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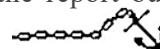
**F**ROM THE HELM

Well, first of all, a huge THANKS YOU goes out to Viki And Chuck Sharp for hosting the annual Salmon Bake at their ranch. The food was outstanding, the friends were many, and fun was had by all.

*Cdr James Harden, JN- CN*

So now is the time I must pass on important information received from National. You need to keep informed on what is proposed, suggested and recommended by the committees that affect our squadron. Here is the latest from the AD HOC Committee on Reorganization.

The document is a 11-page status report which I won't try to print all of the report but here are the suggested recommendations. I will have the report if anyone wants to see the details.



**KEY AD HOC REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Simplify Clubs as described in proposed bylaw changes.
- Allow Clubs to decide the value, and future, of their District including potentials for continuing as is, merging, or dissolution.
- Implement electronic voting for all National meetings to allow for the direct participation in decision-making by Clubs (see Section 2.5)
- Focus National Departments and Committees on direct support of Clubs & Members. Initial focus should be to enhance Education, Boating & Social events, Marketing & Membership, and overall Communication.
- Ensure that each National Department and Committee conducts the formal self-evaluation process recommended in this report (Section 3.2) to improve services to Clubs.
- Develop a formal and comprehensive communications strategy and plan between National and Clubs.
- Implement a formal program to improve services, operational effectiveness, and efficient use of scarce resources for all National Departments and Committees based on the recommendations in this report.
- Ensure that all National Departments and Committees develop a succession plan.
- Enable online Member access to Club events across our organization including organization, registration, and participation ("SEAS The Day" – Squadron Education & Activity Scheduler).

*Detailed recommendations and status are contained in this report*

**General Membership Meeting**  
November 22nd, 2022 (6:30-8:30 PM)  
Day Island Yacht Club  
University Place  
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**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday**  
November 9th, 2022  
(7:00-9:00 PM)  
Black Bear Diner  
Lakewood, WA

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Lt/C Sam Hill, AP

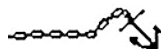
# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Looking outside, I know the days of summer 2022 are nothing more than a memory. The rain is here to stay, the sunny days are pretty much no more, and Thanksgiving will be here soon. Like last year, I will try my hand at winterizing my own boat. It makes me a little more nervous this year compared to last year. Why you ask? Because a friend of mine winterized her boat last year. We jumped on her boat (her first time taking it out after winterizing it) to come to the rendezvous at Kingston. It looked like a caramel milkshake on top of her engine block after about 10 minutes into the trip. I do enjoy the look of a milkshake, but not when it's on my engine block.

This year I will do something a little additional since I'm a little more concerned about the task. Not going to go through everything I'm going to do to winterize this year, but I will tell you the unnecessary additional step I will take. I'm sure the members experienced in boat maintenance are going to laugh. That's okay, I'm here to entertain you in November. Normally I would remove all the water out of my system first, then fill the system with anti-freeze. This time I'm going to first run anti-freeze through the system. Next, I will drain the water and anti-freeze mix out of the system and re-fill the system with straight anti-freeze. The anti-freeze is RV/Boat anti-freeze of course.

I'm sure the more experienced members in boat maintenance are shaking their head because of the additional step I will take. It's okay. I'm nervous as I stated earlier. I must make sure I'm not paying for a new engine after winter. What I didn't tell you is I bought about 10 gallons of RV/Boat anti-freeze about 4 months ago for something like \$2.00 a gallon. I have plenty anti-freeze for my task in 2022. Not that I want to waste it, I want to make sure at the beginning of summer the only milkshake I have is in a McDonald's cup. The rain is here now, try and enjoy it. Stay safe out there and enjoy all the upcoming family style holidays.



**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.

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



Currently we have two classes going on, Engine Maintenance at Tacoma Yacht Club on Thursdays and Piloting on Mondays. We will have Advanced Piloting (Advanced Marine Navigation) starting in March. If you have taken Piloting and want to take this course sign up online on the National USPS website.

I hope to have a Cruise Planning Course in January if there is enough interest, so please let me know if you are interested!

Ever dream of cruising to exotic destinations, chartering in foreign waters, or gunk holing in quiet backwaters? Learn what you need to confidently plan your boat trip and go cruising.

Gain the self-reliance and practical skills needed to explore ports and coves for a weekend or weeks at a time. Take Cruising and Cruise Planning and join your fellow boaters for raft-ups and rendezvous around the sound or anywhere.

What's included?

- Cruise preparation and planning
- Cruising boats and equipment
- Engines and electrical systems
- Safety gear and equipment
- Crew selection, training, and comfort
- Provisioning and meal planning
- Communications
- Navigation
- Anchoring and mooring
- Weather information sources and uses
- Storm watches, warnings, and advisories
- Chartering
- Cruising outside the United States
- Emergencies



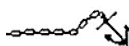
Andy Temple has agreed to teach Radar. This is a great class for anyone that has radar or plans to get it. Dates and place to be determined. Please let me know if you are interested in this course. I know of one person already!

