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**COMMANDER**



**F**ROM THE HELM

I bring you good tidings from your Chief Commander Craig Frazer and the National Bridge. The weather was sunny and 80 degrees with warm pool water having a pub restaurant next to it at the National Annual Meeting in Florida. This may be just another good reason for attending the Annual Meeting in Florida next year. The National Executive Officer Ralph Bernard will be attending our District 16 Change of Watch on March 11th and I know he would love to meet you.

There were several items voted on from the meeting listed below:

1. The motion to reduce the National Finance Committee from having five (5) members, to read three to five members was defeated.
2. The motion to allow electronic voting at the national meetings which allows members to vote from their homes was approved. The process still needs some minor fixes, but it did work at the Annual Meeting this time.
3. The motion allowing fees and dues changes to only be voted on at the National Governing Board meeting in the fall was approved. This would align any increase of fees and dues with the national fiscal starting date of December 1st.
4. The motion to increase member dues was approved which haven't been increased for the last five years to:
  - \$5.00 per active member,
  - \$7.50 per active member with family membership, and
  - \$2.50 per active life member with family membership.
 This increase helps the organization to keep up with inflation but not totally.
5. The motion by Houston Squadron through the resolution process was approved to provide all instructor course manuals in electronic form for free.

The meeting had a few other votes electing a new National Treasurer Shirley Heald and a new National Educational Officer Charles J. Wells. I also moved from the Budget Committee to the Finance Committee.

Thanks to the loosely formed COW Ad Hoc Committee, the menu, reservation form, date and time for our Squadron's 2023 Change of Watch has been set. You should be receiving your reservation soon by email. The squadron bridge is hoping all our members will attend this event on Wednesday, April 26th at the Tacoma Yacht Club, this being our 84th year. Doesn't that make you feel old.

Finally, I want to mention the 2023 Daffodil Parade at Tacoma Yacht Club on 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> of April. The squadron will be decorating our boat entry in the parade and needs volunteers to help decorate. Please contact Jackie Mattox if you wish to volunteer.

Thanks for being a member. Please come to the meetings and outings, so we can get to know all our members. 

**General Membership Meeting**  
 March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (6:30-8:30 PM)  
 Dy Island Yacht Club  
 University Place  
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**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday**  
 March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 (6:00-8:00PM)  
 Black Bear Diner  
 Lakewood, WA

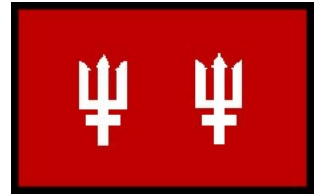
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Lt/C Larry Warren, AP

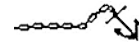
# ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



As of the writing of this article we are less than two weeks away from springing forward one hour in our journey around the Sun. Which means that the First day of spring will soon follow. Looking ahead means warmer and yes wetter weather, on the brighter side, summer is within our grasp and definitely something to look forward to.

For those who took the time to respond to my request for input on your choices or suggestions for rendezvous this season, thank you! It has been suggested that perhaps we should have some rendezvous during the weekdays (Mon. – Fri.). We have many retired members that are free to go during the week and may be able to stay longer. Some people felt that it's a big expense of time and fuel to only go for basically less than two days. Another suggestion was that perhaps we could have somewhere that people could post their plans of cruising to a particular marina or moorage spot at & for a specific time to see if anyone else in the squadron is interested in meeting up with them, for an impromptu rendezvous. We currently have scheduled a cruise-in rendezvous on May 20th 2023, a land yacht event, leave your boat at home day, BBQ, picnic get together hosted by Barb and Gary Dildine. There will be more info as we get closer to the event. Also, we have Salmon Bake scheduled on the 23rd of September, 2023 hosted by Viki and Chuck Sharp, more info when we get closer to the event. We have a suggestion that should be considered by all those who love to get out in their Kayaks for some fun on the water. How about a planned trip or daytime tour around Tacoma in your kayak with friends and family? If you have some input or comments on these suggestions or have some more ideas, please feel free to Email me with your comments, at (l.m.warren-1@hotmail.com).

Just a reminder about the scheduled rendezvous at Dock Street Marina on March 24th – 26th 2023, please give Dock Street a call to reserve your spot. The Tacoma Yacht club is hosting the annual Daffodil Marine Festival April 14th – 16th 2023 "87 Years Around the Sound" let me or Lt/C Bentley Rickmers know if you would like to attend by boat or would like to help decorate the parade boat on Saturday April 15th, 2023. Of course April would not be complete without our Change of Watch held on Wednesday, April 26th 2023 at the Tacoma Yacht Club for our 84th year! Please complete and submit your registration ASAP. We look forward to seeing all of you there.



