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COMMANDER



FROM THE HELM

Cdr James Harden, JN- CN

Dock Street - We had a great outing on the March 24th & 25th at Dock Street Marina. I want to thank Beth Stone for hosting, and she did an outstanding job. Yes, the weather was a bit chilly and windy but dry. Members had fun participating in the afternoon game that took place around the marina and dock street area. We had a great evening out for dinner at The Rock where the food was delicious.

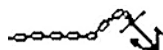
Goodbye - Well my time at the helm has come to an end and it has been enjoyable. Any successes we had during my time goes to all the support and help by my bridge and many other members stepping up to get things done. I want to say it has been a honor serving as your commander and I appreciate all the confidence that all of you gave me. I know that our incoming commander will do an outstanding job, so I am confident turning over the helm of the squadron to move forward into the future.

Want an opportunity to take your favorite date out to dinner with many friends from the squadron? Yes, I am talking about going to our Change of Watch at the Tacoma Yacht Club on April 26th. It sounds like the menu will be excellent and the food delicious. I look forward to seeing you there.

Storage Unit – We have a new storage room which is 4 times as big as our last one. Thanks goes out to Stan & Debbie Wolfe and Richard & Jackie Mattox for helping to move all our belongings over to the new location. Naturally, we had a bit of trouble disassembling and reassembling the shelving unit, but it got done without any injuries. If you have squadron materials sitting in your garage, now is the time to move it over to our new storage unit.

Just a reminder that as we enter this year’s boating season, I hope that all our members get a vessel safety check on their boats. We need to set a good example to our marine community by having VSC done. If you would like to become a vessel examiner, there is an upcoming class for you to take. Contact Bentley for more information.

See ya around the docks.



Change of Watch
Wednesday
April 26th, 2023 (6:00-? PM)
Tacoma Yacht Club

Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday
April 11th, 2023
(6:00-8:00PM)
Black Bear Diner
Lakewood

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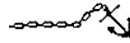


EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Lt/C Sam Hill, AP

Good news folks, I will not be boring you with my articles anymore. Like the Ozzy Osbourne song goes. Time Has Come to Say Goodbye, I Know it's Going to Make You Cry. On a more serious note, I enjoyed my time as your XO. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the club for one more year. I have a busy year coming up this year but, I will make at least three events this year. I already made one rendezvous. Safe sailing to everyone in 2023. Don't forget your VSCs and keep pushing members to participate. If I had a MIKE, I would drop it. Since I don't I will only say "KC OUT".



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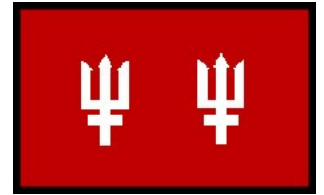
Susan Walker is our VSC Chairperson, phone number: 253-213-2850. **Please note new email address above.**

Address where the VSC inspectors should send a copy of inspection reports to Sue Walker, P.O. Box 519 Tacoma, WA 98401. She will also be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.



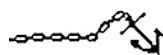
Lt/C Larry Warren, AP

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



Well, here I go with my last article for The Wake Astern as your Administrative Officer. Writing these can be difficult at times trying to come up with something interesting for you to read about. For the most part I usually don't have too much trouble coming up with something to write about. I'm not too sure about the interesting part of the equation but writing about the internal workings of the squadron can certainly be boring every month. Some of my articles may have strayed off the subject a time or two but like I said, if I think it can be boring, I can only imagine what you may think. Where you have the edge over me is that all you have to do is not read the article. If you're still reading this, you're either a brave person or you're bored out of your mind. With that being said, if you weren't able to attend our last general meeting here are a few highlights from the Administrative Department.

