



Tacoma Power Squadron



The Wake Astern

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COMMANDER



Cdr Lance Williamson, P

I would like to begin this month's ramblings with a big "Thank you!" to all who helped make the Change of Watch so memorable. It is humbling to think about so many people attending the Change of Watch. I really appreciate each and every one of you!

The meal is provided by the Executive Board. The menu will include pizza, some casseroles, salads and dessert.

The May general meeting will also have a presentation on the geodesic marker recovery program of the U.S. Power Squadron. Locating the geodesic markers is an important way the squadrons can be of service to our country—and we can have fun doing it!

Out on the water, it was good to see so many people attend the Des Moines rendezvous. The weather was way better than forecast; the people were fantastic as usual. Thank you Mike for helping Brenda and I sort out a shifting issue with *Prequel*.

Each general meeting Bob and Pam Gunter staff our "refreshment" center. The refreshments are funded by our donations. Please donate accordingly.

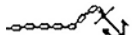
One of my goals as Commander is to get as many people involved in the squadron activities as possible. At each general meeting there is the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. I am hoping to have a person who has served in the military or police/fire lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Please say "yes" if I ask you to lead the Pledge. I will also be looking for volunteers to lead the Invocation.

For many years the Wake Astern has had an article called "From the Galley" written by Michael Nathanson. Thank you Michael for your many years of service! Michael will no longer be writing for the Wake Astern (sad face). However, we still need to have some sort of galley article in the Wake Astern. After all, who ever heard of boaters not eating!! We will be looking for volunteers to write an article with their favorite recipe or galley tip. I will volunteer to write the article for next month's Wake Astern. Who will volunteer to write an article for the Wake Astern following that issue?

Another way of getting people involved will be a new addition to the Wake Astern called "Member Spotlight." I will be interviewing a long-time member and a relatively new member of the squadron for the "Member Spotlight" beginning next month. I hope that the "Member Spotlight" will help us to get to know one another a little better.

There are several rendezvous scheduled in the near future. Check out the information in this issue to find dates and locations.

The May general meeting is our "Member Appreciation" meeting. Each and every member of the TPS is important.

Well, that is about it for now. I look forward to seeing you at the next general meeting and out on the water. 

Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the FriendsSM

**General Meetings
Held
SEPTEMBER THRU MAY
ONLY**

**Executive Board Meetings
Held
On As Needed Basis**

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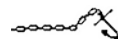
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Hello fellow squadron members,

Please join me in, raising a glass in celebration of our 77th year as the “Tacoma Power Squadron”. The oldest United States Power Squadron west of the Mississippi. A fact that should make us all proud. Our mission has always been and will continue to be three-fold. A fraternal organization dedicated to the intellectual, physical, and social development of its members. A civic organization devoted to teaching safe boating and camaraderie and fun of boating with friends. “Come for the boating education... stay for the Friends”. Our mission along with our Brotherhood of Squadrons in District 16 is not only to make our members educated boaters, but to make others aware of the “Rules of the road”, and that Boating Smart equals safer and more enjoyable boating. As you know, many people don’t think of themselves as boaters, like duck hunters, fishermen, and kayakers. We must remain dedicated and motivated in promoting high standards of navigation and seamanship. Educating those who may not realize that practicing the principals of safe boating will be rewarding not only to themselves but other boaters as well!

We, like most organizations, are having problems acquiring and retaining members, and of course, members that will help lead our squadron into the future. We all must work together in the pursuit of our goals, not just one committee but the strength of all our members. Your Executive Committee is responsible to all of our members for seeing that things are done properly. Committee meetings are announced in The Wake Astern and we encourage you to attend them—they’re open to all members. When you attend, your questions and suggestions will be welcomed. Remember—we’re all volunteers and can use all the input and help we can get! Also, of course, we would love to have a full house at our general meetings, as well new and longstanding members alike.

As your newest executive officer, second in command, I will do my best to have our Commander’s back as well as the interests of all of you. Even so, there’s a lot of things that need to be done to keep the squadron fun, interesting, and worthwhile, and that can only happen if each of us is willing to do just a little bit to help out. T.E.A.M. stands for Together Everyone Accomplishes More. No one can— or should—do it all, but if everyone does just a little, the job will get done, no one will be burned out, and everyone will have fun. We have a lot of great volunteers now but we want everyone to join us in the pursuit of our goals. Please come, have fun and help with our Mission.





Tacoma Power Squadron's Brownsville Marina Rendezvous May 20-22, 2016

Please join your hosts, Geoff and Nancy Ringstad for more **Fun in the Sun** at [Brownsville Marina](#).

We have reserved the gazebo for Friday and Saturday. If no one reserves the upper park, Harbor Master Jerry said we could use the badminton and horseshoe pit, too!

Agenda

Friday night Appetizer & Salad Potluck at the gazebo.
We will have the BBQ rented for anyone who wants to put something on the grill.