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**Email: sue98402@gmail.com**  
**Phone: (253-213-2850)**  
**Address: P.O. Box 519**

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.

Closing date for articles is the fourth Wednesday of each month. Please direct all articles to the Editor. E-mail to: ricque0602@comcast.net, Mail to: 5105 Grand Loop, Apt # 811, Tacoma, WA 98407. Telephone: (253) 581-1732. Please submit member address and other data changes to the Tacoma Power Squadron Secretary.



Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S  
Sq Education Officer

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound is offering Advanced Piloting (Advanced Marina Navigation) via Zoom starting March 13th. All other classes will be on Tuesdays.

This is an 8-week course from 7pm-9pm. Completion of Piloting is recommended before taking Advanced Piloting. In this course, you will learn to use manual navigation, radar, chart plotters, AIS, and other electronic tools in a variety of coastal tides, current and wind conditions. Learn course planning, extended cruise navigation, hazard and collision avoidance, and navigational aids.

### What's included?

- 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
- Simple skills for checking that one is on course.

Cost for this course is \$110 for non-members of America's Boating Club and \$80 for members providing you have the tools from the Piloting class.

**America's Boating Course (ABC)** will start April 24 at Day Island Yacht from 7 pm – 9 pm. There will be 3 in person classes on Mondays and one Zoom class plus the night of the exam. Passing the exam qualifies you for Washington State Boaters Card and discounts on insurance. All ages are encouraged to take this class.

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.
- Dos 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.
- The basics of towing and trailering
- Special important information for hunters, anglers, and sports enthusiasts.

Price for this course is \$40.

To pre-register for either course click the link below:

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

(Education Officer Report continued on Page 5)





We recently finished the Cruise Planning course led by Commander Jim Harden. Currently we have Radar on Thursdays at Tacoma Yacht Club instructed by Andy Temple. Hopefully we will offer Engine Maintenance again in the spring.

CONGRATULATIONS

One of our instructors, Gary Ball, SN, recently completed the last education course which qualifies him for his "Full Certificate" and the distinction of Senior Navigator.

To qualify for this award a person must pass all advanced courses and 2 electives.



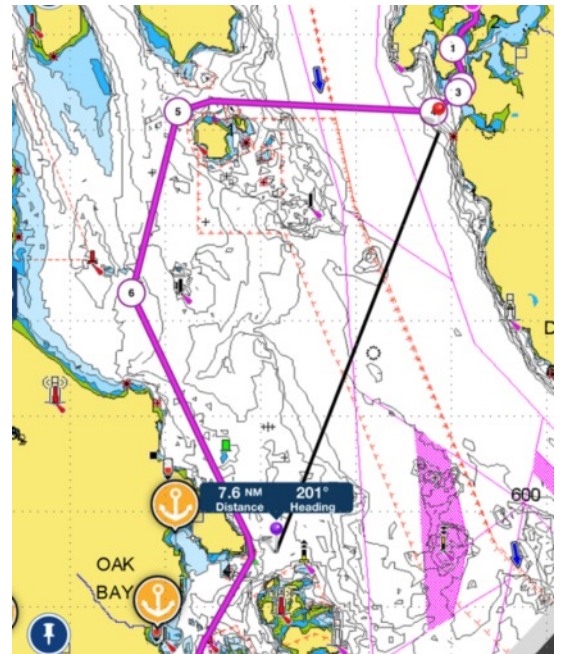
# Navigating Electronically

## The Joys and Pitfalls

Modern boaters rely on their electronics – but can you always trust them? Under certain conditions, over-reliance on them can threaten your, and your boat’s, safety.

Using examples from local waters, this seminar will share how to plan routes and operate your boat safely using electronic charting systems/MFDs. You will learn:

- Their underlying data sources
- How to read them
- How to use them
- When you can trust them and when you can't



What is wrong with this AutoRoute?

**April 17, 2023; 6:30 PM**

**At San Juan Island Yacht Club and on Zoom**

**recording will be available at later date**

**To Register: [www.abcsji.coursesform.com](http://www.abcsji.coursesform.com)**



## Tacoma Power Squadron Executive Board Meeting Agenda February 14, 2023

**Call to Order at 6:10 pm (break for dinner)**

Attending at Black Bear Diner:

Gary & Barbara Dildine, Jim Harden, Jackie and Richard Mattox, Karen Jackson, Beth Stone

Pledge of Allegiance

### **Officer's Reports:**

Secretary Officer Lt Beth Stone, P

General Meeting Minutes from January were approved.

