



# Tacoma Power Squadron

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# The Wake Astern





## COMMANDER



Cdr Larry Warren. AP

As the New Year moves forward, we draw closer to our first rendezvous of the season, and many classes to teach. We also get closer to our Change of Watch in April. But first we need to find some willing and able individuals to nominate, that will be our new bridge, board and various chair positions. As of this writing we have had no positive responses from people to fill in any spots. Technically our nominating committee needs to have our secretary announce nominations to you thirty days before our annual meeting which is held the fourth Tuesday of February. This year will be on February 27, 2018. So, as you can see, time is of the essence and we are running out of it. What our nominating committee is looking for are two people to serve on the Rules Committee, one person to serve on the Audit Committee, two people to serve on the Executive Board, Squadron Education Officer, Secretary, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, and Commander. Some of these jobs

are currently covered by volunteers who are already doing multiple positions and could use a break before they too are burned out.

I know a lot of you have had positions in the past, your dedication to our squadron is extraordinary and I'm pretty sure you want our seventy-nine-year-old squadron to continue. Your bridge and board are asking for your help, whether you're new to Tacoma Power Squadron or Life Member, we would like you to consider a position on the Bridge, Board or a committee to keep our Squadron strong.

I cannot end this article without giving my thanks and appreciation to those who attended the Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron's January general meeting held at the Foss Waterway Museum. There were 13 of our members and two guests of members attending. What a great night and an excellent way to show our support for a fellow squadron. Thank You! 



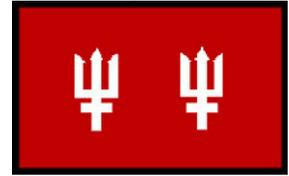
**Call to Meeting  
General Meeting**  
February 27th, 2018 (1830 - 2030)  
Day Island Yacht Club  
University Place  
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**Executive Board Meeting**  
February 13th, 2018 (1900 - 2100)  
9515 198th Ave. E.  
Bonney Lake, WA 98391

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Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP

Looking out at Commencement Bay from our patio door, you would think it was Spring already. Finally some blue skies and temperatures to match. It will be short lived but a lot better than our typical gloomy gray days that seem to last forever. I finally got a chance to get down to our boat to do some much needed maintenance: oil and filter change, installing new zincs in the heat exchangers, topping off some fluid levels, and tightening as many hose clamps as I could get to. If you were unable to attend our 3rd annual Point Ruston Cruise-In, see Page 12 for details.

Jackie and I had wonderful ride yesterday. We boarded the Point Ruston ferry for a trip to Bell Harbor. The captain who piloted the ferry was the same guy who used to make the runs between Steilacoom to Anderson Island, back in the day. Because Bell Harbor has a very small entrance, it took over an hour to enter and dock, and another hour for us passengers to debark, using a flimsy, 8 or 10 foot aluminum ladder. That part was scary. A staff member from Evening Magazine was also onboard filming the trip. It is suppose to air on Channel 5 on Monday, January 29th at 7:30PM.



Com. Larry Warren,  
We would like to thank you and the entire Tacoma Power Squadron for providing such generous gifts for the children at BRIDGES. The holidays can be a difficult time for grieving families and your donations provided smiles for many children and teens this year, with great thanks.  
Darren Lisa Amy



*Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN  
Education Officer*

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

GREAT NEWS!!!! All 11 Seamanship Class students who took the exam passed. We have 11 more informed boaters out there, a job well done by students and instructors!

The Weather Class by Stan Wolfe, JN-CN will start at Tacoma Yacht Club on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Burge Room. If you have an interest in this class, contact Otto or Stan for more details.

Next on our Educational agenda is an ABC Basic Boating Class set to start on Wednesday February 07, 2018 at Genesis Health Care (Orchard Park Health & Rehab)- 4755 South 48th Street Tacoma WA 98409 at 7:00 PM. This class follows right behind the Seattle Boat Show for those that sign up for a class in our area at the show.

