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**The
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COMMANDER



FROM THE HELM

Cdr James Harden, JN- CN

I want to say a big THANK YOU for all the members making the January social meeting such a success with the squadron providing all the food. We had a great program thanks to Assist Area Manager O. Buday from the Washington State Parks and Recreation Dept providing a lot of good information. Although our next social will be our usual potluck, we will have a great program for all who attend.

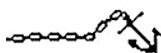
The good news is our proposed changes to the squadron bylaws has been approved by the National Committee on Rules for format and compatibility with the national outline. So, what is the next step.

We will be sending the proposed bylaws to all the members in an email probably before you read this article. A copy of the bylaws should be attached to this edition of the *Wake Astern*. We will also place a copy of the proposed bylaws on our website, tacomapowerandsailsquadron.org We want every member to attend our next social meeting to discuss any concerns or suggestions they may have with any of the changes. All members in attendance at the March General Meeting will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed changes to the squadron bylaws.

We are approaching the boating season real soon hoping that the weather will brighten and get warmer. Our first outing will be at Dock Street marina on March 24-26th. That would be a great time for a shake down cruise ensuring all your boating systems are working after sitting idle for a couple months in the winter.

There has not been any mention of a theme for the outing, but we could all decorate boats in a St. Patrick's Day theme as this holiday would have just passed. This is what we do "go boating" so, I hope to see everyone at Dock Street.

See ya around the docks!



General Membership Meeting
February 28th, 2023 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Dy Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday
February 14th, 2023
(6:00-8:00PM)
Black Bear Diner
Lakewood, WA

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Lt/C Sam Hill, AP

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

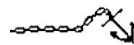


In 1941 a Navy cook served on the Battleship West Virginia stationed at Pearl Harbor. We all know what happened on the 7th of December the 1941. The Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor damaging 19 vessels (half sunk) and killing about 2,400 people. Doris Miller was serving as a US Navy cook Third Class when the attack happened. Doris Miller Third Class was the first African American to receive the Navy Cross, an award one step below the Medal of Honor.

Miller was a native of Waco, Texas, born on 12 October 1919 to Connery and Henrietta Miller. They named him Doris before he was born because they thought he was going to be a girl. I guess they did not want to change the name after he was born a boy. Miller enlisted as a Mess Attendant Third Class in September 1939. In those days that was one of the very few jobs an African American Sailor could have. After completing training and a short stay on an ammo ship, he was transferred to the Colorado-Class Battleship, the West Virginia. He started boxing on the West Virginia and became the heavyweight champion of the ship. On 7 December 1941 after serving breakfast and starting his rounds of collecting laundry, Japanese planes attacked. The West Virginia was hit with several torpedos from torpedo bombers. Miller helped with casualties and manned an anti-aircraft gun which he was not allowed to be trained on. He shot down between 4 and 6 enemy planes (we will call it 5, close enough for government work) that day, and helped with moving injured Sailors to safety. For his selfless service and bravery, he earned the Navy Cross.

On 15 May 1943 Miller was assigned to the Puget Sound Navy Yard in Bremerton Washington. He was stationed on a newly constructed Escort Carrier, the USS Liscome Bay. The USS Liscome duty was to escort convoys and conduct other amphibious operations. The USS Liscome Bay conducted training operations in Hawaii to prepare for combat operations with the Northern Task Force. 10 November 1943 the USS Liscome left Pearl Harbor and joined the Northern Task Force, Group 52, for combat operations. The USS Liscome fought in the Battle of Makin on 20 November 1943. After Makin was captured by the American forces and on Thanksgiving eve, the USS Liscome Bay cruised by Butaritari. Right before dawn a Japanese submarine sank the USS Liscome Bay. Two-thirds of the crew was presumed Killed in Action (KIA) and Miller was one of them.

Welcome to February 2023



Need a Vessel Safety Check?
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Lt Sue Walker, S
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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 Larry Warren, AP

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



W elcome to a New Year in the Administrative department.

Boating Activities Chairperson ----- Vacant
Operations Training Chairperson P/C Stan Wolfe, SN – CN
Programs Chairperson Lt. Barbara Prudente
Sunshine Chairperson Leslie Burton, S
Membership Chairperson P/C Jackie Mattox, AP
Membership Involvement Chair. P/C Jackie Mattox, AP

The Admin. Department is currently looking for an Activities Chairperson. This person would need to coordinate between members of the squadron and Local marinas to reserve slips for monthly summer rendezvous. Write a simple monthly report for The Wake Astern and General meetings stating where and when reservations have been made, the number of slips reserved, and details of the marina, phone#s, who to contact and any information of importance for each Rendezvous. For more information or if you wish to sign up for this position. Please email me @ l.m.warren-1@hotmail.com or call me (206) 571-3099.

