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New advertiser **YachtLease** was brought in by Sally Stuart. Thanks!

## Who's Who 2005

The new issue of *Who's Who*, the squadron roster, is being prepared for distribution in June. Of particular concern are updates to e-mail addresses, phone numbers, and boat name, type, length, and home port. Please check your listing in the current version for accuracy and send changes to Lt Robert J. Miller at [bobmi@earthlink.net](mailto:bobmi@earthlink.net).

**Changes received after 15 May 2005 will not be included.**

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## Monthly Dinner Meeting – 4 May 2005 Change of Watch

Prime Rib or Salmon

The cost of this *special* monthly dinner is **\$18**.

Reservations (or cancellations of permanent reservations) are required and need to be confirmed **before Noon Saturday** prior to the dinner meeting. Make your reservations (or cancellations) with:

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- √ There are NO extra meals. Do not expect to dine if you have not made a reservation.
- √ People with reservations who don't cancel by Saturday will be billed for their meals.
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- √ We accept Visa and MasterCard, as well as cash and local checks. The check-in table closes at 1900; no late arrivals, please.

### Location & Time

Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club, 9927 Meydenbauer Way SE, Bellevue. Members and guests meet from 1800 for a social hour on the Top Deck. Dinner is served at 1900 and the meeting will be adjourned by 2100.

### Dress Code

While the Bridge members often wear uniforms to the dinner meetings, the general membership wears appropriate mufti attire or business casual at the dinner meetings. For the Bridge, the uniform for May is **Uniform A**—black pants; blue jacket; white shirt.

### Program— Change of Watch

Come and welcome in the new squadron bridge and give them your suggestions for the coming year. At the same time, tell the outgoing bridge members that they did a great job during the past year. We get to welcome back Commander E. Jean Miller, AP, for her second term.

For our newer members, the Change of Watch is the year's most formal and official dinner meeting. We usually have many guests from other squadrons to assist the colorful swearing-in ceremony. Join us!

## From the Commander

Commander Jean Miller, AP



**H**ey! The auction was great! We raised about \$5400, everyone seemed to have a good time and while there was spirited fun, no one actually passed out from excitement. Late in the evening I realized that I was bidding with an empty “two buck Chuck” bottle instead of my numbered paddle, but it didn’t seem to matter.

Several people are now on my evil-doers list for bidding against me; the sullen, but strangely debonair Sid Rubin had great fun waving his paddle around, cackling gleefully. Wayne Hill, who I once thought of as a nice guy, sat with a tiny smile on his face, bidding against me even though I glared at him. He was too tough to intimidate, so I had to negotiate with him so we could share the spoils. Even new member Dan Kellogg went up against the “two buck Chuck” bottle, bidding on a gift certificate from one of our fine advertisers. The Prince of Frowns advised me to throttle my competitive urges and said that it would have been nice to let Dan buy the certificate.

“Nice?” I snarled. “There’s no nice in this auction. It’s war!”

There are several people who deserve a lot of credit for our fantastic fund raiser. They include Nic and Kathy Marshall who worked their magical fingers to the bone for the umpteenth year, our very own auctioneer, the talented and lovely Mark Stevens, and Eva Pavlov, Meydenbauer’s chef with the artistic temperament, who laid on a really, really good pasta feed. The food was so good, in fact, that after people had second servings there was nothing left in the pans except minute traces of parmesan cheese and a few crumbs from the garlic toast. I thought I saw Karl Lang licking his finger and going after those.

We had generous donors, like Marie Van Cleave and Peter Loudon, who decided to offer a stay in their Maui condo, in a dramatic and thrilling auction moment, and

the anonymous donor of a weekend in a well known B&B on Whidbey Island. We had generous buyers, too, like Sally Stuart who felt so sorry for the Prince of (Exasperated) Sighs, that she upped her winning bid for his computer consulting services.

You know what, everyone who participated in the auction was wonderful!

Enough of the positive strokes. Now we move on to the Threats and Demands Section ...

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Cost for Rendezvous: \$nada!!

## *Boating Safety Session*

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## Vessel Safety Checks

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## BBQ at Fidalgo Bay Marina on Saturday!

