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COMMANDER



Cdr Gary Dildine, AP-IN

After seeing Stan's article in the May Wake Astern, I realized I probably should have given an introduction of myself for our members who may not know me very well or at all. My boating experience started when I was in my mid twenties. My brother in law and I went in halves on an 18 foot ski boat. I got the half that needed work done on it.. My brother in law is a great guy but he is not mechanical at all. Fast forward a few years and water skiing was replaced by fishing, so needed a larger more stable boat to fish the sound and strait. Moved into a 21 ft Sabrecraft. Started to wonder about what all of those things were out on the water, and how do you know who has to do what when 2 boats are headed towards each other, or towards the same place from two different directions.

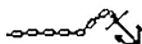
Found out about the USPS at a boat show at the Tacoma Dome in winter 1987, took the basic boating class in the spring. Our first rendezvous was in May 1987, our son Brian was 1 week old, you couldn't even see him in the PFD. It was at Brownsville and we were welcomed very warmly as if we were family. We were, and we are family. The Tacoma Power Squadron is a family. We all come from different backgrounds, experiences, even geographical locations, but we all have one thing in common, we love boating with the family.

I have not held a lot of offices in the Squadron. I've been on the Executive Board a few times. Helped teach many more basic boating classes than I can remember. Now I've agreed to be Commander for this year. My wife Barbara and I have taken everything from Seamanship up to Advanced Piloting together, as well as all elective classes except sail. We are both certified as Inland Navigators.

Taking a class together can raise some challenges, but is also a rewarding experience you can share with another. Maybe it's a friend, child, grandchild, co-worker. Education is the lifeblood of our squadron. Invite someone to take our ABC course, take it with them, mentor them. You know who they are, just look at the previous sentences. Maybe it's someone at your Marina, or a family member, etc.

We are here because we enjoy boating, and learning with friends. Who do you enjoy being around that is not a member of our squadron? Invite them to take a class and join us. They may not even own a boat, they may just go with you a lot on your boat. Wouldn't you feel comfortable with a friend on your boat who knows what to do in an adverse situation or emergency? Think about it.

Stay safe and hope to see you on the water soon.



General Meetings
Held
SEPTEMBER THRU MAY
ONLY

Executive Board Meetings
Held on
As Needed Basis

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

Greetings from your Executive Officer!

The COVID crisis continues but hopefully we may be able to start engaging in some limited activities in the near future. I'll discuss some options below, but first I have news on a change being implemented by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

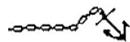
The i911 system provides fast and accurate location data to the Coast Guard in a simple web-based interface accessible by USCG. If a mariner has recently or is actively connected to a cell-tower, the user's smartphone could provide Global Positioning System information—potentially up to 20-nautical miles offshore. The Coast Guard has the ability to send a text message to the mariner's cell phone requesting permission to access the GPS location information. All the mariner needs to do is enable location information in their smartphone settings and click the link provided in the text message. With that being said, the USCG's VHF-based RESCUE 21 system is still the best way to reach out in an emergency. Your VHF radio can be heard by anyone out on the water who is within range while a cell phone is only point-to-point to the USCG (assuming the cell phone can reach a cell tower).

Last year at the behest of our club's (and District 16's) Cooperative Charting Chairman, Jim Harden, JN-CN, Deb and I went out over a couple of evenings and located several geodetic marks. I downloaded a \$0.99 app for my iPhone which eased my reporting of the marks we recovered. It was fun, cheap entertainment. Well, a new opportunity is headed our way. The USPS Cooperative Charting program is now including marina information. In the new marina survey program, you may obtain report forms from Cruisersnet.net via a link in the Coop Charting Website. Survey information is provided to Cruisers' Net for the benefit of the boating community. The new marina program will help Cruisers' Net with updates on existing marinas and hopefully add many more marinas in geographic areas that they do not currently cover. For more information on this program please visit the Cooperative Charting website at: https://www.usps.org/images/Exec/CoopCh/PDFs/2020_01_01_Marina_Survey_SOP.pdf or contact Jim Harden (360-438-9742).

There are several other avenues available for those wishing to increase their involvement. There are several vacant positions under the purview of the Executive Officer: Boat Show, Legislative, Public Relations, and Safety. If interested, contact me (wolfesd@comcast.net or 253-948-6101).

We have been contacted by D16 to assist Washington State Parks by manning some shifts at the Boating Safety booth during the Western Washington State Fair in September (assuming the Fair occurs). Again, call me if interested in helping.

Additionally, the Squadron really needs an Administrative Officer as my replacement and to ensure continuity. If interested in becoming the AO, contact our Commander, Gary Dildine, AP-IN.



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.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN
Asst. Education Officer

Boating Classes from Home

Learn at home. In this time of social distancing, what could be better than taking and passing *Boat Handling* at home? The course covers what all boaters need to know: Rules of the Road, Docking, Boating with Confidence, Anchoring, Emergencies on Board and Knots and Line Handling.

Get it here. Go to [America's Boating Club Online Boating](#), click on the gray Virtual Classroom tile and purchase *Boat Handling* for \$67.50. You can also purchase the individual seminars that make up the *Boat Handling* course for \$24.95, but the full course is the best deal, saving you \$82.20!

America's Boating Club will also be offering the basic Boating Course via Zoom June 8, 11, 15, 18, and June 22. To register for the class go to:

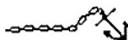
americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=98467&range=20

Pass the word along if you have friends who need to get the Washington State Boater's Card.

If you have questions contact Bentley Rickmers at benric7@gmail.com

Last month's article inadvertently left out Patricia Brown's name as passing the Seamanship class. Congratulations to her!!

While anchored out recently we saw this boat aground. See picture below. Maybe they could use a boating class. Stay safe at home and boating!!



(Picture provided by Lt/C Bentley Rickmers)



Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2020 Rendezvous Schedule

4th-7th Sept

Port Orchard (Labor Day)
Call Host to Reserve Slip

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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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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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1 Yr Term	Lt Karen Jackson
1 Yr Term	P/C Tim Craig, P
2 Yr Term	Lt Cathy Reed
2 Yr Term	Lt Barbara Dildine, AP,IN
3 Yr Term	P/C Larry Warren, AP
3 Yr Term	Lt Sam Hill

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3 Yr Term	Lt Patti Ambrose

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2 Yr Term	Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
3 Yr Term	Vacant

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3 Yr Term	P/C Richard Mattox, AP

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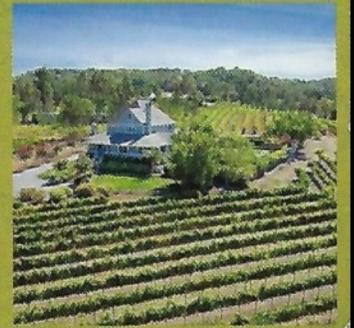
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July 2020

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