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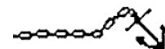


*Cdr Larry Warren, AP*

**H**ello fellow members. July has come and gone, and it always seems summer rushes by us so quickly. I assure you that your bridge has at least one eye on squadron business.

Your Educational Officer Lt/C Bentley Rickmers is setting up a Marine Navigation class for September. VSC chair Susan Walker recently arranged a Vessel Safety Check day at Foss Harbor Marina on July 29th. I have yet to hear how it went, but everything, hopefully, went as planned, and her crew did as many vessel checks as needed. We've had a setback this month; sadly, Henry Reisch's health has declined. He has respectfully resigned from his position as treasurer. We sincerely hope that Henry will return to his old self; in the meantime, we'll miss his valued input in our squadron affairs. Your bridge is trying to find a qualified person to fill his shoes. P/C Jackie has stepped up to carry on with the day-to-day responsibilities of the treasurer. If you could be of service to your squadron and step in as treasurer, please give me a call @ (206) 571-3099. And again, Henry, we hope for a speedy recovery.

On a lighter note, I'm still working on my tree cleanup, and the biggest problem is no rain. I can only burn once the ban lifts in Pierce Co. I can only keep making my burn pile bigger once I can burn. I'm continuing to work on my private campground. I want to discontinue renting porta-potties at a steep monthly cost. So, my brother has been prefabbing a bright and clean restroom with a marine electric toilet and a portable storage tank fitted with a solar panel on the roof to take care of the lighting and the electric toilet. We're ready to pour the pad and start assembly next week, so I'll have plenty to keep me busy this summer.



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS HELD SEPTEMBER THRU MAY ONLY \*\*\*\*\* Executive Board Meetings HELD ON AS NEEDED BASIS**

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# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

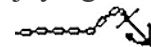


**I** want to remind everyone that you can easily earn some merit mark hours while you're enjoying boating in the Puget Sound. While you're cruising, I am confident that you noticed the red, green, mid-channel, range marks and danger navigational aids along your boating way. These need to be reported to NOAA and the Coast Guard especially if you notice a flaw or discrepancy in the ATON (Aid to Navigation).

All you would need to do is take a picture of the ATON showing the number from a close but safe distance as to motor by the aid. These ATONs can be located on the water, land, or on docks. The first mate can do this by using the phone app called **SOLOCATOR** and taking a picture. NOAA requires this app because the app shows LAT/LONG, date and time on the picture. After taking the pictures, I would be willing to fill out the form and submit your pictures for you. If you and your first mate were to send in 12 pictures, both of you would be on the national cooperative charting honor roll. And don't forget you get hours towards your annual merit mark, just by having fun on the water.

The data for the report is to be provided in the appropriate form that will be uploaded along with any pictures, chartlets or other associated documents. A member of the Cooperative Charting Committee will review the report and assign the appropriate number of credits if approved. If you have any questions about getting started, just give me a call.

I hope everyone can get out on their boats cruising up and down the Puget Sound enjoying all this beautiful weather we are having this summer. All for now, so, have fun and stay safe.



(Pictures provided by Lt/C Jim Harden, JN-CN)



## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



**G**reetings fellow members of America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound!

*Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN* The ongoing attempts to fill our vacant positions is like trying to fill a hole at the edge of the surf. Due to on-going health issues, our Treasurer, Henry Reisch, has asked to be released from his duties.

We thank Henry for volunteering and his efforts to learn the duties while serving as assistant treasurer last year. Our prayers are with him in regaining his health.

That leaves a very important position unfilled on a long-term basis. Jackie Mattox has agreed to handle the immediate needs of the club, but does not want to over extend herself with the other duties she continues to perform as Membership and Membership Involvement Chairs.

Here are the duties of Treasurer as described in the USPS website:

### Section 6.6 The Treasure :

6.6.1 Collect and hold, in the name of this squadron, all funds belonging to this squadron.

6.6.2 Pay all bills contracted by this squadron which have been approved by the Executive Committee or by the head of a department or the chairman of a committee which has contracted the same by virtue of appropriations made by the Executive Committee or by the adopted budget.

6.6.3 (a) Make interim reports, including statements of receipts, disbursements and financial condition, at such times as the commander or the Executive Committee may direct;

(b) prepare an annual report as of the last day of the squadron's fiscal year; and

(c) make all financial records available for the Auditing Committee inspection required by Section 6.10.

6.6.4 Keep and preserve an accurate record of all funds received and disbursed and of all squadron property.

6.6.5 [Reserved]

6.6.6 [Reserved]

6.6.7 Promptly send funds due USPS received from new members to headquarters.

6.6.8 Pay to the district to which this squadron is assigned any annual assessment, at such time and in such manner as directed by the district.

6.6.9 Prepare and file in a timely manner all required federal, state and local tax and information returns.

6.6.10 Perform such other appropriate duties incident to the office as are required by USPS policy or as the commander or the Executive Committee may direct.

### Section 6.7

6.7.1

6.7.2 Take final action on applications for all classes of squadron membership.

6.7.3 Carry on the normal business of this squadron between meetings of the membership.

6.7.4 Establish committees and appoint members thereto as may seem advisable and in the best interests of this squadron.

6.7.5 Consult with and advise the commander regarding appointments to squadron offices and committees.

6.7.6 For all squadron operating funds, and with the advice of the treasurer, designate depositories insured by an agency of the U.S. government in which the squadron's operating funds shall be kept. For planning purposes, operating funds shall approximate 150% of the squadron's annual operating budget. For investment funds, this squadron may seek out higher yield investments which have been recommended by a qualified professional.

