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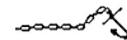
Cdr Larry Warren, AP

As the days get a little longer each day, it gives me hope that spring is just around the corner. Daylight savings time begins in less than a month (March 11th) and of course that means getting home from work while it's still light out for some people. Our first rendezvous will be in just a week away from this writing, so looking forward to it as we have been pretty dormmate all winter. You never know about the weather in February/March so we're hoping for a mild weather weekend. I seem to have made my first mate a little nervous about going out in windy conditions, so keeping a close watch on the current weather conditions is a big priority as it should be with all boaters. And of course as it says in our pledge "maintain my boat and operate it legally" are always excellent words to live by.

I understand that the Dist 16 Rendezvous was changed from the latter part of the month to the beginning (June 8th- 10th), leaving a lot of people with a conflicting schedule. We hope that most of you that come to this event will be able to work out the change and attend, it's fun and Poulsbo is a great destination. If for no other reason the bakery is fantastic and the boat supply store is worth the visit alone. I've been tied up on District business these last few years but I think this year I'll have some free time to enjoy the town and visit a little more with friends.

We've had quite a bit of interest in the upcoming "Mystery Cruise" with our neighboring Power Squadron Poverty Bay. My guess on the destination of the rendezvous would be Longbranch, but that's just me. I feel that it's essential that we participate with fellow squadrons to bring us all closer together. Our involvement with the Seattle Sail and Power Squadron in this summer's Milk Carton Derby should be fun and a way for them and us to show people we are "Americas Boating Club." We can teach boating and have Fun! At this time I'm not sure if we will just lend them support (materials, labor etc.), help build their boat or build one for ourselves? So be sure not to throw out those milk and fruit juice jugs it takes hundreds to keep a milk carton (or jug) vessel afloat. (1/2 gallon, one gallon milk or juice cartons or one gallon plastic milk or juice jugs are allowed). More on this to come.

See you all at the Annual Meeting, February 27th, 2018 as we elect a new Bridge.



**Call to Meeting
General Meeting**
March 27th, 2018 (1830 - 2030)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

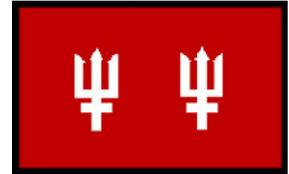
Executive Board Meeting
March 13th, 2018 (1900 - 2100)
9515 198th Ave. E.
Bonney Lake, WA 98391

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Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP

Though we were not looking for a bigger boat, the Seattle Boat Show had a lot to offer. Jackie and I took our preferred mode of transportation to Seattle, Pierce Transit Bus, on the last day of the show. Jackie volunteered to help teach the Safe Boating 4 Kids class put on by Commander Linda Martin and her crew from the Everett Sail and Power Squadron. Even though trying to find the class room was a bit of a challenge, I think there were about twenty students, and their parents, in attendance. Hopefully, the kids, and their parents, will practice what they learned “wear those PFDs.”

On a sad note, a twenty year-old kayaker lost his life this weekend. He and a group of five other kayakers were boating on the Snoqualmie River. At some point the twenty year-old’s kayak hit something, ejecting him out of his kayak and also out of his PFD. Truly unfortunate, not only for the young man, but also for his family. We may never know exactly what happened, but had his PFD stayed on, maybe the result would have been different. It heightens my attention about the importance of PFDs every time I hear or read about one of these accidents. Jackie and I witness kayakers and paddle boarders floating by our apartment, almost daily this past year, many of them not wearing their PFDs. I hope, through our boater education classes and seminars, that maybe some of those kayakers and paddle boarders will attend a class and realize the importance of wearing their PFDs.

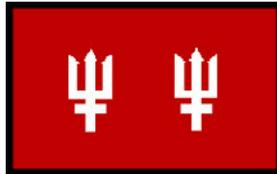


(Pictures provided by Crd Linda Martin, Everett Sail & Power Squadron)



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

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

The Weather Class by Stan Wolfe, JN-CN started at Tacoma Yacht Club on Thursday, January 25, 2018, and is progressing well.

ABC Basic Boating Class started on Wednesday February 07, 2018 at Genesis Health Care (Orchard Park Health & Rehab). We got students from the Seattle Boat Show, our web site and word of mouth from our members. Good job folks! The ABC Class exam will be on March 07, 2018 and help grading and going over the exam with the students is always appreciated.

On Thursday February 22, 2018 we will have started a Piloting Class at Genesis Health Care, with Gary Ball instructing. It was looking like a robust group planning to attend.

We have classes planned at Pt. Defiance Boat House working with Gene Anderson as follows: ABC Basic Boating May 02 through May 30, 2018. ABC Basic Boating June 4 through June 18, 2018. Paddle Smart 2 hour seminar June 02, 2018 and a Paddle Smart 2 hour seminar July 07, 2018. We may be calling for some assistance in doing these classes, since some of our regular instructors will be out boating on vacation. Please consider helping if you are asked.

