





The Wake Astern

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COMMANDER



Cdr Lance Williamson, P

ebruary is almost upon us. You know what that means—the Super Bowl and the Seattle Boat Show will soon be here. We will have to wait to see if the Hawks make it to the Super Bowl but we know for sure that the Seattle

Boat Show is going to happen. The boat show offers the opportunity to volunteer at the D 16 booth, to stop by the D16 booth while at the boat show and the opportunity to shop for those items that will improve your boating safety and enjoyment. Be sure to make the most of this year's Seattle Boat Show.

The educational side of the Tacoma Power Squadron (TPS) is going at full speed. The Seamanship class is underway with a full class. In March two classes will begin: Piloting and Engine Maintenance. SEO Otto Rasmussen has plans in the works for partnering with Gene at the Pt. Defiance marina. Check out Otto's

article in this edition of The Wake Astern to get up to speed on this exciting opportunity.

The nominating committee of the TPS is hard at work. It takes a lot of people doing different jobs to have a successful squadron. Please say "yes" if asked to serve in a position in our squadron.

Rendezvous season is almost upon us. Be sure to check out the rendezvous schedule in this edition of The Wake Astern. Begin making plans now to attend as many rendezvous as you can.

This winter is a LONG way from ending. This has been the coldest winter we have had several years. Be sure to take appropriate steps to keep your boat's systems from freezing or being damaged by the extreme cold.

Well, that is about it for now. I look forward to seeing you at the general meetings of the TPS or out on the water.

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

Call to Meeting General Meeting February 28th, 2017 (1830 - 2030) Day Island Yacht Club University Place

Executive Board Meeting February 14th, 2017 (1900 - 2100) Orchard Park Rehab Center 4755 So. 48th, Tacoma

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recently read a trivia fact that surprised me, as with a lot of trivia facts; they are "Oh I knew that." or "Wow I didn't know that." This fact came into the latter as I had no Idea that the Statue of Liberty in New York served as a lighthouse from 1886 until 1902 and was the first American lighthouse to use electricity. The light on her



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torch could be seen for 24 miles. I started thinking about the lighthouses here in Washington State. Almost all of us pass some of them on our way to a new adventure in our boats. Not really paying much attention, other than some of them are beautiful to see. I haven't paid that much attention because I knew where I was at the time, (no fog and in daylight) something a good chart plotter will do for you, or so it should. I can remember on more than one occasion my chart plotter showing me I was somewhere I was not, but that's a story for another day.

I pass the Browns Point Lighthouse on a regular basis on my way out of Commencement Bay, but I knew nothing about it. Well, it turns out that a lantern displayed from a post established at that point on December 12th, 1887 and a similar beacon marked Point Robinson on the same day. Washington wasn't even a State for two more years. The land was part of the Puyallup Indian reservation at the time. Oscar Brown was the first station light keeper when they finally built a lighthouse. You would assume that is how the name "Browns Point" came to be. Well turns out that Lt. Charles Wilkes who surveyed Puget Sound in 1841 named it Point Harris in honor of a sailmaker's mate aboard his vessel. Then came along Lt. Ambrose Wyckoff in 1877 to make a survey of Commencement Bay and he named it on his charts as Point Brown in honor of an earlier settler. The name stuck and later officially changed to Browns Point. As of 1963, light keeping ended and the light was automated. The foghorn was activated by telephone. Today, the Coast Guard Light list's # 17090 "Browns point light" shows location as 47-18-21.277N 122-26-39.350W Fl W 5s / 0.1s fl 4.9s ec (Eclipse). White Concrete tower 35'.

There's much more to this story as I've only touched on the part of the story behind this one lighthouse. If you take some time to learn about them you can see there's a lot of history, intrigue, and the importance of these great lighthouses. Something to think about and tell your guests aboard, as you pass by on your next adventure.

References

- 1.lighthousefriends.com
- 2. USCG Light List

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 \mathbf{H}_{i} to all from your SEO Otto & Asst SEO Sandi,

LEARN ABOUT TACOMA POWER SQUADRON, THE DISTRICT & NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU ARE MEMBER OF !!

