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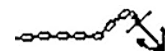


Here we are, officially entered into the 2023 – 2024 Watch Year. We have an all-new, although somewhat Recycled, Bridge & Board. Our Change of Watch occurred at the Tacoma Yacht Club on April 26, 2023. The COW presented to an amazingly packed crowd of members and guests. No less than 17 District and Squadron Past Commanders were present for the evening. The venue for the occasion was perfect for us; the food, the service, and the room's decor were exceptional. I heard nothing but compliments! My sincere thanks to Tacoma Yacht Club's catering staff and, of course, our amazing Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, who once again stepped up and made all the arrangements Happen! Thank You. Thank you, P/C Stan Wolfe. As usual, his attention to detail is spot on, and for handling the flags and equipment for the occasion. Thank You, Stan!

As your newly sworn-in Commander, my message was simple. 1. That We will All make sure that new members (or any member) feel welcomed and encouraged to help with squadron jobs; if we don't welcome them and make them feel that they are part of something Great, how could we ever expect that they will stay with us.

2. One of the jobs in the squadron that is challenging is being on the Nominating committee! Every past Commander will go through it, and it isn't easy at best. If they should call on you, I only ask that you listen to their request and seriously consider what they propose. The health of our squadron depends on you becoming more active in the direction we take.

We will have another great year ahead with a Great Education department and Bridge & Board members willing to serve. I'm encouraging you to get out there and attend some rendezvous and gatherings this summer! I will see you all at the Membership appreciation meeting, Tuesday, May 23rd, at DIYC. PIZZA!



Call to Meeting Membership Appreciation

May 23rd, 6:30-8:30 PM
Day Island Yacht Club

Executive Board Meeting

Monday
May 8th, 2023
(6:00-8:00PM)
Black Bear Diner

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



From the Swim Step

I want to thank everyone for their confidence in me when you elected me as your Executive Lt/C James Harden, JN- CN Officer. I will strive to get you 100% effort this year.

The sun is shining along with the atmosphere being dry does make all boaters want to get out on the water. We need to ensure our boats are ready for the season, making a safe environment to have fun on the water. Here are a few suggestions before you go.

Batteries

Your battery bank is only as strong as your weakest battery.

Fuel Filters

Fuel filters are an essential component of your boat's fuel system as they help remove impurities before the fuel reaches the engine.

Impellers

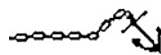
To prevent overheating, all boats have impellers that bring cool water into your engine.

Zincs are often overlooked during spring inspections but are an important component to keeping you above water.

Safety Gear

Last but certainly not least, inspecting your safety gear and replacing anything that is outdated will help keep you and your family safe. Get your vessel safety check for the cruising season.

Performing regular maintenance and having your boat serviced by you or a reputable marina, you will have peace of mind when heading out on your adventures this summer.



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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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

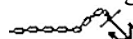


Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

Hi, I'm Stan Wolfe, your recycled Administrative Officer (AO), effective April 26, 2023. I'll do my best to fill the shoes of our most recent past AO, Larry Warren, AP who has graciously agreed to serve as our new Commander. I'd like to provide a brief bio for those who may not know me. I joined Tacoma Power Squadron in 2004 after completing the Basic Boating Course. I took the course after buying my first "big" boat, a 27-foot express cruiser with a duo-prop Volvo Penta outdrive. I knew I needed some kind of training when the first docking in my slip included removing the roof support from the edge of the dock. Over the years, I have served on the Executive Board, Chairman of the elective courses, basic boating instructor, weather course instructor, Squadron Education Officer, Administrative Officer, Executive Officer and Commander. I've attended many of District 16's Spring and Fall conferences as well as most squadron and district rendezvous. I've taken a few seminars and have completed all the advanced grades and elective courses offered by USPS. I've also taken some of the newest courses offered in the On-the-Water training program. All of the educational and hands on training activities have made me a better, safer boater. I now enjoy sharing my experience by serving as one of our On-the-Water instructors.

