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**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB**  
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# *The Pike Pole*

*For Boaters, By Boaters™*

**December 2024**

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*Season's Greetings*

## **December Highlights**

**Tuesday 3 - Holiday Party at Shawn O'Donnell's in Everett, White Elephant gift exchange, 6:00 pm**  
RSVP Commander Darcy Baker

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Everett Sail and Power Squadron is  
**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB**  
 CLUB CALENDAR for  
**2024-2025**

**December**

- 3 Holiday Party at Shawn O'Donnell's, Everett, RSVP to Darcy, White Elephant gift exchange collecting Homeless Hygiene Center "care donations", \$30 pp, 6:00 pm
- 7 Holiday at the Bay family event, Port of Everett, Noon to 6 pm, RSVP Annette
- 10 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30 pm
- 13 Volunteer at Christmas House, RSVP to Linda M.

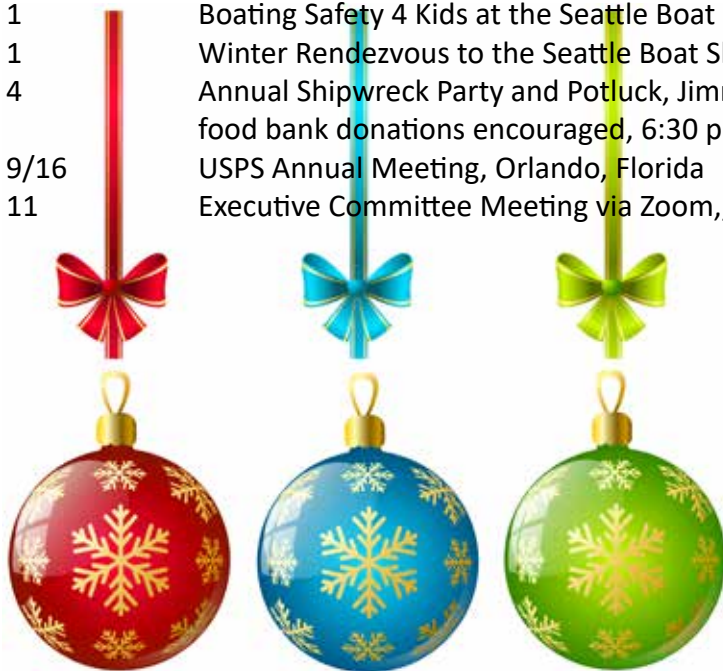
2025 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**January 2025**

- 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 via Zoom, 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

**February**

- 1 Boating Safety 4 Kids at the Seattle Boat Show, 1 pm, helpers wanted, RSVP Linda M.
- 1 Winter Rendezvous to the Seattle Boat Show, details announced in January
- 4 Annual Shipwreck Party and Potluck, Jimmy Buffet's "Margaritaville" Theme, Everett Firefighters Hall, food bank donations encouraged, 6:30 pm
- 9/16 USPS Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom,, 6:30 pm



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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.

## You're Invited - Holiday Gathering



**Tuesday December 3, 6:00 pm**  
**Lower-level Banquet Room, Everett**

**Celebrate the holidays in a fun and festive way!**  
**Join us as we enjoy a delicious meal, festive atmosphere**  
**and white elephant gift exchange. We will collect "care**  
**donations" (warm clothing and personal items) for the**  
**Homeless Hygiene Center at this event.**



**London Broil & Cinnamon Dry Rub Salmon**  
**Irish Whiskey Mac and Cheese**  
**Fresh Seasonal Vegetable Medley**  
**Mixed Green Salad**  
**O'Donnell's Irish Soda Bread and Honey Butter**  
**Christmas Themed Dessert**  
**No-host Beverages**

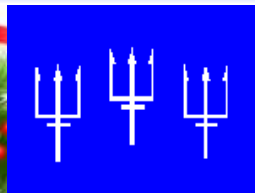
**To reserve a spot, please contact Darcy by November 27**

[Commander.boatsnoco@gmail.com](mailto:Commander.boatsnoco@gmail.com)

