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From the Helm:

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer even with temps over 90 degrees. If you didn't attend this year's District 16 rendezvous at Poulsbo, you really missed a good outing. The catered dinner at the Poulsbo Yacht Club was well attended and the caterers really did a nice job putting forth a delicious spread. Hats off to our District Executive Officer.

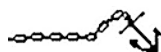
Tacoma Power Squadron had the most people in attendance at the Saturday night hors d'oeuvres on the dock. It was great seeing everyone there. Thanks for all the great food you brought to the party. There was a boating mishap that occurred while we were at Poulsbo outing, but you need to ask one of our members that brought their boat to get the details.

I did attend the outing at Kingston on Friday. I only got to see Stan and Debbie who arrived about mid-day. Dave McBride was there also attending, and we recovered a geodetic mark. Sorry, I couldn't stay longer so I could visit with the other members arriving later.

Just to keep everyone up to date we have received our kitchen cabinets, but they are still in their boxes stacked in the dining room and kitchen.

Stay informed on what is going on at the headquarters by signing up for the News Blast that is sent out every month. This is your organization and you make a difference but only when you are informed. I will try my best to pass along information, but I miss things too.

See you around the docks.



- * LEARN Boating Skills**
- * ENGAGE with Boating Friends**
- * CONNECT with the Boating Community**

**General Membership Meetings
HELD
SEPTEMBER THRU MAY
ONLY

Executive Board Meeting
HELD ON
AS NEEDED BASIS**

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Summer is in full effect, we had really HOT days at the end of July. Boating in July has been very exciting. We (wife and I) do not have a big boat like most of the club, but we have done a few things. Let me tell you the tales of boating in July from the XO. Strong cups of coffee will be required (do not want you to fall asleep). **COFFEE CUP ONE**

5-10 July 2022

5 July: Repairs are complete on the damage to my portside hull. In the middle of May, I took my boat out for the first time this year. The intent was to knock the dust off my docking skills. What I knocked off was an 8X2 inch section of gelcoat on my hull. I hit a metal bracket on the dock peeling the gelcoat off like a banana peel. After the repair was complete, I had the boat polished. That weekend we took a trip to Cutts (Dead man) Island. During that trip (second time out for the year), I damaged my props on my swim deck ladder. You guessed it, I left it down and the props hit it. Your XO was looking like a total amateur on his first and second time out.

11-17 July 2022

13-14 July: After a couple YouTube videos, it was time to change out my props. They are the contra-rotating propellers (CRP), something I never worked on before. Of course, the second prop would not come off the shaft. I applied penetrating oil, waited until the next day and tapped it off. The same day we went for a test run. During the test run, we ran across a couple ladies with their engine compartment up, their boat was dead in the water. We towed them to Rock the Dock safely. I tried to talk to the caption about boater education and a VSC but she knew everything already (not). The rest of the weekend, we cruised around burning up boat gas, stopping at a restaurant or two along the way.

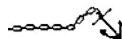
18-24 July 2022:

Saturday, we took a ferry from Edmond to Kingston to say hello to the members that attended our July event. A ferry is a boat, just not my boat. **WAKE UP IT IS TIME FOR CUP # 2**

25-31 July 2022:

I spent the week clean and making repairs inside the cuddy cabin. Because I bought the boat used, all the parts to convert the table and couch set-up to a bed set-up were not there. I fabricated the needed parts for the bed to work and spent the night on my boat in my driveway as a test run. If it was not too comfortable, I would go in the house to sleep, I slept like a baby. Saturday, we launched from Point Ruston, went through the Locks and made our way to the Kirkland Wine Festival. We enjoyed the festival, witnessed the activities of mooring after a wine festival, and spent the night aboard. The gentleman on our starboard side kicked two couples off his boat including a kid. To our portside, the police broke up a loud party. We had friends on the boat also for a few hours. The following day we picked up some friends and burned up more boat gas. We made it back through the Locks safely and got home at about 21:30 (9:30PM). **CUP # 3 IS REQUESTED**

What a month of boating, we really enjoyed ourselves and learned a few things on the way. Looking forward to see what August brings and to see you at Swantown. We are starting things off with SeaFair on the water. Stay safe out there and welcome to August. Summer is short out here so enjoy it as much as possible. **I KNOW YOU ARE GLAD MY ARTICLE IS OVER, DRINK MORE COFFEE**



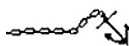


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ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



So, here it is the height of summer, Seafair is in full swing at the time of this writing. I can remember as a teenager riding my motorcycle down to Stan Sayres hydro pit, also known as Stan Sayres Memorial Park. In those days you could go right down to the hydro's, get a good look, feel the engines roar, and smell the burning fuel. The excitement was incredible! My friends and I would spend the entire day watching the boats doing their trial runs on Lake Washington. The boats were magnificent, long, and sleek and polished to perfection. Crowds of people gathered on the shore and in boats secured to the log boom, it was a sight to see. Everyone was cheering for their favorite boat, my favorite was Miss U.S. driven by Bill Muncey, but there were many memorable boats like Miss Budweiser, Miss Bardahl, Miss Thriftway, Miss Exide, and many, many more. There actually was a hydro named "Fascination" in the early 60's that won the Space Needle Handicap in 1962. My father was a huge fan. I can remember watching the races on our black and white TV set. We lived in Burien at the time, and you could hear the roar of the engines all the way from Lake Washington. When I was younger, every boy made toy wooden hydro's that resembled their favorite boat and tied them to their bike and drug them around the neighborhood. I was no exception; I drug mine till the sponsons wore off! These memories are part of the reason I wanted to participate in the Seafair Milk Carton Derby. With the help of members of our Squadron and the Seattle Squadron, we produced a winning team and boat. They're saying next year the Milk Carton Derby will be back. Let us all think about making new memories, have fun and put together another winning team.



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Tacoma & South Puget Sound



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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



STAY TUNED FOR NEXT MONTH'S REPORT



Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2022 Rendezvous Schedule

12 th -14 th August	Swantown 360-528-8049	Need Hosts <u>\$5 Reservation Fee</u>
2 nd -5 th Sept	Port Orchard (Labor Day) 360-876-5535 Can call in & prepay	Need Hosts (10) Boats (8 slips & 100' LonDock) <u>\$5 Reservation Fee</u>
30 th -2 nd 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.

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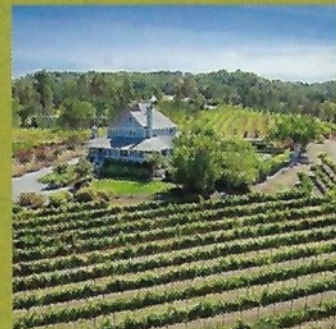
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21	22	23 No Gen. Mtgs June thru August	24	25	26	27
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