



# Tacoma Power Squadron



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## COMMANDER



*Cdr Lance Williamson, P*

The New Year is almost upon us. Before focusing on the New Year I want to take a few moments to reflect back on 2016. When Brenda and I joined the Tacoma Power Squadron we joined for the classes and stayed for the

people—that means you!! I spoke about the “ethos” of the TPS at my Change of Watch. The ethos of the TPS is partnership instead of power, encouraging one another instead of criticizing one another, assisting each other and not leaving another “out to dry,” a kind word instead of a judgmental word, a smile instead of a stare or frown. This past year I have truly experienced the TPS ethos in the midst of busy work schedules and lives. Thank you all for your friendship, encouragement and support! By the way, our friends who came to the Christmas Brunch to help with singing Christmas carols had a blast!!

I am at the stage of life where I no longer make “New Year’s resolutions.” Instead of resolutions I think of some things that I would like to do or accomplish. This year I look forward to attending more rendezvous than last year (It would be almost impossible for our schedules to be as crazy as last summer). I am REAL-LY looking forward to the TPS San Juan Islands cruise. I am looking forward to the many class offerings the TPS is scheduling for the spring. I am hopeful that some of our plans with Gene at the Point Defiance Metro Parks will help people become safer boaters while improving our visibility in the community. This winter I am striving to make the Seamanship Class more interesting, interactive and informative. I am praying that those in our squadron who are having serious health concerns will experience renewed health. Between now and the Change of Watch I am working on being the best commander of the TPS that I can be.

2017 is going to be a good year! See you on the water!



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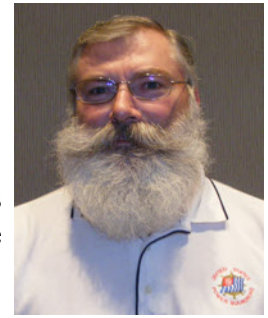
**Call to Meeting  
General Meeting  
January 24th, 2017 (1830 - 2030)  
Day Island Yacht Club  
University Place  
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Executive Board Meeting  
January 10th, 2017 (1900 - 2100)  
Orchard Park Rehab Center  
4755 So. 48th, Tacoma**

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I seem to be having a little trouble concentrating on this article as I'm sitting just a stone's throw away from the Waipouli beach here in Kapaa, Kauai. We're here for a birthday celebration and wedding. This is our first visit to the Hawaiian islands, and according to some in our party this island is the best. They call this the "Garden island" for a good reason as the surrounding backdrop of this condo where we are staying is lush and tropical if you don't count the Safeway just behind the complex. Quite a modern city without the hustle and bustle of the Big Island, so I'm told, complete with a Walmart and Costco what else could you ask for. Still it seems they do cater to us tourist's with this tour and that adventure for your time and money. The condo we're staying in is literally about 20 yards from the waters edge, and although we're on the third floor I seem to be keeping a close eye out for the Big wave that may come at anytime. In fact we had a tsunami warning the day we arrived from an earthquake just off the San Francisco coast, nothing ever came from it but it's still a little unnerving knowing your only 30 feet above high water. The tide difference is only about 2 feet from h/h to l/l and as you can imagine the shore drops off quickly and the currents can be tricky and can pull the unsuspecting out to sea. The paddle boarders and surfers are out in force and last night I watched a pair of sufers at midnight with head lamps, paddle out a very long distance before turning around and surf back to shore. You gotta be just a little crazy to do something like that, and a lot younger. Our adventure continues today with some more tourist attractions, we'll be home next week as Santa has to be ready for the Big night. Although coming back to such cold weather doesn't sound all that appealing. There's always a lot to do at this time of year.