**Payment of \$30 pp will be collected at the door**

# FROM THE HELM

Commander Darcy Baker, AP

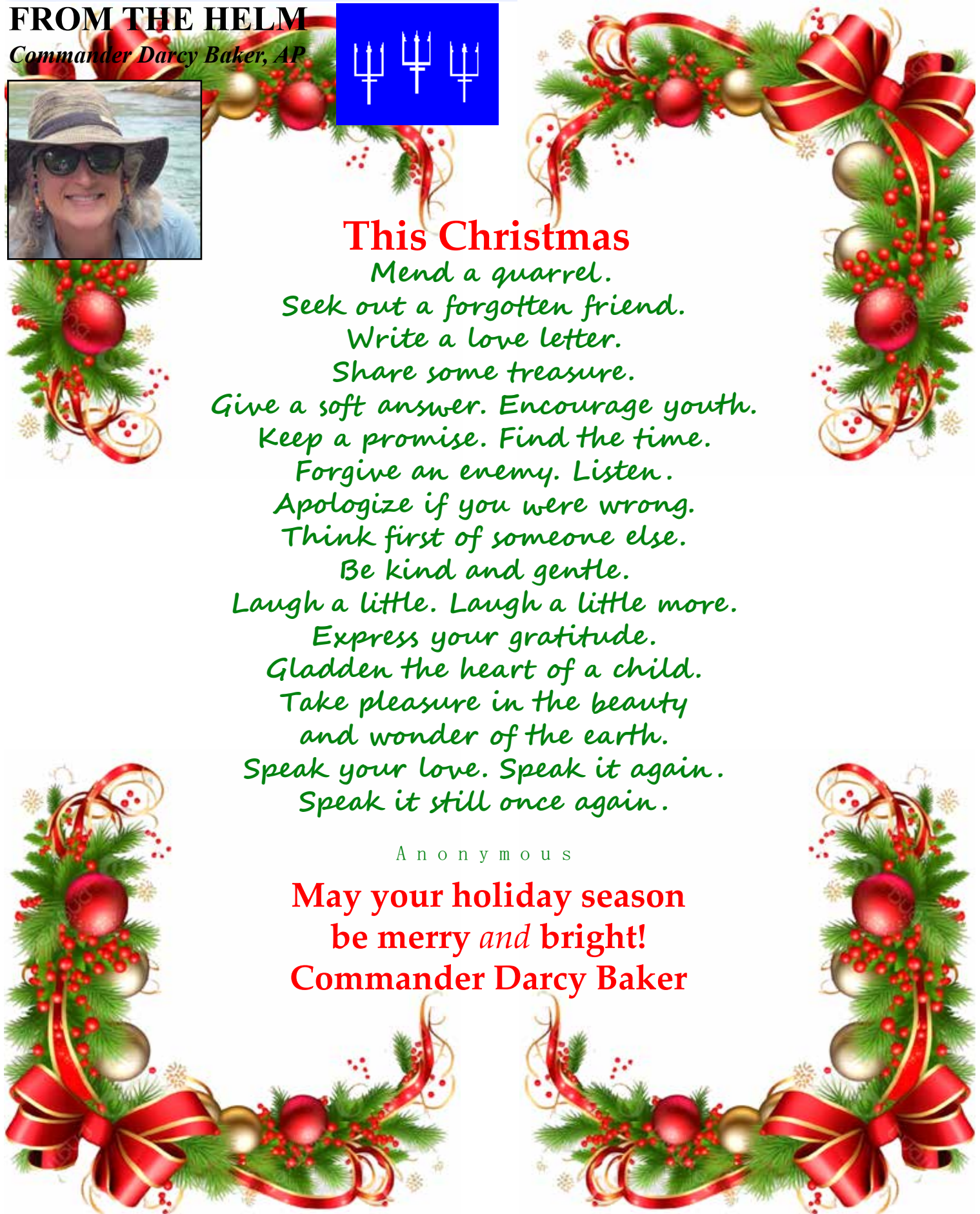


## This Christmas

Mend a quarrel.  
Seek out a forgotten friend.  
Write a love letter.  
Share some treasure.  
Give a soft answer. Encourage youth.  
Keep a promise. Find the time.  
Forgive an enemy. Listen.  
Apologize if you were wrong.  
Think first of someone else.  
Be kind and gentle.  
Laugh a little. Laugh a little more.  
Express your gratitude.  
Gladden the heart of a child.  
Take pleasure in the beauty  
and wonder of the earth.  
Speak your love. Speak it again.  
Speak it still once again.

