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**COMMANDER**



*Cdr Stan Wolfe, SN-CN*

**G**reetings from your Commander!

As Commander, I may write about anything I believe is in the best interests of the club. With the continued and lingering COVID crisis, my column for this edition will more closely resemble the product you'd expect from the town crier.

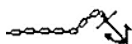
One more reminder that the D16 Fall Conference date is set for 8:30 AM, 9 October 2021. It will be held virtually. As always, members are invited and encouraged to attend. I will report on discussions and actions that affect our members.

We decided to not have an in-person meeting for the September general meeting; the COVID numbers in Pierce County were still just a bit high for comfort. I have shifted my hopes for an in-person event to be the next general meeting October 26 at Day Island Yacht Club. TPS will be providing a pasta meal with salad and dessert. 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 tell Lt Cindy Warren, AP which ports you want to visit and the best dates for the 2022 rendezvous schedule. The Chairperson of our Galley committee, Lorraine Stargel, AP, is asking for folks to contact her (lstargel@comcast.net) and volunteer to help with October's meeting setting up and cleaning afterwards; she will also have sign up sheets so folks may volunteer to help with future meetings. Be on the lookout for a reminder email blast in mid-October with more details.

P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN is wrapping up merit mark submissions for the year. Due to COVID, there are members that may struggle to complete the 10 hours of volunteering needed to obtain your annual merit mark. If you performed any community volunteering in support of COVID assistance, National will consider such activities towards obtaining your merit mark. Sewing masks, grocery shopping for isolated neighbors, checking on housebound folks are examples of community civic service. If you've done such tasks, contact Christine (c@christinerasmussen.com) directly and let her know.

The club is still looking for a volunteer to take over as Basic Boating Chairperson. Lt Brenda Williamson, P has served as the chairperson since I was Squadron Education Officer eight years ago. She has done an awesome job but is looking to cruise the Great Loop over a couple of years so will be leaving the area. Now is the time to step up and transfer her knowledge, processes and procedures. The basic boating course accounts for a high number of new members so filling this role is critical. Contact me (wolfesd@comcast.net) or Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S (benric7@gmail.com) if you are interested. Please volunteer!

Looking a bit farther ahead, we are planning to hold the Traditional TPS Christmas Brunch at Tacoma Yacht Club, Sunday, December 5. In conjunction with our brunch, we will be collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys for Bridges program for grieving children. Based on the popularity and success of our food drive last year, we plan to repeat that as well. Expect more details in November's Wake Astern but plan to support the food drive with non-perishable foods (or cash) for Nourish Pierce County Food Bank. We plan to collect for both donation drives Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5, even if our Brunch gets canceled by COVID.



**Call to Meeting**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**October 26th, 2021(6:30-8:30 PM)**  
**Day Island Yacht Club**  
**University Place**  
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**Executive Board Meeting**  
**October 12th, 2021(6:30-8:30 PM)**  
**Via Zoom**

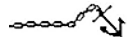
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# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



**Lt/C James Harden, JN, CN** I want to share with you survey marker outing held at the last National Governing Board meeting. We had a lot of fun and it didn't take too long. The squadron could also conduct a survey marker outing which I would be more than happy to arrange. 

## “Geodetic Survey Marker Recovery Outing at National Meeting”

(Article and pictures provided by the National Cooperative Charting Committee)

By Greg Shay and Tom Hancock

As announced in the prior Coop Charting Newsletter, a Cooperative Charting geodetic survey marker recovery outing was held at the National Governing Board in Raleigh on Fri 3 Aug. Four Coop committee members and nine other enthusiastic ABClub members from near and far attended this event. On a fair-weather afternoon, we assembled for preliminaries just outside of the Hilton Hotel where committee chair Tom Hancock went over various details of the marks we would be attempting to locating. Greg Shay had done some scouting of the nearby marks a few months in advance, and maps were created and handed out for the recovery route we would take (red arrows in Map A).



