

### COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Safe Boating through Education is Alive and Appreciated!  
Ahoy there! Ahoy there!

It looks like the summer boating/fishing season is in full swing. I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer on the water. We continue to get requests from the public about our safe boating classes. This reaffirms that our mission statement "Safe Boating through Education" is alive and much appreciated by the boating public.

I want to let folks know that we have decided to postpone our annual summer picnic until the early fall and combine it with the crab feed. We'll discuss potential dates and location at our next scheduled meeting Saturday August 20th at 1300 in the big room at the Fisherman's Grotto in Charleston. Stay tuned for more details in the near future.

I'd like to remind everyone that our main fund raising event, the squadron rummage sale, is coming a bit earlier this year, August 12th-14th. Please consider donating some items to the sale and/or some time helping out setting up Monday August 8th at 1000 and staffing the sale August 12th-14th. Remember together everyone accomplishes more "TEAM"! See you there!

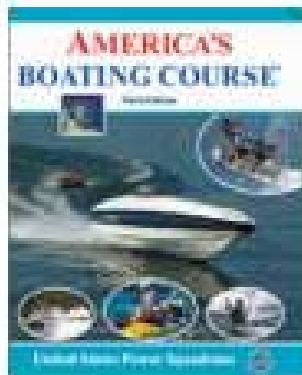


Cdr Craig M. Beaver, AP

## RUMMAGE SALE

AUG 12-14 8AM to 5PM

Rummage Sale setup Aug 8 to 11 as needed,  
HELP WANTED



Eight hours of instruction plus exam for Oregon Boaters card. Classes Monday and Thursday at 6:30PM in Squadron building, Charleston Boat Basin. Register Aug 15, at 6:30PM or call 541-888-6178. Cost: \$45.00. Family rate available.

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### SUMMER EVENTS & MEETINGS

#### NO SQUADRON MEETINGS

Board Meeting Aug 8 CBPS 1000

Rummage Sale setup Aug 8 to 11 as needed.

#### HELP WANTED

#### AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

Aug 15, 6:30PM Squadron building.

D-32 Rendezvous St Helens OR Aug. 19 - 21



#### Marine Board Denies Citizen Petition, Proposes Local Solution

The Oregon State Marine Board held their quarterly Board meeting on July 28 in Gold Beach and denied a petition on boat engine noise as well as approved a cost increase for Amacher Park in Douglas County.

The Board considered and ultimately denied a petition to modify the statewide narrative standard that would apply to noise emanating from motorboats and personal watercraft. The petition also asked for a reduction in boat engine noise from 84 dBA to 75 dBA and a restriction on activities that generate unreasonable noise disturbances from personal watercraft such as engine revving, flips, and other aerial tricks. However, in recognition of a local issue in Clackamas County, the Board directed staff to draft rules to lower the limit on a populated portion of the Willamette below Willamette Falls.

At the Board's previous meeting, members revisited concern about boat noise brought before them in a prior petition and adopted a temporary rule for a stretch of the lower Willamette. The Board also opened the rulemaking process and advised staff to evaluate permanent solutions. This temporary rule went into effect on April 8, 2022, to restrict the operation of personal watercraft in a manner that exceeds 75 dBA measured as specified in the shoreline sound level measurement procedure for recreational motorboats on the Willamette River from Willamette Falls (River Mile 26.6) downstream to the Waverly Marina (River Mile 16.9). After discussion and consideration of written and oral comments, the Board directed staff to draft rules to make the temporary rules permanent but to take no further action.

The Board also approved a cost increase for Amacher Park in Douglas County. The county received Cycle One grant funding to renovate the parking area, replace the upper portion of the boat ramp, and create a nonmotorized boat staging area. Increased construction and material costs have led to a project shortfall of approximately \$100,000. The County secured \$50,000 and the Board approved a cost increase of \$50,000.00 in Boating Facility Grant funds to complete these highly needed boating facility improvements. The modified total project cost is \$862,000.

To view the meeting materials with the full context of the petition and engine noise concerns, visit the agency's Public Meetings page and review the Board book.

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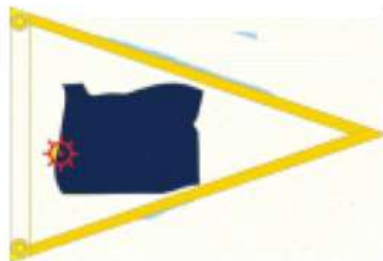
# POWER SQUADRON

# POWER SQUADRON RUMMAGE SALE

## AUGUST 12-14

8:00AM to 5:00PM Friday & Saturday  
10:00 to 2:00 Sunday

**POWER SQUADRON  
BUILDING  
90346 Guano Rock Lane  
Charleston Boat Basin**



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### Two Boaters Rescued From Runaway Boat

Carly Sison July 7, 2022

Two boaters were rescued off the coast of Marshfield, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, July 5, after being thrown from their 24-foot center console, which was spinning in the "circle of death" less than a mile from Brant Rock Beach. A local fisherman reported the incident and was able to pull the two boaters onto his vessel and bring them ashore.

