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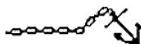
# COMMANDER



**C**HANGES. The only thing in life that is constant is CHANGE. Our Squadron is going thru some CHANGES right now. We have a new Bridge, new SEO, new Secretary, new Treasurer and some new Board members. Our CHANGE of Watch is scheduled for Mama Stortini's in Puyallup on May 26, but may not happen due to the Corona Virus. We had a rendezvous scheduled for Swantown Marina in Olympia on Memorial Day weekend, but that was cancelled. District 16 was planning the annual rendezvous for Poulsbo on June 12-14, but sadly that was also cancelled.

If you venture out on the water on your own, be aware that many marinas and fuel docks have changed their hours of operation as well as how they operate. Last I heard the fuel dock at Poulsbo was only open 4 hours a day and by appointment only. The public boat ramp at Swantown is closed but I don't know what changes they made to their fuel dock or moorage facilities. So if you are venturing out, be sure to know before you go.

I mentioned previously that we have new SEO. Bentley Rickmers is taking over the reins of the Education Dept. from Otto Rasmussen. I want to thank Otto for his many, many, many years of service and dedication to our Squadron as well as District 16. I hope everyone is well and staying safe, and that we can all get out on the water soon.



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Susan Walker is our VSC Chairperson, phone number: 253-213-2850. **Please note new email address above.**

Address where the VSC inspectors should send a copy of inspection reports to Sue Walker, P.O. Box 519 Tacoma, WA 98401. She will also be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.

**Call to Meeting**  
**General Meeting**

**Canceled until**  
**Further Notice**  
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**Executive Board Meeting**  
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# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

**G**reetings from your Executive Officer!

This is my first Wake Astern article in this position. I'll introduce myself for those few folks that don't know anything about me and review the areas of responsibilities assigned to the Executive Officer (XO).

I joined the Power Squadron in 2004 after taking the Basic Boating course with my then 15-year old son. Since joining, I have taken all Power Squadron courses and numerous seminars and earned the Senior Navigator grade. I'm also certified to provide hands-on training in power boat handling. To support the squadron, I have served as Electives Chairman, Squadron Education Officer, instructor for ABC, electronic navigation, and Weather; most recently I was your Administrative Officer (AO).

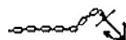
So, what does the XO do? In short, the XO serves as the liaison and coordination focal for events and entities external to the squadron.

The following are the areas of responsibility for the XO:

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Boat Show            | Vacant                  |
| Cooperative Charting | Stf/C Jim Harden, JN-CN |
| Legislative          | Vacant                  |
| Public Relations     | Vacant                  |
| Radio Technical      | P/C Andy Temple, AP     |
| Safety               | Vacant                  |
| VSC                  | Susan Walker, S         |

Please note that there are several vacant positions. Writing of vacant positions, I'm also the proud holder of all the squadron audio-visual equipment used at our general meeting. I inherited all of it as Administrative Officer. The Squadron really needs an AO to ensure continuity; I really need an AO to take the AV equipment and set it up for each general meeting. Anyone interested?

One last item: we have been contacted by D16 to assist Washington State Parks by manning some shifts at the Boating Safety booth during the Western Washington State Fair in September (assuming the Fair occurs). If interested in helping, give me a call, or an e-mail or a text message, smoke signal, a wink.



# EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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Sq Education Officer*



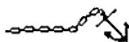
*Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN  
Asst. Education Officer*

Hope this finds everyone well and staying home. Being home so much gives us time to review what we learned in basic boating and prepare for the upcoming boating season! If you are like us, we boat year round and are always using navigation and boating rules.

We did have 15 people take the Seamanship exam and pass! Congratulations to Julie and Richard Arnold, Edward Higgins, Joe and Tammy Kable, James Lux, Bill Miller, Erica Norton, Michael Norton, Cathy Reed, John Ruppe, Troy Sapp, Lisa Sutton and Lissa Thompson. Well done and thanks to Lance Williamson for his excellent instruction!

Engine Maintenance, Electronic Navigation and Piloting classes that were scheduled to start in March have been postponed until probably Fall. We plan to have the Weather class starting in January 2021. The ABC class that was scheduled to start May 6th at Point Defiance Boat House has been cancelled due to the stay at home order. We plan to have an ABC class in June via Zoom. If you know of anyone interested in taking this class they can register online at usps.org or contact:

Lance or Brenda Williamson 253-370-3048 or [williamson.bren@gmail.com](mailto:williamson.bren@gmail.com) or me at [benric7@gmail.com](mailto:benric7@gmail.com), 253-208-1678.





