

THIRTY-TWO POINTS

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

SUMMER, 2007



Upcoming

DISTRICT 32 EVENTS

13-15 JULY 2007

D/32 Cruise & Rendezvous
Saint Helens City Dock & Park

Educational Feature

In-The-Water, PFD & Recovery Demonstration
Saturday, July 14, 2:00 PM



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Welcome to the first 2007/08 Bridge Year installment of **32 Points** – we've started off the year with several items that need tweaking.

Our Rendezvous date was absconded by the folks at St. Helens City and Chamber of Commerce. We failed to nail down the reservation last year and wouldn't you know it, the locals decided to throw a big get-together, party, and boat show in our spot. We've met with the powers-that-be to plead our case and guess who lost the battle...(!).

Jim Tongue, District Administration Officer, along with Rosemary Griggs, District Cruise Director, worked diligently to rebuild the Rendezvous. It has ended up being a month earlier than usual, which isn't the end of the world except that we now must get the word out to invite members to attend. Refer to the notice in this issue of **32 Points** for more details.

Concerning our squadron cruise schedule. At their request, the Columbia River Yachting Association wants us to place our entire dockage assignment under one name. USPS was used for most listings; however, unaware, St. Helens Squadron requested dates slipped in from an old notice. We are working to unravel who is going to lead a particular cruise date and location. It seems the first few cruises of the year fell through the cracks. Check the District 32 web site "cruises" link soon for updated information.

Recently we adjourned our second District Bridge Meeting, which was well attended. I am pleased that Beaverton Squadron was represented at both meetings and contributed to the good of D-32.

We are in the early planning stages for a District Educational Cruise. It's been several years since we've had it and I think now is a good time to revisit this event. Steve Zinsmeister, District Education Officer, is taking the lead in bringing this to fruition. Look for a flyer in the fall with the details.

The Bridge needs help in forming a committee to set the 2008 cruise schedule. Four members, from different squadrons, will finalize the schedule to submit to the Columbia River Yachting Association.

Don't stop learning during the summer. Keep checking the D-32 web site for activities and lets go cruising.

Gary

DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH ANCHOR LINE?
 Minimum Rode = 7:1 on the Columbia River
 3' bow to waterline + 30' water = 33' x 7
231' OF RODE NEEDED

The National Education Department is finalizing the process for *Boat Operator Certification*. District 32 is paired with District 16 as the Northwest Region. Training will begin soon for a Regional Certifier. We were not able to get a volunteer, so someone will be appointed by National for our region. Training will begin soon and will consist of a 3 day training course. This person will work with and train local master instructors.

As you may know, this program is designed to give nationally and internationally recognized credentials to Power Squadron members who may wish to charter boats, etc. Four levels of certification will be available, starting with Inland Navigation and culminating in Off Shore Navigation.

This program is considered of great importance to the United States Power Squadrons. The relevance within the boating community will assist the efforts of USPS to remain a viable organization. And of course, obtaining a *Boat Operator Certification* will benefit our members.

I am asking each individual member, and the squadrons collectively, to think of persons who may be interested in becoming a master instructor. Master Instructors must have good boating skills and experience (preferably in sail and power boating), a grade of AP or higher with all electives completed, and be willing to observe and grade the on-the-water skills of candidates. Training will be provided.

For more information, call or email me.

Steve

IMPORTANT MESSAGE
The St Helens Yacht Club
Will be Hosting Dinner On Friday, July 13th
D32 Cruise & Rendezvous
 See the Flyer on Page 4 for Complete Details
They Need Our Dinner Selections by July 7th
Please Select from Chicken or Steak
and Call or E-Mail One of the Following...
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 Jeri @ 360 263-1202. silversaloon74@aol.com



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I hope the summer is going well for everyone, with plenty of time for enjoying your favorite activities with family and friends.

Many squadrons participated in National Safe Boating week activities, and fun was had by all. One activity of note was the Safe Boating Fair setup by Cdr. Dick Marsland of the Saint Helens Squadron. I attended this event and it was outstanding. Congratulations to Dick and Saint Helens for this event. This successful first year event can be a stepping off point for an even greater event next year.

A number of changes have been made to the Cooperative Charting program this year. Land based geodetic mark recovery has been excluded. This means that squadrons and members can now concentrate on the other co-op charting options that provide necessary information: Nautical Chart Corrections, Range Line Surveys, Small Craft Facility Reports, etc. A wealth of information is available on the USPS member website. D32 Cooperative Charting Chair, P/D/C Diane Julum, JN is currently working on promoting activities for each squadron to participate in this summer. Contact her for further information.

