

## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

AHOY THERE....AHOY THERE!!!  
 Safe Boating through Education is Alive and Appreciated! It looks like the summer boating/fishing season is in full swing. I hear they are bringing in a few tuna! I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer on the water. I want to let folks know that we have decided to postpone our annual summer picnic until the early fall due to a rash of illnesses within our ranks. We'll firm up the tentative date of the annual summer picnic scheduled for Sunday September 15th at Tugman State Park near the boat ramp at our next social gathering. The location and time of our next social gathering is Sunday August 18th at 1400 at the Fisherman's Grotto in Charleston. I'm hoping to pick up "Big Al", our SEO, and bring him to the next social gathering August 18th. I know everyone is looking forward to seeing "Big Al". Stay tuned for more details in the near future. Remember we're a team....that's Together Everyone Accomplishes More!!!

### "TEAM"!

*Craig M Beyer*

Cdr Craig M Beyer, AP

••Progress on the vessel "El Conquistador" is underway!••  
 This 139-foot vessel, which has been illegally moored off the Empire Boat Ramp for years, is nearing the end of its stay at this location. The vessel is now an actively monitored work site and must be avoided by the public, which is crucial to completing this urgent work safely and successfully to mitigate potential environmental and navigational hazards. Please stay away from the vessel and the mobilized work equipment until it is removed from the area.



## Meetings & Events

Coos Bay Squadron Social Meeting, 18 August, 1400 at Fisherman's Grotto, Charleston.

As you have hopefully heard by now, America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons is replacing its membership database with a cloud-based membership management system. If you have not already, you should receive an email from news@hq.usps.org welcoming you to the new member portal. The email provides a username and asks you to reset your password. We will continue this rollout in small batches until all members have received their credentials.

What does this mean for you? The new member portal will allow you to check and update your membership information, update your preferences, pay dues, sign up for dues autopay, donate and much more.

While there's much to be gained from this new technology, change can be difficult for all of us. We ask for your patience as staff work to complete this transition. If you need help with the new system, please call headquarters at 888-367-8777 or email portal.admin@hq.usps.org. We will do our utmost to answer your questions and fulfill your requests. Kind regards,  
 Maureen Healey, Executive Director

**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB**  
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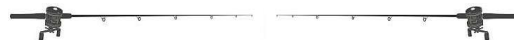
## North Bend boat ramp gets a makeover in time for salmon season

COOS BAY, Ore. — The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) has awarded the City of North Bend a \$30,000 grant to support much-needed repairs for the California Street Boat Ramp.



After inspecting the ramp, OSMB said that the funds are crucial to ensure the ramp is ready for the upcoming salmon fishing season, which is imperative to the local economy. “This boat ramp is a very easy ramp for small boat fisherman to get in and out of, and during salmon season it’s a short ride out to this section of the bay where there’s a lot of salmon caught,” said North Bend facilities and park supervisor Aaron Bixler.

The North Bend/Urban Renewal Agency owns the land that the California Street Boat Ramp is on, and they have also approved \$75,000 for emergency repairs which include welding of holes, cracks and items identified by the marine board as unsafe to the public.



The Sturdivant Park Boat Launch Replacement Project in Coquille, Oregon, is currently underway. The project involves the removal and replacement of concrete surfaces, piling and abutments, excavation, grading, and rehabilitation of the work area. Additionally, the boarding docks will be removed, protected, and reinstalled.

The project aims to improve the boat launch facilities at Sturdivant Park, ensuring better access and usability for visitors.

Americas Boating Club  
District 32  
Carnival Extravaganza



RENDEZVOUS  
CRUISE

**AUG. 16 - 18**  
**St. Helens City Docks**

**Friday**

Meet and Great 4PM / Come join our Ice Cream Social - Wear your craziest hat.  
The best hat wins a prize.  
Appetizers, polish sausage, brats, chips, ice cream sundaes or root beer floats.

**Saturday**

10 AM / Line cutting Exercise; Bring your favorite knife.  
1 PM - Carnival Games with Prizes  
Corn hole tournament / Jumbo Jenga / Ladder toss. Pick your partner

**Dinner in the Park**

5 PM - Catered by Plymouth Pub - Choice of Salmon or Prime Rib  
Sides: Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, wild rice, broccoli, rolls, salads and baked pies.

**Sunday - Breakfast at Cozy Corner**

**RSVP: DAO John Donnelly - donnellyj@comcast.net**  
**When you RSVP please state main dish choice ( Salmon \$30 or Prime Rib \$35)**  
**RSVP must be in Before August 13th.**





# Registration For:



## District 32's Annual Rendezvous

SW Washington ★ Oregon

August 16 -18

St. Helens, Oregon

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you will be attending any of the events or taking part in the social on Friday or the dinner on Saturday, **PLEASE** register and submit Saturday's dinner payment **no later than August 11, '24.**



Friday Meet/Greet/Eat: 4 PM D-32 will host this. Wear you craziest hat; best hat wins prize!



Saturday Morning: 9 AM Coffee & Breakfast sweets on the dock followed by -



Saturday Boating Skills: 10 AM Includes 'quick release' line-cutting exercise and more!



Saturday Afternoon in the Park: 1 PM Games & Sweets in the park!



Saturday Dinner in the Park: 5 PM Catered by Plymouth Pub

**Choose your entrée:** Prime Rib or Salmon. Sides will be the same for both.

Mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, wild rice, rolls, salad, pie, soft drinks, water

Prime Rib (\$35. pp) Salmon \$30.pp *Please check your preferred entrée and how many below:*

Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ #

Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ #

I will be there Friday night \_\_\_\_\_; Saturday day \_\_\_\_\_; Sat Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Check for dinner enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to: USPS D-32

*To ensure your place and for payment for the caterer, we must receive your registration & payment **no later than August 11<sup>th</sup>.***

**Please mail it to:** D/Lt/C John Donnelly Address: 6401 Highland Drive, Vancouver, WA 98661

**Questions:** Call 360.721.3792 or donnellyj@comcast.net

### Lodging Suggestion:

Best Western Oak Meadows Inn (in St. Helens)  
(503) 397.3000  
(Sorry we do not have a discount to offer).

### Joining us by boat?

Let us know when you expect to arrive and we'll watch and assist. We'll monitor Channel 68.

America's Boating Channel™ Tips for Towed Sports Safety

The summer is in full swing, which makes the topic of our safety message today even more urgent – Towed Sports Safety. As our waterways become crowded during this time of year, it is vital to identify and implement important measures for safely water skiing, wake boarding, knee boarding, wake surfing, and tubing. Videos like this one underscore the need for safety considerations when participating in towed sports. Did you know that according to the Coast Guard, towed water sports account for over 400 boating addition to a properly fitted life jacket, get one designed for the type of towed sport you are enjoying.



These measures are presented in the “Towed Sports Safety” video where viewers learn about proper equipment selection and preparing to tow a person. For instance, tube ropes should be around 60 feet long and heavier than water ski and wake board ropes that should be about 75 feet long. Also, ski ropes should have more give than wake board ropes. Additionally, the video features tips for operating underway.

Follow the video link above or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find this and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America’s Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer. In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. America’s Boating Channel™ is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.



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**MEETINGS**  
 Due to Squadron INACTIVE STATUS meetings will be SOCIAL get-togethers on the THIRD SUNDAY each month. at 1400 (2:00 PM) at FISHERMAN'S GROTTO, Charleston.

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