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# *The Pike Pole*

*For Boaters, By Boaters™*

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## **January Highlights**

**Tuesday 7 -** Monthly Gathering, Everett's Firefighters Hall, 6:30 pm  
Speaker: Ann Einboden (Friday Harbor) highlighting her trip to Antarctica

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 CLUB CALENDAR *for*  
**2025**

2025 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### January

- 7 Monthly Gathering, Speaker Ann Einboden (Friday Harbor) highlighting her trip to Antarctica, Everett's Firefighters Hall, "Breakfast for Dinner" potluck, food bank donations encouraged, 6:30 pm
- 14 Executive Committee Meeting, In-person at Brooklyn Pizza, location TBD, 6:30 pm
- 18 Adopt a Street, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Meet at Henry M. Jackson Park, RSVP Danny or Claire
- 31 Seattle Boat Show begins  
 Dates TBA – Radar Class via Zoom or Hybrid (6 to 8 weeks long, 2 hours per week)

### February

- 1 Boating Safety 4 Kids at the Seattle Boat Show, 1 pm, helpers wanted, RSVP Linda M.
- 1 Winter Rendezvous trip to the Seattle Boat Show, RSVP Susan Tarpley
- 4 Annual Shipwreck Party and Potluck, Jimmy Buffet's "Margaritaville" Theme, Everett Firefighters Hall, food bank donations encouraged, 6:30 pm
- 5th to 9th USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm

### March

- 4 Monthly Gathering, Member Appreciation Dinner and Slate of Officers announced, Everett's Firefighters Hall, food bank donations encouraged, 6:30 pm
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 15 Vessel Safety Checks begin at the Port of Everett Marina, RSVP Danny
- 29 District 16 Change of Watch, Port of Everett's Blue Heron Room, 9:00 am

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### **Adopt-A-Street Clean up planned January 18, 2025**

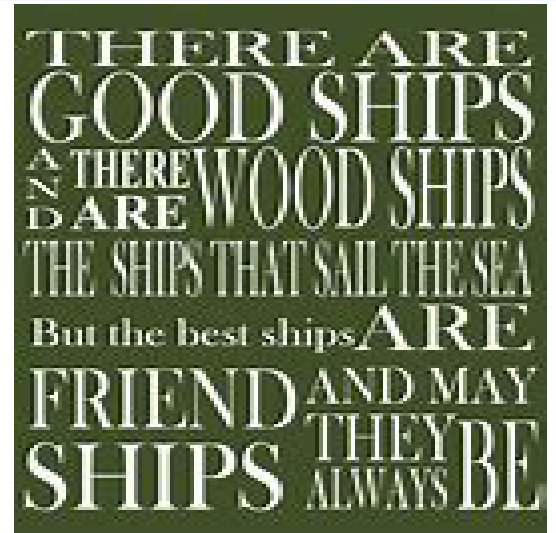
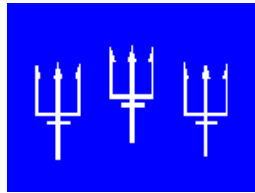
The next Adopt-A-Street clean up is planned as follows:

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.

## FROM THE HELM

*Commander Darcy Baker, AP*



**Happy New Year!**

**Let's go boating, get educated and have some fun!**

**A**s we thank you for your involvement in our Club and say goodbye to 2024, a quick recap of some of our accomplishments is in order:

Awarded the BoatUS Foundation National Civic Service Award

- ✓ America's Boating Course had largest student attendance of late
- ✓ Sail Course attracted students from across the country
- ✓ Boating Safety 4 Kids (BS4K) educators taught over 200 kids and their parents
- ✓ Volunteer Vessel Safety Examiners completed over 100 free Vessel Safety Checks
- ✓ Taught at the Seattle Boat Show (BS4K) and promoted safe boating at Everett's NSME
- ✓ Hosted engaging speakers presenting interesting topics at our monthly Gatherings
- ✓ Participated in community activities including Adopt-a-Street and Jetty Island clean ups
- ✓ Donated hundreds of pounds of food and personal items benefitting local agencies
- ✓ Volunteered at several Port of Everett community events
- ✓ Raised money for Christmas House enabling the purchase of 44 bicycles for distribution
- ✓ Enjoyed on-the-water and land-based rendezvous in the San Juans and other locales

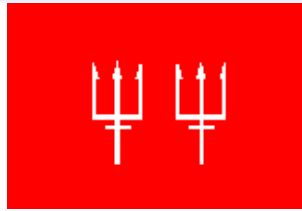
Looking ahead, we're making plans for activities that you'll want to add to your calendar. If it's been a while since you've joined us, we hope there are some offerings that pique your interest. Speaking of, our January kickoff Gathering will have us travelling to the Galapagos Islands as Ann Einboden of America's Boating Club of the San Juan Islands recaps her recent adventures. It's a presentation that is not to be missed!