In keeping with boating safety, I would like to offer some suggestions of things I have learned for the trailer boaters in D32. First off, know your equipment and plan ahead for certain items to break at the worst time. Carry a spare winch handle. I learned this when I unknowingly dropped my removable handle at the launch as I was going to help someone with their boat. When I returned at the end of the day, I was faced with the challenge of getting the boat back on the trailer without a winch handle. I now carry two winch handles. Your winch contains a small spring that holds the ratchet lever down, engaging the gears that allow the winch to work. I had this break on me one night at the Hwy 101 launch on the Nehalem River. I now carry a spare small spring. Check you winch strap or cable, make sure it is in good condition. Also check your boat tie downs for wear, and carry spares. Finally, check and grease your trailer wheel bearings. After a few years of neglect, I checked mine last fall and had two bearings that were in bad shape. I replace these and repacked all four hubs.

While bringing my boat home from Astoria after the Memorial Day weekend, it was sad to see the number of trailers broken down on the side of the road. Don't let this happen to you. Don't buy the line I hear all too often; "Why worry about it, that will never happen". Lead by example. Be a safe, courteous and well prepared boater. Checking things out ahead of time will allow for the maximum amount of fun times with family and friends, as well as a safe and enjoyable trip home.

Jim

This year our District Cruise & Rendezvous will be held earlier than in previous years. Please make note of the scheduled dates; July 13, 14 & 15. Once again enjoyed at beautiful St. Helens City Dock & Columbia Park, the event is more central in the summer, and should provide even more of an enjoyable and economical cruising focus for our members, families and guests.

We are pleased to emphasize the variety of activities this year. Saint Helens Yacht Club will host a *Dinner at Gazebo Park* on Friday evening for our Power Squadron members. Saturday's events will include; a *Continental Breakfast* hosted by Portland Sail & Power Squadron, a *Life Jacket (PFD) and Person Overboard Recovery Drill* under the direction of the District Safety Officer Kathy Kolstad, a *Picnic Style Dinner in the Park*, hosted by Fort Vancouver Sail & Power Squadron, the always fun *District Raffle*, and as a special treat this year, a *'Ducky Derby'*. No, we cannot sponsor horse races. Yet, if it's a rubber duck – and it floats – who knows? *Sunday Breakfast* will be hosted by our very own Saint Helens Sail & Power Squadron.

We proudly announce this year's Cruise & Rendezvous as our invitation to a truly accessible and enjoyable gathering of our squadron friends and their guests. See you there!

Jim T.

Fly The District 32 Flag

The red, white and blue colors echo the USPS ensign. The Blue bars at the fly and hoist represent our two states, Washington and Oregon, separated by water. The salmon represent our ties to the original inhabitants, our primary marine resource, and water related recreation. The number "32" identifies our district.



FLAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE (\$30) AT THE
 APRIL 13-15 DISTRICT 32 CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS



DISTRICT 32 ANNUAL CRUISE & RENDEZVOUS

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
13-15 JULY 2007

St. Helens Waterfront Park, Boat Dock, & Gazebo

St. Helens is so accessible, "cruisers" can arrive by land or water
spend one day or the whole weekend ... just plot your course

By Car, RV or Boat - Just Be There!

Remember to wear your Squadron Nametag!

bring a chair if you don't want to sit on the grass

Fun for Everyone! Great Food! Games! Dog Petting! Kid Chasing! Boat & RV Visiting!
Story Telling (minor lies and exaggerations tolerated!)
New Friendships Made! Old Friendships Renewed!

Dry RV Camping in the Parking Lot

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Best Western Oak Meadows Inn
585 S. Columbia River Hwy
1-800-WESTERN

Village Inn
535 S. Columbia River Hwy
503-397-1490

Planned Weekend Activities:

Friday: Dinner at the Columbia Park Gazebo (host: Saint Helens Yacht Club)
Steak or Chicken Dinner with Salad - \$13 - PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS ONE!
CALL ROSEMARY @ 360 891-7029 or JERRI @ 360 263-1202 by JULY 7th

Saturday morning: Continental Breakfast (host: Portland Squadron)
Coffee, juice, and a selection of pastries - Donations Accepted

Saturday: On-the-Dock & In-the-Water Man Overboard and PFD Demonstration - 2:00 PM
D-32 1st Annual "Ducky Derby"
Fantastic Raffle Following the Picnic in the Park

Saturday afternoon: Picnic in the Park (host: Fort Vancouver Squadron)
Featuring Polish Sausages with all the trimmings - \$6

Sunday morning: Breakfast at the Gazebo: (host: St Helens Squadron)
Traditional breakfast foods - \$5

For more information Contact Your Squadron Administrative Officer
For Assistance with Docking, hail the "St Helens Dockmaster" on VHF Channel 16

It's a warm day in June and you and your wife are boating on the Columbia River
NOW PICTURE THIS ... SHE FALLS OVERBOARD
WHAT DO YOU DO?

