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COMMANDER



Cdr Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

Greetings from your Commander!

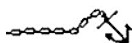
2022 has gotten off to a better start than most of 2021. We resumed in-person general meetings at Day Island Yacht Club on January 25th. We provided a pasta meal with bread, salad, and cheesecake. I think folks were pretty good about abiding by the COVID rules. Many thanks to P/C Jackie (AP) and P/C Richard (AP) Mattox, Lt Cindy (AP) and P/C Larry (AP) Warren and Lorraine Stargel, AP for their early appearance and dedicated efforts in preparing the clubhouse and meal; thanks also goes out to P/C Viki Sharp, AP, Lt Karen Jackson and Lt Deb Wolfe for assisting in serving.

We've published the formal rendezvous schedule and first up is Arabellas in Gig Harbor, Presidents' Day weekend, February 18-21, 2022. Be sure to call the marina to reserve your slip very soon. If you are attending via car for the Saturday morning waffle feast or evening meal, call Stan Wolfe or Cindy Warren. We won't be having the traditional potluck, instead, we will have folks bring their own meal to eat, but not share. This change is to help limit the potential for spreading COVID. The rendezvous schedule is located in this edition of The Wake Astern; note that we are looking for hosts. Hosting is fun and requires the minimum effort of collecting the names of those attending and helping with docking. Beyond that, your imagination is the only limit to planning activities. The club does reimburse \$125 for a two-day and \$150 for a three-day rendezvous. Perhaps as the year progresses, we can get back into the traditional potluck meal at these gatherings.

The nominating committee has been making calls looking to fill several positions. With the new year now here, please remember you will be getting a call asking you to serve on a committee, on the bridge, or as an individual contributor in positions like vessel safety examiner (VSE) or instructor; especially important are the need for volunteers to serve as Administrative Officer, take over Basic Boating Chairperson or serve as assistant VSC coordinator. When called, seriously consider helping out our club.

The USPS Annual meeting will occur February 26 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Since it is an in-person meeting, I have provided our proxy vote to the District Commander, Ken Smith, AP who will be attending. I have seen the National Slate of officers, but not the agenda of other topics. I will report on items of interest once I'm privy to them. District 16 has its upcoming Spring Conference March 12th. It will be virtual, so we'll send out an email blast once we have details. I encourage members to attend, and I will be looking for delegate volunteers. Consider attending. Since it will be virtual, you can wear your fuzzy slippers - I am.

That's it for this month. I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of folks at our next in-person event and or the February rendezvous at Arabellas in Gig Harbor.



**Call to Meeting
General Meeting
February 22nd, 2022 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
February 8th, 2022 (7:00-9:00PM)
via Zoom**

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Lt/C James Harden, JN- CN

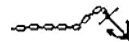
Here we sit at the end of winter waiting for Spring to start and waiting for better boating weather. It will be great to see Arabella's marina in February once again along with Gig Harbor. Listening to the gull's squawk and watch the seals poke their heads above the water. Yes, we all long for the wind in our face and the smell of salt water.

Ok, all dreaming aside. Let's talk about the USPS nautical program. This program is very simple, even more simple than the geodetic mark program. This is an easy way to get a merit mark and some fresh air. You don't even need to have a boat to participate in the nautical program.

What you need to do is (while standing on shore) observe a nautical buoy (ATON), noting that the buoy is functioning correctly and that the buoy has not moved more than 100 feet off station. You will need to note the buoy's identity on our local chart. No picture is required. Taking this information and sending it to me in an email. You will receive 15 points per buoy for the first 10 buoys then the point value drops to 5 points per buoy.

This would count as one activity towards a merit mark which usually requires two activities which needs to amount to approximately 10 hours. Naturally, the more hours you contribute the easier getting a merit mark. But you will have to admit seeing and reporting three or more buoys would be a pretty easy way especially when you pass by them while boating.

Call me for more details or further information.



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Lt Sue Walker, S
Email: 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.



Lt/C Sam Hill, AP

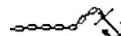
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



I would like to take a few minutes and talk about injuries due to boating accidents during the pandemic. New boat sales increased about 12% in 2020. People still wanted to go outside and feel safe. Those that could afford it, and more likely than not, some that could not afford it, bought boats. The big question is how many people have been trained? With an increase of boats on the water, there is going to be an increase in accidents. With an increase in accidents there will be an increase in fatalities. Boating is a wonderful activity. It's a great way to hang-out with family and friends, while keeping your social distance from people you don't know. At the same time we have to always remember, boating can become very dangerous very quickly.

