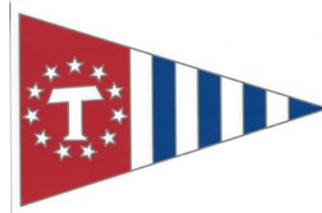




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The Wake Astern

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COMMANDER



Cdr Larry Warren, AP

Our Change of Watch has come and gone. Thank you to all those who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend. I'll do my best to keep things running as smoothly as possible. Standing alongside me are a great bunch of people (who have seen many Cdr's come and go and know the ropes). We

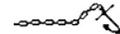
have a lot to do this year; we'll be asking some people to step into several pretty important positions, expanding and retaining our valued members. As well as our core job of Educating the public about safe boating and informing them of changes. We're going to need some help from all of you. Our Membership Chair (P/C Jackie Mattox, AP) could use a couple of people to help with the calling and touching bases with members. There are still vacant positions that haunt us and need filling.

Our Squadron is asked to help with projects from Sister Squadrons and other organizations from time to time, which some of them have fallen thru because we

need your help to organize and participate in these functions. It's one of my goals this year to get more members involved with the activities we do. We want people to come to meetings, Cruise In's, and rendezvous, as well as help out with events to inform the public about the United States Power Squadron and Tacoma Power Squadron. There is lots of fun in doing things with friends that you have related goals with, sharing experiences and camaraderie.

I believe one of our goals should be to keep up with changing methods of reaching new members. I have accepted District 16's Marketing Challenge Grant. I'm in the process of finding some great people to be the cornerstone of our part of the challenge. I have included the challenge for you to see what is needed to be done. I could use your expert help on this one.

During this year I would like to see our District Squadrons do more things together, such as rendezvous and more than that, projects and events that we can help each other with our ultimate goals. I'm all for a little competition, but I do feel that we should support each in our endeavors to teach and inform the public about Safe and Fun Boating.



Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends™

**General Meetings
Held
SEPTEMBER THRU MAY
ONLY

Executive Board Meetings
Held
On As Needed Basis**

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Tacoma Power Squadron Change of Watch 2017



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Commander Larry Warren, AP



Cdr Larry Warren, AP
AO Richard Mattox, AP
SEO Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN



Cdr Larry Warren, AP
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(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)



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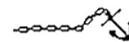
Having been sworn-in by our very own P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN, at the Tacoma Power Squadron's Change of Watch on April 25th, I am now officially the Squadron's Administrative Officer (AO). One of my first duties was to attend the District 16 Education Seminar/Incoming Officer's Meeting. There was a lot of information to absorb regarding the duties and responsibilities as Squadron AO. The District AO, D/Lt/C Annette Ferguson, AP, assured all the new AOs that she would be there to provide us a helping hand to complete our tasks in a successful manner.

Next on the calendar is the Squadron General Meeting, May 23rd. It is also our Member Appreciation night. As such, all you need to bring is a healthy appetite. Pizza, salad, and dessert are all provided by the Squadron. So be sure to post this on your calendar. Unfortunately, Jackie and I will not be able to attend as we will be on our East Coast trip in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. We will also miss out on the Port Orchard Rendezvous, May 26th thru 29th.

We will, however, join you at the Annual District 16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo, June 22nd thru 25th. It is a great venue and there are numerous activities for youth and adults alike. Registration form and details are included in this issue of The Wake Astern.

As a reminder, there are no General Meetings during the summer (June, July & August). So, you might want to save all those boating stories, or mishaps, and share them at our Past Commanders' BBQ on September 26th, 2017.

Smooth Boating and have a Great Day!



SPECIAL NOTE: To do our part in support of the "READY, SET, WEAR IT!" campaign, Cdr Larry Warren has requested that we bring our PFDs to the May 23rd General Meeting for a group picture.



June 2017

Tacoma Power Squadron



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

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

Both the Piloting Class and the Engine Maintenance Class will be doing their exams near the end of May. The classes are doing well, and we expect favorable outcomes for all the students.