Come to the Copperline Cruise-In, (5005 Main Street, just off Ruston Way at the old smelter site), at 10:30 AM, Saturday morning January 28th. Otto and his technical assistant will do the Power Squadron Operations Training Seminar. We will learn about our organization, the Tacoma Squadron, some history, and how the District and National levels tie together. We have a fun time while learning about Power Squadrons.

We will wind up around 12:30 PM. This gives attendee's time to grab some lunch and rejoin our fellow members at the Copperline Cruise- In scheduled to start at 2:30 PM.

If you would like to take this in, give Otto or one of the bridge members a call or Email etc., so we can have adequate handouts available. Otto 253-921-3839(HP), or 253-537-3838(Cell), or otto@rasmussen.mailhost.org WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON!! THANKS

The Seamanship class got underway Wednesday January 11th at Totem Yacht Club with a good turnout of students. Our Commander Lance Williamson and Brenda Williamson are teaching the course with a fun time being had for all. Thanks goes to Totem Yacht Club for making their facility available for the class.

We are planning to do an Engine Maintenance Class with various expert members instructing the chapter subjects. I think it will work quite well. The starting date will be March 22, 2017. The classroom site will be Orchard Park Rehab Facility near South 48th and Orchard St. in South Tacoma. Please contact me if you are interested in the class. I need lead time to get the course materials on hand.

A Piloting Class will be offered starting Monday, March 20th, 2017 at Totem Yacht Club. This class will follow the Seamanship Class just finishing the week before. Gary Ball will be able to instruct the entire course which will wind up on May 22nd 2017. There has been a lot of interest in this class already, but please let me know if you wish to be included. (I hear that Gary does a super job with the class).

If you look carefully at our class dates, Piloting being on Monday evenings, and Engine Maintenance being offered on Wednesday evenings, you can take both classes during the same calendar time. What an opportunity!

After a meeting 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 (3 sessions). A paddle vessel rental discount may be offered to those who attend the seminar.

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What we need from our membership are some volunteers to assist in doing 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.

It was also discussed that Tacoma Power Squadron's certified Boat Operator Instructors could do some on the water demonstrations and training to interested individuals there at the Pt Defiance Boat House facility. This can give the Power Squadron additional exposure to our fellow boaters, and may result in added members.

Keep the District 16 Spring Council-Conference at Lake Chelan in mind. They are planning quite a festive event for all those attending. News is out in the District 16 "Cardinal Points" newsletter. Plan to be there and watch our own D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN turn the gavel over to the 2017-2018 D/C- Matt Lombardi,P from Seattle Sail and Power Squadron. (the room rates are outstanding, come and enjoy).

Cheers, Otto & Sandi

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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



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RBAW Key 2017 Legislative Priorities

- Protect the Recreation Resource Account ("Boating Facilities Program") appropriation in the 2017-19 Capital Budget: RBAW, the Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) and other organizations supporting recreational boating will work actively to ensure this dedicated-account funding is not diverted or re-directed.
- Ensure Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) funding legislation is focused heavily on a General Fund allocation and that recreational boaters are not disproportionately impacted. Boaters already pay their fair share (approximately \$500,000 per year) into this program and should not be further burdened.
- Ensure pending legislation to exempt the Des Moines and Oak Harbor municipal marinas from "Aquatic Land Lease" fees does
 not result in adverse costs for other marinas. RBAW and the NMTA will work to ensure this does not happen and would oppose any legislation that resulted in a cost shift.
- Support Boating Safety legislation advanced by Washington State Parks, i.e. a bill to exempt flare guns used by boaters from the "required background check" provision of an initiative previously passed by voters.
- Ensuring a strong focus on outdoor recreation investment for any bill re-establishing a tourism marketing program at the state level.

