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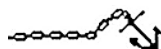
Now that the weather has gotten a little warmer and believe it or not there is a little bluer sky out there somewhere. So, we need to get out on our boats and have fun. What a better time to do this than at Poulsbo attending the District 16 rendezvous. There appears to be a few less people attending due to the price of fuel. I wish I had an answer, but I don't think there is a solution at this time.

I want to say a BIG Thank You to Gary & Barbara Dildine for hosting the BBQ at their house last month. The BBQ was a great success with everyone having a fun time. Gary even said that he would be interested in having it again next year. Sorry that I couldn't be there this year as I know I missed a great time.

Remember to talk to people about our squadron while you are out boating or walking on the docks. Bringing in a new member also requires us to get the new members engaged. They should attend our socials and our outings so we can get to know them better and making friends. Thanks to our great classes and instructors we are bringing new members, but we need to take the next step to keep them coming back.

Yes, summer is just around the corner and that makes me think of the 4th of July. Aha yes, I remember those great times watching fireworks with the family. The National Safety Council advises everyone to enjoy fireworks at public displays conducted by professionals, and not to use any fireworks at home. They may be legal, but they are not safe. Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet.

See you around the docks.



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

**General Membership Meetings
HELD
SEPTEMBER THRU MAY
ONLY

Executive Board Meeting
HELD ON
AS NEEDED BASIS**

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Lt/C Sam Hill, AP

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



It's only a couple weeks before summer officially begins in 2022. It's boating time folks, I am looking forward to the season. I am coming to you this month with a couple of requests for help. The club needs you. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

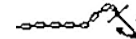
NEW MEMBERS:

Please come hangout with us. I understand everyone joined the club for their own reason. When I originally joined it was because I wanted additional boating education. After going to a meeting or two I quickly learned, education comes in lots of different forms. In addition, you may enjoy yourself, and learn something new at the same time. Years of experience are at every event. Thank you to the new members that attended events in May. It was very nice meeting you and I hope you had some fun.

ALL MEMBERS:

We have some positions that are vacant. We really need your help on this. We need some fresh new faces to help keep the club running smoothly. It is okay if you have never served in one of the vacant positions (might be better). You can bring your own style to the position, and if you're not sure how the position works, there are plenty of club members around that served in many positions before.

Welcome to the beginning of the summer 2022. I am looking forward to seeing you out there. I appreciate the opportunity to share time, conversation and fellowship with you all. Let's stay safe out there members. Do not forget about the Vessel Safety Checks, and spread the word about boating safety and education. Numbers do not lie; there are far too many people without boating education on the water. You can help make a difference.





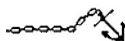
Lt/C Larry Warren, AP

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



By the time you read this it will be heading into the first days of summer on Tuesday, June 21st, 2022. Of course, it's our hope that we'll have a fine summer without fires and smoke to put a damper on our precious time on the water or RV. Most of you know that our meetings are on summer vacation until September when we meet for the Past Commanders' BBQ at Day Island Yacht club once again. We have many new members that may not know all the ins and outs of the squadron, we'll send out a blast to let everyone know the date and time.

There's been a significant upswing in the members attending meetings and gatherings in the last few months, which is encouraging. We had 40+ attend the Change of Watch, almost 40 members at the Land Yacht Rendezvous and 30+ at the Membership Appreciation dinner. It's our hope that people are getting a little more comfortable with getting together, being able to get together is very important for us all. The social side (fraternal) of our triangle is just as important our Civic Service and Self Education. Everyone have a great summer, happy cruising, RV travel or whatever your pursuits may be. Be safe out there! Hope to see some of you sometime this summer or this fall when we gather together at the P/C BBQ.



Need a Vessel Safety Check?
It's Fast, It's Easy, and best of all, IT'S FREE !!!



All you have to do is contact
Lt Sue Walker, S
Email: sue98402@gmail.com
Phone: (253-213-2850)

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.



EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

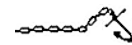
Classes are winding down for the summer. We had exams for ABC and Marine Electrical Systems May 16. Everyone who took the ABC exam passed!! Congratulations and welcome to America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound Jeffery Puckett and Erin Tran. They are two of the students that took the ABC class and now are taking the Engine Maintenance course being taught at Tacoma Yacht Club. The MES exams were sent off to National Headquarters to be graded.

Engine Maintenance continues at Tacoma Yacht Club and testing will be in June. No classes are scheduled for the summer with us because most of us are out boating! We plan to have another Engine Maintenance class in the fall. Hopefully we will have a Marine Navigation class in the fall also.

We do have an ABC, America's Boating Course, coming up in June at Day Island Yacht Club. See the flyer after this article. Pass the information along if you know of anyone needing this class.

Thank you to all the instructors teaching these classes: PC Lance Williamson, PC Stan Wolfe, PC Mitch Carroll, Gary Ball, PC Gene Kautzman and Monti Minion. Also, thanks to the proctors who helped with the exams, PC Jackie Mattox, PC Richard Mattox, Commander Jim Harden and PC Stan and Debbie Wolfe.