Saturday morning Fruit, pastries, eggs & coffee.

1400: We will be participating in the "Ready, Set, Wear it" campaign. Bring your PFD (pets too) to the gazebo for a group picture. We won't be inflating the PFDs just wearing them. This is to promote boating safety week. "The National Safe Boating Council and Canadian Safe Boating Council sponsor this international event, which is part of the yearlong Wear It! campaign to promote boating safety and voluntary, consistent wear of life jackets."

Lunch on your own, sack races on the lawn (just kidding!)

Saturday night TPS will provide BBQ salmon, please rsvp to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert.
Fun & games in the gazebo.

Sunday morning Pastries & coffee before heading home.

Radio 72 to TPS, or call your host's cell phones for your slip/docking assistance.

We're looking forward to a fun weekend with you!

Please contact Geoff or Nancy to reserve your space; they will coordinate with the marina.

Geoff Ringstad, 360-402-4980, geoffringstad@gmail.com
Nancy Ringstad, 360-628-1238, nancyringstad@comcast.net

Earn \$10 **Read "The Wake Astern"** *P/C Jackie Mattox, AP*

I have put 4 errors in this issue of "The Wake Astern." If you find 2 errors, you have one chance to win a drawing for \$10. If you find 4 errors, you have another chance to win. Drawings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month of the Newsletter. For instance, this drawing will be held on 28 June. The errors are in TPS articles only. 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 Tacoma Power Squadron (TPS) members are eligible.

Identify the article, page number and error in an e-mail to jrgeezers@comcast.net or mail to Jackie Mattox, 5105 Grand Loop Apt 811, Tacoma, WA 98407.

I will be doing this for each publication of "The Wake Astern." So read your newsletter and you could be \$10 richer.



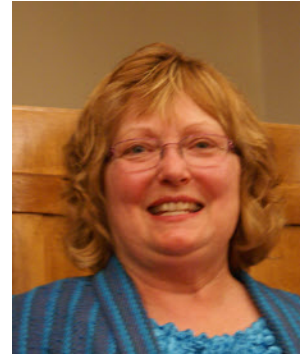
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*D/P/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN
Education Officer*

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



*P/Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN
Education Officer*

Hi to all from your co SEOs Sandi & Otto.

Our May 4th ABC basic boating class is underway at the Point Defiance Boat House facility with 8 students attending the opening class. The class will run five sessions including the exam. We gained another student at class #2.

The AP Class has turned in their exams which were sent to USPS Headquarters for grading. We await the results. Great job conducting the class! Thanks to Kevin & Bev Kennedy and Gary Ball who came to Tacoma Sqdn from Olympia. Thanks also to Orchard Park Health & Rehab and Melissa McPhearson, their Admissions Director, for providing classroom facilities for the AP Class.

The “reorganization” of the Olympia Squadron with Tacoma has opened some educational opportunities looking ahead. There is early discussion of a “Navigation Class” in the works. Also we may be looking at an “Engine Maintainece” class and a “Piloting class”, as well as an “ABC class” for the fall. I will be making some contacts in the near future in regard to JN & N.

For all our members, if you have a subject or class that you would like to see put on please give Sandra Carroll or Otto Rasmussen a call or email. We are keeping tabs on your requests so we can respond to your needs.

Cheers, Otto & Sandi

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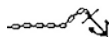
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I was asked to report on two items that were brought to my attention at our local Chambers Bay Marina board meeting last week.

#1- Washington State RCW 8826030 requires any vessel moored in Washington State waters must prove vessel spill liability coverage insurance. (a minimum of \$300,000 spill coverage is required). Fines may be levied to noncompiling vessel owners.

#2- Washington State RCW 88.02.420 requires marina owners to make a list as of July 01, 2016 of all non current registered vessels moored in the facility. This list shall be made available to Washington State upon their request. A fine will be levied on the marina facility if the list is not available when asked for by the State.





District 16 Rendezvous Poulsbo June 24-25, 2016

Mark your calendar for the 40th Annual D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo. Watch for updates and registration forms on www.uspsd16.org & in your squadron's publication. Reservations for mooring and all meals are made on your registration Form and must be received before 10 June.

Docktail Party-Friday June 24, A tour of American Cuisine

Our Docktail party will challenge our imagination and invite each Squadron to serve their favorite Regional American Cuisine. Prepare your favorite hors d'oeuvres and treats from your region and share.

Saturday Morning-June 25, 2016

- Opening Ceremonies, Fire Extinguisher Demo and Flare Shoot.
- Enjoy breakout sessions and Seminars with Sticks and Strings, Optimizing your Website and Cooperative Charting.

Saturday Early Afternoon-June 25, 2016, Extending Our Reach

- Squadrons will share what works to strengthen their connection with the community. How extending our reach within our community may improve recruitment and retention. You may want to use the same style of presentation as you would use in your Sea Skills programs.

