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Cdr Larry Warren, AP

COMMANDER



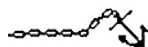
Hello, fellow squadron members, and welcome to the October edition of "The Wake Astern."

Our September General Meeting and Past Commanders BBQ was a great success. We had quite a turnout; many we hadn't seen for a while, and we swore in one new member, who has been to several meetings in the past; congratulations, Tony. Also, on that same note, we welcome the Sitzenstocks as members of the Tacoma & South Puget Sound squadron, long-time members of Bellingham, transferred to ours. We had a hungry crowd as we went through 72 burgers and hotdogs, with fabulous side dishes and desserts. Thanks to everyone for contributing to a successful Past Commanders BBQ! The meeting portion went reasonably smoothly; no earth-shaking decisions were made, but the Officer's reports were informative. I had brought up that the Bridge and Board members (at our last board meeting) had reached an impasse in finding a replacement for Lt/C Henery Reich's position as Treasurer. I also asked those attending if anyone there would be willing to take over the job or knew of someone in the squadron who may be ready to step up for the job. We had only one suggestion, and I will follow up on that person. But many more of you who didn't attend the meeting may be willing to step up. I know you all know how important this job is to keep our club going strong. We have a well-qualified person to get you off on the right foot. Please think about this; I'm confident the right person is out there; we need to find you!

On a lighter note, Stan Wolfe brought up a possible new approach to our rendezvous in the future. If you have an idea of a place to go and would be willing to host (to plan meals, games, docking, arrangements with a marina, et cetera), Then let's make that happen! Many people have done it successfully and would be willing to help you get going in the right direction. You can always enlist the help of friends; the more the merrier. There is a budgeted amount for buying supplies/food needed, and you can always supplement by asking attendees to help contribute to a meal.

Say you wanted to do something big, like a crab feed or something like that. You would figure out what it will cost. Then, with your budgeted amount and some contributions from attendees, you'll have a fun and affordable dinner. There are many possibilities of what you can do depending on where you choose to go. Arrange reservations at a local restaurant, have a theme-based potluck, arrange a scavenger hunt, and have fun with it.

We've got to return to having fun at your rendezvous so people will want to follow in your footsteps.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 24th, 2023 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
October 10th, 2023 (6:00-8:00 PM)
Black Bear Diner
Lakewood, WA

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Lt/C James Harden, JN- CN

Well, we have said goodbye to another Summer and started seeing the Fall rains begin. We have already enjoyed our last outing this year with some of us getting ready to put our boats away for the winter. Now is the time to think about steps to winterize the boat.

With the possibility of a harsh winter, it is important to winterize your boat. It involves preparing your boat for storage and safeguarding its systems and gear from freeze damage. The specific steps for winterizing a boat can vary depending on the type of boat, engine, and other factors.

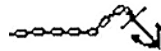
To ensure a safe and worry-free winter, as well as an enjoyable boating season next year, you should consider the following aspects when winterizing your boat:

- Winter boat storage
- Boat covers
- Fuel treatments
- Engine winterization
- Battery care
- Water systems and sanitation
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If you're unsure about any specific system or procedure, you can always consult You Tube university searching for advice, an expert or guidance. concerning your particular boat's system.

New item for Cooperative Charting. There is a new reporting system for reporting nautical buoys that will be coming out soon. It will involve sending a report to NOAA and then to the national website. The details have not been released or have been added to the national cooperative charting website. More information will be provided when it becomes available.

Stay safe and enjoy the fall boating season!



Need a Vessel Safety Check?
It's Fast, It's Easy, and best of all, IT'S FREE !!!



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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



Greetings fellow members of America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound!

Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

The Past Commanders' BBQ at Day Island Yacht Club Tuesday, September 26 was well attended. The club provided hamburgers and hot dogs with buns and condiments. There were plenty of sides and so much dessert! There was a lot of help cooking and preparing condiments and dressings, so many thanks to all the helping hands.