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The first mark to be located was in close walking distance at the northeast corner of the conference hotel parking lot. After a measurement from a fire hydrant and some probing, a mark was recovered about 6 in. below the surface. To our surprise, it was not the NGS EZ6555 HILTON mark being sought, but instead, was a NC Dept of Trans Traverse Station mark with a different designation that we believe was installed to replace the NGS mark that apparently had been destroyed during the widening of Wake Forest Rd. A Not Found report was submitted for EZ6555. A report could not be submitted for the replacement mark as it is not in the NGS database.



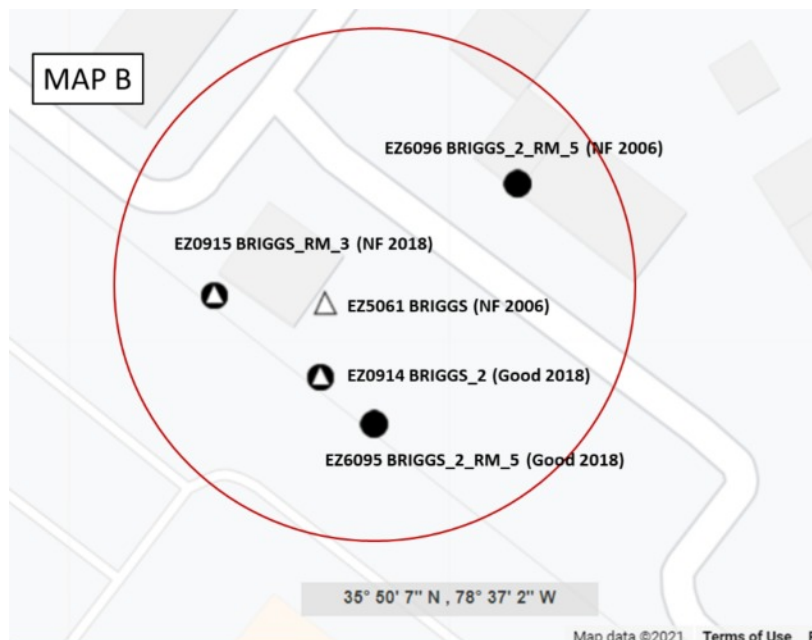
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There was another mark at this same street corner (EZ0917 NEWHO) previously reported Not Found; however, the GPS position put it in the street. We did not attempt recovery of this mark or any other marks that were last reported Not Found. Since the weather was pleasant, most participants proceeded on foot about a half mile north up Wake Forest Rd. to the next group of marks (Map B). Some others who preferred not to walk hopped in a car and proceeded to the destination. According to National Geodetic Survey Data Explorer (NGSDE), there were five marks at that location all with BRIGGS in the designation, four which were reference marks. Three of those marks previously were Not Found and subsequently not searched for, but two of the reference marks were recovered by our geo team: EZ6095 BRIGGS\_2\_RM\_4 and EZ0914 BRIGGS\_2.



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The final mark for our recovery was another ¼ mile north at the edge of a strip mall parking lot. After a couple measurements and some more probing, the mark (EZ0908) was found just below the surface. Although most of us returned to the hotel after a successful and enjoyable outing, some others went on to look for additional marks on their own.

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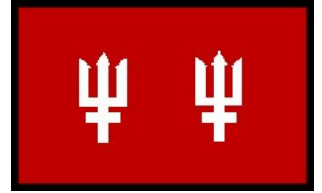
Susan Walker is our VSC Chairperson, phone number: 253-213-2850. **Please note new email address above.**

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



Welcome to the end of summer and the beginning of the fall. Boating season is over for many, now it's time to start looking at winterizing your boat. For me this is a very sad time of the year. Not only is the sun gone for the next six to seven months, boating season is over for the same amount of time. Looking at the positive side of things, hopefully soon we can have an in person meeting.

Winterizing your boat is a very important part of closing out the season of boating. If you are fortunate enough to have a heated boathouse or some type of heated storage, still take the time to winterize your boat. I do not have the luxury of having a heated storage location. I have always paid for my boat to get winterized each year. I'm not sure at this point if I will pay this year or try and handle it myself. If I try it myself I have an idea of the things I would do and the order I would do them in. I believe winterizing my own boat would not only save me some money, but at the end of the day I would feel good about doing it myself. First thing I would do is order a winterization kit. There are lots of places to get a winterization kit. My first time would be fun but scary at the same time. I'm sure I would order extra antifreeze (of course the correct stuff for winterizing boats). Below is a list of things I think I need. If I forget some feel free to let me know. After 21 years in the Active Army I have very thick skin.

