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COMMANDER



Yes, we're looking for a few
Good Men and Women!

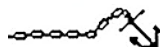


of

Tacoma and South Puget Sound

We're not looking for men and women forged from steel and fire, ready to do battle with foe in faraway places! No! We're looking for a mild-mannered person or persons, on the outside with a Cape underneath. You don't have to be faster than a speeding bullet or more powerful than a locomotive. We certainly don't mind if you're a visitor from another planet and can leap tall buildings with a single bound or bend steel with your bare hands as long as you are willing to use a little of that energy to fight for Truth, Education, and America's Boating Club Way! All kidding aside, I believe our mission is as important as fighting for truth, Justice, and the American way. One of the most American things we do is Boating! That's likely why you joined: to expand your knowledge and confidence while on the water, and it never hurts to have friends with the same interests. Only some people can be a teacher. You know it takes a village to raise a child. We are not only teachers but a boatload of people supporting those willing to teach. So of course, we're looking for people willing to teach and a cast of supporting characters. We may not all be able to be a Superman, but we also need Jimmy Olson's and Lois Lane's! We have three supporting members that could use your help right now: the Nominating Committee. They are searching for "A Few Good Men & Women." At this time, they are looking for possibly a [Commander](#), an [Administrative Officer](#), an [Educational Officer](#), one [Rules committee member](#), one [Nominating committee member](#), two [Executive board members](#), one [Financial Review committee member](#), a [Public Relations Chairperson](#), [Boat show's Chairperson](#), [Elective Courses Chairperson](#), [Boating Activities Chairperson](#), [Historian](#), [Supply Officer](#), [Property Officer](#). Please think about letting us borrow some of your superpowers and join our team of dedicated volunteers to further the common goal of :

"The United States Power Squadrons"



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 28th, 2023 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
November 14th, 2023 (6:00-8:00 PM)
Black Bear Diner
Lakewood, WA

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

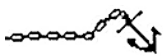


First, I want to thank all the Vessel Examiners who have given their time to make other boaters safer on the water. I personally find doing VSCs enjoyable, allowing me to see different types/styles of boats along with meeting many different boaters. Because I never know when I am talking to boaters whether on the docks or on their boats, they may want to join our squadron. If any of our members would like to be a Vessel Examiner, please contact me or Craig Brown.

Second, I want to thank all the members who went out and located geodetic marks, or navigation aids. This is a lot of fun, much like a treasure hunt. It becomes even more fun when you get together with friends or family making a day of it. I am willing to help you get started and will send in your reports to national. Call me for more information.

Something new from the safety committee:

See ya around the docks.



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Email: craig-sandybrown@msn.com
Phone: 253-350-4884
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!

Thank you, Barbara Prudente, our Program Chairperson, for an outstanding October Program. Representatives from Elmhurst Power and Light Company discussed boathouse and boat electrical hazards. After their discussion, they answered several questions from the audience. That reminds me, I had my bonding system checked recently and I have some green wire work to do. If you have a suggestion for a future program, please contact Barbara and pass it on to her.

The remainder of the year consists of the November general meeting and the traditional Christmas Brunch. No program is scheduled for the November general meeting, so it is a prime opportunity to discuss holiday plans and events to consider attending in 2024. The Christmas Brunch will be at Tacoma Yacht Club, 11:00 AM, December 3, 2023. See the flyer for this event elsewhere in this edition. This year we will continue the tradition of collecting toys for Bridges Center for Grieving Children. If attending the Brunch, please bring a donation of a new, unwrapped gift suitable for a child 3-18 years old. This year in a slight change from past years, we will be donating to Nourish Pierce County via cash only. If wishing to donate, the best method to do so would be to make a check out to Nourish Pierce County. We can collect cash at the Brunch, but a check would be so much easier. Nourish Pierce County has told us that cash is preferred over the old fashioned canned and non-perishable food items. They can buy a lot more food for the same dollars we spend; and, some non-perishable foods require the addition of eggs, milk or oil to prepare them and those components are perishable and thus not readily available to those consuming the food.

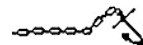
Two more topics I would like to discuss this month: rendezvous and treasurer.

We need a short-term treasurer to bridge us over until the next Change of Watch. We have a Treasurer identified but he is unable to assume duties earlier than next April. The duties include maintaining our general and the cruise fund accounts; depositing money from educational sales and dues; submitting an IRS form and Washington State sales tax report; participating in an annual internal financial review. The accounts are posted in Quicken AND...there is tutelage and mentoring available. Help your club and you might discover that you enjoy doing so!

Rendezvous schedule is still staring at me - blank and unfulfilled. That is so sad.