RBAW Key 2017 Regulatory Priorities

- RBAW and other members of the "Marine Alliance" continue to strongly oppose the establishment of a No Discharge Zone
 (NDZ) that would cover the entirety of the Puget Sound basin. RBAW is part of a legal challenge to the proposed NDZ and will
 push to ensure that is an NDZ is ultimately established, it include a five-year phase-in for recreational boaters.
- Aquatic Lands Lease Process with Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR). RBAW will continue to be a strong advocate of its Yacht
 Clubs and boating clubs that operate marinas on DNR aquatic lands and are subject to the agency's leasing and leaserenewal requirements. RBAW and the NMTA are holding quarterly meetings with DNR and will continue to make the leasing
 process, and provisions within the leases, a regulatory issue for our members.
- Potential City of Seattle pilot project to restrict drawbridge opening at the Ballard, Fremont and University bridges. Our organization opposes the idea of a pilot project and will be joined in our opposition by the Washington Maritime Federation.
- Permanent navigational buoys on South Lake Union to serve Kenmore Air and others. RBAW has taken a position in support of the placement of the buoys in a way that limits the impact on recreational boating.

Other Priorities

- Big Tent Outdoor Recreation Coalition. RBAW is a member of the "Big Tent" and continues to support and contribute to its
 efforts to raise the profile of the outdoor recreation sector. The Big Tent will hold its fifth annual Rally Day in Olympia on Feb.
 15, 2017.
- RBAW will have an informational booth at the Seattle Boat Show in the Century Link Exhibition Hall from Jan. 27 thru Feb. 4,
 2017. RBAW will again offer a free Waggoner's Cruising Guide to all who join RBAW or renew their individual memberships.

PC Chuck Gay

RBAW Secretary and Delegate







"Everything Washington"



Spring Conference & Change of Watch 10-12 March 2017



Please join the Seattle Sail and Power Squadron, as we host the District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch. The theme this year is "Everything Washington", in celebration of our diverse geography, skills, heritage and style! This year it is being held at Campbell's Resort, in beautiful Lake Chelan, surrounded by vineyards, mountains and small-town charm, with an array of special activities. We're hoping that you will come a day or two early and enjoy some local activities and special events we have arranged specifically for the folks attending the conference.

Arrive Thursday or Friday and join the 4-hour **Lake Chelan Wine Tour**. Book your seat on this limousine ride and wine tasting tour, guaranteed to be a first class event, for only \$55/pp. The tour is from 1300 - 1700, both Thursday and Friday, leaving from the hotel. See attached flyer

Thursday only, we have arranged a private **Wine Maker's Dinner** at Tsillan Cellars and Sorrento's Restaurant. The price of \$75/pp includes a 3-course meal, wine education, wine pairings with each course, including tax and gratuity. We need a minimum of 45 people to sign up for this culinary event, so please don't wait until the last minute. See attached flyer>

Conference registration will be open on Friday from 1500 - 1800. The council meeting runs from 1700 - 1800 Friday evening, followed by a No-Host bar including heavy appetizers and a special guest to entertain us, the Elusive & Hilarious, Fletcher Ellingson, Magician.

On Saturday, you're on your own for breakfast, but the resort has a great restaurant on site, to start your day. Then down to business with meetings until lunch where we'll be offering a nice box lunch. In the afternoon - more business, reports, awards in excellence and a break before we reconvene the conference and enjoy a catered dinner among friends.

A registration form that is included may also be found on the district website. Forms will also be included in your squadron newsletters. Attendees are asked to pre-register for any Special Events and choose from one or more of the catered meals listed. The conference itself is free.

Hotel Reservations: All rooms have 2 Queens or 1 King bed, a balcony or patio on Lake Chelan. The room rate is guaranteed up to 14 February 2017 - \$94 for a traditional room or \$108 for a Deluxe Room, per night plus taxes. Make your room reservations directly with Campbell's Resort at 1-800-553-8225. Rooms fill up quickly so make your reservations early. When making reservations state that you are with the "United States Power Squadron, Group #462965" and please indicate if you desire a ground floor or handicapped room.

