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**COMMANDER**



*Cdr Stan Wolfe, SN-CN*

**G**reetings from your Commander!

Hard to believe, but it has been a year since I assumed command from P/C Gary Dildine, AP-IN, via a Zoom meeting. Despite covid, TPS has been very active having completed a club cruise and having provided numerous educational opportunities to our members and the public alike.

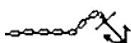
First, I need to complete this public service announcement concerning the Daffodil Marine Parade. The marine portion of Daffodil will be hosted by Tacoma Yacht Club in their marina basin starting with early boat arrivals on Thursday, April 21. TYC is planning to revert to the pre-covid format and activities. We hope to decorate a boat on Saturday the 23rd starting around 10 AM then enter it the non-judged category of the marine parade just as we did last year. Assuming scheduled maintenance is completed, Brian and Barb Prudente have graciously offered Sjøenn to be draped with flowers and banners advertising America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound as your first choice in safe boating education and training. If you want to help decorate, give me a call so I can get a headcount for snacks and such.

The highlight of my command tour was the club cruise up the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas. It was a lot of fun cruising with new and old friends and I hope everyone arrived back at home port with many good memories.

While over half of Power Squadrons nationally didn't conduct any type of education during the past year or so, Tacoma conducted basic courses as well as advanced and elective courses. We even did a seminar.

I'd like to thank everyone that contributed to our missions of education, safety, and fellowship. Everyone that contributed 10 or more hours received a merit mark, and I'd like to thank all the others that helped with fewer hours but no less dedication. I do need to thank by name my Bridge: Executive Officer Lt/C Jim Harden, JN-CN; Administrative Officer Lt/C Sam Hill, AP; Squadron Educational Officer, Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S; Secretary, Lt/C Beth Stone, and Treasurer, Lt/C Jackie Mattox, AP. I thank also P/C Richard Mattox, AP for serving as editor of the "Wake Astern" and as "town crier" for sending out email blasts on my behalf; many thanks to P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN for her work as Merit Mark Chairperson. I must thank P/C Larry (AP) and LT Cindy Warren, AP for their help and mentoring in this and in prior years. My appreciation goes to P/C Gary Dildine, AP-IN, for stepping up to serve as my predecessor thus allowing me to "work the chairs." My heart felt thanks goes to P/D/C Jim Harden, JN-CN, for his sound counsel and for stepping up as my successor (and yes, I deliberately used his current and past ranks to illustrate his commitment to all of us). All these folks have selflessly served every member of our club and I hope that I am able to do as well as they have done.

That's it - this is my last article for the Wake Astern as your Commander. I hope to see you folks out on the water!



**Call to Meeting  
Change of Watch  
April 26th, 2022 (6:00 PM)  
Mama Stortini's  
3207 East Main  
Puyallup, WA 98372  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Executive Board Meeting  
April 12th, 2022 (7:00-9:00PM)  
via Zoom**

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# Tacoma & South Puget Sound



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



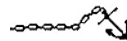
*Lt/C James Harden, JN- CN*

**W**OW! Springtime is finally here with more blue skies and warmer temperatures and the occasional shower. It is time we get outside and start enjoying our favorite pastimes traveling up and down the Puget Sound in our boats. Can anyone believe the gas and diesel prices? Let's hope they start dropping soon. Before you know it, it will be summer.

I know several of our members have heard of the initiative being proposed by the National ad hoc Reorganization Committee. If not, I have included a link so you can review this proposal. It is very important that each of our members review and send the committee an email telling their opinions on this reorganization proposal. Your voice is important and will make a difference. Without trying to influence your opinion, the proposal is trying to eliminate all the Districts in USPS/ABC. <https://theensign.org/reorganization-update/#more-28822> (control+shift)

I also want to invite all of our members to the April meeting being held at Mama Stortini's restaurant in Puyallup this month. We are all getting together to celebrate our Commander Stan's great year. There is a flyer giving all the details in this newsletter.

See you around the docks.



**Need a Vessel Safety Check?**  
**It's Fast, It's Easy, and best of all,**  
**IT'S FREE !!!**



**All you have to do is contact**  
**Lt Sue Walker, S**  
**Email: [sue98402@gmail.com](mailto:sue98402@gmail.com)**  
**Phone: (253-213-2850)**

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.





# ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



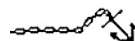
*Lt/C Sam Hill, AP*

Last month I started calling new members to welcome them to the club and see if they will participate in events including general meetings. I left a lot of voice mails and spoke with only a few members. I was not at the last general meeting (out of the country). After a text message exchange with Stan, it seems that no new members came to the meeting. I understand people have life to live, but why join an organization if you don't intend to participate.

I was in a motorcycle club for 11 years. We had the same problem in the motorcycle club. About 25% or less of the members would attend events. We would always see the same faces at every event. I would like to change that. I need your help to do it. I understand life happens and COVID-19 has scared a lot of people. Hopefully if a member is not coming to our events because of the fear of COVID-19, they are not going to restaurants, movies, bars and or long gatherings either. I have a request for members reading this article. If you are reading this article and have not attended an event ever or in a long time, please attend the next event. I also request that members that attend events, reach out to other members urging them to attend. Events are listed in the Wake Astern. A great event to start with is the Tacoma Power Squadron's Annual Change of Watch, Tuesday, April 26th, 2022. Details included in this edition of The Wake Astern.

I understand life happens and sometimes we can't do what we want to do. Good example is myself; I will not be available until May to attend the next event (work has me tied up). We have about 160 members give or take a few. The last meeting I went to in February, we had maybe 20 members present. This was a very important meeting because we voted in new officers. I believe people joined the club for a few reasons. Fellowship with other boaters, gain knowledge though both classes and members experiences, and to have fun with other boaters. A person can't do this if they do not participate in events. Okay, I'm off my soap box now, we know it was a small box.

Welcome to April and enjoy the daffodil parade.



**Lt/C Sam (AP) & Kim Hill  
on The Defiant  
April 2021 Daffodil Boat Parade**

Closing date for articles is the fourth Wednesday of each month. Please direct all articles to the Editor. E-mail to: [ricque0602@comcast.net](mailto: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 Bentley Rickmers, S  
Sq Education Officer*

# EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

Spring is here! Nice weather for boating and all types of boating classes are available.

The Weather course is wrapping up at Tacoma Yacht Club taught by Cdr. Stan Wolfe.

Marine Electrical Systems started March 24 via Free Conference Call.

### Upcoming classes:

Engine Maintenance: Every skipper needs to understand the fundamentals of gas and diesel engines to perform basic maintenance and diagnose problems underway. Learn about different engines, transmissions, propellers, and steering. Get the knowledge you need to keep your boat in tiptop shape.

### What's included?

- Basics of engine configuration and operation for gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesels
- Mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls
- Repairs that do-it-yourselfers can perform
- Diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix
- How to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed

Price for this class is \$70 for members.

EM will start April 28 at Tacoma Yacht Club at 7 pm for 6-7 weeks. Click below to register:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=98467&range=20>

We have America's Boating Course, the basic safety course, starting April 18 at Day Island Yacht Club at 7 pm. If you know of anyone who needs this class, please see below and pass the word around. This will be 4 classes plus another night for the exam.

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### **Become a Better Boater, Take an In-Person Boating Course**

Taking a boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance, and qualifies you for a state boat license or operator certificate in most states.

America's Boating Course is the most comprehensive, single source, in-person boating course available to give you the skills you need to enjoy your time on the water and boat with confidence. Available in both English and Spanish, our boater safety class meets most states' certification requirements.

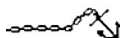
What You'll Learn:

- Information about your State Boating Laws, regulations, boat registration, and licensing.
- Required boating safety equipment
- Dos and Don'ts of boating safely
- Practical Knowledge of navigation and rules of the road
- How to handle medical emergencies onboard and mechanical problems on the water
- The basics of towing and trailering

America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound is offering America Boating Course Starting April 18, 2022 for 5 weeks on Mondays, 7- 9 pm at Day Island Yacht Club including the night of exam. May 2 class will be via Zoom. Cost of the class is \$40.

Go to this link to register or click on the QR code at the top of the page.

