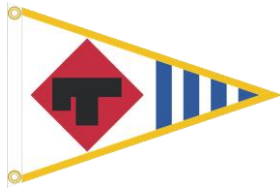




Bremerton, Washington

# The Squawk Box

## March 2023

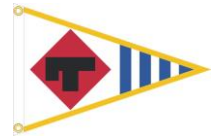


### Squadron News and Tidbits:

1. Our March meeting is our annual business meeting where we vote on our new slate of officers for the coming year. We will also review the budget for the coming year. Bob Allen, et al, will discuss what events and activities we will be doing in the coming year. The meal will be potluck so A-K bring a savory dish and K-Z bring a desert or salad. Of course, the Squadron Official Baker will bring a yummy. Don't forget your favorite beverage. See you there.
2. Yuki Huebner has volunteered to take over the Facebook page and is doing an outstanding job.
3. Who we are: The **United States Power Squadrons** (or USPS) is a non-profit educational organization, founded in 1914, whose *mission is to improve maritime safety and enjoyability* through classes in seamanship, navigation, and other related subjects. It is America's largest non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three US presidents for its civil contributions.
4. **Upcoming Meetings:** Our March 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 Meeting will be held at the Bremerton Yacht Club, 2700 Yacht Haven Way Bremerton, WA 98312 at 1800.
5. **Upcoming Events:**
  - a. We have set aside 5 slips for an April 7-9 Brownsville rendezvous. Contact Dave McBride (360-228-6003) to reserve your slip. If you plan to come by RV, please make your own reservations.
  - b. Be sure to set aside June 9-11 for the annual District 16 Rendezvous at Poulsbo. More to follow.
  - c. We have set aside 5 slips for the Port Ludlow Rendezvous June 16-18. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Port Ludlow marina at 360-437-0513 to make a reservation. If you plan to come by RV, please make your own reservations
  - d. Dave McBride is going to the Port of Kingston for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. He will be in slip 12 from 4/2 – 4/5. Please let him know if you plan to join him (360-228-6003).
6. We still a need a new **Squawk Box Editor** for 2023-2024. You can expect to spend approximately 4 hours per month on publication. Rick Hurst will be happy to provide training and credentials. Contact him at 360-301-2679.
7. If you would like to help by sponsoring a meeting event, a cruise or other event please contact any Bridge Officer.

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### From the Bridge

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Who knew that selling a boat is, at least, twice as painful as buying a boat. As I mentioned last month Susan and I are moving away from boating and more into nature and travel. As a result, we have sold our boat Snow Shadow. We've had her for 16 years and will miss her and boating in general.

As I mentioned it has been a painful process both financially and emotionally. The surveyor that our buyer was too good. He came up with 39 issues that needed repair or replacement. After some negotiation (I was not going to bring a 1989 boat up to 2023 specs) we agreed to fix 19 of the issues.

For want of a nail: (Note we are working against a deadline of March 21<sup>st</sup>.) The starboard seawater strainer had a slight leak and needed to be regasketed. As I was disassembling to replace the gaskets on of the rods holding the unit together snapped. I tried ordering the new rods (special order). I looked for M7 red brass rod, seemingly not available anywhere in the United States. I considered tapping out to 5/16 or M8 but would weaken the structure too much. Hmmmm. Looks like I'll have to order whole new unit. Ka-ching, \$710 but ... out of stock. After much searching, I found a unit in Michigan for \$410. It is supposed to arrive today (March 16). I'm keeping my fingers crossed. (Last minute update, unit received was the wrong size. Sigh!)

Our nominating chair, Bob Allen, has forwarded the following candidates for consideration as Executive Committee members for 2023-2024.

