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COMMANDER



Hello, I apologize for the delay in our newsletter. The past few weeks have been quite hectic for me, and I've been struggling to find the time to compile and send it out. I understand that this is not an ideal situation, and I assure you that I am taking steps to ensure it doesn't happen again in the future.

Cdr Larry Warren, AP As you know or have heard, I am once again your Commander for another year as of April 26th, 2024. If you're counting, yes, this is my fourth year. For the good, the bad, or the ugly, I'm here to try and keep our squadron from being one of the several squadrons that have had to step down from being a functioning entity. But I'm not the only one in our squadron returning for more than their fair share of keeping the team running fairly smoothly. Jim Harden has stepped up to take the reins of the Treasurer's Office, not hardly his first rodeo by all means. Bently Rickmers, of course, no stranger to the Education Dept. and with a little persuasion has agreed to help us out for another year. Beth Stone also returning to keep the records straight as Secretary once again. Although through zoom, she will still be a vital part of the team. Of course, there are many behind the scenes members, that we need to keep our planned course on track and run smoothly, who continually step up year after year and almost never give it a thought. We all owe them a debt of gratitude and thanks for their invaluable contributions! I don't want to forget some of our newer members who have stepped up to fill in our Bridge and help keep us strong, Ed Yotter, our new Executive Officer and Bob Hays the newly sworn in Administrative Officer, we'll all be seeing more from in the coming months. Welcome aboard!

As part of my goals for this coming year, I plan to reach out to more new members and, with all of YOUR help, try to encourage them to do something for the squadron. We know the first step is the hardest to take. Still, with some thoughtful conversation about a particular job in mind, a job you are familiar with, you can tell them what it entails to do the job and how many hours they could expect to spend on a job. We have jobs with different levels of involvement, and indeed, there is something that they could do that they could excel at. This is not just about contributing to the squadron, but also about personal growth and development.

Another part of what I would like to see is take a lesson from America's Boating Club of the San Juan Islands. One of the things they do is videotape the correct way to enter certain moorages or anchorages, not only from the skipper's view but also from an aerial view. Some entrances and currents can be difficult for the new boater or someone from a different area than this one who would definitely benefit from our Local knowledge! These videos might help us maintain or add to our monthly treasurer's report.

As we move forward, let's remember to prioritize safety. Maintaining our boats and being prepared for any situation is not just a recommendation, but a responsibility we all share. Let's also not forget the importance of helping others in need on the water. This summer, I invite you to join us in some rendezvous and fun picnics at Barb and Gary's and also at Viki and Chuck's. These events not only provide us with an opportunity to bond as a squadron but also ensure our collective safety on the water. Your participation is crucial in making these events successful and enjoyable for everyone.

Member Appreciation Meeting

May 28th, 2024 (6:30-8:30 PM)

Day Island Yacht Club

Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday

May 14th, 2024 (6:00-8:00 PM)

Black Bear Diner

Lakewood, WA

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Lt/C Ed Yotter,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

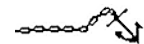


Being new to this squadron, I'd like to give you a glimpse into our family. My wife and I both retired in 2003, she from an elementary school classroom position and myself after a 35 year career with the State of California as an engineer, primarily in the motor vehicle side of air pollution. We moved here in 2004 and bought a house in Kent to be closer to our daughter (Tiara) and the two grandkids (Trinity and Dillon). Our son (Shawn) lives in the Chicago area. My wife Diane has been in an Adult Family home since December 2021, is wheelchair bound and requires full-time physical assistance as well as memory care.

We moved our Power Squadron membership from the Sacramento Power Squadron to the Poverty Bay Power Squadron upon settling into the retired life here in the NW. As members of Poverty Bay for the past 19 years we spent most of them socializing, taking classes and exploring the great northwest. As a side hustle my wife and I were twice responsible for the Ships Store for a total of eight years.

