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**The
Wake Astern**





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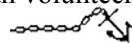
In life there are things we can control and things we cannot. This last Friday, I came home and found the cable and phone lines down along with the fascia along the roof dislodged. A truck too tall came down my residential street and snagged them, pulling them all to the ground. This is the third time this has happened, but the first time both lines were snagged at the same time and the fascia dislodged. It's just another one of those things that is more of a nuisance than anything else. It is not something that we can control.

However, there are things that we can help to prevent. I have read in the news lately about several boat fires at different marinas. Like house fires, as the weather gets cooler and we begin to work to stay warm, fires become more prevalent. As we put heat on our boats during the winter, we increase the amperage draw of electricity onto our boats. It is important to make sure that our shore power cords are in good condition and fit snugly into their receptacles. When you begin to run heaters on your boat it is important to always check and feel the cord at the receptacle for excessive heat build up. You should do this within a couple of hours of using the heaters and then again within a day or two. If the cord ends feel warm you most likely have a poor connection and should make sure to correct this issue in order to prevent a fire.

Our shore power cords after many uses may not maintain a tight connection which in turn will cause a build up of heat and a possible fire. If the cord end, especially the female end, has ever been dropped into the water, the cord needs to be replaced. Water intrusion will increase corrosion and heat build up. Every time you check on your boat, feel the cord ends, if they are warm you have a problem that needs to be corrected.

The holiday season is upon us. Make sure to check on your boat after storms, and to keep an eye out on your neighbor's boat too. During this season we all seem busier and have less time to check on our boats.

I hope to see you at the next meeting and don't forget about our Christmas Brunch coming up in December. With the New Year fast approaching, think about what you can do for our Squadron and how you can volunteer. Remember it is your club and it needs your help in order to continue. We are Americas Boating Club.



P/CTim & Linda Craig being presented their 25 year pins from Cdr Mark Hafterson at Past Commanders' BBQ
(Picture provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)

Call to Meeting
General Meeting
November 27th, 2018 (1830 - 2030)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
November 6th, 2018 (1900 - 2100)
7017 126th St. East
Puyallup, WA 98373

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


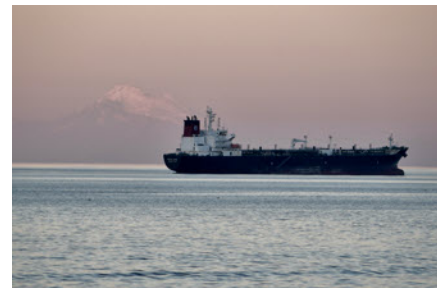
Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP

Having recently returned from Port Angeles after attending the District 16 Fall Conference that was hosted by the North Olympic Sail and Power Squadron, I wish I could have brought back the clear blue skies and warm sunshine.

The conference was well attended. Tacoma's delegation: Lt/C Jim Harden and P/C Debbie Harden, Lt/C Otto Rasmussen and P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, P/C Chuck Sharp and P/C Viki Sharp, P/C Larry and Cindy Warren, and Lt/C Richard Mattox and P/C Jackie Mattox. There was a variety of topics, programs, and statistics relating to boater education classes, boating mishaps, new PFD labeling changes, and many other subjects and discussions. Come to our monthly General Meeting to hear all the details.

There is still time to submit your volunteer hours to our Merit Mark guru, P/D/C Christine Rasmussen. It only takes a total of 8 hours to earn a Merit Mark, so don't delay.

Finally, Tacoma Power Squadron's annual Christmas Brunch is just around the corner, Sunday, December 2nd, 2018. This event takes the place of our December General Meeting. Come join us at the Tacoma Yacht Club for the camaraderie, enjoy a great meal, and maybe have your picture taken with Old Saint Nick. The registration form can be found in this issue of The Wake Astern on Page 7. 



(Pictures of Port Angeles waterfront provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)



Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

The Advanced Piloting Class is going along well with Gary Ball instructing. I have had some great feedback from his students!

The ABC Class at the Thea Foss Maritime Museum has been completed, with all passing and some new members for Tacoma as well.