Once the boaters were rescued, boats out of the harbormaster's office were sent to the unmanned vessel. According to Harbormaster Mike DiMeo, the boat was making violent turns at near full throttle. Responders used a specialized tow rope to disable the engine, which slowed the boat enough for DiMeo to turn off the engine.

While nobody was injured in the incident, there was a lot of potential for the situation to turn deadly. The two boaters were not wearing lifejackets, and they were not tethered to the vessel's kill switch, as required by the Coast Guard. According to DiMeo, the boat had about 40 gallons of gas in it, so it would have been a long time before it stopped on its own. And if the wheel had straightened out, the boat could have headed straight for Brant Rock Beach.



This incident should serve as an important reminder to always use an engine cut-off switch, which is required by law on vessels under 26 feet.

## TUESDAY TIPS for PADDLERS

We recommend the labeling of paddle craft and properly securing paddle craft when not in use. The Coast Guard treats unmanned paddle craft as if a real life could be at stake.

Every year, reports of unmanned and adrift paddle craft turn out to be false alarms. This diverts costly resources. To help this situation, please:

### MARK IT!

Help us locate YOU! Take responsibility for your paddle craft by labeling it with an 'If Found' sticker. This label allows responders to contact and confirm if someone is actually in trouble and collect information to help search efforts. If you don't have a sticker, a simple label or piece of tape with a name, contact information, and alternate contact number written in waterproof ink or paint can drastically reduce search times when we contact the owner. The contact label can also assist in the return of wayward watercraft to its owner. Get a sticker from your local Auxiliary.

Take responsibility for recovering your paddle craft. Unmanned and adrift kayaks, canoes, dinghies, and rowboats often cause hazards to navigation in a waterway.

Do your part to prevent false alarms.

**FILE IT!** File a float plan - Before you leave, create a plan and let someone staying behind know your itinerary. The plan should include the contact information for all individuals going out, the intended route, and what to do in case of emergency or non-arrival at the estimated return time. More information on filing a float plan, visit <https://floatplanceutral.org>

**Check the weather** - Weather can change quickly and is often a leading cause of water emergencies. Prior to departure, check the weather for current and forecasted conditions. This should include understanding how different weather conditions, tides, and currents will affect your waterway and craft.

**Know your limits.** Paddle in areas suited to your level of experience and dress for the water temperature. Waters are often colder than the air temperature. New and inexperienced paddlers should seek out paddler education before heading out on the water.

**WEAR IT!** Wear a life jacket. The Coast Guard advises all paddlers to wear (not stow/bring) a properly fitted Coast Guard-approved life jacket. Donning a life jacket is much harder once you're in the water, especially if you're fatigued or injured.

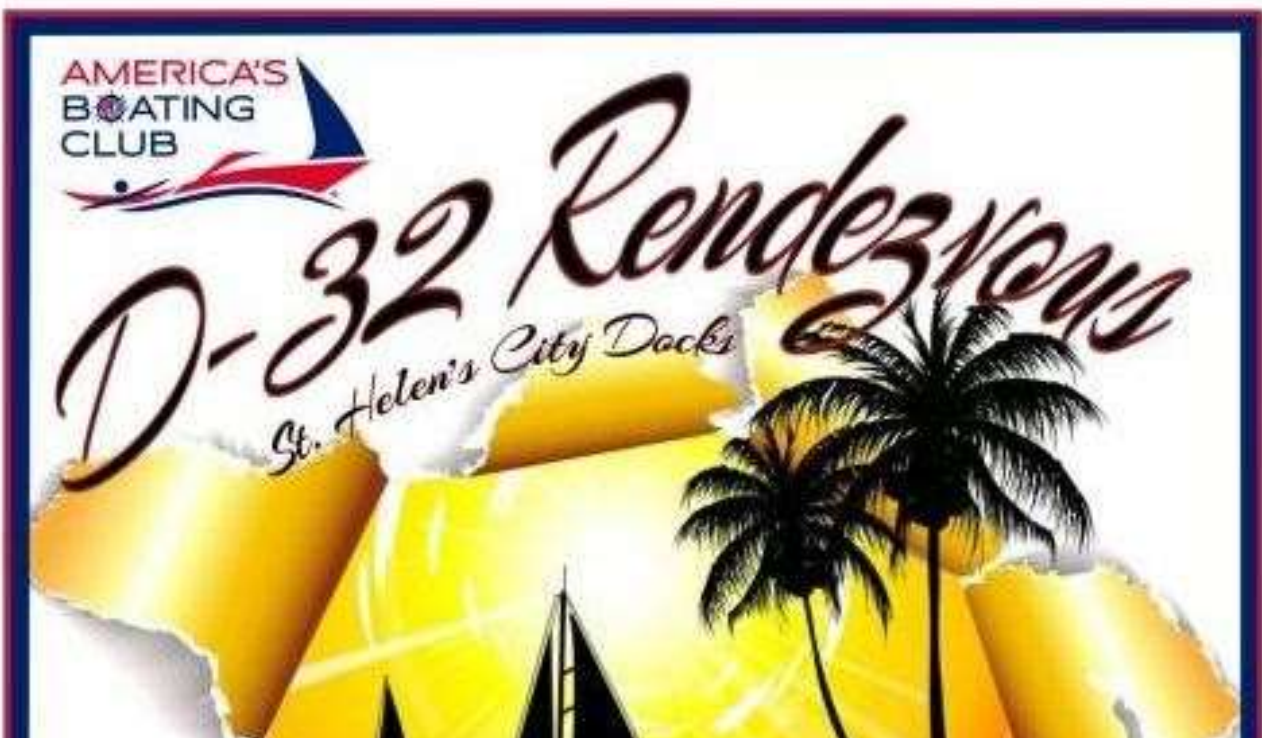
Wearing an improperly fitted life jacket might be just as deadly as not wearing one at all.