**News from National**

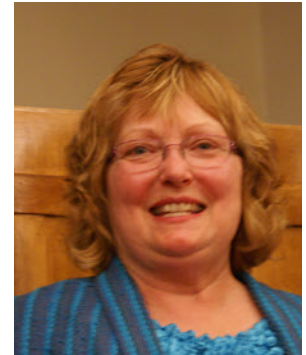
**Call for Volunteers!** Several USPS national committees are looking for volunteers with these technical skills: graphic design, desk-top publishing, technical editing, proofreading, marketing and social media. We need volunteers who have expertise in Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Illustrator, PhotoShop), Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Publisher) and CorelDRAW. Boating expertise is not required: This is a great opportunity to learn while sharing your technical skills to help USPS develop products and services that benefit squadrons and the boating public. Committee chairs will work with you to ensure assignments are clear and respect your time availability. Contact: Nominating Committee chairman, R/C Bill Selden V, AP, [bill@cpdean.com](mailto:bill@cpdean.com), 804-240-1401.

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Hi to all from your SEO Otto and ASEO 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 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 02:30 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, or 253-537-3838, otto@rasmussen.mailhost.org

We will have a **Seamanship Class** starting January 11<sup>th</sup> 2017. This will be held at Totem Yacht Club. If you, a family member, or friend would be interested in the Seamanship Class, please contact Otto. We need lead time to get materials on hand for the class. Our Commander Lance Williamson does a great job with the Seamanship Course. You learn a lot while having a fun time in class! This class will run through March 15, 2017.

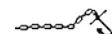
We are planning to do an **Engine Maintenance Class** with various expert members instructing the chapter subjects. I think it will work quite well. The starting date will be Monday, March 20, 2017. Classroom site will be Orchard Park Rehab Facility near South 48th and Orchard St. in South Tacoma. Please 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 Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Totem Yacht Club. This class will follow the Seamanship Class just finishing the week before at Totem Yacht Club. 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!

Keep the District 16 Spring Council-Conference at Lake Chelan in mind. They are planning quite a festive event for all those attending. News should be out in the "Cardinal Points" newsletter soon. 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).

A lot of news looking ahead. Looks like a busy Spring!



Cheers, Otto & Sandi

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## Environmental Report

Provided by Lt/C Larry Warren, AP

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### THE NAUTICAL ENVIRONMENT IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

What concerns you the most about protecting our natural resources? Is it Federal/State regulations, pollution, agriculture, chemical runoff, mining operations, the influx of tourists...what? You may be concerned with all of these or something completely different. The question is: "What do we have control over?" Changing regulations is a long row to hoe and impacts most of the previously mentioned concerns; and changing regulation does impact the safety of the waters we boat in, the well-being of the fish we consume and the quality of habitat that where our land animals reside. How do we keep all of these natural resources safe and thriving?

On a personal note, we enjoy walking and frequently stroll along the shore. Rarely do we go without picking up some type of discarded plastic or fishing line. According to the U.S. National Park Service, the following items take time to break down once introduced into the environment,

Monofilament Fishing Line	600 years
Plastic bottles	450 years
Aluminum Can	80 – 200 years
Foam cups	50 years
Plastic Bag	10 – 20 years
Cigarette Butt	1 – 5 years

We all see these items whether we are on the water or out and about around town. All of these items are frustrating because they are easily manageable. Many of these items float and have the potential to be sucked into engine intakes. Fishing line can also become wrapped around prop shafts.

We have a few suggestions for easing the amount of damage caused by trash that makes its way into our waterways. If snagged, fishing line needs to be cut off as close to the lure as possible and then disposed of properly. Instead of plastic bottles, use a thermos jug carry a reusable glass/cup. Cans, cups, and bags taken out on the water, should return home with you and be disposed of properly. Empty ashtrays appropriately, in a trash receptacle.

Please take time to understand your footprint on the environment as well as on other boaters. Throwing items in the trash is a good thing, recycling is better, but reducing items takes very little more effort. To see the impact of what even a plastic straw can have, please watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2J2qdOrW44>. This video documents a straw being removed from the nostril of a sea turtle. It was this video that prompted us to invest in stainless



(Environmental Report continued from Page 5)

steel straws, forever reusable. It also led us to begin to question what we can do to keep our waters safe for our wildlife and other boaters.

