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## COMMANDER



Cdr Lance Williamson, P

believe that this is my last article as the Commander of the Tacoma Power Squadron. It is amazing how quickly the year has gone. Brenda's and my work schedules put a crimp in some of our boating activities

during the year. Oh well, we are already dreaming and planning the coming summer's boating adventures.

I would like to take a few moments to thank the members of the squadron who dedicate their time and effort to keep the squadron moving forward. The members of the Bridge have done a great job of heading up their various departments. The Executive

Board has been very supportive and desire our squadron to grow and succeed. The kitchen crew helps get the food out at our monthly meetings and then clean up the mess. A special thanks goes to Richard for making sure the coffee is hot and ready to go for each meeting. Bob and Pam continue to keep the pre-meeting refreshments flowing. Many people have participated in our rendezvous—hosting, helping boats dock and providing food for our potlucks. Many people have participated in our educational efforts by taking classes and teaching classes. The squadron's vessel examiners have checked many many boats to determine if the boats have all of the required safety equipment. The list of all the things that people have done could, and should, go on and on.

All I can say is "Thank you!" to all who make this squadron so great. You are the best!



#### Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends...

Call to Meeting Change of Watch April 25th, 2017 (1800) (Dinner @ 1900) La Quinta Inn & Suites Tacoma, WA 98421

> Executive Board Meeting April 11th, 2017 (1900 - 2100) Orchard Park Rehab Center 4755 So. 48th, Tacoma

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t a general meeting several months ago I was asked to lead off our Ameeting as usual with the Pledge of Allegiance right after the Invocation. I was of course honored and proceeded with the pledge. Afterward, a member approached me and told me I was saying the pledge wrong. I thanked him and asked just how I was saying it wrong. He told me I wasn't the only one and that most people who grew up reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in school as a child still say it the



Lt/C Larry Warren, AP

same way now as they did then (the way they were taught). I thanked him and went on my way in the meeting. Several months have passed by now and after some research and looking up the code from the United States flag code, I find he was very much correct. I thought I would pass it along to you. The Pledge of Allegiance written by Francis Bellamy, a Baptist Minister and writer for The Youth's Companion, the pledge has changed several times over the years. Below

1892

"I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and Justice for all"

you can see the evolution of the "Pledge of Allegiance."

1892

"I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and Justice for all"

1923

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"

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As you can see in the latest version from 1954, the words "under God" were added to the pledge and you will also notice that there is no comma after one Nation. So you would not pause one Nation, under God, just said as one Nation under God. The original Bellamy salute, first described in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, who authored the original Pledge, began with a military salute, and after reciting the words "to the flag," the arm was extended toward the flag. During WWII the military style salute was deleted as it resembled a Nazi salute and the right hand placed over the heart instead.

That Member was Denny McHugo, Past Commander of the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron. Although Denny has passed on in recent weeks, I will always remember him for the thoughtful and informative conversation we had that day. Probably good solid information for someone like myself who is the current District 16 Flag Lt.

Closing date for articles is the twelfth (12th) day of each month. Please direct all articles to the Editor. E-mail to: ricque0602@comcast.net, Mail to: 5105 Grand Loop, Apt # 811, Tacoma,WA 98407. Telephone: (253) 581-1732. Please submit member address and other data changes to the Tacoma Power Squadron Secretary.

April 2017

#### United States Power Squadrons®



Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN Education Officer





Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN Asst. Education Officer

he Seamanship class will have completed their exam on March 15th. Many of the Seamanship Class students are taking the Piloting Class or the Engine Maintenance Class starting March 20th and March 22nd respectively. We have some students that are taking both classes! Wow, that's great! We wish to thank Cdr Lance Williamson for a job very well done for instructing the Seamanship Class.

After meetings with Gene Anderson with Pt. Defiance Boat House, we are planning to teach a Paddle Smart Seminar (approximately 2 hours) to prospective Pt. Defiance customers who wish to go out with paddle craft. We would do a session in May, June and July. The dates and details are being worked out as this message is being written, and will be announced as soon as that's done.

What we need from our membership are some volunteers to assist in teaching the seminars. Our National Power Squadrons Organization provides the books and handouts. The instructor's materials provided make doing this seminar relatively easy to do, and you don't need to be a paddle boater to present the class. We would do the classroom part of the instruction, using the power point slides and materials. This may be followed with park staff conducting some "hands on" demonstrations for the students at Owen's Beach.

There will be an ABC Class at the Pt. Defiance Boat House starting on Wednesday May 03, 2017 running for 5 weeks. This class is open to anyone interested in attending. There is a tentative plan to do another ABC Class in early June as well. The exact dates will be determined soon. Our member's help is always appreciated for these classes.