### **THIS IS NOT MEANT TO BE A CHECKLIST FOR ANYONE TO WINTERIZE THEIR BOAT, PLEASE DO NOT USE IT AS ONE**

- Buy a boat winterization kit, I'm scary so I would buy extra antifreeze
- Start with a full tank of fuel if possible
- Use marine grade stabilizer to stabilize the fuel for the winter
- Put the stabilizer in your fuel tank before you start your engine. You want the stabilizer to run through your system by running your engine
- Hook up the boat motor flusher (I call them engine ear muffs)
- Flush the engine (I flush my engine after every time in salt water, I would still flush it for 15 minutes although I flushed it the last time it came out the water, scary remember)
- After flushing, run the antifreeze through the engine (scary guy like me uses it all including the extra)
- Use the engine fogging oil. There are many opinions on how this can be done. The way I will do it is spray it straight into my intake. My first boat I would spray it straight into my carburetor, then remove my spark plug and spray straight into the cylinders, bump the engine over and replace the spark plug (one at a time). Not sure if that was correct but that is what I did, maybe over kill
- Change the fluids using the owner's manual as a guide
- I remove the negative battery cable on my batteries and add a very light coat of lube
- Drain all the water out of the engine (I like to pull all the hoses that deal with water)

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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.

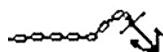
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Now it is time to park my boat in my storage facility for the winter months. If I did not list something that you believe is important, let me know. Remember I have thick skin, and this is me thinking out loud.

- **Park your boat in a secure storage facility**
- **I like to lift my tires off the ground using jack stands and cover them using tire covers**
- **Remove everything you don't want to be stolen just in case**
- **Remove anything you may want to have access to during the winter months. Once I get my boat setup for storage, I don't go inside my boat for many months. Right or wrong that's what I do.**
- **Buy some dry buckets and place them on the inside of your boat (more are better than less) I put at least 10 dry buckets in my boat. Use your best judgement and of course check your owner's manual**
- **Add your boat cover making sure it is tight and the straps will not damage the paint on your boat as the wind blow them (take your time)**
- **Teepee your cover so rain will not pool in places and the weight destroy your cover. I use a cockpit cover, a bow to stern cover and a tarp over the top of my radar tower**
- **After all is secure, come back and check your cover/covers in a few weeks to make sure everything is still tight and nothing is damaging your paint**

**THIS IS NOT MEANT TO BE A CHECKLIST FOR ANYONE TO WINTERIZE THEIR BOAT.  
JUST A FEW THOUGHTS I HAVE FOR MY PROCESS. IF I'M MISSING SOMETHING LET  
ME KNOW**

The court is still out on if I will winterize my own boat this year. I've been telling myself I should do it for the last few years. If I decide to try it this year, above is a good starting point for me. Any recommendation are always welcome. There are years of experience in completing any task within the club. I believe winterizing my boat myself will not only be fun but also a great learning experience, as long as my boat starts next year. Always, always, consult your owner's manual throughout the process. If you feel like you do not have it under control, you can always pay to get it done. Rather you do it yourself or pay to get it done, it's that time of season. Don't forget to close out the boating season with a good winterization of your boat. It will make your boat smell and keep your boat alive to fight another year. Enjoy the fall season Members and stay safe.



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## Membership Report

By P/C Jackie Mattox, AP

We have gained 29 new members since our last in-person meeting Feb 2020. Nineteen of those joined in 2021. Hopefully we will be able to welcome them soon at an in-person meeting. Even though we are anxious to meet, we do not want to rush the in-person meetings.