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## Sea Belles Corner

President Laurel J. Redecker, AP



**H**ow time flies! It doesn't seem possible that I'm writing my final column as President of the Sea Belles. I have really enjoyed my term of office. It has been a pleasure to work with such a fine group of people who are all dedicated to the goals of the Sea Belles. I will dedicate the remainder of this column to thanking them.

Vice President Barbara Burdick hasn't been able to make all the board meetings, but she has put in untold hours putting our bylaws into her computer and coordinating them to match the model bylaws put forth by the National Auxiliary. This has been a huge job! Parliamentarian Gretchen Hurter has worked with her, and Rules Committee persons Willa Conrad and John. They are planning to meet soon to bring this process to an end. My thanks to you all. Barbara is our Secretary-elect, as well as the new District 16 Treasurer. She is living proof that if you give a job to a busy person, it will get done.

Secretary Doreen Schuitemaker was always invaluable to the Sea Belles. Since she and Pete have now moved to Chile, we really miss her! Thank you, Doreen.

Treasurer Pat Dorratcague cannot be thanked enough! She has been Treasurer for a number of terms, and does a tremendous job. We really need her. She also worked with Karl Lang on the Holiday Gala, and wrote a wonderful review detailing how members had contributed to the event. We're very fortunate that she is our Treasurer-elect.

Membership Chair Ann Williams has been a valuable and beloved long-time member of Sea Belles. Ann, we love you, and thank you for all you have done through the years.

I don't know what I would have done without the very necessary input from my Executive Committee, Marion Cartwright, Dortha Lang, and Dorthea Varney. I

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have called them individually and collectively many times during the past year. Thank you all so much. Lucy Worl has also given me great advice, as well as heading up the extremely successful Crab Feed.

I've really appreciated Hospitality and Sunshine chair Ruby Ann Mahnken. She is so compassionate, as well as fun. She has also given me great advice.

Marilyn Buckingham has been our Historian for many years, and has collected a treasure trove of information about Sea

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# USPS DISTRICT 16 "2005 LA FIESTA II"

PORT ORCHARD, WA — 24-26 JUNE 2005

Make your checks payable to USPS District 16 and send this reservation form to:

**P/C Joanna Webster, AP, 31820 37<sup>th</sup> Ave SW,  
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**Information contacts: 253-927-7474, [jimjoweb@aol.com](mailto:jimjoweb@aol.com)**

The enclosed check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ covers reservations for the USPS District 16, 24-26 June 2005, 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Rendezvous:

**Strawberry Feed-Saturday-June 25<sup>th</sup>**

\_\_\_\_ Strawberry Shortcake @ \$3.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner-Saturday-June 25<sup>th</sup>**

\_\_\_\_ Fajita (Chicken) plate @ \$15.00 (children \$7.50) \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Fajita (Steak) plate @ \$15.00 (children \$7.50) \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Fajita Plate @ \$15.00 (children \$7.50) \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Breakfast – June 26<sup>th</sup>**

\_\_\_\_ Pancakes, ham, eggs @ \$5.50 \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Notes: All costs are in US Dollars.**

**Add \$2.00 to each price if the registration is received after June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

I plan to arrive by boat Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

I need a space at the swap meet Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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# District 16 29th Annual Rendezvous – La Fiesta II

## 24-26 June 2005 – Port Orchard Marina

D/Lt/C Kari Black, AP

*Que La Fiesta?* Right on schedule, the District 16 June Rendezvous is fast approaching, and most of our ducks are in a row. The marina has been reserved, so please don't call them!! The food has been ordered, drinks are chilling, strawberries are waiting for more sunshine and activities are being planned.

For the third year, we will be enjoying the small town flavor of Port Orchard, and the party dock will rock with a Lotta Colotta/Pinna Colotta (aka Margaritaville) theme on Friday night. Potluck hors d'oeuvres will fill the tables, so get that USPS recipe book out!! On Saturday, like last year, we will have a "Best Dressed" costume contest, along with the Best Decorated boat contest. There will be lots of games for the young and young at heart. Another Swap Meet in the morning will satisfy your need for "Retail Therapy", and somewhere in between everything else, there will be a Strawberry Shortcake feed at just \$3.00.

