



# Tacoma Power Squadron



## The Wake Astern

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## COMMANDER



*Cdr Lance Williamson, P*

**M**y year as Commander of the Tacoma Power Squadron is moving right along. The general meetings of the squadron take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month and it has been fun hearing about last summer's voyages. Last month's Past Commanders' BBQ had great

food and was lots of fun. I didn't realize that being able to BBQ was a prerequisite of serving as Commander.

The executive board of the squadron meets the second Tuesday of each month. I was very proud of our board at its last meeting. The USPS takes safety quite seriously. The board was discussing the massive storm headed for our area on the same weekend as our rendezvous at Longbranch. The board voted to cancel the rendezvous because of those safety concerns. Interestingly enough, the FAA and SeaTac airport closed the airport for several hours due to the storm. I was stuck in California because my flight into SeaTac was cancelled. I hope that all of you were off the water during the recent storm. The board also voted to purchase a new AED to be taken on our rendezvous. The AED will be on hand before our first rendezvous of the New Year. Training on

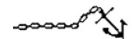
the operation of the AED will occur at an upcoming general meeting.

November is the month when we focus on giving thanks while celebrating Thanksgiving. There is much to be thankful for: family, friends, life, health, food on the table and much much more. We should also be thankful for the freedoms we have in the country: freedom of speech (this applies to our squadron newsletter), freedom to vote, freedom to live where we want, freedom to go boating and much much more. November is also a time to think of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Find a local charity and make a donation of food or \$\$\$ to help those who are in need of food.

Stan Wolfe is going to give a presentation on weather at the October 25 general meeting. Hopefully his presentation will get people thinking about taking the weather course.

Speaking of the weather, it is starting to get colder at night. Now is the time to winterize boat systems that are susceptible to freezing. Don't forget to put stabilizer in your fuel tanks and change the engine oil.

Well, that's about it for now. See you out on the water or at the next general meeting of the TPS.



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)

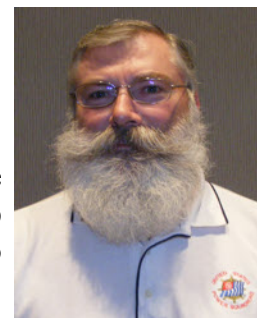
**Call to Meeting  
General Meeting  
November 22, 2016 (1830 - 2030)  
Day Island Yacht Club  
University Place  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Executive Board Meeting  
8 November, 2016 (1900 - 2100)  
Orchard Park Rehab Center  
4755 So. 48th, Tacoma**

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At a recent board meeting we were discussing some possible upcoming classes and Sailing came up and specifically Sailing terms would be good to know. An idea of a crossword puzzle of sailing terms was brought up and I'm sure in the future we'll be seeing such a thing. I thought for now how about some more humorous nautical and sailing terms found throughout the web. I hope you enjoy.

- **Anchor** - a device designed to bring up mud samples from the bottom at inopportune or unexpected times.
- **Amidships** - the condition of being surrounded by boats.
- **Anchor Light** - a small light used to discharge the battery long before daylight.
- **Bare Boat** - Clothing Optional.
- **Beam Sea** - A situation in which waves strike a boat from the side, causing it to roll unpleasantly. One of the four directions from which wave action tends to produce extreme physical discomfort. The other three are 'bow sea' (waves striking from the front), 'following sea' (waves striking from the rear), and 'quarter sea' (waves striking from any other direction).
- **Berth** - a small addition to the crew.
- **Boat ownership** - Standing fully-clothed under a cold shower, tearing up 100-dollar bills.
- **Bottom Paint** - what you get when the cockpit seats are freshly painted.
- **Course** - The direction in which a skipper wishes to steer his boat and from which the wind is blowing. Also, the language that results in not being able to.
- **Cruising** - Fixing your boat in exotic locations.
- **Current** - a Tidal flow that carries a boat away from its desired destination, or towards a hazard.
- **Dead Reckoning** - a course leading directly to a reef.
- **Deviation** - any departure from the Captain's orders.
- **Displacement** - when you dock your boat and can't find it later.
- **Estimated Position** - a place you have marked on the chart where you are sure you are not.
- **Fix** - the crew's estimate of your current position.

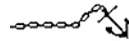
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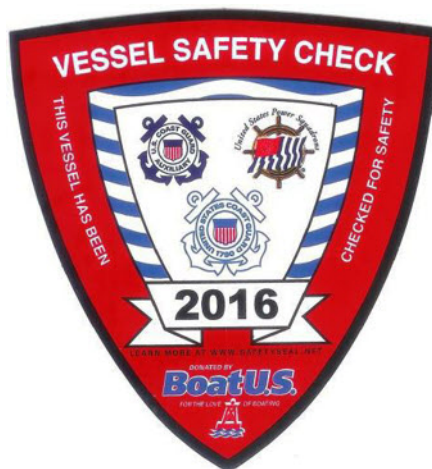
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- **Fluke** - The portion of an anchor that digs securely into the bottom, holding the boat in place; also, any occasion when this occurs on the first try.
- **Freeboard** - food and liquor supplied by the owner.
- **Head up** - Leaving the boat toilet seat up. When boat skipper is female, leaving the head up is a serious offense.
- **Heads** - the deciding factor whether to set out or not.
- **Landlubber** - anyone on board who wishes he were not.
- **Latitude** - the number of degrees off course allowed a guest.
- **Mast** - religious ritual used before setting sail.
- **Mizzen** - an object you can't find.
- **Rhumb Line** - two or more crew members waiting for a drink.
- **Sloop** - A sailboat with beer and/or wine in the cabin.
- **Sheet** - cool, damp, salty night covering.
- **Tack** - A maneuver the skipper uses when telling the crew what they did wrong without getting them mad.
- **Yawl** - A sailboat from Texas, with some good bourbon stored down yonder in the cabin.
- **Zephyr** - Warm, pleasant breeze. Named after the mythical Greek god of wishful thinking, false hopes, and unreliable forecasts.



