



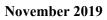
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# The Wake Astern

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Cdr Richard Mattox, AP

J ackie and I recently ventured to Coeur d' Alene, Idaho to attend the Districk 16 Fall Conference. Even though the Rasmussens and the Warrens were unable to attend, Tacoma Power Squadron was well represented with me and Jackie, Stan and Debbie Wolfe, Chuck and Viki Sharp, and Jim and Debbie Harden.

On Friday night, before Saturday's conference, we all gathered for a cruise on Lake Coeur d' Alene. It was a bit chilly, but a full moon shinning off the water made for a beautiful setting.

Saturday was filled with numerous speakers and briefings on the current and the future of the United States Power Squadron. Before the Saturday evening dinner, Jackie and I and boarded a paddle wheel steamboat constructed and piloted by a member of the Spokane Sail and Power Squadron.

So, 2019 is almost history. Only one more General Meeting, Tuesday, November 26th, for the year. The annual Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 1st, will serve as our monthly gathering and I hope all of you will make plans to attend. I sent out the registration form under separate email, and it is also included in this edition of The Wake Astern on Page 6.

I and Jackie wish all of you a great Thanksgiving celebration and a wonderful holiday season!





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

### Call to Meeting General Meeting

November 26th, 2019 (6:30 - 8:30 PM) Day Island Yacht Club University Place

> Executive Board Meeting November 12th, 2019 (7:00 - 9:00 PM) Genesis Rehab Center 4755 South 48th Street

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 $\mathbf{F}$  or some years, my wife Cindy and I have been the keepers of some of the Squadron's prized possessions. The Squadrons "Charter" and photos that go back many years, of which we have displayed many of them on occasion. But the other thing we currently possess is "The Wake Astern" issues dating back from 1979 – 1988 and some more current editions in bits and starts. On occasion, I will pull them out to see what was happening with USPS and the Tacoma Power Squadron in years past. And I might find an idea for an article. It may surprise you to know that 40 years ago, there were then, just as it is today, many struggles and hurdles to jump at the National level. Also, on a squadron level, membership was just as much at the forefront as it is today.

Lt/C Larrv Warren, AP

prospective members were published in "The Wake Astern," asking if anyone had any comments on the proposed new members.

As crazy as it may seem, up until 1982, women could not be Active members. Most women joined the "Squadronettes" who pretty much had their entity with a Skipper, First Mate, Yeoman, Purser, and executive board — contributing significantly to the Tacoma Power Squadron. I can't expand on the Squadronettes main objectives, but maybe we could get Christine Rasmussen to give us some details at some General Meeting. On September 11th, 1982, a special USPS meeting convened in conjunction with the Fall Governing Board meeting in San Antonio, which set the stage for a new era in USPS. The delegates voted 616 to 67 to eliminate the word "Male" from the constitution and By-Laws. That meant that women, as well as men, could now be invited to active membership in USPS. Taking effect on January 1st, 1983, the Squadronettes voted to disband.

Some of our newer members would be surprised that "Rendezvous" was an extraordinary time for families, gathering for fun and comradery. Some rendezvous packed with as many as 40 boats, RV's and by auto coming to join in the games and good food. We have a lot of newer members that I hope we can convince to join in on the fun, socializing, food and making good friends — maybe starting with our summer cruise in northern Puget Sound this next year.

As I close this, I'd like to say looking back thru the years, that so many of the members I've seen in the issues of "The Wake Astern" are my Hero's. These are not just merely "Members" but "Super Members" those that give until it hurts. Almost from the day they were "approved" as new members, they have given a great deal of their life towards the USPS and Squadron. I don't think it's necessary to put them on the spot and mention names, many of us know you and respect and admire you for what you do. Thank You!

