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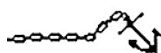


Well, here I am again late with my article for the month. I'm at least a little justified in being late. You see, for those who didn't know, I married a Beautiful lady just two weeks ago! Some of you may have met Jill at the Cruise-In picnic held at Barb & Gary's ranch back in May of this year; we had a wonderful wedding/family reunion; Jill's family has been having family reunions for over forty years! So, what better time to capture an audience than to hold it during this event? It was pretty informal since half the people were camping! Jill and I were the only ones dressed up, us in western attire, and of course, for the campers, very casual, and my family and friends were dressed down from the usual wedding dress. Everyone seemed to have a good time; the rides from the field parking to the house were a hit with many people, and there was plenty of food (at least I hope there was). We had Steve Erickson, our National photographer, take the wedding pictures; he was very busy all afternoon, and the pictures came out very nice! I was busy baking corn muffins for a crowd before the wedding and five full-packer briskets for a couple hundred hungry guests. Needless to say, we were so exhausted that when we returned to my house on our wedding night, we fell asleep before the lights were even turned off.

And away we went, we had bought a motor coach and were preparing it for travel. Our only planned trip for our honeymoon was down to Saint Helens, OR, for a rendezvous with District 32 down on the Columbia River. We met some new and wonderful people, some old acquaintances. We had a wonderful time admiring the countryside. If you're not used to seeing a ship on the river, it's pretty exciting. The only thing that would have made it more exciting would have been trying to avoid the vessel on the river had we been on the boat!

Jill and I have to thank all of you who attended, her Brother and Sister-in-law, and her sisters, who made it a perfect wedding for us both! And of course, I can't forget my brother Paul, who created a beautiful archway for us to be married under! Thank You All!

One final note from the Cmdr's Dept is that summer cruising will soon be a memory, and I would love to see those photos of "Your Wake Astern" to add one of them to the back cover of our own "The Wake Astern." Please send them to me, and I'll present them at our first board meeting in September. See you all in September at the Past Cmdr's BBQ!



**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETINGS  
HELD  
SEPTEMBER THRU MAY ONLY  
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS  
HELD ON  
AS NEEDED BASIS**

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August 2024

**Tacoma & South Puget Sound**  
Introducing  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Jill Warren  
August 3rd, 2024



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# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



## Electric Shock Drowning

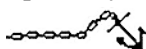
As Power Squadron members we make water safety a priority in our activities and education. Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) is one of the many things on our minds when mooring at marinas and docks as we connect to shore power.

So exactly what is ESD? The following quote from the Electric Shock Drowning Prevention Association <https://www.electricshockdrowning.org/esd--faq.html> defines it as: “Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) is the result of the passage of a typically low level of AC current through the body with sufficient force to cause skeletal muscular paralysis, rendering the victim unable to help himself / herself, while immersed in fresh water, eventually resulting in drowning of the victim. Higher levels of AC current in the water will also result in electrocution. Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) has become the catch all phrase that encompasses all in-water shock casualties and fatalities.”

Generally, the majority of ESD incidents occur in fresh lakes, docks and marinas but can happen in salt water as well. It is when a swimmer’s body completes the pathway for electric current to go to ground. Faulty or worn wiring connections either on your boat or at the shore power connection are typically at fault. Why fresh water rather than salt? Salt water is much more conductive than fresh water and that electric current has fewer pathways to choose from in fresh water. In either case the swimmer’s body becomes the path of least resistance to ground.

For a concise and articulate description of ESD and to better understand the causes, dangers, detection, testing equipment, etc. go to the National Power Squadron website and article [https://americanboating.org/safety\\_electric\\_shock\\_drowning.asp](https://americanboating.org/safety_electric_shock_drowning.asp). Another good source is at <https://lifesaving.com/in-the-news/electric-shock-drowning-a-silent-killer/>. This second article gives more data and statistics on the number of fatalities and near misses in the United States.

Don’t allow yourself, loved one or pet become an electrical pathway for these deadly AC currents.



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P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-CN is our VSC Chairperson. He will also be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.



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

# EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



**G**reetings from Canada!

As I write this we are in Sidney, B.C. just planning our next course to Montague, then through Dodd Narrows and on to Nanaimo. This is exactly what you learn in Piloting (Marine Navigation)! We will be offering this course via Zoom starting September 23 for 10 weeks. Gary Ball will be the instructor. Learn the essentials of safe coastal and inland navigation using basic GPS in conjunction with charts and other marine data. The Piloting course teaches you how to use the GPS along with traditional dead reckoning techniques for planning and laying out safe routes, as well as ensuring that you are on-course while underway.

### What's included?

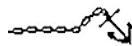
- Charts and their interpretation
- Landmarks and navigation aids (buoys, day marks, lights, etc.)
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS - basic GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS course
- Pre-planning courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning

For more information and to pre-register for this course click on the link below:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/index.php/find-a-class-near-you?zip=98467&range=20>

I also plan to have another Engine Maintenance course in the fall if there is enough interest. Please let me know if you are interested in this course.

Happy boating!





## Jump-Start Your Boating Adventures!

Check your calendars!  
District 16 is on an educational mission!

