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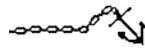
As fall approaches so does the fellowship of our Squadron. It's time for our general meetings to restart and for all of us to join in and help the Tacoma Power Squadron grow. Hope to see many of you at the September General Meeting and Past Commanders' BBQ, where your past commanders will put on a delicious dinner.

One of the things that sticks out from the National Administrative Department 2018 annual meeting is the declining retention of members and Squadrons. From 2016 to 2017 nationally active membership dropped by 1486. AP/SC members dropped by 84. JR members dropped by 10, and 10 Squadrons folded, making a retention rate 85.25%.

Recruitment has also declined which is still heavily tied in with classes taught which have also declined.

So my question is to all of you, what can we do to get more people in and taking classes? What can we do to retain your membership? As I tell my people at work, I'm not a mind reader. Come talk to your bridge members, give us ideas and feedback.

With that said I hope all of you had a great summer, got out on your boats, or just enjoyed it with family and friends.



Call to Meeting
General Meeting
Past Commanders' BBQ
 September 25th, 2018 (1830 - 2030)
 Day Island Yacht Club
 University Place

Executive Board Meeting
 October 2nd, 2018 (1900 - 2100)
 7017 126th St. East
 Puyallup, WA 98373

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Lt/C James Harden, JN-CN

I have returned from the USPS Governing Board meeting in Minneapolis having a great time and learning new information which I would like to share with you.

Cooperative Charting

We have been invited by NOAA to participate in two separate surveys. One on the use of the Coast Pilot Book and the other on how important the accuracy of the depths marked on NOAA charts on their On-The-Water activities. The cooperative charting committee is working on a simplified reporting system. The MOU has not been renewed due to a change in liability responsibility. If this issue could be resolved favorably for our members, then we may enter into a new agreement.

Environmental

The committee plans to work on updating environmental committee brochures to add “America’s Boating Club” and expanding the content.

Marketing Committee

The committee is updating the Marketing Guidebook and associated marketing material to guide national committees, districts, and squadrons transition to branding as America’s Boating Club. Also, they are updating the Brand Standards Manual. The committee is working with Tammy Brown and Rushton Gregory to create and refine an advertising strategy. Rushton Gregory is having an America’s Boating Club booth and exhibit at the Newport International Boat Show. Two districts will staff the booth and the National Educational Department will present seminars.

Safety Committee

The committee updated the VistaPrint business card access information. The committee is promoting “Do A Canoe” in response to USCG appeal. The committee reminds everyone that promotional materials (brochures, business cards, posters, etc.) are available for download on the website.

The U.S. Coast Guard has received reports from crews, ship owners, inspectors and other mariners regarding poor reception on VHF frequencies used for radiotelephone, digital selective calling (DSC) and automatic identification systems (AIS) when in the vicinity of light emitting diode (LED) lighting on-board ships. Radio frequency interference caused by these LED lamps were found to create potential safety hazards.





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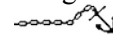


Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP

Here it is the month of September and summer is nearing its close. Looking across the Nation, these past couple of months, record flashfloods, hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts and historic forest fires and it never seems to end. I'm so grateful I live in the Pacific Northwest. Sure, we had to put up with smoke from eastern Washington and Canada, but nothing like those people who were caught in the middle of it all.

We still have a couple of events scheduled this month: (a) September 15th, the annual Salmon Bake at Chuck & Viki Sharp's place; (b) September 21 thru 23, the Arabella Rendezvous at Gig Harbor; (c) September 25th, our annual Past Commanders' BBQ at Day Island Yacht Club. I will email the details of these events as soon as they become available.

In the meantime, be safe out there on the water and plan to attend our monthly General Meetings and maybe sign up for boating classes, if you have not done so already.

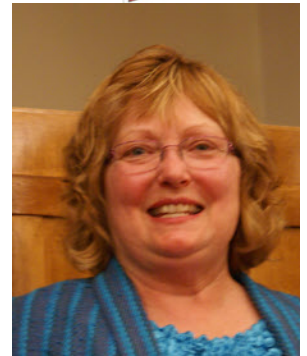


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Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

It's time to sign up for classes that will be offered this coming fall by the Tacoma Power Squadron, (AKA) AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB !

The Advanced Piloting Class is set to start Thursday September 27th at Genesis Health and Rehab, 4755 South 48th Street Tacoma, WA 908409. Gary Ball will be instructing. I have been contacting members and non-members who have done Piloting and may be interested in the upcoming class, and a nice class is forming. If you have not contacted me, and would like to do the class, give me a call or email.

We will be offering an ABC Basic Boating Class starting Monday September 10, 2018 at the Thea Foss Maritime Museum 705 Dock Street, Tacoma, WA at 07:00- 09:00 PM. A Seamanship Class will follow, and be completed before the Christmas Holidays. This will be a good opportunity for our ABC graduates to do the next step with the Seamanship Class. I will be contacting eligible members as the time for the class approaches. Our Seamanship instructor- guru- P/C Lance Williamson, P will be instructing!

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. Our members and boating friends are welcome to attend the seminars. They will be held between 05:30 and 09:00 PM at the Olympia Yacht Club facility. The tentative date will be Tuesday November 20th. P/C Andy Temple, AP & Gary Dildine, AP plan on instructing. We all could learn valuable information from this presentation.

There is discussion of doing a basic ABC Class in the Olympia area in the Jan/Feb time frame. Details to follow as we sort it out.

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 Chair person Susan Walker a call at (253)-213-2850 and she will get an inspector to make arrangements for your check.

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





News from National

- The United States Power Squadrons ® are always adding to the benefits that being part of the organization entitles you to. Some recent additions include:

- LTC Global is Long Term Care Insurance. As a USPS member you can save more when you prepare for the future. Learn how in a free educational webinar that can be found on the Membership Benefits Home page on the National website.
- Vistaprint offers an assortment of discounted business card templates for general members and Vessel Examiners - easily edited and promotes "America's Boating Club®".

More information and the full list of member benefits can be found on the Member Benefits Home page.

- From R/C Bob Howd, SN-CN, Membership Committee Chair:

Spread the word

Make sure your friends, neighbors, acquaintances know that you are a member of the United States Power Squadrons®.

You now have something else to highlight: We Are America's Boating Club®.

- And last but not least:

*****Alert from your Member Benefits Committee*****

"Active members are needed to work on the Member Benefits Committee

If interested in learning more, please contact [Stf/C Andy Hyman, SN-ACN](#);

or complete the USPS Resume Form

If you have received this email and you are no longer the editor of your squadron/district newsletter, please forward to correct person and send me the updated contact information.

Regards,

R/C Kathleen Lambert, [AP](#)

Chair, Communications Committee

Environmental Report

Submitted by P/C Larry Warren, AP

I recently read a very interesting article in the Seattle Times about an Iceberg that was four miles long, six-hundred-foot-wide, and three hundred feet tall +/- . It floated into a bay of a small village in Greenland. They evacuated the village people near the water, as they felt if the iceberg started breaking apart the resulting tsunami would devastate the village and its people. There's nothing surprising about this as it's becoming more common with global warming. Water levels rising ever so slightly year after year, it probably won't be that many years that they must move that village away from the bay.

I've always been a believer that the earth has cycles of warming and cooling and we are in a warming cycle right now. Totally nonscientific, but how far will it go? Do we influence the outcome? If we do have an influence, can we change it? While I do believe that we can change some things as individuals, certainly we're not going to stop burning coal for energy anytime soon. But there are some things we can do on a daily basis to reduce the warming of our planet. Use reusable bags at the grocery store, turn out lights when leaving a room, use less hot water, and of course recycle and change old light bulbs for newer LED bulbs. These are just a few things we all can do, and I would bet most of you do these already, but we must be vigilant and think how we can make the difference. When I think of Global Warming I always think about the movie "Water World" where there is no land, only water, people adrift and colonies of floating cities. That's a crazy thought but to some degree it may be true. Please do what you can to save this big blue marble we live on. Oh, that Iceberg floated out of the bay, all on its own.



Arabella's Rendezvous

September 21st – 23rd 2018

No Host Agenda

Friday:

Boats arriving, catching up with members, helping dock, & answering radio calls.