A n o n y m o u s

**May your holiday season  
be merry *and* bright!  
Commander Darcy Baker**



# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Nick Rich, AP



**H**oliday Greetings and End-of-the-year salutations to you fellow mariners! Here are some updates for outreach/outings of the past month and coming up soon.

**Adopt-a-Street:** Our Winter clean-up for the Marine View Drive in Everett will be Saturday, January 18 with the group meeting at 9:00 AM. This is always a fun and 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 weather, and please contact/RSVP Danny or Claire.

### Holiday Season ideas for safe boating gifts:

Last month, we shared guidelines for safe vessel operation during the chilly season. This month the holiday season is upon us, and for those with a boater in their life, finding a meaningful gift can feel like navigating uncharted waters. This year, why not choose a gift that reflects both your care and their love for the water? Boating safety gear makes for thoughtful, practical presents that every boater can appreciate—after all, safety is the ultimate gift. From budget-friendly essentials to advanced safety equipment, here are some great holiday gift ideas to help keep your favorite boater safe and ready for adventure.

#### Gift ideas in the \$20 Range:

1. Floating Keychain: An inexpensive yet practical tool to keep keys from sinking if dropped overboard.
2. Waterproof Phone Case: This protects a phone from water damage, essential for emergency communications and navigation apps.
3. Safety Whistle with Lanyard: This is a simple yet effective tool for attracting attention in low-visibility or emergency situations.

#### Gift ideas in the \$40 to \$80 Range:

1. Marine First Aid Kit: Give the gift of a kit with essentials like waterproof packaging and marine-specific medical supplies.
2. Waterproof Emergency Strobe Light: Look for a small, powerful, and capable strobe to signal for help in low-light conditions.
3. Safety Knife: A marine-grade knife with corrosion resistance, essential for handling emergencies involving ropes or fishing lines.

#### Gift ideas in the price range of \$100 and Above:

1. Automatic Inflatable Life Jacket: Comfortable and reliable, it's a great investment in safety. Most also include a safety whistle with lanyard mentioned above.
2. Personal Locator Beacon (PLB): This device provides GPS location information directly to rescue services in emergencies.
3. VHF Marine Radio: This ensures reliable communication beyond cell phone range, a must-have for safety on larger water bodies. Even if your boating loved one has a mounted radio aboard, a hand-held VHF radio is also an essential safety device for the dinghy and on-the-go from the boat.

As you search for the perfect holiday gift, consider one that brings peace of mind and safety on the water. From essential tools to high-tech lifesavers, these boating gifts make thoughtful additions to any boater's kit, helping to ensure safe adventures year-round. And as you wrap up your holiday shopping, remember that one of the best gifts you can give yourself is the camaraderie and community of fellow boaters. Join us for one of our Squadron dinner meetings, where we share our passion for boating, swap stories, and learn new skills. We'd love to see you there and welcome you into our boating family. Safe boating and happy holidays!

# ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Susan Tarpley, AP



I send you all the warmest wishes this festive season. May your holidays be filled with sparkly snowflakes, cheesy Hallmark movies, and lots of eggnog!

*Holiday Cheers,  
Susan*

## Ho Ho Ho – Happy Holidays to All!

Ready to jingle your bells? May your days be merry and your heart be light this holiday season! I am looking forward to celebrating this special time of year with you on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's our club's annual *Holiday Gathering* at Shawn O'Donnells in Everett (see promo on page 3). Don't forget to RSVP Darcy if you are planning to attend.

In addition to the fun and festivities at this upcoming party, we are asking you to be a part of our club's ongoing civic service efforts. Please bring donations for a local hygiene center that serves people in need, especially those experiencing homelessness and/or housing insecurities, in south Snohomish County. This is a place where folks can stop by to get warm showers, clean clothing, food, and assistance. (See page 7 for details) on what to donate, and for more info, go to [www.jeankimfoundation.org](http://www.jeankimfoundation.org). Let's remember those who are less fortunate than ourselves, and how our club's efforts can make a difference for many others in our communities. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and may this holiday spirit of giving be with us year-round.