It's not too early to give some thought to classes that we could plan for next fall, that would interest you. Let me know your desires, since I keep tabs on these requests.

I have had some interest expressed about a Weather Class. If we can get a few more people interested, I can work on getting something set up after our summer cruising season in early September.

It came out at the recent District 16 Conference, that many of our members were not aware that seasoned members can do on the water demonstrations and instruction on a member's boat. The requirements are that the boat have a current Vessel Safety Check and decal, and that the time and date of the on the water demonstration be approved by the Squadron Executive Board and that approval be included in the board meeting minutes. If you would like to hone your talents at close quarters boat handling, let me know, and we can put something together. The United States Power Squadrons has liability insurance that covers these approved activities. Give me a call, or send an Email, and I will respond.

Cheers, Otto & Sandi





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#### Squadron Commanders

The Vessel safety Check program is 17 years old. During that time we have performed over 425 thousand vessel safety checks. It is unknown how many lives may have been saved by our efforts.

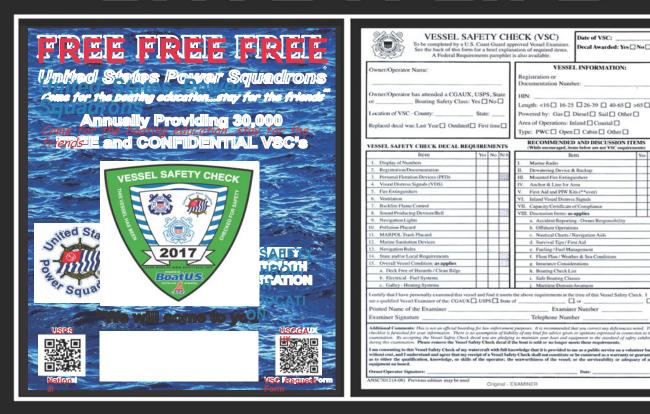
I'm asking all of you to renew your efforts and support this initiative to increase the number of examiners and VSCs by 20% in 2017.

New members can take the required training and immediately start as a Vessel Examiner and continue to make our waters a better place.

Will you please help?

Louie

# SAVE A LIFE



# VESSEL EXAMINERS "WANTED"



#### 1939 - Tacoma Power Squadron - 2017



# 78th annual Change of Watch

This meeting replaces our April General Meeting, Please come and join us for an evening at La Quinta Inn & Suites

> 1425 East 27th Street Tacoma, WA 98421

Tuesday, April 25<sup>th,</sup> 2017 Social hour starts at 1800 No Host Bar & Appetizers Followed by Dinner 1900

The Change of Watch Will Commence after Dinner and Dessert

A Plated Dinner is served with: Seasonal Green Salad, Herb Roasted Red Potatoes

Vegetable Medley, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea & Decaffeinated Coffee

-Your choice of Entrée-

Alder Smoked Salmon, basted in alder smoked butter **-or**Roast Prime Rib Beef, hand cut slow roasted, choice, with au jus & horseradish
Dessert - Double Chocolate Cake

Dinner is \$38 .00 per person Reservations required by **April 18, 2017**Reservations may be made by filling out the form below and return with payment to:
Cindy Warren Home Phone # (360) 897-8692

26516 154<sup>th</sup> Street East Buckley, WA 98321

Payment made out to: Tacoma Power Squadron					
Names Guests	of	attending			
Phone # _( )	Salmon	Prime Rib			
Number of guests	X \$38.00 per person. Total amount enclo	osed			

#### **Celebration of Life**

#### P/C Dennis "Denny" McHugo, JN

Denny passed away at home on February 12th, 2017

Denny joined the Olympia Sail & Power Squadron in 1969, served on the Bridge as Commander from 1974 1975, and earned a total of 39 Merit Marks.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, March 26th, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., at the American Legion Hall, 2602 Marvin Rd. S.E., Olympia.



#### O' Squadron Inn Returns To Dock Street Marina

March 24-26, 2017



Friday, March 24 – Arrivals. Call on channel 72 to Tacoma Power Squadron for docking assignments. 5 pm Pots o' soups will be simmering for dinner. Please bring hors d'oeuvres to share.

#### Saturday, March 25

9:30 am Potluck breakfast. Bring your favorite breakfast item to the O' Squadron Inn.

12 noon. Depart for the link to the Lemay Car Museum. Group rate of \$12. Please pay Bentley greenbacks or check. 1 pm Tour Lemay Car Museum

After the tour explore downtown Tacoma!