<https://americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=98467&range=20>





*America's Boating Club of  
1939 - Tacoma and South Puget Sound -2022  
Presents Our 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Change of Watch*

*This meeting replaces our General meeting. Please come join us for a Fireside evening at*

**Mama Stortini's**

*3207 East Main, Puyallup WA 98372*

*Fireside Room (located on the lower level)*

*Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2022*

*Social hour starts @ 6:00 PM Followed by Dinner @ 7:00 PM, No host Bar*

*The Change of Watch will commence after dinner and dessert.*

*A buffet dinner with Salad, Bread and tomato feta relish, fresh fruit platter,*

*Ziti pasta w/meat sauce, Tomato cream, and Alfredo sauce,*

*Tuscan meatballs and sliced grilled chicken breasts with garlic butter and fresh parmesan.*

*Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Iced tea and Coffee provided*

*-Dessert-*

*Dinner is \$35.00 per person*

*Reservations are required by April 19<sup>th</sup> 2022*

*Reservations may be made by filling out the form below and returning it with payment to:*

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*Larry Warren*

*Cell # (206) 571-3099*

*26516 154<sup>th</sup> Street East*

*Buckley, WA 98321-9696*

*Please make payment out to: Tacoma Power Squadron*

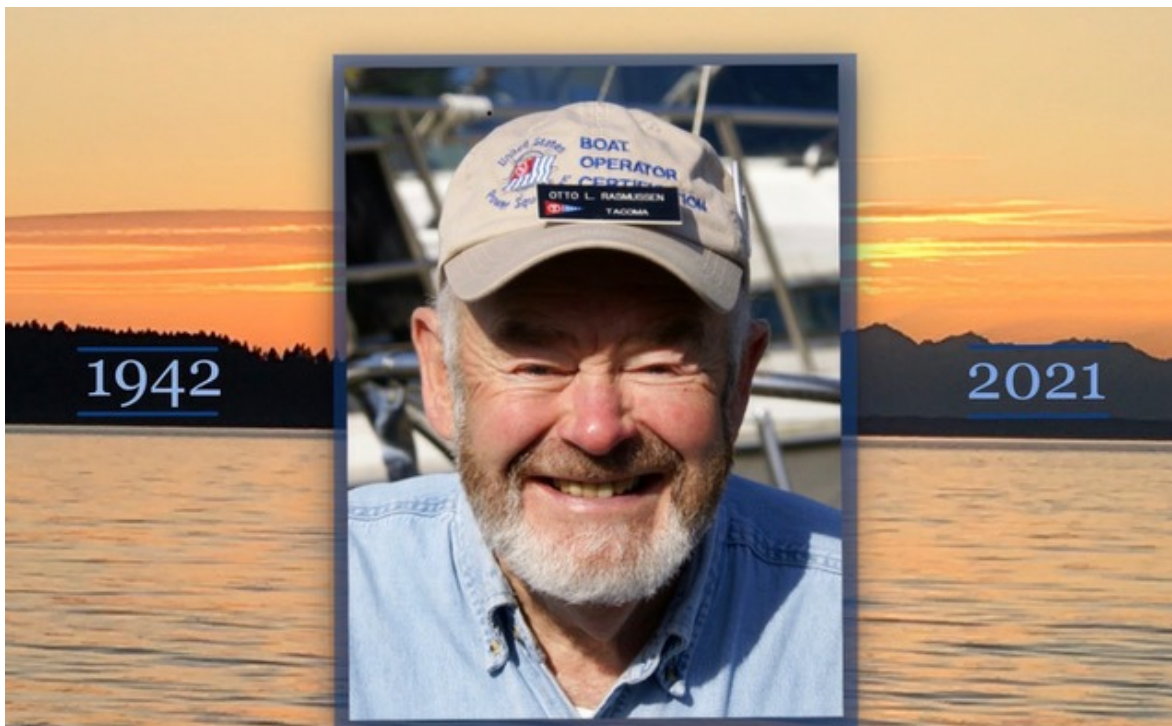
*Names of attending Guests*-----

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*Phone # ( )*----- *Number of People attending*----- *X \$35.00 per person*

*Total amount enclosed*-----

*Casual Attire (Uniform is Optional)*





**PLEASE JOIN OUR FAMILY TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF  
OTTO L. RASMUSSEN**

**SATURDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2022, 2 pm – 5 pm  
STEILACOOM COMMUNITY CENTER  
2301 WORTHINGTON ST**