Here are some upcoming events worth mentioning at this time:

February 11th, 2023, is Boating Safety 4 Kids at the Seattle Boat show, presented by Everett Sail and Power Squadron America's Boating Club of Snohomish County. P/C Linda Martin, JN, is looking for volunteers to help at this event. 425-422-4721 www.BoatClubSnoCo.org

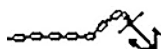
February 28th, 2023, Americas Boating Club of Tacoma, and South Puget Sound will be holding their Annual Meeting with the election of officers and members of elective committees.

Lt/C Beth Stone, S, has scheduled a rendezvous at Dock Street Marina. The event will take place on March 24th - 26th, 2023; she has ten slips reserved. More information as we get closer to the event.

April 14th – 16th 2023 The Tacoma Yacht club is hosting the annual Daffodil Marine Festival, "87 Years Around the Sound". For complete information, you may go to the Tacoma Yacht Clubs website to Daffodil Marine Festival.

May 20th, 2023, America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound's Annual "Cruise In" is our rendezvous held on land for all to attend. Again, this year P/C Gary and Barb Dildine have graciously extended their hospitality to host this event. This event is a cookout and potluck with fun, games, and fellowship, and also a chance to see a fabulous collection of Tractors of all ages and sizes. More information as we get closer to the event.

July 15th 2023, The Seattle Seafair's "Milk Carton Derby" could be our third victory at the annual event. We've brought home gold cups in the past. Now, we need to build a new boat and paddling team to help get our name out to the boating public. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the build or paddle team, let me know, and we'll plan this together. Email me l.m.warren-1@hotmail.com.





Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
Sq Education Officer

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound (Tacoma Power Squadron) has two upcoming classes.

RADAR for Boaters starts February 9th at Tacoma Yacht Club at 7 pm and runs for 6 weeks on Thursdays. RADAR is an essential tool for navigation and collision avoidance. The course covers the different types of radar equipment, their capabilities, and limitations, as well as their features and how they apply to boaters' needs. Price of this course is \$80 for members of

America's Boating Club and \$125 for non-members.

Students attending this course should have completed a basic boating course such as America's Boating Course and [Marine Navigation](#) (Piloting) and have boating experience. *Radar for Boaters* is a required course for BOC-Offshore Navigation certification.

Advanced Piloting (Advanced Navigation) starts March 13 via Zoom for 8 weeks on Tuesdays. First class is on Monday at Day Island Yacht Club in person. Cost for members of America's Boating Club is \$70 non-members \$110. Do you want to navigate unfamiliar waters in limited visibility or take an extended cruise with confidence? Learn to use manual navigation, radar, chart plotters, AIS, and other electronic tools in a variety of coastal tide, current and wind conditions. Learn course planning, extended cruise navigation, hazard and collision avoidance, and navigational aids. Our experienced instructors and extensive knowledge base make you a better captain.

What's included?

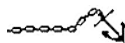
- Advanced positioning techniques, such as advancing a line of position to obtain a running fix
- Use of a variety of electronic tools: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chart plotters, laptop computer software, and more
- Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., avoidance waypoints or safety zones in GPS)
- Collision avoidance using radar, GPS, and AIS
- Working with the tide and current data to determine clearances, depth of water, and effects of current
- Piloting in various wind and current conditions
- Simple skills for checking that one is on course

Click on the link below to pre-register and for more information for either course.

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

Currently we have an ABC at Tacoma Yacht Club on Thursdays and Cruise Planning at Day Island Yacht Club ongoing. We will have another ABC starting April 24 at Day Island and Engine Maintenance starting in late April.

Happy boating!



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!



We would like to know what you're thinking about Rendezvous this year. In the past couple of years participation in rendezvous has fallen to an all-time Low. We want to be able to book Slips and time at various marinas around Puget Sound for everyone's enjoyment. First of all, could you let us know if you want to attend rendezvous? Also, where would you like to go. If you do want to go what kind of activities if any would interest you, (examples) Potlucks, or dining out, Games or do nothing.

We don't have an Activities Chairperson at this time and we're looking for a volunteer to take charge of this position. In the mean time if you could email P/C Larry Warren AP l.m.warren-1@hotmail.com to let us know how you feel about our summer rendezvous. We can't just keep reserving slips and then have to cancel them when only one or two respond to the scheduled rendezvous.

Thank you, if you could please respond by our annual meeting, on February 28th.

P/C Larry Warren, AP



America's Boating Channel™

Promoting Boater Education to Our Members and the Public

As production of America’s Boating Channel™ Season Seven gets underway, remember the channel has six seasons of videos archived and available to help educate ourselves and others.

