



Tacoma Power Squadron

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The Wake Astern



COMMANDER



Cdr Richard Mattox, AP

Ahoy mates, let the fun begin! We are well into this year's boating season and I'm looking forward to attending as many rendezvous as I can. Recently TPS participated in the annual Marine Daffodil Parade. Despite, the wind and rain, a good number of volunteers showed up on Saturday to help decorate our flagship. Though we did not place in the top three, "Loose Moose Deuce" and its crew were a proud looking entry.

The TPS Change of Watch took place on April 23rd at the Day Island Yacht Club. I was so glad to see so many members, guests, and two new couples, JC & Jenn Reed and Richard & Marilyn Foulkes, who will be sworn in at the May 2019 General Meeting. The camaraderie, decorations, and especially the catered dinner were all top drawer. DLt/C Craig Brown, from District 16, officiated the swearing in ceremonies.

April 26-28 marked the third rendezvous of the season with a trip to Longbranch. Jackie and I were not able to be there, but I'm sure those who did had a great time. Details of the event appear on Page 9.

Finally, the tally of the survey I sent out regarding the new branding of our Squadron, so far, indicates "America's Boating Club, Tacoma and South Puget Sound" as the most popular choice. Final results are still a work in progress. 



(Picture provided by Steve Erickson, Dist 16 Official Photographer)

Tacoma Power Squadron
General Meeting
May 28th, 2019 (6:30 PM - 8:30PM)
@ Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
May 14th, 2019 (7:00PM - 9:00PM)
@ Genesis Health Care
4755 So. 48th St.
Tacoma, WA 98409

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

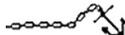


Lt/C Larry Warren. AP

Hello to fellow members,

Please join me in, raising a glass in celebration of our 80th year as the “Tacoma Power Squadron”. The oldest United States Power Squadron west of the Mississippi. A fact that should make us all proud. Now “ America’s Boating Club”, our mission has always been and will continue to be three-fold. A fraternal organization dedicated to the intellectual, physical, and social development of its members. A civic organization devoted to teaching safe boating. And camaraderie and fun of boating with friends. “Come for the boating education... stay for the Friends”. Our mission along with our Brotherhood of Squadrons in The United States Power Squadron is not only to make our member's educated boaters, but to make others aware of the “Rules of the Road”, and that Boating Smart equals safer and more enjoyable boating. As you know, many people don’t think of themselves as boaters, like duck hunters, fishermen, and kayakers. We must remain dedicated and motivated in promoting high standards of navigation and seamanship. Educating those who may not realize that practicing the principles of safe boating will be rewarding not only to themselves but other boaters as well!

We, like most organizations, are having problems acquiring and retaining members, and of course, members that will help lead our squadron into the future. We all must work together in the pursuit of our goals, not just one committee but the strength of all our members. Your Executive Committee is responsible to all of our members for seeing that things are done properly. Committee meetings are announced in The Wake Astern. We encourage you to attend them—they’re open to all members. When you attend, your questions and suggestions will be welcomed. Remember—we’re all volunteers and can use all the input and help we can get! Also, of course, we would love to have a full house at our general meetings as well, new and longstanding members alike.

As your newest Executive Officer, second in command, I will do my best to have our Commander’s back as well as the interests of all of you. Even so, there’s a lot of things that need to be done to keep the squadron fun, interesting, and worthwhile, and that can only happen if each of us is willing to do just a little bit to help out. T.E.A.M. stands for Together Everyone Accomplishes More. No one can— or should—do it all, but if everyone does just a little, the job will get done, no one will be burned out, and everyone will have fun. We have a lot of great volunteers now but we want everyone to join us in the pursuit of our goals, please come, have fun and help with our Mission.  Reprinted from May 2016

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Address: P.O. Box 519
Tacoma, WA 98401

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 the inspection reports for recording with USPS National Headquarters - P.O.Box 519 Tacoma, WA 98401

The VSC inspectors should send Susan copies of inspection forms at this point in time. She will be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. following the Change of Watch, as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.