**PLEASE COME AND SHARE YOUR MEMORIES**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**

**IN LIEU OF FLOWERS PLEASE DONATE TO:  
America's Boating Club (Education Fund),  
the Amyloidosis Foundation, or  
the Oregon Health and Science University**

**RSVP TO CAROLYN AT:  
[carolyn@carolynrasmussen.com](mailto:carolyn@carolynrasmussen.com) or (206) 321-3814**



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## **HEY SAILOR**

### **Looking for a GOOD TIME?**

**Come Join Us for a Drive in Land Yacht Rendezvous & BBQ  
Saturday May 21, 2022 1:00 – 5:00 PM**

Brought to you by America's Boating Club of Tacoma & South Puget Sound (AKA Tacoma Power Squadron)

Set your destination for Lat. 46.53.865 N, Lon. 122.43.325 W in Rainier WA

The Club will provide Hot Dogs & Hamburgers, buns & non-alcoholic beverages. YOU bring your favorite BBQ Potluck dish to share, such as: potato or macaroni salad, bean salad, green salad, baked beans, dessert or whatever you enjoy at a BBQ. For some of our longtime members, how about something from the Potluck Pete's cook-book?

**NEW MEMBERS:** Please join us. Due to covid the last couple years we haven't had a chance to meet many of you. This is a great time to come mingle and get to know us and for us to meet you.

There are 5 acres of wooded pasture to wander around in and enjoy the outdoors. There will be a display of old antique farm tractors, horseshoe pit, corn hole, basketball hoop, a pool table, maybe a bonfire and s'mores if there is interest. We may even have a search of the area to locate geodetic survey marks, led by Jim Harden. Or you can just hang out and visit. We need you to please bring your own chairs for seating, and we do have a dry place to sit if weather doesn't cooperate. There is plenty of parking space.

This may be the best rendezvous of the year. Think about it, no docking and tying up, no moorage fees, and a lot less fuel burned to get here than by boat (have you seen the price of fuel lately?). There is a registration requirement though, please RSVP before May 13 so we can have enough to go around.

We are 15 minutes south of Yelm, or 15 minutes East of Lacey depending on which way you come. We are a little way out, but it will be worth the trip. Your destination is:

13107 Faircourt Lane SE  
RAINIER WA 98576

Directions will be in May Wake Astern or ask when you RSVP. If you get our answering machine, please leave a message and we will get back to you, with 5 acres we are out of the house a lot of the time. We look forward to seeing everyone.

RSVP 360-446-0276 [garydildine8@msn.com](mailto:garydildine8@msn.com) Gary or Barb Dildine



**SAVE THE DATE**

**FOR THE ANNUAL**

**D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: June 23-26, 2022**

**Travel to the Rendezvous by Boat, Car or RV**

**Friday, 6/24:**

**Friday Evening Dinner:**

Join us for a catered “served” buffet Italian dinner (approx. \$26/plate) on Friday evening at the **Poulsbo Yacht Club**. (***BYOB***). Walk, Drive or Dinghy to enjoy the events. **The Poulsbo Yacht Club is .6 miles (6 tenths of a mile) from the Marina.**

**Saturday, 6/25:**

**Saturday Breakfast:** 9:30AM at the Poulsbo Marina’s “party barge” served by D16 Bridge (free for registered rendezvous participants).

**Flare shoot Training:** Late morning Tides look favorable. No fire extinguisher training this year.

**Saturday Night Social:** "Dock Party" from 5:00-7:30PM on "E Dock". Members/guest set up tables & chairs (and tents/covers depending on weather) at the end of “E Dock”. Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres & BYOB to share with fellow district members and guests.

**Moorage and Lodging**

**Moorage Reservations:** E-Dock has been reserved for those planning to attend by boat. Moorage fees of \$1.50 per foot for less than 16’ beam & \$3.00 per foot for greater than 16’ beam (both 30’ minimum) + \$.75/visit (environmental) + \$5.00/night electrical to be paid directly to Poulsbo Marina (upon arrival). In addition, a \$5.00 reservation fee will be collected by D16 at the time of registration. Information regarding your boat size and specific moorage requests will be collected on the Registration Form which will be sent out to all members soon.

