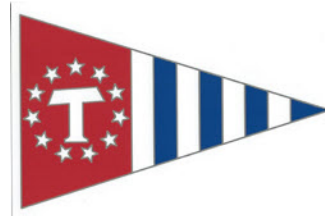




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COMMANDER



Cdr Larry Warren, AP

Here it is, fall is upon us once again. With the Washington State Fair in full swing, the nights are longer, and the spiders are getting ready for colder weather and moving into the house. Fall brings many changes to our surroundings with the beautiful change of the trees. The apples fall off the trees for the deer to feed. I only collect a few so we can make some pies, but other than that the animals get them. The cooler mornings and of course getting up when it's still dark is such a change from our summer habits. A significant change in routines is getting back into the swing of Squadron activities. We had our first board meeting after the summer break and getting ready for the Past Cdrs' BBQ and general meeting September 26th.



Your squadron has had a busy summer despite the break. We had a meet and greet at Cabela's with vessel safety checks. We attended a safety stand down at JBLM, gave a paddle smart presentation at Point Defiance, two Boating Safety 4 Kids classes, participation in The Ranger Regatta held at TYC, and many many Vessel Safety checks. We appreciate all the volunteers it took to keep these activities going throughout the summer. I hope for a continued commitment to the Civic Service side of our USPS triangle.

We're looking forward to a Fall and Winter filled with various classes; we hope you benefit from some of them. One of the first is an ABC class being held at TYC September 14th. Don't forget to let our education department know if there is a subject or course you would like to take. That's the first step. Please take the next step and help out when you can. We're almost always looking for help in grading ABC tests and meeting with prospective members. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the P/C BBQ and general meeting.



**Call to Meeting
General Meeting**
 October 24th, 2017 (1830 - 2030)
 Day Island Yacht Club
 University Place

Executive Board Meeting
 October 10th, 2017 (1900 - 2100)
 9515 198th Ave E.
 Bonney Lake, WA 98391

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Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP

Our summer cruising schedule is winding down: Swantown was our last official rendezvous for the 2017 boating season. We had a great time in Olympia over the Labor Day holiday weekend. The annual Tug Boat races, the Farmers Market, and of course, two great potluck meals made for a very enjoyable time. The down side: near 90 degree temperatures throughout the day time hours. The up side: it did cool down after sunset. A big “Thank You” to Larry & Cindy Warren and Tom & Rebecca Ferree for hosting.

With the Fall season just around the corner, it looks to be a busy time for the Tacoma Power Squadron. ABC Basic Boating classes, District 16 Fall Conference, October 27 – 29, planning next year’s Rendezvous schedule, and last but not least, seeking volunteers to fill a number of important, soon to be vacant, positions: Commander, Executive Officer, Administrative Officer, and a number of committee heads and members. We belong to a great organization and if it wasn’t for you, the members, the United States Power Squadron’s would not exist. So please give serious thought of giving back. You won’t have to go it alone. We will give you all the support you need.

USPS District 16

Fall 2017 Photo Contest

Deadline for Submittals 30 September 2017

All Members and Relatives Are Eligible!

Winners will be displayed at D-16 Fall Conference. Need Not Be Present To Win

Over **\$1500** in **Cash** prizes!

Check our Website Announcement at www.uspsd16.org for Official Contest Rules

Separate Contests for:

- Prior Winners
- Future Winners

Entry Fee: \$5 per photo

Enter as many Photos as you Like!

For more information: Rob Rubowicz (253) 833-1393

Website for Official Rules: www.uspsd16.org

Photo Categories

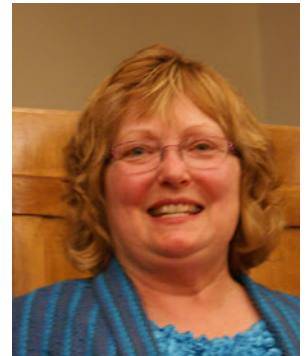
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- People
- Landscape / Ni
- Action / Sports
- Seascape / Boa

Closing date for articles is the twelfth (12th) day 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.