Saturday Evening-June 25, 2016

- The catered BBQ dinner features a choice of Pork Ribs or Chicken at the Sons of Norway Hall. Stay on after dinner for the silent auction, prize awards and entertainment.

About 60 slips are reserved for boaters and a block of rooms is reserved in the Guesthouse Inn & Suites at (360) 697-4400, reference "USPSD16".

You must make your room reservation by 24 May, 2016 to receive the group rate of \$90.00 plus tax. Questions: Contact D/Lt/C Mahmoud Abdel-Monem at (360) 279-8972 or ao/uspsd16.org

United States Power Squadrons® Boat School District 16 Rendezvous

The USPS Boat School will be held in conjunction with the District 16 Rendezvous on June 23rd and 24th. Coastal Navigator and Advanced Coastal Navigator certifications will be available. Certifier and Certifier Trainer training will also be offered.

Coastal Navigator certification will be offered on June 23rd and 24th. Advanced Coastal Navigator will be offered on June 23rd. Certifier and Certifier Trainer training will be offered both days. Inland Navigator Certifier training will be available.

The Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (boating simulator) will be available for trainees and certification candidates to brush up on existing skills and the new ANSI skills. The trainer will be available for all District 16 Rendezvous attendees to test their boating skills as well as learn new skills. The simulator will be available June 23rd, 24th and 25th in the dock classroom.

Registration for Coastal Navigator certification and Advanced Coastal Navigator certification is due by June 8th. Materials will be sent to registrants June 9th. Certifier and Certifier Trainer candidates should register by June 8th. A Passport will be needed for the Coastal Navigator and Advanced Coastal Navigator candidates.

Registration information can be sent to Boat Operator Certification Assistant Regional Director Jim West AP-ACN at jwestboater@comcast.net. Phone 360-312-6580.

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Annual District 16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 24-26 June 2016

Registration:

Name: ----- Squadrons: -----

Address: ----- City/State/Zip: -----

Phone: ----- Email: -----

Meal Reservations: **Reservations for all meals must be received on or before 10 June.** No guarantee for Sons of Norway catered dinners will be given after this date!!

Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB) "Dock Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock."
Squadrons will have tables set up between their boats on the finger docks for serving hors d'oeuvres from their favorite Regional American Cuisine to share with fellow district members and guests.

Saturday Evening Dinner: BBQ Pork Ribs or Chicken, Green Salad, Baked Beans, Potato Salad & Cornbread: \$23.00/person. Children (10 and under): \$12.00
Amount _____ # Attending _____ \$ _____

MOORAGE RESERVATIONS

- For mooring reservations, pay \$5.00 to D/16, as an advance guarantee (to be paid on or before 12 June, 2015, Non Refundable).
- Pay Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival for all moorage: \$.90/foot with 30' minimum charge: includes electrical hook-up (30amp).

Docking Request: (Please Circle)

(Bow or Stern) (Port or Stbd)

Reservation Fee: \$5.00 \$ _____

This fee is non refundable, D16 bas to prepay.

Total Enclosed: _____
\$ _____

Please Check Arrival Day: (Tuesday) (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)
If you are coming by boat for any part of the D16 events PLEASE register with us by using this form.

Hail on Ch72 on arrival. _____ LOA _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Special Considerations: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Call Guesthouse International Inn at 360-697-4400. Reference "USPSD16 for group rate of \$90.00 plus tax. **Group block rate closes May 24, 2016. Please make your hotel reservations early.**

Please download this Registration Form, complete and mail with your payment by 10 June, 2016 to:

P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP
31820—37th Ave. SW, Federal Way, 98023-2176

Make checks payable to: District 16

For Questions Contact D/Lt/C Mahmoud Abdel-Monem, SN, Phone: 360-279-8972.



Tacoma Power Squadron 2016 Rendezvous Schedule

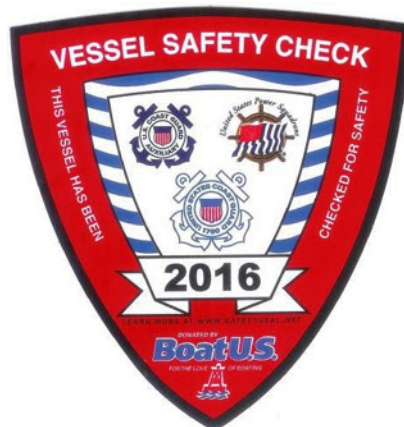
June 24-26	Poulsbo District 16 Rendezvous	Becky Arrington 253-381-6226 See Wake Astern for sign up form
July 8-10	Jarell's Cove No Reservations	Karen & Jim Jackson Jackie & Richard Mattox
August 12-14	Bell Harbor 10) boats 206-787-3952	Call Marina to make your Reservation \$5 Reservation fee to Hosts Mike & Jenna Ashbrook
September 2-6	Port Orchard 12) boats	Black Berry Festival at Bremerton \$5 Reservation fee to Hosts Need Hosts
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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Daffodil Boat Parade “Fun in the Sun” April 15-17, 2016