Treasurer Lt/C Jackie Mattox, AP:

Operating Account: XXXXXXXX

Cruise Account: XXXXXXXX

Savings: XXXXXXXX

Total: XXXXXXXX

Motion made to accept and was approved.

Executive Officer Lt Sam Hill, AP:

- Sam was unable to attend.

Education Officer Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S:

Bentley was unable to attend

Admin Officer Lt/C Larry Warren, AP:

Larry was unable to attend.

Commander Cdr James Harden, JN-CN:

OD1 Report - Annual Historian. Report. Required by National. We don't have a historian. Secretary should do it. Fill out all the positions (National website has it). Beth Stone will fill it out.

National Call to Meeting. Jim will be voting on. Wants our input.

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(Exec Brd Mtg Minutes continued from Page 6)

Dues increase - \$5 per active member, \$7.50 for family, \$2.50 for life member with family. Hasn't been raised in 2 - 3 years.

National wants us to have 2 delegates. Will be Zoom meeting. Meeting starts at 6:00 am PST, but nothing happens for the first hour.

March 11 - District 16 COW. One day thing at Everett. We have 3 delegates attending.

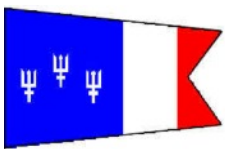
Tacoma Power Squadron COW will be on April 26<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at Tacoma Yacht Club. Dinner will be served.

Sue walker. Has the Safety Decals.

The club will be voting on change of By-Laws at next general meeting on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. Nominating report – The list was sent out. Some positions still need to be filled. Discussion of our current storage situation. We have a 5' x 5' unit which is filled to overcapacity. Several suggestions were discussed including upgrading to a 10' x 10' unit. It was decided to table the discussion until the next Executive Board Meeting when more officers will be present.

Adjourned at 7:28

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## PROGRAMS

*Lt Barbara Prudente  
Programs Chairman*



**March 28<sup>th</sup>** Barbara is trying to schedule a briefing about the construction and history of the Ballard Locks.

*America's Boating Club of  
1939 - Tacoma and South Puget Sound -2023  
Presents Our 84th Annual Change of Watch*

*This meeting replaces our General meeting. Please come join us at*

*Tacoma Yacht Club*

*5401 Yacht Club Road*

*Tacoma, WA. 98407*

*Wednesday, April 26th, 2023*

*Social hour starts @ 6:00 PM Followed by Dinner @ 6:45 PM, No host bar.*

*The Change of Watch will commence after dinner and dessert.*

*A buffet dinner with salads, dinner rolls, and Chicken Parmesan with pasta*

*And vegetables.*

*Tea, iced tea or coffee provided.*

*-Dessert-*

*Dinner is \$38.00 per person*

*Reservations are required by April 18th, 2023*

*Reservations may be made by filling out the form below and returning it with payment to:*

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*Bentley Rickmers*

*Cell # (253) 208-1678*

*5414 80th Avenue Court West*

*University Place, WA 98467*

*Please make payment out to: Tacoma Power Squadron*

*Names of attending Guests*-----

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*Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$38.00 per person*

*Total amount enclosed*-----

*Casual Attire (Uniform is Optional)*





# Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2023 Rendezvous Schedule

**March 24 - 26**                      **Dock Street**                      Beth Stone called and talked with Dameon at Dock Street Marina. We have reserved the weekend of March 24th - March 26th for our rendezvous. I tentatively reserved for 10 boats, but we can change that. As we get closer to the date, Dameon will contact me to give me the details for the individuals to call Dock Street to reserve their spot. A week before the rendezvous, Dameon will call each person who reserved a slip to get the payment and be assigned a dock number. PH: 253-250-1906.

**April 14 - 16**                      **Daffodil**                      Registration on TYC Website

**May 20**                              **Drive in Rendezvous**                      Gary & Barb Dildine's Home (Details on Page 10)

**June 9 - 11**                      **Poulsbo Dist 16**                      Registration Form will be forwarded soon

**July 15**                              **Milk Carton Derby**                      Greenlake, Seattle (details will be provided in the near future)

**September 23**                      **Salmon Bake**                      Chuck & Vicki Sharp's Home (details will be provided in the near future)



## **2023 Cruise In / Rendezvous**

**MAY 20, 2023**

**RAINIER WA**

Ahoy fellow Squadron members.

