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THIS HAS BEEN A GOOD MONTH: I was so excited to receive a call from Francie Hope telling me that she would accept nomination for the secretary job. I also appreciate all of you who have agreed to be nominated for positions. Lance will have a great group to work with. Our April meeting will be the Change of

Watch when Lance will take over leading our squadron for the next year. Hope you will be able to attend. I'm sure Lance is planning a great time.

SPRING CONFERENCE March 18-20 2016: TPS is hosting the District 16 Spring Conference. Our P/C Christine Rasmussen, SN will be sworn in as District Commander. Don't forget to register or sign up to volunteer during the conference. Thank you to those who already volunteered. Larry Warren will be getting with you to assign times and jobs. So sign up to attend and support Christine and TPS. The registration form is in this issue of The Wake Astern.

COPPERLINE LAND RENDEZVOUS: The Copperline Land rendezvous was a big success again. This may become

an annual event. We had 64 attendees including some prospective new members and 4 Olympia Sail & Power Squadron members. Thank you for making our guests feel welcome. They all had good things to say about how friendly everyone was. Thank you to everyone who was still there when we starting cleaning up. The room was cleaned up in no time and looked like no one had been there. This really is a great group of people.

NEW MEMBERS: Last month's meeting we swore in new members, Aaron and Joscelyn Strasser, Patti McElroy and Ben and Maryann Dahle.

STILL TRYING TO FILL IMPORTANT POSITIONS: We have nominations for the elected positions except Executive Officer and Administrative Officer. Thank you to those who said yes when asked to serve. Now we need to work on the positions left on the bridge and our committee positions. I know that we will be successful. These are the jobs that still need to be filled: Administrative Officer, Property Officer, Boat Show Chairman, Program chairman, Commencement Bay

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This is the penultimate article for the Wake Astern that I will be writing as the Tacoma Power Squadron's Executive Officer. So I have been wondering, "What should I write about this month?" Should I write about the time that Brenda and I spent at the boat show (where we saw the computerized trainer for the first time)? Should I write about the FABULOUS land rendezvous we had at the Copperline Apartment's conference room (the food was so great



Lt/C Lance Williamson, P Executive Officer

that I ate way too much!)? Should I write about the upcoming Change of Watch in April (see the registration in this edition of The Wake Astern). I planned on writing this article while on this weekend's rendezvous at Arabella's Landing in Gig Harbor, but alas, I am writing about something inspired by this weekend's rendezvous – but totally unrelated to serving as your Executive Officer.

This weekend I was reminded of the importance of being a part of the TPS and how we practice safe boating skills. Think back to this past weekend and the days preceding it. Each day the forecast for the wind on Friday kept getting worse. Each captain is responsible for the safety of their vessel and its passengers. One vessel (the people in charge of the vessel) made the decision not to take the boat to Gig Harbor based on the weather forecast. That decision was a wise decision! Safety concerns always win the day. Another vessel decided to leave very early on Friday to get to Gig Harbor before the strong wind was to arrive. One vessel came on Saturday because they would not have been able to make the journey before dark. Another vessel waited in the harbor for the wind to die down a bit so that they could safely exit their marina slip. Every vessel that departed for Gig Harbor safely made it to Gig Harbor! The people in charge of each vessel made the right decision for that vessel. Wise decisions = safe boating!

Another example of why it is important to boat together was the docking "dance" at Arabella's. On Friday it rained, and rained and then rained some more! The docking "dance" would go like this: a boat would approach Arabella's and have either called the TPS on channel 72 or called the marina for its slip assignment. Suddenly, a group of people would appear in already-soggy rain gear to take the lines and help the arriving boat get tied up. As quickly as the helpers arrived they would depart for their own boats to attempt to dry off and warm up before the next boat entered the harbor. Standing shoulder to shoulder with TPS members to assist another TPS member is a privilege – and it is fun! The TPS docking "dance" is a great dance!

All in all, in the two years I have served as your Executive Officer I have learned a lot from being around people who are passionate about safe boating and passing that information on to other people. It has been a great two years. Thank you all for helping me become a better and safer boater!

Closing date for articles is the twelfth (12th) day of each month. Please direct all articles to the Editor. E-mail to: ricque0602@comcast.net, Mail to: 5005 Main Street, Apt # 714, 98407. Telephone: (253) 581-1732. Please submit member address and other data changes to the Squadron Secretary.