A local toothsome catering company will cater our delicious dinner indoors with tables and chairs where we can have our own bar. Dinners will be \$15.00. After dinner there will be the annual Port Orchard Fathoms O' Fun Festival and street parade at our very doorstep. The carnival will be going on in the parking lot, while the Farmers Market will be down the street at the other end of the marina.

Sunday morning we will be treated to another delicious breakfast by the local Kiwanis club, sending us all home with a full tummy, and a clean galley. The cost will be \$5.50 for adults and children. Come one come all, join in all the fun.

For those not coming by boat, the Holiday Inn Express, near the marina, has a block of 20 room reserved for us at the rate of \$65.00 plus tax per night for either one King or two Full Beds. Please call them and book before June 3rd at 360-895-2666, or fax at 360-895-8088. All prices quoted are in US Dollars. ❖

### **Moorage rates for D16 Rendezvous Port Orchard Marina — 24-26 June 2005**

Finger slips:	\$23.20 up to 40' + 58 cents per foot over 40'
East breakwater:	\$10.60 up to 20' + 53 cents per foot over 20'
North breakwater:	\$8.40 up to 20' + 42 cents per foot over 20'
Power:	\$4.00 per night (30 amp) \$4.50 per night (50 amp)
Reservation Fee:	\$5.00 per boat (one time only)

**The marina has been reserved.  
Do not phone them to make your own reservations.  
Dock assignments on VHF Ch 78, "District 16 Rendezvous".**

## Welcome, New Members

Lt Lonnie Butler, AP – Membership Chair

**T**he Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron welcomes the following new members. Please take some time to introduce yourself to them and help get our new friends firmly and actively integrated into the squadron.

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## Who's Who Updates

Lt William H. Kilner, AP – Database Chair

**P**lease make these updates to *Who's Who 2004*. Send changes of mailing address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, and boat information to [b\\_kilner@out-of-chaos.com](mailto:b_kilner@out-of-chaos.com). The National database will be updated as well as the squadron's mailing list. Remember, because of our non-profit mailing rate, **BELLVIEWS** is not forward by the US Postal Service, so do send in your address changes.

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## Rendezvous Calendar for 2005

- May 21-22      **Waterfront Festival**—Anacortes.  
Hosts: Jean and Bob Miller. *See page 4.*
- June 24-26    **La Fiesta II, District 16**— Port Orchard Marina.  
Hosts: D16 squadrons. *See page 9.*
- July 8-10      **Salmon Bake** — Brownsville Marina.  
Hosts: Chris Brown and Company.
- July 30-Aug 1   **NorBell Joint Rendezvous**—Maple Bay, BC.  
Co-Host: Mike Heinrich.
- Aug 2-7        **Cruise Through BC Gulf Islands.**  
Co-Host: ??
- Aug 13-14     **Trailer Boat Anchor-out**—Spencer Spit State Park.  
Hosts: Diane and Mike Heinrich.
- August 19-21   **Steak Fry with the Sea Scouts** — Everett Marina.  
Host: Dawn Miller.
- Oct 8-9        **Soup Pot and Chili Cook-off**, with Bremerton Power Squadron — Port Orchard Marina.  
Hosts: Dortha and Karl Lang.



## IN MEMORIAM

*P/D/C E. Everett Mansfield, SN*

**P/D/C Ev Mansfield died peacefully at the age of 94 years on 23 March 2005. Ev joined the Bellevue squadron in 1958 and served many functions in the squadron, including being Commander during the 1967-1968 bridge year. He later took on various roles in District 16 and served as District Commander in 1972. Ev chaired the D16 Four New Squadrons Program and was instrumental in the formation of the Spokane squadron. In addition, he served on several National Committees. In all, Ev earned 36 merit marks while a member of USPS.**

## Help Wanted—Squadron Jobs

The incoming Bridge members are forming their departments and are looking for warm bodies to fill the following squadron positions. Here is your chance to insure that you continue getting Merit Marks.