The new members are:

2020 members: Dave & Nancy Good: Michael, Shelly, Matthew, Justin, Michelle & River Morris:  
Joe & Amy Webb

2021 members: Philip Sidebottom: John Olano: Anselm Chong, Xiadan Li and Chloe Chong:  
Joe & Amy Webb: Scott & Gabriele MacLeod: Steve and Gina Johnson:  
Jeff and Chrissy Shipp: Michael Williams and Gail Thompson:  
Kyle and Tina Carlson: Pieter Booth and Mary Frey

Welcome to America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound. Hope to see you soon.





Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S  
Sq Education Officer

# EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN  
Asst. Education Officer

## BOO! Boaters!

October finds fall boating, leaves changing color, football and maybe education. Our fall Piloting class continues with Gary Ball as the instructor. He will also be teaching Advance Piloting after the new year.

Bellevue Power Squadron is offering Boat Handling starting October 19. See information below if interested.

### Boat Handling (Seamanship) - Members

**This class is suitable for skippers of all levels.**

**Starts on Tue Oct 19, 2021**

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Contact Robert Cooper 206 367 0075, [rbcooper80@gmail.com](mailto:rbcooper80@gmail.com)

Takes place every week for 12 weeks.

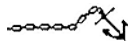
### Course and Seminar Availability — Classroom and Online

Trying to decide which course or seminar to take? Need one place to see at a glance everything USPS offers and to know which are available as classroom offerings, narrated online offerings and student-directed online seminars (through our partnership with Boat U.S.)?

You're just a click away. From the Educational Department home page, under Curriculum, select:

- [Classroom/Online Offerings](#) to see all courses and seminars or
- [Seminars](#) to see seminars only.

Happy Halloween!





2021 District 16 Fall Conference  
Saturday, 9 October 2021  
Call to Meeting

***This conference is open to All District 16 members, so please read through the following information.***

This notice is given to the defined voting members of the District 16 Conference:

- District 16 Bridge Officers
- D16 Squadron Commanders and Squadron Delegates
- Past District 16 Commanders in good standing
- Chairpersons of the General Committees (Nominations, Planning, Financial Review)

By order of the District 16 Commander, official notice is hereby given that the D16 Fall Conference will be held virtually via **Zoom** on 9 October 2021, *promptly* at 0830 (8:30 AM).

Purpose:

- To carry on the business of District 16, USPS;
- To approve the minutes of the D16 2021 Spring Conference;
- To receive reports of District Bridge Officers;
- To receive reports of D16 Squadron Officers;
- To receive reports of D16 Committees;
- To establish committees and make appointments thereto;
- To fill vacancy in any elective office;
- To present national and District Awards;
- To consider any other matter which may properly come before this meeting.

Dress: USPS or Squadron Polo Shirts if possible

**Basic Zoom Protocol:**

This conference will take place virtually using Zoom. There are a few things we would like you to know:

- 1) Please do not wait until the last minute to join the meeting.
- 2) Please minimize the use of the video (camera) to avoid overloading the meeting's bandwidth. Not turning on your camera will reduce potential communication problems. You can use your computer's audio though!
- 3) Please place yourself in "mute" to reduce unnecessary background noise.

Again, please remember these meetings are only held every six months and things may not proceed perfectly. Flexibility and patience would be greatly appreciated.

**Before the Meeting:**

Please review the minutes of the 2021 Spring Conference as we will be approving these minutes. Find them at <https://www.uspsd16.org/event-minutes> under the title 2021 Meeting Minutes.

**How to Attend:**

The District Secretary will be sending out the Zoom link and a reminder as the date of the meeting gets closer. Please SAVE THE DATE now by updating your calendars with this meeting. Remember that as members of the conference, you are expected to be in attendance, AND we would love to see you there.

Submitted by:

*Barbara J. Erickson*

Barbara J. Erickson, JN  
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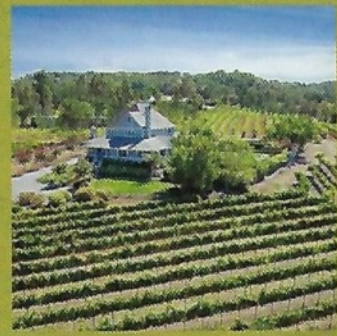
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