



Oak Harbor Marina

November 1, 2016

Marine Communication Class

The Deception Pass Sail & Power Squadron will be presenting the Marine Communication Systems elective course starting on January 12, 2016 and running for seven weeks. This is the second in the Electrical/Comm/Nav series of classes. There is no prerequisite for enrolling in this class.

The content of the class will include:

- Radio History and Communication Elements
- VHF Radio Communications
- FCC Rules, Licenses and Radio Frequency Plan
- Radiotelephone Operating Procedures
- Other Comm Systems including cellular telephone and amateur radio
- Radio Maintenance

The class will be taught by Terry Sparks. Terry is a lifelong electronics and communication professional. He is also the author of an entire series of instructional manuals and guides under the banner "Made Simple for Cruisers". His published works can be found at

<http://www.made-simple-for-cruisers.com/>

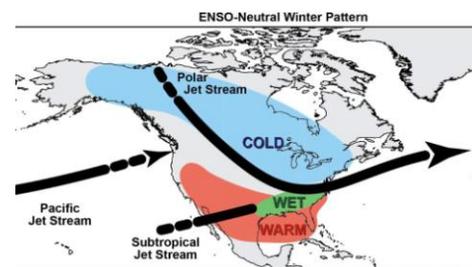
The cost of the class will be \$39 for members of the Power Squadron and an additional \$20 for spouse or partner sharing a text book. For non-members the tuition will be \$65 and \$30 for a spouse/partner sharing a text. The class will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 1050 SE Ireland in Oak Harbor and will meet each Thursday night from 6 PM to 8 PM.

To reserve your spot please contact the Squadron Educational Officer Step Williford at 360-279-1551 or steppen@frontier.com.

Registration closes on January 2nd.

Neutral Winter Forecasted

The National Weather Service (NWS) office in Seattle has gazed into its computerized crystal ball and predicts a neutral winter. At first glance, neutral seems like it should be interchangeable with "average" or even "mild." But neutral isn't a measure of the intensity of the winter ahead. Rather, neutral just means the big picture weather pattern isn't El Niño and La Niña, the better-known rock star twins of our Northwest climate.



All three – neutral, El Niño and La Niña – refer to the temperature of the Pacific Ocean. Warm ocean temperatures cause an El Niño pattern, and cold temperatures lead to a La Niña pattern. When the ocean is neither colder nor warmer than average, the pattern is called neutral. That may sound pretty dull, but a neutral year can bring wild weather.

Do you remember the Arctic Express of December 1990, and its snow, wind and bone-chilling cold? Or, the Thanksgiving weekend storm that same year that sent the I-90 Mercer Island floating bridge to the bottom of Lake Washington? Or, the deadly Columbus Day storm of 1962? All neutral years, if in name only.

This neutral winter will bring its share, and maybe more, of windy, wet, snowy, cold and all-around nasty weather. My advice? Forget the ho-hum label and get yourself and your family ready.

Excerpts, Editor: Neutral weather? Some years it can be worse." Bellevue Reporter 10/15/2008

Reserved Parking Spot

The winner of this month's parking space drawing is Mark Casteel. Mr. Casteel will get the use of the parking space until December 1st. If you would like to enter the drawing please come by the office and fill out a registration slip.

The names of people not drawn will be left in the drawing box for next month.

CURRENT FUEL PRICES

(As of October 31, 2016)

Diesel - \$2.09

Gas - \$3.64 (Mid-grade ethanol free)

Receive a 5 cent per gallon discount for over 100 gallons.

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"Cruising has two pleasures. One is to go out in wider waters from a sheltered place. The other is to go into a sheltered place from wider waters."

- Howard Bloomfield

Winter Hours

The marina will not be staffed and the office and fuel dock will be closed on Sundays and holidays, November - February. The main gate will be open from 8:00 - 5:00 on Sundays and holidays.

The marina will be staffed and the office and fuel dock will be open Monday - Saturday from 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00-5:00.

Please remember that the office and fuel dock are both closed from 12:00-1:00 for lunch.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 7th: Marina Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00pm @ City Hall

November 11th: Veterans Day, The office and fuel dock will be closed.

November 25th & 26th: Thanksgiving, The office and fuel dock will be closed.

December 5th: Marina Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00pm @ City Hall

Quiz

If the magnetic heading is greater than the compass heading, the deviation is _____:

1. east
2. west
3. north
4. south

The answer to last month's quiz is: *At night, off your starboard side, you see a boat with a white light over a red light. You take immediate precautions because you are meeting a: #3 powerboat crossing in front of you from right to left.*

Got any ideas or suggestions? Let us know!