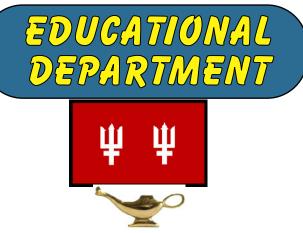
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D/P/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN Education Officer





P/Lt/C Sandy Carroll, SN Education Officer

Hi to all from your co S.E.O.'s Sandi & Otto.

Good news came from our Power Squadrons Headquarters. All the students who took the exam in the Marine Electrical Systems class passed successfully!!! Congratulations to Al Allen, Tim Craig, Ray Maleike and Jerry Nelson. A well done to Jim & Karen Jackson who took in the entire class presention but chose not to do the exam. The benefit of the knowlegde gained is the purpose of our courses. A big thanks to P/C Andy Temple, AP for the great instruction!

The good news continues with all students taking the Seamanship Course exam passed!!!

Congratulation goes to Bill Durkee, Burr Hope, Francie Hope, Patti McElroy, Quinn Rasmussen, Geoff Ringstad, Nancy Ringstad, Aaron Strasser, Joscelyn Strasser, Susan Walker and Dean Haave. A big thanks to Lt/C Lance Williamson, P who taught the class!

These exam results were announced at the January 26th meeting with those in attendence being recognised.

We are planning an Advanced Piloting Class to start in late February or early March. P/C Kevin Kennedy, SN-IN will be instructing. If you have an intrest in the class please contact Otto or Sandi as soon as possible since materials need to be ordered. We have a number of members currently signed up. Come and join them; it's a great class!

At this point Lt Brenda Willamson, P has an ABC class set up at Point Defiance boat house facility beginning on Wednesday, May 4th and running for 5 weeks, including the exam. If you know of anyone who would benefit from taking the Basic ABC Boating Class tell them about it or have them contact Brenda or the S.E.O. for details.

I will be going to the United States Power Squaron Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL in mid February. I will bring back the latest news in regard to educational subjects. There is going to be a presentation on a new Operations Training Coarse which they refer to as "O T in 3 ".

Since this is an area I have been instructing, I am looking forward to what they have put together. I'll keep you posted.

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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Environmental Report





Department of Ecology News Release - February 3, 2016

New state-led clean water rule proposed Protects health of Washington's people, fish and economy

P/C Larry Warren, AP

OLYMPIA – The Department of Ecology today released a <u>new draft clean water rule</u> (also known as the fish consumption rule) that contains a more protective cancer risk rate, in keeping with the governor's <u>directive</u> from October 2015.

The federal Clean Water Act requires states to establish (and keep up to date) standards for how clean lakes, rivers and marine waters need to be for the health of people and fish, and to control pollution limits for businesses and municipalities permitted to discharge wastewater.

The new draft rule aims to protect the health of Washington's people, fish and the economy. The rule provides a foundation for the state's ongoing progress to <u>reduce and</u> <u>control toxics</u> in the environment. Ecology continues to work with researchers and manufacturers to find safer chemical alternatives, eliminating these toxics at the source.

The public is invited to <u>participate</u> in public hearings and webinars on April 5, 6 and 7 to learn more, and comment on the draft rule through April 22, 2016. Ecology expects to adopt a final rule in August 2016.

The Environmental Protection Agency also is preparing a rule for Washington in case the state's rule is not finalized. EPA released its draft rule in September 2015.

The state's new draft rule helps Washington maintain control over how to meet federal requirements to ensure the state is protecting human health while providing businesses and local government sensible tools to comply with updated standards.

Both the state's and EPA's draft rules agree that water quality standards should be based on a daily average fish consumption rate of 175 grams and a one-in-1-million cancer risk rate.

The state's new draft rule offers implementation tools to wastewater dischargers giving them time to come into compliance while working on reducing toxics in their waste streams. EPA's rule proposal does not contain these options.