With all that behind me, what's next? To start answering that question, let me describe the general duties of the AO. In general, the AO oversees those functions considered internal to the club. These include Membership, Membership Involvement, Boating Activities, Sunshine, and Operations Training. In future articles I will discuss topics that should interest our members but not restricted to these functional areas.

Finally, in closing my introductory article, I invite your comments and suggestions on issues impacting the internal processes within our club. Since I also serve as the nominating committee chairman, I also encourage each of you to get involved. We still have vacancies on various committees and the Executive Board and really need your participation to energize the club. So, take a class, attend one of our general meetings or boat over to a rendezvous. Find out what we are about.



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*Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
Sq Education Officer*

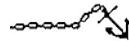
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Hello Fellow Boaters!

Summer is finally here and boating classes taught by Tacoma Power Squadron are suspended until Fall, 2023.

So, get out on your watercraft (boats, kayaks or paddle boards) and have some fun.



New Members being sworn in February/March 2023 General Meetings at Day Island Yacht Club

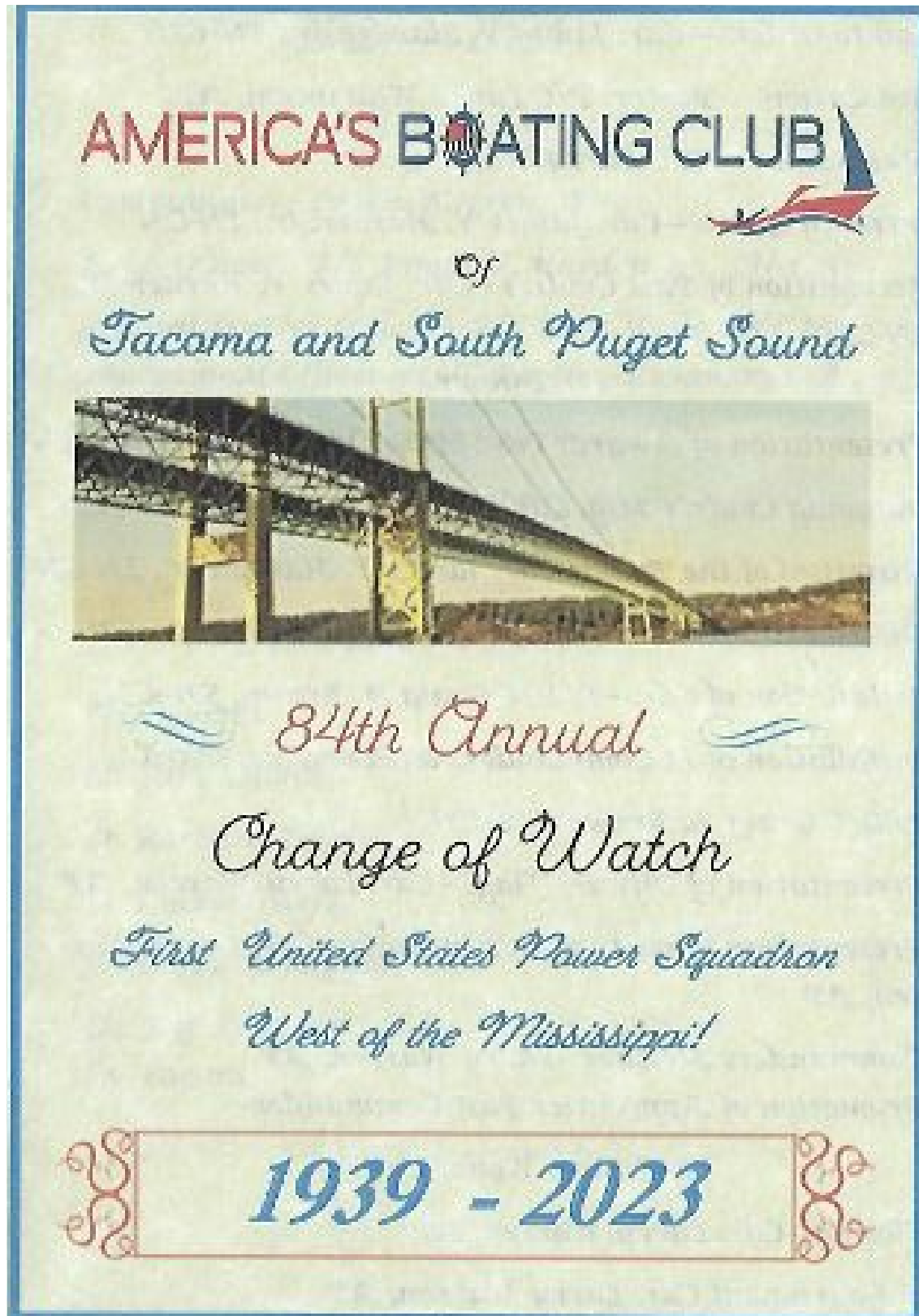


L to R New Members Bob Hays, Sarah Hamel, Gary & Jin Fugate, Liz Mason and Scott Barth



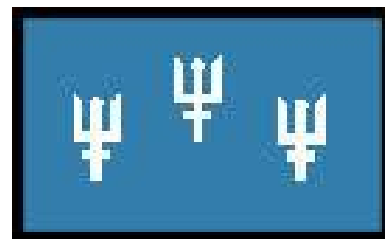
New Member Charles Vaden

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



(Artwork provided by Cdr Larry Warren, AP)

Tacoma and South Puget Sound Change of Watch 2023



**Commander Larry Warren, AP
sworn in by P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-CN**



**2023-2024 Bridge Officers
sworn in by P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-CN**

L to R: XO-Lt/c Jim Harden, Treasurer-Lt/C Henry Reisch, SEO-Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, Secretary-Lt/C Jin Fugate,
AO-Lt/C Stan Wolfe

(Pictures provided by Steve Erickson, Seattle Sail & Power Sq & National USPS Photographer)

