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**COMMANDER**



*Cdr Stan Wolfe, SN-CN*

**G**reetings from your Commander!

Wow, 2021 is almost over! I am looking forward to a bigger and better 2022. I am planning on resuming our in-person general meetings at Day Island Yacht Club the fourth Tuesday of each month with the first one January 25. The club will be providing a pasta meal, you don't need to bring anything except your choice of adult beverage as we won't be running a bar anymore. I hope to have a more robust rendezvous schedule in the coming year as well. In fact, as I am writing this edition, I am sitting aboard GreyWolfes' moored at Arabellas for the long Thanksgiving weekend. I met with Arabellas and have penciled in 10 boats for Presidents' Day weekend, February 18-21, 2022. Consider attending and feel free to call Arabellas and reserve your slip. And don't forget to tell Lt Cindy Warren, AP about your rendezvous preferences.

As we prepare for the coming year, please remember you will be getting a call from the nominating committee asking you to serve on a committee, on the bridge, or as an individual contributor in positions like vessel safety examiner (VSE) or instructor; especially important is the need for a volunteer to take over as Basic Boating Chairperson. Individuals also serve as cooperative charting reporters going out and recovering aids-to-navigation (ATON) and USGS survey markers. All of these jobs are fun and help you earn a merit mark. When called, seriously consider helping out our club.

The TPS Christmas Brunch is upon us. 57 folks signed up and I will be so glad to see everyone of them. This year we are conducting the toy and food drive during and after the brunch. We will be collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys for Bridges, a Program for grieving children and collecting non-perishable foods for the Nourish Pierce County food bank. If not attending, but willing to donate a toy and/or food, you can do so by driving up to the TYC portico between 1:00 and 4:00 PM on December 5.

The club completed merit mark submissions for the year on schedule. I enthusiastically commend P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN for her diligence and patience completing this huge task. It is the only reward we can roll up and put in our pocket or hang on the wall. Please let me know if you were expecting but did not receive one. USPS National distributes the marks via e-mail so check your junk folder before making that call.

The TPS Christmas Brunch has come and gone. 57 folks signed up and most showed up. I was so glad to see everyone. This year we conducted the toy and food drive during and after the brunch. We collected a large number of new, unwrapped toys for Bridges, a Program for grieving children and non-perishable foods for the Nourish Pierce County food bank. From what I've heard, it looks like we collected about \$700 for Nourish and an additional amount in cash for Bridges. Thank you to all members and non-members for their generous donations. I'd like to thank P/C Andy Temple, AP for his photography of the event, Jenna Ashbrook, P for production of the event ribbons, and especially P/C Larry Warren, AP, P/C Jackie (AP) and P/C Richard Mattox (AP) for their time and effort in assisting with both drives. Pictures of the event will appear in the January 2022 edition of The Wake Astern.



**No  
General Membership Meeting  
This Month  
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No  
Executive Board Meeting  
This Month**

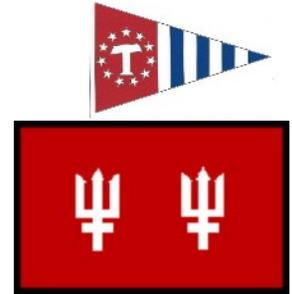
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Lt/C James Harden, JN- CN

# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



I want to wish all of you a very happy holiday season. I didn't have an article ready for this issue (my bad) so I am using some of the information from the latest news blast from national. Hope you enjoy the season and remember family comes first.

### Still Room! Sail With Us in February 2022

Cruising is back! Our long-awaited cruise is getting closer, and we'd love to have more join our group as we escape to the Caribbean after the 2022 Annual Meeting in February. The beautiful Holland America *Rotterdam* will depart from Fort Lauderdale and sail to Grand Turk, San Juan, St. Thomas, and Half Moon Cay from Feb. 27 through March 6. Take advantage of the "Have It All" promotion, which includes free drinks, specialty dining, free shore excursion credit, and Wi-Fi. The cruise also includes exclusive group events and benefits and is a fundraiser for America's Boating Club, so the more who join, the more our club benefits. For additional details, please email me or call 727-403-0406. Email: [Dawn Eckhart](#)

### Did Your Squadron Have Good Luck With Virtual Classes?

NASBLA is looking to get an idea of what is really happening on a state-by-state basis. We asked that virtual classes be identified by placing "Virtual" in the "location" blank in the HQ800 course offering; however, that data was not stored in the history files. What I need from you is a short email that lists (\*Required):

1. Your squadron
2. Your district
3. \*Your state
4. \*The number of virtual courses taught in your squadron and/or students taught.
5. \*The proposed or anticipated number of classes that would be scheduled next year.
6. \*District Education Officers: if you respond please break down the number of students per squadron and per state.

Without this information, NASBLA will undervalue your commitment to offering virtual classes (ABC3) and will place your state lower in the list or remove it altogether.