EPA's draft rule contains overly stringent limits for PCBs and arsenic, and adds a new limit for methyl mercury that will be difficult for Washington dischargers to meet. The Ecology rule would maintain the current standards, as proposed in its initial rule, for PCBs and mercury. Arsenic would align with the federal drinking water standard. United States Power Squadrons®

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Dates, times and locations of public hearings:

SEATTLE - In-person public workshop/hearing Tuesday, April 5, 2016 6:30 p.m. Georgetown Campus South Seattle Community College 6737 Corson Ave S – Building C Seattle, WA 98108

SPOKANE – In-person public workshop/hearing
 Wednesday, April 6, 2016
 6:30 p.m.
 Spokane Centerplace Regional Events Center
 2426 N. Discovery Place
 Spokane Valley, WA 99216

WEBINAR - Online-only public workshops/hearings Thursday, April 7, 2016 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

and 6:30 p.m. until needed More information <u>online</u>

Contact:

Sandy Howard, communications, 360-407-6408, @ecologyWA

If you have information or questions regarding the proposed State- led new draft clean water rule proposal. Follow the links above, or contact Sandy Howard.



March 22, 2016 - A sneak peak and review of the upcoming 2017 Tall Ships in Tacoma. Be among the first to have firsthand knowledge of this event.

P/C Phyllis J. Hayes, SN Programs Chairman



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Tacoma Power Squadron 2016 Change of Watch Tuesday April 26, 2016

Change of Watch will be held at:

Day Island Yacht Club, 2120 91st Ave W, University Place, WA 98466 Dress: Uniform Blazer with white pants or Civilian Casual

Social hour starts at 1800, followed by a catered dinner buffet

Appetizers

Fruit platter, Vegetable platter and Spicy prawns

Dinner Buffet

Roasted Beet Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette Smoked Beef Brisket Pasta with Creamy Mushroom Sauce (Vegetarian Entree) Roasted Red Potatoes Grilled Asparagus Rolls & butter

Dessert

Chocolate Ganache

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Please fi	ill out the form and return v	vith pay	yment (made out to TPS):	
Lance W	Villiamson, P.O. Box 291, C	Graham	n, WA 98338	
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March 4-6	Dock Street 8) boats 253-272-4352	Call Marina to make your Reservation Need Hosts
April 15-17	Daffodil @ Tacoma Yacht Club	Tourmaline Jon Everett & Sharon Cryan Cindy & Larry Warren
April 22-24	Des Moines 8) boats 206-824-5700	\$5 Reservation fee to Hosts Stan & Debbie Wolf
May 20-22	Brownsville 10) boats 360-692-5498	Gazebo reserved for 20th & 21st (\$50) Nancy & Geoff Ringstad
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 yourReservation \$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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Copperline Apartments Rendezvous Cruise In February 6th 2016

By Lt Cindy Warren, AP

Wow, what a turn out! Last year we had around 46) members and guests attend. This year we had 64 members, potential members, guests from Olympia, and Day Island drive ins. At our last general meeting I tried to remind everyone about the Copperline cruise in. One of our members said I don't want to go because that is when they discuss where to have this year's rendezvous and it's not fun. I assured them the rendezvous schedule had been decided and this was just getting together and socializing. Towards the end of the Copperline rendezvous they came up to me and said I'm so glad we came. This was such a nice time. I hope all of you had fun and there was plenty of great food to go along with it. I saw many of you playing cribbage, billiards, laughing, socializing, and watching the slide show of our rendezvous from 2006, and 2010 to 2015. Connie had a great Daffodil presentation with pictures from last year with music. Thanks to Richard and Jackie for reserving the room and to all of you who helped set up and clean up.





Mike & Becky Arrington Mike & Jenna Ashbrook & guest Booth Tim & Linda Craig Gary & Barbara Dildine Bill & Gloria Durkee Jon & Sharon Everett Tom & Rebecca Ferree Burce & Arlu Goff Kay & Leah Hafterson Tom & Carol Hoime Burr & Francie Hope Jim & Karen Jackson Pat & Lynne Lemagie Todd & Melinda Mackey Ray & Herta Maleike Richard & Jackie Mattox Otto & Christine Rasmussen Ouinn Rasmussen

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(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)









Arabella's Landing Rendezvous

February 19-21, 2016 by Lt/C Lance Williamson, P

The Arabella's Landing rendezvous on February 19-21, 2016 was a total success! Boats, "land yachts" and their passengers safely made it to Arabella's Landing. A rainy, wet, soggy and windy Friday gave way to a glorious sunny and calm Saturday. Shoppers went shopping. The brewery was visited. Coffee on the dock was consumed. Dogs were walked. Laughter was heard. Friendship strengthened. Boats were visited. Of course, there was a mutiny in our midst, so Friday night's dinner out ended up at an Italian restaurant. The Saturday night potluck at Arabella's boat shed was fabulous. Great people. Great food. Great time. A great rendezvous.