P/C Gary Dildine, AP-IN and Stf/C Jim Harden, JN-CN helped me with cooking the meat. Food preparation and layout was completed by Cdr Larry Warren, AP, P/C Jackie (AP) and P/C Richard (AP) Mattox, P/C Viki Sharp, S, Lorraine Stargel, AP, P/C Deb Harden, P, and Sharon Cryan. Just about everyone helped after the meeting in clearing and cleaning tables, breaking down equipment and pushing in chairs.

Our next event which will be over by the time you read this is the Sharp's Salmon Bake hosted by P/C Chuck (AP) and P/C Viki Sharp (AP). Look for a future article.

The remainder of the year consists of two general meetings and the traditional Christmas Brunch. The October general meeting on October 24 will include a discussion of boating and dock electrical safety considerations presented by Elmhurst Power and Light Company as arranged by our Program Chairperson, Barbara Prudente. 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. Stay tuned for additional details such as the menu and cost. Over 70 folks attended last year's brunch so sign up as soon as you can.

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

We need a treasurer and it is becoming more critical each day. 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 audit. The accounts are posted in Quicken AND...there is tutelage and mentoring available. Be brave, make the call to Commander Larry and help your club!

I would like to share some thoughts about the upcoming rendezvous schedule for the 2024 season. Traditionally, we had rendezvous at local marinas from February through October. It was common to send a signup sheet around at the winter general meetings, and many times couples would "buddy up" splitting up the tasks involved in hosting the event. In the last several years, with COVID shutdowns, increased fuel prices, and members retiring from the boating scene, our rendezvous have definitely dwindled in number. It would be nice to revive at least some of our traditional rendezvous; the boating experiences and the camaraderie in the events are greatly missed.

Rendezvous planning is changing. Rather than trying to fill an inside straight by prognosticating likely attendance by location and date, I'm soliciting for hosts. Volunteer to host and you get to pick the date and location. Popular locations include Arabellas in Gig Harbor, Dock Street in Tacoma, Swantown in Olympia, Kingston, Port Orchard, Bremerton, and Des Moines. Other locations that we haven't frequented recently include Edmunds, Shilshole, Everett, Winslow, Langley, Brownsville and Port Ludlow. We pretty much plan on folks participating in Daffodil activities during April at Tacoma Yacht Club and attending the District 16 Rendezvous in June at Poulsbo.

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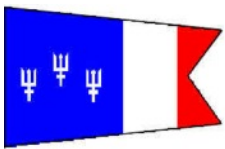
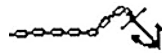
Closing date for articles is the fourth Wednesday of each month. Please direct all articles to the Editor. E-mail to: ricque0602@comcast.net, Mail to: 5105 Grand Loop, Apt # 811, Tacoma, WA 98407. Telephone: (253) 581-1732. Please submit member address and other data changes to the Tacoma Power Squadron Secretary.



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If you are considering hosting a rendezvous but are afraid of “not doing it right” please know that there is no right or wrong way to do this. You can buddy up with someone. You can make it simple, with no activities, or as detailed with structured activities as you like. From past experience it is nice to have a small breakfast on the Saturday morning and a dinner meal on Saturday evening, but you can also have all meals “on your own” if you like. If a restaurant is nearby, we can link up there for a meal. If you want to have a potluck for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, you can do so. Want to potluck to a theme? Great! As previously stated, there is no right or wrong way to host. I would say that the participants of the rendezvous would appreciate all the effort the host(s) have put into sponsoring the event. Please consider this in the upcoming year. Let’s revive a fun and rewarding tradition!

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



PROGRAMS

*Lt Barbara Prudente
Programs Chairman*



October 24, 2023

Energy Education Council from Elmhurst Mutual Power & Light

Presented by: Bryan Bertacchi, General Manager for Elmhurst and Corey Mckenney, Operations Supervisor for Elmhurst

Some people aren’t aware of one of the most dangerous and life-threatening hazards that can kill swimmers without warning. ESD, or electric shock drowning. Learn more about water safety regarding electrical hazards.



