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COMMANDER



Cdr Jackie Mattox, AP

NEW MEMBERS: New member Sue Walker was sworn in at the last general meeting. Please welcome her. Sue moved here from Georgia and is living on her boat. She has never had a boat and is looking forward to taking more classes. She has taken ABC and just finished Seamanship.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH: The brunch on Dec 6 was a good time. There were 47 adults and 6 children in attendance. Olympia Sail & Power Sq was represented by commander, Viki Sharp and her husband Chuck and Denny McHugo. Special visitor Santa was there to hear the kids' wishes, although most of them would rather be somewhere else than on the lap of a strange man with all that hair on his face. Many thanks to Santa for taking time to visit us. Francie Hope played Christmas songs on the piano and some at least tried to sing along. I think all enjoyed the music even if they didn't sing. You were all very generous in bringing gifts for the Bridges program for grieving children at Mary Bridge Hospital. We also handed out the "All The Way Ribbons" for attending at least 80% of the rendezvous by boat or car: Connie Thompson, Larry & Cindy

Warren, Jim & Karen Jackson, Jackie & Richard Mattox, Pat & Lynne Lemagie, Jenna & Mike Ashbrook, Otto & Christine Rasmussen, Tim & Linda Craig and Quinn Rasmussen. Congratulations!

COPPERLINE LAND RENDEZVOUS: The Copperline Land rendezvous will be February 6, 2016. Mark your calendar to attend. This was a big success last year. Watch for details coming soon.

STILL TRYING TO FILL IMPORTANT POSITIONS: Our nomination committee met to review your suggestions. We are still trying to fill the positions. Please think about what you could do to keep our squadron going. You could possibly share a position so that the time requirement would be less. These are some of the positions that still need to be filled:

Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, Secretary, Board members, Audit committee, Web Master, Property Officer, Coop Charting, Boat Show Chairman, Safety Officer, Programs Chair.

We have the most members in the district who earned a merit mark. Thank you so much for volunteering. However we really need to fill the elected positions.

Boating terms: Amidships - The middle section of a vessel with reference to the athwartships plane, as distinguished from port or starboard – **OR** - Condition of being surrounded by boats.

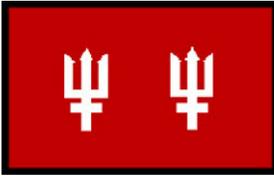
Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the FriendsSM

Call to Meeting
General Meeting
 January 26th, 2016 (1830 - 2030)
 Day Island Yacht Club
 University Place

Executive Board Meeting
 January 12th, 2016 (1900 - 2100)
 The Copperline Apartments
 5005 Main Street, Tacoma

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2015 is rapidly coming to its conclusion. There are many good memories of days on the water with family and friends. There have been rendezvous with morning coffee and evening potlucks. There have been monthly general meetings with yummy food and great people. It has been a good year.

In thinking about 2016, excitement and mild panic begin to set in. Our own Christine Rasmussen will become the District 16 commander (excitement); the planning for the D16 spring conference where her Change of Watch will take place is underway (mild panic). I am confident that the D16 spring conference will go well because detailed planning is currently taking place. I am also beginning to think of the Tacoma Power Squadron (TPS) April Change of Watch where I will become the commander of the TPS (excitement and mild panic). I am excited about service as your commander. You all are great and I value your friendship. I am mildly panicked thinking about letting you all down as your not-very-fearless leader. Jackie has done a wonderful job of service as commander. I cannot fill her shoes (my feet are too big) but I will seek to follow in her leadership footsteps.

I am excited about who will be in leadership of the TPS. We still do not know all of the people who will be on the leadership team (bridge). Jackie, Larry and I met today to go over the suggestions you wrote down at the last general meeting concerning recruiting people to serve in various capacities in the squadron. One idea that will be suggested for some of the positions will be to "job share" the position. (Example: Two people would share the job of being Administrative Officer for the squadron.) I am hoping to find people to "mentor" persons who will be in new positions. There is no need to reinvent the wheel or to learn things on your own (this may also include assistance in writing articles for the Wake Astern. In the words of the world famous Red Green, "Remember, I'm pulling for ya. We're all in this together!" We truly are all in this together and I am VERY excited about the names that have "bubbled" to the top of the list of possible recruits.

