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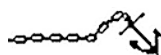
Cdr James Harden, JN- CN

I do believe that Summer is finally here. The Tacoma Power Squadron was very well represented at the district 16 rendezvous with having the most members. The food on Friday night at the Bremerton Yacht Club was very good and you could have had seconds. The breakfast served on Saturday morning by our District 16 bridge was delicious. There were several activities after breakfast but everyone had plenty of time to explore the shops in Poulsbo. The “docktails” party was great and thanks to all our members that brought all those delicious dishes.

Please visit the Headquarters' website at [USPS Minutes](#) so, you can be informed on what the national bridge discussed/approved during the last Board of Directors meeting. Also, you should visit this website [Monthly Broadcast \(usps.org\)](#) where several committees post new actions or items. You will get more out of these websites by reading them than having me try to relay the information.

I hope everyone has had a chance to get out on the water in their boats during the nice weather we are having. Hope to see everyone at Kingston for our next outing.

See ya 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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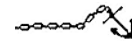


Lt/C Sam Hill, AP

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Welcome to summer everyone. In July of 1838, a man was born by the name of Bass Reeves. Mr. Reeves was the first African American Deputy US Marshal West of the Mississippi River. He spent most of his time working in Arkansas and the Oklahoma Territory. Some believe he was the inspiration for the radio program The Lone Ranger. Historian Art Burton made that claim and based it on the fact that Mr. Reeves made over 3000 arrests without receiving any major injuries, also many of the people he arrested were jailed in the same city (Detroit House of Correction) where The Lone Ranger radio program aired. Like everything else, there are people that dispute that theory. Bass Reeves made over 3000 arrests and shot 14 people in self-defense. Born a slave in July of 1838 (no day is on record) in Crawford County Arkansas, Bass Reeves died on 12 January 1910. When you have time, take a few minutes and look up the life of a true Lone Ranger, Bass Reeves.



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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 Larry Warren, AP

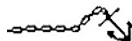
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



It's so funny how a little nice weather will make you yearn to get out on the water and enjoy the summer. Our over 20 years of boating with friends and family have made so many memorable memories. It has also made me think of the many, many boating friends that have moved on to other pursuits or drifted away from the Power Squadron. Throughout the years Cindy and I have pretty much been the type of boater that loved to be with people who also loved and enjoyed going to rendezvous. Being with people with like interests always makes for more fun and dock tales. Some of our favorite rendezvous were when we hosted a get together. We could never figure out why it always seemed so hard to find people that could host a rendezvous. Some of the greatest rendezvous ever, were hosted by a team of hosts, two couples to four or five couples. Their imagination and thought in planning and executing a great rendezvous will never be forgotten!

At our very first rendezvous at Bell Harbor in Seattle, we had no idea what to expect. We had never been to Bell Harbor and there was some high anxiety of course. We started out on the Friday. Arriving at our marina, we saw one of our marina neighbors having some problems getting off the dock because of the current. We didn't know them but stopped and offered to help out pushing them off. They made it off ok and we went on our way as well. We arrived at Bell Harbor only to find about twenty-five boats from the Squadron. There was plenty of help and they had us this way and that trying to make sure we all fit in the allotted space reserved. After we were all settled in, we saw the boat that we helped out of their slip. Come to find out we were in the Squadron with them, and they were part of the rendezvous hosts team. It was a great time, and we made some great boating friends that weekend, and we were hooked on boating with friends from that weekend on!

From that first rendezvous, we've seen gatherings of twenty-five to thirty boats down to just a handful of boats. We were so glad to be a part of last years summer cruise. It is with Great Regret that we cannot boat with our friends anymore; unfortunately Cindy is not able to boat any more. Our boat will be up for sale soon, and we will have to become one of those couples who have to move on. We'll defiantly stay in the Squadron and continue to contribute as much possible.



Bell Harbor



EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

We had requests for another basic boating class and our instructors were gracious to accommodate another class at Day Island Yacht Club. We acquired some new members from that class. Deborah Sage and husband, Stephen Ackley and the Murphy Family. Please welcome them to America's Boating Club!

We had lots of members take the Marine Electrical Systems class and Engine Maintenance. We had excellent grades from the EM class! Grades were done and at

Headquarters in North Carolina and I sent out the certificates.

We plan to have another Engine Maintenance class starting September 22 and Marine Navigation (Piloting) starting in the fall.

I hope some of you took advantage of the workshops and seminars on the San Juans presented by America's Boating Club of the San Juan Islands. Great information there.

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Get the most out of your marine GPS system. Take [How to Use GPS](#) from America's Boating Club.

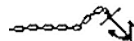
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Have more fun on the water. Let GPS show you the way.

Get out and practice your education and enjoy the water!

Happy and safe boating!



Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2022 Rendezvous Schedule

22 nd -24 th July	Kingston (360-297-3545) 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' 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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Docking in the Wind at Poulsbo

by P/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

Wham! That was the first indication of trouble during our second day of moorage at Poulsbo about halfway down E dock. A 34-foot Mainship slammed sideways into the bow of my 3288 Bayliner, GreyWolfes'. I didn't see it coming as we had rigged up shades to cut the late afternoon glare reflecting off the water at our slip. The really bad news is that we hadn't heard the screams and shouts farther down the dock when this boat hit two others seconds earlier as it entered the fairway.

So, what happened? Well, the older couple running the boat were coming into the Port of Poulsbo in the late afternoon with a strong north wind blowing across the fairways. He was working the fenders and dock lines and she was driving. They were communicating via headsets. Just before entering, he told her, "There is a strong wind, so you have to be quick." I understand what he meant, quick to act, decisive use of the controls, rapid use of bow and stern thrusters to correct for the wind when close to the dock. It seems she mistook quick for fast. They powered the boat into the fairway moving very rapidly while underestimating the wind's strength.

They struck four boats, all along the north side but not all contiguous to each other. There were empty slips and shorter boats between victims 2 and 3 (me) so it wasn't as bad as it could have been. Since damage involved more than \$2000 among the five involved boats, a couple of us called 911 to report a boating accident. The Poulsbo police responded in a matter of minutes and took statements. I can't recite the damage to all the other boats but mine sustained damage to the bow rail, Smart Plug power cable, and my pet ramp. Luckily, my boat sustained no gelcoat or fiberglass damage, at least as best I could see from my inspection. I was able to repair my bow rail by resetting the set screws that hold the railing at each joint. My pet ramp is still serviceable, so it was not of concern. My power cable was damaged at the head where it plugs into the boat. I asked that the other party replace the cable and he agreed. Since one of the other parties is making an insurance claim, the individual is waiting for guidance from his insurance company before settling any damages.

So, what's the lessons learned from this incident? First, clear communications among the crew is essential. I believe they attempted to do so but the intent was lost as things started going wrong. When entering a marina, S-L-O-W is the correct speed and mindset. Many of us observed boats entering and departing before and after, all day long, traveling very much faster than dead slow. Some even left wakes as they traveled past. That is too fast.

Enter the marina fairway compensating for the stronger of wind or current. If uncertain, enter taking your half out of the center then adjust once you determine to which side you will be pushed.

Slow speed is good as is correcting input. Deliberate changes of input without over reacting will prevent the panic response that leads to worse outcomes. If you make unintended contact, maneuver away and reset. Be prepared to go around and try again.

If you think you need help, ask for it. I've called the marina at Poulsbo during previous visits requesting docking assistance as I'm aware the winds can make docking difficult. With the weather being nice and lots of folks out boating, there was plenty of help to get this boat docked and they did so eventually with that help.

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