Our Executive Officer, Lt/C Jim Harden, JN is planning two seminars at the Olympia Yacht Club. They are VHF/DSC radio operation, and Dealing with Emergencies Onboard. They will be held between 05:30 and 09:00 PM at the Olympia Yacht Club facility. The date will be Tuesday November 20th. P/C Andy Temple, AP & Gary Dildine, AP will do the instructing. We have 10 students signed up for the presentation.

The next Seamanship Class will be held early 2019 following the ABC Class after the Seattle Boat Show 2019. This was a change from the plan in the "Wake Astern" in October.

Our educational department will take a short break through the holiday season, which eases the pressure on instructors, chairpersons, and students. We will be ready to hit it at full speed come January 2019. Classes and dates will be announced in "The Wake Astern".

Keep in mind that Tacoma Power Squadron, AKA "America's Boating Club", has qualified inspectors to do a vessel safety check on your boat. Give our VSC Chairperson Susan Walker a call at (253)-213-2850 and she will get an inspector to make arrangements for your check.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday, and plan on doing the Christmas Brunch Meeting at the Tacoma Yacht Club on Sunday, December 2nd.

Cheers from your educational department, Otto & Sandi 253-537-3838 hm, 253-921-3839 cell, email: otto@ottorasmussen.com





Environmental Report

Submitted by P/C Larry Warren, AP

“Honey Bees” (Apidae)

We need honey bees in so many ways, it’s a tragedy that we have found another way of stabbing ourselves in the proverbial foot. The disappearance of the Honey Bee would be a disaster for us all. Honey Bees are estimated to pollinate one third of our food crops and provide us with bees’ wax for a multitude of uses. There are about twenty thousand species of bees’ worldwide and about four thousand reside in North America. There are seven known Honey Bees species of bees. There are other bees that collect nectar and produce honey, but they are not “Domesticated” and considered wild. Bees live on every continent except Antarctica. Originating in Africa about one hundred million years ago give or take. Bees have been seen in cave paintings and hieroglyph’s for thousands of years and less than a heartbeat of time we have managed to threaten their well-being. The EPA said in 2016 that “Imidacloprid”, a chemical found in at least 188 farm and household products in California potentially poses risk to hives when sprayed on crops that attract pollinators. Also, recent research at the University of Texas at Austin shows Honey Bees exposed to “Glyphosate” the active chemical in “Roundup”. The chemical causes some of the beneficial bacteria in their gut to be lost, making the Honey Bees more susceptible to bacteria and death from harmful bacteria. I’m sure there are other causes for the loss of our honeybees but here are two examples we should heed. Turns out these chemicals most likely are bad for humans, but bees as well.

Membership

By P/C Jackie Mattox

We have added 14 new members this year. They are Gene Anderson, Ralph Baumann, Adrienne and Chris Chaney, Mason Dixon (Apprentice), Conner Frans (Apprentice and Sea Scout), Beth and Richard Stone, Cathy Reed, Tarek Baghdadi, Owen, Jamie, Kaitlyn and Poppy Dahl. When you see a new member (happy face on their name tag) please make them feel welcome. We all need to make sure that our new members are welcomed and invited to our activities. If we don’t, we may never see them again.

We also had 19 non-renewals for various reasons. I would like to have a Membership Involvement committee so we can do better at following up with members to keep them interested and involved. If you are interested, please contact me. Thank you.



New Members Conner Frans and Cathy Reed being sworn in by Cdr Mark Hafterson at Past Commanders’ BBQ
(Picture provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)

Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW)

This report is published with permission of Past Commodore Day Island Yacht Club Chuck Gay. These reports will keep us updated on the current Washington legislation regarding area boaters.

RBAW Recreational Boating Association of Washington



PC CHUCK GAY 253-318-2905 cell cdgii@aol.com

“Orca” (AKA “Southern Resident Killer Whale” or SRKW Recovery) Task Force: Both RBAW and our colleagues with the Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) are participating actively in the SRKW Recovery Task Force process established by Governor Inslee. The Task Force has had multiple meetings and will finish with September and October gatherings. After that, we expect recommendations to be made on proposals the Governor could either adopt by Executive Order or Agency Directive. One proposal we are actively opposing involves the idea of a permanent “No Go Zone” in the San Juans for vessels. It strikes us as a static, technology-backwards “feel good” proposal that will achieve little. We are much more prone to support vessel notification systems, go-slow and no-wake zones, sound reductions, and dynamic “400-foot bubbles” predicated on where pods of whales are actually traveling.