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

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



I hope everyone got out and enjoyed some time on the water this past summer. We spent over 7 weeks on the boat and had a wonderful time! Fall came in right on time which means time for more classes.

We currently have Piloting going on. Marine Electrical Systems is also continuing virtually. There is an ABC class starting October 16 at Day Island Yacht Club for 5 Mondays, 7-9pm. This is 4 classes plus the exam. Passing this exam qualifies you for the Washington State Boater's Card. If you know anyone that needs their Boater Card, please pass this information along.

To register for this class, click the link below:

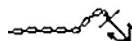
[America's Boating Club - Find a Class Near You \(americasboatingclub.org\)](https://americasboatingclub.org)

Taking a boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance, and qualifies you for a state boat license or operator certificate in most states.

America's Boating Course is the most comprehensive, single source, in-person boating course available to give you the skills you need to enjoy your time on the water and boat with confidence.

I plan to have an Engine Maintenance class in the near future and possibly another Radar class. Let me know if you are interested in these or other classes.

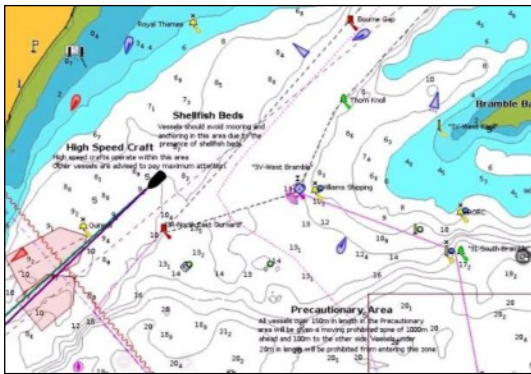
Happy Fall.





Tap Into America’s Boating Channel™ Library of Boating Safety Videos

The boating community uses many acronyms that someone new to boating may not understand. Do students enrolled in our basic safe boating course understand that the acronym ATONS references aids to navigation? In 2020 America’s Boating Channel produced “[Introducing ATONS](#),” a video showing how buoys, day beacons, and other marks provide aids to navigation. This short video offers a wonderful introduction to ATONS. In it, viewers also learn about categories such as lateral and regulatory ATONS, as well as special purpose and danger marks.



In 2022, another ATONS video was released. Entitled “[Digital Charts and Virtual ATONS](#),” it covers the effort underway to replace paper nautical charts with electronic navigation charts. This video introduces viewers to three types of new virtual aids to navigation. Also featured are tips for using these enhancements and how they will make recreational boating safer.

Remember, if you need a refresher before getting out on the water, you can access an invaluable library of videos produced by America’s Boating Channel. 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 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.

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.

October 2023

Tacoma & South Puget Sound



Tacoma Power Squadron

Executive Board Meeting

Black Bear Diner

10115 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma WA

Sep 12, 2023

Call to Order –6:48pm

Roll Call (Quorum = 8 of C,E,A,S,T, E)

Bridge members in attendance:

Cdr Larry Warren, AP,

Lt/C Jim Harden, JN-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

Absent:

Lt/C Stanley Wolfe, SN-CN, Bridge Member

Lt Debbie Wolfe, Board Member

P/Lt/C Sam Hill, AP, Board Member

P/C Richard Mattox, AP, Board Member

Other members present: Cliff Rickmers, P/C Debbie Harden

Review and approve minutes of previous board meeting: No minutes available to review.

Officer Reports

Executive Officer: Lt/C James Harden

1. VSC:

A. Congratulations and thanks to P/C Vicki Sharp for Coop Charting. P/C Vicki has performed over 100 VSC inspections.

B. Lt/C Jim Harden has about 35 and

C. Several others are over 10.

2. Coop Chart:

A. Lt/C Jim Harden and P/C Debbie Harden earned the triple anchor award.

B. Tacoma is on the honor roll.

C. There is a change in reporting procedure.

Administrative Officer: Cdr Larry Warren reported on behalf of Lt/C Stan Wolfe who is undertaking the end of summer cruise in Roche Harbor

A. The August Des Moines rendezvous was most attended with total of 7 boats. Many thanks to Lt/C Stan Wolfe for his hard work in coordinating this event and also Geoff & Nancy Ringstad for hosting the rendezvous and doing so despite their boat remaining at home for maintenance.