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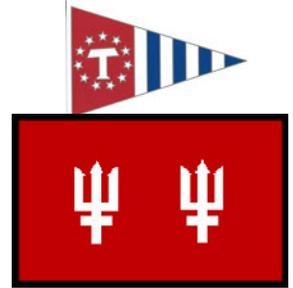
Hi, I'm Stan Wolfe, your new Administrative Officer (AO), effective April 23, 2019. I'll do my best to fill the shoes of our most recent past AO, Richard Mattox who has graciously agreed to serve as our new Commander. I'd like to provide a brief bio for those who may not know me. I joined Tacoma Power Squadron in 2004 after completing the Basic Boating Course. I took the course after buying my first "big" boat, a 27-foot express cruiser with a duo-prop Volvo Penta outdrive. I knew I needed some kind of training when the first docking in my slip included removing the roof support from the edge of the dock. Over the years, I served on the Executive Board, Chairman of the electives courses, basic boating instructor, weather course instructor and Squadron Education Officer. I've attended many of District 16's Spring and Fall conferences as well as most squadron and district rendezvous. I've taken a few seminars and have completed all the advanced grades and elective course offered by USPS. I've also taken some of the newest courses offered in the On-the-Water training program. All of the educational and hands on training activities have made me a better, safer boater. I now enjoy sharing my experience by serving as one of our On-the-Water instructors.

With all that behind me, what's next? To start answering that question, let me describe the general and a few specific duties of the AO. In general, the AO oversees those functions considered internal to the club. These include Membership, Membership Involvement, Boating Activities, and Operations Training. In future articles I will discuss various aspects of these functional areas, their associated committees and the people serving in those committees.

Finally, in closing out my introductory article, I invite your comments and suggestions on issues impacting the internal processes within our club. I also encourage each of you to get involved. Take a class, attend one of our general meetings or boat over to a rendezvous. Or, maybe consider volunteering as a committee member. I've discussed above just a few of the many committees within the club. There are many more and your contribution to any one of them would be greatly appreciated.



EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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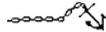
We will be doing an ABC Basic Class at the Pt Defiance Boat House on May 1st at 07:00-09:00 PM which will be completed on May 29th. Another ABC Class will be held starting June 3rd, meeting on Mondays and Thursdays each week and concluding on June 17th at the Pt. Defiance Boat House facility.

A Paddle Smart 2 hour seminar will be held on Saturday June 1st and again on Saturday July 6th at the Pt Defiance Boat House from 10:00-12:00 AM. Following the class room seminar, the Pt Defiance staff will do on the water instruction for the class members at Owen's Beach near the Pt Defiance Boat House location.

Keep in mind that Tacoma Power Squadron, AKA "America's Boating Club", has qualified inspectors to do a vessel safety check on your boat. Give our VSC Chair person Susan Walker a call at (253)-213-2850 and she will get an inspector to make arrangements for your check.

The classes mentioned above round out our class schedule for the spring and early summer. Please let your educational department know what classes you would like to take, so we can line things up for next fall. We need lead time to arrange for facilities, instructors, and materials in order to put these classes on.

Cheers, from your educational department, Otto, Sandi, and Bentley ph-253-537-3838 hm 253-921-3839 cell, email otto@ottorasmussen.com



Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW)

This report is published with permission of Past Commodore Day Island Yacht Club Chuck Gay. These reports will keep us updated on the current Washington legislation regarding area boaters.

April 2019 RBAW Report

A progress report on our Legislative Priority issues and other bills/items of interest:

Strong support for funding enhancements to the Derelict Vessel Removal Program (DVRP) and increased use of the Vessel Turn-In Incentive Program

The Senate Capital Budget *includes* \$5 million to help the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) catch up on the costs of removing some of the biggest and most expensive vessels. The House Capital Budget has \$1 million.

