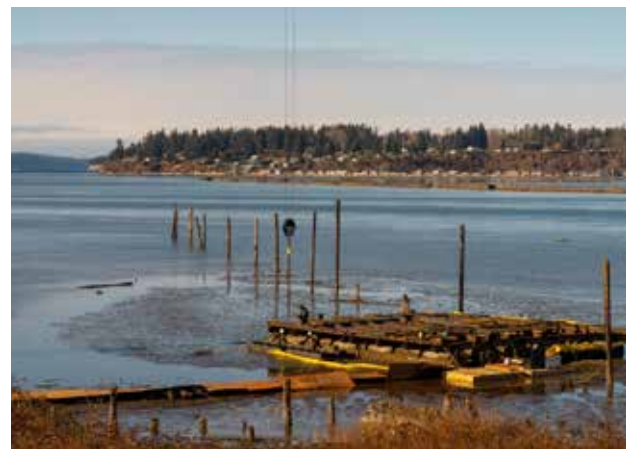
The Port of Everett is and has been actively working with the Department of Natural Resources to remove derelict vessels that pose significant navigational and/or environmental concerns to our local waters and wildlife. Such projects are of direct interest to many of us as local boaters and county residents.

Join us on March 4th as we welcome our guest speaker from Port of Everett. Presentation Start Time 7pm



Member Appreciation Night!
Dinner provided by the club/squadron
March 4th 6:30pm
Everett Firefighters' Hall, 2411 Hewitt Ave, Everett

Enjoy lasagna, salad, sourdough bread, and dessert courtesy of our club; catch up with friends; share in the annual nomination process; sign up for 2025 rendezvous/cruises and land-based getaways; and learn first-hand from the Port of Everett about past, recent, and future efforts to remove derelict vessels from our local waters As valued members of America's Boating Club of Snohomish County, Everett Sail and Power Squadron, we hope you that will join us for this event that recognizes each and every one of you. See you there! Susan



EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Brian Rachal, AP



Well, we've made it past Groundhog day once again, and this year I believe we're going to have a longer winter. As I'm sitting here writing this, it's rainy outside, and I know that the mountains have also received some rain. So far that hasn't resulted in any flooding, but I think we all know that rain on snow can lead to swelling rivers that deposit big logs into Puget Sound. I can't say that matters for me at the moment because my boat is still sitting with the outdrives off waiting for the mechanics to finish replacing my bellows and work on my starboard engine.

I've agreed to stay on as SEO for a fourth year, and we're looking for input on what seminars our members and friends are interested in seeing. We may try to incorporate a seminar or two as a program at some of our general meetings. As such, we will be providing a list of seminars at the annual meeting in March and ask for some input on what people are interested in. There are a number of seminars that National has updated with new content that may be good choices. I've personally always wanted to see the Partner In Command seminar. Truthfully, I really want my first mate (Jen) to see it, but I figure she won't do it without me, and I have no doubt that I will learn something. I think it's really important for the first mate to be well trained for a couple of reasons. The first is simply so everything goes smoothly with your boating trips. The other reason is to be prepared in the unlikely event the captain is incapacitated. I don't know if I've shared this story, but the first time I cruised to Friday Harbor, there was a call over the radio from a boater coming in requesting dock hands to be there to help her. The captain of the boat had gotten a head injury, and his wife was bringing him in to get him treated. Trying to come in without some basic skills can make a bad situation worse. The marina offered to send someone out to help bring the boat in, but in this case, she had the skills to bring the boat in, the knowledge of how to use the radio, and the sense to call ahead and ask for some help.

For those that are reading this, please reach out to me via email to share what your interests are so we can tailor our schedule to what might get you to join us for a meeting or a class. We are also including the list in this edition of *The Pike Pole*.

Finally, if you haven't taken, or know someone that could use it, we have Boat Handling and ABC classes scheduled. ABC will be May 17-18, and Boat Handling will be June 7-8. Check the website for more details and to sign up for the classes.