Use the buddy system. Two people allow one to help the other in case of emergency, and allows for that critical call for help to initiate a search and rescue response if the need arises.

Have a waterproof communications device. Keep a cell phone in a waterproof case, handheld VHF radio, air horn, whistle or personal locator beacon on your person in case of emergency.

Let's pull together to paddle smart and paddle responsibly.

To get a free vessel safety check, go to: [https://www.uscgaux.info/i\\_want\\_a\\_vsc/index.php](https://www.uscgaux.info/i_want_a_vsc/index.php)





**Friday, August 19th:**  
**Fun in Margaritaville**

4:00 PM Meet and Greet  
Margaritas/soft drink/Appetizers/Music

**Saturday, August 20th:**

Meet at the St. Helens Marina and Park Gazebo/Amphitheater

- Fire extinguisher demo at 9:30
- GPS Scavenger Hunt | 12:45 pm- Gather for clues and instructions
- Dinner in the Park at 5pm
- Flare shoot at the docks around 8pm

**Sunday, August 21st:**

8am Breakfast at the Kozy Corner

Come and Enjoy  
The Fun!



*D-32 Rendezvous*

*St. Helens City Dock  
August 19, 20, 21*

Your Weekend Float Plan Includes:

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Park Gazebo Amphitheater**

**Come by boat or car:**

St. Helens Waterfront is not only beautiful with lots of historic charm, but it can be easily accessed by our 'cruisers' who may arrive by land or water. Plan to spend one day or the whole weekend. Bring along family and friends! If coming by boat, dock masters John Donnelly & Rick Gilbertson will be available to assist on Friday & Saturday. Their cell #'s are John — 360 721 3792 or Rick — 360 601 6884 or hail them on

- 9:30\* Fire extinguisher demo - what you may need to know about yours.
- 12:45 GPS Scavenger Hunt— Gather for dues & instructions— \$\$\$ Prizes Awarded!!
- 3:30\* MOB rescue simulation & practice
- 5:00 Dinner & Dessert in the Park Just \$22. pp (Catered by St. Helen's Wild Currant Catering)
- Dusk\* Flare launch & handling safety—bring your expired flares and practice. Learn which flares are legal and which ones are not!

### Sunday, August 21st:

8:00 AM Breakfast at Kozy Corner

\*Times may vary or be adjusted due to the whims of the weather, or those who have more authority than me.



Channel 67.

**RSVP's for Saturday's dinner are needed by Monday, August 15th to any of the following individuals:**

Ron Bergmann @ r.bergmann81@gmail.com

Charlene Donnelly@360 607 6449 or cdahlen@comcast.net

Rick Gilbertson @360 601 6884 or donkeys8@frontier.com

Dinner is just 22.00 per person and may be paid that evening. Please write your check to USPS D-32.

### What to Bring:

A Deck Chair (or two) and your name tag!



#### OREGON – WASHINGTON – IDAHO – US Coast Guard Navigation Center website transition

The Coast Guard Navigation Center (NAVCEC) has completed their website transition to a new, enhanced version. As part of this transition, URLs have been updated across the site including URLs linked to PDFs. Legacy site URLs will no longer function, however, they automatically direct users to the new NAVCEC home page, allowing users to further navigate to their preferred page. Users are encouraged to update any shortcuts they use to the new URLs. Below are a few of the new URLs listed for your convenience. As a reminder, these are top level URLs and they may not include all the additional lists or District-specific shortcuts that you use.

##### Broadcast Notices to Mariners (BNMs)

Updated URL: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/broadcast-notice-to-mariners>

##### Local Notices to Mariners (LNMs)

Updated URL: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/local-notice-to-mariners-by-cg-district>

##### Light Lists Annual Publication

Updated URL: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/light-list-annual-publication>

##### Light List - Weekly

Updated URL: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/weekly-light-list>

##### Light List - Corrections

Updated URL: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/light-list-summary-of-corrections>

Questions or concerns may be directed to the NAVCEC using this email address: NAVCECWebTEAM@uscg.mil

LHM 26/22



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# RUMMAGE SALE

## 12-14 August



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**MEETINGS**

Squadron / Board Meetings  
are scheduled for **THIRD**  
Saturday each month at 1300

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