We have a 2-hour Paddle Smart Seminar presentation at Pt Defiance Boat House planned for Saturday June 03, 2017 at 10:00 AM. The Tacoma Power Squadron is being asked to do the classroom seminar on Paddle Smart (approximately 2 hrs), and the Point Defiance Boat House staff will do hands on practical demonstrations with the paddle craft at Owen's Beach, following the classroom sessions. We plan to do a second Paddle Smart Seminar on July 8th, 2017 at Pt Defiance Boat House at 10:00 AM for 2 hours. If you could lend a hand on either of those dates to help with the seminar, please contact Otto for details. It's a chance to help educate and meet some prospective new members. Our National Power Squadrons Organization provides the books and handouts. The instructor's materials provided make doing this seminar easy, and you don't need to be a paddle boater to help present the class.

The ABC Class at the Pt. Defiance Boat House started on Wednesday May 03, 2017, with 7 students attending. They will test on Wednesday May 31. We also plan on doing an ABC class in June at the Pt. Defiance Boat House facility. This class will start Monday June 5th, 2017 with sessions on Thursday June 8th, Monday June 12th, Thursday June 15th, with the exam on Monday June 19th. Our Boating Class Chair Brenda Williamson will be out of town on business during this June class session. We will need some help setting up and packing up the Power Point equipment for the class sessions and introducing the speaker for the class. If you could give us a hand on this, please contact Otto for details. These efforts all go towards your MERIT MARK for the year!

It's not too early to give some thought to classes that we could plan for next fall that would interest you. Let me know your desires, since I keep tabs on these requests.

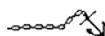
I have had some interest expressed about a Weather Class. If we can get a few more people interested, we can plan a class for early October. Give me a call. I have an instructor!

Remember that during the upcoming boating season experienced members can do on the water demonstrations and instruction on a member's boat. The requirements are that the boat have a current Vessel Safety Check and decal, and that the time and date of the on the water demonstration be approved by the Squadron Executive Board. If you would like to hone your talents at close quarters boat handling, let me know and we can put something together. This is a great way to assist a member who is learning about their new boat. The United States Power Squadrons has liability insurance that covers these approved activities.as long as we follow the guidelines.

Cheers, Otto & Sandi

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NOTE: NEW email ADDRESS for Otto





News from National

Test Your Mustang Life Jacket

Stf/C Allan. B. Furtado, SN - National Safety Committee

We are always told as a Vessel Examiner to wear our life jackets to project the idea of safety to the boating public. I am sure that most VEs have done so over the past 8 years that we have had them.

Now as we head into the boating season and all of the associated activities, I would suggest that the first thing a VE should do is examine and test his/her Mustang Inflatable life jacket. It is suggested that this operation be performed every 2 to 3 months. I bet you have not even done it once in the 8 years you have had the jackets. I am suggesting this exercise because we have found a few jackets that won't hold air. If one of these is found I suggest that it be destroyed and disposed of because the total life expectancy is only 10 years.

So how do we test our jacket? Open it up along the Velcro seams as shown in Figure 1 until it looks like figure 2. Then remove the cap on the oral inflation tube (shown in figure 2) and inflate the Life Jacket orally.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Then keep the jacket inflated over night. If it fails to hold air all night it is defective. If it holds air ok, then reverse the oral inflation cap and compress the jacket to remove all of the air. Once deflated, replace the cap to its original position and fold the sides back and press the Velcro seams to hold the jacket together. Now if you happen to really need the jacket while doing a VSC (Heaven forbid you fall into the water) the life jacket would be known to be useable.



Environmental Report

Submitted by Cdr Larry Warren, AP

Worms that Eat Plastic could be the miracle environmentalists have been looking for?

Ok; I like science fiction as well as the next guy, but come on, next thing we know all those towns that have banned the use of plastic bags will have to change the Law back to allow stores to be able to use Plastic bags again. (so the worms won't starve)

It was noticed by accident that some Wax Worms escaped through a plastic bag. That accidental incident sparked a whole chain of Scientists working on a scenario where these little critters could get the world out of a tough spot it's got itself into. Yes, that marvelous invention that has changed the world in more ways than you could count. Plastics, plastics that hold food and merchandise, plastics that have more forms of use than a person can count. Plastics that fill the ditches and landfills, plastics that fill our oceans, streams, rivers and bays. Plastics that can take hundreds of years to decompose naturally, maybe can be eaten and digested by some little old worms. Well, I'm sure there is going to be a host of prestigious universities and scientists working on this to find out how the worms can do this without dying and how can they eat while swimming in the ocean and up a creek. Only time will tell, and I'll try to keep unopen mind about the whole thing, and in years from now, we'll all be wondering why all the recycling containers are back to steel. Instead of *Plastic*.