An outstanding example is the video [“Boater Education.”](#) which underscores the importance and value of taking boating safety courses. Viewers learn about online, classroom, and on-the-water educational offerings.



Screening boater education videos is an excellent way to prepare for safer experiences on the water. “Boater Education” reminds us about required safety equipment and that we need to know the rules of the road when operating a boat.



Taking the concepts in this video a step further, America’s Boating Channel produced a sequel entitled [“Knowledge Versus Skills.”](#) It covers differences between boating knowledge and boating skills and why it matters. Viewers learn approaches to take to improve their boating abilities and what pitfalls to avoid in boater education.

These videos also are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America’s Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

Available on YouTube, America’s Boating Channel offers quick and easy access to professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos.

[America’s Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.





Tacoma Power Squadron Slate of Officers 2023

January 24, 2023

To Be Elected:

Commander	Vacant		To be Elected	Cdr
Executive Officer	Larry	Warren	To be Elected	Lt/C
Administrative Officer	Vacant		To be Elected	Lt/C
Education Officer	Bentley	Rickmers	To be Elected	Lt/C
Secretary	Jin	Fugate	To be Elected	Lt/C
Treasurer	Henry	Reisch	To be Elected	Lt/C
Executive Board IPC	Jim	Harden	To be Elected	P/C
Executive Board	Becky	Arrington	To be Elected	
Executive Board	Gary	Dildine	To be Elected	
Executive Board 2yr	Barbara	Dildine	To be Elected	
Executive Board 1yr	Debbie	Wolfe	To be Elected	
Executive Board 1yr	Jeff	Kruger	To be Elected	
Executive Board 1yr	Stan	Wolfe	To be Elected	
Audit Committee Chairperson 3yr	Tom	Ferree	To be Elected	Lt
Audit Committee 2yr	Becky	Arrington	To be Elected	
Audit Committee 1yr	Leah	Hafterson	To be Elected	
Nomination Committee Chairperson 3yr	Jim	Harden	To be Elected	Lt
Nomination Committee 2yr	Stan	Wolfe	To be Elected	
Nomination Committee 1yr	Gary	Dildine	To be Elected	
Rules Committee Chairperson 2yr	Lorraine	Stargel	To be Elected	Lt
Rules Committee 3yr	Mitch	Carroll	To be Elected	
Rules Committee 1yr	Bill	Larsen	To be Elected	



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Appointed:

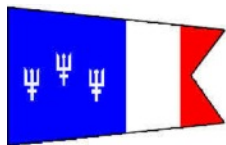
Sunshine Chairperson	Leslie	Burton	Appointed	Lt
Flag Lieutenant	Mason	Dixon	Appointed	F/Lt
Webmaster	Tom	Ferree	Appointed	Lt
Advanced Grades Chairperson	Kevin	Kennedy	Appointed	Lt
Basic Boating Chairperson	Scott	MacLeod	Appointed	Lt
Wake Astern Newsletter Publisher	Richard	Mattox	Appointed	Lt
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Historian	Vacant		Appointed	Lt
Programs Chairperson	Barbara	Prudente	Appointed	Lt
Merit Marks Chairperson	Christine	Rasmussen	Appointed	Lt
Galley Chairperson	Lorraine	Stargel	Appointed	Lt
Radio Technical Chairperson	Andrew	Temple	Appointed	Lt
Vessel Safety Chairperson	Craig	Brown	Appointed	Lt
Operations Training Chairperson	Stan	Wolfe	Appointed	Lt
Boating Activities Chairperson	Vacant		Appointed	Lt
Safety Officer	Vacant		Appointed	Lt
Property Officer	Vacant		Appointed	Lt
Ship's Store	Karen	Jackson	Appointed	Lt
Legislative Coordinator	Vacant		Appointed	Lt
Boat Show Coordinator	Vacant		Appointed	Lt

Respectively submitted by:

P/C Stan Wolfe,
SN-CN,

P/C Gary Dildine,
AP-IN,

P/C Richard Mattox,
AP



PROGRAMS

*Lt Barbara Prudente
Programs Chairman*



February 28, 2023 - Come join us at the General Membership Meeting at Day Island Yacht Club as we will be informed about this year's Marine Daffodil Festival.

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.

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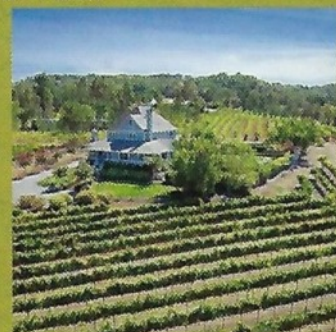
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