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## <u>Learn How to Shrimp Local Waters</u> **Free Virtual Seminar Offered to Whidbey and Fidalgo Communities**

April 26, 2021, Oak Harbor – <u>The America's Boating Club (ABC) of Deception Pass</u> is offering a free how-to seminar on Shrimping, to be held virtually on Saturday, May 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Community members can learn how to catch shrimp in the waters surrounding Whidbey and Fidalgo islands, including necessary equipment, how to properly rig your pots, how to avoid losing your gear and how to catch more shrimp.

According to ABC instructor Jerry Liggett, shrimping season is very short – in some locations, only one day for a few hours, so preparation is key.

"Let's put it this way, opening day may be your only day, so be ready to go," he warned.

Liggett said that Spot shrimp are the largest shrimp species found in local waters, and are tasty and fun to catch. However, "the learning curve can be frustrating. In addition to equipment advice and licensing requirements and regulations, we'll gladly share our experience, as well as shrimping lore and opinions on the best locations, times and tides. "

Liggett said that one of the most frequent questions he's asked is, "I've caught the shrimp, now what?" He promised to share some preparation and cooking advice as well.

Those interested in attending can contact Pat Waters at (360) 720-2589 or frenchsailor@comcast.net.

## Link to WDFW recreational shrimp fishing regulations:

https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/shellfishing-regulations/shrimp/areas.

The America's Boating Club of Deception Pass is a 44-year-old nonprofit organization with over 80 members from Whidbey and Fidalgo islands. It is part of the United States Power Squadrons, a non-profit boating organization dedicated to education & training of safe boating activities.