Dinner on your own

Tides Tavern Happy Hour 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Saturday:

Coffee on the dock

5:00 Potluck Dinner in the Net Shed

Sunday:

Coffee on the dock

Have a Safe Cruise Home!

Arabella's Landing

3323 Harborview Drive

Gig Harbor, WA

253-851-1793

St Anthony Hospital

11567 Canterwood Blvd NW

Gig Harbor, WA

253-530-2170





District 16 Fall Conference

19-20 October 2018

Red Lion Hotel, 221 N. Lincoln Street, Port Angeles, WA



"Have a Whale of a Good Time"



Full Name _____ Guest/Spouse Name _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City/State/Zip _____ Squadron _____
 Email Address for registration/payment confirmation _____
 Attending Conference without meals? _____ Is this your first time attending a District Conference? _____

Friday Evening 1800-2230

SOC HOP Dance w/Social Hour - Hot/Cold Hors D'oeuvres, No Host Bar
1600-1800 Registration; Social Hour 1800; Dance 1900

	<u>Before 3 Oct</u>	<u>After 3 Oct</u>	<u>No. People</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$30.00	\$35.00	_____	_____

Saturday AM

Breakfast on your own, (included with the Red Lion room reservation)

Saturday Lunch 1200-1300

Corner Deli Sandwich Board - Smoked Turkey, Ham, Green Salad
Assorted Bread Choices, Fresh Baked Cookies, etc.

	\$22.50	\$27.50	_____	_____
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Saturday Evening Banquet 1800-2130 (No host bar)

All dinners include Caesar Salad, Roll, Chef's Dessert Bar, Coffee & Tea

Hazelnut Encrusted Chicken topped with Mango-Cranberry Chutney
served with Roasted Garlic Yukon Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

	\$36.50	\$41.50	_____	_____
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Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms with Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables

	\$36.50	\$41.50	_____	_____
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Braised Beef Tip - marinated in Burgundy Wine, Fresh Herbs & Garlic
Slow Cooked and topped with a Marsala Caramelized Onion Demi-Glace
Served with Rosemary Roasted Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

	\$36.50	\$41.50	_____	_____
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TOTAL: \$_____

Do you have any food allergies? _____

Hotel Reservations for the Red Lion: 221 N. Lincoln Street, Port Angeles, WA (360) 452-9215

Reservations must be made by 5 October 2018 to guarantee a room.

*Remember to use "United States Power Squadron" to secure the Conference Rate.

\$114 Premium Water-Front room Single/Double Occupancy

\$94.00 Standard Room Single/Double Occupancy

The Red Lion is Pet Friendly. You must state you are bringing a Pet when you make your reservations.

Make all checks payable to: **North Olympic Sail & Power Squadron (N.O.S.P.S)**

Mail registration form to: **Jan Jones, 1363 Doe Run, Sequim WA 98382**

Questions: contact **Ruth Kohl (360) 821-9910** rkohl@olympus.net or spin.knit.read@gmail.com





Tacoma Power Squadron 2018 Rendezvous Schedule

September 15	Salmon Bake Sharp's House	Chuck & Vicki Sharp 360-866-7134
September 21-23	Arabellas 253-851-1793 Call marina to make reservations (8 boats)	No Host Outing

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.

Need a Vessel Safety Check?
It's Fast, It's Easy, and best of all,
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All you have to do is contact
Lt Sue Walker, S
Email: sue98402@gmail.com
Phone: (253-213-2850)
Address: P.O. Box 519
Tacoma, WA 98401

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.



Seaport Maritime Festival July 28 - 29, 2018



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)



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September 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Port Orchard Rendezvous
2 Port Orchard Rendezvous	3	4	5 1900-2100 Ex. Bd Mtg*	6	7	8
9	10 ABC Cls @ Foss Maritime Museum	11	12	13	14	15 Salmon Bake @ Sharp's Place
16	17 ABC Cls @ Foss Maritime Museum	18 Deadline Wake Astern	19	20	21 Arabella's Rendezvous	22
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October 2018



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28	29	30	31			

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