Overall, we can be happy that we have an interesting group of members, money in the bank, and lots of great ideas for making this year one that really stands out. We hope you'll join us as we go boating, get educated and have some fun!

*Here's to a year of Safe Boating,  
Commander Darcy*

# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Nick Rich, AP



**H**oliday Greetings and New-year greetings to you fellow mariners! Here are some updates for outreach/outings and coming up soon.

**Adopt-a-Street:** Our Winter clean-up for the Marine View Drive in Everett will Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> with the group meeting at 9:00 AM. This always is a fun and a rewarding way to give back to our community. If you are interested in participating for some fun and exercise and good company, don't forget to dress for the conditions, and please contact/RSVP Danny or Claire.

## **New Year's Boating Resolutions: Navigating 2024 with Purpose:**

Last month, we shared some ideas for some nice gifts for that boating loved one or shipmate. With the dawning of the new year, this month is a great time to reflect on the past and set goals for the future. Why not bring that mindset to the water? Whether you're a seasoned boater or just beginning your journey, 2024 offers an opportunity to enhance your skills, prioritize safety, and deepen your love for boating. Here are some resolutions to inspire your boating adventures this year:

### **1. Sharpen Your Skills**

Boating is a lifelong learning journey. Resolve to take a class or earn a certification this year, whether it's an advanced navigation course, weather awareness training, or a boating safety class. America's Boating Club offers a wide range of educational opportunities, from online seminars to hands-on training sessions.

### **2. Make Safety a Priority**

Safety is always in style. Start the year by conducting a thorough inspection of your safety equipment. Are your life jackets in good condition? Have your fire extinguishers been inspected? Is your emergency kit fully stocked? Make it a goal to schedule a vessel safety check—free through America's Boating Club.

### **3. Explore New Horizons**

Expand your boating experiences by exploring new destinations. Whether it's a nearby waterway you've never visited or a multi-day boating trip, stepping outside your comfort zone can bring new excitement to your adventures. Start planning early to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip.

### **4. Connect with the Boating Community**

Boating is more fun with friends. Resolve to participate more actively in your local boating community this year. Attend club events, volunteer for projects, or invite a friend to join the fun. Building relationships on the water strengthens our shared passion and keeps boating traditions alive.

### **5. Commit to Stewardship**

As boaters, we have a unique opportunity to protect the waters we love. Make a commitment to practice eco-friendly boating habits, such as minimizing waste, using biodegradable cleaning products, and respecting wildlife. Small actions can make a big difference in preserving our waterways for future generations.

### **6. Keep Your Boat in Top Shape**

A well-maintained boat is a safe and reliable one. Create a maintenance plan for the year, from engine checks to hull inspections. Consider setting reminders for seasonal tasks and using downtime to complete those "someday" projects you've been meaning to tackle.

## **Looking Ahead**

New Year's resolutions are about setting intentions and working steadily toward them. As you embark on 2024, let these goals guide your boating journey. America's Boating Club is here to support you every step of the way, with resources, education, and a welcoming community of fellow enthusiasts. Here's to safe, memorable, and rewarding adventures on the water this new year. Let's make 2025 a banner year for boating!



# ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP



**A**hoy and welcome to 2025! I sincerely hope that the holiday season was filled with special memories and times spent with people that brought you joy and good tidings.



share her amazing experiences of cruising for two weeks with 12 other San Juan Islanders as they explored Antarctica and South Georgia Island. Hear tales of crossing the 500+ mile Drake Passage twice, walking among 100,000 pairs of King penguins, and having a once-in-a lifetime experience! To accompany this incredible presentation about things on the upside down side of the globe, the evening's menu is also upside down! We are changing things up by having breakfast for dinner!! Yes, that's right.... breakfast for dinner! So, Bring your favorite breakfast item that lends itself to our potluck venue and we will make it a grand gathering to bring in the new year!