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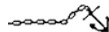
An ABC Basic Boating Class has started on September 14th 07:00 PM-09:00PM, and is taking place at the Tacoma Yacht Club. The exam will be on October 12th, 2017. Some extra help grading and going over the exams with the students is always appreciated. Come and lend a hand and help us acquire some new members.

I was hoping to do a Seamanship Class following the T.Y.C. ABC Basic Class. Our Seamanship instructor, Lance Williamson, is unable to instruct this fall due to his work commitments. He would make the teaching aids and lesson plans available if we can get some volunteers to do one or two sessions each and put the class on. This worked very well with the Engine Maintenance Class we did last spring when Mark Hafterson was unable to do the instruction. Please see me at our meeting, or give me a call or Email and we can discuss it. The time frame would be October 19th through December 14th, 2017.

We are looking at a tentative Weather Class in October. The exact date and location will be announced as soon as we can get all our ducks in a row with the students, facilities, and the instructor, who is out of town on business as this is being written. If the Weather Class is of interest to you, give me a call or Email, we still have room for students.

We could use some volunteers willing to go out with skippers that are desirous for on the water demonstration of various aspects of boat handling. We are getting requests for this activity. If you would be willing to help out, please let me know so we can assist these skippers. I can fill you in on the details.

Your SEO, me,
(OTTO) could use some help. I have a health condition that over time restricts the amount of physical activity that I can engage in. This condition does not improve, it's something I must accept. What I am asking for is for some assistance in doing the tasks of the Squadron SEO. If you would be willing to give me a hand, it would be appreciated by me and the Squadron.



Cheers, Otto & Sandi

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Washington State Legislative News

Submitted by P/C Pat Lemagie, AP

Boater's Bulletin

August 29, 2017

Update from the State Parks Boating Program

Greetings, Boaters!

The 2017 Legislature enacted legislation that affects recreational boaters. And U.S. Coast Guard regulations regarding Hull Identification Numbers have been a source of angst among many boaters. We wanted to give you an update on these hot topics.

2017 Legislative Changes

Vessel impound authority. The Legislature passed [House Bill 1605](#), giving marine law enforcement officers the authority to impound a vessel if they arrest the operator for boating under the influence and cannot find another qualified operator to take control of the vessel. This law created due process and protections for boaters as well as officers. The law went into effect on July 23, 2017. The Department of Licensing is currently working on developing the Vessel Impound Authorization and Vessel Foreclosure forms.older text.



Some key provisions in the new law ([RCW 79A.60.045](#)) include:

- Officers must exhaust reasonable alternatives before they impound the vessel—such as calling friends or relatives of the operator to come take control of the vessel.
- Officers have the authority to trailer a vessel if the operator is incapable.
- Officers must have the permission of the facility where the vessel will be stored prior to leaving it there.
- The impounding officer must provide a vessel impound authorization and inventory form to the legal and registered owner or owners within one business day following the impound.
- If an impounded vessel is not redeemed within 15 days, then a foreclosure process can begin.

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Visual distress signals exempted from the definition of a firearm. The Legislature passed [Senate Bill 5552](#), amending Washington's firearm law. Flare guns or other pyrotechnic visual distress signaling devices are now excluded from the definition of firearm. ([RCW 9.41.010](#))



Verification of Hull Identification Numbers

In 2012, the U.S. Coast Guard passed a [regulation](#) requiring all agencies registering or titling vessels to verify that Hull Identification Numbers (HIN) conform to federal regulations during the re-registration process. The Department of Licensing (DOL), and their agents, is responsible for implementing this regulation. We are providing a few facts and tips to help inform boaters about the issue.

- In 1972, the U.S. Coast Guard began requiring all vessel manufacturers to permanently affix the HIN on all vessels. The purpose was to give the Coast Guard an easier way to recall unsafe vessels. It also helps law enforcement track stolen vessels.
- There are [three approved formats](#) of the HIN. A vessel's HIN format must conform to the standard that was in effect the year the vessel was manufactured. DOL is responsible for verifying this when a boat is registered.
- Boaters are responsible for verifying the HIN on their boat matches the HIN on the vessel registration documents. If it does not, we recommend taking a picture of the HIN and bringing it to a registration office.
- Earlier this year, the DOL sent letters to 19,000 vessel owners they identified as potentially having non-conforming HINs. If you received this letter, you may need a new HIN issued.
- The State Parks Boating Program has no oversight of the HIN regulation or process. Please work directly with DOL. If you have questions, contact the DOL customer help line at 360-902-3900. TTY users, please call 360-664-0116.



