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**COMMANDER**



**H**ello everyone and Happy New Year. The year 2020 was not very good to any of us.

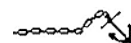
We welcome 2021 with high hopes and expectations. I want to let all of you know how proud I am of our Squadron. Even though we were not able to have our Christmas brunch this year, we still did our traditional Toy Drive for Bridges. We also did a food drive as all of you know. I am so proud of how you stepped up to help others. TPS collected 520 pounds of food and \$360 in cash to donate to Nourish Pierce County Food Bank. On top of that, a carload of toys, much more than we usually collect, was delivered to the Bridges program for grieving children. Many people came from over an hour's drive away to donate food and toys. Thank you so much, and especially a big Thank You to P/C Larry Warren, Cindy Warren, and P/C Phyllis Hayes for spearheading this effort.

Speaking of Thank You, a big job well done to our Wake Astern editor, P/C Richard Mattox, and our Web Master Tom Ferree. Tacoma received Awards of Excellence for both our written publication, and our website for 2019. There is a lot of work that goes into producing these results, and it is very much appreciated. Thank you both.

As long as we are talking about jobs in the Squadron, let me remind you that the time is approaching for nominations and elections for the 2021 Bridge as well as other positions. If you are contacted about filling a position, please give it some serious thought. There are positions that have been vacant all this year. Most of these positions do not require a lot of time and are a great way to meet fellow members other than the general meeting. If you are new, don't be bashful. It is a good way to get to know people and get involved. Remember this is YOUR Squadron, and it's only as good as you help make it.

As you all should know, we have been holding our general meetings via "Zoom" on the same day we usually have our face-to-face meetings. We are always open to ideas to make these events interesting and fun. Let us know if there is a specific subject you would like to see addressed. Deception Pass has been having some presentations during their meetings on Zoom, and they have invited us to watch. We will try to pass this information on to you in a timely matter so you can watch if you like. The last one was a presentation by the editor and publishers of Waggoners Cruising guide. It was very interesting, and at the end they offered a 15% discount code to all who had "attended" the meeting.

In closing, let me remind you to check your boats. As I'm writing this, the temperature at my house was 25 degrees last night. Make sure everything is drained and check your chafe protection after the recent winds we have had. Remember also that a low or dead battery is more susceptible to freezing if it is cold for long periods of time. Take care of your boat. Maybe we will get a chance to use them for rendezvous this year.



**General Meeting**  
**January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**6:30 - 8:30 PM**  
**via Zoom**  
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**Executive Board Meeting**  
**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**7:00-9:00 PM**  
**via Zoom**

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# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



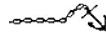
*Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN*

**G**reetings from your Executive Officer!

Wow! A new year; hopefully a better one than last. With the vaccine heading out, we should start seeing something resembling normal by mid-year.

Vessel safety checks appear to be on hold for at least a little while. National is withholding decals for those districts in which the affiliated USCG District is not performing VSCs. USCG District 13 is one of those on hold, which puts USPS District 16 on hold as well. I've asked District for clarification and am awaiting a reply. We'll certainly let everyone know as soon as we can resume VSCs. In the meantime, submit your request for a 2021 VSC to Lt Sue Walker, P so she can build the list. Once we have approval and decals, she'll contact you to schedule.

The Rendezvous and 2021 Cruise schedule appears below. Contact our Boating Activities Chairperson Lt Cindy Warren, AP if planning to attend the single rendezvous (Swantown). If memory serves, we need a host for this rendezvous. If interested, please let Cindy know and thanks in advance for volunteering. For folks planning to attend the 2021 cruise, please pay special attention to Port Townsend at Hudson Point Marina. Individual skippers need to call and reserve their slip. Reservation fee is \$11. Hudson Point Marina is a popular stop and will fill quickly. Once you have reserved, please let me know. In fact, let me know of your intention to attend any or all cruise destinations once you have decided.



