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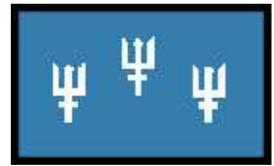
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Cdr Mark Hafterson, AP

COMMANDER



Where did the summer go? Fall is here and winter can't be far behind. Not only do we get our boats ready for the summer cruising season. We should do the same for winter layup. Whether we store our boat on a trailer or moor it in the water, we need to protect it from the elements. Properly winterized to protect from freeze damage. Properly covered to protect from rain or snow. Deck gear properly stowed. If your boat is stored on a trailer, bow up and drain plug removed to allow water to drain out. Just don't forget to reinstall it before launching. Boats moored in the water make sure that the bilge pumps are working and that the float switches are operational. Make sure that all lines are in good shape and made fast to the cleats. Spring the boat fore and aft to limit boat movement in winter winds and wave action. And, of course, periodically check on your boat. Bilge pumps won't work if the battery goes dead.

With our boats laid up for the winter, it's now a good time to look over the class schedule. See a class you would like to take or maybe a class you would like us to put on. Contact our Education Department and let them know. Continue the fellowship you enjoyed at our rendezvous and come to the general meetings on the 4th Tuesdays of the month. See you there. 



Call to Meeting
General Meeting
 October 23rd, 2018 (1830 - 2030)
 Day Island Yacht Club
 University Place

Executive Board Meeting
 October 2nd, 2018 (1900 - 2100)
 7017 126th St. East
 Puyallup, WA 98373

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



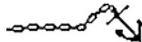
L/C James Harden, JN-CN

Why Change – hope this answers some of your question? Times have changed. Many organizations, including the United States Power Squadrons, have had difficulty in attracting members who are interested in joining their organization and participating in traditional ways of previous generations. Today’s boaters are more diverse, with different interests, and with less time devoted to boating activities. Families seem to be busier, technology has changed entertainment and learning, the economic downturn a few years ago has had a lasting impact, introductory boating courses can be found for free on the internet, and traditional baby-boomer boaters are aging out.

The recognition of our name is not as pervasive among today’s boaters as it once was. Many boaters have not heard of the United States Power Squadrons or they get us mixed up with other organizations. This situation has been exacerbated by leaving each squadron to develop its own marketing approach and image. Consequently, squadrons do not appear to belong to the same organization. Now, however, with a new national marketing strategy and advertising campaign, squadrons can better leverage the strength of the national image along with their local flavor and identity.

Additionally, we have ourselves continued to promote an image of a 100 year old, somewhat stodgy organization focused on boating safety and education. Today of course, most boaters believe that they can learn what they need online or through experience, and do not consider themselves unsafe boaters. While our educational programs are superb and excel at building knowledge and skill, our traditional promotional image is not working. Our name, the United States Power Squadrons, does not resonate with the public. What does a “squadron” mean? What does “power” mean? Nowhere does it imply that we are a boating organization.

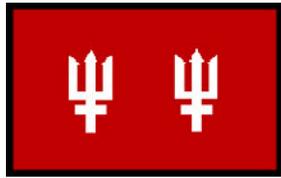
Consequently, we need to update our image in order to appeal to today’s boaters. It must identify who we are, and why someone should be interested.



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Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP

We are now back to our fall/winter schedule: Monthly Executive Board and General Meetings, a whole host of boating classes, and a number of District 16 meetings and conferences. I would like to invite you to attend any or all of these functions. As a member of the Tacoma Power Squadron (TPS), your interest in furthering the growth of our squadron and America's Boating Club is paramount.

Without you, there would not be a squadron. We value your membership and commitment. Okay, I'll stop preaching, for now.

Last month's rendezvous to Port Orchard was a great venture, well attended, made to order weather, and lots to see and do. It was also our newly rescued Italian Greyhound's initial voyage on ClaSeaLass. He loved meeting everyone and their dogs. We are so glad he took to boating, like a duck to water.

Happenings this month: (a) TPS Executive Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 2nd, (b) Dist 16 Fall Conference, Friday/Saturday, October 19-20, (c) TPS General Meeting, Tuesday, October 23rd, (d) Safe Boating Booth at Longbranch, Friday/Saturday, October 5-6 (this is not a TPS rendezvous, but a community outreach event, hosted by the Longbranch Marina).



Buddy co-piloting ClaSeaLass

(Picture provided by P/C Jackie Mattox, AP)

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.

Tacoma Power Squadron



Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

It's time to sign up for classes that will be offered this coming fall by the Tacoma Power Squadron, (AKA) AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB !

The Advanced Piloting Class is set to start Thursday September 27th at Genesis Health and Rehab, 4755 South 48th Street Tacoma, WA 908409. Gary Ball will be instructing. I have been contacting members and non-members who have done Piloting and may be interested in the upcoming class, and a nice class is forming. If you have not contacted me, and would like to do the class, give me a call or email.

We will be offering an ABC Basic Boating Class starting Monday September 10, 2018 at the Thea Foss Maritime Museum 705 Dock Street, Tacoma, WA at 07:00- 09:00 PM. A Seamanship Class will follow, and be completed before the Christmas Holidays. This will be a good opportunity for our ABC graduates to do the next step with the Seamanship Class. I will be contacting eligible members as the time for the class approaches. Our Seamanship instructor- guru- P/C Lance Williamson, P will be instructing!

Our Executive Officer, Lt/C Jim Harden, JN-CN is planning two seminars at the Olympia Yacht Club. They are VHF/DSC radio operation, and Dealing with Emergencies Onboard. Our members and boating friends are welcome to attend the seminars. They will be held between 05:30 and 09:00 PM at the Olympia Yacht Club facility. The tentative date will be Tuesday November 20th. P/C Andy Temple, AP & Gary Dildine, AP plan on instructing. We all could learn valuable information from this presentation.

There is discussion of doing a basic ABC Class in the Olympia area in the Jan/Feb time frame. Details to follow as we sort it out.

Keep in mind that Tacoma Power Squadron, AKA "America's Boating Club", has qualified inspectors to do a vessel safety check on your boat. Give our VSC Chair person Susan Walker a call at (253)-213-2850 and she will get an inspector to make arrangements for your check.

Cheers, from your educational department, Otto & Sandi ph-253-537-3838 hm 253-921-3839 cell, email otto@ottorasmussen.com



(This is a reprint of last month's Educational Department article from Tacoma Power Squadron's Education Officer, Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN)





Environmental Report

Submitted by P/C Larry Warren, AP

The Great Garbage Patch is bigger than ever and growing larger every year. As you recall from a few years back, I wrote about “The Great Pacific Garbage Patch.” And of course, it hasn’t gone away on its own, and the problem isn’t any better despite the harvesting of some of the plastic to make shoes. You may recall my article from September 2017 about the “Ultra boost Uncaged Parley shoes.” The shoes made from harvested plastic from one of the worlds great garbage patches.

Anyway, as it turns out, and I had not read about this until recently. A young man from the Netherlands has been thinking about this problem since he was 16. Now at 24 he has come up with, what he thinks will help with this whole problem. His idea of a floating boom to gather the plastic bits and pieces up and be gathered and recovered by a support ship has been realized and has been launched in San Francisco, CA. The boom is being towed out to sea towards the great garbage patch for testing. The 2000 feet long floating boom with a skirt of about 10’ floating under it will gather the plastic as it flows with the current. They predict that they can harvest about 50% of plastic in the Pacific Garbage Patch in 5 years. Currently there about 5 trillion pieces of plastic in the Pacific Patch (and there are other patches around the world). The hope is to recycle the plastic; maybe they can figure out how to fill some potholes with it since it doesn’t biodegrade like asphalt. Anyway, this is exciting stuff; we have to figure out how to keep the plastic out of the water and roadsides in the first place. If your interested go to www.theoceancleanup.com, you’ll be amazed at the undertaking of this operation.

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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 the inspection reports for recording with USPS National Headquarters - P.O.Box 519 Tacoma, WA 98401

The VSC inspectors should send Susan copies of inspection forms at this point in time. She will be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. following the Change of Watch, as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.



District 16 Fall Conference

19-20 October 2018

Red Lion Hotel, 221 N. Lincoln Street, Port Angeles, WA



"Have a Whale of a Good Time"



Full Name _____ Guest/Spouse Name _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City/State/Zip _____ Squadron _____
 Email Address for registration/payment confirmation _____
 Attending Conference without meals? _____ Is this your first time attending a District Conference? _____

Friday Evening 1800-2230

SOC HOP Dance w/Social Hour - Hot/Cold Hors D'oeuvres, No Host Bar
1600-1800 Registration; Social Hour 1800; Dance 1900

	<u>Before 3 Oct</u>	<u>After 3 Oct</u>	<u>No. People</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$30.00	\$35.00	_____	_____

Saturday AM

Breakfast on your own, (included with the Red Lion room reservation)

Saturday Lunch 1200-1300

Corner Deli Sandwich Board - Smoked Turkey, Ham, Green Salad
Assorted Bread Choices, Fresh Baked Cookies, etc.