On Thursday February 22, 2018 we will start a Piloting Class at Genesis Health Care at 7:00 PM. This will be instructed by Gary Ball, JN who did this class for Tacoma last Spring. Again, if you have an interest in the Piloting Class contact me so we can get materials covered.

With my current health (heart) condition, it's hard to predict how mobile I might be on any given day. It would be helpful to have a list of a few people who would be willing to deliver course materials and help with student sign-ups on the opening session of a new class. At times some additional help on exam night might make things go smoother. If I am having a difficult day, I need to get the job covered. Give me a call or email and we can discuss possibilities.

I am still looking for volunteers willing to help instruct members and fellow boaters in on the water boat handling. We get requests for instruction in regard to departing, docking and close quarter handling. In general slow speed boat maneuvering. If you could give us a hand, please let me know. With Spring and boating season just around the corner, we will get requests for the on the water training.

I have had some requests for some short duration subjects that might be presented at a rendezvous or meeting. Watch your "Wake Astern" for plans to do a short subject presentation at a function.

Cheers, your educational department, Otto & Sandi ph-253-537-3838 hm 253-921-3839 cell  
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***Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends<sup>SM</sup>***



## Environmental Report

*By Cdr Larry Warren, AP*

The controversy, rages on as PSE (Puget Sound Energy) continues its construction of the eight million-gallon LNG (liquefied natural gas) tank and facility on the Blair-Hylebos Waterway in the Port of Tacoma. There has been a lot of protesting against the project, some arrests made to (protestors) trespassers on the property. Claims by the Puyallup Tribe that the land is tribal land and that the project is reportedly under construction with no permits and of course there is the safety factor involved with the whole thing. If you have an interest in this project one way or the other, you can click on the links below to find out some facts +/- on yet another sensitive project in our environment.

<https://www.portoftacoma.com/puget-sound-energy-lng-facility>

[https://www.reddit.com/r/Tacoma/comments/60tdy1/natural\\_gas\\_battle\\_on\\_tacomas\\_tideflats/](https://www.reddit.com/r/Tacoma/comments/60tdy1/natural_gas_battle_on_tacomas_tideflats/)

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## Come to Arabellas!

February 23-25, 2018

By Lt Stan & Debbie Wolfe

Attend the first boating activity of the new year arriving Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and departing Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Bring your boat or your land yacht, either way let your hosts Stan and Debbie Wolfe know. Give them a call at 253-948-6101 or send e-mail to wolfesd@comcast.net. If attending by boat, call to make your reservation directly with the marina at 253-851-1793. There are spaces for eight boats so make those calls soon.

What to do in Gig Harbor? Beside attending the TPS activities listed below, there are lots of antique shops, consignment clothing stores, and a couple of adult beverage shops in the harbor area. A quick bus ride can move you uptown to more traditional shopping.

### TPS Activites:

Friday: 1:00 PM Check-in; dinner on your own.

Saturday: 8:30 – 10:30 AM Waffle breakfast compliments of your hosts in the net shed;

10:30 AM – 5:00 PM Jig saw puzzles, coffee, chit chat;

5:30 – 8:30 PM Pot luck dinner in the net shed;

Sunday: Noon Safely voyage home!

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**Bill Durkee receiving award for being a member of the United States Power Squadron for 50 years**

(Picture provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)



## WATCH the CHANGES

9 - 11 March 2018

### USPS® District 16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch

Come join the Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron as we host YOUR District 16 **Spring Conference** and celebrate the **Change of Watch**.

Nestled where the Salish Sea surrounds high cliffs, rocky beaches, lush green fields, and majestic pine and hemlock forests is the town of **Oak Harbor** on **Whidbey Island**, protected by the Naval Air Station, home to honored service men and women, and where hospitality is unsurpassed.

This two-day event is on 9 and 10 March, 2018. Activities will be at our world-class Whidbey Golf and Country Club and at Best Western Plus conference center, which is also offering accommodations at a special rate. Both are in Oak Harbor.

