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COMMANDER



Cdr Lance Williamson, P

Summer has been left behind—like the wake of your boat as the boat goes full throttle ahead. The wake is the link to where you have been; while the bow points to where you are going. Along the way you enjoy the journey while dodging the hazards you encounter.

Life in the Tacoma Power Squadron has strong links to the past (our wake) while we move into the future (where our bow is pointed), and along the way we will navigate around the obstacles we encounter. Every fall we kick things off with our Past Commanders' BBQ. Each year an individual serves us as the squadron Commander giving of their time, energy and talents. The Past Commanders' BBQ celebrates these men and women who have served in the past. Be sure to come to the Day Island Yacht Club building on September 27th for the Past Commanders' BBQ and our first general meeting of the fall. The refreshments begin at 6:00 pm with dinner beginning at 6:30 pm. The main course (the BBQ) is provided by the squadron. Each of us is asked to bring a salad or side dish that serves eight people.

This past cruising season a new "tool" was added to *Prequel* to help us deal with a possible "hazard" in our cruising. Two summers ago Brenda and I spent the night on a mooring ball at Eagle Island State Park. We had a wonderful evening and were surprised the next morning as close to 100 seals were sleeping on the shore near us. The "hazard" happened when we went to start the boat's engine. We had used the boat's house battery to power things through the night. What we didn't know was that our starter battery had a bad cell and would not hold a charge for very long. Fortunately, we had our Honda generator to charge the battery. The new tool we have added is a Powerall Supreme Portable Power Bank to start the boat's engine in the event of dead battery. The small (7" long, 3" wide and 1.25" tall) lithium battery will start an

engine many times on a single charge. It can also be used to charge cell phones and tablets with its two USB charging ports. A "tool" like this might be handy on your boat or car.

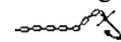
Leslie Burton has graciously been serving the TPS as our Sunshine Officer. The Sunshine Officer sends cards and well wishes to squadron members in times of sickness or grief. The question came up at our board meeting, "How do we get Leslie the name of a person who is sick or sad?" Until now there has been no clear method to cause that to happen. So, here is the plan: If you know someone who could use a get well or sympathy card, please contact a member of the bridge or board (the list is in each issue of the Wake Astern) and that bridge or board member will contact Leslie and the rest of the bridge and board. Thank you for your help as we strive to care for those who are a part of our boating family.

Gene Anderson at Point Defiance Marina has been a good friend to the TPS. Gene and the marina host an ABC class each May. Gene has asked us to publicize their upcoming Fall Swap Meet on October 1, 2016 from 10 am to 3 pm. The majority of the vendors sell marine and fishing type items but they also have had baked goods, crafts and other items. The swap meet will be at the Point Defiance Marina between the store and Anthony's Restaurant.

The first step in planning a 2017 cruise to the San Juan Islands will take place at the Past Commanders' BBQ. Interested persons will gather around a table to start the planning process. All interested persons are invited to take part in the planning.

The rendezvous at Longbranch is October 14-16. Contact Cindy Warren or Jackie Mattox to sign up.

Well, that is about all for now. I look forward to seeing everyone at the September general meeting. Until then, see you on the water!

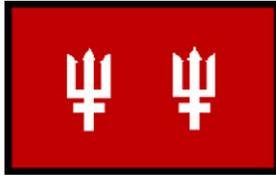


**Call to Meeting
General Meeting
October 25, 2016 (1830 - 2030)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
October 11, 2016 (1900 - 2100)
Orchard Park Rehab Center**