Support consensus recommendations from Orca Task Force, while opposing a \$10 fee 'opt-out' fee on boaters and any 'no-go' zone that is not imposed on all vessels

There is pretty good news to report on the pending Orca Task Force "vessel" bill, neither the No-Go Zone, nor the new fee, are anywhere to be found. As amended, **2SSB 5577** changes a 200-yard protective bubble around the Orcas to 300 yards – except with respect to vessels positioned behind the whales, which have to be at a 400-yard distance. The bill also includes a 7-knot 'go-slow' zone within one-half nautical mile of the whales when they are present. It's fair to say that we still have some concerns about how all this will be enforced.

Enact 2019-21 Capital Budget with Robust Funding Allocations for Recreational Boating and Outdoor Recreation Grant Programs:

We're in pretty good shape here, with a 'to-do' item around the derelict vessel removal funding discrepancy I've already referenced.

Road Usage Charge – Ensure There is a Plan for Accommodating Gas Tax-Related Funding Set-asides for recreational boating, off-road vehicle riding, and snowmobiling

No news to report, other than the fact that the "RUC's" work will continue. As previously reported, when it comes to what happens with "Recreation Resource Account" money that is connected to the gas tax, RUC Members have established a 'hold harmless' approach.

Study of what to do with copper-bottomed paint used on vessels: A study of what to do to reduce the use of copper in paint and in water bodies was a part of **HB 2634** passed in 2018. The study being done by the Department of Ecology will be completed by September 2019 and will lead to some recommendations for the 2020 Legislature. As a reminder, **2634** permanently exempted wooden boats from any copper-bottomed-paint phase-out.

Work with the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to assure reasonable mitigation requirements on marina renovations, construction, etc: NMTA has been playing a lead role on this. We continue to have concerns over the level of mitigation that the Pacific Northwest region of NMFS is asking for, apparently without any statutory backing.



Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 21-23 June 2019

Registration:

Name(s): _____
Phone: _____

Squadron: _____
Email: _____

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

All meal & moorage reservations must be received per below prior to June 7, 2018.
No guarantee for moorage or catered dinners will be given after this date!!

Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB) "Dock Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock". Squadrons will have tables set up between their boats on the finger docks for serving hors d'oeuvres from their favorite Caribbean Island to share with fellow district members and guests.

Boat Operator Certification: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator and Advanced Coastal Navigator is pending. For questions or to sign-up contact ARD Bob Anderson at passage1@wavecable.com or Jim West at jwestboater@comcast.net or 360-656-5954.

Saturday Evening Dinner: Soft Shell Tacos or Enchiladas, Red Beans & Rice, Southwestern Corn, Chips and Salsa Bar **\$28/person**

Please **note selection & quantity:**

Beef Enchiladas _____ Chicken Soft Tacos _____ Vegetarian (Cheese Enchiladas) Total \$ _____

MOORAGE Reservations:

- **Pay a nonrefundable \$5 for moorage reservation prior to June 7, 2018.** Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is \$1.15/foot + .75/visit (30' minimum & includes 30 amp electrical hook-up).
- **Please circle your "1st choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard bow out port bow out starboard
- **Please circle your "2nd choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard bow out port bow out starboard
- **Please circle Arrival Day:** (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)
- **Estimated arrival time:** _____

Prior to entering the marina hail "US Power Squadron" on Ch72 for docking instructions.

Boat Name: _____ LOA _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Special Considerations: _____

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

Total Enclosed (food & moorage): \$ _____

LODGING:

Call Guest House Inn at 360-697-4400. Reference "US Power Squadron Dist 16" for group rate of \$105 (6/20) \$125 (6/21 & 6/22) plus tax. **Group block rate closes June 6, 2019.** Please make your hotel reservations early. Make hotel reservation and payment directly with the hotel.

Registration and payment must be received prior to June 7, 2019. Please Send to:

D/Lt/C Debbie Richey

1233 Noble Fir Lane

Camano Island, WA 98282

Make checks payable to "USPS District 16".

