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The Wake Astern

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COMMANDER



Cdr Lance Williamson, P

Boating is about so much more than boating. Boating is about seeing and enjoying the wonderful creation in which we live. The other morning we were out on the water bright and early and we were treated to some spectacular views of Mr. Rainier, cloud formations, the sun peeking through

the clouds and the beautiful waters of Commencement Bay. Boating is about people. Yesterday I was speaking to a boat owner who referred to himself as a bad “boat dad” (he had not been to his boat in six months). I found out that he was the same age as me. He has never taken a boating class and did not know that he is required by the State of Washington to have the boater education card. Boating is about planning to be on the water. Brenda and I are taking *Prequel* through the Ballard locks and into Lake Washington in August. As a part of our “trip” we have driven to the locks to watch the process and to learn by watching the successes and failures of other people. We have walked around Fisherman’s Terminal to check out one of our over-night locations and checked out from shore the only anchorage in Lake Washington. We are already “experiencing” our trip as we plan the trip. (By the way, does anyone have two fifty-foot lines we could borrow for going through the locks?) Do you see what I mean when I say that boating is about more than boating?

Last month’s member appreciation general meeting of the Tacoma Power Squadron (TPS) was a huge success! The food was great. The turnout of TPS members was even greater!! The presentation on geodetic markers was informational (I

plan on locating several of them this summer). A big “Thank you” to all who made the meeting such a big success.

There are no general meetings or executive board meetings during the summer months. The next general meeting will be on September 27th and is a BBQ that is put on by our past commanders. You will definitely want to attend the past commanders BBQ!! The next executive board meeting will be on September 13th at 7:00 pm in the Pierce County Library Annex on 112th and Portland Ave.

I am still looking for people who would be willing to write a short article (one time only) for the Wake Astern with a recipe or something about the galley.

Rendezvous season is well underway. Upcoming rendezvous are: Jarrell Cove State Park – Karen & Jim Jackson/Jackie & Richard Mattox hosts; Bell Harbor – Mike & Jenna Ashbrook hosts; Port Orchard – Karen & Jim Jackson hosts; Longbranch – Arlu & Bruce Goff hosts. Check out the article in this issue of the Wake Astern for rendezvous dates, times and details.

We are very fortunate to live in a country where we have the freedoms that we do. The fourth of July is a great day for celebrating the birth of our country. Unfortunately, it is also a day when many people head out on the water with little or no boating experience. Be sure to model good boating skills and etiquette and practice good seamanship. Watch out for the other boat. Be safe. Celebrate July 4th.



Well, that’s about all for now. See you out on the water!

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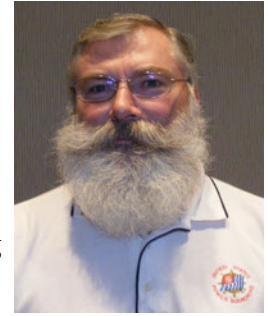
**Executive Board Meetings
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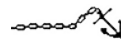
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www.tacomapowerandsailsquadron.org

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www.uspsd16.org

So far this has been a frustrating boating season for Cindy and myself. My first mate is in the long process of healing from her shoulder surgery. With no lifting, pulling, pushing, this pretty much has limited our boating activities. On the bright side it has been a good time to have Fascination pulled out and have some long needed maintenance work done. She'll be getting a couple of coats of bottom paint, a new boot stripe, repacking the rudder posts (hoping for a dry bilge). Redoing of the fuel tank vents is on the list as well as they were way undersized and caused considerable anxiety at the fuel dock. So she has been on the hard for a month now, and looking forward to getting her wet again. We have tried to make all the rendezvous so far and Poulsbo will be no exception. As some of you know, I am D/C Christine Rasmussen's, SN, District Flag Lt., so I will be there for the opening ceremonies on Saturday. I plan on helping our great docking crew again this year. Should make some great fun and looking forward to visiting friends and acquaintances. The Executive Office is still in need of someone who would like to help out as the Boat Show Chairman. This person would coordinate between the District 16 Boat Show Chairman and our squadron. They would solicit qualified volunteers to attend the USPS booth at the show and get into the show for free. Please consider the position and give the Squadron a helping hand. Hope to be back out on the water soon with you all. Summer is almost here once again. Last but not least, I would like to give my good friend Mike Arrington a big Thank you for helping me deliver the boat to the yard. Thanks again Mike!



MEMBERSHIP

P/C Jackie Mattox, AP

New Members: We have five new members for the Tacoma Power Squadron (TPS): Brad and Mila Nystrom, Mary Ann Dahle, and Dean and Beverly Haave. Please make them feel welcome.

If you know of someone who might be interested in joining TPS, have them contact me. Jackie Mattox, 2537322264, jrgeezers@comcast.net.



*Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN
Education Officer*

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



*Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN
Education Officer*

Hi to all from your SEO's Sandi & Otto.

The ABC basic boating class tested on June 1st, 2016 at Pt Defiance Boat House with 8 students passing their exams. Great job by Brenda & Lance Williamson and all those who taught the class sessions. We still have 2 students that need to do the exam as soon as this can be arranged. It looks like we may get some memberships from this class!!