Need a Vessel Safety Check?

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27 – 29 October 2017

116 Coast Hotel Bellevue, 625 116th Avenue NE, Bellevue, Washington



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Spouse/Guest name: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Squadron: _____

Email address for confirmation of registration and payment _____

Will you be attending the District Conference without meals? YES _____

Is this your first District Conference? YES _____

Please Note: Reservations must be postmarked no later than Friday, 20 October 2017.

Activity _____ **No. People Total** _____

Registration: 1600—1750
Friday Reception: 1800—1900 - No Host Bar

Please attend the meals, we have a food & beverage requirement to cover the cost of the meeting rooms.

American Picnic Buffett Dinner: 1900—2200

Featuring Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chicken and lots of picnic food \$35 _____ \$ _____
Vegetarian "Plated" Dinner \$28 _____ \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast: 0800—0900

No Host in Restaurant/coffee shop

There may be "morning chat sessions" for Commanders/ Exec Officers; Educational Officers/ ASEOs; PDCs & all other attendees.

Saturday Luncheon: 1200—1300

Your choice: Cobb Salad _____ or Caesar Salad w/chicken _____
or Barbecue Portobello Quesadilla _____ \$28 _____ \$ _____

Saturday Evening: Social: No Host Bar 1800-1900

Banquet: 1800—2100

Dinner: Your choice: Petite Filet Beef \$37 _____ \$ _____
or Chicken Parmesan \$35 _____ \$ _____
or Vegetarian Lasagna \$32 _____ \$ _____

Dietary Restrictions? _____

Total (In US Funds) \$ _____ \$ _____

Make Hotel Reservations directly with the 116 Coast Hotel Bellevue by Friday, 6 October 2017.

After October 6th, the hotel will honor the Power Squadron rate based on availability.

Ask for "**United States Power Squadrons**" room block to get the negotiated conference rate of \$105 plus taxes.

For Hotel Reservations

116 Coast Hotel Bellevue
625 116th Avenue NE
Bellevue, WA 98004
Call 425-455-9444

Payment and Conference Reservations

Make checks payable to: **BSPS, D16 Fall Conference**

Mail this form and payment in US funds to:

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Tacoma Power Squadron 2017 Rendezvous Schedule

October 6 - 8

Longbranch

Point of Contact
Cindy Warren

October 14 *

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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*** Annual Salmon Bake, Saturday October 14th. at the Sharps. 5517 Kinney Rd. S.W. Olympia WA. 1-360-866-7134. Please RSVP by October 10th.**

1:00 P.M. til ?. Salmon & clams are provided as will corn on the cob, if available, also Silverware and plates. *Is a pot luck, so bring your favorite side dish. Bar is donation.*





Bell Harbor Rendezvous

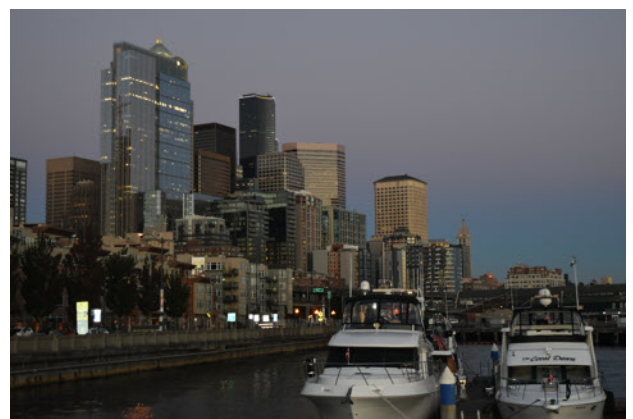
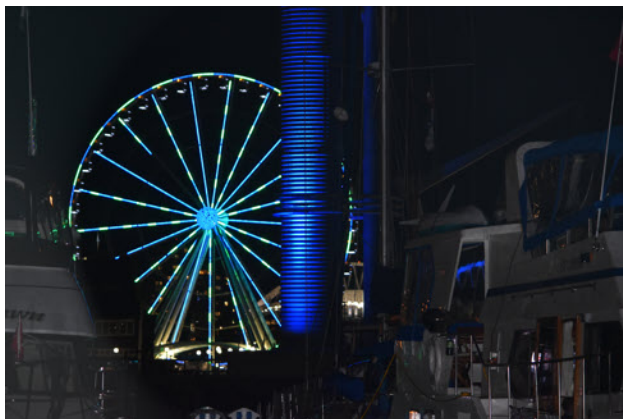
September 1 – 4, 2017