## Rendezvous and Cruise Schedule 2021

2021_Arr_Date	Location	DayofWeek	2021_Depart_Date	Number of days
May 28	Swantown Rendezvous	Friday	May 31	3
July 23	Poulsbo	Friday	July 25	2
July 25	PortLudlow	Sunday	July 27	2
July 27	Port Townsend	Tuesday	July 30	3
July 30	Pleasant Harbor	Friday	August 2	3
August 2	Kingston	Monday	August 5	3
August 5	Brownsville	Thursday	August 8	3

Closing date for articles is the fourth Wednesday 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.





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

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

**H**ope everyone had a happy holiday and managed to see family and friends if only by technology! With coming of a new year comes thoughts of more boating. We are out boating as I write this, but for some boating may be paused for awhile. So, what better time to take an educational boating class! Lots of classes are being offered virtually from Boat Handling to Navigation by different squadrons so anyone from the Tacoma area can take a class from Friday Harbor to Beaverton and beyond. We recently proctored Boat Handling exams given by Beaverton Power Squadron for several people in Pierce County. Check out the link below for classes available in District 16 and Beaverton.

[America's Boating Club | Boating Classes Near You](#)

The first one on the list is Advanced Piloting given by Gary Ball. Gary recently taught Piloting for our squadron and will be teaching Advanced Piloting starting January 21 for 8 weeks. AP teaches you to use radar, chart plotters, AIS, and other electronic tools to supplement basic GPS navigation. Obtain a thorough understanding of piloting techniques in a variety of coastal tide, current, and wind conditions.

What's included?

- Advanced positioning techniques, such as advancing a line of position to obtain a running fix
- Use of a variety of electronic tools: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chart plotters, laptop computer software, and more
- Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g. avoidance waypoints or safety zones in GPS)
- Collision avoidance using radar, GPS, and AIS
- Working with the tide and current data to determine clearances, depth of water, and effects of current
- Piloting in various wind and current conditions
- The "Seaman's Eye" - simple skills for checking that one is on course

**Interested in Cruise Planning?** There is something very special about the thrill of cruising in new waters and the sense of accomplishment upon completing an extended cruise. To go beyond what most boaters do on a weekend overnight or even a week or so. Marina hopping requires boaters to leave their normal cruising areas and comfort zones. The Cruising and Cruise Planning course focuses on the planning and preparation necessary for safe enjoyable extended cruises on both inland and coastal waters.

Designed for members who cruise on either a sail or powerboat (owned or chartered)—this course covers the following topics:


- Cruise preparation and planning - General
- Boat and Equipment
- Anchors and Anchoring
- Security
- Chartering
- Cruising Outside the United States
- Crew and Provisioning

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- Voyage Management
- Communications
- Navigation
- Weather
- Emergencies

Other classes being offered are Engine Maintenance, Boat Handling and Marine Communications along with others!  
If you have any questions, contact Bentley Rickmers [benric7@gmail.com](mailto:benric7@gmail.com) Happy Boating! 



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## SCAM ALERT

Squadron Commanders,

Please be aware that more phishing emails are being sent out. Tell your membership that these false emails are being sent. These appear (falsely) to be coming from USPS Leadership. Earlier today emails were sent saying "District 16...needs gift cards for donation...." These emails are phishing to steal your money.

Any email received from "[offices@cumerservcearm.com](mailto:offices@cumerservcearm.com)" is a phishing email. Any email saying "gift cards" are needed likely is phishing. Emails asking for something(s) that has incorrect titles, misspelling, and/or bad grammar is likely phishing.

Craig Brown, SN-CN  
Commander  
District 16  
US Power Squadrons/America's Boating Club

## ABC Tacoma and South Puget Sound Christmas Gift and Food Drive

By P/C Larry Warren, AP

America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound sponsored a children's gift drive for Bridges a center for Grieving Children and simultaneously collected food for Nourish Pierce County on December 5 and 6, 2020 from noon to 2:00 PM both days. Lt Cindy (AP) and P/C Larry (AP) Warren created and hosted the event ably assisted by P/C Jackie (AP) and P/C Richard (AP) Mattox as well as Debbie and Lt/C Stan (CN-CN) Wolfe on Saturday and Sunday; P/C Debbie (AP) and R/C Jim (JN-CN) Harden provided support on Sunday as well. Upon completion of the toy drive, P/C Phyllis Hayes, SN collected up the toys for transfer to Bridges a center for Grieving Children.

