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**COMMANDER**



*Cdr Stan Wolfe, SN-CN*

**G**reetings from your Commander!

America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound has made the USPS National Educational Fund Honor Roll for 2021 with a contribution 193% participation. Thanks to everyone who has contributed.

In last month's edition, I asked for volunteers to assume duty with our two most important public facing duties. My phone has not been ringing off the hook; I'm hoping folks are too busy getting out on the water to bravely step forward. The first position is Basic Boating Chairperson. In a nutshell, the duties include arranging for instructors, announcing scheduled course dates, enrolling students, and facilitating either Zoom or in-person classes. A lot of the work is done via HQ800, a simple tool accessible via the web. Interested folks may call me, our Squadron Education Officer (Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S), or LT Brenda Williamson, AP. This is a vital position as ABC3 is the gateway course into membership for just about anybody who has joined USPS. Since we usually start up classes in the early Fall, we really need to start the transition earlier rather than later.

The other position is Assistant VSC chairperson. We anticipate this position to ultimately lead to Chairperson status. The VSC Chairperson coordinates with the Vessel Safety Examiners (VSE) to meet with and complete vessel safety checks (VSC) for members and the public at large. Duties also include entering completed VSCs into the USPS database. This is a public facing job, and another vital position where our examiners introduce the public to our club. LT Sue Walker, S would share the duties for a period of time.

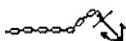
Big events are upcoming. First up is the TPS 2021 Cruise starting at Poulsbo on July 23, then Port Ludlow, Port Townsend (Hudson Point Marina), Pleasant Harbor, Kingston, and Brownsville, with the cruise ending on Sunday, August 8. Reservations are made and I have started to notify marinas that we were not able to fill all 12 slips per port. If you did not sign up because you didn't know whether or not you could attend, and now know you can, call me (253-948-6101) to see if we can fit you into the roster.

The traditional Sharps' place Salmon Bake is back! Mark your calendars for September 11 at 11:00 AM at the Sharps home. Bring a dish to share. I'll provide more details, such as the address in a later edition.

The D16 Fall Conference date is set for 9 October 2021. It will be held virtually.

I am planning on the Past Commanders' BBQ being an in-person event September 28 at Day Island Yacht Club. Plan to attend, bring a side dish to share. Remember that we no longer have bartenders so the event will be BYOB. There is no program, but plan to tell us what kind of classes you'd like to attend and which ports you want to visit in the 2022 rendezvous schedule. A good war story about an adventure or boat project would be nice as well.

See you out on the water!



**General Membership Meetings**  
Held  
**SEPTEMBER THRU MAY**  
**ONLY**  
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**Executive Board Meetings**  
Held on  
**As Needed Basis**

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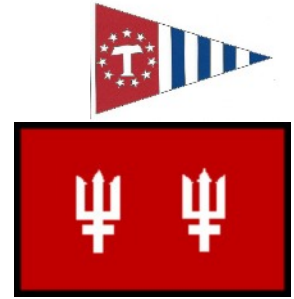
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Lt/C James Harden, JN, CN

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



### How you can have more fun out on the water.

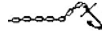
While we are out boating or even just down on a dock, you can simply take a picture of an Aid to Navigation (ATON) with your phone. All you need to do is send me an EMAIL with the picture and location of the ATON. I will submit the report to the national safety committee for you. If you and your significant other are together then both of get credit. You then will get points for the ATON and hours toward your merit mark. How simple is that. Just another way to have fun and do community service.

### How to report an Aid to Navigation.

The following are unique features and reporting actions for “ATON Inspections”:

- 1) A photo is required! You can simply do a “drive by” visual inspection of each ATON and report the ATON’s location coordinates.
- 2) No limit on number of ATONs submitted per report for credit.
- 3) Optionally can work with the responsible waterway agency and with the Coop Charting Committee for approval of a tailored inspection program.
- 4) Inspection ATONs are listed in an Excel or pdf file along with Chart # (if available), name/location of waterway, ATON numbers, coordinates, and condition of each ATON
- 5) Upload the ATON list file on the 1st Report Page of the Nautical Report Form using the “Upload Forms / Photos” button.
- 6) Check the Jump to Last Page box and then complete and submit your report

The squadron gets credit, you get credit, and you get hours toward a merit mark. So, why not participate in the Nautical Reporting Program. There are other ways to participate in the program by reporting bridges and marinas. For more information on these programs, please give me a call.