## 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.

### May 2020 RBAW Report for DIYC

While there have of course been other issues on our radar this last month, in many ways it seems it has been “all COVID-19, all the time.” Our lobbyist, Doug Levy, has been closely tracking and advocating on the Governor’s special “Stay at Home, Stay Healthy” Executive Orders, the goings-on in Congress with COVID-19 relief, and the very distinct possibility that the Legislature could go into a Special Session this summer or fall. Recreational boating and outdoor recreation in general were among the first activities to be “re-opened” by the Governor. That’s been no accident – we and our colleagues at the Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) have put countless hours in on these issues.

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**COVID-19 – Governor’s Stay at Home, Stay Healthy Order – Phased Re-Openings of activities:** As alluded to at the outset of this report, getting people back on the water and getting the recreational boating sector up and on its feet has been a major point of emphasis for us. We’ve conducted calls with State Parks, we put together a joint letter to the Governor on re-opening recreational boating and fishing. The news that recreational boating is a ‘go’ as of May 5, and that vehicle and vessel sales have a green light as of May 15, is heartening.

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**Lakebay Marina:** Even in the face of an economy that has fallen through the floor and a charitable donations world that has changed overnight, we keep plugging away on this one. We are working on a \$400,000 Heritage Capital Projects grant due to the historic nature of Lakebay, and among our lobbyist and others, we have some tentacles out to Foundations. We’re still going to need to figure out innovative ways to get to a Lakebay acquisition by the end of September, but we have some potential ideas.

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**NOAA/NMFS Marina Mitigation Issue:** I wish I could tell you I had some encouraging news to report on this front. Unfortunately, that is anything but the case. RBAW President Bob Wise, Logan Brown of Marine Floats, Peter Schrappen of NMTA, and our lobbyist had an April 30 GoToMeeting discussion and call with Jennifer Quan of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regional office. It became very clear to us that we are nowhere closer to a “programmatically permit” and to reasonable cost details, outlines, etc., than we were over a year ago when we started down this road.

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**Derelict Vessel Removal Program (DVRP):** Our lobbyist is working to set up with-staff and with-Commissioner Hilary Franz meetings in May and June with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to discuss the DVRP and future funding of it. The landscape – or should I say ‘seascape’ – has changed dramatically, of course. We also want to discuss some of our ideas on Lakebay with Hilary Franz as well.

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**No Discharge Zones:** Not a ton to report here. The Department of Ecology and its marketing/communications consultant continue to work on best practices for informing boaters about the Puget Sound-wide NDZ that is in effect, while the American Waterway Operators’ (AWO’s) continues to work on a legal challenge.

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PC Chuck Gay, RBAW Delegate

# Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2020 Rendezvous Schedule

<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Seafair Milk Carton Derby</b>	<b>Green Lake Larry &amp; Cindy Warren &amp; Seattle</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Port Orchard (Labor Day) Call Host to Reserve Slip</b>	<b>Need Hosts (10) Boats <u>\$5 Reservation Fee</u></b>

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)  
Text: 206-571-3096**

TPS Summer Cruise 2020 is officially re-scheduled for 2021 with one exception. New dates with mostly same locations:

Poulsbo	July 23	July 25
PortLudlow	July 25	July 27
** Port Townsend (Need to call for scheduling)	July 27	July 30
Pleasant Harbor	July 30	August 2
Kingston	August 2	August 5
Brownsville	August 5	August 8

Port Townsend does not have the ability to re-schedule a year in advance; they are considering a 10-month in advance system. They will send a refund check.

I will call them the end of September and attempt to re-book for July 27, 2021.

All other ports will keep the money sent for group reservations and have confirmed our visit as reflected above.



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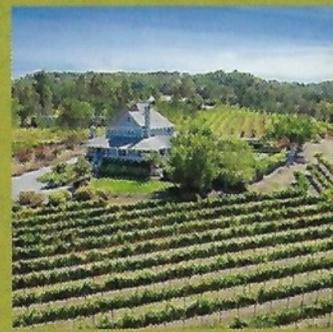
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