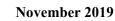


New members (L to R) Lance Montgomery, and Joanie & Troy Sapp being sworn in at the October 2019 General Meeting

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We'll publish the final schedule for the TPS Summer 2020 cruise after confirming availability (proposed dates and locations are in October's Wake Astern). Folks can attend one, some or all of the locations as they prefer. If interested, contact me or our Boating Activities Chairperson, Lt Cindy Warren, AP. We will also publish the TPS rendezvous schedule at the beginning of the year. I look forward to encouraging our newer members to participate.

Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

Several TPS members attended the District 16 Fall Conference sponsored by Spokane Power Squadron at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Idaho. The facilities, services, food and tours were first class. Many topics were addressed during the conference to include the introduction of a new membership benefit. America's Boating Club has partnered with DAN Boater to provide access to emergency travel services at a reduced price. Membership in DAN Boater is complimentary from now until your next USPS renewal period. At that time you will have the option to opt-out or pay \$25 to retain membership in DAN Boater. This is a significant price reduction as DAN Boater normally charges \$60 per individual or \$100 per family. The benefits are very good and are in effect when you are 50 miles or more from home. Benefits include:

Medical information line; 24/7 emergency hotline; Travel health & safety guides (digital format); Medical evacuation; Medical repatriation to home country; Search and rescue expense reimbursement.

The newest membership stats are out and show a strong performance by Tacoma. We've increased membership to 146 and are one of four squadrons with membership gains. Eleven of our fellow squadrons continue to experience losses as is overall national membership. Hats off to P/C Jackie Mattox, AP, for her outstanding efforts as Membership Chair. If you find someone that would be interested in joining, refer them to the new public web page (americasboatingclub.org) and pass their name to Jackie.

If you hear of anyone in our club who is ill or injured, please contact our Sunshine Chairperson, Leslie Burton, S. Her e-mail address is lrburton\_99@yahoo.com (there is an underscore between her name and the number "99").

Closing date for articles is the fourth Thursday 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 Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN



Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S Asst Education Officer

As mentioned at our October 2019 General Meeting, a Seamanship class is scheduled to begin on January 9th through March 5th, 2020 at the Tacoma Yacht Club.

On the horizon, an Engine Maintenance class will begin in February 2020, and an Electronic Navigation class in the Spring. If you are interested in either of these classes, please let your Education Department know as soon as possible so we can order the course materials needed for these classes.

Cheers from your Education Department, Otto, Sandi, and Bentley. Email: otto@ottorasmussen.com



Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN

Asst. Education Officer





Gary Ball, SN sharing his trip to Canada with all the do's and don't along the way

(Picture provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)





# **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 good-

ies)

Sunday December 1st, 2019 Tacoma Yacht Club - 5401 Yacht Club Road Tacoma, WA 98407 Guest Arrival @ 10:30 AM - Buffet Served @ 11:30 AM \$22.00 - per person – Children 10 to 6 - \$10.50 Children 5 and under free

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. 26, 2019 To: Cdr Richard Mattox 5105 Grand Loop, Apt 811 Tacoma, WA 98407

Name	
Phone #	
Number of adults	Number of children 10 and under
Names of children who wis	sh to see Santa:

Please make checks payable to the Tacoma Power Squadron



# **Environmental Report**

Provided by Lt/C Larry Warren, AP

Recently I was looking at some changes that will affect curbside recycling in Pierce County. Although I still prefer to take my garbage and recycling to the transfer station located just a few miles from my home. It's not that I have anything against the curbside pickup. My curbside is a block away. I'm not that fond of leaving it out for the bears and other critters, they can't resist the containers, anyway I digress. For the most part, the most significant changes look like a new recycling surcharge, and they will not pick up for recycling, glass, shredded paper, milk or juice cartons, or plant pots. Something that caught my eye was the fact that they want only clean, dry recyclables. I don't know about you, but I'm not going to start drying my cans and bottles out soon. I have asked the question to the county, I'm hoping they mean clean, dry paper and cardboard. Some other notable things they want you to know is you don't have to remove the labels from cans. If you remove the lid entirely, the top is garbage and not recyclable. You can leave it attached, rinse can and lid, bend the can top into the can, give it a squeeze (I guess this is not considered crushed) and your good to go. They prefer that you don't crush your cans as it makes it more difficult to sort. And here I've been flatting them for years (maybe it doesn't matter at the transfer station).

