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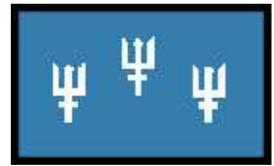
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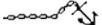
## COMMANDER



As we enter summer, I hope everyone is enjoying getting out on their boats or just enjoying life. For me this is a summer of change and moving on. The boat has been getting some much needed attention from deferring maintenance, while my family dealt with my late wife's cancer and the loss of my parents over the last year and a half. You might say this is a summer of new beginnings as life goes on.

Even though we don't have meetings in the summer months, there is still much going on. Classes are being planned for this fall. There is still time to get your children or grandchildren signed up for the youth poster contest. Our Vessel Safety Examiners are available to Safety Check your boat and answer any questions you may have about vessel safety. And of course we still have several rendezvous between now and October. Most all of this info is listed in The Wake Astern along with sign up information.

This is your Squadron. If there is something you would like to see taught, or if you have ideas to make it a better squadron, we want to hear from you. Like anything in life, in order for it to grow and evolve, it needs the help of all its members. Don't be afraid to ask "what can I do to help." Whether it is volunteering to help with a class, a rendezvous or be mentored to go onto becoming a Board or a Bridge member. Volunteers are the life blood of the Squadron.

As I said in the beginning, this is a year of change. I'm moving on with my life after several years of life's disappointments. Get involved with your Squadron. Give a little of your time. Teaching safety on the water and enjoying all the beauty that this area has to offer, together we can make a difference. Have fun this summer and be safe. 



**General Meetings**  
Held  
**SEPTEMBER THRU MAY**  
**ONLY**  
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**Executive Board Meetings**  
Held  
Needed Basis

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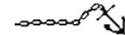
## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



*Lt/C James Harden, JN-CN*

I am hoping all are able to get out and enjoy your boats with all this beautiful weather. As for me, we are up in the Gulf Islands where the weather has been absolutely gorgeous. We have been to Poets Cove, Ganges and Montague so far. Being on a long trip gives me the opportunity to use all the training I have taken with USPS. It also shows me all the things I have forgotten.

Congrats to Quinn and all the other graduates, because your big adventure is just starting.



## News from National

*New memberships require cooperation.*

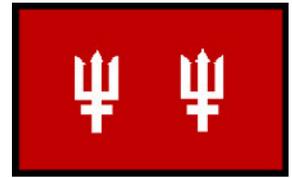
*Everybody needs to think membership—the commander, the treasurer, the secretary, the public affairs person, the educational officer and of course the membership person. Everybody has an input and sort of needs to keep their eye on the goal of new members. Keep lists of contacts and re-invite, re-remind and just keep in contact. Make sure new members get the info they need, their name tags, rosters, etc. If you do any of these things, make sure the new members and prospects are on the list to get them.*

*R/C Robert Howd*

Regards,  
R/C Kathleen Lambert, AP  
Chair, Communications Committee



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Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP

Last month was very busy for Jackie and me, but we were able to attend the annual District 16 rendezvous at Poulsbo by land yacht. On Saturday, P/C Larry Warren, Jackie and I turned out to help P/C Linda Martin from Everett Sail and Power Squadron, put on another Safe Boating 4 Kids class. I think there was a total of 13 students – another successful endeavor.

Our next project is the annual Milk Carton Derby. Jackie and I, and two members of the Seattle Sail and Power Squadron, met at Larry's place to share our skills, or lack thereof, to construct a vessel out of half gallon milk cartons. We didn't complete the task, but we got off to a good start. Larry was able to obtain some 450 unused milk cartons from a Safeway grocery store and we pretty much used all of them. So I think one more session should see a finished seaworthy vessel. Jackie and I will not be able to attend the Derby at Green Lake on July 14th, but I hope some of you can take the time to drive there and cheer on the crew. This is a joint effort, Tacoma Power Squadron and Seattle Sail and Power Squadron, a great event to get our name out to the boating public.

Jackie and I will be attending the joint rendezvous with Poverty Bay Sail and Power Squadron, July 13-15. Not sure who else from the Tacoma Power Squadron is going, but I will let you know all the details in the next edition of The Wake Astern.