On Friday, 9 March, come early and enjoy one of three tours being offered to show you a bit of our lovely Whidbey Island surrounding areas.

- Wineries and Distillery Tour
- Penn Cove Shellfish Farm
- Shopping Spree—at Anacortes, across the northern end bridges, on Fidalgo Island. (Quilting, knitting, antiques, and fashion shops. (Also a marine hardware store, boat builder, and West Marine.)

Gourmet offerings begin Friday evening at the Reception and continue through the Banquet on Saturday evening, both at the Whidbey Golf and Country Club, an easy 3.2 miles from the Best Western Plus Hotel. Map and driving instructions will be available during registration at the Best Western Plus Hotel Friday evening.

Early Bird Discount Deadline:

Meals and Activities if you sign up by February 9.

Hotel reservation by January 25.

You won't want to miss the changing of the guard and the great opportunity to visit old Squadron friends, or meet new acquaintances who can turn into life-long friends.

**Talk boating**



**Talk safety**  
**Come join us.**

**Talk fun.**





## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

For BEST RATES -MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS  
by JANUARY 26, 2018

Best Western Plus in Oak Harbor is located at 33175 State Route 20, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.  
Call the Hotel at 360-679-4567 to reserve your room. Please call as soon as possible, but before 26 January 2018, to ensure a room at the Squadron rate.

Reservations received by the Hotel after 26 January 2018 will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates.

Fifteen (15) standard SINGLE KING rooms have been reserved at \$115.99 (plus prevailing city and state taxes) and thirty-five (35) standard DOUBLE QUEEN rooms at \$125.99 (plus prevailing city and state taxes). Currently, taxes total 10.7%.

The room rates INCLUDE A COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST.



## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

The Registration Form is available on the District Website ([www.uspsd16.org](http://www.uspsd16.org)) as well as included in this information.  
Please send the completed Registration Form along with your check  
Made payable to: Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron (DPSPS)

Mail to: Leah Hofer 850-490-7930  
447 Koontz Road  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Early Bird prices apply ONLY to checks RECEIVED by 9 February. Please ensure you get the best price possible and mail early.

We hope to see you at this action-packed event and that you'll take the opportunity to come early, see the sites, and spend some time getting to know this area of our great State of WA.



# United States Power Squadrons®

USPS-D16 » Spring Conference & Change of Watch « 9-11 March 2018

## REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address for confirmation of registration and payment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attending the Conference without meals? Yes \_\_\_ Is this your first District Conference? Yes \_\_\_

	Activity	Early Bird before February	After 9th Feb- ruary	No. of People	Total Cost
Friday Afternoon- Special Events	Tour of the Penn CoveShellfish Farm (Maximum 25 people)	FREE	FREE		-----
	Winery and Distillery visit	\$25	\$25		
	Shopping tour in Anacortes (on your own)	-----	-----		-----
Friday Evening	Registration – 1600 – 1800	@ Best Western Plus Hotel			
Friday Night	No Host Bar – 1800 - 2030 Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres@ Whidbey Golf Club	\$25	\$30		
Saturday a.m.	Breakfast is on your own	(included with Best Western Plus Room reservation)			
Saturday Lunch	Lunch 1200 - 1300				
Box Lunches	Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad	\$20	\$25		
	Italian Focaccia Sandwich	\$20	\$25		
	Thai Vegetable Wrap	\$20	\$25		
	Seafood Louie Salad	\$20	\$25		
*also select ONE option of a side	* Fresh Fruit				-----
	* Potato Chips				-----
	*Hummus w/Pita				-----
	*Smoked Salmon Chowder				-----
	(all lunches include a Lemon Berry		Crumb Bar)		
Saturday Evening Social	No Host Bar 1800 – 1900Banquet 1800 - 2100				
Dinner - Your Choice	Roasted Half Chicken	\$30	\$35		
	Prime Rib Au Jus	\$40	\$45		
	Portabella Mushroom Ravioli	\$30	\$35		
Optional Dessert(circle One)	Whidbey Ice Cream Sundaes- emon Cake	\$5	\$7		
Totals					\$