Yours in Boating,
Brian

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Website:

<http://www.BoatClubSnoCo.org> aka
<http://www.everettsailandpowersquadron.com>

FRONT COVER: Adopt-a-Street clean-up crew. Photo by Cdr Darcy Baker, AP

Everett Sail and Power Squadron is



2025 BOATING EDUCATIONAL SCHEDULE

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

May 17 -18, 2025

ALL 8-HOUR ABC courses will be taught face-to-face, at THE BLUE HERON ROOM ABOVE THE EVERETT MARINA OFFICE. The course cost is \$60 per person. Register on the website under BOATING EDUCATION/AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE. RSVP Linda Martin 425-422-4721

ADVANCED GRADES

BOAT HANDLING - JUNE 7 & 8, 2025 TBD

COST: NEW MEMBERS \$0 (from recent ABC)
 \$85 FOR EXISTING MEMBERS
 \$120 NON-MEMBERS
INSTRUCTOR: JOHN TARPLEY
LOCATION: BLUE HERON ROOM PORT OF EVERETT
TIME: 9:00 AM 4:00 PM
 RSVP Brian Rachal edu.boatsnoco@gmail.com

SEMINARS

Schedule Currently TBD
 See upcoming [D16 Seminar Schedule](#)

GO TO www.BOATCLUBSNOCO.ORG

FOR MORE DETAILS AND LINK TO PAY

If there is a class or seminar you would like to see offered, or you would like to help out, reach out to us at: edu.boatsnoco@gmail.com



MASTER LIST OF USPS COURSES

If any of these courses interest you, give us a call. We will schedule one in Everett or we will help search District 16 for a squadron teaching the course you want to take.

Brian Rachal 425-280-3557
Joellyn Jackson 425-347-0763

ADVANCED GRADES

Boat Handling: How the heck do I get this boat to do what I want?

Marine Navigation (aka Piloting): How to get from here to there without running into something.

Advanced Marine Navigation (aka Advanced Piloting): Navigation under more difficult circumstances while using electronic tools, especially GPS all the while taking wind and currents into account.

Off-shore Navigation (aka Junior Navigation or JN): When off-shore there are no longer landmarks for reference; we must substitute celestial objects such as the sun.

Celestial Navigation (aka Navigation or N): The final navigation course focuses on sextant use---for when all your electronics fail!

ELECTIVES

Cruising and Cruise Planning: You're going on a two-week cruise in Canada – what do I take? Customs? Forbidden fruits & veggies? What if I get hurt? We answer all these questions and more!

Engine Maintenance: Diesel, gasoline, spark plugs, pistons, fuel mixtures, . . and how they all work together to get you where you're going.

Instructor Development (ID): Want to teach a course? We'll show you how! Open only to members.

Marine Electrical Systems (MES): There is one system on the boat and one that you plug into at the dock, which is which?

Marine Communications Systems (MCS): It can be a matter of life or death to be able to communicate with the first responders. We teach you how to make a SOS call and more.

Electronic Navigation Systems (ENS):

Radar for Boaters: The systems used to navigate by on the boat are changing as we speak. Learn now before they crihange.

Sail: What are all those lines and gadgets for? Are you sure the wind will blow me where I want to go?

Weather: Look to the clouds, wind and temperature for safe boating weather.



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**NOMINEES FOR 2025-26
BRIDGE OFFICERS**

COMMANDER	P/D/C ANNETTE FERGUSON
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LT/C NICK RICH
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	LT/C SUSAN TARPLEY
SECRETARY	LT/C GARY BAKER
TREASURER	LT/C FRANK HAVENS
ASSISTANT TREASURER	OPEN
EDUCATIONAL OFFICER	LT/C BRIAN RACHEL
ASSISTANT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER	1ST/LT CATHY RICH

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- CDR DARCY BAKER
- P/D/C JIM WEST
- P/C LINDA MARTIN
- P/C GARY BAKER
- P/C FRANK HAVENS
- LT LINDA SKUGSTAD
- LT DANNY DANIELS
- LT CLAIRE GREER
- LT SUSAN GREEN
- LT PERRY MOORE
- LT DON DOODY

