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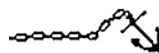
Cdr Larry Warren, AP

COMMANDER



Well, the end is near the finish of another year, with the “Change of Watch” just a little over a month away. It's tough to believe that The Tacoma Power Squadron has been here in the Pacific Northwest since 1939. I don't suppose we'll ever know how many classes we've held in those 85 years; I think about it from time to time, but did we make a difference with people's lives in all those years? Or the number of students that walked out feeling more confident, feeling safer on their boats, and safer for the rest of us! We have made a world of difference with all our other fantastic fellow D16 squadrons. Not to mention the other 400 +/- squadrons out there. As soon as we joined, we found how vital this organization is to many people. My wife and I decided to buy this big-- boat, and we didn't have a clue, not one iota! Of course, our bank said you're not going anywhere until you get some Education on using the boat! We hired a Captain with a 500-ton license to get us started and able to take the boat out and confidently dock, undock, anchor deployment and retrieval, etc. After a few weeks on weekends, we were confident enough to go out independently. With the bank satisfied, our insurance was satisfied. We were off. But where and how do we get where we wanted to go and return safely? You join a club that will teach you how to do that exactly. Of course, there's always something to learn for most of us. Some take it to the Sun, Moon, and Stars with confidence in their ability to go far offshore & return safely.

It was a year plus that we began (not sure, twisted our arms) to attend a rendezvous. After that first one, we were hooked; we could hardly wait for the next one. That first rendezvous was at Bell Harbor, Hosted by Tom & Helen Magnan and Jerry Lawrence & Monica Lawrence, with our Cdr. Keith Charboneau docking some 37 boats from our squadron. It was packed, and we were moved at least 3 times until they had us settled in. There were games and water guns for the young until the big kid on the block joined in (Mike Thompson). As I recall, the Virginia V took a boatload of high schoolers on a cruise. They were dressed to the nines and had to pass in review past all of us lining the dock. The weekend definitely made a great impression on us. If you think about it, rendezvous like that, just maybe Board & Bridge members were groomed for future service at events like these rendezvous. You'll get much more out of our squadron if you join in and make good friends. Whether it's a rendezvous, a board position, a bridge position, or a seat as a chairperson. Being a proud squadron member, civic pride, and friendship will make everyone who got us this far; proud that we have carried on the tradition with pride, our mission and are doing it while we have Fun!



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
March 26th, 2024 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
March 12th, 2024 (6:00-8:00 PM)
Black Bear Diner
Lakewood, WA

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Lt/C James Harden, JN- CN

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



1. Awards

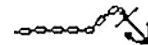
During the District 16 annual spring conference, Tacoma Power Squadron received several cooperative charting awards. The most important was the squadron receiving the national Honor Roll award. It takes seven members participating in the program to earn this award. So, big thanks to our members who participated and hopefully we can do this again in 2024. Two members received the Triple Anchor Award for participating in three different parts of the Cooperative Charting program. They were Debbie Harden and Jim Harden. If anyone has questions on this fun filled program, please contact me.

2. Cooperative Charting

There are two new ways to participate in the cooperative charting program and you may do most of the work without leaving your home. NOAA is requesting our help in receiving changes to United States Army Corp of Engineers charts and the NOAA charts noting any discrepancies then reporting them. Here are some examples of what they are looking for us to report: Docks/Wharfs that are now gone or having been added, a smokestack that has been removed, bridges that have been added, fish pens that have been added, power lines that have been added/removed, etc. Both of these charting reports consist of a two-part reporting requirement. Since this requires a somewhat lengthy explanation, I ask if anyone would be interested in participating in the part of the nautical part of the program, please contact me.

3. Vessel Safety Checks

As the Springtime of the year approaches, boaters are thinking about getting back on the water and having fun. We need to help the Puget Sound boaters be safer on the water by providing them a VSC. I have been contacted by Shelton Yacht Club and Olympia Yacht Club asking if our squadron would arrange to do VSCs on their safety / clean-up day. So, I am asking all members that belong to yacht clubs or have a yacht club close to them, to ask if they would like TPS to perform VSCs for their members.