... to provide you with a series of 2-hour web-based no-cost seminars that will enhance your boating experience this summer...

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|--------------|---|
| June 13      | <b>Rules of the Road</b> with<br>D/Lt/C Gary Baker, AP-IN, Everett            |
| July 25      | <b>Marine Charts and Buoys</b> with<br>SEO Brian Rachal, AP, Everett          |
| August 22    | <b>Using GPS and AIS</b> with<br>DEO James West, JN, Everett                  |
| September 25 | <b>Boat Handling in Close Quarters</b> with<br>SEO Rob Hamilton, Point Wilson |

The clinic, **All About VHF and DSC**, is a precursor to the series and is offered to all attending the Poulsbo Rendezvous. Or just come for the seminar—there's room!

Additional seminars/clinics are scheduled for the Fall of 2024.  
If you want to know more or are interested in teaching,  
please contact Jim West at [phnx789@msn.com](mailto:phnx789@msn.com).



# Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2024 Rendezvous Schedule

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>
Salmon Bake	Sharp Homestead	September 21	Sharp

Please call host if attending a rendezvous for planning purposes and consider hosting a rendezvous or helping to host.

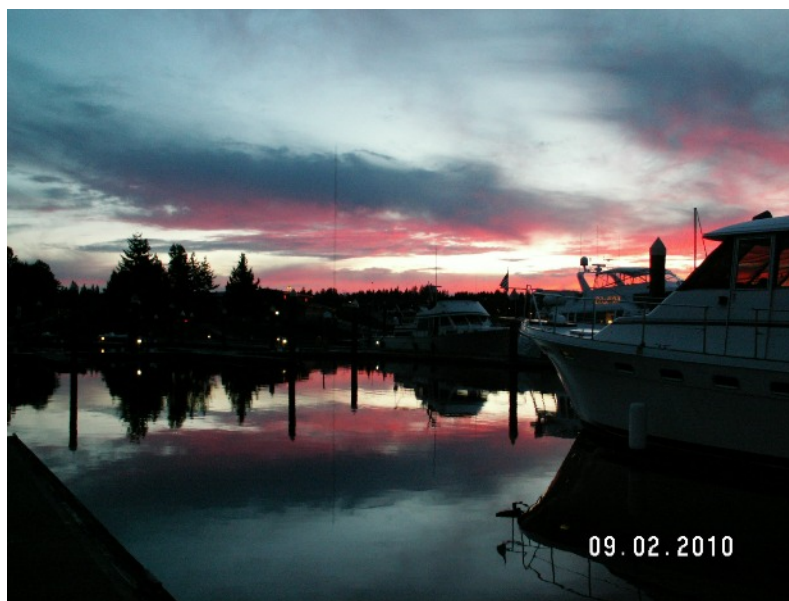


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## Swantown Rendezvous July 26-28, 2024 Hosts - P/C Stan and Debbie Wolfe

America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound Swantown rendezvous occurred July 26-28, 2024. P/C Stan Wolfe (SN-CN) and Debbie Wolfe, S, hosted with a total of six boats attending. The concept was a low-key, stressless event. For starters, the weather was excellent coming and going. The wind blew every boat onto the dock; it reversed direction on departure day, blowing boats off the dock. By Friday afternoon, all six boats were lined up on A dock facing east toward the fuel dock. With boats secured and AC power hooked up, most folks walked up to the Hearthside Restaurant for dinner then returned to the dock for catch-up conversations and chocolate cookies. Saturday started with breakfast burritos, yogurt, fruit, and pastries. After breakfast, most folks walked over to the Farmers' Market. The market was busy, live entertainment played on the stage and there were plenty of tasty temptations to admire, purchase and eat. The afternoon passed by with Tom Ferree, JN completing a couple of vessel safety checks (VSC) despite the warm weather. Around 6:00 PM we setup chairs and congregated alongside Barnacle Betsy, the boat with the best shade, and ate dinner. It was not the traditional potluck, but rather simply sitting together, eating, and socializing. As usual, departure day came too soon. Boats started departing around noon, catching the outgoing tide. Some folks took advantage of the excellent facilities, pumping out and refueling. Here's the list of attendees:

Stan and Debbie Wolfe, GreyWolfes'  
Tom and Rebecca Ferree, Kira Sea  
Beth and Richard Stone, Barnacle Betsy  
Brian and Barbara Prudente, SJØEN  
Rick Edel and Jean Ferguson, Endeavor  
Gary and Barbara Dildine, Little Eagle  
Land yacht attendees included:  
Jackie and Richard Mattox  
Mason Dixon  
Annette Dildine and Cliff Dougherty  
Heather and Weston Mazzoli







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**No  
Exec Brd Mtg  
June thru August**

**Rendezvous  
at  
Port Orchard**

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**Rendv at  
Port Orchard**

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**No                                  Deadline for  
Gen Mbr Mgt    September edition  
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# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Ex.Bd Mtg 6:00-8:00 PM @ TBD	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Sharp's Salmon Bake
22	23 Marine Navigation via Zoom	24 Gen Mtg 6:30-8:30 PM @ DIYC	25 Deadline for October edition The Wake Astern	26	27	28
29	30 Marine Navigation via Zoom					

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