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IT'S THE FINAL COUNTDOWN FOLKS
13107 Faircourt Lane SE, Rainier, WA 98576-9407
MAY 2023 Cruise In & BBQ
SAT. MAY 20, 2023

That's right, we're counting down the days until our "Cruise In " and BBQ. A special invitation to any new members, as well as our new members from Poverty Bay Squadron. It has been pointed out to me that I have told some people "same time as last year", which was 1:00, and put in my notices 2:00. So, to avoid any confusion (good luck Gary) You may start arriving at 1:00 or any time you wish after that. We will plan on eating around 2:30 subject to change, but it won't be any earlier than 2:30.

Some people have told me they have other things that they are doing earlier in the day, and so they can't make it in time for our BBQ. Don't let that stop you, come after your morning activities are over, even if you have already eaten. Come and hang out with us in the afternoon. You don't have to eat to participate. For those who are eating, we are having your choice of burgers or pulled pork. Just please let us know your preference when you RSVP, which the deadline is May 12.

You can visit with your fellow Squadron members as well as take part in some activities, including: Brain teaser puzzles (which I forgot last year), cornboard toss, horseshoes, and a hayride behind one of my antique tractors (which will be on display). Just remember to bring a potluck dish to share and your own chairs. Plates, utensils, and non alcoholic beverages will be provided. You may BYOB if you wish.

FROM I-5

Take Lacey exit 109. Turn West and drive short distance to College St. Turn left on College and drive all of the way thru town 4.7 miles. As you lv Lacey city limits you pass under a railroad bridge and road becomes known as Rainier rd. Continue East on Rainier rd 7.4 miles. As you cross Military rd (flashing yellow light), you are .2 mi. from Faircourt Ln S.E. on the right. Start slowing and signaling early as traffic moves very fast on Rainier rd, there is a white fence at the corner of Rainier and Faircourt. Turn rt on Faircourt and we are the second house on the right.