Hosts P/C Mike & Jenna Ashbrook

Bell Harbor always offers a plethora of activity and plenty to do. For those attending, we enjoyed Hors D’oeuvres Friday evening and a potluck breakfast Saturday morning. Enjoying the beautiful summer weather, many traveled to the market while others relaxed dockside. It was another fun-filled, people watching, dog watching, boat watching weekend.

Attendees:

- Todd and Melinda Mackey – August
- Connie Thompson, Diana & Stan Blanchard – MistyMorn
- Mark and Leah Hafterson – Loose Moose Deuce
- Larry and Cindy Warren – Fascination
- Otto, Christine, Quinn and Ryan Rasmussen – Misty Christy V
- Mike and Jenna Ashbrook – R Lil’ Ship



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)



Swantown Labor Day 2017 Rendezvous

By Lt Tom Ferree, AP

If you weren't there, you missed a fantastic time. Lots of fun, relaxation, too much food, lots of creativity and friendly competition. See below we had great attendance.

By Water	By Land	Stowaways
Fascination - Larry and Cindy <i>(the hosts with the most)</i>	Chuck and Vicki Sharp	 <p>Thank You Jenna and Mike Ashbrook for all your ribbons</p>
Kira Sea - Tom and Rebecca <i>(rookie hosts)</i>		
Sweet Surrender – Tim and Linda Craig		
ClasSeaLass – Richard and Jackie Mattox		
Grey Wolf – Stan and Deb Wolfe	Tom and Carol <u>Hoime</u>	
Polaris – Pat <u>Lemagie</u>	Gary and Pauline Burge <i>(past members of Pole Pass Power Squadron)</i>	
Misty Christy – Otto and Christine Rasmussen, Quinn, Lisa, Erica	Dan Rasmussen	
Misty Morn – Connie Thompson, Stan and Diane Blanchard	Mark <u>Hafterson</u> and Linda	
Got a Boat - Mike and Becky Arrington	Mary and Steve Neff	
<u>Hagbart</u> - Jim and Debby Harden		
Via Dingy - Doug and Evelyn <u>Bartells</u> , Andy and Candy Mills		
Ideal Comfort - Bob and Pam Gunther		

Some of the weekend highlights were the typical Swantown Labor Day events: the Olympia Harbor Days Tugboat Races & Festival, Tall Ships, and Farmer's Market. However, did our rendezvous hosts settle for just that? No way! Our hosts prepared a Saturday breakfast of waffles and fresh fruit with all the trimmings plus a dinner spread of pulled pork sandwiches, corn on the cob, bean dish, Cesar salad and cookies for dessert.

Sunday morning was primarily devoted to preparing our veggie racers for our 1:00 PM race event. The Veggie Race Track and trophies (designed and built by our Commander/Craftsman) was set up and the voting and racing commenced almost on time. The voting and racing was very popular with other boaters as they passed by on the dock. Lots of very nice comments. Race results and pictures are at the end of this article. I'm sure our members who witnessed this event will be talking about it for a long time. Hopefully we will do it again, so start thinking about your veggie design for next year.

Sunday evening we settled down for our traditional Power Squadron potluck. Not sure why it's called a potluck, it was more like a 15 course meal, thanks to wonderful chefs. Oops, I almost forgot, did someone say ice cream? Saturday and Sunday night we had sherbet and ice cream thanks to Cindy.

