



# Tacoma Power Squadron



## The Wake Astern

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## COMMANDER



Cdr Larry Warren, AP

Our Grandson, Garret, was on Spring Break last week, and I thought it would be great if he could stay with us for a few days. A phone call to my son and with my grandson's approval, we had a date. I was to drive to Port Townsend and pick him up on Thursday, and he would spend the weekend with us on our boat going to Longbranch Marina for a rendezvous with the Squadron. We all packed everything to get ready, and Garret was getting pretty excited. I turned the VHF on and listened to the weather report, sounded like we could be in for some wind in the late afternoon. We decided to get going fairly early taking into consideration. The tides in the Narrows, tides, and currents showed we would be good leaving about 0900 as the slack before the flood was at 1030. Ok, so here we are on the boat ready to shove off and a last check of the weather before we go. Now they are saying the wind window has moved up and should be starting about 0900. We had better get going if we're going to be ahead of it coming in. As we shoved off, there was a slight breeze, nothing to worry about, pretty typical for us in April. As we moved across Commencement Bay toward Point Defiance, the wind picked up slightly, and we had 1'-2' chop.

Now Garret was getting uneasy as he hasn't been out with us on the boat since he was too small to remember. Cindy told me he was upset and maybe we should turn around and go back or go to Dock Street for the weekend. I said everything would be good and I wanted to go to the rendezvous. We are about 45 minutes out and at Point Defiance getting ready to make the turn into Colvoes Passage towards the Narrows when our port engine shut down. Cindy took the helm, and I went down to the engine room and switched to a new filter. I came up and started the engine up, and unfortunately it shut down once again. Ok, so at this point I'm not sure what part of my brain said go ahead, you still have one good engine. I made the turn, and we headed towards the Narrows Bridge with the wind picking up considerably at this point with 2' - 3' chop, wind blowing on our bow and the tide flooding from our stern we pushed on. The wind speed was increasing, and it was getting a little rough, and by the time we made the bridge I'm pretty sure wind waves were 5' - 6.' With the occasional rogue one that slammed us hard enough to make you clench your teeth. I was pretty busy keeping us going straight and headed in the right direction. I wasn't paying attention to Cindy & Garrett, but they were holding hands, and they were sitting in the chairs to stay put. Everything seemed to be doing ok as far as the boat concerns go, she was taking the beating much better than it's occupants. At McNeal Island, we started our turn to starboard into

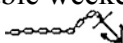
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**Call to Meeting**  
**General Meeting/Member Appreciation**  
 May 23rd, 2017 (1830 - 2030)  
 Day Island Yacht Club  
 University Place  
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**Executive Board Meeting**  
 May 9th, 2017 (1900 - 2100)  
 Orchard Park Rehab Center  
 4755 So. 48th, Tacoma

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Balch Passage for the last 3.5-mile leg to Filucy Bay. That corner was a little harsh as now the wind, and of course, the waves are now becoming abeam of us making for that uneasy feeling, but some zig zag course changes smoothed that out and now that we're in the Lee of Anderson Island, things were almost calm considering what we just came through. With Filucy Bay in sight, we had it made only a few more unpleasant minutes, and we'd be home free and docked at Longbranch. I know you know the saying "Don't count your chickens before they hatch." Well, you guessed it at the point at the end of Anderson Island we started smelling smoke and slightly seeing it. A quick check of the engine room showed nothing, the gauges all looked good and still smelling it we decided to shut down the generator and diesel heater and see if that was the cause. It seemed to stop, and we continued towards Longbranch. Now we're leaving the protection of the island and those pesky winds coming from Southeast were at our beam once again, stronger than before. Now here is the scary part, I can't get the boat to respond to the rudder, and with only the starboard engine we just keep turning toward port. After many attempts, I was ready to hold her into the wind and call Vessel Assist to get us out of this jam. Then a call on the VHF radio from the Tacoma Power Squadron, they could see us and wanted to know if everything was ok. I told them the situation, and they said they would be right there. I asked if they were sure because it was pretty nasty out here. One of our members, Tim Craig brought his 16' skiff with a 70 hp with him on the trip. So here they come, three of them in the boat heading (kind of) straight for us. Waves were probably between 4' - 6', and I'm trying to keep the boat into the wind. Although it took a few tries, Geoff Ringstad managed to get on board and put some lines together and threw a tow bridle to the skiff. Todd Mackey caught and secured the tow line (no easy feat by anyone); they were able to pull my heavy 42' boat safely to the marina dock. Everyone met us and made us feel much better after that ride. And even Garret started calming down with some cajoling by Linda Craig and Nancy Ringstad, we thank you. After a nice dinner and some talk about what had happened, it was nice to be among good Friends safe and sound. As for the smoke, we think it was just the exhaust coming in from the stern because of the way the wind and direction headed. The cabin was a pile of items from the counter that hadn't moved in the 18 years we have owned the boat, but only a couple things broke. Next day Todd Mackey helped bleed the port engine, and I changed all fuel filters and took Fascination for a spin just to make sure everything was ok. We'll need a few new items replaced because of the beam seas, and the radar mast mount will need to be remanufactured. But outside of that a very memorable weekend. Our Heartfelt Thanks go to all our friends who helped and made us feel safe. **Our Hero's!** 

***Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends<sup>SM</sup>***

## News from National

“The National Boater Safety Committee would like to request that squadron general members assist their Vessel Examiners during National Boater Safety Week. This would be a great opportunity for members to see the VEs at work and have a better understanding of their value. This would also be an opportunity for members to meet and greet the boaters with “America’s Boating Club” information.”

Stf/C Bob Bales, AP  
Assistant Chair Boating Safety Committee



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First of all, thank you very much for your well wishes for my assuming the duties of Administrative Officer for the Tacoma Power Squadron (TPS). I do not take the responsibility lightly. I will do my utmost to take on the task at hand to represent TPS and the United States Power Squadrons to the best of my ability. I think the members of TPS are a great bunch of diverse and talented boaters and I'm proud of all that the Squadron has accomplished.

Secondly, I wish to thank all TPS members who contributed reports, articles, and photographs for our award winning newsletter "The Wake Astern." As I mentioned at the March General Meeting, I will continue as Editor of "The Wake Astern" and as Mister Coffee for the TPS General Meetings.

Finally, I would like to thank P/C Lance Williamson, P, for all he has done for TPS. He is a great motivator and his enthusiasm for moving our Squadron forward will have lasting effects. Way to Go Lance!

Now it is time to get behind our new Commander, Larry Warren, AP, and provide him all the support he so deserves. We still have a number of "vacant" positions in need of your help. Please consider volunteering for one of these jobs, keeping Tacoma Power Squadron a strong and vibrant organization.

Smooth Boating and have a Great Day!

Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP  
Administrative Officer



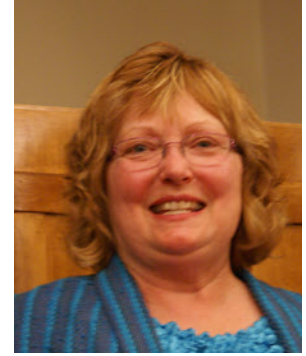
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# Tacoma Power Squadron



*Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN  
Education Officer*

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



*Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN  
Asst. Education Officer*

**B**oth the Piloting Class and the Engine Maintenance Class are progressing very well. We have some students doing both classes, which keeps them very busy doing the homework. The member volunteers and guest presenters for Engine Maintenance are working well, but we miss our engine guru, Mark Hafterson, when we are talking about engines.

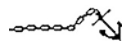
After recent meetings with Gene Anderson with Pt. Defiance Boat House, we are planning to teach the Paddle Smart Seminar (approximately 2 hours) to Pt. Defiance customers who wish to go out with paddle craft. We would do a session Saturday June 3rd, 2017 at 10:00 AM, and Saturday July 8th, 2017 at 10:00 AM. The Tacoma Power Squadron is being asked to do the classroom seminar on Paddle Smart (approximately 2 hrs), and the Point Defiance Boat House staff will do hands on practical demonstrations with the paddle craft, at Owen's Beach following the classroom sessions. If you could lend a hand on either of those dates to help with the seminar, please contact Otto for details. It's a chance to help educate and meet some prospective new members. Our National Power Squadrons Organization provides the books and handouts. The instructor's materials provided, make doing this seminar easy to do, and you don't need to be a paddle boater to present the class.

