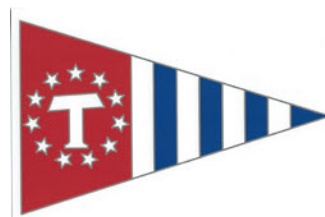




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Cdr Larry Warren, AP

A very exciting summer cruise these past couple of weeks. I can't remember a trip that included so many wonderful memories. We had asked our long time friends from Georgia to be shipmates for the two weeks but their schedule just would not allow it this year.

My good friend Larry decided they may be able to see our progress as we traveled and feel like they were with us. He monitored our progress using the Web cams at each marina. Sure enough we would text back and forth to coordinate arrival times and places, and in almost every marina he could see when we came and went. Almost a little scary if you didn't know a person was doing it. I did feel like we were on the trip together. Our Grandson came with us on the first leg of our journey, traveling to Des Moines for fuel and on to Bell Habor for the night before heading to Kingston. Let's just say he had a much better experience this time. We had a great time with everyone on the cruise. We had people coming and going throughout the entire time, some going to hook up with family and friends, some wanting to anchor out in some little cove or island but always touching base with us. We had

potlucks, your favorite beverage tasting, ice cream socials and games. We took rides to towns for sight seeing, provisions, and mountain tops to get a better view of the smoke. We enjoyed sunrises and sunsets with beautiful sun filled days in between. Met new people and bumped into old friends from other Squadrons and Yacht Clubs. One of the people we met was the author of NWCRUISING.NET, boaters cruising distances in the northwest. I was honored to meet Carl Tenning as I have been using his cruising distance guides for many years as a quick way to get an estimate of distance. He doesn't skipper his boat anymore but did agree to come speak at one of our meetings. I look forward to that. There was some exciting moments in Rosario Resort, a Kenmore plane came in and somehow managed to hit a boat. No one was hurt but the plane suffered wing damage and the props were bent, the boat had some minor damage as well. They towed the plane out the next day. As usual we all saw our share of boaters who have no clue of how to use the radio, be considerate boaters or make sure their children or grand children had there PFDs on. I guess our mission is not over by any means! Despite the actions of a few inconsiderate boaters, our group had a wonderful time and many of us are thinking of the next great Summer Cruise wherever that may be. 

Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the Friends™

**Call to Meeting
General Meeting
Past Commanders' BBQ**
September 26, 2017 (1830 - 2030)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
September 12, 2017 (1900 - 2100)
Location TBD

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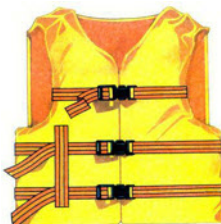
Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP

ClassSeaLass and her crew made it back from the San Juan Islands safe and sound. No major issues, but that doesn't mean it was an uneventful cruise. Details to follow:

Upon our arrival at Fisherman Bay, Cdr Larry Warren prepared to get all of the crab seekers together and set our traps. The first pull didn't produce a boat load, but there was one Dungee, a couple of Rocks, and a whole lot of sea weed and kelp. Based on that, we decided to relocate our traps out of that mess. The next morning didn't fare much better, so we all took our traps in what we thought was "a little deeper area." We did not have a depth sounder with us, but observed other traps nearby. We all had 100 foot lines, so we did not think that would be an issue. **Wrong.** As I tossed my trap, line, and marker into the water, I watched all of them disappear from sight. Unfortunately, I only had one crab trap. No more crabbing on this trip. To top things off, one of Larry's traps met the same fate. Larry and Quinn Rasmussen did have additional traps, so they were able to share their catch with the rest of us. Moral of the story; always check water depth before setting crab traps.

Upon our arrival at Rosario Resort, we first stopped at the gas dock to fuel up. After that task, we proceeded to our assigned slip assignment. As I was hooking up our shore power, I heard a strange noise. Remember as a youth using clothes pins to attach playing cards to the bicycle frame so they would sound "cool" as they flapped against the tire spokes? Well it sounded something like that, only a whole lot louder. We were told later that a Kenmore Air sea plane had landed to pick up travelers and accidentally got too close to a boat that was moored in the marina. I thought I was the only one with unexpected things hitting our boat. Luckily no one was hurt.

Don't forget to post your calendar and plan to attend our September 26th General Meeting. It is the Past Commanders' BBQ. Looking forward to seeing everyone and sharing summer cruise stories.



Make it a habit, PFDs do save lives!



September 2017

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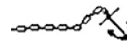
An ABC Basic Boating Class, starting September 14th 07:00 PM- 09:00PM, will take place at the Tacoma Yacht Club. Tell your friends, who are new to boating or would like to learn more and may be in need of a "Washington State Boat Operators Card, to give us a call or email and sign up for the class. It will run for 5 Thursday sessions including the exam.