Department of Ecology No-Discharge Zone: While the Puget Sound-wide NDZ has technically gone into effect, for practical purposes, it is *not* being enforced. That’s because the Coast Guard, which has filed particularly critical comments regarding DOE’s lack of authority to take charge of deep-waters, has openly questioned Ecology’s authority. Moreover, there is still a pending appeal of NDZ-adoption procedures before the State’s Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB).

Opportunity to use UW-B Intern to Recruit New RBAW Members and revenue: The University of Washington, a world-class research institution in our backyard, frequently looks for opportunities to have students perform internships to gain real-world experience in their majors. That led to a proposal to utilize a UW intern for a marketing project that would involve boating/yacht club cold calling, solicitations, and follow-up recruitment. The University of Washington-Bothell, and other institutions, is very interested in working with us to advertise such an internship opportunity for their marketing students.

Testimony before “Road Usage Charge” Task Force: While much of this is “not our issue,” we *do* care a lot about maintaining a set-aside of marine fuel taxes (1 percent) to help pay for boating facilities, which is imbedded in current fuel-tax statutes.

The Burlington Northern Railroad is planning on replacing or rebuilding the bridge over the west end of the Seattle Locks. As part of the project it will remove the wall used currently for tying up to wait for the locks to open. This is going to be five plus year project that will cost in excess of \$200 Million, with the replacement bridge being a new structure that raises, rather than tips, the railroad bed and tracks, similar to the 11th Street Bridge in Tacoma. Speakers are willing to come and discuss this matter at an RBAW meeting.

Pumpout Terry is encountering non-functioning shore facilities for pumping out his vessels in accordance with NDZ requirements. This has required him to ensure that his vessels carry a tool kit which his crews can use to repair facilities so they may complete their jobs.

The summer testing of advisory buoys on Lake Union for floatplanes did not function as well as had been hoped. Boaters and pilots could not see the warning lights that are affixed to the tops of the buoys. The test period ran from just before Memorial Day to Labor Day. A report on the test is to be compiled.

PC Chuck Gay, DIYC Delegate and RBAW Secretary



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

Please join us for Tacoma Power Squadron’s annual Christmas Brunch held at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Enjoy good food, friends and the beautiful views from the warmth of Tacoma Yacht Club’s Ballroom. Be sure to bring your children and grandchildren along to meet Santa (he’ll have goodies).

Sunday December 2nd, 2018 @ 11:00 am
Tacoma Yacht Club - 5401 North Waterfront drive
\$21.50 per person – Children 10 to 6 \$10.50
Children 5 and under No Charge
Please bring an unwrapped gift for a girl or boy ages 3 -18.
Gifts will be donated to “Bridges” a center for grieving children.

Menu:

- Assorted muffins, pastries and petite croissants -
- Seasonal fruit display – Bacon and link sausage -
- Hash brown potatoes – Scrambled eggs with cheese -
- Waffles with fruit toppings and whipped cream -
- Chilled juices – Coffee and herbal tea



Please return your reservation form by Nov. 27, 2018

To: P/C Larry Warren
26516 154. Street East
Buckley, WA 98321

Name _____

Phone # _____

Number of adults _____ Number of children 10 and under _____

Names of children who wish to see Santa: _____

Please make checks payable to the Tacoma Power Squadron

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____



Tacoma Power Squadron 2019 Rendezvous Schedule

Jan/Feb TBD	Cruise In **Call to confirm for food & attendance**	Jackie & Richard Mattox 253-732-2264 Cindy & Larry Warren 360-897-8692
February 22-24	Arabella's 253-851-1793 Call Marina to make reservation	Stan & Debbie Wolfe
April TBD	Longbranch	Need Hosts

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.

Cindy Warren 360-897-8692 c.m.warren-7@hotmail.com

Procedures have been put into place to insure TPS's Defibrillator will be ready and available in case of unforeseen emergencies that might take place on any of our rendezvous. This life saving device will be placed on the current Commander's boat or on the designated Host's boat for all of our future rendezvous.