The reason I am focusing on 2020 and not 2021 you ask. I want to look at the difference between pre-pandemic and pandemic injuries due to boating accidents. Across the USA boating fatalities increased about 25% in 2020 compared to 2019. In 2019 there were about 613 fatal boating accidents. In 2020 there were about 767 fatal boating accidents. That is an increase of 154 people killed in boating accidents in one year. There were about 3,191 injured in boating accidents in 2020 compared to about 2,559 injuries in 2019. The million dollar question is, how many operators had training? Even falling in the water while trying to step onto a boat can end in tragedy. Boating is fun, but if someone does not return from the trip the same way they went on the trip, it's not fun anymore. At our January 2022 General Meeting a member told a chilling story of her falling in the water after the Boat Parade in December 2021. She kept her cool and had great people around her to get her out the water. If she had panicked and the people around her did likewise, the story could have been very different.

Boating is a fun way to view nature and enjoy the water. With that being said, stay vigilant when you are out on the water. There are a lot more boats on the water in 2022. One has to assume, some of the operators are untrained. At the same time we have to remember this: being trained does not mean a person will never make a mistake, have equipment failure, or have an accident. We can only make sure we are doing our very best to mitigate risk. We also have to be prepared in the event something unexpected happens. Be safe out there and continue to spread the word about training. Is the person on the 60ft Catamaran on your starboard, trained or untrained? We can only hope trained. Welcome to February, Members. Hope to see you soon at the next Rendezvous and or General Meeting.





*Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
Sq Education Officer*

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

Education classes are up and running!

We currently have Advanced Piloting via Zoom being taught by Gary Ball.

Weather being taught in-person at Tacoma Yacht Club by Commander Stan Wolfe on Thursdays, 7-9 pm.

Instructor Certification by P/C Jim Harden.

Bremerton Club is offering Boat Handling by Zoom starting March 15. The cost for members is \$75.

Click below more information and to register:

usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregformx.cgi?L-16974

The 2019 Boat Handling 7 week curriculum comprises a full six-part Boat Handling course and six seminars:

- Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway
- Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board: Preparation to Handle Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know

Students who complete the 2019 Boat Handling course and pass the exam will receive credit for the Boat Handling course and earn the Seaman grade. They will also receive seminar credit for each of the class sessions attended.

We are still looking for an ABC chairperson. Contact Bentley Rickmers benric7@gmail.com if you have questions or want on more information.



America's Boating Course

Presented by America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound

What: Weather Class – 9 weeks

When: February 3 - March 31

Time: Thursdays 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Where: Tacoma Yacht Club

Cost: \$66 for members \$110 for non-members

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all their layers, plus create
your own forecasts

To register:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=98467&range=50>

For more information contact Bentley Rickmers benric7@gmail.com



Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2022 Rendezvous Schedule

18 th -21 st February	Arabellas (President's Day) 253-851-1793 <u>Call Marina to make reservation</u>	Net Shed on Saturday (10) Boats Reserved
18 th -20 th March	Dock Street 253-272-4352 <u>Call Marina to make reservation</u>	Need Hosts <u>(8) Boats Reserved</u>
22 nd -24 th April	Daffodil <u>\$25.00 registration fee</u> <u>Theme: Hope Rises</u>	Registration on TYC Website <u>Need Parade Boat</u>
21 st May	<u>Drive in Rendezvous</u>	Gary & Barb Dildine's Home
23 rd -26 th June	Poulsbo District 16	Registration Form/Wake Astern
16 th July	Seafair Milk Carton Derby	Green Lake Larry & Cindy Warren
22 nd -24 th July	Kingston Call/text Cindy to confirm <u>206-571-3096</u>	Need Hosts 10) boats <u>\$10 Reservation Fee</u>
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' Long Dock) <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.

Cindy Warren 360-897-8692 c.m.warren-7@hotmail.com
Text: [206-571-3096](tel:206-571-3096)

**Tacoma and South Puget Sound
Annual Christmas Brunch, Toy & Food Drive
December 5th, 2021**



*Pictures provided by
P/C Andy Temple, AP*



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2021 - 2022

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Sunshine	Lt Leslie Burton, S
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Legislative	Vacant

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Commencement Bay	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP

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3 Yr Term	Lt Debbie Wolf
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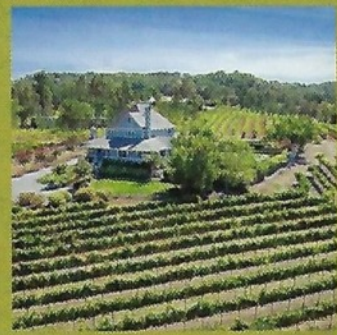
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6	7	8 Ex. Bd Mtg 7:00-9:00 PM via Zoom AP Cls via Zoom	9	10 Weather Cls at TYC	11	12
13	14	15 AP Cls via Zoom	16	17 Weather Cls at TYC	18-19 Arabellas Rendezvous	
20-21 Arabellas Rendezvous		22 Gen Mtg 6:30-8:30 PM @ DIYC AP Cls via Zoom	23 Deadline for March edition The Wake Astern	24 Weather Cls at TYC	25	26
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