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Cdr Mark Hafterson, AP

## COMMANDER



First of all, I want to congratulate Larry Warren and his team for their performance in this year's Seafair Milk Carton Derby. Teamwork has paid off! Tacoma and Seattle Sail and Power Squadrons joined forces this year to show everyone we are truly "America's Boating Club". We gathered two awards: 1st Place Non-Profit Derby Race and Best Boat-In-Show! This is how we get our name out there and what we are about.

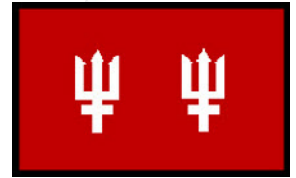
There is lots of work to be done educating the public on boating safety. Over the last several weeks I spent getting my boat ready and safe for a vacation run, catching up on deferred maintenance, just to make sure the boat was safe and ready to go. We do our due diligence to make sure our equipment is ready to go and our boat is safe. Upon being out on the water and at various docks, that is not always the case. We watched people launching at too low of tide with vehicles off the end of the ramp. One boat did get launched and by the time they parked and got back, the boat was on the bottom. There is a reason for tide charts. We also saw several boats with young children riding on the bow, not safe, but at least they were wearing life jackets. For children, life vests are not just for wearing on the boat, but should be worn when on the docks or close to the water. It only takes a second for tragedy to strike. Just stepping from the boat to the dock and slipping, a child can disappear under the water. I know from personal experience with my youngest daughter years ago. She went to step from a friend's boat to the dock. The boat moved slightly and she went down between the boat and the dock. With her life jacket on, we were immediately able to grab hold of her and pull her back onto the dock. LIFE JACKETS DO SAVE LIVES!!!!!! Whether it's Tacoma or Seattle Sail and Power Squadron, we as "America's Boating Club" have the same goal, to promote safe boating and water safety. The responsibility falls on all of us.



**General Meetings**  
Held  
**SEPTEMBER THRU MAY**  
**ONLY**  
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**Executive Board Meetings**  
Held  
Needed Basis

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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



L/C James Harden, JN-CN President.

I want to share with you this article and video provided by the National Boating Federation

### Child PFD Failure

The attached video Below is very disturbing to us at National Boating Federation!

To be sure, we have not had this showing of performance in all the time we have been working with the United States Coast Guard on PFD labeling and ratings, and that has been some time. To that end, we are also sending this directly to our contacts at USCG as well as to United States Power Squadron, so they can further verify this performance AND to notify their constituents, as we are notifying ours with this posting.

As you know, there is nothing more important to us at National Boating Federation than your safety! Though we work on many legislative issues in both national and local areas on your behalf, none of that matters if there is any concern for safety!

Perhaps the very best thing you can do right now is be aware of this situation, and oversee your youngsters with even greater attention than normal.

Let's ALL be safe out there!

Ed Payne

National Boating Federation President

<https://www.facebook.com/holly.mueller.5/videos/2004369796263183/>

(to view – right click on link then select – open hyperlink)

Below is the response written by C/C Cheney is response to the above video.

USPS is a leading advocate that all recreational boaters should wear life jackets. This is especially true for children! States have differing laws regarding children and life jackets. Regardless of what your state's laws are, we believe that all children should always wear life jackets when on recreational boats or on the dock. We are not advocates of any particular brand of life jacket as long as it is USCG approved and is appropriate for the individual who will wear it and the conditions for which it will be used. Please consider the following:

1. It's important that children always wear life jackets when on or around the water.
2. Life jackets must always be USCG approved.
3. The life jacket must be appropriately sized for □ the specific child.
  - a. An adult's life jacket is inappropriate for children.
  - b. The size ratings on the life jacket should correspond to the size/weight of the child.
  - c. Regardless of the size rating on the life jacket, be sure the child's head and arms cannot slip through the openings for head and arms.
4. When the life jacket is put on the child, all belts and ties should be properly secured.
5. If the child is old enough, s/he must be able to put on his/her own life jacket.
6. Children on boats or in and around the water should always be properly supervised by one or more adults.
7. All life jackets should be periodically inspected to ensure that they're in good, serviceable condition.
8. All life jackets should be tested in calm shallow waters under controlled conditions.
9. If you have any doubts as to whether a specific life jacket is the right one for your child, check with the manufacturer and the USCG.