- The rendezvous at Dock Street was a success, with six boats attending the event and many people arriving by car to join in the camaraderie of their fellow squadron members and boaters. Our hats are off to Lt/C Beth Stone for arranging with the marina and organizing a scavenger hunt. Thank you, Beth!
- Daffodil Festival at Tacoma Yacht Club on the 14th – 16th decorating our parade vessel will start Saturday the 15th @ 10:00. The parade vessel "Sjoen" owned and operated by members, Brian, and Barbra Prudente. Refreshments will be on hand for those decorating the vessel for the parade.
Parade Day is on Sunday April 16th starting from the basin at 11:30AM. Please come down to Ruston Way pick out a spot to watch and cheer on the parade boats.
- Our Change of Watch is April 26th at Tacoma Yacht Club starting @ 6:00, please sign up and come join for the best meeting of the year.
- Our Cruise-In rendezvous, scheduled for May 20th held again this year at Gary & Barbara Dildine's in Rainier WA. See the article in this publication for more information. Please come join us for a wonderful day with friends.
- District sixteen rendezvous scheduled for June 9th – 11th, this is always a fun weekend at the Port of Poulsbo, please see the flyer in this publication to register for this event.
- Seafair Milk Carton Derby July 15th held at Green Lake in Seattle. We are in the process of developing a design and specifications for our boat build. This is a fun summer project to get together to build and race a boat built out of mostly Milk Cartons. If you are interested, please contact me @ l.m.warren-1@hotmail.com
- Scheduled for September 23rd. is the Sharp's Salmon Bake hosted by Chuck and Viki Sharp in Olympia. Please look for more details as we get closer to the event.





*Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
Sq Education Officer*

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Many classes are happening with Education!

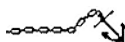
Everyone passed the Cruise Planning course with flying colors. Congratulations to Scott MacLeod, Jon Everett, Sarah Hamel, Gary Fugate, Eric Moore, Jesse Archambault and Jack Ehlen. Thank you to Commander Jim Harden for leading the class.

Eleven students tested on March 23 for Radar. Thank you, Andy Temple, for being the instructor and thank you Jackie and Richard Mattox for proctoring the exam while I was out of town.

Advance Piloting continues with Gary Ball teaching on Tuesdays via Zoom.

America Boating Course, ABC, starts April 24th at Day Island Yacht Club for 4 classes plus the evening of the exam. Pass the word along to anyone needing this basic boating class.

There is an Instructor Recertification class being offered April 15 via Zoom. The class is about 2 hours. Contact me for more information.





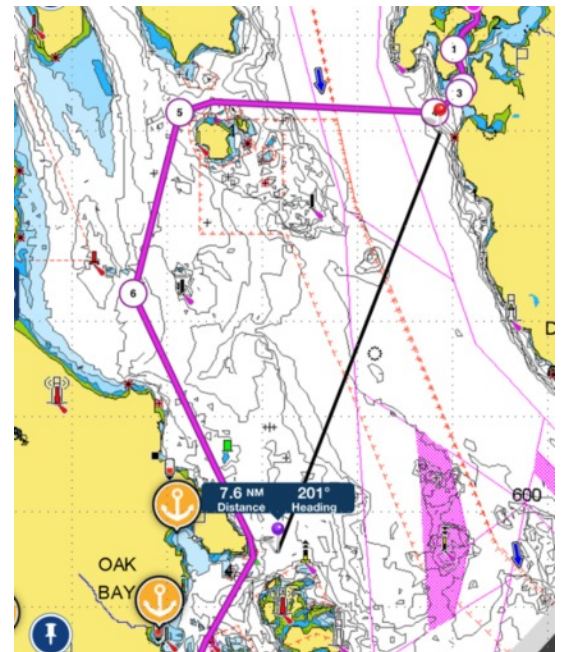
Navigating Electronically

The Joys and Pitfalls

Modern boaters rely on their electronics – but can you always trust them? Under certain conditions, over-reliance on them can threaten your, and your boat’s, safety.