COMMITTEES

NOMINATION

- P/C FRANK HAVENS
- P/C GARY BAKER
- P/C DARCY BAKER

AUDITING

- LT SUSAN GREEN
- P/C JOHN TARPLEY

RULES

- P/C GARY BAKER
- P/D/C ANNETTE FERGUSON

Presented by the Nominations Committee
P/C GARY BAKER, P/C FRANK HAVENS, P/C LINDA MARTIN

BOATING SAFETY 4 KIDS

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

It's a puzzle to me that we can personally invite one hundred families to the Boating Safety 4 Kids Seminar at the Seattle Boat Show and only 8 kids show up.

The members who came to help teach the seminar were Commander Darcy and Gary Baker, Brian Rachal, Jim West, Marie McBride from the Bremerton boat club and myself, PFD Seagull.

The kids that came were so excited to participate in the Life Jacket Style Show and the game, It's in The Box. All ages from 4 years old to 14 years old came to the seminar. They were all willing to dress up in life jackets that didn't fit to prove a point that life jackets must fit to work well in the water.

All the kids braved the cold-water activity to buckle and un-buckle a buckle from a life jacket. The prize was a PFD Puzzle Storybook. And thanks to Marie who brought all sorts of prizes from her squadron.

Our next seminar will be at the Mountlake Terrace Pavilion and for Life Jacket Style Show. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 5! Contact me as it will be before our April meeting, and I'll need to know who I can count on to come that day. We will do a Life Jacket Style Show and give out Puzzle Storybooks. We may be asked by the Aquatics Coordinator to pass out life jackets to the kids who participate in all the stations. Last year I came as the seagull and Greg Nelson came as a shark. Costumes are welcome!

UPCOMING BOATING SAFETY EVENTS

APRIL 5 – Mountlake Terrace Pavilion Life Jacket Style Show and Cold Water

SPRINGTIME – on a weekday -- possibly libraries and Nancy's Noah's Ark Childcare, Seminar taught: Life Jacket Style Show, It's in the Box, and cold water

JUNE 7 – D-16 Summer Rendezvous, Port Ludlow, activity to be decided

JULY 26 – Kid's Fest, Mill Creek Town Center, Booth activities

SEPTEMBER TBD – Fishermen's Fall Festival, Ballard, Booth activities

CONTACT LINDA MARTIN, 425-422-4721 or PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com

Boating Safety 4 Kids at the Seattle Boat Show



The class of the Seattle Boat Show 2025



Kids playing the "It's In the Box" game



PFD Seagull checking to see if the life jacket fits



America's Boating Club of Snohomish County
2025 Rendezvous Schedule



Date	Destination	Notes
May 3 - 4	Oak Harbor	2025 Shake Down Cruise! Make your own marina reservations and let's get our boats ship shape for the cruising season
June 14-15	Spencer Spit	Clamming Extravaganza & Cook Out! We had so much fun last year, we want to do a repeat! Come via boat or via ferry!
July 4-6	Sucia Island	It's such a gem to visit. We'll ask our members to choose their preferred spot...Echo vs Fossil Bay. We can't go wrong with either one.
Aug 15-17	Friday Harbor	A quintessential PNW destination! Come by boat, car, ferry. Let's rent a car/bike/moped and explore the island! Make your own reservations if you want to be dockside.
Sept 20	Whale Watching, Puget Sound Express, Edmonds Marina	Let's go out to sea to see what we can see! Reservations required. RSVP Susan at activities.boatsnoco@gmail.com
Oct 18	Woodinville Wine Tasting & Dinner out	Enjoy the season of "crush"! Short road trip to some nearby WA wineries.



