

# St. Helens Sail and Power Squadron

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## Sheets and Lines

### Thank You For Volunteering!

- **Randy Heuer**, has volunteered to serve as our Squadron Chaplain. This is an important role we have not filled until now. We look forward to Randy's leadership.
- Want to keep your boating knowledge fresh? Help proctor a boat smart class like **Cris Mabe, Dar Murphy, Randy Heuer and Jean Heuer!**
- A big thank you for organizing and building shelving in our storage unit!
  - **Shamus O'Flaherty**
  - **Norm Anderson**
  - **Ken Hicks**
  - **Rocky Kennedy**
  - **John Gillespie.**

**VOLUNTEERS MAKE OUR SQUADRON WORK!**



### Commander's Message

I invite you to attend our Change of Watch on Friday, March 23 when I will be handing the SHSPS

gavel to our new Commander, Dick Marsland. I'm excited to have Dick and the new Bridge for the coming 2007-2008 year—they bring great energy and spirit to the Squadron!

This past year we focused on the four Squadron activities outlined in the pennant at the top of this column:

- Community and Member Education
- Safety Awareness Programs
- Communications and PR
- Member and Leader Development

Together we have accomplished a great deal in all of those areas--from our many public and member classes offered, to Vessel Safety Exams, better Squadron communication tools, more aggressive Public Relations, Operations Training seminar, fantastic cruises and fund-raising events and much more.

It is our membership that makes our boater safety and education efforts a success. I thank you for your passion and involvement to make it happen! I know you will lend Dick the same support this coming year.

*Janette Schwartz*, SHSPS Commander

**In our thoughts and prayers...** Tom Glover, a founding member and Education Officer for SHSPS passed away<sup>†</sup> Wednesday, March 7, after a long battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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❖ **Dar Murphy**, our new **Historian**, needs pictures of Squadron events so she can create a scrapbook of our activities this past year.

Please send her copies of whatever you might have. Also, if you have any official Squadron documents that need to be kept for historical reference, please give them to Dar.

❖ Those who attended the **District 32 Spring Council/Education Seminar** (February) and **Conference/Change of Watch** (March) found both events very informative and energizing. Many thanks to **Janette Schwartz, Dick Marsland, Doug Hamilton, Ray Murphy, Jean Heuer, Randy Heuer, John Gillespie, Shamus O’Flaherty, and Ron Franklin** (guest) for representing our Squadron!

## Ship’s Store

*Gear up for Summer!*

### Grand Re-opening!

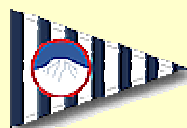
Thanks to Cynthia Hamilton we are re-opening our Ship’s Store and will soon have new SHSPS and USPS items to offer you. Look for Ship’s Store sale items at our upcoming Squadron meetings and events. Thank you, Cynthia!

- SHSPS caps and visors
- Sweatshirts and T-shirts
- SHSPS and District 32 Burgees
- Name badges and Lapel Pins
- Book bags and Totes
- ...and more



## Announcing...

### SHSPS Change of Watch



Friday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.  
**St. Helens Elks Lodge**  
 Dinner Buffet \$20 pp

Reservations and payment required by March 16  
 Contact Jean Heuer, 503-397-5854

What is a “Change of Watch”? It’s our official, annual event where officers of the previous year are recognized for their contributions and dismissed from their duties, and new officers for the coming year are sworn in by District 32 officers. Each USPS Squadron, District and National organization holds their own Change of Watch, usually in March. It is one of the main highlights of the year.

#### Outgoing 2006-2007 Elected Officers:

- ◆ Commander, *Janette Schwartz*
- ◆ Education Officer, *Doug Hamilton*
- ◆ Exec. Officer, *Dick Marsland*
- ◆ Admin. Officer, *Jean Heuer*
- ◆ Treasurer, *Larry DeHaven*
- ◆ Secretary, *Anders Nilsen*
- ◆ Asst. Education Officer, *John Gillespie*
- ◆ Executive Committee:  
*Dave Walker*  
*Ray Murphy*  
*Shamus O’Flaherty*

#### Incoming 2007-2008 Elected Officers:

- ◆ Commander, *Dick Marsland*
- ◆ Education Officer, *Doug Hamilton*
- ◆ Exec. Officer, *Open*
- ◆ Admin. Officer, *Jean Heuer*
- ◆ Treasurer, *Larry DeHaven*
- ◆ Secretary, *Jenny Hicks*
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*Ray Murphy*