It was truly a weekend of “Fun in the Sun”. Tourmaline was in a boat house and had lots of hands decorating her with daffodils, bows, flags, and banners. Thanks to all who lent a hand and provided decorating advise. Thanks so much to the basin control crew and TYC who made this possible. Otto Rasmussen had graciously volunteered to be an officer on our flag ship. The sunny weather didn’t agree with him and Jon Everett stepped up to take his place. Tom Ferree provided him with the proper attire. Our officers wore all matching PFD’s again thanks to Lance & Brenda Williamson. Poverty Bay didn’t have a boat in the parade this year so Craig Brown volunteered to captain Tourmaline during the parade. Although we didn’t place there were many good times and memories made. Thanks to all who helped and special thanks to Jon Everett and Sharon Cryan for volunteering Tourmaline for our flag ship. Hotel California was once again hard to escape with beverages and food for all provided by Dave and Annie Dikeman. Thanks from all of us for you’re wonderful hospitality. We hope to see them both out on the water soon with us! Please let **Jackie** know if you didn’t receive a ribbon and attended.

Officers

- P/C Larry Warren
- P/C Viki Sharp
- Cdr Jackie Mattox
- Cdr Craig Brown
- Lt/C Jon Everett

Attendees, Decorators, TYC Volunteers

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Jon Everett & Sharon Cryan | Tom Ferree |
| Tim Craig | Jim & Janet Martinek |
| Stan & Debbie Wolfe | Viki & Chuck Sharp |
| Connie Thompson | Lance & Brenda Williamson |
| Otto Rasmussen | Mike & Becky Arrington |
| Margaret & Ted Reyhner | Jim & Debbie Harden |
| Cindy & Larry Warren | Francie & Burr Hope |
| Dave & Annie Dikeman | Richard & Jackie Mattox |
| Phyllis Haynes | Bev & Kevin Kennedy |
| Cliff & Bentley & Dylan Rickmers | |

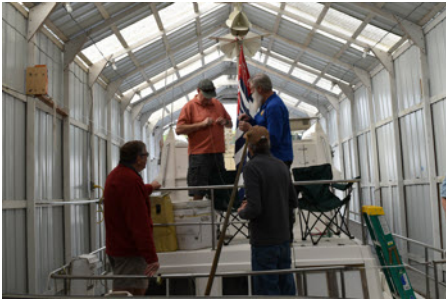


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Des Moines Rendezvous April 22- 24, 2016

The weather cooperated, for the most part as all the arrivals were conducted without the typical Des Moines wind and current. After shaking off the week with an "on your own" Friday evening, folks congregated in the all-whether activity tent for coffee and a light breakfast provided by the hosts, Debbie and P/Lt/C Stan Wolfe, AP-CN. Saturday morning's light drizzle gave way to a beautiful afternoon. Most folks seemed content lounging around or perhaps doing some light shopping. But since this is a boating event, there were some projects undertaken, especially since the expertise and help was readily available. Right on schedule, everyone re-grouped in the activity tent for a splendid pot luck dinner. After a few words from our outgoing Commander, Cdr Jackie Mattox, AP, everyone filled their plate and enjoyed the camaraderie our social events offer. Come Sunday morning, boats slipped away in ones and twos, catching the tide or the current depending on their final destination. All-in-all, a pleasant, low key event.

Attendees arriving via boat were:


Lt Becky (S) and Lt Mike Arrington, Gotta Boat
Lt Brenda (P), and Lt/C Lance Williamson, P, Prequel
Cdr Jackie (AP) and Lt Richard Mattox (AP), ClasSeaLass
Jim and Karen Jackson, Laura James
Carole and Tom Hoime, Dancing Queen
Linda (S) and P/C Tim Craig (P), Sweet Surrender
Debbie and P/Lt/C Stan Wolfe, AP-CN, Grey Wolfes'

Arriving via land yacht were:

Annette Dildine
Barb (AP-IN) and Gary Dildine (AP-IN)
P/Lt/C Otto Dohm, P
Connie Thompson, AP



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ABC Cls at Pt Defiance	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Deadline Wake Astern	13	14 No Ex. Bd. Mtg. till Sept.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Dist 16 Rendezvous Poulsbo	
26 Dist 16 Rendv Poulsbo	27	28 No Gen. Mtgs June thru August	29	30		



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Jarell's Cove Rendezvous	11	12 Deadline Wake Astern No Ex. Bd. Mtg. till Sept.	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 No Gen. Mtgs June thru August	27	28	29	30

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