Re-certification Seminar

by Jim West, DEO

The District 16 Education Department will be presenting an Instructor Development Recertification Seminar on 14 April, beginning at 10:00 am. USPS Instructors who have completed the Instructor Development Course must recertify every four years. The Recertification Seminar is good for four years. If you are a qualified instructor in need of recertification, please send your E-Mail address to DEO James West at phnx789@msn.com. The ZOOM conference can accommodate up to 20 people. The deadline for registration is close of business on 14 April. I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Jim West, DEO



Port of Everett Marina, Everett, Washington, Photo by PofE

Ahoy, fellow boaters!

by Lt/C Cathy Rich, P

I'm excited to announce the launch of our new Facebook page - America's Boating Club of Snohomish County, dedicated to all things boating! This page is the perfect place for us to come together, share our experience and celebrate our love for life on the water and boating safety!

What can you expect to see on our page?
Boating Tips & Tricks from maintenance advice, safety tips or ways to enhance your boating experience.
Event Updates: Stay in the loop about upcoming meetings and meetups, rendezvous'
Upcoming classes and seminars!

Please feel free to post or share stories and photos of your on the water adventures.

How to join? Its simple just head over to our Facebook page Americas Boating Club (Snohomish County) [Click here](#) and like and interact with our page. Share with your friends you think would be interested in it too! See you all on the water!



**HIGHWAY MARINERS 2025
RENDEZVOUS**

by P/C Mike Martin, P

- May 8-12 – Confluence State Park, Wenatchee**
- May 22-27 – Gilgal RV Park, Sequim**
- June 6-8 – D-16 Summer Rendezvous in Port Ludlow (RV camping is available at the marina)**
- July 3-7 – Wenatchee River County Park**
- August 1-16 – TO BE DETERMINED**
- August 28 –**
- September 2 – Fidalgo Bay RV Resort**
- (Sept 1-7 – USPS Governing Board Meeting in Grand Rapids)**
- Sept 18-24 – Steamboat Rock State Park, Banks Lake**

Everyone wanting to camp with the Highway Mariners needs to make their own reservations. Mike can help you with the websites and phone numbers. After you have made a reservation, contact Mike Martin 425-330-6990 or frugalboatnut@frontier.com with your space number.

Can you Guess Who?

Biography of a Marine Vessel Named? _____

Built at the Woolwich Naval Dockyard, river Thames, London. Length: 90'
 Beam: 24.5'
 Draft: 12.5'
 Displacement: 235 tons.
 Launched: 11, May 1820.

Class/Type: Cherokee class 10-gun brig-sloop. One of at least 150 built for Royal navy, designed by Sir Henry Peake, Surveyor to the Navy from 1806 to 1822. In 1825 was adapted for use as a Survey Vessel, became a bark/barque by addition of a mizzen mast which allowed for greater maneuverability in coastal waters.

Made three voyages of exploration and discovery:

1st: 1826 to 1830. South America, surveyed coasts of Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego. 2nd: 1831 to 1836. South America, Falkland Islands, Galápagos Islands, Tahiti, South Africa, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand.
 3rd: 1837 to 1843. Australia, Bass Strait, Timor.

2nd voyage most notable. Primary goal was to survey coasts of Brazil, Argentina, Chile, especially Strait of Magellan which was treacherous for shipping, and to observe and collect samples of plants, animals, geology. Left Plymouth (not the one with the Rock!) on 27 December 1831 and returned to England having circled the globe, arriving in Falmouth, Cornwall, on 2 October 1836.

2nd voyage under command of Captain Robert FitzRoy aged 26, had been Flag Lieutenant on 1st voyage, who had ship extensively refitted for the voyage, much of which at own expense. Good commander and surveyor, had some iron cannons replaced with brass cannons to avoid magnetic interference with compasses and chronometers, of which there were 22 on the 2nd voyage, also barometers and theodolites. Upon return to England after nearly 5 years, FitzRoy's measurements (based on local noon times, compared to the chronometers) were found to be inaccurate by only 33 seconds, equivalent to 8.25 nautical miles. As well as the hydrographical and geological surveys, measurements were taken and observations were made about weather, ocean depths, and earthquakes, including observations made using the Beaufort Scale, which was not yet widely-used. FitzRoy was later responsible for setting up the Meteorological Office, which now monitors, predicts and advises on weather conditions. Many samples of plants, animals, rocks and fossils were collected during the voyage that played an important part in understanding natural history, and many of them are still held in museum collections.

