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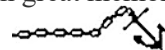
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When I was a kid some sixty-five years ago my favorite family thing, we did during summer vacation was camping. Now I didn't really have a say in where we would go, (what kid does) but for me it didn't really matter where, in the mountains, on the river or at the ocean it was all good to me. Now if I had to choose, it would have been at the ocean. Miles of sand dunes and beaches to explore. As most of us probably remember, back then parents let us have a lot more freedom without knowing where we were at all times. I remember one such time my brothers and I were on the beach, and they buried me up to my neck in the sand and then they left me there. I'm pretty sure that it was my idea to begin with! But I didn't know they would leave me there. My mom figured something must be up and came to my rescue. One of my father's favorite places at the ocean was a place called 'Dexter's by the Sea'. It was down by Tokeland, WA. One of my favorite memories was a camping trip with my aunts and uncles and cousins at 'Dexter's by the Sea' over the Fourth of July. I remember it was one of those rainy fourths and my dad had brought a huge tarp (I think he was the original tarp camper guy). He set it up between the tents so we could have a dry place to sit and eat by the campfire. Well like most tarps in the rain, there's always some place that fills up with water. One of my uncles decided he'd push that area up to dump the water out, unfortunately, where the water went was straight into our tent. Oh well it was just one of those things that happen when you're camping that adds to the camping experience. My parents wouldn't sleep in the tent, they would sleep in the station wagon dry and warm. Back in those days, I don't remember formal fireworks displays, but when you're at the ocean, every family brought fireworks, some simple and some grand. I remember sitting on the beach after dark watching fireworks for hours on end.

Hopefully nothing will take those precious memories from me, unfortunately the ocean took 'Dexter's by the Sea' out to sea, washed away with the strong currents and time. Hope your summer is filled with great memories! Bring some of your summer memories to all of us in the fall, we'd like to hear them.



(Picture provided by Cdr Larry Warren, AP)

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS HELD SEPTEMBER THRU MAY ONLY

Executive Board Meetings HELD ON AS NEEDED BASIS

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Hi Everybody!! Hope you are enjoying your summer on the water. Remember be safe out there. Here are some articles in the July news items that I thought you would enjoy.

West Marine Safety Equipment Coupons Are Back!

You can now get coupons worth 20% off safety equipment purchases at West Marine. The coupons are good until the end of the year. Details and terms are printed on the coupons. To get one, [CLICK HERE](#). They will automatically open up in Adobe Acrobat Reader, where you can print them. Kudos to Allan Furtado for working with West Marine to get these coupons developed. [-Jeff McKinney](#)

Vessel Examiner Qualification Exam Changes

The qualification exam for becoming a vessel examiner has recently been revised. The exam can be found [HERE](#) and on the VSC web page --> [Become a Vessel Examiner](#). There is a 2-hour time limit to complete it once you start. If you do not pass, the details of the items you missed will show up in an email so you can go back and study them before trying again. Once you pass with a 90% or better, both you and the safety committee will be notified right away. Special thanks to Carl Filios of Information Technology for his hard work in getting this completed. [-Jeff McKinney](#)

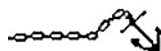
What Changes Are Coming to Instructor Certification?

During the 2023 Governing Board Meeting, the Instructor Development Committee will present a new procedure for the certification of instructors. The one-hour lesson plan is being replaced with a single-focus learning experience created by Instructor Development Course members. Class members will demonstrate planning for teaching using a single idea or concept. They may use material from ABC3, another course, or personal or observed boating experience. If you are coming to Kansas City for the meeting, please join us for a seminar presenting the new planning format. You will have the opportunity to experience planning your teaching by participating in activities and discussion of materials that

- demonstrate creating a learning plan using slide(s) from ABC3 material,
- demonstrate developing a plan from an idea or interest of an instructor, and
- use a new rubric to review and make comments on a teaching plan.

Put on your thinking cap and enjoy learning together in this seminar. [-Robert Rayburn](#)

See ya around the docks





ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



Greetings fellow members of America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound!

Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN Last month I wrote about a few positions that are important to our club's operation but were vacant. The positions were Boating Activities Chair, Property Officer, and Historian. Since that article appeared about a month ago, I've noticed my phone is not ringing off the hook with folks offering to take on these jobs.

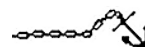
I attended the District 16 Rendezvous, the dinner at least, but not by boat. The issue wasn't the fact that our boat was hit last year, but that one of our dogs has mobility issues so walking all the way up the dock to the park without an accident makes it difficult on us. I noted that only 12 boats attended, two from Tacoma. That means that some squadrons had no boat representation at all. It's a shame. Beside the camaraderie, Poulsbo is a great boating destination. Food, shops, walks along the boardwalk provide plenty of entertainment. The District rendezvous resembles our club's rendezvous attendance. With the overall decline in rendezvous attendance, and the lack of a Boating Activities Chairman, the future of rendezvous in general is at risk. We have about 60 boats in the club, but have older members, not in the best of health, and attendance has been decreasing for years. I'm hoping a volunteer will step up and provide a pathway for enthusiasm that revitalizes this major part of the Power Squadron mission. Give me a call.

My other theme last month was the effort to urge folks to get together for boating activities. In that vein, we are conducting a rendezvous at Des Moines Marina August 18-20. You've seen the email blasts and we have had enough responses to meet the fleet minimum required to receive a great deal. As of this writing there are six boats signed up to attend. The hosts, Nancy and Geoff Ringstad, are putting together some activities and a nifty breakfast on Saturday morning. The marina is offering the first night moorage of \$25 to include power regardless of boat length. Subsequent nights are at the regular seasonal rate of \$1.00/foot (LOA). If planning to attend and have not already done so, contact me or the hosts as soon as possible as the first night deal requires your boat to be listed on the moorage plan.