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USPS® District 16 | Spring Conference & Change of Watch | 10-12 March 2017 Full Name: Address: Spouse/Guest name: City/State/Zip: Squadron: Email address: Will you be attending the District conference without meals? Yes ☐ First time attending a conference? Yes ☐ Activity Early Bird After 14 Feb No. People Friday Registration | 1500 - 1800 Friday Night Council Meeting | 1700 - 1800 No Host Bar | Heavy Appetizers | 1800 - 2030 Friday Night \$25 \$30 * Live Entertainment * Saturday Breakfast On one's own | Restaurant on site Turkey & bacon croissant with curried couscous, Saturday Lunch \$20 \$25 granola bar, fruit and water. No Bacon 🗆 Saturday Afternoon Coffee, Tea or Cocoa | Brownies & Cookies Country Chicken with apple, shallot & mushroom in sherry cream sauce, wild rice, corn on the cob, rice & Saturday Dinner biscuit, dessert Blackened Salmon with wild rice and Caesar salad, \$39 \$44 dessert. Gluten free, except for dessert Prefer Vegetarian Special Events Lake Chelan Limo Wine Tour | 1300 - 1700 Thursday \$55 Thursday Night Wine Maker's Dinner | 1800 \$75 Lake Chelan Limo Wine Tour | 1300 - 1700 Friday \$55 Total Dietary Restrictions? Interested in Carpooling? Driver Room for _____ of passengers ☐ Ride No. in group _ Return Date & Time Itinerary: Departure Date & Time Please Note: This is an activity registration form. There is no charge for attending conference meetings. Early Bird prices apply for reservations postmarked no later than 14 February 2017. Make checks payable to: Seattle Sail & Power Squadron (SSAPS) Mail form and check to: Pam Lombardi C/o Absolute Security Alarms Ouestions? Call 206-257-1951 4910 15th Ave NW



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Make your room reservations directly with Campbell's Resort at 1-800-553-8225. When making reservations state that you are with the "United States Power Squadron, Group #462965" and please indicate if you desire a ground floor or handicapped room.

**The Resort has extended the room pricing for any additional days you might want to add to your travel plans

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 116th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004 is the venue for this year's District 16 Educational/Incoming Officers Meeting.

Rendezvous in Gig Harbor at Arabella's

February 24-26, 2017 Lt Stan & Debbie Wolfe

After our January land rendezvous at the Copperline, plan to attend the next rendezvous at Arabella's in Gig Harbor, February 24–26. You may even want to bring a boat, preferably yours. After a scrumptious dinner on your own on Friday night, come to Arabella's net shed for coffee and a light breakfast (yogurt, fruit, bagels and cream cheese) on Saturday morning. Maybe head uptown or explore the shops and such of the harbor area mid-day. Plan on swinging back by the net shed for an afternoon coffee and assembling jigsaw puzzles, all the while catching up on the goings on of your holiday season, plans for the upcoming cruising season or just general whatever. Saturday night we'll gather in the net shed for a potluck dinner. On Sunday morning, grab a cup of coffee before shoving off to home port.

So, to start the fun, make your reservation directly with Arabella's by calling 253-851-1793. Then call your hosts, Stan and Debbie Wolfe, (253-536-3309) or e-mail them (wolfesd@comcast.net) so we'll know to be looking for you. Hope to see everyone there!

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.







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Tacoma Power Squadron 2017 Rendezvous Schedule

January 28	Copperline Cruise In	Jackie & Richard Mattox Cindy & Larry Warren
February 24 - 26	Gig Harbor Net Shed reserved	Stan & Debbie Wolfe 253-948-6101
	253-851-1793	Call Marina to reserve (8 boats)
March 24 - 26	Dock Street	Need Hosts
	253-272-4352	Call Marina to reserve (8 boats)
April 7 - 9	Longbranch	Need Hosts (10-12 boats)
April 21 - 23	TYC Daffodil	Reserve on line at Tacoma Yacht Club
May 26 - 29	Port Orchard	Need Hosts (12 boats)
	\$5 Reservation fee	Metal Shed Reserved
June 22 - 25	Poulsbo	Registration form/Wake Astern
July 28 - 30	Kingston	Need Hosts
V	*\$7 Reservation fee*	*Call Marina to make your
		Reservation* 360-297-3545
August 25 - 27	Bell Harbor	Need Hosts
_	\$5 Reservation fee 206-787-3952	Call Marina to reserve (8 boats)
September 1 - 4	Swantown	Need Hosts
	\$5 Reservation fee	Call Marina to reserve (12 boats)
	360-528-8049	

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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