Our boat is a 24' open bow and was used mostly on Folsom reservoir east of Sacramento for water skiing. The boat ramp was less than a mile from our home. We also managed to take a couple of long summer weekends each year to Lake Tahoe for boating, camping and scuba diving for crawfish. Upon moving up here we felt that putting full canvas/plastic from the cockpit aft just made a lot of sense because of the weather. Since the boat does not have sleeping accommodations our rendezvous involvements with the squadrons have always required motel beds being high on the comfort needs list. This will be my way of attending rendezvous here.

I look forward to getting to know everyone in the Tacoma Squadron. See you around.



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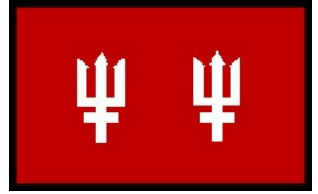
P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-CN is our VSC Chairperson.

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.



Lt/C Bob Hays,

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



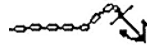
I am a Viet Nam veteran and went on to spend 25 years in the fire service, teaching and helping others. I was also an adjutant instructor at the U.S Fire Academy.

In 1986 I met Patty and was reintroduced to boating. We have been boating ever since. From living aboard for 10 years to earning our captain's licenses. We have owned everything from 12' sailing dinghy's to 36 foot sailing catamarans.

After my retirement, I joined a number of organizations focused on helping others, Toastmasters, and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, to name a few.

In the auxiliary I was a certified instructor, vessel safety inspector, and coxswain. During my 26 years in the auxiliary. I was also the Auxiliary Sector Coordinator for five years.

I am so much looking forward to learning from and sharing knowledge with fellow members of the Tacoma Power Squadron.



- * **LEARN Boating Skills**
- * **ENGAGE with Boating Friends**
- * **CONNECT with the Boating Community**



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

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Education finished up with testing on Boat Handling and Radar for Boaters. Everyone who took the Radar course passed! Thank you to John Dorsey for teaching this course hybrid. We had people from California and New Jersey along with the people in person. I received many accolades for holding this class hybrid because not many squadrons offer this course. Hopefully we will offer this course again next year.

The Boat Handling exams were mailed back to National for grading. I'm sure everyone did well with the wonderful instructors, Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN and Lt/C Jim Harden, JN-CN.

Tacoma doesn't have any classes upcoming with the boating season coming into full swing but there are always online courses to take. Click below to see what is available:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/index.php/learn/available-online>

Speaking of boating, here are some tips for docking in a marina:

Marina docking safety

Marina docking safety depends on knowing the dock types and conditions available at your chosen marina, including the direction and strength of wind and current. Once you know what to expect, you can formulate a thoughtful docking plan and communicate it to your crew.

You might encounter floating finger docks, fixed finger docks, fixed docks with pilings, docks with protective facings, concrete wall docks, Med moor docks and others. Each situation requires different mooring line and fender placement, but with proper preparation and a competent deck crew, docking can be straightforward even with strong winds, tides and currents.

Preparing the bow lines

Successful docking in this situation requires long bow lines (30 feet or more) properly prepared and attached at the bow, shorter [docking lines](#) prepared and ready at the stern, and possibly a spring line on each side to stabilize the boat's distance from the dock. All lines should be readied by the deck crew before you approach the slip.

Preparing the fenders

Next, you need to prepare the fenders. If the boat rails will rest against exposed dock pilings, don't put fenders over the sides until the boat is nearly secured. In a dual slip, you'll want to be careful to set fenders at the proper height along the side of the boat.

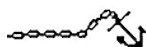
Determining the wind and current

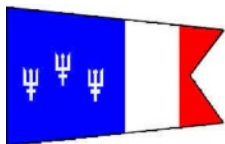
After readying lines and fenders, take stock of the wind and current to determine which way the boat will want to move without power applied.

When handling the boat, go slow. When you are about two-thirds of the way into the slip, be prepared to gently bump into the dock with properly deployed fenders, and rest there while the bow lines are rigged. I have learned how to loop a line around the cleat from the bow. Practice that!