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The long days of summer are fading away, and it's hard to accept the fact that now our boating adventures will be hampered by the weather. Many of us power boaters will still continue to go out as long as the wind is not causing havoc. I know you sailors will be out in force using the wind to get somewhere. I prefer to be on the flybridge no matter what the weather, (we do take exception to thunder and lightning storms) I like seeing over the bow, and it feels more like boating when we're out in the open. We have been boating in snow storms and hail that can make it extremely difficult to walk around on the boat. Rain showers that can drench you and cold that can pierce the toughest foul weather gear haven't stopped us from getting out on the boat. But there's that time when you reach your destination that you either have to dock or anchor your boat. It's this time when it separates the die-hard boaters from us sailor wannabes. Strong wind and current can make the most confident skipper into a nervous wreck. They always tell you practice, practice, practice, but what they don't tell you is that practicing when it's calm is nothing like when the wind is howling, and, or the current is running hard. It seems every time this happens is when the marina or dock is full, and your slip assignment is next to a boat that takes up more than their share of slip space, or so it appears. We have found that the majority of boaters will give you a hand when they see you could use a little (or a lot) of help. You must keep in mind that they may not do things as you want them to do, so make sure they know your plans. I can remember one incident, the wind blowing us on the dock. A friendly boater took the stern line, but just held it instead of securing it to a cleat, well that cost a nice gouge in the bright work. If it's someone you don't know, make sure you let them know what you want them to do. It's always helpful when you are attending a Power Squadron rendezvous; there are plenty of hands on the dock to guide and assist with lines. So it's these times that help you practice those unnerving docking situations, for the times when it's just you, your first mate and a windblown dock. It hasn't hurt to take some squadron training, line handling skills, piloting, and weather course has gone a long way to easing my mind and making me a better skipper. Take a Squadron course and attend rendezvous and encourage newer members to do the same. It could save your life, your marriage or just an embarrassing situation. In the meantime, I'll keep Practicing.



Closing date for articles is the twelfth (12th) day 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.



*Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN
Education Officer*

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



*Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN
Education Officer*

Hi to all from your co - SEOs Sandi & Otto,

We are still in the planning stages for possible classes this fall. Please let Otto or Sandi Carroll know if there is a class you would like to take. It takes planning ahead to line up instructors, facilities, and materials in order to do a class.

An ABC basic boating class and a Seamanship class will be scheduled in October/January respectively, at the Totem Y.C. facility in Ruston. (very near Tacoma Yacht Club in North Tacoma) Totem Yacht Club is willing to make its facility available for the classes. The ABC basic class will start on October 5th, testing on November 2nd, 2016. The Seamanship class will start on January 11th, with the exam on March 15th, 2017. If you or anyone you know is interested in either of these classes, please have them contact Otto or Sandi so that adequate materials can be on hand for the classes. It takes 30 days lead-time to get materials from headquarters.

PART OF OUR MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE "TO RENDER ASSISTANCE WHENEVER POSSIBLE"

This impacted our cruise to the Bell Harbor rendezvous last Saturday afternoon. Misty Christy V heard a vessel in distress call on the VHF radio on channel 16 (which is required to be monitored if your radio is turned on.) The transmission was very weak because their boat's battery was down to 8 volts from trying to get their engine started. The Coast Guard responded to the call and asked their location, size of vessel, color, and number of persons on board etc. The disabled vessel's location transmitted, put them right in our track headed North towards Seattle. We soon had what we thought was the vessel in sight, when the persons aboard started waving their arms up and down indicating need of assistance, we slowed and came alongside the vessel. Their engine had ceased to function and would not start. We transmitted the location co-ordinates to the Coast Guard taken from our GPS screen. We established VHF communications with the Coast Guard on channel 22A as per their request, to monitor the distress activates. Worthy of note, the Coast Guard handles many distress calls, and while standing by on channel 22, make sure they are calling your vessel before you respond. Having a person keeping track of the VHF radio was a big help. After attempts to start the engine were unsuccessful, we rigged a tow bridle and line and agreed to tow them to Elliot Bay Marina. By the time we got near the Elliot Bay Marina, darkness had set in, and having good lookouts helped more than I could say!! As per the advice of the Coast Guard, we hailed nearby Washington State ferries on channel 13, advised them of our tow, and they acknowledged our situation and slowed or stopped till we cleared their track. We got the distressed boat into the fuel float and secured. The tow was successful. It turned out that the 2 gentlemen aboard had just purchased the 25' Searay that day in Olympia and were moving it to Seattle where they live. We gave them information about Power Squadron Classes, and contact information. They were very grateful for the assistance, and stated they would take a class. We were hopeful that their distress situation would not spoil their future boating activities. When in need, help is out there, and it made everyone on board the MISTY CHRISTY feel good for rendering assistance. GOING BOATING IS ALWAYS AN ADVENTURE !!!!