B. Vicki Sharp's Salmon Bake on September 23 remains as the last scheduled event of the current year. Vicki wants the folks to let her know their intention to attend.

C. Lt/C Stan Wolfe recommends to the board a different means of scheduling rendezvous events until a Boating Activities Chairperson is recruited. Reasons for reworking the process include:

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- a. The chairperson vacancy
- b. Lack of attendance over the past 3 years
- c. And inability to obtain volunteers to host
- D. The new proposed process will include:
 - a. Solicit hosts based on the cruising plans of our members
 - b. If someone wants to gather with fellow boaters, they can inform the date and the location to Administrative Officer or Commander for scheduling and announcement
- E. Lt/C Stan Wolfe and Lt. Deb Wolfe plan to attend the District 16 Fall Conference to be held Oct 7 in Friday Harbor.
- F. Lt/C Stan Wolfe would like to get together with the Nominating Committee and the Commander in October to strategize on filling the 2024 slate. Lt/C Stan Wolfe believes the proposed slate has to be published by January 23, 2024 (if he understood the bylaws correctly) then voted by the membership during the Annual Meeting in February.

Educational Officer: Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S

Only 2 people signed up for the Marine Navigation Class, so it was cancelled. Gary Ball will assist one of the people that signed up to complete the class.

There is an ABC in Oct 16· Bob Hays will be the instructor.

Marine Electrical Systems class starts on 9/13/2023

Marine Communications class starts on next 6 Mondays starting from 9/18.

Secretary: Lt/C Jin Fugate

Nothing to report

Treasurer Vacant (reporting is as of 9/1/2023)

Operating:	\$XXXXXX	
Savings	SXXXX	
Cruise	<u>SXXXX</u>	
Total	\$XXXXXX	(All funds solvent)

Commander: Cdr Larry Warren

1. Boats U.S. and the United States Coast Guard's 2022 recreational Boating Statistics reports operator inattention was the runaway cause with 602 accidents attributed to it as the primary cause.
2. USPS Fall Governing Board, Kansas City MO, Aug 27 – Sep 4, 2023
The observation of the meeting was Membership is Job #1.

Old Business

7. Past Commander's BBQ
 - a. Hamburgers and hotdogs with all the condiments.
 - b. We have volunteers (Larry Warren, Stan & Debbie Wolfe) to get the necessary food and supplies.
 - c. We also have volunteers to help set up and clean up.

New Business

8. P/C Jackie Mattox is requesting not to be the back up for Treasurer. A suggestion was made to ask Rosann Walker who was a treasurer for Olympia P/S and District 16 Treasurer for many years.
9. Lt/C Stan Wolfe's proposal for rendezvous.

Good of the Order

10. Next General meeting is to be held 6PM on Tuesday September 26, 2023, place of meeting is DIYC.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:36PM



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2023 – 2024

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Secretary	Lt/C Jin Fugate
Treasurer	Vacant

COMMANDER’S DEPT

Flag Lt	Lt Mason Dixon
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Merit Mark	P/D/C Christine Rasmussen, SN
Galley Manager	Lt Lorraine Stargel, AP

EXECUTIVE DEPT

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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

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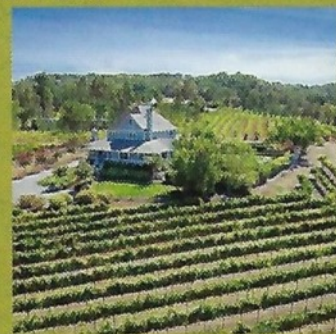
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