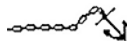
The results have been returned on the Advanced Piloting Exam turned in on May 02, 2016 with all the students doing the exam passing with very good scores. Congratulations to our new Advanced Pilots- Francie Hope, Burr Hope, Tom Ferree, and Ben Dahle. A big thanks to our instructors Kevin & Bev Kennedy and Gary Ball- a job well done!!

There is discussion ongoing with Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron about putting a JN and N class together. I have emailed Tacoma members, who have expressed an interest in these classes to me, on this development. If you have not been in the loop on this , please contact me and we will bring you up to date.

We are in the planning stages for possible classes this fall. Please let Otto or Sandi know if there is a class you would like to take. It takes planning ahead to line up instructors, facilities, and materials in order to do a class.

An ABC basic boating class and possibly a Seamanship class will be scheduled in September at the Totem Y.C. facility in Ruston. Very near Tacoma Yacht Club in North Tacoma, Totem Yacht Club is willing to make its facility available for the class.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding boating education, classes, helping instruct classes, or general information please give Sandi Carroll or Otto Rasmussen a call or an email. We are keeping tabs on your requests so we can respond to your needs.



Cheers, Otto & Sandi

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Jarrell Cove Rendezvous

July 8th – 10th, 2016

Agenda for Jarrell Cove. Friday night 5:30: your favorite beverage on the dock. Saturday morning: coffee and pastry on the dock. Saturday evening 5:30: pot luck on the dock or up above. Sunday morning: coffee and pastry on dock before departing. Any questions, please contact Hosts: Jim and Karen Jackson: (253) 537-1308/email: commodorejrj99@yahoo.com or Richard and Jackie Mattox: (253) 581-1732/email: jrgeezers@comcast.net. Also, if you plan on arriving early (Wednesday/Thursday), please let your hosts know.

Bell Harbor Rendezvous

August 12-14

Call Marina to make your reservation 206-787-3952

Hosts: Mike & Jenna Ashbrook / Todd & Melinda Mackey
253-307-2665 or 971-998-7000

Friday, August 12, 2016 – Arrive and call Channel 72 for docking and slip Assignments. Dinner on Own.

Saturday, August 13, 2016 – 830am Potluck Breakfast (Hosts will provide Scrambled Eggs in a Bag). Dinner on Own.

Sunday, August 14, 2016 – Coffee and Muffins on Dock. Have a safe trip home.



Submitted by Lt Mike Arrington

Coast Guard notifies public of urgent marine safety alert; EPIRB recall

Coast Guard News

Kannad Marine issued a recall for all SAFELINK EPIRB's Monday, April 25, 2016, due to a possible defect that could result in the beacon not operating in emergency situations.

The SAFELINK EPIRB's yellow body plastic may prematurely age when subjected to specific environmental conditions, which has the potential to impact its long-term effectiveness in the field.

The Coast Guard strongly recommends that if you own or use a SAFELINK EPIRB automatic or manual model, you should NOT use it as a primary search and rescue beacon onboard your vessel and to seek replacement devices as soon as possible.





Tacoma Power Squadron 2016 Rendezvous Schedule

July 8-10	Jarrell Cove No Reservations	Karen & Jim Jackson Jackie & Richard Mattox
August 12-14	Bell Harbor 10) boats 206-787-3952	Call Marina to make your Reservation \$5 Reservation fee to Hosts Mike & Jenna Ashbrook Todd & Melinda Mackey
September 2-6	Port Orchard 12) boats	Black Berry Festival at Bremerton \$5 Reservation fee to Hosts Jim & Karen Jackson
October 14-16	Longbranch Adopt a Marina	Arlu & Bruce Goff

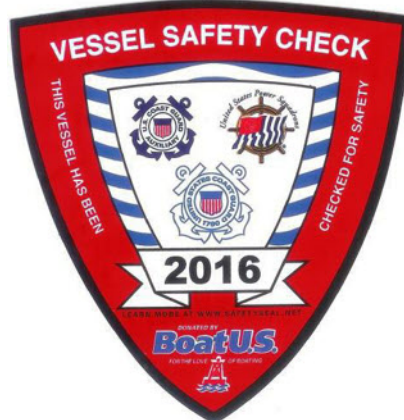
Any Marina with a phone # means you must call the marina and the host or fleet captain to reserve for the weekend. Please call host if attending a rendezvous for planning purposes. Please consider hosting a rendezvous or helping to host.

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Brownsville Rendezvous

By Nancy Ringstad, P

A great time was had by one and all at Brownsville. The pavilion provided a seaside respite from the rain on Saturday perfect for playing all the fun games Jackie planned. Jenna Ashbrook showed her athleticism and wit knocking over cans faster than her competition; Jon & Sharon Everett made it to the final round in the water balloon toss, lasting one toss longer than Mike & Jenna. Jackie and Sharon showed great technique maneuvering a cookie from forehead to mouth with no hands! And squirt guns were a fun way for participants to knock balls off the poles. After all that giggling and creative fun, we walked to the beach for a big group photo wearing our PFDs for Tacoma Power Squadron's entry in support of the national Ready, Set, Wear It campaign, courtesy of our fine photographer, Cindy Warren. Even our members' dogs showed class and sensibility sporting their PFDs, too!