FROM ROY Y

Take Hwy 507 thru Roy and Mckenna, continuing over Nisqually River and into Yelm. At the 5th stop light turn left and head South (still on 507). Driving 5 miles into Rainier, there are 2 gas stations on the right, 2 blocks apart. Go past the Chevron station and turn right immediately after the Shell station, you can't see the street until you are right on it. In 2 blocks you will pass under a railroad trestle that is a 1 lane road so you have to take turns with oncoming traffic (be careful some people don't stop). Follow the road up the hill and around the bend, Faircourt Ln is 1.9 mi from the Shell station on the left. The street is hard to see coming from that direction so look for our neighbors white board fence and turn just BEFORE it. We are the second house on the right.

RSVP To Gary or Barb Dildine

Telephone with answering machine 360-446-0276 We'll call you back.

E-Mail garydildine8@msn.com fpr you techies.

We look forward to seeing all of you Saturday, May 20, 2023.



Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: June 8-11, 2023

Registration:

Name(s): _____
"Cell" Phone: _____

Squadron: _____
Email: _____

*****If you are coming for any of the rendezvous events PLEASE register*****
Registering only for events/fellowship (no moorage or meal) circle YES

All reservations must be received per below prior to May 18, 2023.

No guarantee for meals or moorage will be given after this date!!

Friday Skills: Flare shoot (fire real flares) training in afternoon (1330). On Friday because of timing of Tides.

Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB&F) "Dock Party" from 5:00-7:30+ PM on "E Dock". Members/guest set up tables & chairs (and tents/covers depending on weather) at the end of "E Dock". Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres & BYOB to share with fellow district members and guests.

Saturday Coffee & Sweets: 9:00AM at the Poulsbo Marina's "party barge".

Saturday Skills:

- **Co-Op Chart** (Geodetic & Navigational) practice/training in morning (1030) @ multi-purpose room.
- **Fire Extinguisher** (real fire) practice/training in early afternoon (1300) @ Fire Pit.
- **Man Overboard Recovery** practice heaving line throw & recover from the water "Oscar" (the same weight & size of a person) in afternoon (1500) @ "E Dock" To-Be-Announced. Bring your life jacket.

Saturday Evening Dinner: 6:00PM at the Poulsbo Yacht Club. Catered Grilled chicken breast, Baked potato salad, Pasta salad, Baked beans, and Dessert. BYOB (Water & soda will be available).

Please note quantity eating: _____ **Total Meal Amount (\$25/person):** \$ _____

Dietary considerations: _____

MOORAGE Reservations:

- **Pay a nonrefundable \$10 for moorage reservation prior to May 18, 2023.**
- Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is \$1.50 per foot (30' minimum). We recommend boats are "stern in" to facilitate socializing.
- **Please circle your "1st choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard stern in port stern in starboard
- **Please circle your "2nd choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard stern in port stern in starboard
- **Please circle Arrival Day:** (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)
- **Estimated arrival time:** _____

Boat Name: _____ **LOA** _____ **Beam** _____ **Draft** _____

Special Considerations: _____ (will try to accommodate)

Prior to entering the marina hail "America's Boating Club" on Ch72 for docking instructions (no self-assigning slips).

Non-refundable Moorage Reservation Fee (\$10.00): \$ _____

LODGING:

Call Poulsbo Inn @ 360-779-3921 or 360-779-9737. Reference "**District 16**" for group rate of **\$124.60/night plus tax.**

Group block rate closes June 1, 2023. Make your hotel reservations early and payment directly with the hotel.

Registration form and payment must be received prior to May 18, 2023. Please Send to:

Make payment out to "USPS District 16"

TOTAL (meals + moorage): \$ _____

**D/Lt/C David McBride
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Poulsbo, WA 98370**

For Questions Contact: David McBride at davmcb@comcast.net or 360-228-6003



D/16 Annual Poulsbo Rendezvous June 9 – 11, 2023



It is time once again to SAVE THE DATE for one of our favorite district events. The Poulsbo Rendezvous. The place where there is plenty of slips for boaters, the Poulsbo Inn for those who come by car, and a destination for RVers! All happening in the city of Poulsbo – known for its famous-and-we-can't-miss-it Sluys' Bakery! That in itself motivates considering attending this year! Being in Poulsbo brings a welcome set of memories and opportunities for new ones.