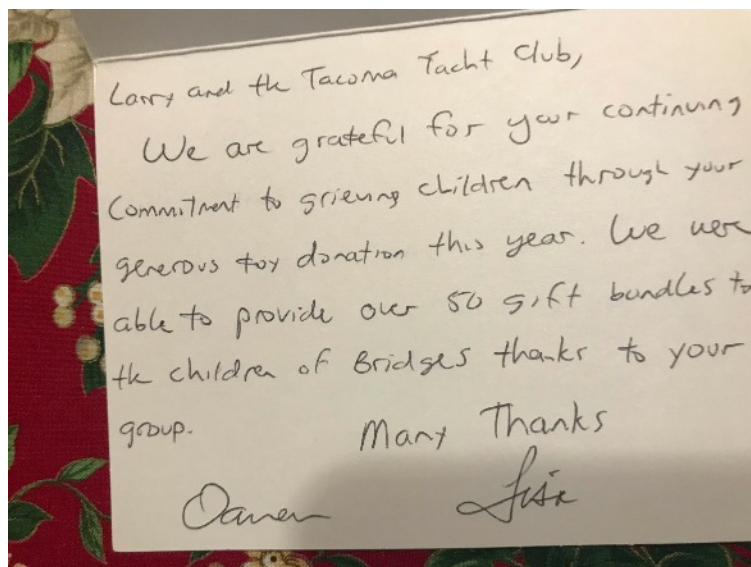
Saturday turned out to be a great day weather wise with sun, very light wind and temperatures in the upper 40s. It made for a great turn out. While Sunday was a little cooler, at least it didn't rain, and folks still showed up to donate. Santa hung around during the drive, making a list of the folks that contributed (a car full) of toys for boys and girls ages 4 through 18 and donated 520 pounds of food and \$360 to Nourish Pierce County.

### Contributors:

Becky (S) & Mike Arrington  
 Leslie (S) & P/C Walter (AP) Burton  
 Linda (S) & P/C Tim Craig (P)  
 Lt Barb (AP-IN) & Cdr Gary Dildine (AP-IN)  
 Bill (P) and Gloria Durkee  
 P/Lt/C Jon Everett & Sharon Cryan  
 Rebecca (S) and Lt Tom Ferree (AP)  
 P/C Mark Hafterson (AP) and Linda, + (Leah & Diana)  
 P/C Debbie (AP) & R/C Jim Harden (JN-CN), + (Rose Ann Walker)  
 P/C Phyllis Hayes, SN  
 Jim & Lt Karen Jackson  
 Jeff (S) & Pam (S) Kruger  
 P/C Bill Larsen (AP)  
 P/C Jerry Lawrence (AP)  
 Lt. Lorraine Stargel, (AP)  
 P/C Jackie (AP) & P/C Richard Mattox (AP)  
 P/D/C Christine (SN) & P/D/C Otto Rasmussen (SN-CN)  
 Lt/C Cathy Reed + (Susan Walker)  
 Margret (P) & Ted (P) Reyhner  
 Lt/C Bentley (S) & Cliff (AP) Rickmers  
 Lt/C Beth & Richard Stone  
 P/C Andy (AP) & Betty Temple  
 Connie Thompson (AP)  
 Lt Cindy (AP) & P/C Larry Warren (AP)  
 Lt/C Stan (SN-CN) & Debbie Wolfe  
 + several couples from the Tacoma Yacht Club



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)



We cannot thank all of you enough for your generosity and compassion during this stressful time! Our Special Thanks go out to the Tacoma Yacht Club (Machelle Johnson) for allowing us to hold our food and toy drive at the club.