To get the ball rolling and help you folks break the ice for 2024, Deb and I will match the first offer. That is, you volunteer to host by providing your name, location, and date, then Deb and I will do the same. We have traditionally hosted Arabellas in February but have also hosted at Dock Street, Des Moines and Kingston. Hosting can be as easy or as detailed as you are willing to plan, but we do need to start locking down dates before all the good marinas are filled. Some clubs make their reservation for the following year as they depart from the current year's visit.

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





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

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Did you know there are lots of classes and seminars on boating online that you can take from the comfort of your home at your leisure?

To list a few seminars:

All about Marine Radios- Know how to use your VHF marine radio. You'll need it in an emergency and for important ship-to-ship communications.

Marine radios provide boaters the best and most reliable communication on the water. Marine radios have many advantages over cell phones, especially in an emergency. Learn about the digital selective calling (DSC) rescue feature as well as everyday uses such as to secure a marina slip, call for bridge openings and much more. You'll also get tips on purchasing and installing VHF to get the most out of your investment.

What's included?

- How VHF radios work and their controls
- Using the correct channels
- Advanced methods of communication
- How digital selective calling (DSC) equipped radios work and their controls

Knots and Line Handling - Do you know which knots to use in every situation? Learn to securely attach your boat and other useful applications.

Learn how to secure your boat to docks, piers, and other boats; handle rescue and repair situations; manage running rigging; anchor securely; and tow other vessels or people. This seminar has been designed to help you to know which lines and knots to use in each situation. You'll gain knowledge and hands-on experience selecting the appropriate line and tying the 10 most useful knots, bends, and hitches; and you'll learn how to care for the lines on your boat and on the dock.

How to use your GPS - Know where you are and where you are going using GPS. Learn how to use GPS, select and use GPS devices, and apply GPS to your navigational needs.

Boaters need the most reliable location and position information available, which makes getting the most out of your Global Positioning System pretty important. Learn how to use waypoints, build and execute routes, and monitor progress. Learn to interpret location information and tracking data, and get an overview of how GPS integrates with your boat's electronic systems. Explore what features you need and how to arrange your display. Also get tips on connecting your GPS to your VHF marine radio, which opens up a new world of digital hailing and distress signaling.

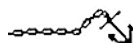
There are many more classes and seminars to take online. Check them out in the link below:

[America's Boating Club Online Boating Classes \(americasboatingclub.org\)](http://americasboatingclub.org)

I hope to have another ABC, Boating Handling and Radar courses after the first of the year in person.

A few people have expressed interest in Celestial Navigation and Offshore Navigation, formerly called Junior Navigation. If you are interested in this class, let me know and I will get one scheduled.

Happy boating!!



Annual Christmas Brunch 2023

Please join us for Tacoma Power Squadron's annual Christmas Brunch held at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Enjoy good food, friends and the beautiful views from the warmth of Tacoma Yacht Club's Ballroom. Be sure to bring your children and grandchildren along to meet Santa (he'll have goodies).

Sunday December 3, 2023 @ 11:00 AM
Tacoma Yacht Club - 5401 North Waterfront Drive, Tacoma, WA 98407
\$28.00 per person – Children 6 to 10 \$14.00
Children 5 and under free

Please bring an unwrapped gift for a girl or boy ages 3 -18.
Gifts will be donated to "Bridges" a center for grieving children.

Menu:

Assorted muffins, pastries and petite croissants -
Seasonal fruit display – Bacon and link sausage -
O'Brien potatoes – Scrambled eggs with cheese -
Waffles with fruit toppings and whipped cream -
Chilled juices – Coffee and herbal tea

Please return your reservation form by November 22, 2023

To:

P/C Gary Dildine, AP-IN
13107 Faircourt Lane SE
Rainier WA 98576

Name _____

Phone _____

Number of: Adults ____; Children 6 to 10 ____; Children 5 and under ____

Names of children who wish to see Santa: _____

Please make checks payable to the Tacoma Power Squadron

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____



Annual Crab Feed

Saturday, November 18 2023
Meydenbauer Bay Y C



- 6:00pm for social hour
- 6:30pm for the crab dinner!

Cost:

\$35 for whole crab

\$25 for 1/2 crab

\$20 for spaghetti

\$10 spaghetti for kids under 10

Includes Potato and Caesar salads, MBYC's amazingly delicious Italian bread & ice cream sundaes!