It's not too early to give some thought to classes we could plan for next fall that would interest you. Let me know your desires, since I keep tabs on these requests.

I have had some interest expressed about a Weather Class. If we can get a few more people interested, we can plan a class for early October. Give me a call. I have an instructor!

We could use some volunteers willing to go out with skippers that are desirous for on the water demonstration of various aspects of boat handling. We are getting requests for this activity. If you would be willing to help out, please let me know so we can assist these skippers.

WE CAN HELP !! During the boating season experienced members can do on the water demonstrations and instruction on a member's boat. The requirements are that the boat have a current Vessel Safety Check and decal, and that the time and date of the on the water demonstration be approved by the Squadron Executive Board. If you would like to hone your talents at close quarters boat handling, let me know and we can put something together. This is a great way to assist a member who is learning about their new boat. The United States Power Squadrons has liability insurance that covers these approved activities as long as we follow the guidelines.



Cheers, Otto & Sandi

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NOTE1 NEW email ADDRESS for Otto





Environmental Report

Submitted by Cdr Larry Warren, AP

ULTRABOOST UNCAGED PARLEY SHOES

ENERGY-RETURNING SHOES FOR HIGH-PERFORMANCE RUNNERS.

Take on the miles in these sustainably built men's running shoes. Full-length boost™ harnesses and releases energy for a powerful ride. They have TORSION® SYSTEM in the midfoot and an Adidas Primeknit upper constructed with recycled yarn for ultimate flexibility. A grippy outsole provides sure footing in all conditions.

- Runner type: Neutral
- boost™ is our most responsive cushioning ever: The more energy you give, the more you get
- Adidas Primeknit upper wraps the foot in adaptive support and ultralight comfort
- TORSION® SYSTEM between the heel and forefoot for a stable ride; FITCOUNTER molded heel counter provides a natural fit that allows optimal movement of the Achilles
- This product, created with yarn made in collaboration with Parley for the Oceans: Some of the yarn features reclaimed and recycled ocean waste
- Continental™ Rubber outsole for extraordinary grip in wet and dry conditions; STRETCHWEB rubber outsole flexes underfoot for an energized ride
- Weight: 9.9 ounces (size 9)
- Midsole drop: 10 mm (heel: 29 mm / forefoot: 19 mm)
- These shoes fit a half size small
- Imported

You may be asking yourself just what the heck is a shoe commercial doing in the middle of The Wake Astern. Well, some of you may recall an article I wrote years ago about the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. The article was about how millions of tons of trash (plastic) caught in a vortex in the Pacific Ocean. Like a giant washing machine churning and breaking down the plastic into a veritable plastic soup. Highly toxic to marine life and impossible to get rid of, well that is until now. These garbage patches found around the world, and at least one company is doing something about them. The Parley Coastal Interception and clean up operations in the Maldives. The Maldives located off the coast of Asia between Africa and Australia in the Indian Ocean. “Adidas” the famous running shoe manufacturer has teamed up with Parley to create a running shoe made from plastic retrieved from the sea. Simply put, the plastic is spun into threads to make the upper part of the shoe. The laces, the lining, webbing all made from recycled materials. Each pair of shoes uses the equivalent of eleven plastic bottles and retails for about \$200.00. The shoes may be a small step in cleaning the oceans of man's trash, but you have to start somewhere. If the harvesting of the oceans garbage patches is profitable, you can bet we'll see a lot more products made from this trash.

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- Animals
- People
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- Objects / Still Life
- Landscape / Nature
- Seascape / Boats



Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW)

This report is published with permission of Past Commodore Day Island Yacht Club Chuck Gay. These reports will keep us updated on the current Washington legislation regarding area boaters.

RBAW Recreational Boating Association of Washington



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No-Discharge Zone (NDZ): On July 5th the Washington Dept. of Ecology (DOE) filed a Pre-Proposal Statement of Inquiry which is the first step in creation of a new rule in the Washington Administrative Code (Chapter 178-228) which will establish a Puget Sound No Discharge Zone. The NDZ would cover 2,300 square miles of marine waters of Washington State inward from the line between New Dungeness Lighthouse and the Discovery Island Lighthouse to the Canadian border, and fresh waters of Lake Washington, Lake Union, and connecting waters between and to Puget Sound.

The DOE will work with tribes to discuss rule activities and seek input and coordinate with other federal, state and local agencies. DOE will extend an offer for government-to-government consultation with tribal governments during each phase of rule development. A public comment period with rule text and supporting documents will commence at a time to be determined in either late October or early November 2017. The public comment period will be ended at a date to be determined in November 2017. At that time DOE will begin preparation of the adoption packet with intent to adopt the new rule in February 2018, with an effective date in March 2018.

RBAW and our ally organizations have had meetings with EPA staff during the last month. There is some confusion as to whether the five year phase-in plan for holding tanks in commercial vessels, that has been proposed, could be revised to include recreational vessels. If not, all recreational vessels that do not have holding tanks would be in violation of the new rule immediately upon its effective date.