For Questions Contact: Debbie Richey, Phone 360-387-1260 or drichey@rocketmail.com

Tacoma Power Squadron 2019 Rendezvous Schedule

May 17-19	Jarrells Cove	Need Hosts "National Wear it Day"
June 21-23	Poulsbo	Registration form/Wake Astern
July 13	Seafair Milk Carton Derby	Green Lake Seattle
July 19-21	Swantown/Lake Fair 360-528-8049 Call Marina to make reservation	Bob & Pam Gunter 10) boats \$5 Reservation Fee
Aug 23-25	Bell Harbor 206-787-3952 Call Marina to make reservation	Mike & Jenna Ashbrook 8) boats \$5 Reservation Fee
Aug 30-Sept 2	Port Orchard Labor Day	Need Hosts 10) boats \$5 Reservation Fee

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



Procedures have been put into place to insure TPS's Defibrillator will be ready and available in case of unforeseen emergencies that might take place on any of our rendezvous. This life saving device will be placed on the current Commander's boat or on the designated Host's boat for all of our future rendezvous.



LONGBRANCH MARINA RENDEZVOUS

April 26 – 28, 2019

TIM and LINDA CRAIG HOSTS

We went over Thursday before noon. We got to see all the new work that was done on the marina, very nice. Jim and Karen Jackson came in the afternoon to give us a hand. On Friday Dildines came around 9AM followed by Arringtons, then John and Sharon at 4PM. We had hors d'oeuvres at 5:30PM. As for us, it was dinner as we all got very full...lol.

Saturday morning we made blueberry muffins and coffee. We mingled around and visited and some played Dominos, Chicken Foot. Then later for dinner we fix ham, mash potatoes and gravy, corn and everyone else brought salads and desserts and oh yes buns.

Thanks for everyone that came just like last year all these people said they were coming so you get enough food for all them and then they don't all show up. So what does one do with all the leftovers?

We had a gift drawing of all the people that showed up and had almost enough for everyone. We do appreciate the ones that showed up anyway. We all had a good time. Hope y'all enjoyed the food and weekend.

BY BOAT

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Mike & Becky Arrington

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Kevin & Bev Kennedy

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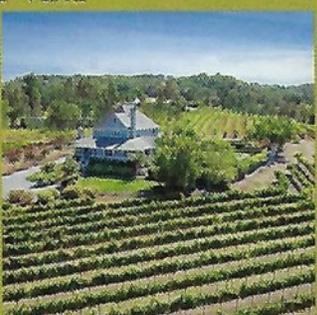
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May 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 ABC Class @ Pt. Defiance Boat House	2 AP Class @ GenesisHealth Center	3	4
5	6	7	8 ABC Class @ Pt. Defiance Boat House	9 Safe Boat Cls 4 Kids @Lakewood YMCA	10	11
12	13	14 7:00PM-9:00PM Ex. Bd Mtg *	15 ABC Class @ Pt. Defiance Boat House	16	Jarrells Cove Rendezvous	
19 Jarrells Cove Rendezvous	20	21	22 ABC Class @ Pt. Defiance Boat House Deadline Wake Astern	23	24	25
26	27	28 6:30PM-8:30PM Mbr Appr @ DIYC	29 ABC Class @ Pt. Defiance Boat House	30	31	

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June 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Paddle Smart @ Pt Defiance
2	3 ABC Cls @ Pt. Defiance Boat House	4	5	6 ABC Cls @ Pt. Defiance Boat House	7	8
9	10 ABC Cls @ Pt Defiance Boat House	11 No Ex. Bd. Mtg. till Sept.	12	13 ABC Cls @ Pt Defiance Boat House	14	15
16	17 ABC Cls @ Pt Defiance Boat House	18	19	20	Dist 16 Rendezvous Poulsbo	
23 Dist 16 Renvy Poulsbo	24	25 No Gen. Mtgs June thru August	26 Deadline Wake Astern	27	28	29

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