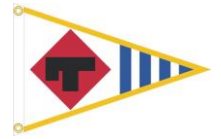
Nominations: 2023-2024

<b>Commander</b>	<b>Robert (Bob) Allen</b>
<b>XO</b>	<b>NONE or Appointee later</b>
<b>AO</b>	<b>NONE or Appointee later</b>
<b>SEO</b>	<b>Dave McBride</b>
<b>ASEO</b>	<b>Gary Wade</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Chris Wright</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Dave McBride or Appointee later</b>
<b>Member at Large</b>	<b>Marie McBride</b>

If you are interested in stepping forward for an empty position, contact Bob Allen (360) 731-5312. The annual business meeting will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup>. This is the time we vote on our new bridge. Don't miss it.

Rick





### Executive Officer

Lt/C Bob Allen, AP  
[Exec.BSPS@outlook.com](mailto:Exec.BSPS@outlook.com)



Welcome to another opening season of Yachting Season. Looks like we're going to have fair weather for a lot of this spring and summer. We have a reasonable schedule of Rendezvous' this spring and summer for you to attend this season. Starting with May 5th thru the 7th at Brownsville. The D-16 ANNUAL RENDEZVOUS at the Port of Poulsbo June 8th thru the 11th. June 16th thru the 18th finds us at Port Ludlow. Then, on to the Blues and Brews in Des Moines in August on the 25th thru the 27th. Then, finally, at Port Orchard for Soup Pot Rendezvous on October 13th thru the 15th. Signup sheets will be available on the sign in desk tables at the wall in the dining hall for all Rendezvous' and collected after each of our meetings in March and Change of Watch in April. Rendezvous events. You may arrive to at any of these events by boat, vessel, dingy, P/W, car or by RV.

Elections and our annual Business Meeting will begin after dinner, possibly as we're getting dessert. Our Slate of Officers elections and nominations from the floor will start just after any regular business. We will also be discussing our regular meeting schedules including Holiday meals for November and December (Brunch v. Dinner) and revue our Bridge meetings. What subjects do you want to hear or be educated about. Maybe even things about our surroundings while we're on the water. All of you will be getting via email the full schedule of all items "Squadron/Club" just after May 10th and another in Sept.

Hope to see you all there with bells on! My Best, Bob  
[kabob@wavecable.com](mailto:kabob@wavecable.com), (360) 731-5312

### Your Executive Committee and Member Chairs

We are fortunate to have such a committed group of volunteers for our various chairs. Many of these folks have done one, two, three or more stints in various capacities. I personally thank them, and I am sure they would like to have your thanks too. Here is the current list of Officers and chairs.

#### Bremerton Sail & Power Squadron Organization Chart

##### Bridge Officers & Assistants

Commander (2022)	Cdr Richard Hurst, P
Executive Officer (2022)	Lt/C Robert M. Allen, S, P/C
Educational Officer (2022)	Lt/C Gary S. Wade, AP, P/C
Administrative Officer (2022)	Open
Secretary (2022)	Lt/C Ken Nelson, S
Treasurer (2022)	Lt/C Susan Hurst, P

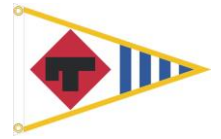
##### General Committees

Chairman Merit Marks (2022)      P/C Kevin J. Pisani, JN-ACN

##### Committees reporting to the Executive Officer

Vessel Safety Check Chairman (2022)      Lt Loyd Albert Walker III, SN

##### Committees reporting to the Educational Officer



USPS Seminars Chairman (2022)  
Assistant SEO (2022)

Lt David J. Miller, AP-CAN  
Lt/C, D/Lt/C, P/C Dave McBride AP

## Education's Apple

L/Cdr. Gary Wade, AP

Buongiorno,

I hope your St. Patrick's Day went well. I will get another one this Sunday when Jessie and I will be online with the grandchildren baking Luck Charms cupcakes!!



We completed a New Member Orientation this March for six new/current members and Dave has set a one-one up for Ed and Susanne Jonson 3/20.