- **Budget Committee**—meet a few times during the year to develop the 2006 squadron budget.
- **Advertising Manager** — send invoices to the existing advertisers and sell a few more ads for the coming year. Most work in Fall 2005.
- **Distribution Co-chair** — Assist in the monthly mailing of **BELLVIEWS** and the annual mailing of *Who's Who*. Two to four hours monthly.
- **Rendezvous Hosts** — need people to plan and schedule low keyed rendezvous, including BC Gulf Island Cruise in August.
- **Vessel Safety Examiners** — a public service job, making boating safer. Occasional weekend work at boat launch ramps, special boating activities, and advertiser tie-ins. A way to poke into other people's boats.

For details, contact Commander Jean at [Jean\\_Miller@msn.com](mailto:Jean_Miller@msn.com).

### New Members Through Education

"I wish to thank all of the Educational Dept for the little reminders to the public boating classes of the advantages in becoming members in the Power Squadron. Those constant subliminal messages work. Since the last public boating class, we have had five people come back to us to join, after having thought about it at home. What ever works...."

Submitted by Lt Lonnie Butler, AP,  
Membership Chair.



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## The Eagle Returns!

In the photo below, we see Bellevue's Commander, Jean Miller, being honored at the District 16 Spring Conference on 19 March 2005, as this year's winner of The Commanders' Challenge trophy. This is the tenth year of the competition, organized by our own P/V/C Frank Dvorak, SN, and Bellevue has won the trophy five times. Past Bellevue commanders earning the Commanders' Challenge include P/C George Orr, JN (1996), P/C Mark Stevens, SN (1997), P/C Karl Lang, SN (2001), and P/C BJ Ursin, SN (2004). As Frank said during the presentation, "Bellevue has again raised the bar. This year's scores were the highest ever." Commander Miller will show off the squadron's latest victory during the May Change of Watch. ❖



### *Finalists in the 2004 Commanders' Challenge*

*(left to right foreground) Cdr David Cleator, AP (Bremerton), Cdr Linda Larabee, P (Tacoma), Cdr Debbie Richey, P (Skagit Bay), Cdr Jean Miller, AP (Bellevue), V/C Creighton Maynard, SN, National Admin Officer.*

*Missing is Cdr Jackie Smith, AP (Poverty Bay). Photo by P/D/C Ron Wuesthoff, JN.*



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# Tech Tips -- Marine VHF Radios with DSC (Digital Selective Calling)

Lt Gary Mohr, SN, Radio Technical Officer

**B**efore going into the finer points of DSC radios I need to point that the USCG District 13 Communications Division has indicated that they aren't presently set up to acknowledge DSC generated distress calls in the Pacific Northwest and may not be for some time, primarily due to budget and manpower limitations. A representative of the Canadian Power Squadron responded that their Coast Guard facilities can respond to DSC distress signals on the west coast but the complete system isn't expected to be fully operational until the end of 2006.

Certain types of commercial shipping do have DSC operational systems and are expected to relay Ch70 distress information to the Coast Guard. I've had difficulty ascertaining how long they're required to monitor Ch16 but the best guess at this time is until 2009. The USCG and CCG will continue to monitor Ch16 even after the DSC system is operational. I understand a method of "live" testing the distress mode will be available within US waters but it's premature to describe it for boats operating in this area at this time. "Live" testing of the DSC distress mode is illegal in Canadian waters. User training has been a significant problem with this new system so it may help to become familiar with the DSC operation by exchanging MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity) numbers with a fellow boater and practice a pleasure connection for Ch69 or Ch71 keeping the practice time to a minimum. The DISTRESS button should only be used for MAYDAY situations. Typical DSC radios have other operation modes for Urgent (Pan-Pan), Safety (Security), or Routine calls. Significant information about DSC operation can be found on the USCG web site [www.navcen.uscg.gov/marcomms/gmdss/dsc.htm](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/marcomms/gmdss/dsc.htm).