With my current health (heart) condition, it's hard to predict how mobile I might be on a 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 signups on the opening session of a new class. At times some additional help on exam night makes 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.

We have had some members step up and help with tasks I could not do, and I really appreciate the effort. Thank you!

We can still use 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 "The 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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Tacoma Power Squadron



The Nominating Committee of the Tacoma Power Squadron

Submits the following slate of Officers for the year 2018 – 2019

Bridge:

Commander	P/C Mark Hafterson, AP	(to be elected)
Executive Officer	Stf/C James Harden, JN-CN	(to be elected)
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP	(to be elected)
Secretary	Lt/C Jon A. Everett, AP	(to be elected)
Treasurer	Lt/C Jon A. Everett, AP	(to be elected)
Squadron Education Officer	P/D/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN	(to be elected)
	Lt/C Sandra Carroll, SN	(to be elected)

Executive Board:

1 Year term	P/C Larry Warren, AP	(to be elected)
1 Year term	Lt Cindy Warren, AP	
1 Year term	P/Lt/C Stan Wolfe, AP, JN-CN	
2 Year term	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP	
2 Year term	Karen Jackson	(to be elected)
3 Year term	Aaron Strasser, S	(to be elected)
3 Year term	P/C Tim Craig, P	(to be elected)

Auditing Committee:

1 Year term	Lt Brenda Williamson, P	
2 Year term	P/C Jackie Mattox/AP	(to be elected)
3 Year term	Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN	(to be elected)

Rules Committee:

1 Year term	P/C Todd Mackey, P	
2 Year term	P/C Mitch Carroll, SN	(to be elected)
3 Year term		(to be elected)

Nominating Committee:

1 Year term	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP	
2 Year term	P/C Lance Williamson, P	
3 Year term	P/C Larry Warren, AP	(to be elected)

Respectfully submitted by:

s/P/C Tim Craig, P

s/P/C Jackie Mattox, AP

s/P/C Lance Williamson, P



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) 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 February	No. of People	Total Cost
Friday Afternoon- Special Events	Tour of the Penn Cove Shellfish Farm (Maximum 25 people)	FREE	FREE		----
	Winery and Distillery visit	\$25	\$25		
	Shopping tour in Anacortes (on your own)	----	----		----
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Friday Evening	Registration – 1600 – 1800	@ Best Western Plus Hotel			
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Friday Night	No Host Bar – 1800 - 2030 Hot and Cold Hors d'oeuvres@ Whidbey Golf Club	\$25	\$30		
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Saturday a.m.	Breakfast is on your own	(included with Best Western Plus Room reservation)			
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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)		
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Saturday Evening Social	No Host Bar 1800 – 1900 Banquet 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 Sundae	\$5	\$7		
	Lemon Cake				
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



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

February 23-25	Arabella's 253-851-1793 Call Marina to make reservation	Stan & Debbie Wolfe (8 boats)
March 16-18	Dock Street 253-272-4352 Call Marina to make reservation	Need Hosts (8 boats)
April 6-8	Longbranch	Tim & Linda Craig Jim & Karen Jackson
April 13-15	Daffodil	Registration on TYC Website Need Parade Boat & Hosts
May 25-28	Swantown 360-528-8049 Call Marina to make reservation	Need Hosts (12 boats)
June 8-10	Poulsbo (Dist 16)	(See registration form in future Wake Astern)
August 31- September 3	Port Orchard	Need Hosts



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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March 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Weather Cls @TYC Piloting Cls @ Genesis Health Care	2	3
4	5	6	7 ABC Class @ Genesis Health Care	8 Weather Cls @TYC Piloting Cls @ Genesis Health Care	9-10 Dist 16 Spring Conf/COW	
11 Dist 16 Spring Conf/COW	12	13 1900-2100 Ex. Bd Mtg*	14	15 Weather Cls @TYC Piloting Cls @ Genesis Health Care	16-17 Dock St. Rendezvous	
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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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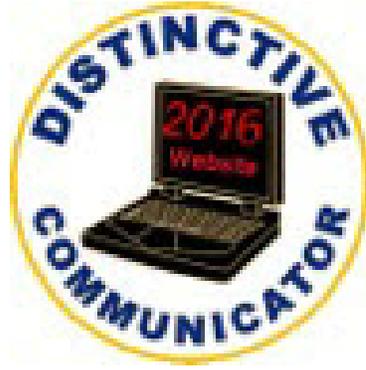


April 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Weather Cls @TYC Piloting Cls @ Genesis Health Care	6	7 Longbranch Rendezvous
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15 Daffodil @ TYC	16	17 Deadline Wake Astern	18	19 Weather Cls @TYC Piloting Cls @ Genesis Health Care	20	21
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29	30					

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