No question, the hustle and bustle of the season is definitely upon us. Amongst all the frenzied things on our to-do lists, and the treasured holiday moments that we'll share with families and friends, it is also a time to reflect on the past year and make plans for the upcoming year. I'll leave that reflection time for you since it is a very personal thing, but I will share something re: making plans for the new year. To welcome in 2025, Ann Einboden from Friday Harbor, America's Boating Club of San Juan Islands, as our January gathering's speaker. She will share her adventures of a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Antarctica! So, save the date and make plans to join us at the Everett Firefighters Hall, Everett on Jan 7<sup>th</sup>.



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<http://www.everettsailandpowersquadron.com>

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This December, our Club is gathering donations for a Hygiene Center in Lynnwood, a place where folks in need can stop by to get basic necessities and refresh themselves. The center *really* needs:

- Cold-weather Clothing such as gloves, hats, scarves, warm coats, sweatshirts
- Blankets new or used
- Towels and toiletries for men and women
- New underwear and socks
- Gently used or new shoes for walking and being outdoors in the PNW
- Nutritious, shelf-stable food that can be carried in a backpack and doesn't require cooking/heating, e.g., protein drinks, peanut butter, granola bars, dried fruit
- Monetary Donations

Think about what you might need or want if you were homeless, and let's make a difference in someone's life.

Please bring your donations to the Holiday Party at Shawn O'Donnell's, or make arrangements with Susan for delivery.

Thank you for your generosity!



# EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

*Lt/C Brian Rachal, AP*



Pacific Northwest waters, and I'm sure many other areas, are commonly impacted by fog. There can be different reasons for fog to form, which means that fog can form pretty much any time of the year, and it can form unexpectedly. That's why a lot of boats in the PNW have radar. While it's generally not a good idea to cruise into fog when you have other options, including staying at the dock, radar is a tool that can help the captain greatly improve safety when visibility is impacted.

If you're like me, you have a radar, and a very basic understanding of how to use it based on watching movies and reading the manual. I've taken Advanced Marine Navigation, so I know that radar can be used for navigation, which is why it's supposed to be turned on if you have it regardless of the weather. When the weather and visibility are good it is also a great opportunity to get familiar with what things look like on your radar screen by comparing it to what you see on the water.

I've personally experienced cruising in fog and it's very disorienting. I got in that situation as a result of bad decision making on my part, and I regretted being there. Of course one option is to stop, be prepared to avoid any other boats coming, and wait for the visibility to improve. I actually reached back to flight training I received years before, which taught me to trust my instruments when poor visibility results in confusing sensory feedback. That enabled me to use my radar to identify other boats on the radar, find them in the fog with plenty of room for both of us to react and avoid collisions, while navigating using waypoints on the gps. Since then I've been more diligent about avoiding fog, but I'm confident that if I do wander into the fog I'll find my way through safely.

Everett Sail and Power Squadron, (America's Boating Club of Snohomish County) is lucky to have access to a former Puget Sound harbor pilot as well as an expert on Radar. We're working to schedule the radar class early in 2025. While we don't have a date set, it's anticipated to be run as a weekday evening class running for 6-8 weeks. I plan to be a student in that class to improve my knowledge, and I hope to see some of you join me in that class. If you're interested in joining us for the class, please reach out.



**Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year**



Everett Sail and Power Squadron is



**2024 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**

Spring of 2025

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**

Click the link to see upcoming [D-16 SEMINAR SCHEDULE](#)

GO TO [www.BOATCLUBSNOCO.ORG](http://www.BOATCLUBSNOCO.ORG)  
FOR MORE DETAILS AND LINK TO PAY



**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.

# YOUR GENEROSITY IS AMAZING!!!

by P/C Linda Martin, JN

When I walked into the November 6th Gathering, just ten days ago as I write this, you had donated \$1,910.10 to the Christmas House Bike Fund Drive. That was about \$1,000 less than our goal.

A lot of money was donated that night and the money and checks just kept coming in, and coming in. Even yesterday we got two more donations.

Our total just **TEN DAYS LATER IS \$1,810.01.**

**SUPER COOL!!** That is going to buy a lot of bicycles for the kids in Snohomish County through the Christmas House organization.

Thanks so much, so very much, to those who dug deep this year to help those kids with less than we have. We have been doing the Bike Fund Drive since 2015 and we have collected \$14,568.89 and we have purchased 181 bikes. We will go shopping later this month. I'll report at the December Dinner the final number of bikes for this year.

