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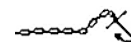
FROM THE HELM

Cdr James Harden, JN- CN

Happy New Year. I hope you and your families are blessed with joy, happiness and good health in the new year. Did everyone get what they asked for on Christmas from Santa? If not, you must be on his naughty list. I want to give “Thank You” to all the members that helped make this year’s Christmas party such a great success.

All of us need to start thinking about our upcoming cruising season. If you have an idea for a cruise, we need to hear from you. We are still planning on having a BBQ outing and a salmon bake outing. But there are a lot of other opportunities for you to share your ideas. Let’s think outside the box.

I know you have heard this once or twice, but there are still several positions that need to be filled this upcoming year. I would like to see some newer members fill some of these positions. I have always found out when I filled a position that I met more and got to know more members as well as having fun.



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General Membership Meeting

January 24th, 2023 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Dy Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday
January 10th, 2023
(6:00-8:00PM)
Black Bear Diner
Lakewood, WA

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I didn't know if all of you knew about the cruise with big discounts for USPS members.

Join us for the




a week of fun, shows, bingo, and meetings with friends
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2023 USPS Annual Meeting
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Susan Walker is our VSC Chairperson, phone number: 253-213-2850. **Please note new email address above.**

Address where the VSC inspectors should send a copy of inspection reports to Sue Walker, P.O. Box 519 Tacoma, WA 98401. She will also be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.



Lt/C Sam Hill, AP

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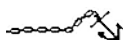


I trust everyone enjoyed their Christmas and New Year. It's 2023, I'm pretty sure I will continue to write 2022 on documents for the next few weeks. I'm looking forward to new adventures in 2023. We (my wife and I) bought another boat for Christmas (Four Winn 328 Vista). Something we can spend the weekend on in comfort. The yellow go-fast Cobalt will be for sale in the Spring. We tested the Four Winns out a few days after we bought it. Spent a few nights on it and enjoyed all the comforts of home. My wife always wanted an apartment in Seattle (moored on Lake Union), now she has one.

The New Year will bring new work adventures for me also. I enjoy the opportunity to travel on the government's dime. Looks like South Korea will happen this year, with a chance also to see Europe on the government. At the same time, I also will be heading to places I may not enjoy as much as Europe and Korea. It's okay, I always find ways to have a great time, while doing the job to the best of my ability, no matter where I am. My wife and I are planning an Amtrak trip from Tacoma to LA sometime this year. Our 30-year wedding Anniversary is on the 28th of December this year. This time we will celebrate it late and ride the rails. We have been wanting to do that for about 10 years, and we are not getting any younger.

Welcome to 2023. I hope you are looking forward to it as much as I am. Do something different in 2023. If you have not made a club event in a year or two, come to one. If you have a place you have been wanting to go, make 2023 the year it happens. If you want a little yellow go-fast boat, I know someone that will be selling one.

I have informed Jim and Stan that I am withdrawing my nomination for Commander. I will not have time to give the job my best. That also means, no more boring articles from the XO after elections. Enjoy the New Year and stay safe. I hope to see you all soon.



GO CHIEFS





Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, Sq Education Officer

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Hope everyone had a joyous holiday! With the new year comes new classes!

Upcoming classes America’s Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound are:

America’s Boating Course: Taking our basic boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance, and qualifies you for Washington State Boater’s Card. America’s Boating Course is the most comprehensive, single source, in-person boating course available to give you the skills you need to enjoy your time on the water and boat with confidence.

What you’ll learn:

- Information about your State Boating Laws, regulations, boat registration, and licensing.
- Required boating safety equipment
- Do’s and Don’ts of boating safely
- Practical Knowledge of navigation and rules of the road
- How to handle medical emergencies onboard and mechanical problems on the water

This class starts January 5th, 2023, at Tacoma Yacht Club, 7-9pm. It is five Thursdays, four 2-hour classes plus the evening of the exam. Cost is \$40.

If you know anyone interested in ABC pass along the information!

Cruising and Cruise Planning: Ever dream of cruising to exotic destinations, chartering in foreign waters, or gunkholing in quiet backwaters? Learn what you need to confidently plan your boat trip and go cruising. Gain the self-reliance and practical skills needed to explore ports and coves for a weekend or weeks at a time.

Cruise Planning is an 8- week course starting January 9, 2023, at Day Island Yacht Club, 7- 9pm. Price for members of America’s Boating Club is \$70 and non-members \$110.

Advanced Piloting (Advanced Marine Navigation) will start March 13 at Day Island Yacht Club and the rest of the classes via Zoom on Tuesdays, 7- 9 pm. Total 8 weeks. Do you want to navigate unfamiliar waters in limited visibility or take an extended cruise with confidence? Learn to use manual navigation, radar, chart plotters, AIS, and other electronic tools in a variety of coastal tide, current and wind conditions. Learn course planning, extended cruise navigation, hazard and collision avoidance, and navigational aids. Our experienced instructors and extensive knowledge base will make you a better captain.

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- Advanced positioning techniques, such as advancing a line of position to obtain a running fix
- Use of a variety of electronic tools: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chart plotters, laptop computer software, and more
- Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g. avoidance waypoints or safety zones in GPS)
- Collision avoidance using radar, GPS, and AIS
- Working with the tide and current data to determine clearances, depth of water, and effects of current
- Piloting in various wind and current conditions

Price for members of America's Boating Club is \$70 and non-members \$110. Students should have taken Piloting before taking AP.