Those attending by Land Yacht were: Connie Thompson, Quin Rasmussen, Kay Hafterson, Diana Hafterson, Bruce & Arlu Goff, Larry & Cindy Warren and Tim Craig (thank you Tim for bringing us the coffee pot!!). Those attending by boat were: *Prequel* – Lance & Brenda Williamson, *Grey Wolfes*' – Stan and Debra Wolfe, *Kira Sea* – Tom & Rebecca Ferree, *August* – Todd and Melinda Mackey, *ClasSeaLass* – Richard & Jackie Mattox, *Dancing Queen* – Tom & Carole Hoime, *Tourmaline* – Jon Everett & Sharon Cryan and *The Big Easy* – Mike & Jenna Ashbrook and guest Booth.



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)

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FROM THE GALLEY

This is one of my favorite times of the year to present a recipe...again, it is time for my birthday celebration cake! This is a coconut-coated cake with lemon center. Add sugar cookie angels around the base of the cake and you have a little bit of heaven.

ANGEL WHISPER CAKE

P/Lt/C Michael Nathanson, P

<u>Cake and Filling</u>: 3/4 cup cake flour 6 Tbsp. cornstarch

1/2 tsp. salt
4 eggs, plus 3 egg yolks
1 cup granulated sugar
1 tsp. almond (or vanilla) extract
1 jar (12 oz.) lemon curd (or lemon pie filling)
1 cup heavy cream

For Frosting:

1/2 cup, plus 3 Tbsp. flour, divided
1 cup milk, divided
1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 tsp. salt
4 cups shredded coconut

For Cookies:

1 pkg. (16.5 oz.) refrigerated sugar cookie dough 1/2 cup flour

For Royal Icing: 3 cups confectioner's sugar 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar 2 egg whites, beaten

Directions:

Bake layers: Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line bottoms of three 9" round cake pans with parchment paper. Grease and flour pans. In bowl, combine flour, cornstarch and salt. In bowl of electric mixer, beat eggs and yolks 3 min. or until frothy. Add sugar and almond extract. Beat 4 min. or until doubled in volume and pale yellow. Reduce speed to low. With mixer running, add flour mixture until just incorporated. Divide batter evenly among pans. Bake 10 min. or until done. Let cool in pans 5 min. Invert onto cooling racks. Remove parchment. Let cool completely.

Prepare filling: In bowl, combine lemon curd and 1/4 cup heavy cream. Using electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat remaining heavy cream 2 min. or until stiff peaks form; gently fold into lemon mixture. Place 1 cake layer on platter. Spread with 1/2 lemon mixture. Repeat layering. Top with last cake layer. Chill 1 hour or until set.

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Frosting: In small saucepan over medium heat, whisk together 3 Tbsp. flour and 3 Tbsp. milk until smooth. Slowly whisk in remaining milk. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Cook 1 min. more or until thickened. Transfer milk mixture to bowl. Press plastic wrap onto surface. Let cool 30 min. or until room temperature. In clean bowl of electric mixer on low speed, beat butter 2 min. or until smooth. Add granulated sugar, vanilla extract and salt. Beat 5 min. With mixer running, add milk mixture 1 Tbsp. at a time. Beat 7 min. until light and fluffy. Coat cake with frosting, then coconut.

Cookie angels: Heat oven to 350 degrees. In clean bowl of electric mixer, on medium speed beat cookie dough and flour until blended. On floured work surface, roll out dough to 1/4" thickness. Using angel cookie cutter, cut out cookies. Place angels on parchment paper-lined baking sheets. Bake 7 min. or until edges are light brown.

Royal frosting: In a bowl, sift together confectioner's sugar and cream of tartar. In separate bowl, beat egg whites about 5 min. Slowly add confectioner's sugar to egg white and beat about 5 min. Spoon into piping bag with plain small tip or baggie with a corner snipped with a small piping hole. Decorate angels with frosting.

Arrange angel cookies around bottom of cake.











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