Waxworms





TACOMA POWER SQUADRON RENDEZVOUS

PORT ORCHARD MARINA

MAY 26TH -29TH



FRIDAY 26TH

ARRIVE AT PORT
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CHECK IN WITH MARINA
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\$5.00 RESERVATION FEE
SEE YOUR HOST

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SATURDAY 27TH

9:00
PANCAKES,
BACON & EGGS, COFFEE
& JUICE

5:30
POTLUCK DINNER
BRING SALAD OR
DESSERT

CLUB WILL BE PROVIDING
PULLED PORK
SANDWICHES

SUNDAY 28TH

8:00
COFFEE, JUICE & ROLLS

4:00 HAPPY HOUR
ON THE DOCK,
BRING FAVORITE
BEVERAGE & APPETIZER



ANNUAL DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS PORT OR POULSBO 23-25 JUNE 2017

Mark your calendar for the 41st Annual D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo. Watch for updates and registration form on www.uspsd16.org & in your squadron's publication. Reservations for mooring and all meals are made on your registration Form and must be received before 9 June.

DOCKTAIL PARTY-FRIDAY 23 JUNE, "BOATING WITH YOUR TUNES"

Our Docktail party will challenge our imagination and invite each Squadron to serve their choose a hors d'oeuvres that reflects your favorite nautical song. Costumes and Boats decorated are encouraged and there will be a prizes for the best presentation of a nautical song.

SATURDAY MORNING - 24 JUNE

Opening Ceremonies, Fire Extinguisher Demo and Flare Shoot.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - 24 JUNE

Members will be able to attend Sea Skill events from 1300-1500
Shopping in town is always good!

SATURDAY EVENING - 24 JUNE

The Catered BBQ dinner features a choice of Pork Ribs, Chicken or Vegetarian Offering at the Sons of Norway Hall. There will be a raffle of wonderful items. Bring your check book.

SUNDAY, 25 JUNE

Safe boating to home ports.

About 60 slips are reserved for boaters and a block of rooms is reserved in the Guesthouse Inn & Suites at (360) 697-4400, reference "USPSD16".

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION BY 9 JUNE, 2017 TO RECEIVE THE GROUP RATE OF \$90.00 PLUS TAX.

QUESTIONS ???

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ANNUAL DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS PORT OR POULSBO 23-25 JUNE 2017

DOCKING:

Bremerton and Agate Pass Squadrons will be assisting in assigning docking spots, arrival of boats and docking. Please call in on VHF 72, prior to entering the marina. even if you do not wish assistance in docking, please inform the docking crew of your arrival.

REGISTRATION:

Friday and Saturday, rendezvous check-in will be at the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) location at the entrance to "E dock". Times for registration will be posted on front of the building. You must send in the non-refundable \$5.00 dock reservation fee with your reservation to ensure you will have a confirmed slip. The remainder of your moorage fee (for your entire stay), must be paid directly to the Port of Poulsbo, i.e. not to District 16. Please check in on VHF 72 when your boat arrives at the marina. The reservation for your meals and moorage must be received by 9 June 2017. No guarantees for the dinner or dock space after this date.

COASTAL NAVIGATOR AND ADVANCED COASTAL NAVIGATOR:

Certifiers will be available on Thursday and Friday for questions and sign-ups contact ADR Jim West, AP-ACN at jwestboater@comcast.net

FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL:

The Docktail Party is from 1700-1930 on "E Dock". Please bring hors d'oeuvres from your squadron, the theme is "Cruisin to your Favorite Nautical Tune" Boaters- bring tables to set up on the finger docks between boats. All alcoholic beverages must remain within the docks and cannot pass the ramp. The best Cruisin themed serving station decor and costumes that reflect the song will be honored with "special prizes".