COME JOIN US!

DOCKING: Dave McBride and crew will be assisting the boats with docking *Thursday—Saturday*. Everybody is required to call in on **VHF 72**, prior to entering the marina. Even if you do not wish assistance in docking, please inform the docking crew you have arrived.

REGISTRATION: Friday and Saturday, rendezvous check-in will be at the multi-purpose room (pictured) located at the entrance to "E" dock. Times for registration will be posted on front of the building. You must send in the \$10.00 dock reservation fee (non-refundable) with your reservation to ensure you will have a confirmed slip. The remainder of your moorage fees (for your entire stay) must be paid directly to the Port of Poulsbo. **The reservation for your meals and moorage must be received by May 18, 2023.** No guarantees for the dinner or dock space after this date.

NEW THIS YEAR! It is always good to add something new to stir things up. This year we are fortunate to have two new items!

- ♦ **A Co-op Charting Adventure** led by Dave McBride that will feature the search for geodetic markers and a navigational aid component. Opportunity to learn about this fun, adventurous, and rewarding skill!
- ♦ **A "Share the Wealth" Silent Auction!** This auction will provide an opportunity for the squadrons and the District to earn rewards. Yes, each squadron that donates an item (\$50.00 value) for the auction will receive a share of the proceeds. It is a win-win for everyone!

FRIDAY, June 9, 2023

- 1:30pm:** Flare Shoot Training. Join Craig Brown for the Flare Shoot training session on the beach at the end of the boardwalk. This is a great opportunity to obtain "hands-on" experience with your on-board safety equipment. Don't wait until you have an emergency to figure out how to use these critical items.
- 5:30pm – 7:30pm:** Attend our traditional **"Dock Party"** on "E" Dock." Members/Guests will setup tables and chairs (tents or covering depending on weather). Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share to this BYOB event! All alcoholic beverages must remain within the docks and cannot pass the ramp.

SATURDAY:

- 9:00am:** Wake up to the smell of freshly brewed coffee and join us for pastries in the Multi-purpose building!
- 10:30am Co-op Charting Adventure:** Practical hands-on search for geodetic marks in the area. Join Dave McBride and Jim West at the Multi-purpose building to begin skill building in the art of geodetics! Put on your walking shoes and get ready to have fun and perform a bit of civic service!
- 1:00pm:** Fire Extinguisher (real fire) practice and training at the Fire Pit.
- 3:00pm:** Man-Overboard Recovery practice heaving line throw & recover "Oscar" (the same weight & size of a person) from the water on "E Dock." Bring your life jacket.
- 5:30pm: Pre-Silent Auction.** Each squadron is asked to donate a **new** item valued at \$50.00. Bring your items to the Poulsbo Yacht Club. Raffle winners will be announced at 7:30pm.
- 6:00pm:** Make your way to the Poulsbo Yacht Club for a delicious grilled chicken breast meal! Includes baked potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, and dessert. BYOB (Water & soda will be available). All plates and utensils will be provided. Dinner cost is \$25.00 per person – reserve on the Registration Form!

Your Rendezvous host this year for docking is Dave McBride, davmcb@comcast.net and

Annette Ferguson, newfy03@gmail.com for general questions!



Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2023 Rendezvous Schedule

May 20

Drive in Rendezvous

Gary & Barb Dildine's Home
(Details on Page 6)

June 9 - 11

Poulsbo Dist 16

Registration Form on Page 9

September 23

Salmon Bake

Chuck & Vicki Sharp's Home (details will be
provided in the near future)



**TACOMA POWER SQUADRON
2023 – 2024**

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3 Yr Term	Lt Becky Arrington, S
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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Lt Scott MacLeod, P

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APRIL 2023

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