Before we get too far into the New Year, I want to send out a HUGE "Thank you" for all the donations that you brought to our December gathering for the Lynnwood Hygiene Center. Together, we collected multiple bags loaded with warm-weather apparel and necessities! When I dropped these things off at the center, everyone there was stunned by our club's generosity! We provided them with 10 jackets; 3 vests; 9 fleeces, hoodies, & sweatshirts; 15 pairs of gloves; 12 woolen hats and 4 baseball caps, 6 scarves; 3 pairs of shoes/boots; 5 towels, and a big tote full of toiletries! WOW! I think another WOW is in order!! Our civic service efforts are a valuable and an integral part of our club. Thank you for your heartwarming graciousness and generosity. Collectively, in this one event, we have helped provide dignity and hope to people in need, especially those experiencing homelessness and/or housing insecurity. Well done team... Let's continue the good work that we do in all of our civic service efforts this coming year! To kick off the New Year, join us January 7<sup>th</sup> for an *Antarctic Adventure*.... a not to be missed event! We will meet in person at the Everett Fireman Hall and our presenter will be Ann Einboden from the Friday Harbor Power Squadron (aka America's Boating Club of San Juan Islands). She will

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# EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

*Lt/C Brian Rachal, AP*



**W**elcome to 2025. I hope everyone had a wonderful 2024 boating season, and is starting to make plans for the 2025 season. For some boaters, the 2024 season never truly ended, and the 2025 season has already started. For some of us, getting our boat out this time of year is cold and generally unpleasant. I'm one of those, but I do look forward to a nice weekend in March or April that gives me an excuse to get out and run the engines. However, the wintertime for me is an opportunity to focus on learning, and planning for the coming season.

If you read my articles, you've heard some of my stories where I've made use of the things I've learned in some of the classes we offer. You've also heard stories about some of the lessons that I've learned the hard way, as well as experiences I've seen on the water where boaters clearly could benefit from some of our instruction. We've offered a number of classes over the past few years, and struggled to get enough students to fill a class. We've had a lot of conversations about why it's harder to get students, especially since the pandemic, and I have some of my own opinions as well.

One challenge is that there are lots of options available to get basic education for your state required Boater Education Card online. I've spoken to people that would prefer to complete the test online rather than commit to several hours in a classroom. However, every time we've had someone in the class that already had their card, they felt the class really helped them. We've also had people with experience take the class and provide positive feedback about what they got out of it. So if you know anyone getting into boating, send them our way and we'll get them into the ABC class, or the Boat Handling class.

The district is going to continue to offer seminars via zoom this year. Once we have the schedule for that, we'll send it out and keep it up to date in the Pike Pole. We're also planning to work on turning the Marine and Advanced Marine Navigation content into a series of seminars so students can take the entire series and complete the exams, or pick and choose the content they want to learn. This will also give those that have completed the courses an opportunity to see some of the updated portions, without having to sit through the entire course.

We're also talking a bit about the desire to offer on-the-water training. The challenge with planning on-the-water training is having a good boat available that can be used for basic boat handling, which is typically a single engine runabout. If you have one, are willing to let the club use it, and/or would like to participate in that type of training, please get in touch.

I personally am looking forward to another active year on the water, and I hope you are too.

Safe Boating,

Brian Welcome to 2025. I hope everyone had a wonderful 2024 boating season, and is starting to make plans for the 2025 season. For some boaters, the 2024 season never truly ended, and the 2025 season has already started. For some of us, getting our boat out this time of year is cold and generally unpleasant. I'm one of those, but I do look forward to a nice weekend in March or April that gives me an excuse to get out and run the engines. However, the wintertime for me is an opportunity to focus on learning, and planning for the coming season.

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**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**

Schedule Currently 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](mailto:edu.boatsnoco@gmail.com)**

**SEMINARS**

Schedule Currently TBD

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**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](mailto: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.



## STORM STORIES, THE BOMB CYCLONE

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

On November 19, 2024 there was a **Bomb Cyclone** that whipped through Western Washington like nothing we had ever seen before doing massive damage by downed trees to homes, businesses, cars, buses and power lines. Over half a million homes were without power for days. The highest wind was recorded at the northwest tip of the state at 101 mph. There were two deaths.

After talking with Mark and Norma Covey about the damage done to their 42-foot Ponderosa, a very classic yacht, in Lake Washington, I wanted to find out if anyone else in the Boating Club had a story to tell.

### Let's start with MARK AND NORMA COVEY'S STORM

**STORY:** The *Dragon Lady* was tied to their dock in south Lake Washington near their cabin. The stern lines broke loose in the wind, and the boat swung 90 degrees into the neighbor's dock doing thousands of dollars of damage and only the corner of the swim step of the *Dragon Lady*. It was very difficult for Mark and Norma to get down the neighbor's dock to rescue their boat. Mark has photos but was unable to send them since he doesn't have a computer. Mark and Norma are putting the *Dragon Lady* up for sale in the spring, if anyone is interested in a live aboard, contact Mark 206-948-0486.