New members, Gene Anderson, and Richard and Beth Stone are sworn in at the May 2018 Membership Appreciation Meeting at DIYC

(Picture provided by P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN)

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## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



*Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN*



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

**T**he Piloting Class test results are in, and all the students taking the exam passed with great scores !! Welcome our new Pilots: Adrienne Chaney, Kit Chaney, Ralph Baumann, Bill Boughter, and Brad Nystrom. Congratulations from the Squadron !

The Advanced Piloting Class is set to start September 27<sup>th</sup> at Genesis Health and Rehab 4755 South 48<sup>th</sup> Street Tacoma, WA 908409. Gary Ball will be instructing. I urge all the students who recently took the Piloting Class to give this opportunity serious thought. Gary usually heads South at this time of year, but he will be here and is willing to do this class. It's a good one! Give me an email or call if you are considering the class. Materials need to be ordered a month before it starts. (253)-921-3839 email- otto@ottorasmussen.com Thanks, Otto

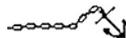
The June 4<sup>th</sup> ABC Class will have taken their exam on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Pt. Defiance Boat House facility. Thanks to the great efforts of Brenda and Lance Williamson, Gene Anderson, and the visiting instructors for putting this class on.

A Paddle Smart Seminar is scheduled for July 07, 2018. This class is coordinated by our member, Gene Anderson, who works at the Pt. Defiance Boat House. We may be calling for some assistance in doing these classes, please consider helping if you are asked. If you have an interest in paddle boating, come and join the 2 hour seminar, plus a hands on demonstration following the classroom presentation. This will be done at the Pt. Defiance Boat House from 10:00AM to 02:00 PM Saturday, July 7th.

Keep in mind that Tacoma Power Squadron, AKA "America's Boating Club", has qualified inspectors to do a vessel safety check on your boat. Give our VSC Chairperson Susan Walker a call at (253)-213-2850 and she will get an inspector to make arrangements for your check.

The last I heard our "N" students are still searching the sky's for particular stars, while the rest of us are enjoying our summer cruising destinations. BE SAFE!

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>***



## Awards at the 2018 COW

Robert L Haun Award presented to P/C Mitch Carroll, SN

Capt. Crunch Award presented to P/C Lance Williamson, P

Committed Couple Award Presented to Stf/C James & P/C Deborah Harden

Stiff Line Award presented to P/C Larry Warren, AP & Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP

Outstanding Volunteer Award presented to Lt Cindy M. Warren, AP

### This year's recipient of the Robert Haun Award: P/C Mitch Carroll, SN



(Picture provided by P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN)

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**Phone: (253-213-2850)**

**Address: P.O. Box 519**

**Tacoma, WA 98401**

Susan Walker is our new VSC Chairperson, phone number: 253-213-2850

Address where the VSC inspectors should send a copy of the inspection reports for recording with USPS National Headquarters  
- P.O.Box 519 Tacoma, WA 98401

The VSC inspectors should send Susan copies of inspection forms at this point in time. She will be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. following the Change of Watch, as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.

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## Environmental Report

Submitted by P/C Larry Warren, AP

Some new research suggests that Coral may prefer plastic to its normal diet.

Enjoy this article from Duke University.

### Duke Researchers: Coral Eat Plastic Because It Tastes Good

By [LIZ SCHLEMMER](#) • OCT 30, 2017



*A white fleck of plastic is ingested by a coral polyp.*

*AUSTIN ALLEN / DUKE NICHOLAS SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT*

Duke University researchers have new insight into why marine animals are eating plastic.

A research team studied coral from an estuary on the North Carolina coast, and found that they overwhelmingly preferred to ingest plastic particles -- whether straight from the factory or weathered for several years -- over plain sand.

The [study](#), which can be viewed for free until December 10th, was co-authored by Austin Allen, a Ph.D. student at Duke's Nicholas School of Environment and Alex Seymour, a GIS analyst at Duke's Marine Robotics and Remote Sensing Center.

Seymour says the team was very surprised to find the coral also more often chose to eat unfouled weathered plastic over weathered plastic that had a microbial biofilm on it.

"The microbes are living organisms made up of nutritious substances, and many organisms eat microbes and their associated films. Plastic, on the other hand is not ever thought of as food, or as nutritious," Seymour explained.

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He says that could mean the coral aren't just accidentally ingesting plastic, but may actually prefer it -- that it "tastes good."