After returning from 3rd voyage the vessel was transferred to the Coast Guard in 1845 and refitted as a Coast Guard static Watch Vessel, to be used as an observation post and with living quarters for a small crew of Customs and Excise officers whose job was to try to prevent smuggling. Was located on the river Crouch in Essex, north-east of London near a village called Paglesham. In 1859 was renamed WV7 (Watch Vessel 7).

In 1870 was sold to Messrs, Murray and Trainer for £525 to be broken up where moored at a mud dock; re-purposed timbers have been found in the local area. In early 2000s the last known moorage location was found and has been given protected status but no excavations have been done to establish whether any timbers may remain.

Person most famously associated with this vessel? _____

Which American President was born on the same day as this person? _____

What sort of birds are believed to be associated with one of the most important discoveries of the 2nd voyage? _____

ANSWERS ON PAGE 18



Visit: <http://www.usps.org/national/vsc/>
 Visit: <http://www.safetyseal.net>



<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/>

Vessel Safety Check

Anyone who would like a vessel safety check done on their boat,

Contacts are below:
 VSC Chairman
 Lt Danny Daniels, AP 206/229-9649
DannyLDaniels@gmail.com

D/Lt/C James West, JN 425/778-0283
phnx789@msn.com

USPS Member Benefits Link

https://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/benefitsdescription.htm

Vessel Safety Exam 2025
Contact: [Lt Danny L.Daniels, AP](#) for
[Vessel Safety Checks Schedule](#)

MARCH 8, 2025 Port of Everett Marina
APRIL 12, 2025 Shelter Bay Marina
MAY 10, 2025 Port of Everett Marina

Starting in February through October: The second Saturday of every month we will be at the Port of Everett and Dagmar's from 9am to 3pm.
 Pre-registration is appreciated.

Compass
 Set a Course for Better Boating
Spring checklist for boaters

Using a spring launch checklist like the one below will help you start the boating season on a positive note.

READ MORE

[Your Boating Tips](#)

VSC... PERMISSION TO COME ABOARD!
 by Lt Danny Daniels, AP

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HMS BEAGLE. Charles Robert Darwin.

Born 12 February 1809 in Shrewsbury, England.

Died aged 73, 19 April 1882 in Kent, buried in Westminster Abbey, London.

Attended University of Edinburgh Medical School and then Christ's College, Cambridge, graduating in 1831. Had intended to study for the church and become a country vicar but became interested in natural history.

In 1831 at age 22, it was suggested to Captain Robert FitzRoy that he should be invited to come on the Beagle's 2nd voyage as a naturalist and also to provide companionship for Captain FitzRoy, who nearly rejected him because of the shape of his nose! Captain FitzRoy had become interested in the writings of a Swiss Physiognomist who thought personality types could be determined by physical characteristics and apparently thought his nose was of an inauspicious shape. As the funds being provided for the voyage by the Navy were limited, Darwin had to pay for his passage at a cost of £500. He spent a lot of the voyage suffering from seasickness.

During the voyage Darwin collected many specimens and made many notes and observations. By 1838 he was forming theories based on his observations, including the theory that species evolve, which he called "Natural Selection" as opposed to "Artificial Selection" also known as Selective Breeding, used to perpetuate desirable characteristics in livestock. This was controversial as it contradicted theories about Divine Creation but eventually became recognized as one of the most important factors in understanding the history of our world. His diaries and scientific notes were published in 1839 and eventually republished as "The Voyage of The Beagle". In 1881 the last of his many books was published, titled "The Formation of Vegetable Mould, through the Actions of Worms", an examination of the useful effects of earthworms on soil.

Answers to questions:

1. Abraham Lincoln, 16th President, was born on the same day as Charles Darwin, 12 February 1809.

2. Darwin's observations of differences in Finches beaks while in the Galápagos Islands are believed to have contributed to his forming a theory of evolution although some people believe Mockingbirds may also have been an influence.



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