Deb and I have been boating. My brother visited from Wichita and wanted to go on a boat ride. The last time he visited was in December 2004 so this time we have a bigger boat and better weather. We took him to... wait for it, yup, Poulsbo! Since we went mid-week, we were able to moor very close to the head of the dock thus giving the lame pup a better chance of making the park before getting down to business. We were mostly successful. It was a one-nighter, so we ate dinner at Tizzleys and breakfast at Green Light Diner; both great meals. We hit most of the shops in town, and spent some time in Long Ship Marine. The weather and the boat ride to and from were fantastic.

Deb and I just returned from Kingston, a two-night stay. For the first time ever, we were able to take part in reciprocal moorage at Kingston as members of Tacoma Yacht Club. Port of Kingston changed their reciprocal method from a couple of dedicated slips to a roster based on monthly usage, much like Port Orchard. We would have stayed longer but the tread on the ramp was too rough for the dogs. Kingston is another great place to visit, but there is some sad news. The Red Apple market has been closed down since last October, to be replaced by a Grocery Outlet and Bargain Market this coming September. That was a bummer, but the crepe place was still there and as delicious as ever. The weather was gorgeous, the run up and back was pleasant. With both of us retired, we have discovered several joys of mid-week boating such as less wakes and more availability of mooring. We are looking for like minded boaters and have found a few, so if you are planning a weekday trip, send us an email and if the old calendar is open, we'll give you a call.

That's all for now. Stay tuned, stay safe, and do some boating!





America's Boating Channel Reminder: Knowledge of the Navigation Rules Helps Prevent Boating Accidents

As we prepare to celebrate July Fourth, don't forget that knowledge of the rules of navigation helps prevent boating accidents. If you need a refresher before getting out on the water, you can access an invaluable library of videos produced by America's Boating Channel. These videos are available to USPS members to view and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. There is an index to help you find exactly what you need, which is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection.



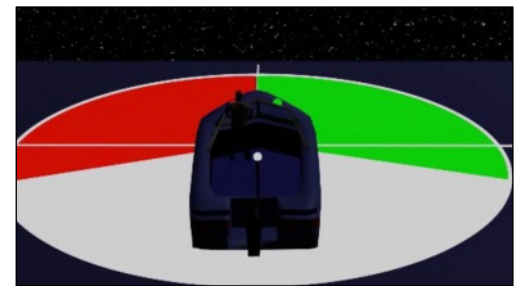
For example, Season Four's "[Behavioral Consequences](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWq-jshx8yU&t=44s)" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWq-jshx8yU&t=44s>) video covers the importance to recreational boat operators of having a working knowledge of the navigation rules. Viewers learn about the dangers of not following the rules of the road. Also featured are tips for responsible boating. Boating responsibly can lead to lasting memories, while bad boating behaviors can cause issues ranging from mere embarrassment to major catastrophe.



America's Boating Channel™ produced a sequel to this video in Season Five titled "[Collision Avoidance](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cXv6s7wqjE&t=1s)" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cXv6s7wqjE&t=1s>), which covers the most basic and essential navigation rules. Viewers learn how to determine stand-on and give-way vessels in various circumstances. It also features tips for steering clear of potentially dangerous situations. For example, at night not using navigation lights or not learning

how to interpret them can lead to incidents with more serious outcomes than during the day. Again, these two videos are good refreshers before visiting your local waterway at a time of year when it will be most crowded.

You can follow the above links or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other safe boating videos, which also are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.



In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Des Moines Rendezvous August 18 - 20, 2023 Hosts: Geoff & Nancy Ringstad

Tacoma Power Squadron (aka America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound) will rendezvous at Des Moines Marina the weekend of August 18-20, 2023. We are trying to flesh out the schedule of activities and get our boat owning members out on the water. We need your commitment to attend not later than July 6, 2023.

There is lots to do:

Boaters can fuel up, pump out, or stop by for one or both nights on their way to somewhere else.

Tentative plan and times to be based on number of boats attending:

Friday - Arrive and gather for a dutch treat dinner out at Anthony's (5:30ish PM).

Saturday - Breakfast with egg wraps & fruit (9:00 - 10:00 AM)

- In the afternoon, attendees and land yachters are invited to hang around the docks with lemonade, pretzels, and conversation or head up town to explore.

- Potluck dinner, so bring your slow cooker or salads, veggies, etc. (5:30 PM)

Sunday - grab some fruit & muffins before pumping out and heading home with noon checkout.

We need a minimum of 5 boats to use the guest center without fee, and the club will spring for the refundable deposit.

Reservation fee is \$10.00, but the first night's moorage for registered boats is only \$25.00 regardless of boat size. The club will collect the reservation fee and first night's moorage. Power is \$3.00 per night and along with the second night's moorage of \$1.00 per foot LOA (\$20.00 minimum) payable to the marina at the gas dock office.

The club needs to complete our moorage plan not later than July 6, 2023 and pay the marina. Attendees simply need to contact Stan Wolfe, (253-984-6101) wolfesd@comcast.net, or Nancy Ringstad (360-628-1238) nancyringstad@comcast.net to reserve.





Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2023 Rendezvous Schedule

August 18-20

Des Moines Marina

Hosts Geoff & Nancy Ringstad
(See Page 6 for details)

September 23

Salmon Bake

Chuck & Vicki Sharp's Home
(details will be provided in the near future)



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Address where the VSC inspectors should send a copy of inspection reports to: 4634 Kent Ct, Kent WA 98032-7112. He will also be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.

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