Mail with your check (in US funds) made to Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron (DPSPS) to:  
 Leah Hofer, 447 Koontz Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277  
 Questions? Contact Karen Nelson 360-320-3803 or [Knelson2007@gmail.com](mailto:Knelson2007@gmail.com)



*Whidbey Charm*

*USPS® District 16*

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Arrive early on Friday, 9 March, and select one of the three tours available for your enjoyment, or tour on your own to explore Oak Harbor's streets lined with Garry Oaks and see adorable old town on Pioneer Street next to the water, on beautiful Oak Harbor, or head further south to historic Coupeville, Fort Casey State Park, quaint Langley, or all the way to the tip of the island at Clinton. Or head just north to the State's most often visited State Park...Deception Pass State Park and the Deception Pass bridges. We have a lot to see, and it's all wonderful!

***Organized Tours:***

- 1) Wineries and Distilleries of Whidbey Island: Take a mini-bus to visit 3 wineries and 1 distillery. The selected wineries produce popular wines and have received 5 stars ranking by the TripAdvisor site. The distillery is a family-owned facility that uses local berries to make liqueurs. The distillery is a recognized producer of some of the finest spirits in the world. Their Blackberry Liqueur holds a 98 rating by the Beverage Testing Institute making it the highest rated spirit of any kind produced in North America.

The cost of the tour is \$25 per person to cover the cost of transportation. Some of the wineries charge a fee for wine tasting, averaging from \$6 - \$10; however, often they apply that cost to any wine purchased. Check at each winery for their policy. The tour bus will depart the Hotel at 1300.

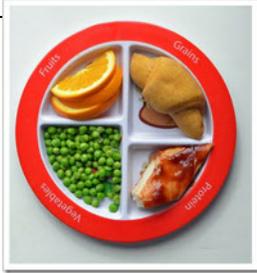
Minimum participation required is 25 persons.

- 2) Penn Cove Shellfish Farm: For a tour, drive or car pool to Coupeville (south on Route 20, left **at the traffic light** into town, to Front Street. **Turn right** to the historic Wharf and join others to take a boat ride on one of the farm's work boats to the floats and manufacturing vessel. The visit will be guided by a Farm staff supervisor. A maximum of 25 people can be accommodated. The boat will leave the Coupeville Wharf Dock at 1400.

- 3) Shopping trip: Drive North, crossing the Deception Pass bridges to Anacortes (you'll head north on Route 20, turning left where 20 makes a T). Join members of the DPS in a shopping spree of knitting, quilting, antique, and fashion shops.



## MEAL SELECTIONS:



- **Friday Evening: Hot and Cold Hor d'oeuvres** – Cocktail meatballs, Battered shrimp, Mini quiche Lorraine, Caprese Bruschetta, Deli Wraps and assorted beverages.

- **Saturday Breakfast:** On your own OR if staying at the Best Western Plus Hotel – complimentary breakfast included.

- **Saturday Lunch (box lunches)**

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad –  
(Romaine/Caesar Dressing/Grilled Chicken/Croutons □ □ /Lemon/Parmesan)

Italian Focaccia Sandwich –  
(Salami/Roasted Turkey/Prosciutto/Provolone/Lettuce/Sundried Tomato/Aioli/Peppers/Balsamic)

Thai Vegetable Wrap –  
(Cabbage/Lettuce/Carrot/Onion/Edamame/Cucumber/Red Peppers/Cilantro/Peanut Soy Vinaigrette)

Seafood Louie Salad –  
(Shrimp/Dungeness Crab/Egg/Black Olive/Tomato/Red Onion/Cucumber/Lemon/Fresh Greens/  
Thousand Island Dressing)

Includes a choice of 1 selection: Fresh fruit – Potato chips – Hummus w/Pita – or  
Smoked Salmon Chowder