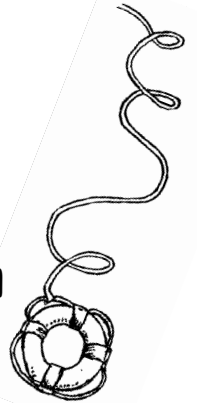
Is one type of PFD better than another?
Will your chosen method of recovery work?



Come Watch, Listen, and Learn

Join us for the 2nd annual
PFD AND OVERBOARD RECOVERY DEMONSTRATION

SATURDAY, JULY 14TH, 2:00 PM
ST HELENS CITY DOCK



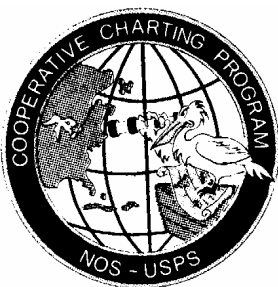
Don't let someone you love become a statistic!

in and on the water demonstration of PFD usage and emergency recovery methods

Questions? Contact District Safety Officer, Kathy Kolstad
360 837-3702 - safety@uspsd32.org



URGENT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE COOPERATIVE CHARTING PROGRAM



R/C Richard White
National Cooperative Charting Committee

As of July 15, 2007, all passwords used with the Cooperative Charting program will require 8 characters, consisting of BOTH upper case and lower case letters AND numbers. Members may select their own password by making this change prior to the July 15th deadline. Passwords that have not been changed by July 15th will be automatically changed and the new password issued will be sent to the member via email.

Squadron Cooperative Charting Chairs should immediately send a notice to the members from their squadron who have been participants in this program instructing them to change their password as noted above.

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** 40 lb buoyancy when inflated provides up to 9" of freeboard for extra safety. Added protection for weak or non-swimmers.

AArrggghhh Matey... Dare to Attend

the 5th Annual, Sand Island Pirate Cruise

July 20, 21 & 22

Good Pirates and Bad Pirates Alike are Welcome
Tis' a Fitting Adventure for All Ages

Watch for Complete Details In the July Issue of Your Squadron Newsletter





District-32, 2007 Cruise & Outings Schedule

June 22-23	District 16 Rendezvous, Port of Poulsbo, WA <i>access D-16 website from www.uspsd32.org for information</i>	
June 29-July 1	St Helen's City Dock <i>Hosted by SHSPS</i>	land access
July 11	Lake Merwin Fish Fry & Picnic <i>Hosted by FVSPS Reel People</i>	land access
July 13-15	St Helens City Dock & Columbia Park <i>D/32 Cruise & Rendezvous</i>	land access
July 20-22	St Helens Sand Island, Upper Dock, Pirates Cruise <i>Hosted by SHSPS</i>	
July 24-31	San Juan Islands <i>Hosted by FVSPS Water Trails</i>	
Aug 3-5	Beacon Rock Cruise & Saturday Picnic <i>Hosted by FVSPS</i>	land access
Aug 3-5	Gilbert River <i>Hosted by SHSPS</i>	
Aug 12	Coldwater Lake <i>Hosted by FVSPS Fort Vancouver Paddlers</i>	
Sept 7-9	Govt Island, East Dock <i>Hosted by FVSPS</i>	
Sept 14-16	Sandy Island/Goble <i>Hosted by SHSPS</i>	
Sept 23	Gilbert River/Sturgeon Lake <i>Hosted by FVSPS Fort Vancouver Paddlers</i>	
Sept 28-30	Portland Riverplace <i>Hosted by PSPS</i>	land access
Oct 14	Trillium Lake <i>Hosted by FVSPS Fort Vancouver Paddlers</i>	
Oct 19-21	Hadley's Landing, Halloween Cruise <i>Hosted by PSPS</i>	land access
Nov 22-25	Govt Island, East Dock, Thanksgiving Weekend Cruise <i>Hosted by PSPS & FVSPS</i>	

NOTE: Squadron, District and National events are open to all USPS members. If your squadron has a scheduled cruise/activity, not yet listed above, please notify the 32 Points Editor, Kathy Kolstad (360 837-3702). Squadrons are encouraged to promote all D32 scheduled activities.

Questions concerning up-coming events should be directed to your squadron Activities Chair, or the District Boating Activities Chair, Rosemary Griggs (360 891-7029)

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