This course was developed by Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons and is up to date for Radar technologies available now and into the near future. The course covers the different types of Radar equipment, their capabilities and limitations, as well as their features and how they apply to students' needs. It covers what you need to know about Radar, from how and where to mount the antenna to how to interpret the displays, so you can use your Radar for collision avoidance and for navigational purposes. Students attending this course should have completed America's Boating Course (or another NASBLA-approved boating safety course), preferably have completed Marine Navigation and Advanced Marine Navigation (currently Piloting and Advanced Piloting) and have boating experience.

Also, we will be having the basic boating course after the first of the year.

Lots of education happening!

Happy boating!



**Annual Christmas Brunch 2022**

Please join us for Tacoma Power Squadron's annual Christmas Brunch held at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Enjoy good food, friends and the beautiful views from the warmth of Tacoma Yacht Club's Ballroom. Be sure to bring your children and grandchildren along to meet Santa (he'll have goodies).

Sunday December 4, 2022 @ 11:00 AM

Tacoma Yacht Club - 5401 North Waterfront Drive, Tacoma, WA 98407

\$26.50 per person – Children 6 to 10 \$13.25

Children 5 and under free

Please bring an unwrapped gift for a girl or boy ages 3 -18.  
Gifts will be donated to "Bridges" a center for grieving children.  
We will also be collecting non-perishable food & cash for Nourish Pierce County

Menu:

Assorted muffins, pastries and petite croissants -  
Seasonal fruit display – Bacon and link sausage -  
O'Brien potatoes – Scrambled eggs with cheese -  
Waffles with fruit toppings and whipped cream -  
Chilled juices – Coffee and herbal tea

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Please return your reservation form by November 22, 2022

To:

P/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

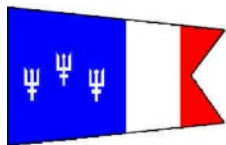
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of: Adults \_\_\_\_; Children 6 to 10 \_\_\_\_; Children 5 and under \_\_\_\_

Names of children who wish to see Santa: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the Tacoma Power Squadron

Total Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## PROGRAMS

*Lt Barbara Prudente  
Programs Chairman*



**Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

My name is Olyvia Buday, I have been a Law Enforcement Park Ranger for close to 5 years. During my time with State Parks, I have overseen every park within the South Sound Area and am currently the Assistant Area Manager, which oversees Jarrell Cove, Harstine Island, McMicken Island, Hope Island, Eagle Island, Cutts Island, Stretch Point, Fudge Point, Kopachuck, Joemma Beach and Penrose Point State Parks. I am a South Puget Sound native who is passionate about the parks I grew up going to. I would be happy to give you an overview of my time overseeing Jarrell Cove State Park and some of the improvements we've made, as well as some of the improvements we're hoping to make.

If you'd like me to cover anything else, or would like me to answer questions, I would be more than happy to accommodate!

Thank you,

*Olyvia Buday #536*

Assistant Area Manager  
South Sound Area East  
Cell: (360)401-5494

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## CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!

With all of us starting to come back to meetings and having the Christmas Party again, it feels as though we are waking up from a long sleep. As such, we want to make this next year (and in the future) a celebration of friendships, learning new things, and experiencing new adventures. However, for that to happen we want your feedback. Many of you have been boating for years and have great experiences, whereas some of us are rather new to this lifestyle. But all of us are creative and know what has made us happy in the past. Please dip into your "creative juices" and send us suggestions for the following:

- What type of programs would you like to see during our general meetings?
- What would entice you to join a fun weekend at a rendezvous, and where would you like to go?
- What type of activities would you like to participate in at a rendezvous?
- Would you like to participate in "land" activities? (Examples of this would be taking a bus tour of the Port of Tacoma or having more Barbecues &/or Salmon Bakes.)
- What would you like to do for the club.
- Any other suggestions for activities are most welcomed!

We want to hear from you, so please send your suggestions to [tacomapowersquadron@gmail.com](mailto:tacomapowersquadron@gmail.com) or [jrgeezers@comcast.net](mailto:jrgeezers@comcast.net)

We appreciate your input!

Thank you.

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## Seattle Boat Show

P/C Linda Martin, JN

Yes, the America's Boating Club of Snohomish County has applied to do Boating Safety 4 Kids seminar at the Seattle Boat Show in 2023. I have requested Saturday, February 11 mid-day shift as in the past.

I hope you will dig out your 2023 calendar the reserve that date for the Boating Safety 4 Kids seminar.

I'll keep you posted on the progress of the application once I hear.

I have included Seattle and Tacoma in this email. If there is a fun-loving person in your squadron that might want to join us, let them know.