Cheers, Otto & Sandi

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News from National

USPS Governing Board Meeting 2016

The 2016 Governing Board Meeting, held in Pittsburgh, concluded on Saturday 27 August. By all accounts it was a successful meeting. Besides the department and committee meetings available on Thursday, there were a number of seminars offered on Friday. These included but were not limited to: Squadron Growth – Finding What Works, Instructor Development, and SERAT Does It All on the Water. The official meeting attendance on Saturday was 405. Many of these members and their guests enjoyed the abundant sightseeing opportunities around Pittsburgh, including cruises on the 3 rivers, rides on the famous Incline Cable Cars, and for some a Pirates baseball game. The hotel was conveniently located with a variety of restaurants within a few blocks.

Some of the actions at the meeting included:

- The Finance Committee proposed a motion to increase dues \$2.00, effective date 1 December 2016. This would set the dues rate for a regular active member at \$53.00, family units headed by a regular active at \$79.50, and family units headed by a life member or a sustaining member at \$26.50. This motion passed.
 - Announcement by the Member Benefits Committee of 2 new benefits:
 - VSP – Individual Vision Care. This is a national not-for-profit vision care company
 - Wyndham Hotel Group – 20% savings on their variety of hotel chains
- For further information on these programs and a complete list of Member Benefits, go to the Member Home Page on the National Website, click on the Site Index, then Member Benefits.

Regards,
R/C Kathleen Lambert, AP
USPS Communications Chair

Longbranch Rendezvous

October 14th – 16th 2016

Lt Cindy Warren, AP

Friday: Boats arriving, catching up with members, helping dock, & answering radio calls. Appetizers on the dock

Saturday: Coffee on the dock

0900 Pancakes with Blue Berries & Syrup on the dock

1700 Bring stews, chilies, soups to warm up with and desserts to enjoy

Sunday: Coffee on the dock

Have a Safe Cruise Home!

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Contact Cindy Warren @ c.m.warren-7@hotmail.com or call 360-897-8692 if you plan on attending. Currently I have attendees: Craig, Rasmussen, Mattox, Arrington, Jackson, Warren, Lemagie, and Nystrom.



United States Power Squadrons District 16 Fall Conference

28-30 October 2016
Four Points by Sheraton
Bellingham, Washington



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Spouse /Guest Name: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Squadron: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please note: this is an activity registration form. There is **no charge for attending conference meetings**. However, we depend on your attendance at meals and registering at the hotel with the conference rate (\$99 + tax) to cover the costs of the conference for the host squadron.

Early Bird prices apply for reservations made no later than September 28, 2016. Regular hotel prices apply to reservations received by the hotel after Wednesday, September 28, 2016, subject to space availability.

Will you be attending just the district conference without meals? Check if YES _____

Friday 28, October 2016

Hotel check in begins: 1500, but come early and enjoy beautiful Bellingham!

Activity		Early Bird	After Sept. 28	# People	Total
Conference Registration on 2nd Floor right off the elevator: 1600 – 1830					
Friday Night Pirate Party: 1700-1900	Potato & Salad Bar Buffet & No Host Bar	\$20	\$22	_____	\$ _____
<u>Wear your best pirate attire—Prizes!!</u>					
Saturday Breakfast: 0700-0900	Continental Supreme	\$21	\$23	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch: 1200-1300	Soup & Salad Bar	\$21	\$23	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Plated Dinner: 1800-2100	Roasted Pork	\$45	\$47	_____	\$ _____
	Penne Pasta w/ Chicken	\$33	\$35	_____	\$ _____
	Butternut Squash Ravioli (Veggie)	\$33	\$35	_____	\$ _____

Dinner includes rolls & butter, salad, potatoes/rice, seasonal vegetables, dessert, coffee/tea/water, **8.7 % tax and 20% tip inclusive.**

Any Dietary Restrictions? _____

Optional Local Tours on Friday, October 28th

Woods Coffee Roastery Tour-3PM	No Charge	_____ \$ FREE
Bellewood Acres Distillery Tour & Tasting-2PM	\$10 for the tasting	_____ \$ _____

Total in (US Funds) \$ _____

Make checks for the meals payable to Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron (BSPS), D16 Fall Conference. Mail registration and checks to:

Bellingham S & PS
P/C Sandi Horne, SN
6776 Olson Rd.
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Make your hotel reservations early and **directly to the hotel:** \$99 per night plus tax