So I am approaching 2016 with excitement and a little bit of mild panic. I am confident we will more than make it through 2016 with fair seas and blue skies. 





*D/P/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN
Education Officer*

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



*P/Lt/C Sandy Carroll, SN
Education Officer*

The Seamanship exam was given on December 7th. Those students who had schedule conflicts on the 7th will do their exam on the 15th. Those students who examined on the 7th felt they had a good handle on the materials and had learned a lot! Good job Lance !!

The Marine Electronics Systems exam is scheduled for December 14th. I got some great feedback at the Squadron Christmas Brunch at Tacoma Yacht Club about P/C Andy Temple's class. Hopefully all will do well on the exam.

When these exams are completed we will have a little breather over the holidays for the educational department. I have received requests regarding Piloting and Advanced Piloting from members. If you have any interest in either of these courses please let us know. The sooner we have enough students lined up, the easier it is to get the necessary course materials ordered and the class underway.

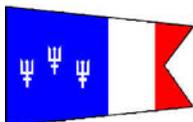
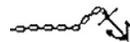
We have P/D/C Kevin Kennedy, SN-IN willing to instruct one of the two Piloting classes next Spring. Which class will be offered will depend upon the interest shown by you OUR MEMBERS.

I would like to thank all our members who were involved with the ABC class, the Seamanship class, and the Marine Electronics class that were taught. A job well done!!!

I will be contacting our members personally via email or phone in regard to possible classes for the New Year. EDUCATION is a big part of what we do!!!!

Please contact Otto at (253) 537-3838 or Sandy Carroll at (253) 740 9209 if you have any questions or interest in the upcoming classes.

Cheers, Otto & Sandy



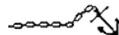
PROGRAMS

*P/C Phyllis J. Hayes, SN
Programs Chairman*



JANUARY 26, 2016—

Tarin Todd, Bay Patrol Director for Citizens for a Healthy Bay will be with us to share the 'DERELICT VESSEL PREVENTION PROGRAM'. This involves "vessels of concern" and abandoned vessels that pose a serious threat to the health of our waters.





P/C Larry Warren, AP

Environmental Report

I'm sitting here thinking about how Christmas affects our environment. There are many things, but one thing I can't help thinking about is the debate between a real/live tree versus an artificial tree. The debate has been going on for many years, and this year is no exception. For most of my life a real tree was the only way to go and nothing else would do. A trip to the mountains with family, you know the hunt for that perfect tree. The smell of the tree in the house over the holiday can't be beat. We always looked for a tree that was about ten-foot-tall, that was not too thin and sturdy enough to hold a lot of ornaments. Sometimes this could take a day or two of looking for that perfect tree. So after years and much debate, we decided an artificial tree would be the best for us. Yes, we miss the smell of the real tree and the thrill of the hunt. We've saved a lot of time searching for that perfect tree, not to mention all the spiders that seem to come with a real tree and all the needles on the floor. One factor in our decision was how long the tree is up each year. We like having it up for the whole holiday season, but you know a month or so in the house is a bit much for a real tree.

I seem to have gotten off the point here. The debate seems to be cutting down millions of trees for just displaying it in our homes for a short time and then disposing of it. Or have a plastic tree for years to reuse again and again. Then there is the point about the plastic tree once disposed of may not go away for a very long time, as with anything that is plastic. Although the plastic tree may be recycled and turned into something else of use, a process that takes more energy. On the flip side, real trees can be recycled as well, but many are burned, leaving a carbon footprint. I haven't seen evidence that either is better or worse for our environment. Possibly a potted live tree is a great way to go, but of course you can't keep it in the house for a month or so. There are always consequences either way you choose. I know I've barely touched the ongoing debate or the ramifications of either choice, but it's something to ponder on for our environment.