*Everett Sail and Power Squadron --  
America's Boating Club of Snohomish County  
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[www.BoatClubSnoCo.org](http://www.BoatClubSnoCo.org)





Invites you to our  
**Crab Feed**  
Saturday, 19 November  
Meydenbauer Bay Y C

- 6:00pm for social hour
- 6:30pm for the crab dinner!
- Dancing with Randy, One Man Band after dinner!

Cost:

\$35 for whole crab

\$25 for 1/2 crab

\$20 for spaghetti

\$10 spaghetti for kids under 10

*Includes Potato and Caesar  
salads, Willa's amazingly de-  
licious Italian bread & ice  
cream sundaes!*

No Host Bar (Beer, Wine, and soft drinks)

Deadline for reservations: **Saturday, 12 November.**

Secure your reservation with PayPal at [Social Events | Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron | United States \(bellevuepowersquadron.org\)](#) or send your check (made payable to BPS) to: Willa Conrad

7418 NE 118th Place  
Kirkland, WA 98034

Questions? Contact Willa at 425.466.0560 (text) or [Willaconrad41@gmail.com](mailto:Willaconrad41@gmail.com)

Don't forget your crab crackers, butter is available upon request.





## Nominating Committee Status Report as of October 26, 2022.

I'm executing my plan to fill the slate for the next watch which starts the fourth Tuesday in April, 2023. First, I'd like to thank all those who have served this year as your efforts have contributed to our very active, productive club. After I determine which positions need to be filled, I will be calling the general membership asking for folks to step up and volunteer. So far, my calls to current position holders have been encouraging, but there are some positions that will need new volunteers.

Perhaps the most important role to be filled is that of Administrative Officer. I rank that as number one because it is traditionally the route to command in the third year. The Administrative Officer handles the internal functions of the Squadron and gets the opportunity to learn more about how the club and the US Power Squadron operates.

I'll be asking for someone to serve as Basic Boating Chairperson. Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S has been running this segment of our education program, in addition to her other duties as Squadron Education Officer. Bentley would like to hand over day-to-day planning and execution to a volunteer who likes to work with the public. The Basic Boating Chairperson will register classes then sign up students on the USPS webpage, coordinate with instructors to determine the best dates and with venues to determine the location of classes. The basic boating course (ABC3) usually consists of four two-hour evening classes of instruction followed by a one evening exam. Each class is lead by a dedicated instructor. The ABC Chairperson usually administers the exam, but Squadron members usually volunteer to help proctor and grade the exam. This course is our club's introduction to the public and potential new members. The duties of the Basic Boating Chairperson are not overly complex and Bentley will certainly be happy to show the ropes to the new chairperson. Please consider this as a vital and necessary contribution you can make.

I'll mention a couple of other jobs in passing but the list of unfilled positions is a bit longer.

We would like to have a Boating Activities Chairperson. Rendezvous attendance took a major hit during COVID and since then we have had several members leave boating due to age or injury. The boating activities chairperson solicits preferred locations and dates, coordinates with marinas and manages the cruise fund. We typically rendezvous once a month February - October at marinas ranging from Olympia to Kingston. There is talk of reducing the number of rendezvous but encourage more attendance at those we do conduct. A robust schedule with fun activities for our newer members would increase the vitality of our club.

The other job for which I would like to see new members participate is that of Executive Board Member-at-Large. We will probably have a couple of vacancies and folks filling these positions are not on the bridge. They provide input to decisions about the club's direction and plans for activities. This requires attending one executive session a month, normally the second Tuesday, September through May. It is a great way to learn while participating.

When you get the call, run - not from the request but rather toward the challenge!

P/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN  
Chairman, Nominating Committee



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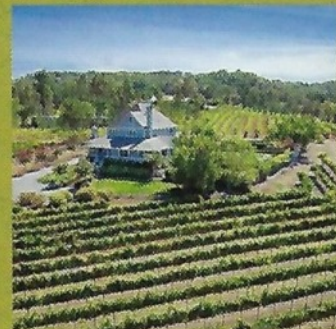
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6	7 <b>Marine Navigation via Zoom</b>	8	9 <b>Ex. Bd Mtg 7:00-9:00 PM @Black Bear Diner Lakewood, WA</b>	10	11 <small>Veterans Day</small>	12
13	14 <b>Marine Navigation via Zoom</b>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <b>Marine Navigation @ DIYC</b>	22 <b>Gen Mtg 6:30-8:30 PM @DIYC</b>	23 <b>Deadline for December Edition The Wake Astern</b>	24	25	26
27	28 <b>Marine Navigation via Zoom</b>	29	30			





# December 2022

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4 TPS Annual Christmas Brunch @ TYC	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 No Ex. Bd Mtg Till January 2023	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Deadline for January edition The Wake Astern	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27 No Gen Mtg Till January 2023	28	29	30	31

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