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COMMANDER



Cdr Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

Greetings from your Commander!

The end of May and beginning of June marks the start of what I call “heavy boating season.” In practical terms, that usually means rendezvous and lots of boat time. This year, due to Covid, we have a very skinny schedule with only one planned rendezvous at Swantown, which by this reading, is over. District 16 has their annual rendezvous at Poulsbo June 11-13. I’ll be attending as will a few other of our members. We may try to put together an ad hoc rendezvous, in the Fall, most likely at Arabellas, but will need to wait until the Covid situation winds down before committing to that. Our remaining scheduled boating activity is the TPS Summer 2021 cruise. There is still lots of open slips and I encourage folks that have been thinking only about joining to give me a call. It will be a two-week, six port events, but is designed to allow folks to attend at one of more stops, even if only to join up one night while in route somewhere else.

Next topic on my to-do list is finding help for two of our very important, public facing duties. Our current Basic Boating Chairperson, Lt Brenda Williamson, P has asked to be replaced. She has done a fantastic job for the last seven years and we thank her for the tremendous contribution of time and effort. So, we need a volunteer to step forward and serve. In a nutshell, the duties include arranging for instructors, announcing scheduled course dates, enrolling students, and facilitating either Zoom or in-person classes. A lot of the work is done via HQ800, a simple tool accessible via the web. Interested folks may call me, our Squadron Education Officer (Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S), or Brenda. This is a vital position as ABC3 is the gateway course into membership for just about anybody who has joined USPS.

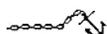
I did say two positions - the other is to serve as Assistant VSC chairperson. Our VSC Chairperson is Lt Sue Walker, P and she has a work schedule that takes up her weekends. The VSC Chairperson coordinates with the Vessel Safety Examiners (VSE) to meet with and complete vessel safety checks (VSC) for members and the public at large. Duties also include entering completed VSCs into the USPS database. This is a public facing job, and another vital position where our examiners introduce the public to our club. Sue would like to share the duties with an assistant, the ultimate goal is to pass on the chairmanship at some future point.

Arm twisting duties completed for now, I would like to discuss plans for the rest of the year. After our Summer cruise, it will be time to resume classes and meetings. I’ll leave the education aspects in the capable hands of our SEO, Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S and Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN. The meetings are on me. As such, I am planning on resuming in-person events starting with the Past Commanders’ BBQ September 28 at Day Island Yacht Club. Plan to attend, bring a side dish to share. Remember that we no longer have bartenders so the event will be BYOB. Plan to tell us what kind of classes you’d like to attend and which ports you want to visit in the 2022 rendezvous schedule. A good war story about an adventure or boat project would be nice as well.

I’m sure I forgot something, but your capable bridge members will mention whatever it is I missed. See you out on the water!

General Membership Meetings
Held
SEPTEMBER THRU MAY
ONLY

Executive Board Meetings
Held on
As Needed Basis



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Lt/C James Harden, JN, CN

Partnership will preserve public asset, ensure quality services and facilities at historic marina with \$1.7 million in funding from Legislature

The historic Lakebay Marina in Mayo Cove near the Pierce County community of Lakebay will be acquired and preserved for long-term public use – and will be positioned for much-needed renovations through a unique partnership between the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW) Marine Parks Conservancy.

The two entities received a \$1,776,000 boating facilities grant from the Legislature in the 2021-2023 Capital Budget to acquire and renovate the marina that had fallen into disrepair in recent years. The marina, next to Penrose Point State Park, was established in 1928 and placed on the Pierce County Register of Historic Places in February 2019.

“Washington’s maritime community is critical to our culture, economy and public health. Through this partnership with the Recreational Boating Association and Pierce County, we are ensuring the infrastructure remains in place to support and expand our vital boating economy,” said **Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz**. “With its warm, shallow waters, Mayo Cove has long been treasured as a summer spot for recreation, and I’m proud to be working to protect that access and local history for our future generations.”

“We are delighted to be able to acquire this historic marina, keep it in the public domain for generations to come, deed it over to DNR, and team up with the Agency on joint planning efforts to ensure improvements and configurations that fit the local community’s needs,” said Bob Wise, President of the RBAW Marine Parks Conservancy.

"Protecting Puget Sound and providing access to the water for recreation are top priorities for me. This effort accomplishes both goals and preserves a central part of the Key Peninsula's history," said Pierce County Council Chair Derek Young. "I want to thank both the RBAW and the DNR for ensuring this great asset will be restored and properly operated into the future."

DNR will use the grant funding to acquire 17.5 acres of upland and tideland property surrounding the marina, and will work with the Conservancy, as well as the public, to plan renovations that will provide high quality recreation opportunities while minimizing environmental impacts.

New facilities at the marina will include recreation and picnic areas, public restrooms, recreational moorage and vessel pump-out and fueling facilities. The acquisition by DNR will ensure public recreational access to Puget Sound. It will also protect important beds of kelp and eelgrass that support juvenile salmon in Mayo Cove.

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A Historic Marina

Initially built as a pier for small cargo ships, Lakebay Marina became a popular facility in the area in 1928, when it began servicing the renowned Mosquito Fleet and housed a small egg and poultry cooperative. It also served as a dance hall and gathering place for the community.

In recent years, however, the facilities have degraded and have fallen out of compliance with building, safety and health codes.

In addition to the recent funding allocation, the Lakebay Marina purchase and renovation has received \$250,000 from Pierce County, a \$100,000 allocation from the 2020 Supplemental Capital Budget and tens of thousands of dollars in private donations.