There will be an ABC Class at the Pt. Defiance Boat House starting on Wednesday May 03, 2017 running for 5 weeks. This class is open to anyone interested in attending. We also plan on doing an ABC class in June at the Pt. Defiance Boat House facility. This class will start Monday June 5th, 2017 with sessions on Thursday June 8th, Monday June 12th, Thursday June 15th, with the exam on Monday June 19th. Our Boating Class Chair Brenda Williamson will be out of town on business during this June class session. We will need some help setting up and packing up the Power Point equipment for the class sessions, and introducing the speaker for the class. If you could give us a hand on this, please contact Otto for details. These efforts all go towards your MERIT MARK for the year!

It's not too early to give some thought to classes that we could plan for next fall that would interest you. Let me know your desires, since I keep tabs on these requests.

I have had some interest expressed about a Weather Class. If we can get a few more people interested, we can plan a class for early October. Give me a call. I have an instructor!

It came out at the recent District 16 Conference that many of our members were not aware that seasoned members could do on the water demonstrations and instruction on a member's boat. The requirements are that the boat have a current Vessel Safety Check and decal, and that the time and date of the on the water demonstration be approved by the Squadron Executive Board. If you would like to hone your talents at close quarters boat handling, let me know, and we can put something together. The United States Power Squadrons has liability insurance that covers these approved activities. Send an Email.



Cheers, Otto & Sandi

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NOTE NEW email ADDRESS for Otto



## MEMBERSHIP

*P/C Jackie Mattox, AP*

**Membership Appreciation Meeting:** The **May 23rd** meeting is our **Membership Appreciation Night**. Invite members you haven't seen in a while, former members, prospective members, friends etc. Pizza, salad, dessert, plates and flatware will be furnished. So you don't have to bring anything. Just come and enjoy each other's company.

**Power Squadron dues:** United States Power Squadrons (USPS) notifies you by e-mail when your dues are due. You will receive an e-mail from "unknown" with a subject line "**Membership Renewal**". When you open it, it shows from: Member Services [nobody@usps.org](mailto:nobody@usps.org). The body of the e-mail has instructions on how to pay your dues on line. Don't know why they send it like this since some of you have probably deleted it. I would have too if I didn't know it was legit.

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## New Members

*By P/C Jackie Mattox, AP*

Jeff Ingman and Jim Cochran were sworn in at the March General Meeting. Both have just acquired new (to them) power boats and are eager to get out on the water. Jeff and Jim are taking the current piloting class. When you see a new member (happy face on their name tag) please make them feel welcome.



(Picture provided by P/C Jackie Mattox, AP)

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## New Hull Identification Numbers ?

*P/C Lance Williamson, P*

The Washington State Department of Licensing is required to comply with Coast Guard regulations requiring that all state titled vessels have a 12-character hull identification number (HIN) that conforms to federal standards. Many vessels have HINs that do not conform to the newer standards. New HINs can be obtained at a Vehicle Licensing Office at no charge. The new numbers will need to be permanently affixed to your vessel as per regulations. You should receive a letter from the Department of Licensing if your vessel HIN is out of compliance. Our inflatable dingy (Lance and Brenda) which was manufactured out of the USA does not have a compliant HIN.

**NOTE:** Remember to notify your Marine Insurance Company if your HIN does change.



# Environmental Report

Provided by Lt/C Larry Warren, AP

## April's Earth Month Activities

### April 22

#### Parks Appreciation Day

Saturday, April 22 (9:00am - 12:00pm)

#### Do something good for the earth!

Participants are needed to spruce up local parks by trimming limbs, grooming grounds, combing beaches and planting more flowers and trees. This annual event draws thousands of volunteers in cities throughout Pierce County, each person lending a hand to keep parks beautiful and to do a good deed for their community.

Individuals or groups with fewer than 10 participants can simply show up at 9 am and check in at one of the designated park sites. A complete listing of participating parks is available at [ParksAppreciationDay.net](http://ParksAppreciationDay.net).

Groups of 10 or more are asked to pre-register by contacting the liaison



listed for the park they are interested in working in. This helps staff to prepare the site with adequate supplies for the work that will be done.

For Metro Parks Tacoma, groups can call Richard M. at (253) 202-5978.

For more information visit [ParksAppreciationDay.net](http://ParksAppreciationDay.net).