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
Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP

Where do I begin? July 13<sup>th</sup> took me and Jackie to the Mystery Cruise (Longbranch Marina) hosted by Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron. It was a great weekend! The food was awesome, some of the games were challenging, and the camaraderie could not have been better. There was a total of 12 boats, 9 from PBSPS and 3 from TPS (Tim & Linda Craig, Mike & Becky Arrington, and me & Jackie). Lt/C Otto Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen came by on Dan's go fast Zodiac and Connie Thompson dropped by on her land yacht.

Meanwhile, July 14<sup>th</sup>, P/C Larry Warren and his crew embarked on their journey north to Green Lake to compete in the annual Seafair Milk Carton Derby. Congratulations are in order for all those who designed, constructed, and powered "The Milk Boat" to a 1st place finish in the non-profit category. And to add to that feat, "The Milk Boat" also won the title Best In Show. All members of Tacoma Power Squadron, Seattle Sail and Power Squadron, and Everett Sail and Power Squadron can be proud of that joint effort and look forward to future endeavors.

On Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, Jackie put together another Safe Boating 4 Kids class at the Lakewood YMCA. P/C Larry Warren, Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, Dan Rasmussen, and I helped instruct 18 kids on the importance of wearing their Personal Flotation Devices (see photo below).

July 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> found the Tacoma Power Squadron participating in the Maritime Festival at the Seaport Museum on Dock Street. We had a booth set up offering sign-ups for boating classes, membership, and Vessel Safety Checks. Additionally, our first place vessel, "The Milk Boat" and its trophies were on display.

Our next outing is August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup> rendezvous to Port Orchard. Hope to see you there. 



(Picture provided by Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN,CN)

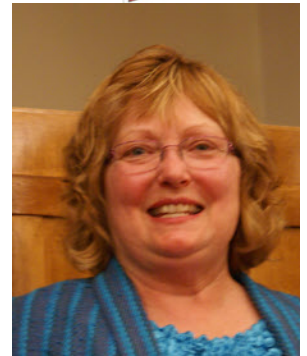
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# Tacoma Power Squadron



*Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN*

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



*Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN  
Asst. Education Officer*

**W**hat a glorious summer we are having! I hope you are enjoying the weather and being on the water as much as we have.

It's time to start thinking about classes that will be offered this coming fall.

The Advanced Piloting Class is set to start September 27<sup>th</sup> at Genesis Health and Rehab 4755 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street Tacoma, WA 908409. Gary Ball will be instructing. I urge all the students who recently took the Piloting Class to give this opportunity serious thought. Give me an email or call if you are considering the class. Materials need to be ordered a month before it starts. (253)-921-3839 - email- otto@ottorasmussen.com Thanks, Otto.

The June 4<sup>th</sup> ABC Class had 4 successful students pass their exam, and be eligible for their Washington State Boat Operator's card. Thanks to the great effort of Brenda and Lance Williamson, Gene Anderson, and the visiting instructors for putting this class on.

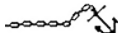
A Paddle Smart Seminar was held at the Pt. Defiance Boat House on July 7, 2018 with 8 students in attendance. The seminar was presented by Gary Dildine, with Gene Anderson and Otto Rasmussen assisting. The students did a hands on activity with paddle craft at Owens Beach following the classroom session. Thanks to all that helped.

We will be offering an ABC Basic Boating Class starting September 10, 2018. A Seamanship Class will follow, and be completed before the Christmas Holidays. This will be a good opportunity for our ABC graduates to do the next step with the Seamanship Class. I will be contacting eligible members as the time for the class approaches.

Keep in mind that Tacoma Power Squadron, AKA "America's Boating Club", has qualified inspectors to do a vessel safety check on your boat. Give our VSC Chairperson Susan Walker a call at (253)-213-2850 and she will get an inspector to make arrangements for your check.

The grapevine communications network says our "N" students are still searching the skies for particular stars. I hope they are all enjoying the great weather and clear skies for doing their work, and hopefully no one gets lost!

Keep in mind the Advanced Piloting Class mentioned earlier in this message. I'll need to place a materials order by mid August, to ensure we get off to a good start.

Cheers, your educational department, Otto & Sandi ph-253-537-3838 hm 253-921-3839 cell, email otto@ottorasmussen.com 

P.S. Stan Wolfe did an on the water training session with a new boater at the Pt. Defiance boat ramp and floats on July 7, 2018. The training went quite well, and Stan is hopeful that his trainees will come to our September meeting and possibly join our group. Good work Stan, thanks much.