6 pm Dinner: Irish dinner of corned beef and cabbage. Please bring your plates and utensils. Those folks driving in please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Games after dinner??

Sunday, March 26- 9am Continental breakfast.

Have a safe trip home!!

Your hosts, Cliff and Bentley Rickmers Mitch and Sandi Carroll



#### Long Branch Rendezvous April 7 - 9th, 2017

Please join us for a relaxing weekend at beautiful Long Branch Marina April 7 - 9th, 2017.

We will be providing dinner on Friday April 7th at 6:30 pm. We will serve New England and Manhattan Clam Chowder, Sourdough Bread and a green Salad. If you would like to make a contribution, please bring something to share for dessert.

On Saturday April 8th we will have a continental breakfast set out at 8:00am. The breakfast will include assorted fruit, hard-boiled eggs, bagels with cream cheese & smoked salmon, and pastries.

Lunch is on your own. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon, visit friends, take a nap or a walk, maybe break out some board or card games.

There will be a Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday night at 6:00 pm, please bring one of your favorite dishes to share. If you can't come by boat, please come by car.

If you plan to attend please contact us so we know how many to plan for. We hope to see many of you for a fun weekend!

Your Hosts,

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Geoff & Nancy Ringstad

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#### Summer 2017 San Juan Islands Cruise

Cdr Lance Williamson, P

The planning process for the summer 2017 San Juan Islands Cruise has begun! A tentative schedule has been developed.

Location Nights of...
Kingston July 28, 29
Oak Harbor July 30

Deer Harbor (Orcas Island)

Fisherman Bay (Lopez Island)

Roche Harbor (San Juan Island)

Rosario Resort (East Sound Orcas Island)

July 31, August 1, 2

August 3, 4, 5

August 6, 7, 8

August 9, 10, 11

People are invited to attend the entire trip or any part of the trip. People are also free to take side trips. Additional information will be made available as the planning progresses.









# Tacoma Power Squadron 2017 Rendezvous Schedule

March 24 - 26	Dock Street 253-272-4352	Bentley & Cliff Rickmer Sandi & Mitch Carroll Call Marina to reserve (8 boats)		
April 7 - 9	Longbranch	Melinda & Todd Mackey (10-12 boats)		
April 21 - 23	TYC Daffodil Reserve on line @ TYC	Tourmaline Jon Everett & Sharon Cryan Larry & Cindy Warren		
May 26 - 29	Port Orchard \$5 Reservation fee	Karen & Jim Jackson (12 boats) Metal Shed Reserved		
June 22 - 25	Poulsbo	Registration form/Wake Astern		
July 28 - 30	Kingston *\$7 Reservation fee* 360-297-3545	Need Hosts *Call Marina to make your reservation		
August 25 - 27	Bell Harbor \$5 Reservation fee 206-787-3952	Jenna & Mike Ashbrook Call Marina to reserve (8 boats)		
September 1 - 4	Swantown \$5 Reservation fee 360-528-8049	Need Hosts Call Marina to reserve (12 boats)		
TBD	Olympia Land Rendv Sharp's House	Chuck & Vicki Sharp		

Any Marina with a phone # means you must call the marina and the host or fleet captain to reserve for the weekend. Please call host if attending a rendezvous for planning purposes. Please consider hosting a rendezvous or helping to host.

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#### **New Members**

by P/C Jackie Mattox, AP

Tim Attwell was sworn in at the February General Meeting. He is a transfer from a California squadron and is looking forward to cruising the Puget Sound. We also have 16 more new members since June 2016 who have not been sworn in. They are: Ric Torgerson & Carol Fox, Mark Jesch, Jeff & Sharon Ingman, David & Gail Oxford, Dean & Bev Haave, Ken & Amy Thomas, Jim Cochran, Jeff & Pam Krueger, Earl Wilson and John Thomas. I will be working on getting them to a meeting so they can be sworn in and get their bag of goodies.

We have signed up a total of 22 new members in the last year. We now have a total of 165 members including 17 life members.