Coastal cleanup efforts are worthwhile and should be supported. When you are enjoying the out-of-doors, bring home more trash than you created. Please join us in making our piece of Paradise a better place every day.

To learn more about the environment and boating, contact your local unit of the United States Power Squadrons® or the national website at [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org).

Its members always send the invitation: *Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends<sup>SM</sup>*

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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. **NOTE:** Reference last sentence of paragraph 1, comments can be made until December 22, 2016.

**RBAW**  
RECREATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON



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**Puget Sound No Discharge Zone (NDZ):** The state Department of Ecology (DOE) has submitted a proposal for a no discharge zone for the entire Puget Sound to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA published a notice in the Federal Register inviting comments on the proposal with a 30 day comment period. EPA's comments invitation is strictly limited to determining that adequate pumpout facilities exist. This has never been in doubt on the recreational side with the number of State Parks program installed pumpouts meeting the established EPA standard. *Instructions for submitting comments regarding the Dept. of Ecology's submission of their No-Discharge-Zone proposal to the Environmental Protection Administration may be found by going online to:* [https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA\\_FRDOC\\_0001-19949](https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA_FRDOC_0001-19949) Comments must be made during the 30-day period allowed which will end December 7th.

The Seattle Times published an article which was picked up by the Tacoma News Tribune which was terribly slanted, accusing boaters of using Puget Sound as a toilet! As we all know that statement is totally false. It is already illegal by Federal law for discharge of RAW sewage into Puget Sound waters; what the NDZ addresses is whether TREATED discharge from Federally-approved on-board Sewage treatment systems should ALSO be banned. RBAW has been participating with a Marine Alliance of over 30 commercial and recreational stakeholders trying to get DOE to limit the NDZ to areas where water quality is impaired. The Alliance submitted information that totally refuted the faulty science of DOE's justification for curtailing treated sewage discharge by establishing this NDZ, but we were ignored.

The Marine Alliance is pursuing a legal challenge to DOE's action in the State Appeals Court and we will keep you informed of the outcome of that challenge and any other ongoing actions.

Past Commodore Chuck Gay, RBAW Director and Delegate



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## District 16 Spring Conference & Change of Watch

9-12 March 2017

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- ◆ BOATING
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- ◆ FISHING
- ◆ LADY OF THE LAKE
- ◆ GOLF
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- ◆ HIKING
- ◆ TOURS
- ◆ TAKE IN A MOVIE

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From the District 16 Treasurer

## Dues Increase

### 1 December 2016 - 30 November 2017

The United States Power Squadrons Governing Board voted to increase the 2017 Membership Year dues by \$2.00 for single members and \$3.00 for Family memberships. The resulting new dues values are:

	National	District 16	Tacoma	Total
Single Member :	\$53.00	\$ 8.50	\$22.00	\$ 83.50
Family Unit:	\$79.50	\$12.75	\$32.00	\$124.25

Tacoma's dues did not increase

The good news is that the District 16 Dues have not increased!

The other good news is that with the added benefits that USPS has been able to secure for our members we can easily make up the small additional increase. Have you looked at the Members Benefit Committee page under the National Administrative Department?



No kidding, they actually have a little pirate's chest on the page to suggest there are treasures to be found. Member Benefits is right at the top left once you have logged on. Take a look, you might find a benefit that once taken advantage of will more than offset the increase in your dues.

I personally have seen a BIG discount by using my USPS membership for Office Depot/Office Max. What would have cost over \$25 turned out to be around \$4.50! And have you checked out the Solude Coffee? Take a look, you may find that treasure!



## New Members

By P/C Jackie Mattox

New members sworn in at the November General Meeting are Rich and Cathy Phillips. Welcome to the Tacoma Power Squadron.



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## Holiday Cruise for People with Disabilities

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

By P/C Jackie Mattox

This was the 40<sup>th</sup> year for this event. The Tacoma Power Squadron was asked if we wanted to participate this year. We had six volunteers, P/C Tim Craig, Lt Tom Ferree, Stf/C Jim Harden, Lt Richard Mattox, P/C Jackie Mattox and Sue Walker. It was a cold day but no rain. It was great to help with this event. We assisted with leading passengers to the boats, helping them on and also the dock work related to securing the boats for boarding. Thanks to the volunteers.