No Host Bar (Beer, Wine, and soft drinks)

Deadline for reservations: **Saturday, November 11**

Secure your reservation with PayPal at [Social Events | Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron | United States \(bellevuepowersquadron.org\)](#) or send your check (made payable to BSPS) to: Willa Conrad

7418 NE 118th Place
Kirkland, WA 98034

Questions? Contact Willa at 425.466.0560 (text) or Willaconrad41@gmail.com

Don't forget your crab crackers, butter is available upon request.

Boating Under the Influence: Talk about it before it's too late

Let's talk about boating under the influence (BUI). Just because November is upon us and a lot of boats have been winterized, we continue to need to educate each other about this dangerous practice. America's Boating Channel™ BUI videos offer an excellent way in which to do this.

Check out the "Dispelling BUI Myths" video in Season Four that covers six major misconceptions about boating under the influence (BUI). It teaches viewers about unique dangers associated with boating while intoxicated and features law enforcement actions and penalties for conviction of BUI. In Season Five there is a video entitled "BUI Fatalities" that covers the most fundamental reason for not boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Viewers will learn of additional associated risks and receive tips for avoiding BUI, such as using a designated sober operator.

It's not too early to start planning your boat show booth. Have you considered using a computer or TV to play a loop of the many America's Boating Channel videos? It is an excellent way to draw people in to talk with you about safe boating through education and the opportunities your club offers.

The videos referenced here, and others, are available to USPS members to view and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. There is an index to help you find the topic you need, which is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection. Otherwise, visit America's Boating Channel on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and nearly 100 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 on-demand app on Roku, FireTV and, as of November 2023, Apple TV. [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 Squadron
Executive Board Meeting
Black Bear Diner
10115 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma WA
Oct 10, 2023

Call to Order –7:03pm

Roll Call (Quorum = 13 of C,E,A,S,T, E)

Bridge members in attendance:

Cdr Larry Warren, AP
Lt/C Jim Harden, JN-CN
Lt/C Stanley Wolfe, SN-CN
Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
Lt/C Jin Fugate

Board Members in attendance:

Lt Gary Dildine, AP-IN
Lt Barbara Dildine, AP-IN
Lt Jeff Krueger
Lt Becky Arrington, S
Lt Sam Hill, AP
Lt Richard Mattox, AP
Lt Debbie Wolfe

Absent:

Other members present: P/C Jackie Mattox, AP

Review and approve minutes of previous board meeting: Minutes approved as corrected.

Officer Reports

Executive Officer: Lt/C James Harden

1. Coop Chart: The Committee reported an increase in the submission of marina surveys, nothing this is an excellent activity to keep members involved.
 - 251 members have submitted reports to date.
 - 69 have achieved Honor Roll.
 - Sixteen districts submitted geodetic, nautical, or marina reports, with a goal of 70 percent participating by the end of the year.
 - 8 members have participated this year so far with 7 to be on honor roll
 - TPS is on the national honor roll
2. VSC: The national executive officer reported that the Safety Committee would introduce new resources for the paddle craft community.
 - 963 vessel safety examiners have performed 12,249 vessel safety checks in 2023, with 90 percent passing rate.
 - V/C Bernard noted that vessel safety check inspection provides an opportunity to interact with a boater and promote membership.
 - 10 members have participated this year
 - 8 members have earned Merit Marks by doing VSCs.

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- V/C Wiedel reported adding several member benefits, including LightStream. UPS shipping discounts, Boat Fix, and My Medic, noting that if a member uses just one of the more than 60 member benefits offered, the savings would more than pay for annual dues.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Stanley Wolfe

- Holiday Brunch: The Club has waived the room fee. Recommend TPS provide \$150 to offset expense since we normally rent DIYC. With the offset, full price is \$28.93, which Lt/C Stan recommends it to be set \$28. Kids ages 5-10 at \$14 which is \$0.50 more than last year. Lt/C Stan recommends TPS cover the difference of \$0.93 per member or about \$54.
- As Lt/C Stan and Lt Debbie Wolfe will not be attending, looking for someone to serve as chair. Duties to include:
 - Collect member payments
 - Build roster of attendees
 - Provide the final headcount by Nov 22, 2023
 - Location: The Crows Nest Breakfast Buffet
 - Date: To be determined (potentially 12/3/2023)
- There was a question about the Center Pieces. The intent is to ask at the upcoming General Meeting and determine the next steps.
- Toy and Food drive: Lt/C Stan to further consider details and further coordinate pledges
- Nominations for 2024:
 - Action is Lt/C Stan to go offline with other officers to further discuss details

Educational Officer: Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S

- Only 2 people signed up for the Marine Navigation Class, so it was cancelled. Gary Ball is assisting offline one student that was signed up.
- Ther ABC in Oct 16 Only 2 people signed up. There is no known email to contact in case of cancellation. Lt/C Bentley to further consider next steps.
- Potential Radar instructor: A member who took a previous Radar class offered to teach future classes if need be. Lt/C Bentley to discuss with Andy and others and further determine next steps.