**(Administrative Officer report continued on Page 5)**



(Administrative Officer report continued from Page 4)

Finally, the Executive Committee shall approve the budget, including any investment decisions, for submission to the members.

6.7.7 Enforce the authority given it under these bylaws and take any necessary action consistent with USPS policy to advance the best interests of this squadron.

6.7.8 With the assistance and cooperation of the Educational Department, determine which courses and programs are to be offered during the squadron teaching year, and the times and locations thereof.

6.7.9 Invite the law officer to its meetings when legal expertise is desirable. The law officer shall be entitled to speak at such meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.

6.7.10 [Reserved]

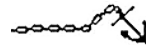
Be, ex officio, a member of all committees in the Treasurer's Department

Individuals interested in becoming Treasurer may contact the Commander, Larry Warren, AP via email at l.m.warren-1@hotmail.com.

Boating activities remain light, but the club is having a rendezvous at Des Moines Marina August 18-20. We'll report back on all the fun and the list of attendees in the next Wake Astern.

Other folks have been out and about cruising. Rick Edel, one of our former Poverty Bay members took the picture below at Telegraph Harbor, Thetis Island. Notice the gold fringe. This means it has been hanging there awhile since the club graduated to a platinum fringe in 2014. Thank you for the picture, Rick, and we all wish you continued happy cruising!

That's all for now. Stay tuned, stay safe, and do some boating!



(Picture provided by Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN )





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

# EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful weather either out boating (like we are) or at home! How lucky we are to live in this part of the country!

I am not really ready to think about fall yet but I know it is coming and it is time for classes again! Gary Ball has graciously agreed to teach MARINE NAVIGATION (Piloting) again via Zoom starting September 12th for 10 weeks. You won't ever get

lost or run aground when you know marine navigation, whether for short day trips or long multi-day cruises. Learn the essentials of safe coastal and inland navigation using basic GPS in conjunction with charts and other marine data. The Marine Navigation course teaches you how to use the GPS along with traditional dead reckoning techniques for planning and laying out safe routes, as well as ensuring that you are on course while underway.

MARINE ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS is being offered by the Everett club starting September 13 virtually. Don't get short circuited; learn how boat electrical systems work, how to diagnose problems, and how to do simple repairs and upgrades. Boat electrical systems are increasingly under load with power demands for electronic navigation, radar, powered windlasses and winches, interior and exterior lighting, personal electronic devices, and more. Most boats have both DC and AC power. Learn about voltage drops, current demands, wiring, and so on. This course covers the topics you need and want to know.

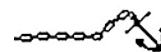
For more information and to register for this class click here:

<https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregformx.cgi?L-17697>

Of course, online courses are always available here: <https://americasboatingclub.org/index.php/learn/available-online>

I also plan to have an Engine Maintenance and the ABC (America's Boating Course) class sometime time in the fall. Stay tuned!

Please contact me if you have any questions. [Benric7@gmail.com](mailto:Benric7@gmail.com)



(Pictures provided by Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S)



## **Des Moines Rendezvous**

### **August 18 - 20, 2023**

Hosts: Geoff & Nancy Ringstad

Tacoma Power Squadron (aka America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound) will rendezvous at Des Moines Marina the weekend of August 18-20, 2023. We are trying to flesh out the schedule of activities and get our boat owning members out on the water. We need your commitment to attend not later than July 6, 2023.

There is lots to do:

Boaters can fuel up, pump out, or stop by for one or both nights on their way to somewhere else.

Tentative plan and times to be based on number of boats attending:

Friday - Arrive and gather for a dutch treat dinner out at Anthony's (5:30ish PM).

Saturday - Breakfast with egg wraps & fruit (9:00 - 10:00 AM)

- In the afternoon, attendees and land yachters are invited to hang around the docks with lemonade, pretzels, and conversation or head up town to explore.

- Potluck dinner, so bring your slow cooker or salads, veggies, etc. (5:30 PM)

Sunday - grab some fruit & muffins before pumping out and heading home with noon checkout.

We need a minimum of 5 boats to use the guest center without fee, and the club will spring for the refundable deposit.

Reservation fee is \$10.00, but the first night's moorage for registered boats is only \$25.00 regardless of boat size. The club will collect the reservation fee and first night's moorage. Power is \$3.00 per night and along with the second night's moorage of \$1.00 per foot LOA (\$20.00 minimum) payable to the marina at the gas dock office.

The club needs to complete our moorage plan not later than July 6, 2023 and pay the marina. Attendees simply need to contact Stan Wolfe (253-984-6101) or Nancy Ringstad (360-628-1238) to reserve.

# Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2023 Rendezvous Schedule

August 18-20

Des Moines Marina

Hosts Geoff & Nancy Ringstad  
(See Page 7 for details)

September 23

Salmon Bake

Chuck & Vicki Sharp's Home  
(details will be provided in the near future)



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P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-CN is our VSC Chairperson.

Address where the VSC inspectors should send a copy of inspection reports to: 4634 Kent Ct, Kent WA 98032-7112. He will also be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.





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# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 No Ex Bd. Mtg. June thru August	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 19 Des Moines Rendezvous	
20 Des Moines Rendez-	21	22 No Gen Mtg June thru August	23 Deadline for September edition The Wake Astern	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <small>Labor Day</small>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 <b>Ex.Bd Mtg 6:00-8:00 PM @ Black Bear Diner Marine Navigation via Zoom</b>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 <b>Marine Navigation via Zoom</b>	20	21	22	23 <b>Salmon Bake @ Sharp's</b>
24	25	26 <b>Gen Mtg 6:30-8:30 PM @ DIYC Marine Navigation via Zoom</b>	27 <b>Deadline for October edition The Wake Astern</b>	28	29	30

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