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## Copperline Apartments Land Rendezvous

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Lt. Cindy Warren, AP

The Copperline Land Rendezvous will be happening On January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The party room at Copperline Apartments is reserved from 1430 until 2100 with a great full kitchen. This is the same room we had before with the ping pong table, pool (billiards), table games, and socializing. We'll start out with appetizers until our meal at 1800. The theme for our dinner will be soups, stews, and chilies, along with salads, bread, and desserts. The Squadron will provide bowls, plates, utensils, cups, and coffee. Please decide what you would like to bring and email or call Cindy Warren. If you come early take a stroll along the Water Walk Esplanade, visit the Asarco Copper Smelter Museum, or take in a movie. There are also numerous restaurants such as Two Town Café, Wild Fin, Stack 571 Burger and Whiskey Bar, The Jewel Box, and Dulce Si Italian Bakery and Café.

When you arrive please call Jackie's cell phone 253-272-2264 so we can let you in.

If you are plan to attend please call or e-mail Cindy & Larry Warren, 360-897-8692 or Jackie & Richard Mattox, 253-581-1732, c.m.warren-7@hotmail.com or jrgeezers@comcast.net.







# Tacoma Power Squadron 2017 Rendezvous Schedule

<b>January 28</b>	<b>Copperline Cruise In</b>	<b>Jackie &amp; Richard Mattox Cindy &amp; Larry Warren</b>
<b>February 24 - 26</b>	<b>Gig Harbor Net Shed reserved 253-851-1793</b>	<b>Stan &amp; Debbie Wolfe 253-948-6101 Call Marina to reserve (8 boats)</b>
<b>March 24 - 26</b>	<b>Dock Street 253-272-4352</b>	<b>Need Hosts Call Marina to reserve (8 boats)</b>
<b>April 21 - 23</b>	<b>TYC Daffodill</b>	<b>Reserve on line at Tacoma Yacht Club</b>
<b>June 22 - 25</b>	<b>Poulsbo</b>	<b>Registration form/Wake Astern</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.

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## Summer 2017 San Juan Islands Cruise

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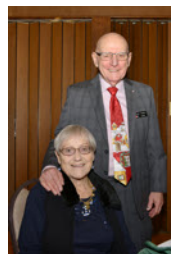
The planning process for the summer 2017 San Juan Islands Cruise has begun! A tentative schedule has been developed.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Nights of...</u>
Rendezvous (destination TBD)	July 28, 29
Oak Harbor	July 30
Deer Harbor (Orcas Island)	July 31, August 1, 2
Fisherman Bay (Lopez Island)	August 3, 4, 5
Roche Harbor (San Juan Island)	August 6, 7, 8
Rosario Resort (East Sound Orcas Island)	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 Christmas Brunch December 4th, 2016



(Pictures provided by P/C Andy Temple, AP)



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# January 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <b>1900-2100</b> * Ex. Bd Mtg Orchard Park Rehab Center	11 Seamanship Cls @ Totem YC	12 Deadline Wake Astern	13	14
15	16	17	18 Seamanship Cls @ Totem YC	19	20	21
22	23	24 <b>1830 - 2030</b> Gen. Mtg At DIYC	25 Seamanship Cls @ Totem YC	26	27	28 Copperline Cruise-In 1430 - 2100
29	30	31				

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# February 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Seamanship Cls @ Totem YC	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Seamanship Cls @ Totem YC	9	10	11
12 Deadline Wake Astern	13	14 <b>1900-2100</b> * Ex. Bd Mtg Orchard Park Rehab Center	15 Seamanship Cls @ Totem YC	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Seamanship Cls @ Totem YC	23	24-25 Gig Harbor Rendezvous	
26 Gig Harbor Rendv	27	28 <b>1830 - 2030</b> Gen. Mtg At DIYC				

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