**Need a Vessel Safety Check?**

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**All you have to do is contact**

**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, P*

# ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



On June 17, 2021, the President signed into federal law the holiday Juneteenth National Independence Day Act. The date of the holiday is June 19<sup>th</sup>. Juneteenth National Independence Day Act commemorates the emancipation of African-American slaves. Months later, the 13th Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the final four Border States that had not been subjected to President Abraham Lincoln's order. There has not been a federal holiday since 1983 when Congress passed the King Day Bill. The law creating the federal holiday in King's name went into effect in 1986.

On January 1, 1863, Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation freeing enslaved people in United States. The nation was in the midst of the Civil War, and Southern states did not abide by the decree. Even after the South surrendered on April 9, 1865, it took the news some time to reach outlying states such as Texas. Federal troops were also needed to enforce the emancipation. People did not want to give up their slaves. June 19, 1865, U.S. Major General Gordon Granger and 2,000 troops landed in Galveston, Texas and marched through the streets reading Granger's newly issued General Order No.3. General Order No.3 served as an announcement of the end of slavery in accordance with Lincoln's 1863 Emancipation Proclamation. At the time, there were just over 1,000 enslaved people in the city.

Annual celebrations of the event began the very next year in Galveston, with a local paper recording eight hundred to thousand men, women and children took part in the celebration at which the Emancipation Proclamation was read. In decades since, Juneteenth celebrations have spread across the U.S. Now the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act has been officially sanctioned by the U.S. Government creating a new federal holiday. If you celebrate this holiday, of course is a personal choice. Just as it's a personal choice which holidays, I celebrate. Celebrate or not, at least you have an understanding of the reason behind Juneteenth. Stay safe out there and welcome to July.



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

# EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

*No Report This Month*



## **Tacoma Power Squadron** **Attends the District 16 Rendezvous 2021**

*By Cdr Stan Wolfe, SN-CN*

The weather was up and down during the weekend of June 11-13. High winds and four-foot seas were forecast for Thursday, June 10, but the trip to Poulsbo was uneventful. Docking was another story for some. Thankfully, volunteers were ready and able to help boats safely dock. The turnout for this annual District rendezvous was rather slim with 19 boats signing up and only 14 actually arriving. Of these 14, six were proudly flying the Tacoma burgee. Additionally, a couple more folks drove to Poulsbo to attend events. On Friday night, boaters assembled at the end of the dock for heavy appetizers. Hardy souls they were having to fight rather dripping wet conditions. It was heartwarming to watch members working together to set up a makeshift tarp using boathooks and bungee cords, then assemble several small tables under the tarp, and bring out a fantastic assortment of munchies for all to share. Training on Saturday was conducted by the recent past district Commander Craig Brown, SN-CN. Topics were use of emergency signaling devices with practice by those members interested in doing so; this was followed by a detailed discussion of fire extinguishers. Saturday evening saw more fellowship as everyone assembled for food and conversation. The weather held off allowing for open air conversation under cloudy skies. The party started breaking up about 8:30 PM, just in time to see the rain return. Depending on departure time, the trip home probably involved a light rinse, but with no wind to make it lumpy.

### Tacoma Boats attending:

ClasSeaLass - P/C Richard (AP) and P/C Jackie (AP) Mattox

Fascination - P/C Larry (AP) and Lt Cindy (AP) Warren

Flips Ahoy - Richard (P) and Cathy (S) Phillips

Little Eagle - P/C Gary (AP-IN) and Lt Barbara (AP-IN) Dildine with visiting guest Annette Dildine and Cliff Dougherty; Heather Mattioli and her son Weston

Sjöen - Barbara and Brian Prudente

GreyWolfes' - Cdr Stan (SN-CN) and Lt Debbie Wolfe

### Land Yachts:

R/C Jim (JN-CN) and P/C Deborah (P) Harden

Lt/C Sam (P) and Kim Hill

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### Who Said You Can't Have Fun at a ABClub National Meeting?