Once the bow lines are attached and slack, back the boat the rest of the way into the slip and attach two stern lines to properly situate the boat left to right and restrain it from going forward. The last step is to tighten the bow line.

Happy and safe boating!!





PROGRAMS

*Lt Barbara Prudente
Programs Chairman*



" Outreach with Orca Network and Whale Watching Laws Changes."

Orca Network contacted me about doing a class or seminar on whales in the Puget Sound. We have arranged for them to present their program at the May meeting. Should be a great presentation. Hope to see you there!



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Jackie, 4/16/24
Although the seasons have
changed, we at the Bridges
Center for Grieving Children
want to extend our heartfelt
thanks to the Tacoma Power
Squadron for the incredible
show of support and generosity
shown to our families through
your toy drive last December.
Your outreach brought
considerable joy to many
children and blessed their
holiday season. Thank!!
Mat Ledin



America's Boating Channel™ Explains the Difference Between Boating Knowledge Versus Skills

Think about it: knowledge is theory and skills put knowledge into practical practice. It requires a combination to become a better boater.



This is brought home through the "[Knowledge Versus Skills](#)" video that covers differences between boating knowledge and boating skills and why it matters. Viewers also learn approaches to take to improve their boating abilities and the pitfalls to avoid in boater education.



Knowledge doesn't mean you're good at boating, but it can help you more easily and safely develop boating skills that must be practiced on the water. Concepts, principles, and information about boating can be learned through reading, studying, and observing. The ability to plan, depart, anchor, dock, and perform other boat maneuvers is mastered through experience.

Videos like this one can kick-start a classroom presentation. Follow the video link above or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find this 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.

Saturday May 18, 2024 1300 hours

Rendezvous / Cruise In BBQ

Hello? Is there anyone out there? The silence is deafening. The response to my notice in the Wake Astern about the May Rendezvous has received exactly zero phone responses so far. I do have 6 people signed up who have talked to me in person, I am hoping people just lost track of time, but you are running out of time. If you have been here in the past, please do not assume we know you are coming this year. Please call us.

We need to get a head count by May 10 so that we know how much food to prepare. We will be having pulled pork again this year, but you may bring your own protein to put on the grill if you wish. Buns for the pork will be provided along with coffee, lemonade, soda, and water. All you need to bring is a potluck/picnic item to share and your favorite portable seating appliance. You don't have to bring plates or utensils, they will be provided.

As previously noted, the favorite activity is interacting with fellow members. There will also be horseshoes, corn board, hayrides, antique tractor display, and wandering around the woods and garden area. Speaking of the garden, we will have some raspberry starts on a first come, first served basis, and possibly some rhubarb stalks available to go home with anyone interested.

The address is the same as last year: 13107 Faircourt Lane S.E. Rainier WA 98576. If you have not been here before let us know if you need directions when you call to RSVP. You can get here from I-5 or coming thru Roy and Yelm (which is a much more scenic drive). We have 5 acres of property, with a large garden and some apple trees, so its a busy time of year for us. If you reach the answering machine when you call, please leave your name and number and we will call back to confirm we got your message. **BUT YOU HAVE TO CALL.** WE know there are times that you realize at the last minute that you can make it when you originally didn't think you could. Go ahead and give us a call and join us. We just cannot accommodate 10 or 20 people calling 2 days before the event.

We look forward to hearing from a lot of you soon, **PLEASE JOIN US**, don't worry about the weather, we've got you covered (if necessary), Arrival time is 1300, with lunch around 1400-1430. Early arrivals welcome.

GARY & BARBARA DILDINE 360-446-0276

P.S. If it's not too dry we will have a fire going and can make S'MORES.



Washington - Alaska - Idaho



48th Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: June 21st – 23rd, 2024

--Registration--

Name(s): _____

Squadron: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

****If You're coming for any of the rendezvous' events PLEASE register****

Registration @ the Multi-purpose room, get your Meal tickets and Raffle Tickets!