Hope everyone has a wonderful summer out on the water!



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Become a Better Boater, Take an In-Person Boating Course

Taking a boating class reduces your risk of accidents and injuries, saves you money on boat insurance, and qualifies you for a state boat license or operator certificate in most states.

America's Boating Course is the most comprehensive, single source, in-person boating course available to give you the skills you need to enjoy your time on the water and boat with confidence. Available in both English and Spanish, our boater safety class meets most states' certification requirements.

What You'll Learn:

- Information about your State Boating Laws, regulations, boat registration, and licensing.
- Required boating safety equipment
- Dos and Don'ts of boating safely
- Practical Knowledge of navigation and rules of the road
- How to handle medical emergencies onboard and mechanical problems on the water
- The basics of towing and trailering

America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound is offering America Boating Course Starting June 6, 2022 for 4 two hour classes on Mondays June 6, 13 and 20th Thursday June 16, 7- 9 pm at Day Island Yacht Club including the night of exam June 23. June 16th class will be via Zoom. Cost of the class is \$40.

Go to this link to register or click on the QR code at the top of the page.

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

For more information contact Bentley Rickmers benric7@gmail.com

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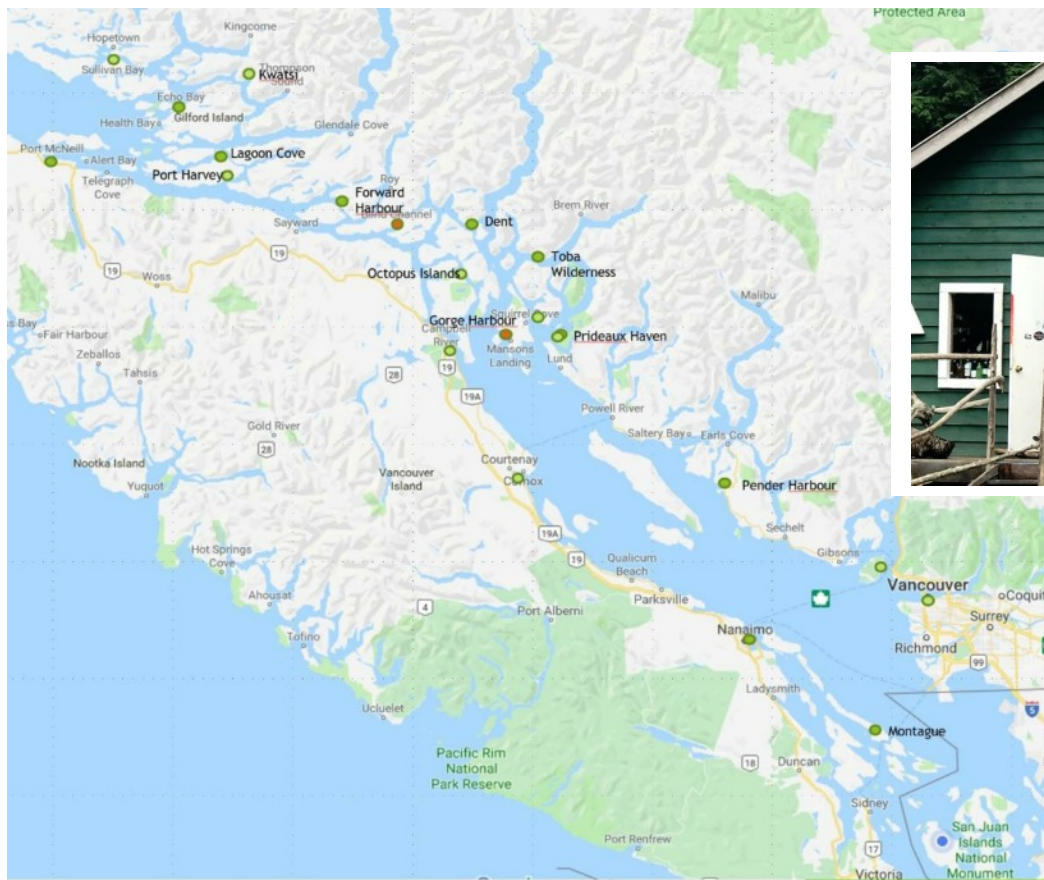


Cruising North to Desolation Sound and the Broughtons



Boating Planning and Being Prepared for Long Range Cruising is being held via Zoom on Thursday June 9, 2022 from 7:00 – 8:00pm

This seminar will cover what you need to know for a fun and safe cruise up the Inside Passage in preparation for a San Juan Island Yacht Club cruise this summer. It's open to the public for \$30 and \$5 for members of America's Boating Club and SJIYC. Register at www.abcsji.org Your Zoom link will be included in your emailed receipt.





Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: June 23-26, 2022

Registration:

Name(s): _____ Squadron: _____
"Cell" Phone: _____ Email: _____

*****If you are coming for any of the rendezvous events PLEASE register***
Registering only for events/fellowship (no moorage or meal) circle YES**

All reservations must be received per below prior to June 6, 2022.