RADAR for Boaters: RADAR is an essential tool for navigation and collision avoidance. The course covers the different types of radar equipment, their capabilities, and limitations, as well as their features and how they apply to boaters' needs. This course was developed by Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons and is up to date for Radar technologies available now and into the near future. The course covers the different types of Radar equipment, their capabilities, and limitations, as well as their features and how they apply to students' needs. It covers what you need to know about Radar, from how and where to mount the antenna to how to interpret the displays, so you can use your Radar for collision avoidance and for navigational purposes. Students attending this course should have completed America's Boating Course (or another NASBLA-approved boating safety course), preferably have completed Marine Navigation (Piloting), and have boating experience. Since September 24, 2018, Radar for Boaters is a required course for BOC Advanced Coastal Navigation.

Radar for Boaters will be 6 Thursdays at Tacoma Yacht Club starting February 9th, 7-9 pm.

The cost for Radar is \$80 for members and \$125 for non-members of America's Boating Club.

To pre-register and more information for any of these classes go to the link below:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=98467&range=20>

How to create links to the Registration Page

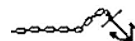
The URL to use is

"<https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?L-17491>"

You can try the link here: [go to registration page](#).

You can use the QR code below on your websites or in your squadron's publications and documents. Copy the image and paste it.

Questions; contact Bentley Rickmers benric7@gmail.com





*Please join me in a celebration of life for Cindy.
Save the date January 8th, 2023, from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm*

The celebration will be held at.

Tacoma Yacht Club

5401 Yacht Club Rd. Tacoma, WA 98407

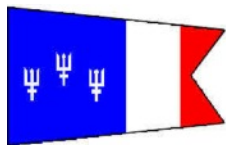
*Please RSVP me by January 4th, 2023, to insure we have enough
food for all attending.*

Contact me @ l.m.warren-1@hotmail.com, or phone (206) 572-3099

Thank you ahead of time to help Celebrate Lt. Cindy Marie Warren CPP

P/C Larry m. Warren CPP





PROGRAMS

*Lt Barbara Prudente
Programs Chairman*



Tuesday, January 24th, 2023

My name is Olyvia Buday, I have been a Law Enforcement Park Ranger for close to 5 years. During my time with State Parks, I have overseen every park within the South Sound Area and am currently the Assistant Area Manager, which oversees Jarrell Cove, Harstine Island, McMicken Island, Hope Island, Eagle Island, Cutts Island, Stretch Point, Fudge Point, Kopachuck, Joemma Beach and Penrose Point State Parks. I am a South Puget Sound native who is passionate about the parks I grew up going to. I would be happy to give you an overview of my time overseeing Jarrell Cove State Park and some of the improvements we've made, as well as some of the improvements we're hoping to make.

If you'd like me to cover anything else, or would like me to answer questions, I would be more than happy to accommodate!

Thank you,

Olyvia Buday #536

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Seattle Boat Show

P/C Linda Martin, JN

Yes, the America's Boating Club of Snohomish County has applied to do Boating Safety 4 Kids seminar at the Seattle Boat Show in 2023. I have requested Saturday, February 11 mid-day shift as in the past.

I hope you will dig out your 2023 calendar the reserve that date for the Boating Safety 4 Kids seminar.

I'll keep you posted on the progress of the application once I hear.

I have included Seattle and Tacoma in this email. If there is a fun-loving person in your squadron that might want to join us, let them know.

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Tacoma Power Squadron
Annual Christmas Brunch
December 2022



*Pictures provided by
Cdr Jim Harden, JN-CN*





Merry
Christmas
Everyone



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December 8, 2022

Tacoma Power Squadron
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Dear Tacoma Power Squadron,

Thank you! Your generous of \$425.00 received on 12/7/2022 will help Nourish continue its mission to provide for those experiencing food insecurity this holiday season. There was also an abundant amount of nonperishable food items.

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Holidays are difficult for the families we serve. With your support, Nourish can provide nutritious food to families this holiday season, allowing them the same joy of sitting around the table to celebrate.

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Be well,

Sue Potter
Chief Executive Officer

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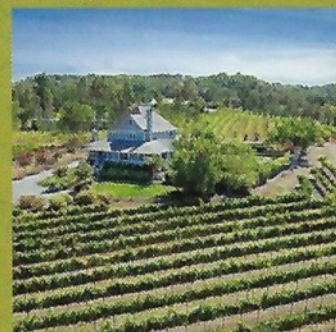
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1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2	3	4	5 ABC Cls @ TYC	6	7
8 Memorial for Lt Cindy Warren, AP @TYC 2:00-5:00PM	9 Cruise Planning Cls @DIYC	10 Ex.Bd Mtg 6:00-8:00 PM @Black Bear Diner Lakewood, WA	11	12 ABC Cls @ TYC	13	14
15	16 Cruise Planning Cls @DIYC	17	18	19 ABC Cls @TYC	20	21
22	23 Cruise Planning Cls @DIYC	24 Gen Mtg 6:30-8:30 PM @DIYC	25 Deadline for February edition The Wake Astern	26 ABC Cls @ TYC	27	28
29	30 Cruise Planning Cls @DIYC	31				



February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 ABC Cls @ TYC	3	4
5	6 Cruise Planning Cls @DIYC	7	8	9 Radar Cls at TYC	10	11
12	13 Cruise Planning Cls @DIYC	14 Ex.Bd Mtg Place & Time TBD	15	16 Radar Cls at TYC	17	18
19	20 Cruise Planning Cls @DIYC	21	22	23 Radar Cls at TYC	24	25
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