In the past Annette, Darcy, Cathy and I donated one day to help the parents choose gifts for their children. Again, this year we have set the date of Friday, December 13 to help. The shift is from 8am to about 2:30pm. There might still be openings on that date, however, if not there are a few other dates available to help. Go to [www.Christmas-House.org](http://www.Christmas-House.org) and click on Volunteer and see what is available. As of today, there are 6 dates still available, two of which you would help to set up or teardown. That would be a hoot for a young, strong person. One of those open dates is Friday, December 13, even.



Some very lucky Snohomish County kid will get this bike for Christmas, THANKS TO YOU!!!

Photo by P/C Linda Martin, JN



PFD SEAGULL, aka Linda Martin in the Santa Parade at Mill Creek Town Center.

## 2024 was a REALLY GOOD YEAR!!!

As most of you know, teaching Boating Safety 4 Kids is my passion. I was so happy to get out of the Pandemic so that we could actually get close enough to the children to teach them about life jackets, cold water and rescuing a person who falls overboard.

In 2024 we taught at six events. Ten members of the Snohomish County Club and eight members of District 16 came out for a few hours to teach these valuable lessons to 193 children.

These events included the Seattle Boat Show, April Pool's Day at the Mountlake Terrace Pool, Libraries at Camano Island and Stanwood, Kid's Fest at the Mill Creek Town Center and lastly the Fishermen's Fall Festival in Ballard.

I'm looking to add a few more in 2025 such as Nancy's Noah's Ark Child Care in the spring.

We are already approved to again teach at the Seattle Boat Show on Saturday, February 1. If you love to teach kids, put this date on your new 2025 calendar and let me know that you are interested. My email is [PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com](mailto:PFDprettyfancydude@yahoo.com)

Living so close to Puget Sound and so many lakes and rivers it is critical for the kids and their families to know the safety tips that we teach. Also keep your friends with children in the loop for the events that will be posted in the next couple of issues of *The Pike Pole*.

One final note: You can't keep a good seagull down!!! I will be in the Mill Creek Town Center Santa Parade on December 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:30pm as PFD SEAGULL.



## Countdown to Christmas House begins!

*Online registration available today.*

Volunteers are needed Nov. 29 - Dec. 22. We need hundreds of volunteers to help us make Christmas House a success each year. We invite you to join us in helping make Christmas a happy holiday for thousands of children. See details below, visit our website and choose a shift that fits your schedule.

Volunteer details . . .

**Signups:** Visit the volunteer webpage for details and use the Register tab in the black bar at the top of the website to sign up for one or more shifts. If registering for multiple shifts or more than one person, complete the process again for each person/time chosen. Volunteers must complete an entire shift.

**Ages:** All volunteers for all shifts must be age 16 or older.

**Abilities:** For all shifts, all volunteers must be able to lift and walk a lot; some will need to spend time outside.

**Food:** Water and snacks will be provided. Bring your own lunch.

**Health Check:** Please do not come to Christmas House if you are not feeling well, have recently had COVID, or have been near others who have tested positive. Masks are optional at this point, but if Health District guidelines change, our requirements will be adjusted accordingly, and you will be notified. View symptoms.

**Contact us early:** If you cannot come to your shift, please call us as soon as possible.  
Email [volunteer@christmas-house.org](mailto:volunteer@christmas-house.org) or call 206-963-5676.

A gift of your time is valuable in making Christmas House happen. We invite you to join us.

To register, visit our new webpage: [www.christmas-house.org/registration-2chlogo300dpi1x1.jpg](http://www.christmas-house.org/registration-2chlogo300dpi1x1.jpg)

Thanks for your continuing support!  
Christmas House Board of Directors



The October clean-up crew

# OCTOBER EVENTS



## GOBLINS, WITCHES and PIRATES CAPTURE THE PORT of EVERETT

On Friday, October 25th the Port of Everett was a “sea” of children and adults dressed in their best Halloween costumes. The first Haunted Halloween Trick or Treat event was hosted by the Port of Everett. Our squadron along with the Mukilteo Yacht Club assisted as the children Trick or Treated on the guest dock. Mukilteo provided the boats and lots of candy while we provided lifejackets and monitored the dock to ensure none of the children took an unplanned swim. It was a huge success with 674 kids getting treats, hot chocolate and a movie when the sun set. Laughter and smiles were seen everywhere.