Secretary: Lt/C Jin Fugate

Nothing to report

Treasurer Vacant (reporting as of 10/10/2023)

Operating:	\$XXXXXX
Savings	XXXX
Cruise	XXXX
Total	\$XXXXXX (All funds solvent)

Commander: Cdr Larry Warren

1. Cdr Larry wants to survey the members on what they can contribute to the club. Considering to send out a letter or email to the members. Cdr Larry will look for the previous letter and determine next steps
2. Merrit Marks: Cdr Larry conveyed information from Lt Christine Rasmussen
 - Lt/C Jin to send the copies of 2023 Minutes to Lt Rasmussen
 - Need a list of 2023 new and total members
 - Need all instructional class information for 2023

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Old Business

1. Treasurer position: Lt/C Jim mentioned that he located potential candidate for 2024.
2. Past Commander's BBQ: Many thanks to all those helped to make it a success!
3. Chuck & Viki Sharp's Squadron Salmon Bake: many thanks for hosting the event.
4. Nominating Committee: Lt/C Stan has covered it

New Business

5. Review of the D-16 Fall Conference: held in Friday Harbor, WA on 10/7/2023. Hosted by the Friday Harbor Power & Sale @ San Juan Island Yacht Club. Attending in person from Tacoma, Larry Warren, James Harden, Debbie Harden and Craig Brown. Attending via Zoom, Stanley and Debbie Wolfe
6. The new free America's Boating Club mobile App: Seems to be working OK for iOS but no Android version yet.

Good of the Order

7. Next General meeting is to be held 6PM on Tuesday Oct 24, 2023, place of meeting is DIYC.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:14PM



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

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2023 – 2024**

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Treasurer	Vacant

COMMANDER'S DEPT

Flag Lt	Lt Mason Dixon
Sunshine	Lt Leslie Burton, S
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Galley Manager	Lt Lorraine Stargel, AP

EXECUTIVE DEPT

Executive Officer	Lt/C James Harden, JN-CN
Safety Officer	Vacant
Coop Charting	P/D/C James Harden, JN-CN
VSC Chairperson	P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-CN
Radio Tech	P/C Andy Temple, AP
Boat Show	Vacant
Legislative	Vacant

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT

Administrative Officer	Lt Stan Wolfe, SN-CN
Boating Activities	Vacant
Membership	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP
Membership Involvement	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP
Operations Training Programs	P/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN Lt Barbara Prudente

SECRETARY DEPT

Web Master	Lt Tom Ferree, JN
Newsletter	P/C Richard Mattox, AP
Historian	Vacant
Commencement Bay	P/C Jackie Mattox, AP

TREASURER DEPT

Treasurer	Vacant
Property Officer	Vacant
Ship's Store	Lt Karen Jackson

EXECUTIVE DEPT

1 Yr Term	P/Lt/C Sam Hill, AP
1 Yr Term	P/C Richard Mattox, AP
1 Yr Term	Lt Debbie Wolfe
2 Yr Term	P/C Gary Dildine, AP-IN
2 Yr Term	Lt Barbara Dildine, AP-IN
3 Yr Term	Lt Becky Arrington, S
3 Yr Term	Lt Jeff Krueger, S

FINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

1 Yr Term	Lt Leah Hafterson, AP
2 Yr Term	Lt Becky Arrington, S
3 Yr Term	Lt Tom Ferree, JN

RULES COMMITTEE

1 Yr Term	Lt Lorraine Stargel, AP
2 Yr Term	P/C Bill Larsen, AP
3 Yr Term	Mitch Carroll, SN

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

1 Yr Term	P/C Gary Dildine, AP-IN
2 Yr Term	P/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN
3 Yr Term	P/D/C James Harden, JN-CN

EDUCATION DEPT

Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S

ABC CHAIRPERSON

Lt Scott MacLeod, P

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Vacant

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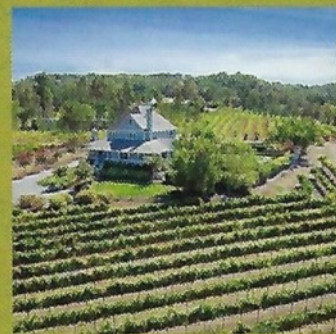
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**Christmas Brunch
@ TYC 11:00AM**

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**Ex.Bd Mtg
6:00-8:00 PM
@ Black Bear Diner**

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Christmas Day

Boxing Day

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