**Lodging:** A block of rooms has been reserved at Poulsbo Inn under the name “District 16 America’s Boating Club” at a group rate of \$120.00/night plus tax (for 6/24 and 6/25). **Group block rate closes June 15, 2022.** Please make your hotel reservations early and directly with the hotel at 360-779-3921.

**Watch for the Reservation Form and sign up for the fun!**

The registration form with more information will be sent to all members. For Questions Contact: Craig Brown, P/D/C at: [craig-sandybrown@msn.com](mailto:craig-sandybrown@msn.com)



# Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2022 Rendezvous Schedule

22nd-24 <sup>th</sup> April	Daffodil <u>\$25.00 registration fee</u> <u>Theme: Hope Rises</u>	Registration on TYC Website <u>Need Parade Boat</u>
21 <sup>st</sup> May	<u>Drive in Rendezvous</u>	Gary & Barb Dildine's Home
23rd-26 <sup>th</sup> June	Poulsbo District 16	Registration Form/Wake Astern
22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> July	Kingston Call/text Cindy to confirm <u>206-571-3096</u>	Need Hosts 10) boats <u>\$10 Reservation Fee</u>
12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> August	Swantown 360-528-8049	Need Hosts <u>\$5 Reservation Fee</u>
2nd-5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Port Orchard (Labor Day) 360-876-5535 Can call in & prepay	Need Hosts (10) Boats (8 slips & 100' Long Dock) <u>\$5 Reservation Fee</u>
30 <sup>th</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept/Oct	Arabella's Landing Marina <u>"Book on line"</u>	Need Hosts 10) Boats

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](mailto:c.m.warren-7@hotmail.com)  
Text: [206-571-3096](tel:206-571-3096)



## From The Editor

by P/C Richard Mattox, AP

Tacoma Power Squadron (TPS) recently voted on the 2022-2023 slate of Bridge and Executive Board members who will be sworn in at this month's Change of Watch on April 26th, 2022. I offer my sincere appreciation to those members who stepped up to keep TPS afloat, educating boaters throughout Puget Sound.

With that being said, there are still some important vacancies to be filled:

- Asst Education Officer
- Basic Boating Chairperson
- Asst Vessel Safety Check Chairperson
- Audit Committee (1)
- Rules Committee (1)
- Historian
- Property Officer
- Safety Officer
- Legislative Officer
- Public Relations

For your convenience, I have copied the position descriptions for your review, on pages 13-15. The complete list and details are contained in the USPS Operations Manual.

Per Webster's "Volunteer": person(s) who freely offer to help or work without expecting payment or reward. Giving back has sustained this club for the past 83 years. With your help filling the vacancies listed above, we will hopefully continue for another 83 years. You can do this!!!

If you have any questions, please contact any TPS Bridge or Executive Board member. They are here to serve you.



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**Assistant Bridge Officers.** When provided for in their bylaws and authorized by its ExCom, each squadron is authorized to elect an Assistant Squadron Educational Officer (ASEO), an Assistant Administrative Officer (AAO), an Assistant Secretary (ASecy) and an Assistant Treasurer (ATreas). These assistant officers serve with the rank of first lieutenant (1/Lt) and are addressed as Lieutenant. As their titles suggest, the duties of assistant Bridge officers is to assist their principals as required and, in the principals' absence, to act in their stead.

**The Squadron Educational Officer.** The primary duty of the Squadron Educational Officer (SEO) is to supervise the educational programs of the squadron. In order to provide stability within the squadron, SEOs normally serve for a period of three years (although they must be elected annually). The SEO is a member of both the National and District Educational Departments, a member of the ExCom, a member of the Squadron Bridge, has general supervision of the Executive Department as directed by the membership, the Commander, or the ExCom and is, ex officio, a member of all the squadron educational boards and committees. The responsibilities of the SEO are:

- To assist the Commander in completing the squadron's educational commitments.
- To supervise the squadron educational department as directed by the Commander or the ExCom;
- To advise the Commander on all squadron educational matters and appointments; and
- To coordinate, in conformance with national educational policies and procedures, the educational activities within the squadron