More information should become available later in the summer.

PC Chuck Gay, RBAW Secretary and Delegate

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Email address for confirmation of registration and payment _____

Will you be attending the District Conference without meals? YES _____

Is this your first District Conference? YES _____

Please Note: Reservations must be postmarked no later than Friday, 20 October 2017.

Activity _____ No. People Total _____

Registration: 1600—1750

Friday Reception: 1800—1900 - No Host Bar

Please attend the meals, we have a food & beverage requirement to cover the cost of the meeting rooms.

American Picnic Buffett Dinner: 1900—2200

Featuring Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chicken and lots of picnic food \$35 _____ \$ _____

Vegetarian "Plated" Dinner \$28 _____ \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast: 0800—0900

No Host in Restaurant/coffee shop

There may be "morning chat sessions" for Commanders/ Exec Officers; Educational Officers/ ASEOs; PDCs & all other attendees.

Saturday Luncheon: 1200—1300

Your choice: Cobb Salad _____ or Caesar Salad w/chicken _____
or Barbecue Portobello Quesadilla _____ \$28 _____ \$ _____

Saturday Evening: Social: No Host Bar 1800-1900

Banquet: 1800—2100

Dinner: Your choice: Petite Filet Beef \$37 _____ \$ _____

or Chicken Parmesan \$35 _____ \$ _____

or Vegetarian Lasagna \$32 _____ \$ _____

Dietary Restrictions? _____

Total (In US Funds) \$ _____ \$ _____

Make Hotel Reservations directly with the 116 Coast Hotel Bellevue by Friday, 6 October 2017.

After October 6th, the hotel will honor the Power Squadron rate based on availability.

Ask for "United States Power Squadrons" room block to get the negotiated conference rate of \$105 plus taxes.

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116 Coast Hotel Bellevue

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Swantown Rendezvous September 1st-September 4th Lt. Cindy Warren, AP

This is the traditional weekend for the tugboat races and our old traditional "Veggie Races" with some modified & engineered rules. Head to the market to buy your racers!

Friday: Arrive & call on channel 72. Dinner on your own

Saturday: Waffles & fresh fruit by your hosts at 9:00.

Pulled pork buns, corn on the cob, beans, salad with tomatoes, & cookies for dinner @ 6:00 or 1800

Sunday: Veggie Races at 1:00 or 1300

Potluck & leftovers @ 6:00 or 1800

Monday: Have a safe trip home

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*****\$5.00 reservation fee to hosts*****

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Capital Medical Center

General Hospital 24 hours

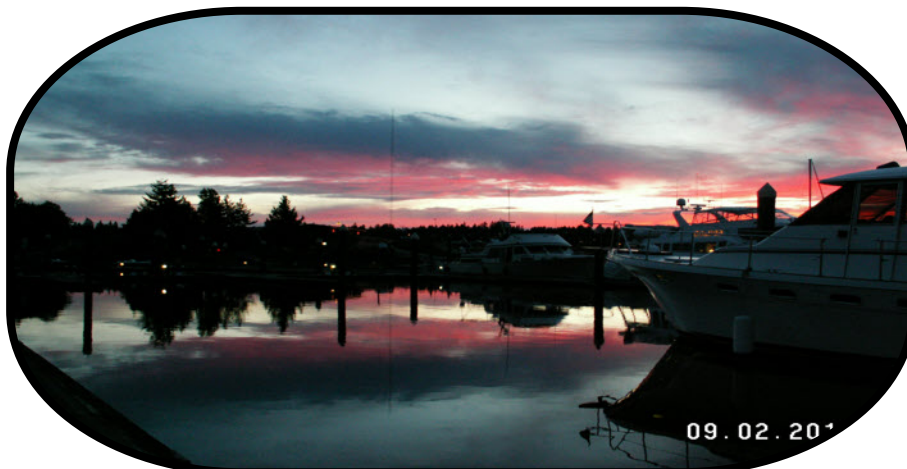
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Swantown Marina



Tacoma Power Squadron 2017 Rendezvous Schedule

September 1 - 4

Swantown
\$5 Reservation fee
360-528-8049

Cindy & Larry Warren
360-897-8692
Tom & Rebecca Ferree
Call Marina to reserve (12 boats)

October 14

Sharp's House
Salmon Bake

Chuck & Vicki Sharp

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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Tacoma Power Squadron's Summer 2017 San Juan Islands Cruise



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10	11	12 1900-2100 Ex. Bd Mtg* Deadline Wake Astern	13	14 ABC Class @ TYC	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 ABC Class @ TYC	22	23
24	25	26 1830 - 2030 Past Cdrs' BBQ Gen. Mtg @ DIYC	27	28 ABC Class @ TYC	29	30

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