**JACK AND RUSS MCBRIEN'S STORM STORY:** The wind blew the door off Jack's shed. But his son, Russ, had much more damage. He has property at Lake Conner Park and 400-500 trees went down, 25% of the RV's were damaged and those living there had to be evacuated until they could remove the downed trees and make it safe again. Some trees were three feet in diameter and over one hundred feet tall. Over one hundred volunteers came to clean up the park. Russ's fifth wheel was spared but his 2005 Mustang got hit hard right down the middle. See photos.



### BRIEN RACHAL'S STORM

**STORY:** His power went out on Tuesday. He drove over power lines Wednesday on his way to work. He took his chain saw with him. In one photo you can see



that someone cut the top off that tree so he could get around it on the shoulder. There was another just past it that he could get around. In the other picture was closer to Granite Falls on Menzel Lake Rd, and that was a large tree that someone had cut enough room in the middle for one car to get through. On Menzel Lake Rd, the power lines were down in multiple locations. It ended up being Brian and a few other cars making their way into town, and they were able to carefully drive over them. Brian has lived in his house for 17 years, and this is the worst he has seen. He was quite surprised that they got his power back as soon as they did. He doesn't have a generator because this has only happened a couple of times, and for him the biggest problem is that his hot water heater has an electric controller. This time he stopped by his boat and got the small inverter he had. He plugged that into his car and used it to run the hot water heater. He considered himself lucky. He didn't have any damage that cost him anything other than a little time to clean it up. The power came back on Thursday. See photos.



**BOB AND LINDA SAVELA'S STORM STORY:** Bob and Linda were on Flight 362 back for Maui. Everything was smooth until we came into Seattle and about to land at SeaTac. Suddenly the plane was rocking and rolling, and the rain was coming down very hard against the plane. The pilot warned them, "We may have a rough landing." Sure enough, as the plane descended it rocked back and forth. Then BOOM!!! The pilot put the plane on the tarmac with a huge bang. As the plane taxied to the gate the pilot got on the loudspeaker and apologized for the rough landing, but he wanted to be certain they'd get on the ground. Everyone on the plane clapped to say the least.



**RAY AND ELAINE KEASEY'S STORM STORY:** Ray and Elaine were safely enjoying their condo in Carefree, Arizona when they saw on the news what a horrible storm hit the Pacific



NW. They prayed that everyone in Everett would be safe, and they thanked the Lord they were not there.

**GARY AND DARCY BAKER'S STORM STORY:** A tree from their property fell onto the neighbor's property landing cleanly between their garage and home. It made a huge mess but missed the house, cars and humans! The base of the root ball was over twenty feet across.



*The Baker's photos from the storm*

FINALLY, these are the stories I was able to find. If you have a Storm Story from the Bomb Cyclone, send your story and photos. We can continue the drama into the February's *The Pike Pole*.

## Insurance Coverage Update

**From Gary L. Baker, D16 Executive Officer**

Here is the latest information on the insurance situation.

1. A policy of general liability and officers and directors insurance for squadrons, clubs and districts went into effect on December 2. A copy of the policy is not available but will be posted on the national website when received. The policy will state any coverage exclusions.
2. There is currently no coverage for on-the-water, cooperative charting, and vessel safety checks activities; but the national officers expect to obtain that coverage by the end of December. They will let us know when that happens.
3. There will be no coverage for fundraising activities and holiday parties in third party venues, but ABC|USPS will make available a website portal for districts, squadrons and clubs to purchase event coverage for those activities. The portal is not yet available.
4. ABC|USPS will later advise us how to obtain a Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage to provide to a municipality as a requirement to use their facilities.

If any D16 leader or member has insurance questions, please contact me at [garybaker@grovestreetlaw.com](mailto:garybaker@grovestreetlaw.com) or any D16 Bridge member.

## SEMINAR SCHEDULE for SEATTLE BOAT SHOW 2025 by P/C Linda Martin, JN

Our Boating Safety 4 Kids seminar was accepted again this year at the Seattle Boat Show. They gave us the date that we requested, Saturday, February 1, 2025. Our seminar shift starts at 1:00pm. We need to arrive at the Boat Show well before that.