This is your first notice that The Tacoma Power Squadron AKA America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound is having its Cruise In /Land Yacht Rendezvous, Saturday May 20, in Rainier WA. It is 1 week before Memorial Day weekend, so it won't interfere with your holiday plans.

We will be having a BBQ and potluck just like last year. The Squadron will provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Buns and condiments. You bring whatever you enjoy having at a BBQ, and we will help you eat it. There will be lemonade, water, soda and coffee to drink. You are welcome to bring any adult beverages of your own if you wish. Paper plates and utensils will be provided, but please bring your own seating equipment (just like on water rendezvous).

We had a great turnout last year with 40 people, and hope to see more of you this year. For those of you who were here last year you know what to expect. If you didn't make it last year, ask someone who was here to see what you missed. My observation was that everyone had a great time. The weather was great, which I cannot take credit for, but we are ready for rain or shine. If the weather is wet, we have cover, you won't be sitting in the rain.

Last year we had a display of my old antique tractors, and outdoor games to play (sorry Richard, I forgot to tell anyone where the horseshoe area was). There are 5 acres of nice wooded pasture to explore, a fire pit if it's not too dry and if someone want s'mores. Or you can just relax, sit and visit with fellow boaters. That was the number one activity in 2022, and I have not heard any complaints.

I know it's a way off, but think about it. This is in the March Wake Astern, in 2 months it will be May. Mark it on your calendar, and plan to be here. You will have a great time and not have to deal with tying up to a dock and going to register and pay moorage. What a deal!!! All we ask is that you RSVP by May 12 so we have enough food to go around. If you are planning on coming and something happens that you can't make it, we understand. We make plans and then life happens. Look forward to seeing you in May. Until then, safe voyages.

PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 12

Gary & Barbara Dildine 360-446-0276, if no answer lv message



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2022 - 2023**

Commander	Cdr James Harden, JN-CN
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Treasurer	Lt/C Jackie Mattox, AP
Asst Treasurer	Lt Henry Reisch

**COMMANDER'S DEPT**

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Legislative	Vacant

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Membership	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP
Mbrship Involvement	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP
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**SECRETARY DEPT**

Secretary	Lt/C Beth Stone, S
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Newsletter	P/C Richard Mattox, AP
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**TREASURER DEPT**

Treasurer	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP
Property Off	Vacant
Ship's Store	P/C Tim(P) & Linda(S) Craig

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1 Yr Term	Lt Arron Strasser, S
1 Yr Term	Lt Karen Jackson
2 Yr Term	Lt Debbie Wolfe
2 Yr Term	Lt Henry Reisch
3 Yr Term	P/C Gary Dildine, AP-IN
3 Yr Term	Lt Barbara Dildine, AP-IN

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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2 Yr Term	Lt Becky Arrington, S
3 Yr Term	Lt Leah Hafterson, AP

**RULES COMMITTEE**

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2 Yr Term	Lt Lorraine Stargel, AP
3 Yr Term	P/C Bill Larsen, AP

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

1 Yr Term	P/C Richard Mattox, AP
2 Yr Term	P/C Gary Dildine, AP-IN
3 Yr Term	P/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

**EDUCATIONAL DEPT**

Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S

**ABC CHAIR**

Vacant

**ELECTIVE COURSES**

Vacant

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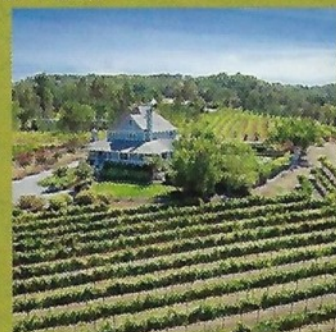
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at TYC**

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**Radar Cls  
at TYC**

**Dist 16 Spring  
Conf & COW**

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**AP Cls  
@ DIYC**

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6:00-8:00 PM  
Black Bear Diner**

**Radar Cls  
at TYC**

St. Patrick's Day

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**AP Cls  
via Zoom**

**Radar Cls  
Test  
at TYC**

**Dock Street  
Rendezvous**

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**Dock Street  
Rendezvous**

**Gen Mtg  
6:30-8:30 PM  
@DIYC**

**Deadline for  
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The Wake Astern**

**AP Cls  
via Zoom**

# April 2023

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**Daffodil  
Marine Parade  
@ TYC**

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Parade  
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