### **What do they mean by it "tastes good"?**

Seymour says the study's finding suggests that the chemistry of plastic, and potentially some of the additives from producing it are phagostimulants.

"And phagostimulants is just a fancy word for tasty chemistry," Seymour said.

Coral don't have taste buds exactly like other animals, but they do have chemoreceptors, which serve the same purpose of determining what is food, and what isn't.

"Corals are an interesting study species because they're not indiscriminate feeders," Seymour said, "They also don't have eyes, so they can't mistake things visually. They discriminate food through chemoreceptors that are analogous to taste buds."

### **What about other marine animals?**

Researchers have long known that marine animals, including turtles and whales, sometimes eat plastic. Some animals have been found dead with plastic objects in their stomachs.

It is possible marine animals eat plastic by accident, because it looks like food, or because large animals like whales intake a lot of food at once indiscriminately.

Seymour says more research is needed to find a connection between the coral's preference for plastic and other marine animals' eating habits, and sees that as the next logical step in research.

### **If digesting plastic harmful, what can we do to stop animals from eating it?**

In addition to the problems caused by animals eating large objects -- like plastic bags that can get stuck in an animal's stomach -- plastic can absorb toxins that could be harmful to animals. Plastic also contains additives that could be absorbed by animals after ingested. The coral in this study ingested and retained a small percentage of plastic for a full 24 hours, which raises concerns about the possible effects of keeping the plastic in its system.

Seymour says the good news that this study suggests, is that if it is true that marine animals are attracted to eating plastic because of its chemistry, maybe it could be manufactured to detract animals.

"If plastic can taste good, maybe it can also be made to taste repulsive," Seymour suggested.

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## Canoes/Kayaks Seminar

Presented By Tacoma Power Squadron



**Dates:** June 2, 2018 10 am to 12 noon or July 7, 2018 10 am to 12 noon

**Point Defiance Marina 5912 No. Waterfront Drive Tacoma, WA 98407**

**(253)404-3960 or [genea@tacomaparks.com](mailto:genea@tacomaparks.com)**

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at Point Defiance Marina-Owen Beach Kayak Rental**





# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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## 2018 Youth Poster Contest

### Sponsored by the National Membership Committee

#### (New Contest Period: Contest ends August 17, 2018)

The USPS Youth Poster Contest Awards promote youth appreciation and respect for recreational boating, and the message that safe boating is always fun boating.

The Contest is open to children ages 6–14, which is divided into three age groups:

- 1) Ages 6 – 8
- 2) Ages 9 – 11
- 3) Ages 12 – 14

Squadrons should conduct local contests and submit winning posters to their respective District for judging. Posters submitted to the National Membership Committee for judging must be endorsed by each District Poster/Membership Chair as the point of contact.

The 2018 Poster Theme:

### ***"America's Boating Club Saves Lives"***

Artwork should illustrate how safe boating through education, on the water skills, and proper use of equipment save lives.

## Rules

- Each district may submit one poster in each age category.
- Each entry must be submitted on poster board or heavy construction paper; size 15"x20" or 14"x22"
- Entries must be judged at the district level to select winning entries for submission at the National contest level.
- Squadron and District judging deadlines are a local decision.
- Only District First-Place winners in each age category will be accepted for judging at the National level.
- Posters may be sketched lightly with pencil, but the result must be in color suitable for photography.
- Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted or trademark material, purchased or computer generated are not allowed and will disqualify the entry.
- Posters must not to be folded.
- Posters will be judged on the Theme, message and artistic representation.
- Only one entry per person is allowed. All entries become the property of the United States Power Squadrons, which reserves the right to display and reproduce.
- Contest entry forms must be complete, legible, and attached to the back of their poster.
- Annual Contest entries must now be delivered to the Fall Governing Board Meeting. This year's meeting will be held in Minneapolis, MN. Posters must be received by Friday, 17 August 2018, for judging.
- First, Second and Third Place Winners will be announced for each age category during the Minneapolis Meeting. Awards are underwritten by a grant from the OMC Foundation.