**Please reply no later than Dec. 3, 2021**, if you would like to have the virtual America's Boating Course available to teach in your state. If I don't hear from you, there will be nothing for me to tell NASBLA. SEOs or their designees should send the email to me at [davidkowalskiabc@gmail.com](mailto:davidkowalskiabc@gmail.com). Once I have received it, I will acknowledge receipt, and forward the information to NASBLA. Email: [David Kowalski](#)

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**Start Planning for the 2022 Annual Meeting**

Wondering about hotel reservations? The Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa is now accepting reservations! Just visit the [National Meetings website](#) and reserve your room! Sign up now! One event that has become very popular is the Wednesday Friends Night. Titled appropriately "Welcome Back Friends," it will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23, and will provide an evening filled with games and a delicious dinner! Add it to your calendar. You don't want to miss it! **Email:** [Arlene Anderson](#)

**Heritage and Protocol News**

Just a reminder, the Heritage and Protocol Committee is being combined with the Operations Manual Committee at the 2022 Annual Meeting. The new committee will be known as the Heritage and Documents Committee. This committee will be headed by a rear commander and two staff commanders. I urge each of you to submit your current year and any past years you may be lacking to the Historian files. I know old Joe (95 years old) has all the records in a box (or five) in his basement. Old Joe has been living in that house for 50 years. Guess what? Last night, the pipes froze, broke, and then thawed. Guess where all your records are? That's right. Under 3 feet of cold water. Yes, I know, you have a more computer-savvy person handling your computer records. But when he or she leaves the squadron, your records go with him or her. It is almost year-end, and my files tell me we have 10 histories on file and six of them belong to one squadron. May I suggest you update your histories? And while you are doing so, enjoy the holiday season. **Email:** [Guy Anastasio](#)

**Read more:** <https://www.usps.org/departments/15000/15900>

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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, AP*

## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

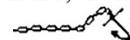


**H**appy Holidays members and welcome to the last month of the year. It is hard to believe the year is almost over. But I'm very happy you are still here as am I. I could not let the year end without writing a few words about a true American Hero (in my opinion) that passed away in 2021. A man that had the personal courage to admit publicly when he made a mistake while serving the nation as a civilian. A man that was refused the use of bars and restaurants at the beginning of his military career in Georgia, but still served for 35 years in the Army. A man that served in positions such as the United States National Security Advisor under President Ronald Reagan, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President George H. W. Bush and President Bill Clinton, and the 65th United States Secretary of State under George W Bush. Some of you have guessed who I am writing the last article of the year about. For everyone else, I am writing about Colin Luther Powell.

Colin L. Powell was the child of immigrant parents from Jamaica. He was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 1937 in Harlem New York. His dad was a shipping clerk and his mother a seamstress. He attended high school in the South Bronx. The school is closed now but it was called Morris High School. The Bronx is where he grow-up and Morris is the high school he graduated from in 1954. After high school he attended the City College of New York (CCNY). During his college days he found out he was good at ROTC, and he enjoyed it. In 1958 he became Second Lieutenant Colin Powell. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Geology and earning an Army Commission that changed his life forever. LT Powell your journey is just beginning.

His first Duty Station was for training in Georgia. In Georgia in 1958 he was denied service in restaurants, bars and I'm sure many other facilities. Through it all he gave the country 35 years of his life in uniform. Retiring as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff which is a Four Star General position, and the highest ranking position possible. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the most Senior Officer in the United States Armed Forces. The position is the military advisor to the President, National Security Council, Homeland Secretary Council and the Secretary of Defense. After 35 years of active duty, he retired his uniform in 1993. In January of 2001 he put on a suit and tie to serve the country again as the 65th United States Secretary of State until January 2005. Colin Powell was awarded numerous decorations both during civilian and military service to the nation. What made him even more respectable to me was the courage to admit publicly a mistake he made during his civilian service to the nation. Unfortunately that is a rare sight with politicians in America today.

Colin Powell died on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 fighting battles on three fronts. The battle of time, he was 84. The battle against Blood Cancer (Myeloma) that has a negative effects on the immune system. And the battle against COVID-19 which he had complications with. At the end, the son of Luther Theophilus Powell a shipping clerk and Maud Powell a seamstress lost the war of life as we all will in the future. He was an American hero in my eyes that paved the way for Soldiers like me. Colin Powell broke many glass ceilings. Happy Holidays Members. I hope this article will peak the interest of someone. Maybe they will take a few minutes to look up a true American Hero, Colin Powell. Sir, I salute you, Thank you for your service to our country both in and out of uniform.





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

# EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

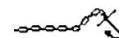
## Happy Holidays!