Todd & Melinda Mackey brought dill over from their boat and helped the Ringstad's put together lemon-butter-dill baked salmon for the grill. Our Saturday potluck was a big success, too, with members who also drove over for the afternoon shenanigans, photo & dinner.

Sunday treated us with sunshine and gave us all a chance to out-smart the wind. Everyone got back to their moorage before the rains, we had pretty days on the water, coming and going.

Thanks to everyone who joined in on the fun rendezvous to Brownsville, by sea and by land, it was great to see everyone!

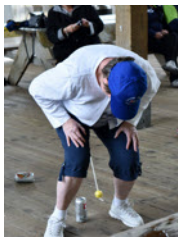
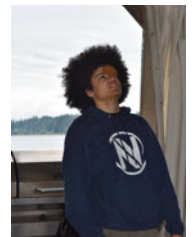
By Boat

- Nancy & Geoff Ringstad
- Jackie & Richard Mattox
- Karen & Jim Jackson
- Tim & Linda Craig
- Brad & Mila Nystrom
- Todd & Melinda Mackey
- Mike & Jenna Ashbrook
- Stan & Debbie Wolfe
- Jon Everett & Sharon Cryan

- Cinnamon Girl
- ClasSeaLass
- Laura James
- Sweet Surrender
- Ameretto II
- August
- The Big Easy
- Grey Wolfe
- Tourmaline

by Land

- Connie Thompson
- Otto & Christine Rasmussen
- Quinn Rasmussen
- Larry & Cindy Warren
- Jim & Debbie Harden
- Lance & Brenda Williamson



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)



FROM THE GALLEY

Cdr Lance Williamson, P

Older boats like *Prequel* may have a galley stove that is old and does not work well. Our stove is a “combination” stove – it runs on electric or alcohol. The electric mode takes AGES to boil water for coffee due to the pan not sitting directly on the burner (poor design by Bayliner). What’s a person to do? Mike Dickens of Paradise Yachts recently wrote a blog post on induction cooking on a boat. (About the same time that blog post was written our church purchased two new induction stoves.) One might ask, “What is induction cooking and why is induction cooking important to the boater?”

Mike writes, “An induction-cooker element, the burner, is a powerful, high-frequency electromagnet, with the magnetism generated by electronics in the unit’s ceramic surface. When a piece of magnetic material—such as a cast-iron skillet— the cooking pot must have iron in it to work – is placed on the magnetic field that the element is generating, the field transfers energy into that metal. That transferred energy causes the pot to become hot. By controlling the strength of the electromagnetic field, we can control the amount of heat being supplied to the pot and we can change that amount *instantaneously*. It really does work. A pot of rice takes about 30 seconds to boil. And it uses less energy than an electric stove or even propane to accomplish the same result. And it is safe to use on the trawler, sailboat or used motor yacht as there is no open flame or heat; you can even touch the burner when it is on and it is ice cold. And at the low temperatures which are used for cooking, it only draws 2 AMPS.”

Amazon sells several countertop induction burners. Check them out. *Prequel* may have an induction-cooker before our summer trip. After all, that first cup of coffee in the morning cannot happen fast enough!

Earn \$10

Read “The Wake Astern”

P/C Jackie Mattox, AP

This month I have 4 questions for you to answer. All answers are in the Tacoma Power Squadron (TPS) articles of this edition of “The Wake Astern.” If you answer at least three of the questions correctly, your name will be placed in the drawing for \$10. There will be two winners. Drawings will be held on the 15th of the month of the Newsletter. For instance, this drawing will be held on 15 July. You do not need to be present to win and will be notified by e-mail. I will also let you know that I received your entry. Only TPS members are eligible. All entries received by 15 July will be entered in the drawing.

Read “The Wake Astern” July edition and you could be \$10 richer.

- Questions:
1. Can you name the new Tacoma Power Squadron members?
 2. Who do you contact regarding boating education?
 3. When is the next general meeting?
 4. When is the Jarrell Cove rendezvous and who do you contact if you want to attend?

Send your answers by e-mail to jrgeezers@comcast.net or mail to Jackie Mattox, 5105 Grand Loop Apt 811, Tacoma, WA 98407.

The winners for June are Connie Thompson, AP and D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN


The intentional errors in the June 2016 issue were:

- Page 2 Commander article: 3rd paragraph **their** s/b **there**
- Page 3 Executive Officer: practicing the **principals** s/b **principles**
- Page 9 Daffodil report: thanks from all of us for **you’re** s/b **your**
- Page 11 Des Moines: **all-whether** s/b **all-weather**

Errors we missed but someone else found:

- Page 2 Commander’s message, “**geodesic**” should be “**geodetic**”
- Educational Department 4th paragraph “**Maintainence**” should be “**Maintenance**” class...





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