If you are registering only for events/fellowship (no moorage or meal) Circle **YES**

All reservations must be received per below, prior to June 7th, 2024.

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

Friday night Social: No Host (BYOB&f) 50's & 60's "Dock Party" 5:00PM –

7:30+ PM on "E- dock". Members & Guests set up tables & chairs (and tarps/canopies depending on the weather) at the end of "E- Dock" . Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres from the 50's & 60's & BYOB to share with fellow members and guests. Let's bring back the 50's & 60's for the weekend, bring appetizers, your favorite drinks that were favorites way back then, throw on some dud's from back in the day when Bill Haley and his Comets, Jerry lee Lewis, and The Platters reigned supreme in the music world! Let's "Rock Around the Clock" There will be prizes for the best dressed couple and the most authentic 50's and 60's dishes or appetizers served at the party!

Saturday Morning 10:00 – 11:00 Opening Ceremonies

Saturday Morning (9:00 am) Coffee & sweet treats to get over that throbbing head from the night before!

Saturday Skills: Fire Extingusher practice at fire pit area, Time: 8-10:30 AM. Flare shoot at the beach, Time is TBD, early afternoon.

An array of Seminars is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, Subjects & times will be posted the Multi-Purpose room located by the Port Office

Saturday afternoon: Championship "JENGA" Come join in a game of excitement, Fun and skill! Location and time will be posted at the multi-Purpose room.

Saturday Evening Dinner & Entertainment: at the Poulsbo Yacht club 6:00PM.

If you would like a ride to the Yacht Club for dinner, please sign up @ the multi-purpose rm. When you register, or Sat. morning.

We'll be having a raffle of donated items from the Squadrons, First Ticket Drawn will get first pick of Prizes, and so on till all are claimed!

Please join us for a fun filled evening With Performer "Joey Jewel"!

Performing songs from the 50's & 60's of "Old Blue Eyes" (Frank Sinatra) & Friends!

Dinner is made to perfection, from Danney's BBQ of Silverdale. Brisket & smoked Chicken, Baked Beans, Smoked Mac-N-Cheese, Potato Salad, a corn muffin and Dessert. BYOB, water/sodas are provided.

Number of people dining_____

Dietary Considerations_____

Total amt. (\$25.50 Per/ Person): \$_____

--Moorage Reservations:--

Pay a Non-Refundable \$10 for moorage reservations Prior to June 7th, 2024

Pay Moorage fee to Port Poulsbo after arrival. The moorage rate is \$2.00 per foot (30' min.) +power @ \$3.50 per night. We recommend that 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 _____ **(We will try to accommodate) Prior to entering the Marina hail "America's Boating Club" on Ch.72 for instructions (no self-assigning slips)**

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

--Lodging:-- _____



Poulsbo Inn & Suites Call (360) 779-3921 or (800)597-5151. Reference" America's Boating Club" for group rate of \$124.00/night +TAX. (\$138.01) Group rate ends June 7th, 2024. Make your hotel Reservations early and Payment directly with the Hotel. Registration form must be received by June 7th, 2024. Please send to: D/Lt/C Larry Warren, address below. Make payment out to "USPS District 16" Total (Meal(s) + Res. Fee) \$

For Questions Contact D/Lt/C Larry Warren 26516 154th St. E. Buckley, WA 98321.
"(206) 571-3099"

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

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Port Orchard Marina

Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2024 Rendezvous Schedule

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>
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
Port Orchard	Port Orchard Marina	August 16 - 18	Stone
Salmon Bake	Sharp Homestead	September 21	Sharp

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





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3 Yr Term	Lt Brian Prudente

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May 2024

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Dist 16 Rendv						
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

JUNE 2024

The logo for "The Wake Astern" features a stylized black silhouette of a wake or a stylized 'S' shape above the text "The Wake Astern" in a black, italicized, serif font. The text is slightly shadowed, giving it a 3D appearance as if it's floating above the wake.