# 2018 Youth Poster Contest

## Submission Form (Attach to back of Poster)



**Artist Age Category:** 6-8  9-11  12-14

Artist Age is determined to be the day the poster is submitted for local judging

**Artist Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a School/Group Entry? Yes  No  (If Yes, enter School/Group Info Below)

School/Group Name:	
School/Group Address:	
School City:	Teacher Name:

### MANDATORY SQUADRON & DISTRICT INFORMATION

Squadron Name:	District Number:
Squadron Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:
District Contact Name:	
Contact Telephone #:	Email:

- Please complete submission forms as neatly as possible.
- Unreadable and incomplete forms will be disqualified.
- Attach all completed submission forms to the back of each poster entry.
- Squadrons must work with their respective Districts to determine District submissions to National Contest.
- District 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in each age category should be submitted for National Judging.
- The District Poster Contact/Chairperson is responsible for delivering all 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners to the National Annual meeting and returning awards to respective winners. Contact information must be provided.
- National submissions become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission.
- Further information on the National Competition will be posted on the National Membership pages of [www.USPS.org](http://www.USPS.org).
- All submissions are due 17 August, 2018



## SWANTOWN RENDEZVOUS

May 25 – 28, 2018

by P/C Jackie Mattox, AP and Lt Cindy Warren, AP

The weather and people were great. Viki Sharp and Jim Hanson completed numerous Vessel Safety Checks for Day Island Yacht Club and Quarter Master Yacht Club. Saturday was a potluck dinner with lots yummy food as usual. Sunday we held the veggie car races. The cars were very creative. Some went pretty far beyond the track and others didn't make it to the end of the track. But all had a good time and everyone got a prize. Thanks to all who participated. We had a "leftover" potluck in the evening. On Monday Richard and Jackie Mattox wore their Air Force uniforms for the Day Island Yacht Club's Memorial Day ceremony.

### Attendees:

#### By Boat:

John Everett & Sharon Cryan  
Mike & Jenna Ashbrook  
Mike & Becky Arrington  
Todd & Melinda Mackey  
Jim & Karen Jackson  
Mark Hafterson & Linda  
Richard & Jackie Mattox  
Stan & Debbie Wolfe  
Tim & Linda Craig  
Larry & Cindy  
Geoff & Nancy Ringstad  
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Heather, Jason and Weston  
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After Hours  
Little Eagle

#### By Car:

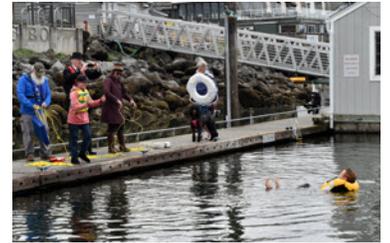
Jim Hanson  
Viki Sharp  
Pat Lemagie  
Sue Walker & Cathy Reed  
Mason Dixon, Brian & Barb Prudente  
Lance & Brenda Williamson



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP and P/C Jackie Mattox, AP)



## District 16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo June 8 - 10, 2018



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP and P/C Linda Martin, AP)



# Tacoma Power Squadron 2018 Rendezvous Schedule

**July 13-15**                                      **Mystery Cruise**                                      **w/Poverty Bay SPS**  
**(You can use the following link to register for the secret rendezvous: <http://evite.me/nZKa9ap5Pe>)**  
**POC: DeVere Lindh - [devere.v.l.@gmail.com](mailto:devere.v.l.@gmail.com)**

**August 31-September 3**                                      **Port Orchard (10 Boats)**                                      **Karen & Jim Jackson**  
**253-537-1308**

**September 15**                                      **Salmon Bake Sharp's House**                                      **Chuck & Vicki Sharp**  
**360-866-7134**

**September 21-23**                                      **Arabellas**                                      **Need Hosts**  
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**Call marina to make reservations**  
**(8 boats)**



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)**

Procedures have been put into place to insure TPS's Defibrillator will be ready and available in case of unforeseen emergencies that might take place on any of our rendezvous. This life saving device will be placed on the current Commander's boat or on the designated Host's boat for all of our future rendezvous.

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# July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Paddle Smart Pt Defiance
8	9	10 No Ex. Bd. Mtg. till Sept.	11	12	13-14 Mystery Rendezvous	
15 Mystery Rendezvous	16	17 Deadline Wake Astern	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 No Gen. Mtgs June thru August	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

\* @ Mark Hafterson's  
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Puyallup, WA 98373



# August 2018



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19	20	21 Deadline Wake Astern	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 No Gen. Mtgs June thru August	29	30	31 Port Orchard Rendezvous	

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