I've read that despite our efforts to recycle plastic bottles, many tons end up in landfills. Going back to a report from 2014, an estimate that millions of tons of plastic fill landfills in the U.S... This was equivalent to 48 million tons of coal, 180 million barrels of oil, or one trillion cubic feet of natural gas. If converted to liquid fuel, it could produce 5.7 billion gallons of gasoline. More recent years have seen an upturn in the use of recycled water bottles for use in manufacturing of anything from sleeping bags to shoes. Other plastics see new life as someone's new deck, picnic table, or hundreds of other useful items. The whole thing of recycling can definitely be confusing. The recycling symbol on the bottom of your plastic items doesn't mean much. They pretty much go by the shape of the article, a bottle, jug, bucket, etc. Get to know what's allowable in your neck of the woods. Happy Recycling.

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Lt Sue Walker, S

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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 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.



### **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.

#### October 2019 RBAW report for DIYC

#### Good News - RBAW Will Be Receiving a Financial Contribution from BoatUS!

As September drew to a close, we received the positive news that BoatUS will be making a \$5,000 contribution toward RBAW early in the 2020 calendar year. As far as we know, it will mark the first time we will have received such financial assistance from our D.C. area colleagues – at least in recent memory. We had shared with all of you that we had very positive face-to-face and by-conference-call meetings with David Kennedy of BoatUS over the summer. VP of Government Affairs Steve Finney will play a point role working out with BoatUS exactly how and where the dollars will be allocated.

#### Derelict Vessel Removal Program (DVRP)

The folks at Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have settled on a likely 2020 legislative request package that has some good things in it, but all in all is much less ambitious than we had hoped. The DNR package will include:

- Remove the current \$200,000 cap on the Vessel Turn-In Incentive Program (VTIP). <u>This is a positive step, from our perspective;</u>
- Change the secondary-liability law on vessel purchases and trade-ins so that any vessel longer than 35 feet (instead of 65 feet) has an insurance-coverage requirement. RBAW fielded a request to see if DNR might also be willing to change the age of vessel (currently 40 years or older) that is subject to the insurance-coverage requirement:
- Provide grants for local jurisdiction enforcement of DVRP and abandoning/sinking vessels DNR will request approximately \$150,000 for this;
- Seek funding to do a pilot study of ways to recycle old vessel parts DNR will seek \$300,000 to \$350,000 for this study.

We would have liked to see DNR work with us to have other stakeholders – such as commercial boaters – pay more of their fair share into funding a current program that receives \$1.4 million to \$1.5 million of its \$1.7 million a biennium from the \$3 equivalent that recreational boaters pay on vessel registrations. In any case, discussions with DNR will continue.

#### Lakebay Marina - RBAW Exploration of Purchasing and Turn-Keying to State Parks

President Bob Wise and Doug Levy, our lobbyist, had an excellent Sept. 10 meeting with State Sen. Emily Randall (D-Bremerton/26<sup>th</sup> Dist.) to discuss the Lakebay Marina and the idea of having the state assist with the acquisition in its 2020 Supplemental Capital Budget. We asked Sen. Randall about making a "Member Request" for up to \$1.1 million and she was very receptive to that. She asked us to prepare a background paper on Lakebay and, also, to meet with her House seatmates in the 26<sup>th</sup> Dist. VP Finney and our Doug Levy were in a meeting with Rep. Michelle Caldier (R-Port Orchard/26<sup>th</sup> Dist.) on Oct. 1. If the state can assist with the acquisition of the Lakebay site while we build up our 501(c)(3) that would be extremely helpful.