I'm looking for America's Boating Club of Snohomish County members and well as District 16 members to help with this big event. We need at least eight members.

Once we get to the Boat Show with all the "BS4K" gear, we take it to Stage #1 and park it. Next, we divide up into teams of two and walk around the Boat Show inviting the kids to come to the seminar and we tell them a little bit about it.

Close to our start time we return to Stage #1 and set up our gear. We have a 50-minute time slot to teach the kids about Life Jackets: what to buy and when to wear them. We touch on Hypothermia and give them a certificate and a PFD Puzzle Storybook. We also reach out to the parents about our AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE and what else we offer. We keep in touch with the families after the show.

Lastly, we pack up our gear and take some time to enjoy lunch and the Boat Show.

If you love to teach kids, put this date on your new 2025 calendar and let Linda know that you are interested. Linda's email is [PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com](mailto:PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com) or call her at 425-422-4721.



*Boating Safety 4 Kids at the Seattle Boat Show, February 2024*

## **THE MOST MONEY, THE MOST BIKES, THE BEST OF TIMES**

*by P/C Linda Martin, JN*

On December 13th this year, we saw the culmination of our Christmas House Bike Fund.

In May we began collecting money at our gatherings for bikes for Christmas House. Our final tally was \$2,010.01.

We contacted Tara at the Walmart at Tulalip and she was able to sell us 44 bikes. They were 16–18-inch Huffy bikes, which is what Christmas House requested.

On December 4, Mike and I went up to Walmart to meet Tara and purchase bikes. On December 6<sup>th</sup> Mike, Jonathan Ward and Glen Sandvick managed to fit 44 bikes into their trucks and a trailer and deliver them to the Boys and Girls Club in Everett.

P/D/C Annette Ferguson, P/Lt/C Cathy Rich, Cdr Darcy Baker and I arrived to help the parents of low-income families in Snohomish County pick gifts for their children. We watched several Huffy bikes go out the door to be put under the Christmas trees this season.

We have been donating toys for over 30 years to Christmas House. We have been collecting funds specifically for bikes since 2015. In the last twenty years we have donated \$12,658.88 which was able to purchase 225 bikes for Christmas House in the last twenty years.



*Volunteering at Christmas House Cdr Darcy Baker, Linda Martin, Annette Ferguson, Cathy Rich*



*Transaction complete with Tara, manager of Walmart, and Linda Martin*



*Bikes Delivered by Jonathan Ward and Glen Sandvick to Christmas House President, Gregg Milne. Not pictured Mike Martin*



*Final touches put on the Christmas House Shopping Room by a volunteer.*



*Pile of 44 Huffy Bikes*



# Christmas Party at Shawn O'Donnells

Photos by Lt Linda Skugstad, AP



Ladies in RED



White Elephant Gift Exchange



P/C Linda & Cdr Darcy, A Big Thank you to Linda



Thank you, I'll take that one!



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Vessel Safety Check  
Website



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### 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](mailto:DannyLDaniels@gmail.com)

D/Lt/C James West, JN 425/778-0283

[phnx789@msn.com](mailto:phnx789@msn.com)

### Vessel Safety Exam 2025

Contact: [Lt Danny L.Daniels, AP](#) for details

Vessel Safety Checks begins again early 2025.

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.

### VSC... PERMISSION TO COME ABOARD!

by Lt Danny Daniels, AP

Looking for a simple way to volunteer and provide a valued service to the boating community at large? WE offer FREE Vessel Safety Checks to all boats under 65 foot, and that takes Examiners. Most examinations are under an hour; and you will meet some fascinating boaters as well as touring some beautiful boats.

Can you do this ?? YES YOU CAN!! Just a simple Training Course and a brief test at the end, and you are ready to start checking vessels. Your first 5 vessels will be in the company of a currently certified Examiner; you will watch 2 VSChecks and then do 3 more on your own while being assisted. Then you will be ready do checks on your own. WE also do events for Yacht Clubs where we meet on a special day and cover 15 to 20 boats.

Contact: Lt Danny L Daniels AP -if you would like to start.



<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/>

### USPS Member Benefits Link

[https://www.usps.org/national/admin\\_dept/benefitsdescription.htm](https://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/benefitsdescription.htm)

## Compass

Set a Course for Better Boating

Get a vessel safety check in the New Year



Regular vessel safety checks not only help you to comply with safety regulations but also give you peace of mind when on the water.

[Your Boating Tips](#)



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**When:** First Tuesday of the month except July & August  
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Program 7:30 pm

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