

# VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS (VSCs)

On April 28<sup>th</sup> the Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron (BSPS) will conduct **FREE, COURTESY, NO OBLIGATION Vessel Safety Check's (VSC's)** at the Marina. The VSC's are an onboard review of a vessel's equipment for compliance with Federal and State safety requirements. No reports are furnished to the Coast Guard or any authority. This VSC, performed at a vessel operator's convenience is similar to the safety checks conducted when boarded by US Coast Guard officials or other law enforcement agencies when a vessel is underway. **The underway inspections may result in fines and 1 out of 4 vessels are ordered by the Coast Guard to immediately return to their home port. In past years the Coast Guard conducted approximately 1,000 underway inspections in the Sector Puget Sound**

The Vessel Examiners performing this service at your convenience have been trained to look for the common problems which might occur in your boat, tender or water craft and its associated safety equipment. VSC's will be conducted every half hour starting at 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. From past years the BSPS usually have sufficient examiners to complete all VSCs during the first half of the day. When your vessel passes you will receive a VSC sticker, which is good for one year, to be displayed on your vessel indicating your vessel has been inspected and meets the safety requirements.

To ensure sufficient examiners are available vessel owners are requested to register in advance as below, prior to April 20, 2018. Upon registering, owners will be furnished a handout entitled "How to Survive a Free Vessel Safety Check which is an advisory of the safety requirements and what will be checked. As we get closer to the day all registrants will be furnished an approximate time for the VSC.

Owners are requested to forward this information to their renters so they may also participate in this vessel safety program. **PLEASE SIGN UP NOW.**

Please sign up in advance by April 20, 2018 by sending an email with the following information to [sidrubin@hotmail.com](mailto:sidrubin@hotmail.com) who is the NYBA coordinator with the BSPS.

[Name, Slip Number, Cell Phone number, Boat Length, Manufacturer.](#)