(Picture provided by P/C Jackie Mattox, AP)

#### Arabella's Rendezvous February 24 - 26, 2017

Tacoma Power Squadron's first boat-inclusive rendezvous of the 2017 boating season took place at Arabella's Landing, Gig Harbor February 24 – 26, 2017. All boats arrived throughout Friday enjoying clear but cool weather. This same fine weather continued Saturday with folks stopping by Arabella's net shed to enjoy a cup of coffee and a sampling of bagels with cream cheese, danish, peanut butter and jelly toast, assorted muffins, mandarins, and yogurt provided by the hosts. Most folks lingered, enjoying the eats and fresh coffee. The rest of the day, most attendees worked projects on their boats or went shopping either down the street in the inner harbor or uptown, taking advantage of the scheduled bus service. There was just a little bit of excitement when one of our members felt ill and was evacuated out of an abundance of caution via MedicOne to the local hospttal. In the end, everyone was relieved to find out it was not serious. Everyone was able to attend the traditional Saturday night potluck. A big thanks to all for the quick cleanup. Sunday morning arrived too soon, wet, and cool. One by one, everyone departed, most heading for home port.

#### Attendees:

Hosts LT Stan (JN-CN) and Debbie Wolfe, GreyWolfes' P/C Tim Craig (P), Sweet Surrender P/C Todd (P) and LT Melinda (S) Mackey, August P/C Jackie (AP) and LT Richard Mattox (AP), ClasSeaLass Lt/C Jon Everett (AP) and Sharon Cryan, Tourmaline LT Tom Ferree (AP) and Rebecca (S), Kira Sea Carole and Tom Hoime, Dancing Queen Jim and Karen Jackson, Laura James







Attending by land yacht:
P/C Mike (AP) and Jenna (P) Ashbrook
Lt/C Larry (AP) and LT Cindy (AP) Warren
LT Connie Thompson (AP)
Barbara (AP-IN) and Gary (AP-IN) Dildine
Susan Walker (S)







(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)



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#### District 16

Sail and ... power boating



District 16 Educational Seminar/ Incoming Officers Meeting
April 29, 2017 – 0900 to 1600
116 COAST Hotel, Bellevue, WA

Hosted By: Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron

**The 116 Coast Hotel** located at 625 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004 is the venue for this year's District 16 Educational/Incoming Officers Meeting.

#### **Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW)**

This report is published with permission of Past Commodore Day Island Yacht Club Chuck Gay. These reports will keep us updated on the current Washington legislation regarding area boaters.

#### RBAW RECREATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON



PC Chuck Gay, Delegate/Director 253-318-2905 cell cdgii@aol.com

Shortly before 5 p.m. on Jan. 19, the outgoing U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region X Director signed a document that could set the stage for an NDZ designation — namely, confirming (*in contrast with on-the-ground realities*) that the Department of Ecology has adequate commercial pump-out facilities to allow the designation to go forward. It is fair to say that the incoming EPA leadership will have a very different view of the need for an NDZ.

Both the Senate and House Natural Resources committees have held hearings on these RBAW-supported bills to augment funding for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Aquatic Invasive Species enforcement and education programs. The bills are temporarily stuck due to strong opposition from commercial vessel groups and Ports.

We recently learned of a pending U.S. Coast Guard rule-making change that will cause a significant upheaval for all those who sell, trade, register, or re-register vessels. The rule-making would change a longtime practice of having manufacturer-designated Hull Identification Numbers (HINs) be the numbers that are recorded with all vessel transactions, registrations, sales, and trade-ins.

- SB 5442/HB 1604; HB 1605; SB 5552: Hearings have already occurred or are scheduled on all these bills, which we at RBAW support. 5442/1604 repeals some outdated language in the Boater Education Card statutes and flexes up the use of the funds for State Parks. HB 1605 allows law enforcement – as a last resort – to impound vessels when operators are impaired. SB 5552 would exempt flare guns used by boaters from having to go through a "weapons" background check (classic 'law of unintended consequences!').

Retaining Boating Facilities Program (BFP) funding in the Capital Budget: We have to be vigilant, as the BFP will have \$17.166 million in it for 2017-19 due to new gas tax proceeds coming into the State Treasury as a result of the 2015 "Connecting Washington" package. That funding level makes the program a potential 'target' given severe Capital Budget funding pressures

Governor-requests bills to eliminate or change a series of 'tax preferences' – HB 1549/SB 5112: These bills have not yet had a hearing and we don't expect them to receive one for quite awhile. A section of 1549/5112 would limit the current vehicle and vessel trade-in sales tax exemption to an exemption only on the first \$10,000 in sales value. We join NMTA in opposing this.

PC Chuck Gay

**RBAW Secretary and Delegate** 





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# April 2017



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# May 2017



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14	Piloting Cls @ Totem YC	16	Engine Maint Class ABC Class  By Pt Defiance	18	19	20
21	Piloting Cls @ Totem YC	23 1830 - 2030 Mbr Appreciation Gen. Mtg	Engine Maint Class ABC Class @ Pt Defiance	25	Pt Orchard	Rendezvous
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