SATURDAY MORNING'S OPENING CEREMONY:

It will begin at 1000 on the outside grass area at the rear of the SON Hall. The SS Hurricane Sea Scouts will serve as the honor guard to present the colors, followed by the invocation.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND FLARE PRACTICE:

A fire extinguisher practice session is planned for Saturday morning between 1030 and 1200 at the adjacent park's fire pit. During the same time, there will be a flare shoot of outdated aerial and hand-held flares on the beach behind the Sons of Norway Hall. If you have any outdated flares, please bring them to the practice site. Bob Miller, SN (Poverty Bay) will be the Range Safety Officer for the two exercises.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH EVENTS:

- Youth Poster Contest - 1300-1500 at the gazebo in the park (Over looking marina). Materials will be available for children ages 6-14
- D16 Robot, PFD will be "running" the sidewalk in the park.
- Games for Children are being planned and open to the public

SEA SKILLS EVENT:

1300-1500 -TOPICS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON-

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER:

A "No Host Bar" will be available 1700-2200 and Dinner will be served at 1800. Both Dinner and the Bar will be provided by and held at the SON Hall. We hope each Squadron will bring 1 dessert or more for each 8 members to share. We also ask each Squadron to donate a NEW nautical item valued in the range \$35-\$50. Bring your donation to the upper floor of the SON Hall at 1530. The raffle will open at 1700. Stay after the raffle and claim your items.

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CRUISE TO POULSBO ~ ~ DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS 23-25 June 2017

REGISTRATION:

Name: _____ Squadrons: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

MEAL RESERVATIONS: Reservations for all meals must be received on or before 9 June. No guarantee for Sons of Norway catered dinners will be given after this date!!

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL: No host (BYOB) "Dock Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock." Squadrons will have tables set up between their boats on the finger docks for serving their favorite hors d'oeuvres to share with fellow district members and guests. The theme for the evening will be "Cruisin to your Favorite Nautical Song" - Prizes will be given for the best decorated boat and squadron members that show your favorite tune. Get creative!

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER: BBQ Pork Ribs or Chicken, Green Salad, Baked Beans, Potato Salad & Cornbread Or Vegetarian Lasagna \$25.00/person. Children (10 and under): \$13.00		# Attending - \$ Amount
Please note selection and quantity: Ribs _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____		_____ (Adults) _____
		_____ (Children) _____

Thursday & Friday 22-23 June - the Northwest Region Boat Operator Certification Program will offer the USPS National Boat School preceding the D-16 Rendezvous. The dates for the Boat School will be 22 & 23 June. Coastal Navigator Certification and Advanced Coastal Navigator Certifier training will be offered. Candidates will use their own boats for certification. For your information contact; ARD Jim West, AP-ACN at jwestboater@comcast.net Note: The Boat School will be cancelled if there is not enough interest. Sign up and complete your certification.

MOORAGE RESERVATIONS

- For moorage reservation, pay \$5.00 (non-refundable) to District 16 to guarantee your ship - (Due on or before 9 June)
- Pay Port of Poulsbo Marina at your arrival: \$0.90/foot with 30' Minimum charge: includes electrical hook-up (30amp)

DOCKING REQUEST - (Indicate 1st and 2nd choice for each) Bow _____ Stern _____ Port _____ Stbd _____
 Reservation fee: \$5.00 \$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR RENDEZVOUS (Meals & Reservation for Moorage) \$ _____

Please Circle Arrival Date: Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Prior to entering the marina, Hail Ch 72. the docking crew will give you docking instructions.

Boat Name: _____ LOA _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Call Guesthouse International Inn at (360) 697-4400. Reference USPS D16 for group rate of \$90.00/night plus tax. Group block rate closes 9 June 2017. Please reserve early.

TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION BY 9 JUNE 2017:

- Download this Registration Form
- Complete and mail with your payment by 9 June 2017
- Send to: P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP - 31820 37th Avenue SW, Federal Way, WA 98023-2176
- Make check payable to: District 16
- Make hotel reservation and payment directly to hotel

QUESTIONS ???
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Tacoma Power Squadron 2017 Rendezvous Schedule

May 26 - 29	Port Orchard \$5 Reservation fee	Karen & Jim Jackson (12 boats) Tim & Linda Craig Metal Shed Reserved
June 22 - 25	Poulsbo	Registration form/Wake Astern
July 28 - 30	Kingston *\$7 Reservation fee* 360-297-3545	Need Hosts *Call Marina to make your reservation
August 25 - 27	Bell Harbor \$5 Reservation fee 206-787-3952	Jenna & Mike Ashbrook Call Marina to reserve (8 boats)
September 1 - 4	Swantown \$5 Reservation fee 360-528-8049	Need Hosts Call Marina to reserve (12 boats)
September 16	Sharp's House Salmon Bake	Chuck & Vicki Sharp

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.