January 2021

# Tacoma & South Puget Sound



## Tacoma Power Squadron Executive Board Meeting Minutes via Zoom December 8, 2020

**ROLL CALL** (Quorum = 5 Bridge & 4 Board Members)

**Bridge Officers responding:**

CDR Gary Dildine, AP-IN - Commander  
Lt/C Stanley Wolfe, SN-CN – Executive Officer  
Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S – Educational Officer  
Lt/C Beth Stone, S - Secretary  
Lt/C Aaron Strasser, S – Treasurer  
Lt/C Jackie Mattox, AP, Asst Treasurer

**Executive Board Members: responding**

P/C Richard Mattox, AP  
Lt Barbara Dildine, AP, IN  
P/C Larry Warren, AP  
Lt Sam Hill  
Board Members not present: Lt/C Cathy Reed, S and Lt/C Karen Jackson, Tim Craig

**Members in attendance:**

P/C Jackie Mattox, AP – Membership  
Otto Rasmussen  
Cindy Warren  
Gary Ball

Minutes of November 2020 – Minutes were accepted via email

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Executive Officer** – Lt/C Stanley Wolfe, SN-CN

- Email – Vessel Safety check decals. Looking for info from National as we are not sure if the Coast Guard District 13 may not be on the list for authorizing safety checks.

**Admin Officer** –

Vacant, but nothing to report.

**Secretary** – Lt/C Beth Stone

- No new news.

**Treasurer** – Lt/C Aaron Strasser

- Treasurers report: Operating account \$12,744.82, Cruise Account: \$414.27, Savings \$4,411.04 Total: \$20,570.13
- Aaron and Jackie Mattox are meeting to bring all financial information up to date.

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- Quicken program is up and running now. Will be brought up to date in January.

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

- Piloting class is finishing up on Thurs. Test will be handed out on Friday.
- The Beaverton Squadron has completed their Boat Handling class – Bentley will be proctoring their test.
- Waiting on list of 18 people who took ABC Course. Will reach out to see if any want to join the Power Squadron.
- Many classes are being offered via Zoom from various Squadrons. It was listed in the Wake Astern – December issue. Access to sign up for the courses are at the UPSD.org web site.
- Sam Hill completed his Boat Handling Course and passed.

**Commander – Cmdr Gary Dildine, AP, IN -**

- Not a lot to report. He participated in the food drive, toy collection. He commended Larry and Cindy Warren on all their hard work and efforts in the drive.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **2021 Summer Cruise** – Please note that it took 3 weeks for Cindy Warren to get a response from Port Townsend to make a deposit on her boat for moorage. Remind people to be diligent.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Yearly Audit** – The Audit committee completed the audit for 2019 and sent it to Gary Dildine for review. No discrepancies, only a couple of corrections to help audit going forward in 2020. The results will be sent to Board Members. We will them and approve at the next meeting.
- **Storage unit** – Stan said we have the 5 x 5 unit. Bentley dropped off educational information. If anyone needs access, Stan will walk them through the process. We are looking to get some shelving as needed.
- **2021 Cruise** – Nothing new.
- **USPS Virtual Trainer** – Bentley stated that we will want us to get the virtual trainer after Seattle has completed their training. District 16 will review the status again after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.
- **DIYC Lease agreement** – Nothing to report. Waiting to hear back on our counter offer.
- **Toy Drive Dec 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> @ Tacoma Yacht Club** – We felt that the drive was very successful and truly appreciate all the members who donated to it through their generosity. When delivering the toys and food, the trunks and backseats were packed with the donations. Larry took food down yesterday. To Nourish of Pierce County. They weighed the food and it came out to 520 lbs. They were very grateful for the food, as many people are only covered until Dec 31<sup>st</sup>; at which time, they may lose their benefits. There was \$360 donated as well. They also wanted the bags. The toys were also delivered. It appeared that there were more gifts this year, than when we gather toys at the holiday brunch, which was a very nice surprise.  
***Again, we thank all the members who donated toys and food – it was very much appreciated!***
- Jan 12, 2021 will be next Executive Board Meeting. If this changes, Gary will let us know.