**Basic Boating Chairperson.** The squadron may have local boards for groups of courses and other instructional methods. Such boards are at all times subject to the direction and supervision of the SEO. Local board chairmen and members are appointed by the Commander upon advice of the SEO. If appointed, they perform such duties as are outlined by United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, policy and as may be directed by the SEO. They make such reports as may be requested by the Commander or by the SEO. The SEO enters the names of these appointees into the online form OD-2, Job Management, immediately following the change of watch and whenever there is a change at any other time during the year. Local boards, whose names are self-explanatory, may be appointed for the following group of instruction:

- Public Boating Education

**Vessel Safety Check Committee.** The Vessel Safety Check Committee (VSCCom) is composed of qualified vessel examiners (VEs) who administer the squadron's VSC program. This program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal and state recreational boating safety laws, particularly regarding the carriage of safety equipment. It raises boaters' awareness of safety through one-on-one contact with vessel examiners. After the VE determines a boat passes the inspection, the VE may affix an appropriate decal on the port side of the vessel or the port side of the mast if the vessel is a sailboat. A successful VSC provides the boater with peace of mind in knowing that he is equipped to prevent or to deal with an emergency on the water. As a free service to the boating community, the VSC program is a cornerstone of the squadron's community service. The Vessel Safety Check Program is a joint program with the Coast Guard Auxiliary issues

All squadron members are eligible to become vessel examiners. A member must have classroom or on-line training, pass a proctored or an on-line exam and conduct five safety checks under supervision of one of the squadron's VEs. Each VE makes a difference in recreational boating safety by making certain that boats meet the federal and state requirements for safety equipment.

No member of the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, is ever required to wear a uniform of any sort. However, some vessel examiners take pride in wearing the red vessel examiner's polo shirt (available through the national Ship's Store) as it identifies those members who are VEs in the VSC program.

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**Auditing Committee.** The Auditing Committee (AuditCom) examines all records of the Treasurer as of the last day of the squadron fiscal year and submits a report of its findings for action by a membership meeting not more than 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. An additional audit is performed and reported to the membership within 60 days should a different individual assume the office of Treasurer prior to the end of the fiscal year

**Rules Committee.** The Rules Committee (RulesCom) is the guardian of adherence to the bylaws and policy of the United States Power Squadrons and squadron bylaws. The committee members remain familiar with the current edition of Model Bylaws for Squadrons of United States Power Squadrons. They prepare recommendations as necessary to keep the squadron's bylaws consistent with United States Power Squadrons policy. The RulesCom prepares the wording of proposed amendments as may be directed by the ExCom, the membership or proposed on its own initiative. Any proposed changes to squadron bylaws must first receive preliminary approval from the National Committee on Rules (ComRules). After the squadron's Annual Meeting, the Secretary sends to the ComRules a complete copy (electronic) of the voted bylaws and a scanned copy of the signed and dated certification. ComRules ensures that the bylaws are acceptable and returns a signed and dated electronic copy of the Certification and Approval page. The date of ComRules' approval becomes the effective date of the revised bylaws. The Secretary gives notice of such approval to the ExCom and the membership.

**Historian Officer.** The Historian Officer or Committee is directly involved in assisting the national organization annually to collect and maintain squadron historical information such as the names of the Bridge and committee chairs, membership statistics, courses completed with the number of students who passed, members achieving special recognitions, members serving in other levels of the organization, awards received, boating and social activities and much more. The national collection of a squadron's history also includes the dates of charter, burgee adoption, incorporation, the adoption of a trade name and other significant events in a squadrons' history. The Historian is responsible for submitting an annual report to the national organization within 30 days of the squadron's change of watch.

Prior to the Commander appointing a Historian, he should consider members who wish to remain in that position for an unlimited number of years. Historians are often selected from among the older members with many years of experience in the squadron. Another consideration of the Commander is to decide whether the archivist responsibility should rest on the shoulders of a single officer. The formation of a Historian's Committee with one or two additional members provides an environment for the continuity of the information collection. Information collection is a year-long job that requires the willingness to meet and talk with other officers and to learn the workings of the squadron. Regardless of whether the historians are older or newer members, they must be enthusiastic, outgoing and willing to have fun talking to members and making history complete.