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Summer 2017 San Juan Islands Cruise

P/C Lance Williamson, P

The planning process for the summer 2017 San Juan Islands Cruise has begun! A tentative schedule has been developed.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Nights of...</u>
Kingston	July 28, 29
Oak Harbor	July 30
Deer Harbor (Orcas Island)	July 31, August 1, 2
Fisherman Bay (Lopez Island)	August 3, 4, 5
Roche Harbor (San Juan Island)	August 6, 7, 8
Rosario Resort (East Sound Orcas Island)	August 9, 10, 11

People are invited to attend the entire trip or any part of the trip. People are also free to take side trips. Additional information will be made available as the planning progresses.



Longbranch Rendezvous

April 7 - 9th 2017

Hosts: Todd & Melinda Mackey/Geoff & Nancy Ringstad

Well, what can we say, the Longbranch Rendezvous ended up being kind of an adventure! Windy, stormy weather was definitely a factor on Friday. Therefore only 3 boats braved the elements, your hosts, the Mackey's and Ringstad's, and the Warren's. Let's just say it was not pleasant cruising conditions. Luckily, the Craig's went to Longbranch on Thursday and were able to provide docking assistance. Larry & Cindy Warren and grandson Garrett, by far, had the worst conditions and had also lost one engine en route to Longbranch. Thankfully, Tim Craig in his handy skiff, along with Todd and Geoff were able to affect a rescue and to tow Fascination into the marina, and everyone breathed a sigh of relief. Larry was able to get both engines working again during the course of the weekend.

So we had a small, intimate dinner of Clam Chowder, Salad and Bread on Friday night and just felt happy to be securely tied up at the dock with improving weather conditions forecast for the rest of the weekend.

On Saturday morning we enjoyed a continental breakfast and awaited the arrival of 3 more boats. We were joined by Mike & Becky on Gotta Boat, Jon & Sharon on Tourmaline and Richard & Jackie on ClasSeaLass. During the afternoon Pat & Lynne Lemagie and Otto & Chris Rasmussen arrived by car and spent time visiting with everyone on the dock.

We had a yummy Potluck Dinner on Saturday night and ended the evening lighting and sending off Chinese lanterns into the starry night sky. A bit of magic enjoyed by all.

Sunday was sunny and calm, a beautiful day for cruising home. Thank you to all who came, we had a good time!

Attendees:

By Boat:

- Tim & Linda Craig - Sweet Surrender
- Todd & Melinda Mackey - August
- Geoff & Nancy Ringstad - Cinnamon Girl
- Mike & Becky Arrington - Gotta Boat
- Jon & Sharon Everett - Tourmaline
- Richard & Jackie Mattox - ClasSeaLass

By Car:

- Pat & Lynne Lemagie
- Otto & Chris Rasmussen



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)



Daffodil Boat Parade “Daffodil Paradise”

by Lt Cindy Warren, AP

Due to the cooler weather and the later bloom the daffodils were perfect. Larry and I have been attending Daffodil since 2002. We have seen rain, hail, and snow during those weekends, but never on parade day until this year. We were in the largest boat house in the Tacoma Yacht Club (TYC) basin with Fascination in back of Tourmaline. We had lots of hands decorating her with daffodils, bows, flags, and banners. Thanks to all who lent a hand and provided decorating advice. Thanks so much to the basin control crew and TYC who made it possible. Our officers wore all matching PFD's again thanks to Otto Rasmussen and our Vessel Safety crew.

Sharon took the helm as captain so Jon could be an officer for the parade. Although we didn't place, there were many good times and memories made. Special thanks to Jon and Sharon for volunteering Tourmaline for our flag ship. Please let **Cindy** know if you didn't receive a ribbon and attended.

