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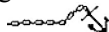


Cdr Richard Mattox, AP

First of all, I want to wish everyone a happy and festive holiday season. They say that this past November was one of driest on record, but I'm still not sure that I'm ready for winter. One of my high school classmates and I have been going to our high school football games for the past five years. Seated out in the open on metal bleachers was a lot easier in our younger years.

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have celebrated Thanksgiving and our annual Christmas Brunch at Tacoma Yacht Club. On the horizon, Christmas shared with family and friends and the dawning of 2020.

I believe our Squadron is charting on a very good course and steadily gaining new members this past year. This is greatly due to our dedicated members giving of their time and effort to achieve the goals of instructing the public on what safe boating is all about. Be it teaching a USPS course, helping proctor a class or seminar, or taking that class you have been putting off or have not had the time to invest, not only will you gain valuable knowledge, but also confidence as a safer boater and proud member of America's Boating Club. It's a win – win, for yourself and your Squadron.



**Call to Meeting
General Meeting**

January 28th, 2020 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
January 14th, 2020 (7:00 - 9:00 PM)
Genesis Rehab Center
4755 South 48th Street

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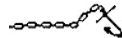
Lt/C Larry Warren. AP

So, you're thinking it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, as well you should. But did you know this time of year can be dangerous to your health? Sure, some songs will tell you it's the most wonderful time of year and I would be the last person to say different. Let's look at it from a not so nostalgic point of view. Take for instance, decorating the outside of your house. Ladders are almost always involved, and you've most likely put your life at risk once already just cleaning the gutters. So here you go again, only this time your putting electrical wires on a metal gutter.

It's no secret that literally thousands of people are injured by decorations each year, but surprisingly it's more women than men that get cuts, sprains, contusions and other injuries all from decorations. However, it's men that are injured the most in ladder involved mishaps, and toddlers attempting to eat an ornament. Of course, trimming the tree has its share of injuries from slipping while being carried as well as falls related to, again ladders, step stools, chairs etc. Let's not forget wrapping and unwrapping gifts. More people visit the emergency room each year from lacerations caused by scissors, knives, boxcutters etc. than you would believe. It may also surprise you that many children are injured by slipping off Santa's lap or falling while running away from fear. There have been many reported cases of children being injured while just meeting jolly old Saint Nick at a shopping mall. Emergency rooms have been visited by many a person both young and old after an injury from sledding related accidents, although this may happen at any time there is snow and ice.

Studies also suggest that perhaps some accidents simply occur because of high levels of Christmas cheer whether it be a person with high spirits of the season or ingesting high levels of spirits. In any case please use those ladders responsibly with safety in mind and follow those manufactures instructions and precautions. Be sure to keep a sharp eye out for the children who would just as soon eat a tree ornament as a cookie. That goes double for those of us that have ornaments that look like cookies.

Please have a safe and Happy Holiday season with no Accidents.



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Address: P.O. Box 519

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.

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Greetings from your Administrative Officer!

We're in the slow period for boating, but planning continues. We anticipate the Cruise-In will be on Saturday, January 25th, 2020 at Day Island Yacht Club. It will be potluck with the theme being soups and stews. I hope to have the tentative rendezvous schedule available at the Cruise-In so folks can start planning.

The latest membership stats indicate Tacoma is number one. However, it is not good to rest on our laurels. 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 P/C Jackie Mattox, AP.

USPS Headquarters has announced a delay in the start of our partner relationship with DAN Boater. I'll provide more information as it becomes available. Our next general meeting program will be presented at the February general meeting by Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S. The topic will be Daffodil 2020.

We wish a speedy recovery for P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN, Lt/C Larry Warren, AP, and Don V'Soske for their recent surgeries. 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").



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

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.

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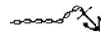
A Seamanship Class will be starting on January 9th, 2020. For our new members and any members who might be considering a great course taught by Lance Williamson, please let Lance, Otto Rasmussen, Sandi Carrol, or Bentley Rickmers know so that adequate materials can be ordered for the class. Lance-(253)312-1371 Otto-(253)-921-3839 Sandi-(253)-208-0979 Bentley-(253)-208-1678. Thanks, Otto.

Other classes for 2020 Educational efforts include Engine Maintenance, Electronic Navigation, and Piloting or Advanced Piloting depending on requests from you, our members. More details will be in the January Educational message.

The fall Piloting Class is in the take home open book exam cruise for the course, with the exams being submitted after the Thanksgiving holiday for grading by our National Piloting Committee. Good luck to all the candidates.

This is a good time to take care of those little problems with your boat you may have noted last cruising season, and make it 100% for the spring weather around the corner. It's also a great time to expand on your boating knowledge to further enjoy your boating season, so consider taking a class, it's fun, you get together with fellow members and expand your horizons on the water. If you are interested in a subject not mentioned above, please contact me and I can see what we can put one together. There is a complete list of offerings on Tacoma's "America's Boating Club" web site. A simple call, text or email to Otto will set things in motion. **TO MAKE THIS WORK I NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU !**

Wishing you a festive holiday season, SEO Otto Rasmussen, ASEO Sandi Caroll, & ASEO Bentley Rickmers!



NOAA Plans to Stop Producing Traditional Paper Charts

BY [THE MARITIME EXECUTIVE](#) 2019-11-15 21:16:56

On Friday, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Coast Survey [announced](#) plans to phase out the production of all traditional paper nautical charts.

