



# The Wake Astern

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# COMMANDER



hope you're enjoying our summer. Our weather hasn't been exactly summer like yet. But as of writing this we hadn't passed the 4th of July (actual start of summer in the PNW).

Cdtr Craig Brown, SN-CN

Tacoma had a good turn out at the District 16 (Washington/Idaho/Alaska) rendezvous held in Port Ludlow on 05-08JUN. We had 2 boats, 1 RV, and 11 members attended. More members should participate. Port Ludlow and Port Ludlow YC did a wonderful job of supporting the rendezvous. Several training opportunities were available on Saturday. Socializing & food was always available throughout. I recommend members attend to:

- Meet & share fellowship with others with similar interests in boating and recreational boating safety & education.
- Network with others that have done it before, will be asking how to do it in the future, and will provide a friendly helping hand.

For those without a boat can drive a car or RV to stay at a RV park, hotel, or B&B near the rendezvous location, or make arrangements to share the cruise/rendezvous with someone taking their boat.

We're working on returning to Port Ludlow for the 2026 District 16 rendezvous.

We have the District 16 conference scheduled for 26-27 September. The conference will be held at the Port of Everett Marina. Blasts (emails), from D16's Webmaster, have been sent to all D16 members and more will be sent as we get closer to the date. I encourage members attend to:

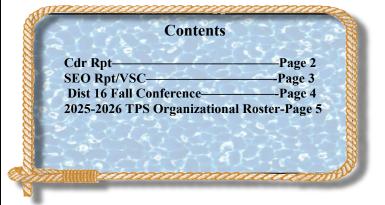
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETINGS
HELD
SEPTEMBER THRU MAY ONLY

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON
AS NEEDED BASIS

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#### **Tacoma & South Puget Sound**





# EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Greeting boaters, it's the time of the season when we should all be out enjoying the beautiful place we are blessed to live in. Gaby and I are off for a two month adventure to the Broughtons. I'm crossing from Kingston to La Conner as I type this. It's a good life.

And now for the education part. There is an ABC course starting November 3 running for five weeks at Day island Yacht Club (pending me confirming with Jackie that it's available). It's not on the website yet because both Bentley and I are currently locked out. We're working on it.

More classes to come as soon as I get access to the website so I can set them up.

Have a great summer.









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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.



# SAVE THE DATE!

# District 16 Fall Conference

September 26 - 27, 2025 Port of Everett Marina 1205 Craftsman Way, Suite 200 Everett, WA 98201

## Friday, September 26

Evening Reception & Dinner: Location TBD

### Saturday, September 27

Fall Conference 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

- Continental Breakfast
- Catered Lunch
- Guest Speaker



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Lt/C Scott MacLeod, P

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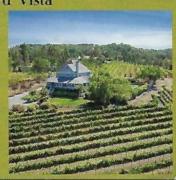
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## July 2025

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## August 2025

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10	11	12 <b>No Exec</b>	13	14	15	16			
		Brd Mtg thru August							
17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
24	25	26 <b>No</b>	27 <b>Deadline for</b>	28	29	30			
	General Meeting September edition June thru August The Wake Astern								

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A foggy day at Deception Pass
(Winning Photo Contest by P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-CN)