DSC radios have several useful capabilities but the major advantage is automatic distress calling activated by pressing the DISTRESS button that's located under a spring-loaded flap on the front panel of the radio for a specified length of time (typically 5 seconds). The distress message includes the station MMSI number along with Lat/Lon and time information if the GPS is connected to the radio. The Coast Guard encourages connecting the GPS to the radio because it significantly enhances the search effort. The Ch70 transmission will typically be about a 30 second digital data burst repeated about every four minutes until it receives an acknowledgment or is cancelled by the radio operator. Keep in mind that a four minute repeat time could seem like an eternity on a small boat with a rapidly escalating emergency – you may want to consider a distress call on Ch16 if you've activated the DISTRESS mode and have-



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n't received a Ch70 acknowledgment. Ch70 is dedicated for radio digital linking and you must not attempt any voice conversation on it. You may be able to establish a Ch70 link at a greater distance than you can establish a voice contact. The distance of the Ch70 link will depend on the sophistication of the radio design along with several other criteria and this is an additional reason for connecting the DSC radio to the GPS. It's quite important that you read and understand the radio operation manual so you're familiar with its capabilities and limitations.

All active DSC radios within the receive area should display appropriate distress information upon receiving a Ch70 distress transmission. The radio sending the Ch70 distress call should automatically switch to Ch16 for exchanging more detailed information from the boats' radio operator after receiving the acknowledgment signal. You should inform the Coast Guard with a MAYDAY RELAY contact on Ch16 if your radio indicates having received a Ch70 distress message and no one else has responded. This could happen if a boater activated the distress alert not knowing acknowledgment might be limited. Record all the displayed distress information prior to switching to Ch16 for reporting the alert after waiting about five minutes to insure no one else is responding. DSC radios typically available for recreational vessels don't have the capability of sending an acknowledgment signal and that means you might have difficulty making a Ch16 connection with the boat sending a distress signal on Ch70 until he shifts to Ch16. If you inadvertently activate a Ch70 distress alert you should switch to Ch16 and make a broadcast to "All Stations" giving the boat name, call sign, MMSI number, and cancel the false distress alert. You may have to turn the radio OFF if the distress mode was activated by a radio malfunction.

You're responsible for getting your MMSI number entered into the radio. You're typically only allowed two MMSI entries into the radio. You have to send the radio back to the factory for resetting after two entries. An MMSI number can be obtained from BoatUS, MeriTEL, or from the FCC when applying for, modifying, or renewing the boat radio station license. At the time of this writing the FCC issued MMSI number is the only one recognized by the international database. MMSI numbers issued by BoatUS or MeriTEL aren't valid outside of the US. If you're traveling outside the US, including Canada, you need to have an FCC station license and apply for an FCC issued MMSI number. You should guarantee that your MMSI number is eliminated from the radio when you sell it. Be certain to keep your MMSI information up to date because the Coast Guard depends on that information to help find you. All the information is necessary but some of the most critical would be boat description, homeport, e-mail address, phone numbers (especially emergency), and address. I've found the BoatUS web site [www.boatus.com/mmsi/](http://www.boatus.com/mmsi/) to be the easiest to navigate for updating information. Record your MMSI number, User ID, and Password in a safe place so you can easily update the information if required.

Getting DSC fully operational seems to be taking longer than anticipated and keeping updated on the latest status can be difficult although we've managed to come a long way since 600BC when Thales of Miletos wondered why he could lift feathers with amber (elektron in Greek) after rubbing it with cat fur. ❖



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## May Change of Watch Announcement

Cdr E. Jean Miller, AP

Here's a news flash. The Change of Watch is the coming dinner meeting! Come view District Commander Dennis Morris, the man who wore a toilet seat cover during his own COW! Watch as endless awards are presented and you clap until your palms are raw! Witness the squadron commander bumble through a second year of feminist ranting and tasteless references! See B.J. Ursin (who has been chuckling nastily to himself, always a bad sign) assist in the ceremony! Watch as our Canadian guests again affirm that they are much nicer and tell better jokes than us.



However, and seriously, this is an important traditional squadron function and you should mark your calendars and plan to attend. Keep in mind what is rapidly becoming our squadron motto...**FREE WINE AT DINNER!** ❖

### "Stuff" at Sea—Discounted Safety Items at West Marine

Lt Mike Heinrich, A, Membership Involvement

Having your Vessel Safety Check done by one of the squadron VSE staff will get you a 10% discount on safety-related items at West Marine. Pass or fail, just present your VSC receipt, and the discount is yours.

Once again, both Boat US and West Marine have agreed to extend their 10% discount for boaters who have had a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) in 2005.