Need a Vessel Safety Check?
It's Fast, It's Easy, and best of all,
IT'S FREE !!!



All you have to do is contact
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Address: 4634 Kent Ct.
Kent, WA 98032-7112

P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-CN is our VSC Chairperson.

Address where the VSC inspectors should send a copy of inspection reports to: 4634 Kent Ct, Kent WA 98032-7112. He will also be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.



ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

Greetings fellow members of America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound!

Currently, we are trying to populate the rendezvous schedule by having folks volunteer to serve as a host at a location and date of their choosing. If you would like to host a rendezvous at your favorite location, give me a call to discuss. Below is the schedule at this time:

Event	Location	Date	Host
Daffodil	Tacoma Yacht Club	April 11-14	TYC
Cruise-in	Gary and Barb's in Rainier, WA	May 18	Dildine
District 16	Poulsbo Marina	June 21-23	D16
Swantown	Swantown Marina	July 26-28	Wolfe
Port Orchard	Port Orchard Marina	August 16-18	Stone

Decorating for the Daffodil Marine Parade will be on Saturday, April 13 starting at 10:00 AM. Brian and Barbara Prudente are once again graciously providing their boat, SJØEN, as flagship of Tacoma Power Squadron. Please come down to Tacoma Yacht Club on Saturday to help decorate with real and artificial daffodils, as well as signage advertising our club and its civic mission to provide boating education. Please contact me if planning on attending the decorating activity so we can plan for refreshments and lunch. On Sunday, pray for good weather and find a roost along the parade route to see all the decorated boats.

The Change of Watch (COW) for 2024 will be on April 26, 6:00 PM at Tacoma Yacht Club. We will provide the menu and price no later than March 13 via an email blast to the membership. The blast will contain the form to be returned (along with your check for the meal). If attending, an RSVP is required not later than April 10. Notice the COW date is on a FRIDAY and the location is different from our monthly general meetings.

If planning on attending the Cruise-In at Gary and Barb's in May, be on the lookout for details published in the near future. You will need to RSVP to Gary and Barb so they have an accurate headcount for food purposes.

Deb and I will host the rendezvous at Swantown July 26-28. I would like folks to start contacting me now (cell: 253-948-6101; e-mail: wolfesd@comcast.net) so I can complete the paperwork. I need your (boat name, LOA, and e-mail information not later than June 15. I have to pay the group reservation fee (\$6.00/boat) at that time so having accurate information is vital so as to not incur debt against the cruise account. Here are several notes from the folks at Swantown:

Swantown Marina will provide me with an email to send out to the group members and a group code. This email includes information on how group members can make their individual reservations online.

Group members make reservations individually using the group code. They will use a specific group code. Only group members with the group code can make reservations for these slips that are reserved.

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Closing date for articles is the fourth Wednesday of each month. Please direct all articles to the Editor. E-mail to: ricque0602@comcast.net, Mail to: 5105 Grand Loop, Apt # 811, Tacoma, WA 98407. Telephone: (253) 581-1732. Please submit member address and other data changes to the Tacoma Power Squadron Secretary.



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The group reservation code will expire 4 weeks before your arrival date, and the slips become publicly available for anyone to make reservations. It is therefore important that the group members make their reservations on time to secure their space in the marina!

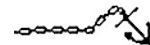
Other Important Information:

- Slips will be held up to 4 weeks prior to the arrival date. If the spaces held by the group are not reserved and paid for by the individual group members by the 4 week before arrival mark, those spaces become publicly available.
- Group reservation fees are nonrefundable.
- Guest reservation refunds for individual reservations are available if cancellation is made no less than 14 days in advance of the arrival date.

If attending the Port Orchard rendezvous hosted by Beth and Richard Stone, mark your calendars and be on the lookout for attendance information at a future date.