It has been a long windless time for us. We have floating around unable to steer a course; it is changing. Slowly, we are getting some wind and the sails are filling. With this, an opportunity presents itself. The question, are we going to take advantage of it?

At the D16 Spring Conference the Port of Everett gave a presentation about the future of the Port. Part of that presentation included the Port's 2023 events and there are a wide range. Take a look at this link: [portofeverett.com/events](http://portofeverett.com/events).

We are still looking for volunteers to be instructors. The skills needed are simple; comfortable talking to a group of boaters, both experienced and novice; be familiar with the material and skills being taught and have the willingness to pass down your experiences and knowledge.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Gary

**“When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.”**

— Alexander Graham Bell

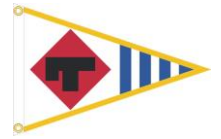
**“Opportunity...it often comes disguised in the form of misfortune or temporary defeat.”**

— Napoleon Hill

**“If you were waiting for the opportune moment, that was it.”**

— Captain Jack Sparrow





## Squadron Contacts

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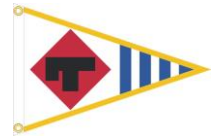
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## Calendar

March		
8	Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom) - 1800	Rick Hurst
27	Annual Business Meeting @ Potluck BYC 1800 – Election of 2023-2024 officers. No speaker this month due to elections.	Rick Hurst
April		
12	Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom) - 1800	Rick Hurst
7-9	Brownsville Marina Rendezvous – 5 slips reserved	Dave McBride
24	BSPS Change of Watch — Catered by BSPS @ BYC 1800	Rick Hurst
May		
10	Executive Committee Meeting (Zoom) - 1800	Bob Allen
22	General Meeting – Potluck BYC 1800.	Bob Allen





## Rummage Sale News

The 2023 Rummage Sale has been scheduled for September 23 with setup on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Since this is our most important fund raiser for the year, someone needs to step forward to manage the Rummage Sale this year or we won't be able to subsidize many activities the Bremerton Sale & Power Squadron enjoys. Please call Susan Hurst if you are willing to take over the Sale.

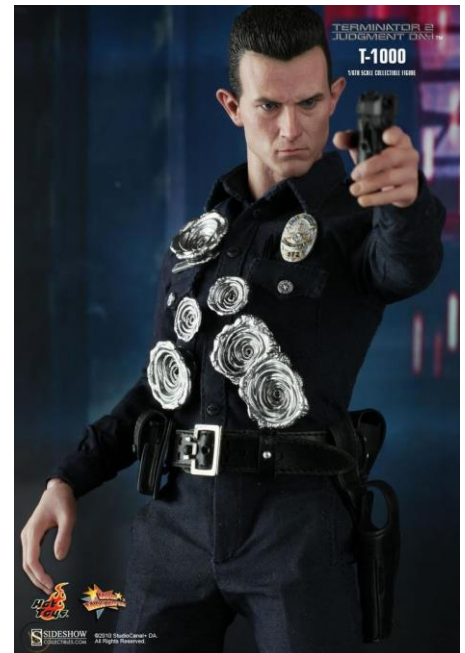
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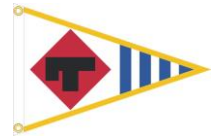
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## Unlikely Boating Hero

**Robert Hammond Patrick** (born November 5, 1958) is an American actor. Known for portraying villains and honorable authority figures. *After leaving college, Patrick worked as a house painter and continued as such until a boating accident in 1984 in Lake Erie.<sup>[3]</sup> He swam for three hours in order to save others still stranded on the accident site, and nearly drowned in doing so.<sup>[5]</sup> After the accident, he moved to Los Angeles at age 26. His main income during his first years was as a bartender, and he often lived in his car, before being cast in his first film roles. Terminator fans may recognize him from his role as T1000 in Terminator 2, Judgement Day. Boating heroes come from all walks of life and are some of the most unlikely folks to be a boater.*





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\*\*\* Across from, but not in, Gasworks Park