\*\* All boxed lunches include a Lemon Berry Crumb Bar \*\*

- **Saturday Dinner:**

Roasted Chicken –  
(Roasted half lemon garlic herb Chicken – classic dish done superbly, Mushroom Risotto, Salad)

Prime Rib Au Jus –  
(Slow-roasted 10 oz. slice of seasoned goodness)

Portabella Mushroom Ravioli –  
(With Sundried tomato cream sauce, caramelized onions, peas, and Smoked Gouda)

Dessert optional – Whidbey Island Ice Cream Sundae or Lemon Cake



## Tacoma Power Squadron 2018 Rendezvous Schedule

<b>February 23-25</b>	<b>Arabella's 253-851-1793 Call Marina to make reservation</b>	<b>Stan &amp; Debbie Wolfe (8 boats)</b>
<b>March 16-18</b>	<b>Dock Street 253-272-4352 Call Marina to make reservation</b>	<b>Need Hosts (8 boats)</b>
<b>April 6-8</b>	<b>Longbranch</b>	<b>Tim &amp; Linda Craig Jim &amp; Karen Jackson</b>
<b>April 13-15</b>	<b>Daffodil</b>	<b>Registration on TYC Website Need Parade Boat &amp; Hosts</b>
<b>May 25-28</b>	<b>Swantown 360-528-8049 Call Marina to make reservation</b>	<b>Need Hosts (12 boats)</b>
<b>June 22-24</b>	<b>Poulsbo</b>	<b>(See registration form in future Wake Astern)</b>
<b>August 31- September 3</b>	<b>Port Orchard</b>	<b>Need Hosts</b>



Any Marina with a phone # means you must call the marina and the host or fleet captain to reserve for the weekend. Please call host if attending a rendezvous for planning purposes. Please consider hosting a rendezvous or helping to host.

Cindy Warren 360-897-8692 [c.m.warren-7@hotmail.com](mailto:c.m.warren-7@hotmail.com)



## Point Ruston Cruise-In January 20th, 2018

Hosts: Crd Larry & Lt Cindy Warren  
Lt/C Richard & P/C Jackie Mattox

What a great party. A smaller venue than last year, but it didn't seem to matter. It was well attended, the appetizers, main dishes (4 different kinds of soup), many deserts that were top notch. If anyone went home hungry, it was not for lack of food.

Mike Arrington was the big winner at the pool table and Bruce Goff got even with Richard Mattox, winning 3 out of 5 games of Cribbage. There were also 5 lucky members who won the door prizes of gift cards to various restaurants.

### Attendees

Larry & Cindy Warren  
Jim Harden  
John Everett & Sharon Cryan  
Mike & Becky Arrington  
David & Paulette Sitzenstock  
Andy & Betty Temple  
Ray & Herta Maleike  
Geoff & Nancy Ringstad  
Mike & Jenna Ashbrook  
Tom & Carole Hoime  
Stan & Debbie Wolfe

### Attendees

Richard & Jackie Mattox  
Bruce & Arlu Goff  
Tim & Linda Craig  
Connie Thompson  
Kevin & Bev Kennedy  
Quinn Rasmussen  
Chuck & Viki Sharp  
Bill & Gloria Durkee  
Todd & Melinda Mackey  
Tim Attwell



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7 ABC Class @ Genesis Health Care	8 Weather Cls @TYC	9	10
11	12 Deadline Wake Astern	13 1900-2100 Ex. Bd Mtg*	14 ABC Class @ Genesis Health Care	15 Weather Cls @TYC	16	17
18	19	20	21 ABC Class @ Genesis Health Care	22 Weather Cls @TYC Piloting Cls @ Genesis Health Care	23	24
25	26	27 1830 - 2030 Gen. Mtg @ DIYC	28 ABC Class @ Genesis Health Care			

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25	26	27 1830 - 2030 Gen. Mtg @ DIYC	28	29 Weather Cls @TYC Piloting Cls @ Genesis Health Care	30	31

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