	\$22.50	\$27.50	_____	_____
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Saturday Evening Banquet 1800-2130 (No host bar)

All dinners include Caesar Salad, Roll, Chef's Dessert Bar, Coffee & Tea

Hazelnut Encrusted Chicken topped with Mango-Cranberry Chutney
served with Roasted Garlic Yukon Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

	\$36.50	\$41.50	_____	_____
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Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms with Rice Pilaf & Seasonal Vegetables

	\$36.50	\$41.50	_____	_____
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Braised Beef Tip - marinated in Burgundy Wine, Fresh Herbs & Garlic
Slow Cooked and topped with a Marsala Caramelized Onion Demi-Glace
Served with Rosemary Roasted Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

	\$36.50	\$41.50	_____	_____
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TOTAL: \$_____

Do you have any food allergies? _____

Hotel Reservations for the Red Lion: 221 N. Lincoln Street, Port Angeles, WA (360) 452-9215

Reservations must be made by 5 October 2018 to guarantee a room.

*Remember to use "United States Power Squadron" to secure the Conference Rate.

\$114 Premium Water-Front room Single/Double Occupancy

\$94.00 Standard Room Single/Double Occupancy

The Red Lion is Pet Friendly. You must state you are bringing a Pet when you make your reservations.

Make all checks payable to: **North Olympic Sail & Power Squadron (N.O.S.P.S)**

Mail registration form to: **Jan Jones, 1363 Doe Run, Sequim WA 98382**

Questions: contact **Ruth Kohl (360) 821-9910** rkohl@olympus.net or spin.knit.read@gmail.com





District 16 Educational Conference - April 2019 (Tentative Schedule)

Education Conference 2019 Agenda

20 April, 2019, Saturday

116 Coast Hotel. 625 116th Ave. N.E. Bellevue, WA. 98004

Contact Trudy Brown for lunch choice trudyb36@outlook.com

0830-0900 Registration (free)

0900- 0920 Flag salute, Invocation, Commander's opening remarks

0920-0945 P/D/C Matt Lombardi, SN DB2000 Download / new features, Boat school

0945-1020 S/C Jim West, AP BOC Update (Flip with P/C/C Dvorak)

1020-1030 Brief Break

1030-1150 Incoming officer meetings Incoming officers assemble with
Respective district officers in Break-out rooms.

- A. Commanders/Executive Officers
- B. Educational Officers. HQ800 Brief, demo with WiFi.
- C. Admin Officers, Secretaries/Treasurers

1200-1300 Lunch

1300- 1320 D/Lt/C Al Keim SN Go to Meeting how it works

1320-1350 P/C/C Frank Dvorak SN The Commanders Challenge (Flip with S/C West)

1350-1400 Brief Break

1400-1500 Education Seminar Materials

1400-1500 Recertification of teaching credentials in breakout conference room

1500-1515 Commanders closing comments- adjourn.



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PORT ORCHARD RENDEZVOUS REPORT

August 31 – September 3, 2018

by Jim & Lt Karen Jackson

We had nine boats for the Port Orchard Rendezvous over Labor Day Weekend. Everyone seemed to stay busy, from having company stay on their boat to someone going to emergency for a few hours. One Past Commander, Jackie, lost her cell phone in the water. We had Sloppy Joes provided by the club and everyone brought a pot luck dish to share. Before dinner there was a drawing for a gift, Otto's granddaughter drew the lucky name and it was her grandmother. She won a dish towel & rag as well as 2 coffee mugs.

Sunday we were able to get everyone together for blackberry sundaes with homemade blackberry sauce.

Those who came by boat were:

Jackson, Laura James

Nystrom, Amaretto III

Craig, Sweet Surrender

Rasmussen their son Dan, Lisa and granddaughter Ericka, Misty Christy V

Mattox, ClasSeaLass

Wolfe, Grey Wolfes

Everett, Tourmaline

Warrens and their grandson Garret, Fascination

Harden, Hagbart

Drive-overs were:

Richard and Beth Stone

Connie Thompson

Sue Walker

Cathy Reed



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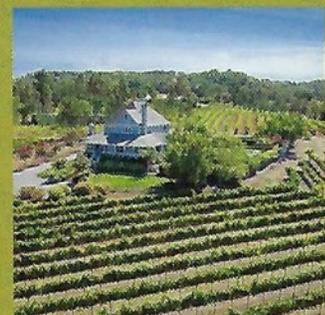
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October 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ABC Cls @ Foss Maritime Museum	2 1900-2100 Ex. Bd Mtg *	3	4 AP Cls @ Genesis Rehab	5-6 Longbranch Safe Boating Booth	
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14	15	16 Deadline Wake Astern	17	18 AP Cls @ Genesis Rehab	19-20 Dist 16 Fall Conference	
21	22	23 1830 - 2030 Gen. Mtg @ DIYC	24	25 AP Cls @ Genesis Rehab	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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November 2018



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