Hard working chefs at TPS Past Commanders' BBQ

(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)

Tacoma Power Squadron Salmon Bake at the Sharp's



On September 15th, we had the Salmon Bake at Sharp's in Olympia. We were so glad so many attended as the weather was not at its best. Everyone had a good time anyway and no one went home hungry. Along with Salmon, which Rod Sharp (Chuck's son) cooked, there were butter clams, corn on the cob, many salads and lots of desserts. Wine and beer topped off the list, or were they just added to it ? Anyway, we all had a wonderful time. Guess we should continue next year.

Jim & Deb Harden
Kendal Lemn
Chuck & Viki Sharp
Pete & Karen Peterson
Jim & Marylin Hanson
Pat Brower
Rose Ann Walker
And special guests Rod, Tammy and
Granddaughter Morgan

Glen & Barb Blake from Canada
David & Paulette Sitzenstock
Peggy McHugo
Richard & Jackie Mattox
Tim & Linda Craig
Gary & Barbara Dildine
Cathy Reed
Sue Walker
Pat Lemagie

Thank you Chuck and Viki Sharp

Arabella's Rendezvous

by Lt Cindy Warren, AP

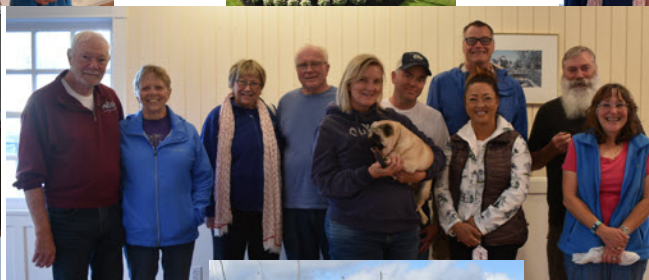
This was the last of our official rendezvous for the year. All attending members were there to help dock and greet incoming boats. The highlight of the weekend was the marine store, Second Wave. I watched many hauling packages back to their boat and helping others haul purchases to the dock. Saturday evening we had a great potluck in the Net Shed. Thanks to all attendees for helping to set up tables, chairs, and cleaning up.

By Boat:

Our Little Ship: Mike & Jenna Ashbrook
Empress: Todd & Melinda Mackey
Grey Wolfes : Stan & Debbie Wolfe
Sweet Surrender: Tim & Linda Craig
Fascination: Larry & Cindy Warren

By Car:

Connie Thompson & Sister Lynne
Pat Lemagie



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP and Jenna Ashbrook, P)

Longbranch Safety Day

October 6th, 2018

by Lt Cindy Warren AP

America's Boating Club of Tacoma was asked to participate in safety days at Longbranch Marina. We had tables setup and literature to hand out to the public. Plus whistles for the kids that their parents so appreciated. Boaters could sign up for vessel safety checks. The crew did 10 or so on Saturday. The Anderson Island fire boat was there and Fire and Rescue skidoos. The fire boat was open to step on board and attracted many kids and adults. The skidoo team had wet suites and did water demonstrations for water rescue of conscious and unconscious persons. Their rubber raft was constructed to pull a person on board from the open u-shaped aft. They did such a great job! Tim and Linda organized a meal for Saturday evening with everyone adding to a pot of cioppino stew.

Boat

Tim & Linda Craig: Sweet Surrender
Larry & Cindy Warren: Fascination
Pat Lemagie: Polaris
Richard & Jackie Mattox: ClasSeaLass



Land Yacht

Sue Walker
Tom Ferree
Vikki Sharp
Jim Harden



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)

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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 the inspection reports for recording with USPS National Headquarters - P.O.Box 519 Tacoma, WA 98401

The VSC inspectors should send Susan copies of inspection forms at this point in time. She will be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. following the Change of Watch, as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.

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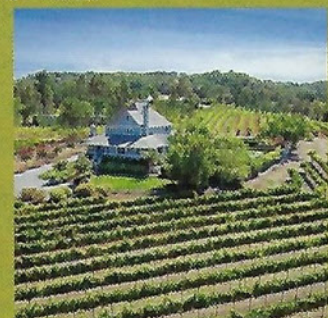
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November 2018



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18	19	20 Deadline Wake Astern	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27 1830 - 2030 Gen. Mtg @ DIYC	28	29	30	

* @ Mark Hafterson's
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