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COMMANDER



Cdr Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

Greetings from your Commander!

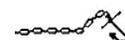
2022 has got to be better than 2021. The first item is the announcement of the birth of our second grandchild. Skyler Grace Wolfe appeared December 27th at 8:44PM, 6 lbs, 4 oz and 19 inches long. Our first introduction was via Zoom; she does have a set of lungs and knows how to use them. And here at the Wolfe house, we finally completed what has amounted to a major remodel with all new floors. Deb and I have spent the last three weeks moving back in all our furniture and 212 boxes of stuff. In addition to reconfiguring our living space, we also took the opportunity to get rid of unused and no longer needed items. I have several minor projects to complete such as wall painting and replacing trim board, but all is now manageable rather than overwhelming. What that means is we will be able to get back into more consistent boating. We will be laying up in April for some cosmetic repair and the installing of dripless shaft seals. After living on the boat for two months during the home remodeling, we've learned a lot about our boat, how it was built and what we need to do to improve it; in other words, lots of projects to keep me busy at the boat house.

We will resume in-person General Membership meetings at Day Island Yacht Club the fourth Tuesday of each month with the first one January 25th. The club will be providing a pasta meal and you don't need to bring anything except your choice of adult beverage as we won't be running a bar anymore. Expect to see a written invitation in the mail soon. Just as a reminder, COVID rules will be in place (e.g., wear masks when not seated, etc.).

We haven't published the formal rendezvous schedule yet so bring your desired ports of call to the meeting. Despite no published schedule, we will rendezvous at Arabellas Presidents' Day weekend, February 18-21, 2022. Arabellas does have 10 slips reserved for us but is implementing an on-line reservation system and has asked that we wait to reserve individual slips. We will send out an email blast when the system is available.

With the new year now here, please remember you will be getting a call from the nominating committee asking you to serve on a committee, on the bridge, or as an individual contributor in positions like vessel safety examiner (VSE) or instructor. Especially important is the need for a volunteer to take over as Basic Boating Chairperson. Individuals also serve as cooperative charting reporters going out and recovering aids-to-navigation (ATON) and USGS survey markers. All of these jobs are fun and help you earn a merit mark. When called, seriously consider helping out our club.

That's it for this month. I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of folks in-person this month.



**Call to Meeting
General Meeting**
January 25th, 2022 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
January 11th, 2022 (7:00-9:00PM)
via Zoom

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Lt/C James Harden, JN- CN

Now that the snow has begun to melt and when the weather is a bit warmer, we all start thinking about getting out on the water. I know the majority of our members have larger boats and not trailerable boats. I still wanted to share a reminder from our Environmental Committee. 🌊



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
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ABC/USPS is now a partner in the ANS (Aquatic Nuisance Species) Task Force public awareness campaign "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers," sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Coast Guard. Details, procedures and educational information can be found on the campaign website at www.protectyourwaters.net. Contact the EnvCom Chair for high resolution graphics of customizable campaign brochures, stickers and banners. Individual squadrons can use these materials and take credit for the message!

Work currently in progress on...

- Seeking grant funding for possible expansion of our programs.
- Checking out partnerships with other interested groups.
- Efforts to publicize current squadron and District projects.
- And, of course, the committee is always looking for hard-working members to join the team!

We're looking for feedback and news from all of our members...

- *What is your Squadron or District doing? We want to hear!*
- *Got some good ideas? Let us know! We can share (and we WILL give you credit for your suggestions)!*
- *Do you have an environmental question? We may not have the answer right away but we'll do our best to get an answer for you.*
- *Want to work with us? Get a resume submitted to get the process started, or contact the [committee chair](#) directly.*
- *Whatever the subject - Get the conversation started by contacting the [committee chair](#)!*



Lt/C Sam Hill, AP

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



The year 2022 is here already. Christmas decorations have been taken down and put away. People have written the year 2021 on a few documents. New Year's resolutions have been made, some have been broken already. Gym memberships have doubled or maybe tripled I'm guessing. I always believed the gym should be a gym for the first two months of the New Year and turn into a bar for the rest of the year. What is your New Year's resolution for the year of the Tiger, 2022?

This Year's resolution for me is a very simple one. My resolution will not cost me a penny but sometimes will be hard to complete. I simply want to be a better person for 2022. I want to love more and hate less. Be a better person to people around me. Continue to learn new things, to me learning is life. Be responsible for both the good and the bad in my life. And to keep a totally positive attitude at all times. The New Year is also giving members the opportunity to have in-person meetings. The first one will be on the 25th day of January 2022. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in person. I like the BYOB part also. It will be a good time to share your favorite liquid refreshment (with or without alcohol), share a meal and talk about 2021. In 2022 I plan to venture out further with my single engine boat then I did in 2021, and boat to more club events. I'm not calling it a resolution, it's just something I will do.

The New Year's resolution is thousands of years old. It's believed the Babylonians were the first to make resolutions and the first to celebrate New Year's. It all had to do with new crops, so New Year's was not celebrated in January but around March. People promised themselves, their friends, and their families to improve themselves in the New Year. I guess this year I am no different. I say why not make it a practice to improve yourself daily.

Welcome to the year of the Tiger, 2022. Take a moment to reflect on family and friends that did not make it. If we have not seen your face via zoom, cruises or other opportunities provided like the Christmas Party, think about joining us more often this year. We (the club) would love to see more of you in 2022. For all the new gym memberships, I will see you at the bar in March.



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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.

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.



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

**EDUCATIONAL
DEPARTMENT**



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

Happy New Year!!

A new year means new classes!

The Advanced Piloting class will start January 11, 2022, via Zoom for 8 weeks. Gary Ball will be the instructor. In this class you learn to use manual navigation, radar, chart plotters, AIS, and other electronic tools in a variety of coastal tide, current and wind conditions. Learn course planning, extended cruise navigation, hazard and collision avoidance, and navigational aids. Our experienced instructor has extensive knowledge.

Stan Wolfe will be teaching the Weather course starting in February. We hope to have this class in person. Don't let bad weather ruin your day! Learn to forecast and anticipate the weather. Understand meteorological systems, how weather is created, and signs of impending poor or dangerous weather. Check the website for updates.

Below are some useful Apps for boating:

Navigation	ActiveCaptain Companion
	AstroNav
	Aye Tides
	Aye Tides XL (iPad)
	Boat Beacon
	Celestial
	Commander Compass Lite

Weather	AccuWeather for iPhone
	AccuWeather Free for iPad
	Windfinder
	Windfinder Pro
	Windyty

Happy and safe boating!



News from National

The national Board of Directors has formed an ad hoc committee to examine our organizational structure and operations to better serve our members and local Squadrons/Clubs. We are considering options that may include restructuring districts, forming regions, and/or improving services directly to Members from the national level. Please read the linked article below for more information.

<https://theensign.org/organizational-restructuring/>

Thank you for helping us improve America's Boating Club.





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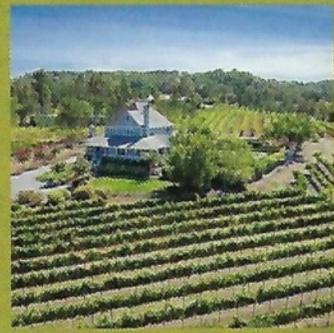
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