All boaters have to do to receive the discount is to show a copy of their completed ANSC7012 VSC form. They are entitled to the discount regardless of whether they pass or fail the VSC. The unconditional discount is to encourage boaters to get a VSC, even if they believe they may not be in compliance with all boat and/or carriage requirements. The discount rewards boaters for the educational experience they receive, since all Vessel Examiners discuss a number of safety topics during each check. ❖

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Belles. She also would like any pictures you may have of our events, past and present. Thank you, Marilyn.

I also want to thank the Nominating Committee: Dortha Lang, Charlene Plympton and Jane Evans, as well as MBYC Liaison Sharon Neglay, who was so helpful in obtaining our date for the Holiday Gala, and in other instances.

Karl Lang headed up the Holiday Gala along with Pat Dorratcague, and has also offered a lot of great advice. He is the President-elect, and as I said before, it will be a good year! Karl has been a member of BSPS for 42 years, and has held every post there, so now we're honoring him in Sea Belles.

Thank you, too, to Commander Jean Miller and all the BSPS Board, for being so helpful and cooperative.

Our Change of Watch is scheduled for Thursday, 26 May 2005, at the Bellevue Ramada. Please save the date. We hope you'll all join us. For reservation details, see the ad below.

Thank you again for honoring me as President. I hope I haven't missed anyone! I am the Membership Chair-elect, and am looking forward to welcoming new members during next year. ❖

## **SEA BELLES CHANGE OF WATCH**

**Thursday, 26 May 2005**

**Ramada Inn Bellevue Center  
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## Thanks from the Admin

Lt/C Sally N. Stuart, AP

**T**hank you to:

Lt. Nicholas Marshal for organizing a successful auction again this year and all his helpers, Lt. Raye Newmen and Sandi Henry for collecting money at the dinner meetings, Lt. Kym Terwillinger, Advertising Manager; Lt. Reggie Asbra and Lt. Sid Rubin for circulating **BELLVIEWS**, Lt. Bob Miller, **BELLVIEWS** Editor; Cdr Jean Miller and Lt. Bob Miller, *Who's Who*; Lt. Catherine Keating, dinner reservations, Lt. Cliff Casad and Lt. Billy Phillips, Port Captains; Lt. Willa Conrad, Squadron Photographer and Lts. James and Jennifer Hamilton, Webmasters.

Thank you also to the Boating Activity Committee members: Lt. Mike Heinrich, Lt/C Chris Brown, P/C BJ Ursin, Lt. Lonnie Butler, Sherri Kennamer and 1/Lt. Bill Badgley. Thank you also to those I did not mention but contributed to the Administrative Department's activities ❖

### Dinner Program for June "Ice Cream Social" and Tales of Canvas

The June meeting is the last one before summer cruising and it is going to be a relaxed affair of ice cream sundaes, friendly chit-chat with our friends, and some amusing tales of how some boaters treat (and mistreat) their valuable (expensive?) canvas coverings on their boats.

Dinner is going to be a salad bar, followed by the ice cream social. Build your own salad and feel righteous, then you can dive into the tubs of ice cream and add toppings galore.

Our guest speaker is Mike Sofie, CEO of Barrett's Enclosures, a long time advertiser in **BELLVIEWS**. He promises to keep us entertained with his experiences in the world of canvas coverings. Pretty cool?

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I have been informed that the response to our pleas for warm bodies has been less than enthusiastic. This makes those of us who cry easily very sad and tearful, especially the officers (primarily incoming Administrative Officer, Chris Brown, a copious weeper,) who will have to do the jobs if no one volunteers. Have a look at these little beauties below:

### **BELLVIEWS Distribution Chair**

What you need for this job is a pair of agile hands, a spare two-three hours a month for ten months, and the ability to make friends with Mr. Lee at the post officer (talk to him about ping pong—he really likes it.) Oh, you have to be willing to work with Sid Rubin (see description above, but actually, he’s kinda sweet,) and the Prince of Frowns. This is a job so mindless that my dead parrot could do it, but it is a very important one.