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### April 22

#### Earth Day Weekend Celebration

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Saturday, April 22 (11:00am - 3:00pm)

Celebrate Earth Day Weekend at the Conservatory!

Stop by anytime from 11 am-3 pm to plant veggie and flower seeds, learn about pollinators and low water landscapes, and learn how to make your own homemade cleaners.

We also have two workshop options:

**11-11:30 am**

Container gardening presentation by Marianne Binetti (*\$3 suggested donation.*)

**11:30 am-12:30 pm**

Bring your own pot or use one of ours and plant a thriller, filler, spiller container garden with Marianne Binetti. (*\$25, \$20 members. Must pre-register.*) **Register now by calling (253) 591-5330 or emailing [wwseymour@tacomaparks.com](mailto:wwseymour@tacomaparks.com).**

**W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory**

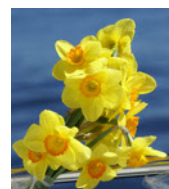
316 South G St.

(253) 591-5330

These are a few of the activities in and around Tacoma area and if you can't find one that fits your schedule then make your Earth day (Month) activities around your home or neighborhood.



## Daffodil Boat Parade “Daffodil Paradise” April 20th to 23rd



Please come and help decorate Tourmaline on Saturday, Apr 22<sup>th</sup>. The daffodils will be available to us at 10:00 A.M in the TYC parking lot. Jon Everett and Sharon Cryan have graciously offered to be our flag ship this year. Tourmaline will be moored somewhere in the basin. Please contact Jackie or Cindy to find out the location, 253-732-2264 or 206-571-3096. There will be food, entertainment, and camaraderie for all at the yacht club. If you wish to partake in any of the week's activities please see TYC's website for information and times. The boat parade will prepare to leave the TYC basin on Sunday at 11:30 A.M. and cruise from TYC past Ruston to the Thea Foss Waterway. Tourmaline won't be returning to the basin. The awards ceremony is at 2:30 P.M. Flag ship awards are based on overall nautical appearance, ship's company at attention, proper saluting by flag officers, and similarity of crew dress, proper use of signal flags, and use of daffodils. In the last 10) years we have received 1) First Place, 3) Second Place, and 1) Third Place awards for Flag Ships. The Hotel California is up for sale. We will greatly miss our gracious hosts, Dave & Annie Dikeman who have invited us over and provided food and drink for all to share. Thank you both for the many wonderful times and memories at the Hotel California.



*Tourmaline at the 2016 Daffodil Boat Parade*





## **ANNUAL DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS PORT OR POULSBO 23-25 JUNE 2017**

Mark your calendar for the 41st Annual D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo. Watch for updates and registration form on [www.uspsd16.org](http://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 9 June.

### **DOCKTAIL PARTY-FRIDAY 23 JUNE, "BOATING WITH YOUR TUNES"**

Our Docktail party will challenge our imagination and invite each Squadron to serve their choose a hors d'oeuvres that reflects your favorite nautical song. Costumes and Boats decorated are encouraged and there will be a prizes for the best presentation of a nautical song.

### **SATURDAY MORNING - 24 JUNE**

Opening Ceremonies, Fire Extinguisher Demo and Flare Shoot.

### **SATURDAY AFTERNOON - 24 JUNE**

Members will be able to attend Sea Skill events from 1300-1500  
Shopping in town is always good!

### **SATURDAY EVENING - 24 JUNE**

The Catered BBQ dinner features a choice of Pork Ribs, Chicken or Vegetarian Offering at the Sons of Norway Hall. There will be a raffle of wonderful items. Bring your check book.

### **SUNDAY, 25 JUNE**

Safe boating to home ports.

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 9 JUNE, 2017 TO RECEIVE THE GROUP RATE OF \$90.00 PLUS TAX.**

QUESTIONS ???

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## ANNUAL DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS PORT OF POULSBO 23-25 JUNE 2017

### DOCKING:

Bremerton and Agate Pass Squadrons will be assisting in assigning docking spots, arrival of boats and docking. Please call in on VHF 72, prior to entering the marina. even if you do not wish assistance in docking, please inform the docking crew of your arrival.