**Adjourned at 7:33 PM**





# Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2021 Rendezvous Schedule

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May 28-31

Swantown (Memorial Day)

Need Hosts



**TACOMA POWER SQUADRON  
2020 - 2021**

Commander	Cdr Gary Dildine, AP,IN
Executive Officer	Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN,CN
Administrative Officer	<b>Vacant</b>
Educational Officer	Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
Secretary	Lt/C Beth Stone
Treasurer	Lt/C Aaron Strasser, S

**COMMANDER'S DEPT**

Flag Lt	P/C Larry Warren, AP
Sunshine	Lt Leslie Burton, S
Merit Mark	P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN
Galley Manager	Lt Lorraine Stargel, AP

**EXECUTIVE DEPT**

Executive Off	Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN,CN
Safety Off	<b>Vacant</b>
Coop Charting	R/P/C Jim Harden, SN, CN

Radio Tech	P/C Andy Temple, AP
VSC Chair	Lt Sue Walker, P
Boat Show	<b>Vacant</b>
Legislative	<b>Vacant</b>

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT**

Admin Off	<b>Vacant</b>
Boating Activities	Lt Cindy Warren, AP
Membership	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP
Mbrship Involvement	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP
Operations Training Programs	P/D/C Otto Rasmusen SN, CN Lt Barbara Prudente

**SECRETARY DEPT**

Secretary	Lt/C Beth Stone
Web Master	Lt Tom Ferree, S
Newsletter	P/C Richard Mattox, AP
Historian	<b>Vacant</b>
Commencement Bay	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP

**TREASURER DEPT**

Treasurer	Lt/C Aaron Strasser, S
Asst Treasurer	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP
Ship's Store	P/C Tim(P) & Linda(S) Craig
Property Off	<b>Vacant</b>

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1 Yr Term	P/C Richard Mattox, AP
1 Yr Term	Lt Karen Jackson
1 Yr Term	P/C Tim Craig, P
2 Yr Term	Lt Cathy Reed
2 Yr Term	Lt Barbara Dildine, AP,IN
3 Yr Term	P/C Larry Warren, AP
3 Yr Term	Lt Sam Hill

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1 Yr Term	Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN
2 Yr Term	Lt Leah Hafterson, P
3 Yr Term	Lt Patti Ambrose

**RULES COMMITTEE**

1 Yr Term	Lt Melinda Mackey, S
2 Yr Term	Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
3 Yr Term	<b>Vacant</b>

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

1 Yr Term	P/C Larry Warren, AP
2 Yr Term	P/C Mark Hafterson, AP
3 Yr Term	P/C Richard Mattox, AP

**EDUCATIONAL DEPT**

SEO	Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
ASEO	Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN

**ABC CHAIR**

P/C Lance(P) & Brenda(P) Williamson

**ELECTIVE COURSES**

**Vacant**

**ADVANCED GRADES CHAIR**

P/C Kevin Kennedy, SN



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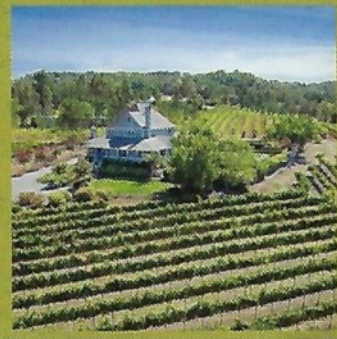
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17	18	19	20	21 <b>AP Cls</b> <b>via Zoom</b>	22	23
24	25	26 <b>Gen Mtg</b> <b>6:30-8:30 PM</b> <b>via Zoom</b>	27 <b>Deadline for</b> <b>February edition</b> <b>The Wake Astern</b>	28 <b>AP Cls</b> <b>via Zoom</b>	29	30
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7	8	9 Ex. Bd Mtg 7:00-9:00PM via Zoom	10	11 AP Cls via Zoom	12	13
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