# Holiday on the Bay

@PORT OF EVERETT



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**

**KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT THE PORT OF EVERETT WATERFRONT!**  
**PACIFIC RIM PLAZA, 1028 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET, EVERETT, WA 98201**

## FAMILY FUN

### HOLIDAY MARKET & FOOD TRUCKS | NOON – 6 P.M.

Support local this holiday season at the Port's curated holiday market and grab a bite from a variety of food trucks.

### FREE FUN FOR EVERYONE! | NOON – 6 P.M.

- \* TOUCH-A-TRUCK
- \* HOLIDAY KIDS CRAFTS WITH IMAGINE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
- \* FACE PAINTING
- \* BALLOON TWISTERS
- \* FIREPITS & S'MORES
- \* HOLIDAY STEEL DRUMS MUSIC
- \* FAMILY PHOTO OPPS
- \* WINTER LIGHTING DISPLAYS

### MEET & GREET WITH "FROZEN"-INSPIRED ROYALTY | 12 P.M. – 4 P.M.

Come meet, mingle and snap a photo with your favorite ice queen and ice princess from Enchanting Events.

### TREE LIGHTING & VISIT FROM SANTA | 5 P.M.

Gather around the Port's "Frozen Fountain" tree and countdown with us at our annual holiday tree lighting ceremony. Our jolly friend in red will also be making an appearance by water — and SNOW is in the forecast!

### MUKILTEO YACHT CLUB LIGHTED BOAT PARADE | DEPARTS DOCK ABOUT 5:30 P.M.

Watch lighted boats parade around the marina at viewing locations along waterfront trails and at select restaurants.

## MORE SEASONAL FUN

### HOLIDAY HOOVES: 12 DAYS OF REINDEER | NOV. 30, DEC. 1, 8, 14 – 22

Create special memories this holiday season with Santa's Reindeer visiting the Port of Everett's Pacific Rim Plaza on select days in November and December. Full details at [portofeverett.com/holidayhooves](http://portofeverett.com/holidayhooves).

### HOLIDAY ON THE BAY 5K | DEC. 8 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SNOHOMISH RUNNING COMPANY

Calling all Runners and walkers! Enjoy sweeping views of the Port of Everett Marina, Port Gardner Bay and the Olympic Mountains during the second annual Holiday on the Bay 5K. REGISTER @ [portofeverett.com/holidayonthebay5k](http://portofeverett.com/holidayonthebay5k).

### SIP & SLEIGH DRINK BINGO | DEC. 1 – 31

Earn stamps as you try out seasonal drinks at participating waterfront restaurants. Bingos and blackouts will be entered to win prizes! Learn more at [portofeverett.com/winterbingo](http://portofeverett.com/winterbingo).

### HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE | THRU DEC. 8 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS

Drop off new, unwrapped toys for children in need at the Toys for Tots bins in the Port's Waterfront Center lobby (near Scuttlebutt) now thru Dec. 6 OR drop off at Holiday on the Bay on Dec. 7 and the Holiday on the Bay 5K on Dec. 8.

### WINTER LIGHTING DISPLAYS @ PACIFIC RIM PLAZA | MID-NOVEMBER – FEB. 17

Enjoy winter lights depicting crashing waves, leaping salmon, and a "Frozen Fountain" tree all winter at the Port!



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LEARN MORE @ [PORTOFEVERETT.COM/HOLIDAYONTHEBAY](http://PORTOFEVERETT.COM/HOLIDAYONTHEBAY)  
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Vessel Safety Check Website



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

### 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](mailto: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/>



Rendezvous at Lobo Hills Winery, Woodinville.  
Nov 16th, 2024

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Protect yourself with boat insurance



Protect yourself and anyone aboard your vessel with proper boat insurance.

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**When:** First Tuesday of the month except July & August  
 Meeting dates may change on occasion.

Second Wednesday of the month in November.

**Time:** Social 630 pm  
 Dinner 7:00 pm  
 Program 7:30 pm

**Location: Firefighter's Hall**  
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