Over the next five years, NOAA says that it plans to transition to electronic chart (ENC) products with a focus on improving data consistency and providing larger scale ENC coverage. This process includes replacing 1,200 irregular ENC cells on 130 different scales with a standardized grid system and set of 12 standard scales. It is expected to significantly improve the level of detail and consistency in NOAA's ENCs.

As it reorients its efforts towards electronic products, NOAA will gradually shut down services associated with traditional paper charts, including full-size chart PDFs, print-on-demand paper charts and NOAA raster charts (RNCs). The [phase-out](#) will start in mid- to late-2020 and be completed by January 2025.

NOAA will still provide access to paper chart products based on ENC data, either through third-party vendors or through the NOAA Custom Chart system (now in prototype phase). The online [NOAA Custom Chart \(NCC\) application](#) lets users create their own paper charts with NOAA ENC data. The user can define the scale and size of custom-made nautical charts, then download them in a special PDF format.

The phaseout of traditional paper products reflects broader trends in the industry. The IMO now requires that all large commercial vessels on international voyages use electronic charts. In 2016, the U.S. Coast Guard started allowing commercial vessels on domestic voyages to use ENCs instead of paper charts. Electronic products are also increasingly popular with recreational users. It is, however, a break with tradition. NOAA's Office of Coast Survey has produced traditional paper charts for nearly 200 years, and these products been the primary source of navigational information for generations of American mariners.

Comments on the decision may be submitted through NOAA's [online feedback tool](#).



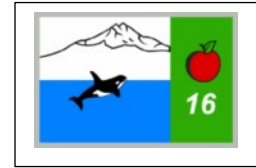
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**“Educate like a Captain
Play like a Pirate”**



Annual District 16 Conference 13-15 March 2020

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest Name: _____

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FUNCTION:	(Meal prices include gratuity & Sales tax)	*Early Bird \$*	Regular \$	# of People	Total \$
Friday – Incoming Officer training	1300 – 1600 Des Moines YC - 22737 Marine View Dr, Des Moines see next page	XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
Friday – Registration	1500 - 1800 DoubleTree Suites - 16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Friday - Dinner - dress as your favorite Captain or Pirate	1900 - 2000 Spaghetti w/ meatballs, salad, garlic bread with music	\$38.00	\$43.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday – Breakfast	- Breakfast is available at the hotel	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Saturday – Tour of Seattle Chocolate Co	0930 – 1130 see next page	XXX	\$10.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday – Clinic “Clarifying stray currents”	1330 – 1530 see next page	XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
Saturday – Lunch	1200 - 1300 Baja Salad Buffet; salad greens w/ assorted toppings available	\$28.00	\$33.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday – No-Host Social	1700 - 1800	XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
Saturday – Dinner	1800 - 2000 1. <u>Garlic roasted Chicken w/ smoked mozzarella cream</u> 2. <u>Salmon Linguini</u> All Entrees served with dinner salad, seasonal vegetables, new potatoes, coffee/decaf/tea Final chance for Raffle Tickets and Silent Auction bids	\$45.00 \$45.00	\$50.00 \$50.00	_____ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____
* Early Bird prices apply only for Registrations post-marked by 15 January 2020 Registrations & payment MUST be received prior to 21 February 2020					TOTAL:

Please make checks payable to: “Poverty Bay Sail & Power Squadron” and mail with Registration Form to: Joanna Webster, 31820 37th Ave SW, Federal Way, WA 98023-2176, Phone: (253) 927-7474.

Make hotel reservations directly with DoubleTree Suites no later than **Friday, 28 February 2020** by using below link or calling: (800) 222-8733. Request Group Code “D16” to get conference rate prices.

DoubleTree Suites, 16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila, WA

https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/SEASPDT-D16-20200313/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

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For questions, please contact Joanna Webster at: (253) 927-7474 or email at jimjoweb@aol.com

Incoming Officer training

Those that sign up for this training will be contact via e-mail about options for getting to the Des Moines Yacht Club.

Seattle Chocolate Co. Tour

Experience chocolate at the Seattle Chocolate factory and flagship store. **Taste** their signature, smooth chocolate recipes throughout your journey. **Explore** their chocolate-making machines and the start-to-finish creation of their truffles. **Discover** the history of chocolate, the untold stories of Seattle Chocolate Company, and learn how they invent new flavors. Plus, share some ideas of your own!

Those that sign up for this tour will be contact via e-mail about transportation arrangements (time & place).

Clinic “Clarifying stray currents”

Why doesn't your boat's electrical work when connected to the new 30mA marina electrical systems. Why are your zincs wearing out fast. Why are we hearing more about electrocution of swimmers. Learn about what to look for on your boat to avoid these bit falls and avoid failing a marine survey.

Activities & shopping

There is lots of activities and shopping available within walking and/or free hotel shuttle ride of the hotel.

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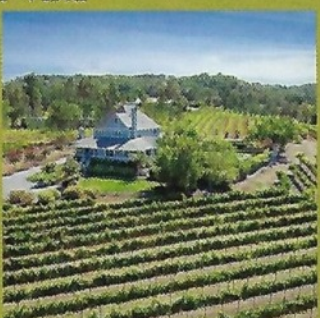
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December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Christmas Brunch @ TYC	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 No Ex. Bd. Mtg. Till Jan 2020	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Deadline for January Edition The Wake Astern	27	28
29	30	31 No Gen. Mtg. Till Jan 2020				



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January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Seamanship Class @ TYC	10	11
12	13	14 7:00PM-9:00PM Ex. Bd Mtg *	15	16 Seamanship Class @ DIYC	17	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Day	21	22	23 Seamanship Class @ DIYC	24	25 Cruise-In @ DIYC
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