**Property Officer.** The Commander may appoint a Property Officer who has responsibility for all squadron property which is not procured for resale to members. The Property Officer maintains a current listing of those properties showing location, date procured, and condition. A copy of the listing is supplied to the Treasurer upon request. NOTE: The Property Officer may report to the Treasurer in some squadrons.

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**Legislative Officer/Committee.** The Squadron Legislative Committee (SLegCom), under the leadership of the Squadron Legislative Officer (SLegO), monitors and reviews enacted or proposed legislative matters affecting boating in the squadron area in order to keep the Commander and membership informed. The squadron legislative officer works with the district legislative officer to keep the membership advised through communications with the district, and the district, in turn, with the national legislative committee, so that determination can be made concerning any action that can be taken on any given matter related to enacted or proposed legislation.

The SLegO in particular, and not his committee, has specific responsibility for the following duties:

- To effectively monitor all local legislative activity in the squadron's area. Some of this may be delegated, but responsibility for its satisfactory completion remains with the legislative officer;
- To attend all district council meetings and conferences to ensure that all information on legislative activity in the district is available to him and to his squadron. This responsibility should not be delegated to another squadron member;
- To forward copies of all legislative reports to the district legislative officer so that the district benefits from his efforts;
- To keep the squadron law and executive officers informed at all times about any legislative changes or modifications affecting recreational boating in the squadron's area. Such changes can range from local ordinances to national laws and regulations; and
- To maintain records of legislative activity of the committee so that appropriate merit mark recommendations may be made each year.

While legislation affecting boating may be of interest to the squadron and to its members, taking a position on matters of legislation as an organization or as a member of the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, is not in the member's best interests. Any member may appear as a private citizen at any hearing at which he desires to testify or to be heard, provided he does not intimate that he is representing the organization or any of its squadrons/clubs. Likewise, squadron or club stationery must not be used to write individual letters to legislative or political bodies or entities, except to issue an invitation to a squadron activity or to confer honorary membership. Whenever there is any doubt concerning the propriety of action on any legislative matter, the district legislative officer must be consulted.

**Public Relations Committee.** The Squadron Public Relations Committee (SPRCom) is chaired by the Squadron Public Relations Officer (S/PRO). This officer is critical to the growth and well-being of the squadron. The S/PRO is an active, seasoned member who is a self-starter with a creative imagination, communication skills, initiative and a desire to excel in promoting the squadron and its image. Successful public relations officers are friendly, outgoing and good speakers and tend to stay in their positions for a number of years as they carefully mentor the committee members as protégées. SPRCom works closely with the Educational Officer (SEO), and other committees of the Executive Department. The S/PRO is a frequent visitor at ExCom meetings.

The Public Relations Committee's main duties and responsibilities are:

- To maintain a list of and establish good rapport with local media (newspapers, magazines, radio and TV stations, and the editors, and program managers);
- To publicize information pertaining to public course offerings dates, times and location(s) through various types of media (posters, flyers, newspapers, radio, TV); and
- To implement a year-round public relations (PR) program to enhance the squadron's image and increase public awareness of the contributions that the squadron and the national organization make to boating safety through education. SPRCom is one of the most important links between the national organization and the public.

Another activity which is designated to the squadron's Public Relations Committee is the fostering of entries in the three PR competitions: the Charles F. Chapman PR Award for compiling the best squadron scrapbook; the Carl C. Mahnken Commander's Cup Award for excellence in developing a slide presentation; and the Roger Upton Video Contest for creating a video production explaining a particular concept and using a variety of visual images. Winners of the squadron competitions compete at their district and district winners compete at national. Additional information regarding the PR contests is detained on the web pages of the National Public Affairs Committee and in the Public Relations Officer's Log - PROLOG on the Download section of the Operations Manual Committee's webpage.

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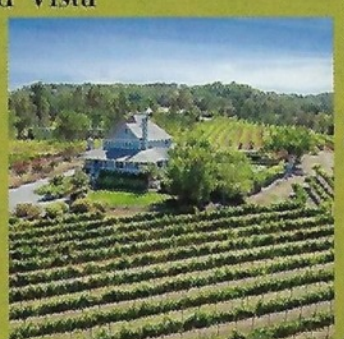


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