## Seafair Milk Carton Derby – Green Lake July 14, 2018

### U S Power Squadrons participating:

- Seattle Sail & Power Squadron
- Tacoma Power Squadron
- Everett Sail & Power Squadron

### Awards:

- First Place in Non-profit category race**
- First Place Best in Show General**

#### Team Coordinator:

Emma Corbilla (Seattle)

#### Designer:

Larry Warren (Tacoma)

#### Construction Crew:

- Larry Warren (Tacoma)
- Jim Haglund (Seattle)
- Emma Corbilla (Seattle)
- Richard Mattox (Tacoma)
- Jackie Mattox (Tacoma)
- Tom Ferree (Tacoma)
- Cindy Warren (Tacoma)

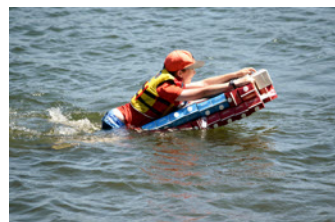
#### Rowing Crew:

- Larry Warren (Tacoma)
- Jim Haglund (Seattle)
- Tom Ferree (Tacoma)
- Jon Everett (Tacoma)
- Julion Hanley (Everett)
- Patrick McSweeney (Everett)





(Pictures provided by Jim Haglund, Seattle Sail & Power Squadron)



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)



# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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## 2018 Youth Poster Contest

### Sponsored by the National Membership Committee

#### (New Contest Period: Contest ends August 17, 2018)

The USPS Youth Poster Contest Awards promote youth appreciation and respect for recreational boating, and the message that safe boating is always fun boating.

The Contest is open to children ages 6–14, which is divided into three age groups:

- 1) Ages 6 – 8
- 2) Ages 9 – 11
- 3) Ages 12 – 14

Squadrons should conduct local contests and submit winning posters to their respective District for judging. Posters submitted to the National Membership Committee for judging must be endorsed by each District Poster/Membership Chair as the point of contact.

The 2018 Poster Theme:

### ***"America's Boating Club Saves Lives"***

Artwork should illustrate how safe boating through education, on the water skills, and proper use of equipment save lives.

## Rules

- Each district may submit one poster in each age category.
- Each entry must be submitted on poster board or heavy construction paper; size 15"x20" or 14"x22"
- Entries must be judged at the district level to select winning entries for submission at the National contest level.
- Squadron and District judging deadlines are a local decision.
- Only District First-Place winners in each age category will be accepted for judging at the National level.
- Posters may be sketched lightly with pencil, but the result must be in color suitable for photography.
- Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted or trademark material, purchased or computer generated are not allowed and will disqualify the entry.
- Posters must not to be folded.
- Posters will be judged on the Theme, message and artistic representation.
- Only one entry per person is allowed. All entries become the property of the United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display and reproduce.
- Contest entry forms must be complete, legible, and attached to the back of their poster.
- Annual Contest entries must now be delivered to the Fall Governing Board Meeting. This year's meeting will be held in Minneapolis, MN. Posters must be received by Friday, 17 August 2018, for judging.
- First, Second and Third Place Winners will be announced for each age category during the Minneapolis Meeting. Awards are underwritten by a grant from the OMC Foundation.





# 2018 Youth Poster Contest

## Submission Form (Attach to back of Poster)



**Artist Age Category:** 6-8  9-11  12-14

Artist Age is determined to be the day the poster is submitted for local judging

**Artist Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a School/Group Entry? Yes  No  (If Yes, enter School/Group Info Below)

School/Group Name:	
School/Group Address:	
School City:	Teacher Name:

### MANDATORY SQUADRON & DISTRICT INFORMATION

Squadron Name:	District Number:
Squadron Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:
District Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:

- Please complete submission forms as neatly as possible.
- Unreadable and incomplete forms will be disqualified.
- Attach all completed submission forms to the back of each poster entry.
- Squadrons must work with their respective Districts to determine District submissions to National Contest.
- District 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in each age category should be submitted for National Judging.
- The District Poster Contact/Chairperson is responsible for delivering all 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners to the National Annual meeting and returning awards to respective winners. Contact information must be provided.
- National submissions become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission.
- Further information on the National Competition will be posted on the National Membership pages of [www.USPS.org](http://www.USPS.org).
- All submissions are due 17 August, 2018



## Port Orchard Rendezvous Friday Aug 31 through Monday September 3 Hosts Jim & Karen Jackson

Friday -August 31: Call Karen or Jim on channel 72 and we will let you know what spots are left.  
Dinner will be on your own.