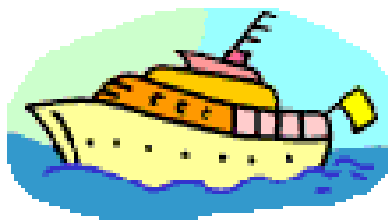


~ See you at Change of Watch! ~



# Squadron Events Calendar

Mar. 2-3	District 23 Spring Conference, Edgefield
Mar 5,8,12,15	Boat Smart Class, Bob's Sporting Goods, Longview, 7:00
Mar 12,15,19,22	Boat Smart Class, Village Inn, St. Helens 7-9 p.m.
Mar. 20	Bridge Meeting, Scappoose Library, 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 23	Annual Change of Watch Dinner, Friday, 6:30 p.m., St. Helens Elks Lodge, RSVP required by March 16
Mar 27	No Squadron Meeting (due to Change of Watch)
Apr 9,12,16,19	Boat Smart Class, Bob's Sporting Goods, Longview, 7:00
Apr 14	Boat Smart Class, Village Inn, St. Helens, 9:00-4:00
Apr 17	Bridge Meeting, Scappoose Library, 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 20-22	Coon Island Clean-up Cruise, Janette Schwartz, Hostess
Apr 24	Squadron Meeting, Elks Lodge, 7:00 p.m.
May 12	SHSPS Safe Boating Fair, Scappoose Middle School
May 15	Bridge Meeting, Scappoose Library, 7:00 p.m.
May 18-20	Columbia River Ladies Cruise, Coon Island East
May 23	Squadron Meeting, Elks Lodge, 7:00 p.m.
May 25-28	Martin Slough Anchor-out Cruise



## 2007 SHSPS Cruise Schedule

April 20-22	Coon Island—community service clean up project
May 25-28	SHSPS Martin Slough—anchor out cruise
June 30-July 4	St. Helens City Docks (Salmon Bake)
July 20-22	Pirates Cruise, Sand Island-upper docks
August 3-5	Gilbert River Cruise
August 24-26	District 32 Rendezvous, St. Helens City Docks
September 15-17	Sandy Island (Goble)—anchor out cruise
October 20-22	Spook Cruise, Sand Island Upper Docks
November 22-25	Thanksgiving Cruise, Sand Island Upper Docks



## LOOKING AHEAD

➤ **Next SHSPS Squadron Meeting, CHANGE OF WATCH** Friday, March 23, 6:30 at the St. Helens Elks Lodge.

➤ **District 32 Squadron's Change of Watch schedule**

March 9. Ft Vancouver

March 10, Portland

**March 23, St. Helens, Elks Lodge**

March 24, Lower Columbia

March 30, Beaverton

March 31, Willamette River

April 7, Coos Bay

➤ **Coon Island Clean Up Cruise** – Our first cruise of the year is to Coon Island East Dock, April 20-22. This is our annual community service cruise where we help with a clean up project at the island docks or facility. Janette Schwartz is the cruise hostess. Plan to come for the day or the whole weekend. More details to come regarding the clean up project.

➤ **Coming in May...Safe Boating Week Fair**, Saturday, May 12, 9:00-3:00 – The Power Squadron is all about boating safety and education. This year our Squadron is sponsoring a Safe Boating Fair to kick off 2007 National Safe Boating Week. **Randy Heuer, Dick Marsland and Cris Mabe** are working with boating community partners and will contact you about how you can participate too. This is exciting--stay tuned!

➤ **Member Involvement Survey** – On Page 5 of this Newsletter is a SHSPS Member Involvement Survey. We need your input for future classes and volunteer opportunities. **Fill it out now** and return to John Gillespie. This is YOUR Squadron and we need your ideas. Again, thanks for volunteering!

# SHSPS EDUCATION

## Class Schedules

**Public Courses** Contact John Gillespie, 503-369-7471 for registration.

Class	Cost	Length	Dates	Instructor
<b>Boat Smart</b>	\$35.00	8 hrs/ 4 nights	March 5, 8, 12, 15 and April 9, 12, 16,19 7:00-9:00 p.m. Bob's Sporting Goods Longview, WA	Ray Murphy
<b>Boat Smart</b>	\$35.00	8 hrs/ 4 nights	March 12, 15, 19, 22 7:00-9:00, p.m. and April 14, 9:00-4:00 pm Village Inn, St. Helens	John Gillespie

**Advanced Member Courses** Contact Doug Hamilton 503-556-8104 for registration.  
If you are interested in taking an advanced class, please contact Doug at the number listed above. Advanced courses include:

Seamanship  
Piloting  
Advanced Piloting  
Cruise Planning

Engine Maintenance  
Marine Electronics  
Weather  
Sailing

For a more complete listing and descriptions of USPS advanced course to go to the USPS Educational Department webpage at <http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/main.htm>.

## EDUCATION NEWS...

➤ **Advanced Class Students...** Next time you see **John Gillespie** or **Kirk Lance** give them a word of encouragement. They are studying for their Advanced Piloting exam this month. You guys can do it!!

➤ **New USPS Seminars to be offered!** The US Power Squadron is offering four new 2-3 hour seminars to the Public (and members too). Watch for these seminars this Spring: Thanks to these instructors for volunteering to present the seminars!