Monday everyone headed home. The marina was pretty much empty by noon. A few boats took advantage of the new fuel dock prior to leaving.

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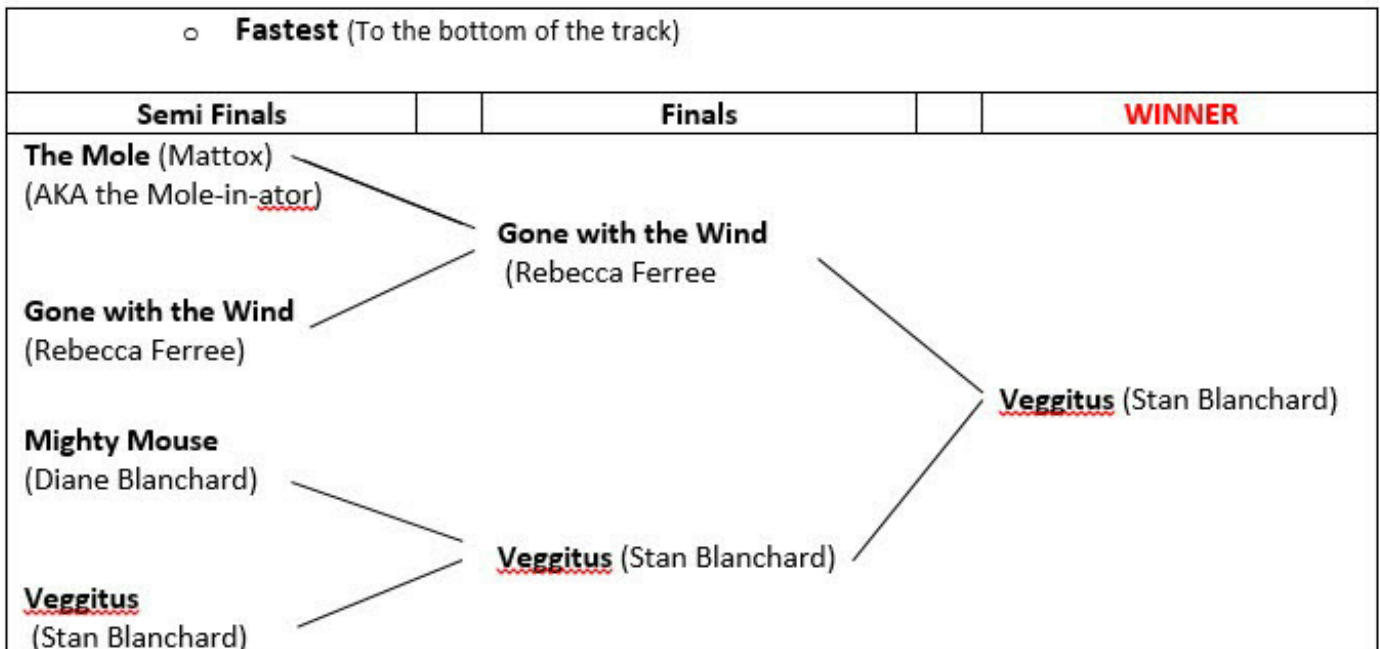
Veggie Race Results

Voted by participants prior to racing

- Most Creative/Decorative - Veggitus (Stan Blanchard)
- Best engineered (most likely to win longest distance) - The Mole (Richard and Jackie Mattox)
- Veggie Racer that looks most like a boat - Veggitus (Stan Blanchard)

Race Results

- Longest Distance **Gone with the Wind (Rebecca Ferree)** 107 inches
Runner up **Veggitus (Stan Blanchard)** 45 inches




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October 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 ABC Class @ TYC	Longbranch Rendezvous	
8 Longbranch Rendv	9	10 1900-2100 Ex. Bd Mtg*	11	12 ABC Class @ TYC Deadline Wake Astern	13	14 Salmon Bake @ Sharp's
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 1830 - 2030 Gen. Mtg @ DIYC	25	26	Dist 16 Fall Conference	
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November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Deadline Wake Astern	13	14 1900 - 2100 Ex. Bd Mtg *	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27	28 1830 - 2030 Gen. Mtg @ DIYC	29	30		

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