Students recently tested on America's Boating Course and everyone who tested passed with flying colors. Thanks to our wonderful instructors P/C Lance Williamson, P/C Mitch Carroll, Commander Stan Wolfe and Monti Minion. We also had nine students to complete Piloting and take the exam. Thank you, Gary Ball, for teaching this course. Advanced Piloting will begin January 4, most likely via Zoom. Anyone who has taken Piloting may want to consider taking Advanced Piloting.

America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound also plans to have a Weather class starting in February. Stay tuned for more information on that class. We hope to have this in person. Several of courses such as Boat Handling are being offered virtually by other clubs. Check out these classes and register here:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=98467&range=150>

Wishing you and yours and wonderful holiday season!





**Tacoma Power Squadron**  
General Membership Meeting  
Conducted via Zoom  
October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**ROLL CALL** (Quorum = 5 Bridge & 5 Board Members, 10% members)

**FLAG SALUTE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Executive Officer – Lt/C Jim Harden, JN-CN**

Debbie Harden is getting points for Float Charting.

**Admin Officer – Lt/C Sam Hill,**

- Cards sent to the below members:
  - Sharp's (Lost two sons)
  - Pat Lemagie (Surgery postponed)
  - Tim Craig (Get Well Soon)
- Next in-person meeting with a doctor to brief what should or should not stay in the first aid kits
- Looking for a final vote on the Christmas party for 2021 for the first Sunday of December

**Secretary – Lt/C Beth Stone, S**

- No new business

**Treasurer – Lt/C Jackie Mattox, AP**

- Financial Status: Solvent

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

- Attended a Hybrid Class on Emergency on Board this past week. District put it on to see how it went. Still evaluating the results.
- Piloting Class is on-going – Exam is 11/16/21
- 01/04/22 - Advanced Piloting to be planned
- 11/8/21 – ABC Class Starting via Zoom

**Executive Board -**

- Anselm Chong to discuss use of Facebook by members and for announcements. We do have a FaceBook account. Can send message through their messenger area. Bentley has been posting our classes on our site. We were wondering if National had a page and if someone locally inquired, would they forward them to us. May create a “group” account to keep things private. Suggested we use it for advertising. Anselm is going to look into it further.

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**Commander –**

- Merit Mark – P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN – 11/15/21 is the last date to submit your marks. But please... send in ahead of time (don't wait until the 15<sup>th</sup>)!
- Data processing request for boat information. Survey sheet sending to members requesting boat information. This will come in handy when planning trips and setting up moorage and slip assignments. Stan has asked Lorraine Stargel, AP to request this information from our members. The information is voluntary and will not be shared with anyone outside the club.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Christmas Brunch at TYC. Voted "Yes" to proceed. Date of Brunch is 12/05/21.
  - Exceeded minimum number of 25 with 34 RSVPs.
  - Approximate cost \$25/person.
  - Club will space out tables, wear masks when not seated; buffet (but we can serve).
  - Food drive and toy drive but only can do on Sunday. Suggested list of toys at <https://www.marybridge.org/mary-bridge-experience/child-life-services/wish-list/> Also, if members don't want to attend the brunch, but want to contribute, we will have a donation box outside as well.
  - Center pieces/raffle?
  - Santa will be at the brunch. Discussing how close we will allow members to be with Santa for pictures.
  - Asking members to RSVP by 2 weeks before the date (RSVP by 11/20/21).
  - Will advertise on TYC and TPS so all members are aware. We will have a set time so Tom can put it on the web site. Possibly 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- General Membership meetings.
  - Postponing in-person meetings until January (except the Christmas Brunch).
- Planning to go out to pick up our storage items from Chuck's barn.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**ADJOURN**

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**From the Editor**

*P/C Richard Mattox, AP*

In October, we decided to sell our boat. We listed her with a broker with the understanding that it might take a year to sell. The broker showed the boat to two prospective buyers, the second being a couple who had been looking for "the right boat" for over a year. They went over "ClasSeaLass" for a considerable amount of time and finally made an offer, confessing to the broker that they were very familiar with the boat as they were the owners of it when Jackie & I bought the boat from them 17 years ago. How profound is that? They were very excited, as were their grown kids and grandchildren. So, on November 20th, we closed the deal and sadly watched them pull out of the harbor on their way to Poulsbo. That evening the couple who bought our boathouse pulled their newly purchased Bayliner into the boathouse with only inches to spare.

I will miss going on ClasSeaLass to the many yearly rendezvous. However, Jackie & I will continue to be involved with America's Boating Club, Tacoma and South Puget Sound and all of its great membership.

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and hopefully we'll be able to get together in 2022!



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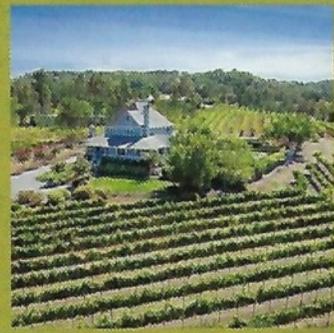
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5 Christmas Brunch @ TYC	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
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