**Global Positioning System (GPS),** Ray Murphy  
**Chart Smart,** Norm Anderson  
**VHF Radio,** Dick Marsland  
**On Board Weather Forecasting,** Janette Schwartz



➤ We are also planning to offer a **Skipper Saver class** in June. This is designed for First Mates to learn the basics of on board safety and operation should the skipper become incapacitated. Open to the public. Contact John Gillespie to register.

# St. Helens Sail and Power Squadron

## Member Involvement Survey



Skipper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Mate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_ Power \_\_\_ Sail \_\_\_ Paddle

- How would you like Squadron activities communicated to you?  
 Phone Call \_\_\_\_\_  Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Snail Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
- The Power Squadron is a volunteer organization; membership includes donating at least 10 hours to squadron-sponsored events. Please indicate activities in which wish to participate:  

<input type="checkbox"/> Cruise Hosts: (onek), Coon Island / Martin Slough / Pirate Cruise / Gilbert River / D32 Rendezvous / Sandy Is <input type="checkbox"/> Membership recruiting <input type="checkbox"/> Membership involvement <input type="checkbox"/> Plan Squadron Meetings/Speakers <input type="checkbox"/> Perform Vessel Safety Exams <input type="checkbox"/> Plan Safe Boating Week Event <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Boat Show USPS Booth <input type="checkbox"/> Squadron Web Page Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Squadron Ship's Store	<input type="checkbox"/> Become a USPS Instructor <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Public Boating Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Advanced Member Classes <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon Bake fundraiser <input type="checkbox"/> Plan Squadron Social Events <input type="checkbox"/> Squadron Newsletter Reporter <input type="checkbox"/> Squadron Photographer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (see reverse side for complete listing)
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- Please tell us what USPS educational course you would like to see offered this next year:

**Public Courses:**

- Using GPS** – Introduction to using your GPS (2hrs)
- How to Use a Chart** – Overview of how to read a marine chart (2hrs)
- Using VHF/DSC Marine Radio** – Do's and Don't's of VHF Radio use (2hrs)
- On Board Weather Forecasting** – How to predict weather while on the water (2hrs)
- Skipper Saver** – Designed to train First Mate's on basic boating safety and emergency procedures should they need to take over operation of the boat. (4hrs)

**Squadron Member Courses:**

- Seamanship and Boat Handling** (12hrs)
- Piloting** – Coasting and inland navigation (24hrs)
- Advanced Piloting** – Adds wind, current, use of GPS, chart plotter and radar (24hrs)
- Cruise Planning** (12hrs)
- Engine Maintenance** (12hrs)
- Weather** (24hrs)
- Sail** (24hrs)
- Marine Electronics** (24hrs)

- How do you use your boat?  Fishing  Weekend Cruising  Recreation/Day Trips  
 Extended Cruising  Live-a-board  Other \_\_\_\_\_

- How can St. Helens Sail and Power Squadron better meet your boating safety, education and social/recreational needs?

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Please return completed form to John Gillespie, 503-369-7471  
 2114 Columbia Blvd - #168, St. Helens, OR 97051



Columbia River

# Ladies' Cruise



Get more information and register at our website: [www.LadiesCruise.com](http://www.LadiesCruise.com)



Plan to attend the Captain & Crew Meeting April 26, 7:00 p.m. at Tye YC

## May 18 – 20, 2007 Coon Island East

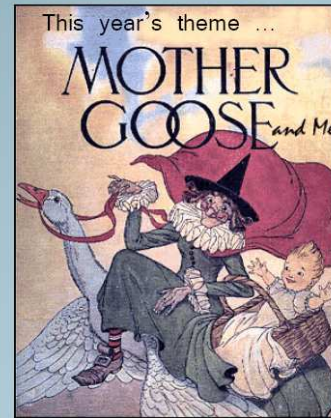
Ladies, get your friends together to crew and join the women of the Columbia River as they pilot their boats to Coon Island for a weekend of fun and camaraderie.

Prizes for **Best Dressed Crew** and **Best Dressed Boat** to theme. Put together a skit or musical activity for the **Talent Show** – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. Bring a donation prize and enjoy our **Cruise Raffle**.

Or just come and enjoy the fun.

Remember – it's ladies only. You must pilot your boat. Coon Island is easy to get in and out of and there's always someone there to help.

Need more information? Call Chris (503) 240-8656 ([c\\_gaare@msn.com](mailto:c_gaare@msn.com)) or Kim (360) 576-5116 ([kimh@rightline.com](mailto:kimh@rightline.com)).



## Storage Unit Shelving Project Saturday, Feb. 17



Norm, Ken and Rocky "getting 'er done!"

Foreman, John Crackin' the whip... "No breaks for you, Rocky."



## St. Helens Sail & Power Squadron 2006-2007 Bridge Officers

Commander:	Janette Schwartz	503-939-2979
Executive Officer:	Dick Marsland	503-543-9450
Admin. Officer:	Jean Heuer	503-397-5854
Education Officer:	Doug Hamilton	503-556-8104
Secretary:	Anders Nilsen	503-366-9604
Treasurer:	Larry DeHaven	425-329-1967

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