Using examples from local waters, this seminar will share how to plan routes and operate your boat safely using electronic charting systems/MFDs. You will learn:

- Their underlying data sources
- How to read them
- How to use them
- When you can trust them and when you can’t



What is wrong with this AutoRoute?

April 17, 2023; 6:30 PM

At San Juan Island Yacht Club and on Zoom

recording will be available at later date

To Register: www.abcsji.coursetorm.com



*America's Boating Club of
1939 - Tacoma and South Puget Sound -2023
Presents Our 84th Annual Change of Watch*

This meeting replaces our General meeting. Please come join us at

Tacoma Yacht Club

5401 Yacht Club Road

Tacoma, WA. 98407

Wednesday, April 26th, 2023

Social hour starts @ 6:00 PM Followed by Dinner @ 6:45 PM, No host bar.

The Change of Watch will commence after dinner and dessert.

A buffet dinner with salads, dinner rolls, and Chicken Parmesan with pasta

And vegetables.

Tea, iced tea or coffee provided.

-Dessert-

Dinner is \$38.00 per person

Reservations are required by April 18th, 2023

Reservations may be made by filling out the form below and returning it with payment to:



Bentley Rickmers

Cell # (253) 208-1678

5414 80th Avenue Court West

University Place, WA 98467

Please make payment out to: Tacoma Power Squadron

Names of attending Guests-----

Phone # () _____ Number of People attending_____ X \$38.00 per person

Total amount enclosed-----

Casual Attire (Uniform is Optional)



May 2023 CRUISE IN / BBQ

Saturday May 20th 1:00 to 5:00

IT IS NOT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

It's time for our annual Cruise In / Land Yacht Rendezvous again. It will be at Gary and Barbara Dildine's again this year. If you missed it last year, you have another chance this year. Like last year, there will be BBQ provided by the Squadron, and you bring your favorite picnic dish to share. This year we have added pulled pork to the menu, as well as burgers and dogs. You can make your own pulled pork sandwiches with or without BBQ sauce, or have a burger or dog. Please let us know your preference when you RSVP so we can have plenty for everyone. Once again we request you bring your own lounge furniture so everyone has a place to sit comfortably.

Nice warm, dry weather has been ordered, we are waiting to hear back from the weatherman. Don't worry, there is plenty of cover if the weather doesn't cooperate. Once again we will have some activities if you wish to do them, or just sit and visit with your fellow boaters. There are 5 acres to wander around on, lots of shade, and plenty of fresh country air to breathe. You don't want to miss this one, it was the biggest rendezvous of 2022. We had a great turnout, and beautiful weather.

We are fairly easy to find, we're 15 minutes from Yelm if you come through the Roy Y, or 10 minutes out of Lacey City limits if you come out I-5. We will have more detailed instructions in the May Wake Astern, but for now please start sending your RSVP if you plan to come. Remember to let us know your preference of BBQ item, when you call. Parking is not a problem as those of you who were here last year will recall.

We look forward to seeing all of you who came last year, as well as those of you coming for the first time. A special invite to any new members, this is a great non stressful way to meet other members, and let us get to know you. We look forward to welcoming you.

Your destination is 13107 Faircourt Lane S.E.
Rainier WA 98576

For those of you who like to practice your navigation skills it is:
46.53.865 N Latitude 122.43.325 W Longitude

To RSVP : 360-446-0276 if no answer please leave message.
We will return your call as soon as we can.
Gary & Barbara Dildine



D/16 Annual Poulsbo Rendezvous June 9 – 11, 2023



It is time once again to SAVE THE DATE for one of our favorite district events. The Poulsbo Rendezvous. The place where there is plenty of slips for boaters, the Poulsbo Inn for those who come by car, and a destination for RVers! All happening in the city of Poulsbo – known for its famous-and-we-can't-miss-it Sluys' Bakery! That in itself motivates considering attending this year! Being in Poulsbo brings a welcome set of memories and opportunities for new ones.

COME JOIN US!