A quick note from the Nominating Committee. The 2024 slate of elected officers was revised with several nominations from the floor and voted on during the TPS Annual Meeting. The elected slate is filled, but there are still some vacancies in the appointed officers. Take a hard look at your commitment to public service then see if you can spare a few hours a month to fill one of those positions. There are plenty of mentors so learning as you go is anticipated and would be appreciated. On a personal note, the loss of two Squadrons in the past few years has left its mark on the boating community here in the South Sound. I have to point out that the folks that transferred to Tacoma from Olympia and Poverty Bay Power Squadrons continue their commitment to civic duty and safe boating by taking on leadership positions in this Squadron. We are proud to have them serve with us.

That's all for now. Stay tuned, stay safe, engage and do some boating!



Tacoma Power Sq member Nancy Ringstad and Everett Power & Sail Sq member Linda Martin teaching Safe Boating 4Kids class at the Seattle Boat Show



Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
Sq Education Officer

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Spring and Summer being right around the corner people are thinking about boating more. What a great time to take more boating classes!

Currently we have Radar for Boaters at Tacoma Yacht Club on Thursdays. This class is a hybrid class with people in person and over Zoom. We have people from New Jersey and California joining in via Zoom!

Boat Handling starts March 4 at Day Island Yacht Club for 6 weeks. This course is being taught by P/C Stan Wolfe and P/C Jim Harden. Boat Handling builds your competence and confidence on the water with an in-depth look at practical boating skills. Learn how to handle your boat in a variety of situations and become the skipper you want to be. Gain confidence in docking, underway, anchoring, and other seamanship skills.

Our new Boat Handling course is intended for newer recreational boaters who have completed a basic boating class (like America's Boating Course) and want to gain more knowledge, skill, and confidence to boat safely and have more fun in a variety of situations.

Boat Handling covers these topics:

- [Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach](#)
- [Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering](#)
- [Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Under Way](#)
- [Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away](#)
- [Emergencies on Board: Preparation for Handling Common Problems](#)
- [Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know](#)

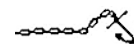
To register for this class, click on the link below:

www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregformx.cgi?L-18007

Price for this course for America's Boating Club members is \$80, non-members \$120.

Friday Harbor Power Squadron is offering **Marine Weather in the Salish Sea**, a one-night seminar via Zoom. Weather in our waters is variable, localized, sometimes dangerous and difficult to predict. This seminar will cover weather basics and what is unique about the weather in the Salish Sea. For members of Americas Boating Club and San Juan Island Yacht Club the cost is \$5. For non-Members the registration fee is \$30. Seminar will be held in person at the San Juan Island Yacht Club and live online via Zoom. Register now at: www.abcsji.coursestorm.com

Next up is America's Boating Course starting April 1 for 5 weeks, 4 classes plus the exam night April 29 in Des Moines. Anyone that needs their boating card, this is the class to take!





America's Boating Channel™ Warns of Electric Shock Drowning

Electric Shock Drowning (ESD) is a little-known and often-unknown killer, severely injuring and killing people every year. It occurs when faulty wiring sends electric current into water, which passes through the body and

causes muscle paralysis that can result in drowning.

Faulty wiring or the use of damaged electrical cords and other devices on docks and boats can cause the surrounding water to become “energized,” with no visible warning. Avoid getting in the water within 150 feet of where AC power is in use and learn how to test if dangerous electrical currents are in the water around your boat.

To help boaters understand the danger of Electric Shock Drowning (ESD), Season Four of America’s Boating Channel offers the video “[Electric Shock Drowning \(ESD\)](#).” The video shows how ESD causes deaths and injuries at marinas nationwide, including many undetected incidents. Viewers also will learn about ESD prevention and how to install ground protection on docks and boats. Also featured are differences between ESD dangers in saltwater and freshwater.