#### NOAA-Convened Programmatic Permit Approach - Marina Mitigation Issues

The "progress" on this issue has slowed to a crawl, and both we at RBAW and our colleagues at the Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) have some real doubts as to whether much of a result – if any – will come from the programmatic permit process in which we were asked to participate. NOAA has stopped granting individual marina redevelopment and marina enhancement permits, with the idea that the programmatic process would rise to the fore and result in some type of negotiated agreement by February 2020. At this point, however, our first detail-level meeting is not until October and NOAA revealed on a Sept. 24 conference call with RBAW/NMTA that they are not ready to show us the data behind a "mitigation calculator" that they supposedly were developing and fine-tuning. This issue may become one where RBAW and NMTA, perhaps in concert with other stakeholders such as Pacific Northwest Waterway, must contemplate Congressional advocacy or legal options to get anywhere.

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#### Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery - Lawsuit Filed by Conservation Interests

During September, we received pretty helpful verbal assurance on this issue from Todd Hass, who works for the Puget Sound Partnership and has served as chair of the "Vessels Working Group" (VP Finney is a member of same) that reports up to the full SRKW Task Force established by Governor Inslee. Essentially, Todd indicated the state very likely is sticking with the implementation what was enacted in **2SSB 5577** (Vessel Bill) during the 2019 Session. We headed off more draconian changes and fees, with the final **5577** including a 300-yard distance bubble (400 yards behind) and a 7-knot go-slow zone within one-half nautical mile when whales are present. Canada has adopted measures that in some respects go further, and conservation groups have filed suit in U.S. District Court to force more environmental regulations to protect SRKWs. This is an issue on which we will need to remain vigilant.

#### **Emerging Issue - PSCAA Proposing Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS)**

Our lobbyist shared in his last report that the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA), relying on legal authority it believes it has through the federal Clean Air Act, is proposing a Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) that could be imposed on vehicles throughout the 4-county Central Puget Sound. In addition to vehicles, it also appears to apply to both commercial vessels and non-ocean-going vessels. It could translate to increased fuel costs of as much as 15 cents per gallon. PSCAA released its report in mid-September that attempts to rationalize the LCFS standard and its application to vehicles and vessels. NMTA is leading efforts to oppose this and is in touch with BoatUS and others to assist.

#### National Electric Codes - 2020 National Standard and State L&I to Follow Suit - Woo!

The current trend line on the NEC codes is another piece of very good news for RBAW and for recreational boating in general. The 2020 NEC standard has been published with a threshold of 100mA for feeders and 30mA for pedestals within marinas and boatyards. This is the very standard we and NMTA worked so hard to attain a couple of years ago – and State L&I expects to utilize this new 2020 standard going forward. A letter of appreciation was signed and sent by NMTA and RBAW to State L&.

#### Boating Safety - Lawmakers May Want to push a Bill in 2020 - We Recommend Caution

Spurred by a series of 2019 fatalities involving paddle boarders, state lawmakers such as Rep. Cindy Ryu (D-Shoreline/32<sup>nd</sup> Dist.) are asking to re-examine the boating safety and boater education card laws first enacted back in 2004-05. We at RBAW and our colleagues at Washington State Parks have urged that it will be important to proceed with caution and determine whether we really need a change in *state law* or whether other best practices, education, and awareness might be a better path forward. Rep. Ryu is going to be pulling together stakeholders in October to discuss all this further.

#### Effort to Secure \$50,000 to Update the state's Outdoor Recreation Economic Impacts Study

This effort was mentioned in last month's report, and we wanted to update you on the fact that the Big Tent Outdoor Recreation Coalition, joined by more than a dozen other organizations, has urged the Governor to allocate 2020 Supplemental Operating Budget funds to update a January 2015 study of the Outdoor Recreation Economy. RBAW was one of the organizations that signed on.

PC Chuck Gay, DIYC Delegate RBAW Director



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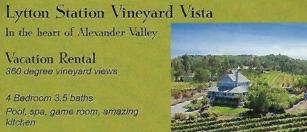
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