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COMMANDER



Greetings fellow Squadron members

The first thing I have to report to you this month is the sad news that we will not have our September meeting and Past Commander's BBQ. The Corona virus is still playing havoc with anything having to do with socializing with others in person. All of them same restrictions are still in place and unfortunately the Bridge and Executive Board members were not able to come up with any alternatives.

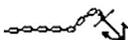
Cdr Gary Dildine, AP-IN We will take this on a month to month basis, but is very likely future meetings as well as our annual Christmas party may have to be cancelled.

A reminder to all members and especially committee chairpersons, it's time to start submitting Merit Mark information to our Merit Mark Chairperson Christine Rasmussen. I know it has been hard this year, with no rendezvous to help host, and the restrictions on vessel safety checks as well as other activities. If you have helped teach or proctor a class report it. If you put in time to help with cruise planning or anything like that, let us know. Even if the event didn't occur, the time you put in counts. National has added a special paragraph to the Merit Mark qualifying requirements for this year due to the Covid -19 situation.. Paragraph 9 reads "Participation in civic service activities, particularly as regards Covid-19, to include but not limited to cheering local first responders, sewing masks, making cards, preparing meals, et cetera." Please don't be bashful if you have done ANYTHING that would qualify you for a Merit Mark (MM). With us not seeing much, if anything of each other, we don't know what you might have done, tell us. For those of you who are new to our Squadron, a Merit Mark is an attabooy that you earn for time spent on activities for the benefit of the Squadron. You can earn 1 MM per year and after you have 25 MM's you do not pay National dues.

Because of the Covid-19 situation a lot of people are buying boats so that they can do outdoor activities and still be socially distanced. These people then learn that they must have a boaters education card to legally operate their new acquisition. This is an opportunity for us to reach out to them with our ABC classes. An added enticement to join our organization is that now, if someone joins immediately upon completion of the ABC class they basically get 18 months for 12 months of dues. So if you know or see someone who needs to take our class, take a few moments and tell them about us.

Just a quick reminder that in an effort to cut costs, National is no longer printing and mailing out the Ensign magazine. It will now be sent electronically to members starting with the last issue of this year. So keep your eyes open and watch for it.

Finally but probably most important, we still do not have an Administrative Officer. Stan Wolfe has been doing double duty as Executive Officer and filling the void of not having an AO. Thank you for your efforts Stan, I appreciate all of your hard work. But, Stan should not be doing the work of both offices. The Administrative Officer is not a commitment to go thru the rest of the chairs and become Commander unless you would like to. There are lots of people who will help you with things. All you have to do is ask. A lot of people in our group have been on the Bridge, sometimes more than once. Let's give them a break and get some new people involved. It's not that hard, it's not too many hours, and you get to meet some really great people who become pretty good friends. Most of all, you get to know what is going on before anyone else does. Until next month, Be Safe



Call to Meeting
General Meeting
No September Meeting

Executive Board Meeting
September 8th (7:00-9:00 PM)
Via Zoom

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

Greetings from your Executive Officer!

While we did not convene at Port Orchard as a rendezvous per se, several members did boat up to the marina as it was open to the public. We conducted no official activities but did socialize while abiding with State guidelines.

Just a reminder that the Western Washington State Fair and USPS Fall 2020 governing board are cancelled. The September General meeting is cancelled also.

The District 16 Fall 2020 conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, but will be a virtual meeting. The District Commander will publish details closer to the date of the meeting and I will have a flash e-mail distributed to all members conveying those details.

Having run essential errands and having taken the boat out a couple of times over the summer, I've noticed some issues with the wearing of face masks. Most notably, folks wearing a mask over the mouth but not the nose and whether or not a mask has to be worn in all outdoor settings. The following is extracted from ACCESS.WA.GOV and is the official Washington State policy on facial coverings.

The Governor's statewide requirement that all employees wear face coverings in their workplace went into effect June 8. Facial coverings also apply to non-employees and this seems like a good time to review the Do's and Don'ts of wearing cloth face coverings.