Follow the above link or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America’s Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. [America’s Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power

Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

**Tacoma Power Sq Slate of Elected Bridge, Board
& Appointed Members for 2024 - 2025**

Elected:

Commander	Larry	Warren	Cdr
Executive Officer	Ed	Yotter	Lt/C
Administrative Officer	Bob	Hays	Lt/C
Education Officer	Bentley	Rickmers	Lt/C
Secretary	Beth	Stone	
Treasurer	Jim	Harden	Lt/C
Executive Board IPC	Larry	Warren	P/C
Executive Board	Becky	Arrington	
Executive Board	Gary	Dildine	
Executive Board	Barbara	Dildine	
Executive Board	Stan	Wolfe	
Executive Board	Jeff	Kruger	
Executive Board	Brian	Prudente	
Financial Review Committee 3yr (Chairperson)	Tom	Ferree	Lt
Financial Review Committee 2yr	Becky	Arrington	
Financial Review Committee 1yr	Leah	Hafterson	
Nomination Committee 3yr (Chairperson)	Larry	Warren	Lt
Nomination Committee 2yr	Jim	Harden	
Nomination Committee 1yr	Stan	Wolfe	
Rules Committee 1yr (Chairperson)	Bill	Larsen	
Rules Committee 2yr	Mitch	Carroll	Lt
Rules Committee 3yr	Lorraine	Stargel	

Appointed:

Sunshine Chairperson	Leslie	Burton	Lt
Flag Lieutenant	Mason	Dixon	F/Lt
Webmaster	Tom	Ferree	Lt
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Galley Chairperson	Lorraine	Stargel	Lt
Radio Technical Chairperson	Andrew	Temple	Lt
Vessel Safety Chairperson	Craig	Brown	Lt
Operations Training Chairperson	Stan	Wolfe	Lt
Boating Activities Chairperson	VACANT		Lt
Safety Officer	VACANT		Lt
Property Officer	VACANT		Lt
Ship's Store	Karen	Jackson	Lt
Legislative Coordinator	VACANT		Lt
Boat Show Coordinator	VACANT		Lt



**Tacoma & South Puget Sound
2024 Rendezvous Schedule**

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>
Daffodil	Tacoma Yacht Club	April 11 - 14	TYC
Cruise-In	Dildine's in Rainer, WA	May 18	Dildine
Dist 16	Poulsbo Marina	June 21 - 23	Dist 16
Swantown	Swantown Marina	July 26 - 28	Wolfe
Poert Orchard	Port Orchard Marina	August 16 - 18	Stone

Please call host if attending a rendezvous for planning purposes and consider hosting a rendezvous or helping to host.

Port Orchard Rendezvous

Date: August 16 - 18
 Port Orchard Marina
 If we want to use the barbecue for our dinner get together on Saturday, there is a rental fee of \$10.
 Guest Moorage on G dock: \$50 per night, + \$1.25 per foot over 40'
 Electrical: 30 amp - \$5 per night for use
 We have reserved 8 spaces so please RSVP by August 1st so we know if we have to add additional dock space (since this is their busy time of the year). Call the marina at 360-876-5535 to let them know the size of your boat so you have a proper slip.
 Activities:
 Farmers Market on 17th
 Scavenger Hunt - prize of "Voucher for 1 night free moorage" (good for anytime in 2 year timeframe)
 Foot ferry over to Bremerton to explore
 Let me know if you need any additional information.
 Thanks,
 Beth Stone
 PH:703-402-9420 or EMAIL:beth.stone@comcast.net

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2023 – 2024**

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Merit Mark	P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN
Galley Manager	Lt Lorraine Stargel, AP

EXECUTIVE DEPT

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Safety Officer	Vacant
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VSC Chairperson	P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-CN
Radio Tech	P/C Andy Temple, AP
Boat Show	Vacant
Legislative	Vacant

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2 Yr Term	Lt Barbara Dildine, AP-IN
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3 Yr Term	Lt Jeff Krueger, S

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2 Yr Term	P/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN
3 Yr Term	P/D/C James Harden, JN-CN

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