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Reservations should be made under: **United States Power Squadron District 16**

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Tacoma Power Squadron 2016 Rendezvous Schedule

October 14-16

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Adopt a Marina

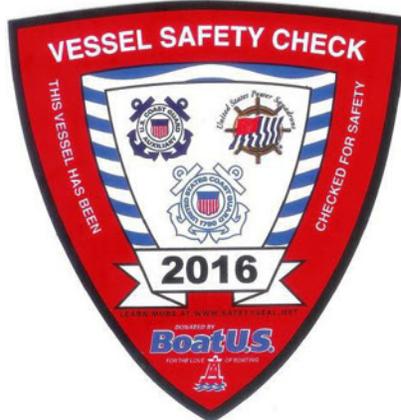
Any Marina with a phone # means you must call the marina and the host or fleet captain to reserve for the weekend. Please call host if attending a rendezvous for planning purposes. Please consider hosting a rendezvous or helping to host.

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Port Orchard Rendezvous

By Lt Karen Jackson

We had a great time on Labor Day Weekend at Port Orchard. The weather was great (no rain). There was lots to do. Some took the foot ferry to Bremerton for the Blackberry Festival. Saturday was the farmers' market at the Port Orchard park and Sunday they had the Taste of Port Orchard going on. Also Port Orchard has a lot of antique shops to browse. Sunday night we had a pot luck on the party dock topped off with blackberry ice cream sundaes. We had two drawings for door prizes. Pat and Lynne Lemagie won the first prize and Lance and Brenda Williamson won the second prize. Thank you, Tim & Linda Craig, for donating a TPS shirt for one of the drawings. We had 12 TPS boats and one guest boat from Day Island Yacht Club.

ATTENDEES

By Boat

Jim & Karen Jackson
Otto, Christine & Quinn Rasmussen
Dan, Lisa & Erika Rasmussen
Mike & Becky Arrington
Tim & Linda Craig
Dan & Carol Bowen (DIYC)
Gary & Barbara Dildine
David & Annie Dikeman, Walt West

Laura James
Misty Christy V
Misty Christy V
Gotta Boat
Sweet Surrender
Foolish Pleasure
Little Eagle
Everyday's A Holiday

Stan & Debbie Wolfe
Dean & Bev Haave
Jackie & Richard Mattox
Brad & Mila Nystrom
Larry & Cindy Warren
Lance & Brenda Williamson

Grey Wolfe's
Happy Hours
ClasSea Lass
Ameretto III
Fascination
Prequel

By Car

Connie Thompson
Heather, Jason and Weston Mattioli

Pat & Lynne Lemagie

Annette Dildine



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)



FROM THE GALLEY

Cdr Lance Williamson, P

Thank you so much to everyone who has submitted recipes for the Wake Astern. Keep them coming!

The holidays are just around the corner. Last month's Refrigerator Artisan Bread recipe can be used to make FABULOUS Pecan Caramel Rolls.

Dough

Use recipe from last month's Wake Astern.

Topping

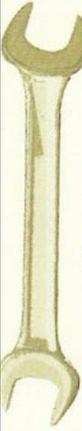
8 tbsp unsalted butter
½ tsp salt
¾ cup brown sugar
30 pecan halves

Filling

6 tbsp salted butter, softened
1/3 cup sugar
1.5 tsp ground cinnamon
¼ tsp nutmeg
2/3 cup toasted pecans, chopped

1. Cream the first three filling ingredients in a baking pan. Scatter the pecan halves over the mixture and then set aside.
2. Dust the dough with flour and shape into a ball. With a rolling pin, roll out the dough to ¼ inch thick rectangle.
3. Cream together the filling ingredients (except the pecans). Spread evenly over the dough and sprinkle with the chopped nuts. Roll dough into a log.
4. With a serrated knife, cut the log into 1.5" slices and place in the baking pan with the "swirled" edge facing up. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and let sit and rise for one hour.
5. Five minutes before baking time, preheat oven to 350 degrees.
6. Bake for about 40 minutes, or until golden brown and set in the center. While still hot, run a knife around the pan to release the rolls, and invert immediately onto a serving dish.
7. Eat yummy rolls!





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