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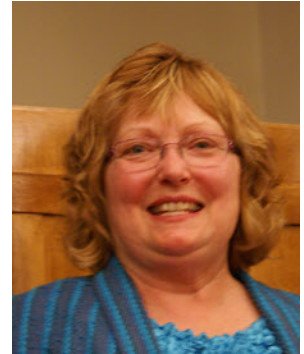
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## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



*Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN*

**H**i to all from your co - SEO's Sandi & Otto,

The ABC Basic Boating Class is underway at Totem Yacht Club with the exam set for November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016. The exam night is a great opportunity for our members to meet and discuss the many things we do as a Squadron, and encourage them to join our group. Help on exam night is always appreciated.

A Seamanship Class is scheduled to start on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Totem Yacht Club. The exam is planned for March 15<sup>th</sup> 2017. We are making a list of students at this time, so please let Sandi or Otto know if you are interested.

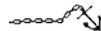
We are hopeful to do an Engine Maintenance Class in the future with the timing based on our instructor's availability. When we get the word, we can set the dates.

I am trying to co-ordinate a Piloting Class next February. What we need is someone willing to instruct the first few sessions of the class, till our regular instructor returns from Arizona to finish the remaining class sessions. If you might be interested in helping on this, please let us know and we could work out some plans.

As announced at our September meeting, P/D/C Kevin Kennedy, SN was submitted as our outstanding instructor from the Tacoma Squadron to District 16 for the Chapman Excellence in Teaching Award. One of the instructors submitted by the various Squadrons in District 16 will be submitted to the National level completion, and an award there. The District 16 acknowledgement of our submittal will take place at the District fall Council-Conference in Bellingham, on October 28-30 2016. Congratulations Kevin!!

There will be a short presentation by Lt Stan Wolfe at our next regular meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> at Day Island Yacht Club, on the Weather Class. This may be well worth hearing after severe weather caused a rendezvous cancellation to Longbranch on October 14-16<sup>th</sup>. Remember, we are a boating safety organization.

We trust this brings us up to date for now. Look for developments on the Tacoma Power Squadron Web Site, or the next "Wake Astern".



Cheers, Otto & Sandi

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## Tacoma Power Squadron 2016 Rendezvous Schedule

|                  |  |   |
|------------------|--|---|
| January 28       | Copperline Cruise In                             | Jackie & Richard Mattox<br>Cindy & Larry Warren |
| February 24 - 26 | Gig Harbor<br>(8 boats) Net Shed<br>253-851-1793 | Stan & Debbie Wolfe<br>253-948-6101             |
| March ?          | Waiting on D16 for COW Date                      |   |
| June 22 - 25     | Poulsbo  | Registration form/Wake Astern                   |

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

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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>  |
|--|----------------------|
| Rendezvous (destination TBD)             | 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.



## Salmon Bake at Chuck and Viki Sharp's

There were 28 people at the Sharp's for a great Salmon Bake. This has been an annual event for the Olympia Sail and Power Squadron and now they would like to make it an annual event for the Tacoma Power Squadron. There were clams for starters, Yum, Yum. Everyone brought desserts, salads and more to go with the salmon and corn on the cob. As usual, no one went hungry unless they wanted to. Viki's brother-in-law, Art Nikula, furnished the salmon that he caught. Chuck's son, Rod, cooked the salmon. What a great time in spite of the rain. Thank you Chuck and Viki.


So next year, plan to attend the Salmon Bake in October. We will make sure that information is in the Wake Astern with plenty of time to plan.

**Those attending were:**

- |  |   |                       |
|--|---|-----------------------|
| Judy & Gary Ball   | Pat Brower  | Rose Ann Walker       |
| Chuck & Viki Sharp   | Denny & Peggy McHugo  | Frank & Judy Byles,   |
| Mike & Vonnice Contris   | Jim & Marilyn Hanson  | Pete & Karen Peterson |
| Glen & Barb Blake  | Jackie Mattox   | Jim & Deb Harden      |
| Art Nikula   | Rod & Tammy Sharp & their children Austin & Morgan (Viki's grandchildren) |                       |
| Special guests from Umatilla, Oregon, Chuck's cousin John and Ruth Nichols |   |                       |



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# November 2016



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


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# December 2016



| Sunday  | Monday                        | Tuesday                           | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
|   |                               |                                   |           | 1        | 2      | 3        |
| 4<br>Christmas<br>Brunch<br>at TYC  | 5                             | 6                                 | 7         | 8        | 9      | 10       |
| 11  | 12<br>Deadline<br>Wake Astern | 13<br>1900 - 2100<br>* Ex. Bd Mtg | 14        | 15       | 16     | 17       |
| 18  | 19                            | 20                                | 21        | 22       | 23     | 24       |
| 25<br> | 26                            | 27<br>No<br>Gen Mtg<br>this Month | 28        | 29       | 30     | 31       |

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