### REGISTRATION:

Friday and Saturday, rendezvous check-in will be at the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) location at the entrance to "E dock". Times for registration will be posted on front of the building. You must send in the non-refundable \$5.00 dock reservation fee with your reservation to ensure you will have a confirmed slip. The remainder of your moorage fee (for your entire stay), must be paid directly to the Port of Poulsbo, i.e. not to District 16. Please check in on VHF 72 when your boat arrives at the marina. The reservation for your meals and moorage must be received by 9 June 2017. No guarantees for the dinner or dock space after this date.

### COASTAL NAVIGATOR AND ADVANCED COASTAL NAVIGATOR:

Certifiers will be available on Thursday and Friday for questions and sign-ups contact ADR Jim West, AP-ACN at [jwestboater@comcast.net](mailto:jwestboater@comcast.net)

### FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL:

The Docktail Party is from 1700-1930 on "E Dock". Please bring hors d'oeuvres from your squadron, the theme is "Cruisin to your Favorite Nautical Tune" Boaters- bring tables to set up on the finger docks between boats. All alcoholic beverages must remain within the docks and cannot pass the ramp. The best Cruisin themed serving station decor and costumes that reflect the song will be honored with "special prizes".

### SATURDAY MORNING'S OPENING CEREMONY:

It will begin at 1000 on the outside grass area at the rear of the SON Hall. The SS Hurricane Sea Scouts will serve as the honor guard to present the colors, followed by the invocation.

### FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND FLARE PRACTICE:

A fire extinguisher practice session is planned for Saturday morning between 1030 and 1200 at the adjacent park's fire pit. During the same time, there will be a flare shoot of outdated aerial and hand-held flares on the beach behind the Sons of Norway Hall. If you have any outdated flares, please bring them to the practice site. Bob Miller, SN (Poverty Bay) will be the Range Safety Officer for the two exercises.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH EVENTS:

- Youth Poster Contest - 1300-1500 at the gazebo in the park (Over looking marina). Materials will be available for children ages 6-14
- D16 Robot, PFD will be "running" the sidewalk in the park.
- Games for Children are being planned and open to the public

### SEA SKILLS EVENT:

1300-1500 -TOPICS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON-

### SATURDAY EVENING DINNER:

A "No Host Bar" will be available 1700-2200 and Dinner will be served at 1800. Both Dinner and the Bar will be provided by and held at the SON Hall. We hope each Squadron will bring 1 dessert or more for each 8 members to share. We also ask each Squadron to donate a NEW nautical item valued in the range \$35-\$50. Bring your donation to the upper floor of the SON Hall at 1530. The raffle will open at 1700. Stay after the raffle and claim your items.

QUESTIONS ???

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## CRUISE TO POULSBO ~ ~ DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS 23-25 June 2017

**REGISTRATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadrons: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEAL RESERVATIONS:** Reservations for all meals must be received on or before 9 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 their favorite hors d'oeuvres to share with fellow district members and guests. The theme for the evening will be "Cruisin to your Favorite Nautical Song" - Prizes will be given for the best decorated boat and squadron members that show your favorite tune. Get creative!

<b>SATURDAY EVENING DINNER:</b> BBQ Pork Ribs or Chicken, Green Salad, Baked Beans, Potato Salad & Cornbread Or Vegetarian Lasagna \$25.00/person. Children (10 and under): \$13.00		# Attending - \$ Amount
Please note selection and quantity: Ribs _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____		_____ (Adults) _____
		_____ (Children) _____

Thursday & Friday 22-23 June - the Northwest Region Boat Operator Certification Program will offer the USPS National Boat School preceding the D-16 Rendezvous. The dates for the Boat School will be 22 & 23 June. Coastal Navigator Certification and Advanced Coastal Navigator Certifier training will be offered. Candidates will use their own boats for certification. For your information contact; ARD Jim West, AP-ACN at [jwestboater@comcast.net](mailto:jwestboater@comcast.net) Note: The Boat School will be cancelled if there is not enough interest. Sign up and complete your certification.

**MOORAGE RESERVATIONS**

- For moorage reservation, pay \$5.00 (non-refundable) to District 16 to guarantee your ship - (Due on or before 9 June)
- Pay Port of Poulsbo Marina at your arrival: \$0.90/foot with 30' Minimum charge: includes electrical hook-up (30amp)

**DOCKING REQUEST** - (Indicate 1st and 2nd choice for each) Bow \_\_\_\_\_ Stem \_\_\_\_\_ Port \_\_\_\_\_ Stbd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reservation fee: \$5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR RENDEZVOUS (Meals & Reservation for Moorage) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle Arrival Date: Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Prior to entering the marina, Hail Ch 72. the docking crew will give you docking instructions.