Ensuring Washington's Aquatic Lands Remain Healthy and Productive

As stewards of more than 2.6 million acres of state-owned aquatic lands, we are responsible for ensuring protection of habitat and fostering public access and water-dependent activities for future generations. DNR generates revenue by selling the rights to harvest renewable resources like wild geoducks and other shellfish and from leasing and licensing state-owned aquatic lands.

That revenue is reinvested to manage and restore Washington's aquatic ecosystems; keep them free of derelict maritime equipment; protect their health and productivity, and fund local projects that ensure the public can enjoy our aquatic lands.

The above article is from a RBAW Press Release.

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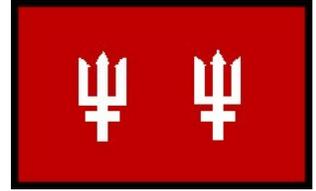
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Susan Walker is our VSC Chairperson, phone number: 253-213-2850. **Please note new email address above.**

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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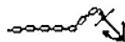


Lt/C Sam Hill, P

Happy June 2021 Squadron Members. It's exciting to see more sun and less rain. June will bring out the motorcycles, convertibles with the tops down, more people walking and more boats on the water. Including myself, lots of people have not operated their boats since last boating season. I winterize my boat around November, and don't pull it out until around April. If you are like I am, and haven't been boating since last season. Take a few minutes to think about the perishable skills you may have lost. If you are the all year boater, dust off the sunglasses and transition from winter gear to summer gear on your boat.

It's very important to recognize and come up with a plan to sharpen the perishable skills you may have lost, sooner than later. If your boat is trailered, like mine, the first day launching the boat may not go as smooth as it did last season. You also have to be very patient with others around you. They more likely than not, have lost some perishable skills over the winter months too. I made a very embarrassing mistake myself launching my boat this season. Call me if you are interested, and I will tell you all about it. If you trailer your boat, it's very important to service your trailer bearings as soon as possible. Make sure to get that second set of eyes on your boat known as a Vessel Safety Check (VSC). I always like to say, four eyes are better than two. These are just a couple things to think about as boating season starts.

Understanding the need, and making time to knock the dust off of skills you have not practiced in several months, is a good way to start the boating season. Along with taking a good look at your boat and boating equipment. The VSC will give you another set of eyes on things. If your boat is trailered, don't put off servicing your bearings. Enjoy the boating season. Burn plenty of boat gas. Sharpen those perishable skills sooner than later, and be safe on the water. Feel free to call, email or text me anytime. I have a couple funny stories from the Point Defiance Dock.



- * **LEARN Boating Skills**
- * **ENGAGE with Boating Friends**
- * **CONNECT with the Boating Community**

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*

Boating education is zooming right along! We had America's Boating Course in May via Zoom with all students taking the test passing with excellent grades! Thank you to our instructors, P/C Lance Williamson, Commander Stan Wolfe and P/C Mitch Carroll for doing an outstanding job. Also, a huge thank you to Brenda Williamson moderating the classes. Brenda is stepping down as Basic Boating coordinator, so we are looking for a new coordinator. If this interests you, please contact me.

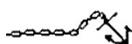
We also had a Partner in Command class May 22 at Fox Island Yacht Club. Thank you to Commander Stan Wolfe and P/C Gary Dildine for conducting that class. All attending were very appreciative.

There will not be any classes over the summer so everyone can enjoy boating!

We plan to hold a Piloting class and then an Advance Piloting class in the fall.

Everett will have an Electronic Navigation Starting September 22 via Zoom. Click the link below to register americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=98467&range=150

Happy Boating!!





Swantown Memorial Day Weekend Rendezvous

May 28th – 31st, 2021

by Lt Cindy Warren, AP

The weather was excellent as Tacoma Power Squadron boats and crews assembled at Swantown Marina starting Friday, May 29, 2021. All boats were conveniently located near the head of A dock which made it easy to safely socialize throughout the weekend. Coffee and individually packaged breakfast items greeted attendees Saturday and Sunday morning. There was an impromptu potluck dinner on Saturday. In addition to dockside conversations, most folks found time to visit the Olympia Farmers’ market.

Crew and Boats Attending:

- P/C Mike (AP) and Jenna (P) Ashbrook - R Lil’ Ship
- P/C Gary (AP-IN) and Lt Barbara (AP-IN) Dildine - Little Eagle with visiting guest Annette Dildine and Cliff Dougherty; Heather Mattioli and son Weston
- Lt Tom (JN) and Rebecca (S) Ferree - Kira Sea
- P/C Bev (SN-IN) and P/C Kevin (SN-IN) Kennedy - Arcturus
- P/C Todd (P) and Melinda (S) Mackey - Empress
- Richard (P) and Cathy (S) Phillips - Flips Ahoy
- Barbara and Brian Prudente - Sjöen with additional crew Mason Dixon and Emily Holden
- P/C Larry (AP) and Lt Cindy (AP) Warren - Fascination
- Cdr Stan (SN-CN) and Lt Debbie Wolfe - GreyWolfes’

Land Yachts:

- R/C Jim (JN-CN) and P/C Deborah (P) Harden
- P/C Pat Lemagie, AP
- P/C Vicki Sharp, S
- P/C Lance (P) and Lt Brenda (P) Williamson



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)



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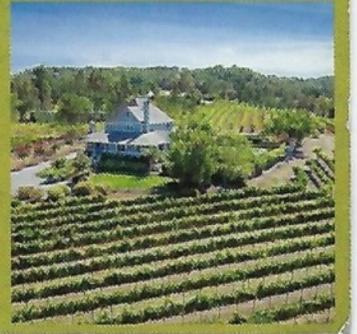
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