- DO** cover your face with a couple layers of cloth while in public places.
- DO** wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before you put your mask on and after you take it off.
- DO** wash your cloth face covering in a washing machine after a day's use.
- DO** take a cloth face covering with you if you are hiking or visiting a park. Although you do not need to wear one outside, you may find that you need to come within 6 feet of someone else on a trail. At that point, put your cloth face covering on, say hello, and carry on.
- DO** make sure the cloth face covering covers both your mouth and nose.
- DON'T** wear surgical-grade masks or N95 respirators. We need to reserve those for health care and other frontline workers.
- DON'T** think that wearing cloth face masks means we can gather in large groups of people. For most of the state, all gatherings are prohibited. For the counties that are in Phase 2, all gatherings of more than 5 people outside your household are prohibited.

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DON'T think that wearing a cloth face mask makes it safe to come within six feet of other people. At best, a cloth face covering is just one added level of precaution. It doesn't really help unless we are also washing our hands, staying home when we are sick, and practicing physical distancing.

DON'T wear a cloth face covering while exercising outdoors. It's not dangerous, just annoying and not necessary.

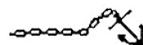
DON'T put a cloth face covering on a child under age 2 or on a person with a disability that keeps them from being able to remove it.

DON'T touch your cloth face covering after you put it on. Try not to touch your face at all.

DON'T worry that a cloth face covering might restrict your oxygen. It's not airtight. If you ever feel like you're having trouble breathing, remove the cloth face covering and sit down. If the feeling persists, call 911.

Practice compassion. Remember, wearing a cloth face covering is an act of compassion. We cover our faces to protect others. There is no public health reason to wear a cloth face covering if you are alone in your car, in your own home, or around members of your own household.

Stay COVID safe and hope to see all of you in the nearer future.



**TACOMA & SOUTH PUGET SOUND
SHOW & TELL**

With our current situation of social distancing and limited face-to-face communication, Cdr Gary Dildine thought it might be beneficial and fun to connect our membership with "Show and Tell" articles.

Recently, our Education Officer, Bentley Rickmers shared some interesting pictures during her and Cliff's summer cruise to and from the San Juan Islands (check out the August 2020 edition of The Wake Astern). I'm almost certain that many of you have similar events to share with the rest of us.

Contents would be forwarded and shared only with our Squadron members via email.

So with this in mind, if you would like to share your stories and photos with the rest of our members, please send your inputs to ricque0602@comcast.net. The narrative should be in word document format (.doc) and the pictures should be submitted as (.jpg) documents.



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

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

Upcoming Classes

There is a need and requests for educational classes. I am working on getting instructors to teach classes. More people are out boating and some of these people think if they can buy a boat they can operate it! Not true. Some need to learn the basics.

We have "Partner in Command" coming up September 22 and 24th taught by Gary Ball. This 4 hour class teaches the essential skills you will need to help the skipper safely operate a recreational boat, including how to respond in an emergency. You'll become an asset on board with "Partner in Command". This class includes an introduction to boating, understanding anchoring, docking, and navigation, preparing for bad weather, first aid and on-board emergencies, and more.

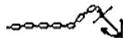
Lance and Brenda Williamson plan to do another ABC but the dates are not definite yet. If you know someone interested in the basic boating class they can contact me or keep checking usps.org for updates.

Gary Ball also agreed to teach Piloting which will begin October 1 at 7 pm. The Piloting class is 10 weeks.

Both of these classes will be via Zoom. Go to usps.org to register.

Let me know if you have questions or want to sign up for any of these classes.

Happy and safe boating!



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Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2020 Rendezvous Schedule

4th-7th Sept

Port Orchard (Labor Day)
Call Host to Reserve Slip

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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 inspection reports to Sue Walker, P.O. Box 519 Tacoma, WA 98401. She will also be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.



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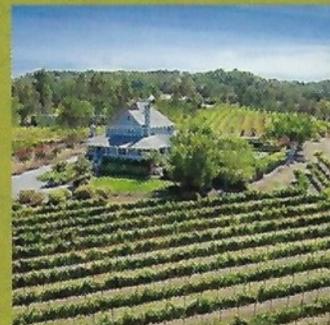
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Rendezvous**

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Ex. Bd Mtg
Via Zoom**

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Partner In
Command
Via Zoom**

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October Edition
The Wake Astern**

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October 2020

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18	19	20 Gen Mtg To Be Determined	21 Deadline for November Edi- tion	22 Plt Cls	23	24
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