"Why should I attend a National Meeting?" "What's in it for me?" ABClub/USPS National Meetings attendees often hear this from other members. The reason anyone should attend any "meeting" is to have fun! What is fun? With lots of committees and a range of times and dates for meetings, members find time before, in between, and after to meet other members, participate in the group events and even attend the offsite events. Never been to a national meeting? Be sure and sign up as a First Timer! You will be invited to meet national leadership and other First Timer attendees. Traveling with a friend or spouse who is active and attending meetings? Join others for offsite events such as boating and/or kayaking followed by lunch. Don't want to get wet or be outside? Why not join the group for High Tea, or touring the Natural Science Museum? Did you know the Natural Science Museum is the largest in the southeast US? You will not want to miss this!



#### 2021 Fall Governing Board

August 29 - September 5, 2021

Raleigh, North Carolina

In addition to individual committee/department meetings, you can check out some interesting seminars and topics. "Introduction to the New Information Center", "How Not to Recruit", "Your Squadron Activities Hit Parade", "21st Century Tools for Teaching in the Blended Learning Environment" and "Building and Delivering PowerPoint Presentations in Today's Online World" are just a few. The entire agenda is available online.

Opening the meeting is our Keynote Speaker, Kevin P. Duffus. We have all heard about WWII activity off the North Carolina coast, but I do not think we knew the extent. Come learn about the **War Zone: World War II off North Carolina's Outer Banks**. This speaker is sure to be interesting.

Wednesday evening come join us for Friends Night. We will be gathering for dinner then some fun entertainment with games and challenges. This event is for everyone, and it was a big hit at our last in-person national meeting in 2020 Annual Meeting.

Thursday, September 2, we will all gather for an entertaining **Murder Mystery Dinner Theater!** With a large cast, it is sure to be entertaining and lots of laughs with your friends participating! Can you guess the murderer? It may be someone you know and sitting next to you. Do not let your guard down!

On Thursday and Friday, stop in the Meet and Greet room. This room is for us to have a place to chat, have small group meetings, gather with friends to play cards or other games or just to relax.

If you have never been to the USPS headquarters building, multiple free tours are being offered. The library is a must see!

Saturday offers a busy day of the Governing Board meeting, the group luncheons and ending the conference with a 50's Sock Hop! Yes, go back in time with some of your favorite tunes, and a Blue Plate Special! Costume, sock, and dance contests will provide lots of fun for participants and people watchers.

Also, to help keep prices down, we are offering a fundraiser. **Buy a chance for two free nights** in Ponte Vedra, FL (2022 Annual Meeting) for \$10! Fundraiser is only available in Raleigh at the National Meeting 2022 Annual Meeting display table.

**National Meetings are designed to communicate and share ideas to members, boating community friends, squadrons and districts.** Along with the business, comes lots of opportunities to have fun with our boating friends. It is not all work, but also times to meet others, make new friends, and get to know those you know, more! Come join us and make your post-quarantine time a fun one!

(Check out the National Meeting Reservation site for a list of all meetings and events, meeting details, times / dates and reservations for meals and offsite. [https://www.usps.org/php/reservations\\_new/meetings.php?mtg\\_id=40](https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=40).)

**We are also looking for new team members!** Contact chair Arlene Anderson ([arlene.anderson47@yahoo.com](mailto:arlene.anderson47@yahoo.com)) for more information. Some work is done at the meeting and some is done before. Some jobs are for a few hours and some are for more. For example, we need volunteers who can use Word and/or Excel, send emails, make phone calls to hotel area businesses, chat with guests at the meeting and more! You won't be disappointed.

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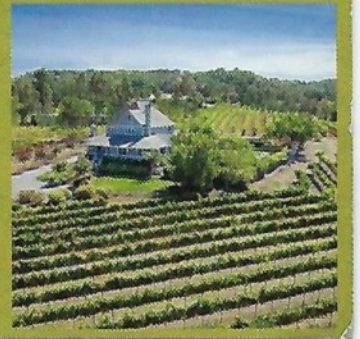
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\* Summer Cruise Ports of Call



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