No guarantee for meals or moorage will be given after this date!!

Friday Evening Dinner: 6:30PM at the Poulsbo Yacht Club. Catered served buffet of Meat Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo, or Vegetarian pasta marinara; salad, toasted Garlic Bread and dessert. BYOB (Water & soda will be available).

Please note selection & quantity: # Eating total Amount (\$27/person)
Lasagna _____ Chicken Alfredo _____ Vegetarian _____ \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast: 9:30AM at the Poulsbo Marina's "party barge" served by D16 Bridge (free for registered rendezvous participates). **Please note # eating: _____**

Saturday Skills: Flare shoot (fire real flares) training late morning. No fire extinguisher training this year.

Saturday Night Social: No host (BYOB&F) "Dock Party" from 5:00-7:30+PM on "E Dock". Members/guest set up tables & chairs (and tents/covers depending on weather) at the end of "E Dock". Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres & BYOB to share with fellow district members and guests.

MOORAGE Reservations:

- **Pay a nonrefundable \$5 for moorage reservation prior to June 6, 2022.**
- Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is \$1.50 per foot for less than 16' beam & \$3.00 per foot for greater than 16' beam (both 30' minimum) + \$.75/visit (environmental) + \$5.00/night electrical. We recommend boats are "stern in" to facilitate socializing.
- **Please circle your "1st choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard stern in port stern in starboard
- **Please circle your "2nd choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard stern in port stern in starboard
- **Please circle Arrival Day:** (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)
- **Estimated arrival time:** _____

Boat Name: _____ **LOA** _____ **Beam** _____ **Draft** _____
Special Considerations: _____ (will try to accommodate)

Prior to entering the marina hail "America's Boating Club" on Ch72 for docking instructions (no self-assigning slips).

Non-refundable Moorage Reservation Fee (\$5.00): \$ _____

LODGING:

Call Poulsbo Inn @ 360-779-3921 or 360-779-9737. Reference "**District 16 America's Boating Club**" for group rate of **\$120.00/night plus tax.** **Group block rate closes June 15, 2022.** Please make your hotel reservations early. **Make hotel reservation and payment directly with the hotel.**

Registration form and payment must be received prior to June 6, 2022. Please Send to:

Make payment out to "USPS District 16"

P/D/C Craig Brown
4634 Kent Ct
Kent, WA 98032-7112

For Questions Contact: Craig Brown at craig-sandybrown@msn.com or 253-350-4884



Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2022 Rendezvous Schedule

23rd-26 th June	Poulsbo District 16	Registration Form/Wake Astern
22 nd -24 th July	Kingston Call/text Cindy to confirm <u>206-571-3096</u>	Need Hosts 10) boats <u>\$10 Reservation Fee</u>
12 th -14 th August	Swantown 360-528-8049	Need Hosts <u>\$5 Reservation Fee</u>
2nd-5 th Sept	Port Orchard (Labor Day) 360-876-5535 Can call in & prepay	Need Hosts (10) Boats (8 slips & 100' Long Dock) <u>\$5 Reservation Fee</u>
30 th -2 nd Sept/Oct	Arabella's Landing Marina <u>"Book on line"</u>	Need Hosts 10) Boats

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.

Cindy Warren 360-897-8692 c.m.warren-7@hotmail.com
Text: 206-571-3096



RAINIER LAND YACHT RENDEZVOUS & BBQ

by P/C Gary Dildine, AP-IN

The Land Yacht Rendezvous in Rainier on May 21 was blessed with great weather. The sun was shining and there was plenty of shade for those who attended. There were 38 attendees who enjoyed good weather, good friends, good food, and visiting with one another. There was an antique farm tractor display along with yard games of cornboards, redneck golf, and horseshoes. Before everyone left there was a drawing for various donated prizes, from a 3 pack of PFDs to books. Thank you to all who attended, hopefully everyone enjoyed it as much as the hosts did.

Attendees by car:

- Richard & Jackie Mattox
- Jerry Lawrence
- Lorraine Stargel
- Sam & Kim Hill
- Cathy Reed
- Susan Walker
- Bill Larson
- Andy & Betty Temple
- Stan & Debbie Wolfe & Lexi
- Chuck & Vicki Sharp
- Larry & Cindy Warren
- Christine Rasmussen
- Dan, Lisa, & Erika Rasmussen
- David & Paulette Sitzestock
- Dave & Nancy Good
- Becky Arrington & Vickie Jennings
- Ray & Herta Maleike
- Richard & Beth Stone
- Tim Craig



Hosts:

- Gary & Barbara Dildine
- Heather, Jason & Weston Mattioli



(Pictures provided by Lt Barbara Dildine, AP)



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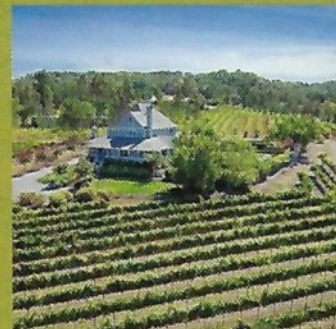
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