Our Good Deed

could have been a disaster

By Cdr Jackie Mattox, AP

Last weekend, when we were exiting Gig Harbor, we noticed that one of our yacht club members was having mechanical trouble. We went to give assistance. Since they could not get the motor restarted, we decided to give them a tow. After we got our tow lines in place, the captain was standing on the bow of the boat while under tow. I asked him to get his life jacket and at least sit down. He would not get his life jacket but did sit down, so we continued to tow them. The water was pretty calm until we got to the Narrows around the bridge then there were four foot seas and strong SW wind. I watched their boat through the rough water with him sitting on the bow. By now it was too rough for him to go back in the boat. We did make it back to Day Island Yacht Club safely.

We did not think about anything except helping our friends. We should have tied up next to the boat to stabilize it until Vessel Assist arrived to do the towing.

Deciding to tow instead of waiting for Vessel Assist, I should have insisted that we were not going anywhere until he got his life jacket on, went into the cabin and stayed there until we got to Day Island. I have been thinking about this quite a bit since and the awful consequences if he had fallen off the bow of his boat. There would have been no way to save him. Thank God all are safe!



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February 6	Copperline Apartments Rendezvous Cruise In	Jackie & Richard Mattox Cindy & Larry Warren
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March 4-6	Dock Street 8) boats 253-272-4352	Call Marina to make your Reservation
April 15-17	Daffodil @ Tacoma Yacht Club	
April 22-24	Des Moines 8) boats 206-824-5700	\$5 Reservation fee to Hosts
May 20-22	Brownsville 10) boats 360-692-5498	Gazebo reserved for 20th & 21st (\$50)
Jun 24-26	Poulsbo District 16 Rendezvous	Becky Arrington 253-381-6226 See Wake Astern for sign up form
July 8-10	Jarell's Cove No Reservations	
August 12-14	Bell Harbor 10) boats 206-787-3952	Call Marina to make your Reservation \$5 Reservation fee to Hosts
October 14-16	Longbranch Adopt a Marina	

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.

And, upon arrival, please call Tacoma Power Squadron Dockmaster on channel 72 for assistance and docking instructions.

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These are the confirmed marinas at this time. We'll be working on scheduling the other marinas suggested.



Christmas Brunch December 6th, 2015



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(Pictures provided by P/C Andy Temple, AP)



P/Lt/C Michael Nathanson, P

FROM THE GALLEY

I had a member request a recipe for meat loaf that could be sliced without crumbling for sandwiches. I went to my best resource, Chef Brian, and asked if he had such a recipe in his vast archives. Sure enough, he did. The secret to keeping the meat loaf firm for slicing is not to include things like green peppers or fresh onions when preparing it which cause it to break apart.

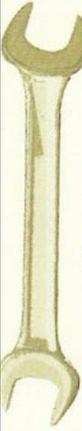
MEAT LOAF

- 1 pound ground sausage
- 1 pound ground beef
- 3 eggs
- 1-1/4 cup Panko
- 6 oz. tomato paste
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 2 Tbsp. beef base
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 Tbsp. Italian seasoning
- 3 Tbsp. dry chopped onion
- 2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. garlic powder

- 3 Tbsp. ketchup to top

Mix all ingredients together, except ketchup, until well combined. Place into well-greased loaf pan. Cook in oven at 325 degrees until core temperature of 160 degrees, about 60 minutes. After about 45 minutes of cooking time, spread the ketchup over the top and place back in oven. When done, let cool 10 minutes before slicing.





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January 2016



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10	11	12 1900-2100 Ex. Bd Mtg * Deadline Wake Astern	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 1830 - 2030 Gen. Mtg At DIYC	27	28	29	30
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February 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7 Super Bowl Sunday	8	9 1900 - 2100 Ex. Bd Mtg *	10	11	12 Deadline Wake Astern	13
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