Officers

- P/D/C Otto Rasmussen
- Stf/C Jim Harden
- P/C Larry Warren
- P/C Jackie Mattox
- Lt/C Jon Everett



Attendees, Decorators, TYC Volunteer's

- Jon Everett & Sharon Cryan
- Tim Craig
- Connie Thompson
- Otto Rasmussen
- Margaret & Ted Reyhner
- Cindy & Larry Warren
- Richard & Jackie Mattox
- Phyllis Hayes
- Cliff & Bentley Rickmers
- Dylan Rickmers
- Bev & Kevin Kennedy
- Tom Ferree
- Jim & Jan Martinek
- Lance Williamson
- Jim & Debbie Harden
- Lorraine Stargel
- Jerry Lawrence
- Dean & Bev Haave
- Bob Dotson & Barbara Wolosyn
- Mark, Leah, Diana Hafterson, & fiancé Stan



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(Picture provided by Tacoma Yacht Club)



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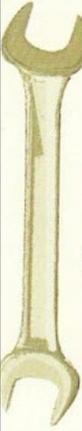


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Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW)

This report is published with permission of Past Commodore Day Island Yacht Club Chuck Gay. These reports will keep us updated on the current Washington legislation regarding area boaters.

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<p>No-Discharge Zone (NDZ): This one has gone behind the scenes but the Marine Alliance folks are working this hard, have been to Washington, D.C. for a high-level meeting with U.S. EPA and U.S. Attorney General's staff from the Trump Administration and have a game plan for the "request for reconsideration" to be implemented.</p> <p>Regulatory issue – Hull Identification Number (HIN) Registration/Reporting Changes: The Department of Licensing (DOL) has begun sending out letters to boaters who own vessels that have HINs that do not conform to the standards adopted January 1, 2017. New HINs must be assigned to all these vessels prior to the next renewal of the vessel's registration. While a pending U.S. Coast Guard rule-making could have led to significant upheaval for all those who sell, trade, register, or re-register vessels, RBAW has teamed with NMTA to do some good work to buy time, educate boaters and brokers, etc.</p> <p>Boating Safety legislation – SB 5442; HB 1605; ESSB 5552: All these RBAW-supported bills keep advancing: 5442 repeals outdated language in the Boater Education Card statutes and flexes up the use of the funds for State Parks. 1605 allows law enforcement – as a last resort and after a series of other alternatives have been considered -- to impound vessels when operators are impaired. 5552 would exempt flare guns used by boaters from having to go through a "weapons" background check.</p> <p>Capital Budgets -- Retaining Boating Facilities Program (BFP) and funds for boating infrastructure: The Capital Budget released, heard, passed out of Committee, and passed off the Senate Floor in the last week of March is a very good one for recreational boaters. It retains a full \$17.165 million, historic funding level for the Boating Facilities Program (BFP)! It also included \$2.6 million in federal pass-through funds for Clean Vessel Pump-Out Grants, and \$2.2 million for the Boating Infrastructure Grant program (also federal pass-through dollars).</p> <p>The RFS Reform Act has been reintroduced in Congress this year to Prevent E15 Damage. The RFS Reform Act will amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate corn-based ethanol requirements in gasoline, and caps the amount of ethanol that can be blended into gasoline at 10 percent.</p> <p>The National Boating Federation had been very concerned about a proposed budget cut of \$1.3 Billion for the Coast Guard by the Trump Administration. Such a cut would be sure to have had some negative effects to our state and federal boating programs and grants funded by the Coast Guard. NBF was relieved to find out that the proposed budget cut has been shelved, and the Coast Guard will be fully funded in the next fiscal budget.</p> <p>PC Chuck Gay, RBAW Secretary and Delegate</p>								
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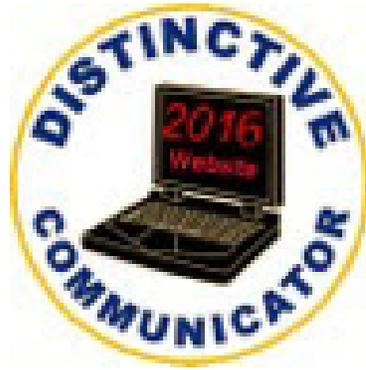


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