DOCKING: Dave McBride and crew will be assisting the boats with docking *Thursday—Saturday*. Everybody is required to call in on **VHF 72**, prior to entering the marina. Even if you do not wish assistance in docking, please inform the docking crew you have arrived.

REGISTRATION: Friday and Saturday, rendezvous check-in will be at the multi-purpose room (pictured) located at the entrance to "E" dock. Times for registration will be posted on front of the building. You must send in the \$10.00 dock reservation fee (non-refundable) with your reservation to ensure you will have a confirmed slip. The remainder of your moorage fees (for your entire stay) must be paid directly to the Port of Poulsbo. **The reservation for your meals and moorage must be received by May 18, 2023.** No guarantees for the dinner or dock space after this date.

NEW THIS YEAR! It is always good to add something new to stir things up. This year we are fortunate to have two new items!

- ◆ **A Co-op Charting Adventure** led by Dave McBride that will feature the search for geodetic markers and a navigational aid component. Opportunity to learn about this fun, adventurous, and rewarding skill!
- ◆ **A "Share the Wealth" Silent Auction!** This auction will provide an opportunity for the squadrons and the District to earn rewards. Yes, each squadron that donates an item (\$50.00 value) for the auction will receive a share of the proceeds. It is a win-win for everyone!

FRIDAY, June 9, 2023

1:30pm: Flare Shoot Training. Join Craig Brown for the Flare Shoot training session on the beach at the end of the boardwalk. This is a great opportunity to obtain "hands-on" experience with your on-board safety equipment. Don't wait until you have an emergency to figure out how to use these critical items.

5:30pm – 7:30pm: Attend our traditional "**Dock Party**" on "E" Dock." Members/Guests will setup tables and chairs (tents or covering depending on weather). Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share to this BYOB event! All alcoholic beverages must remain within the docks and cannot pass the ramp.

SATURDAY:

9:00am: Wake up to the smell of freshly brewed coffee and join us for pastries in the Multi-purpose building!

10:30am Co-op Charting Adventure: Practical hands-on search for geodetic marks in the area. Join Dave McBride and Jim West at the Multi-purpose building to begin skill building in the art of geodetics! Put on your walking shoes and get ready to have fun and perform a bit of civic service!

1:00pm: Fire Extinguisher (real fire) practice and training at the Fire Pit.

3:00pm: Man-Overboard Recovery practice heaving line throw & recover "Oscar" (the same weight & size of a person) from the water on "E Dock." Bring your life jacket.

5:30pm: Pre-Silent Auction. Each squadron is asked to donate a **new** item valued at \$50.00. Bring your items to the Poulsbo Yacht Club. Raffle winners will be announced at 7:30pm.

6:00pm: Make your way to the Poulsbo Yacht Club for a delicious grilled chicken breast meal! Includes baked potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, and dessert. BYOB (Water & soda will be available). All plates and utensils will be provided. Dinner cost is \$25.00 per person – reserve on the Registration Form!

Your Rendezvous host this year for docking is Dave McBride, davmcb@comcast.net and

Annette Ferguson, newfy03@gmail.com for general questions!



Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2023 Rendezvous Schedule

April 14 - 16	Daffodil	Registration on TYC Website
May 20	Drive in Rendezvous	Gary & Barb Dildine's Home (Details on Page 8)
June 9 - 11	Poulsbo Dist 16	Registration Form on Page 9
July 15	Milk Carton Derby	Greenlake, Seattle (details will be provided in the near future)
September 23	Salmon Bake	Chuck & Vicki Sharp's Home (details will be provided in the near future)





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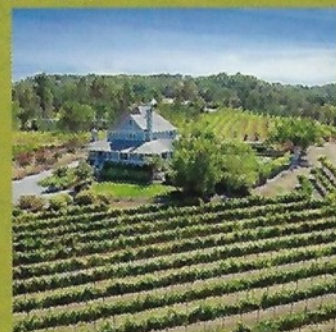
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