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LOA \_\_\_\_\_ Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Draft \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Call Guesthouse International Inn at (360) 697-4400. Reference USPS D16 for group rate of \$90.00/night plus tax. Group block rate closes 9 June 2017. Please reserve early.

TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION BY 9 JUNE 2017:

- Download this Registration Form
- Complete and mail with your payment by 9 June 2017
- Send to: P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP - 31820 37th Avenue SW, Federal Way, WA 98023-2176
- Make check payable to: District 16
- Make hotel reservation and payment directly to hotel

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## Tacoma Power Squadron 2017 Rendezvous Schedule

May 26 - 29	Port Orchard \$5 Reservation fee	Karen & Jim Jackson (12 boats) Metal Shed Reserved
June 22 - 25	Poulsbo	Registration form/Wake Astern
July 28 - 30	Kingston *\$7 Reservation fee* 360-297-3545	Need Hosts *Call Marina to make your reservation
August 25 - 27	Bell Harbor \$5 Reservation fee 206-787-3952	Jenna & Mike Ashbrook Call Marina to reserve (8 boats)
September 1 - 4	Swantown \$5 Reservation fee 360-528-8049	Need Hosts Call Marina to reserve (12 boats)
September 16	Sharp's House Salmon Bake	Chuck & Vicki Sharp

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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### Summer 2017 San Juan Islands Cruise

P/C Lance Williamson, P

The planning process for the summer 2017 San Juan Islands Cruise has begun! A tentative schedule has been developed.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Nights of...</u>
Kingston	July 28, 29
Oak Harbor	July 30
Deer Harbor (Orcas Island)	July 31, August 1, 2
Fisherman Bay (Lopez Island)	August 3, 4, 5
Roche Harbor (San Juan Island)	August 6, 7, 8
Rosario Resort (East Sound Orcas Island)	August 9, 10, 11

People are invited to attend the entire trip or any part of the trip. People are also free to take side trips. Additional information will be made available as the planning progresses.

# Tacoma Power Squadron



## Dock Street Rendezvous

March 24 – 26, 2017

*By Bentley Rickmers, S*

The rain came and went. The sun came out and a little wind blew through Dock Street Marina. We had all kinds of weather but stayed dry and warm in our shelter with heaters!

Friday most boats arrived, some on Thursday. Lots of appetizers and two kinds of hot soups were enjoyed Friday evening in our shelter. People began talking about summer cruising and hoping summer will soon be here.

A potluck breakfast greeted everyone Saturday morning. What a delicious array of breakfast from sticky buns to different egg dishes! YUM!! Being well fortified with food some people took off to explore downtown Tacoma while a group took off to the LeMay Car Museum. What fun it was to see all the different cars –old to new and remember having and seeing certain cars. We spent a few hours walking up and down the aisles in awe of all that is there. Back at Dock Street corned beef was cooking. A traditional Irish dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots was prepared by the Rickmers. No one went away hungry!

Sunday, the sun came out for our departures after a continental breakfast furnished by the Carrolls. This rendezvous was the last for Bleu Belle☺. She has been sold.

The hosts would like to thank everyone who helped over the weekend, Randy and Lana Wright, Richard Mattox and Larry Warren among others!

Your hosts,

Bentley and Cliff Rickmers/Sandi and Mitch Carroll

By Boat

- |                 |                            |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Merry Yacht     | Cliff & Bentley Rickmers   |
| Bleu Belle      | Mitch & Sandi Carroll      |
| Grey Wolfes     | Stan & Debbie Wolfe        |
| Sweet Surrender | Tim & Linda Craig          |
| Fascination     | Larry & Cindy Warren       |
| August          | Todd & Melinda Mackey      |
| Polaris         | Pat & Lynne Lemagie        |
| Dogonit         | Randy & Lana Wright        |
| Prequel         | Lance & BrendaWilliamson   |
| car             | Connie Thompson            |
| car             | Richard & Jackie Mattox    |
| car             | Phyllis Hayes              |
| car             | Otto Rasmussen             |
| car             | Gary & Barb Dildine        |
| walk            | Susan Walker               |
| car             | Bill Larsen                |
| car             | Jon Everett & Sharon Cryan |
| car             | Dianna Hafterson           |