### **Advertising Manager**

Time wise, a spurt of activity, about four hours, is needed once a year in September, and then a few hours is required through January when the last stragglers pay their bills. You need to follow through on contacting new advertisers and billing for ads which squadron members bring in. Requirements are: the ability to use the telephone and a willingness to work with the Prince of (Exasperated) Sighs. Again, an important job, but you needn’t leave your house to do it. If you’re agoraphobic, this is the spot for you.

In full disclosure, I need to point out that the previous holders of these two jobs are leaving town, and in one case, the state.

### **Budget Committee**

Meets a couple of times in the fall to consider the failures of the Executive Committee to meet their budgets. You must know how to count (fingers and toes allowed) and how to look grim. One slot is open on this prestigious committee, and I must say that as a group they are a fine and upstanding bunch.

### **Vessel Safety Examiner**

If you are nosy and like to scope out other people’s boats this should appeal to you. Additionally, you will be doing major public service work and making boating safer for all of us. You must pass an exam which is online, and accompany Joe Saromines, chairman of Vessel Safety Checks and reputed to be the nicest guy in the squadron, on some checks before he turns you loose. You will be given a lovely red polo shirt, and you can buy yourself the cap. Requirements are a pencil, a clip board, and the ability to look official. (The shirt helps, Joe says.)

Okay, folks! Come on up! ❖

## Join the Squadron Rendezvous

Check out the schedule on page 9. Put the rendezvous on your calendar.  
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# Signals From the Editor

Lt Robert J. Miller, AP

It's time again to plead, beg, grovel, and bribe you all for some help. **BELLVIEWS** is *your* magazine and *you* need to contribute a bit.

## Cruising Log

I am out of stories. As you cruise this summer and encounter neat things, please remember to jot down your experiences and send them to me so others can read your contributions in the Cruising Log.

## Cover Photos

Photos for the cover are also needed. I would love to run a nice picture of your trusty boat on the cover. Even better, how about a few pictures of those lovely sights you see while out cruising? Send me your digital photos by e-mail or analog film photos and I will scan the negative. Otherwise, I will continue to use my own photos and soon I will have to put in pictures of the grandkids.

## New Roster Coming

The (secret) (maybe) new editor of our squadron roster, *Who's Who*, is coming up to speed on the complex process of creating the 130 page roster. The main source of names, addresses, boat information, etc., comes from the DB2000 database and records stored on National's computer systems. So, check last year's *Who's Who* and send in corrections to me by e-mail, [bobmi@earthlink.net](mailto:bobmi@earthlink.net). If you don't get your updates to me by 15 May 2005, they probably won't appear in the new roster. The roster will be mailed out to all members in June.

## Distribution Support

I haven't received any response to my request for "Help Wanted—Co-Chair for **BELLVIEWS** Distribution" that ran in last month's magazine. If the Publications Department can't get a couple of families to do the distribution for the magazine and the roster, they won't be mailed. Two to three hours a month are needed for the **BELLVIEWS** distribution and the roster can be prepared for mailing in less than six hours. This is an excellent Merit Mark job for two sets of people. Contact me at [bobmi@earthlink.net](mailto:bobmi@earthlink.net) to volunteer.

## CoWs

No, not the animal things, Changes of Watch. The *Loon Song* is getting some hours on its engines attending some of the Changes of Watch in District 16. Last weekend we went to Friday Harbor and later this month we will head to Brownsville for the Agate Pass-Bellevue Safety Rendezvous and will stay over the weekend to attend the Bremerton CoW. We may also hit Seattle's on the way down to Brownsville. April has some nice boating weather and the marinas are empty and the radio waves are silent. Get out on the water, it's good for you.

*The deadline for the June issue is 6 May 2005.*

Calm seas and fair winds,  
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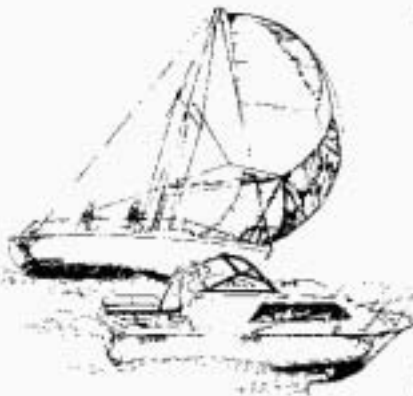
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