Saturday-September 1: There is a Farmers market, shopping in town, and the blackberry festival over in Bremerton. You can take the foot ferry over.  
Dinner will be Sloppy Joes and buns provided by the club. Please bring a salad or desert to share.

Sunday-September 2: Happy hour on the dock at 4:30, bring your favorite beverage and an appetizer to share.  
Dinner on your own.

Coffee and muffins will be provided Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Monday-September 3: Everyone heads for home. Thanks for coming to Port Orchard!!!!!!!

Here are the space numbers

G43-44

G45-46

G47-48

G49-50

We also have 2 spaces on the breakwater.

If you plan on driving over, please let us know. Our number is 253-537-1308 or cell 253-381-1837, 253-380-9947

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**Email: SMWSeattle@gmail.com**  
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**Address: P.O. Box 519**  
**Tacoma, WA 98401**

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 the inspection reports for recording with USPS National Headquarters - P.O.Box 519 Tacoma, WA 98401

The VSC inspectors should send Susan copies of inspection forms at this point in time. She will be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. following the Change of Watch, as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.



## Tacoma Power Squadron 2018 Rendezvous Schedule

<b>August 31- September 3</b>	<b>Port Orchard (10 Boats)</b>	<b>Karen &amp; Jim Jackson 253-537-1308</b>
<b>September 15</b>	<b>Salmon Bake Sharp's House</b>	<b>Chuck &amp; Vicki Sharp 360-866-7134</b>
<b>September 21-23</b>	<b>Arabellas 253-851-1793 Call marina to make reservations (8 boats)</b>	<b>Need Hosts</b>



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.

Cindy Warren 360-897-8692 [c.m.warren-7@hotmail.com](mailto:c.m.warren-7@hotmail.com)

Procedures have been put into place to insure TPS's Defibrillator will be ready and available in case of unforeseen emergencies that might take place on any of our rendezvous. This life saving device will be placed on the current Commander's boat or on the designated Host's boat for all of our future rendezvous.



## Longbranch Rendezvous

By P/C Jackie Mattox, AP

We missed the Milk Carton Derby but we had a great time at Longbranch with the Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron. They graded everyone on docking, (wearing PFDs, lines out and fenders out, flying burgee, etc.) All Tacoma members received the max points. There were games and prizes. Richard and I got 3rd place with a \$25 prize. The people were great and it was a way to get to know members of another squadron. They put on a wonderful and delicious pork loin dinner. Thank you, Poverty Bay.

### Attendees:

Tim & Linda Craig  
Shawn and Ben  
Bebe, Noel and Peppy  
Mike & Becky Arrington  
Ebony Louise  
Jackie & Richard Mattox  
Otto & Dan Rasmussen

### By Boat

SWEET SURRENDER  
GOTTA BOAT  
CLASSEALASS  
AWESOME SAUCE

### Land

Connie Thompson & Lynn



(Pictures provided by DeVere Lindh, Poverty Bay Sail & Power Squadron and SEO Otto Rasmussen, SN-CN)



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# August 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 <b>No Ex. Bd. Mtg. till Sept.</b>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <b>Deadline Wake Astern</b>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 <b>No Gen. Mtgs June thru August</b>	29	30	31 <b>Port Orchard Rendezvous</b>	

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Puyallup, WA 98373



# September 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>Port Orchard Rendezvous</b>
2 <b>Port Orchard Rendezvous</b>	3	4	5 <b>1900-2100 Ex. Bd Mtg*</b>	6	7	8
9	10 <b>ABC Cls @ Pt. Defiance</b>	11	12	13	14	15 <b>Salmon Bake @ Sharp's Place</b>
16	17 <b>ABC Cls @ Pt. Defiance</b>	18 <b>Deadline Wake Astern</b>	19	20	21 <b>Arabella's Rendezvous</b>	22
23 <b>Arabella's Rendv</b>	24	25 <b>1830 - 2030 Gen. Mtg @ DIYC</b>	26	27 <b>AP Cls @ Genesis Rehab</b>	28	29

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