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## Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW)

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**No-Discharge Zone (NDZ):** With encouragement from the State Senator (Doug Ericksen, R-Ferndale/42<sup>nd</sup> Dist), members of the Marine Alliance are submitting a formal request to have the Regional EPA's hasty, last-second "confirmation" of adequate commercial sewage pump-out facilities being in place to support a Puget Sound-wide NDZ. As the commercial pump out station in Bellingham is the only existing commercial pump out station in Puget Sound that is **NOT** a private or restricted facility (owned by either a cruise line or the military), we believe the case for getting a favorable reconsideration is a very strong one.


**Hull Identification Number (HIN) Registration/Reporting Changes:** Discussions with the Department of Licensing (DOL) on this one continued. We learned of a pending U.S. Coast Guard rule-making that will cause a significant upheaval for all those who sell, trade, register, or re-register vessels. The rule-making would change a longtime practice of having manufacturer-designated HINs be the numbers that are recorded with all vessel transactions, registrations, sales, and trade-ins.

**Boating Safety legislation – SB 5442/HB 1604; HB 1605; SSB 5552/SHB 1731:** All of these RBAW-supported bills are on the move. The bills repeal outdated language in the Boater Education Card statutes, allows law enforcement – as a last resort – to impound vessels when operators are impaired and would exempt flare guns used by boaters from having to go through a "weapons" background check.

**Retaining Boating Facilities Program (BFP) funding in the Capital Budget:** We continue to talk with various members of the Senate Ways & Means and House Capital Budget Committees on this. The BFP will have \$17.166 million in it for 2017-19 due to new gas tax proceeds coming into the State Treasury. That funding level makes the program a potential 'target' for diversion of funds, similar to what happened a few years ago.

**Multi-year Vessel Registration:** A bill relating to increasing the registration period of automobile registrations to two years in length has been introduced. A recent amendment to this bill would make that option also available to vessel registrations as well. This provision is currently written into the legislation as an option that the vehicle/vessel owner may choose during their renewal process. RBAW will monitor this bill, with news to follow as this proceeds through the legislature.

PC Chuck Gay  
RBAW Secretary and Delegate



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# May 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Piloting Cls</b> @ Totem YC	2	3 <b>Engine Maint Class @ *</b> <b>ABC Class @ **</b>	4	5	6
7	8 <b>Piloting Cls</b> @ Totem YC	9 <b>1900-2100</b> * Ex. Bd Mtg Orchard Park Rehab Center	10 <b>Engine Maint Class @ *</b> <b>ABC Class @ **</b>	11	12 <b>Deadline</b> <b>Wake Astern</b>	13
14	15 <b>Piloting Cls</b> @ Totem YC	16	17 <b>Engine Maint Class @ *</b> <b>ABC Class @ **</b>	18	19	20
21	22 <b>Piloting Cls</b> @ Totem YC	23 <b>1830 - 2030</b> Mbr Appreciation Gen. Mtg At DIYC	24 <b>Engine Maint Class @ *</b> <b>ABC Class @ **</b>	25	26	27 <b>Pt Orchard Rendezvous</b>
28 <b>Pt Orchard Rendv</b>	29	30	31 <b>ABC Class @ Pt Defiance</b>			

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# June 2017



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				1	2	3 <b>Paddle Smart Seminar</b> @ Pt Defiance
4	5 <b>ABC Class @ Pt Defiance</b>	6	7	8 <b>ABC Class @ Pt Defiance</b>	9	10
11	12 <b>ABC Class @ Pt Defiance</b> <b>Deadline Wake Astern</b>	13 <b>No Ex. Bd. Mtg. till Sept.</b>	14	15 <b>ABC Class @ Pt Defiance</b>	16	17
18	19 <b>ABC Class @ Pt Defiance</b>	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Dist 16 Rendezvous Poulsbo</b>
25 <b>Dist 16 Rendv Poulsbo</b>	26	27 <b>No Gen. Mtgs June thru August</b>	28	29	30	



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