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From the helm

New Member Benefit

Flat Discounts on Shipping, Members now save up to 50% every time you ship.

Cdr James Harden, JN- CN US Power Squadrons / America's Boating Club and UPS® took the guesswork out, and put the easy in. Members now have access to new flat discounts that include savings of:

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Arabella Outing

Big thanks go out to all who pitched in making the outing a success. If you missed this outing, you not only missed the fun, but you missed boating in beautiful weather. Also, the chance to go window shopping in Gig Harbor with all those unique shops. Our next outing is at the Sharp's ranch having the annual salmon bake. I hear there will be clams and ears of corn available with the delicious salmon.

Past Commander's BBQ

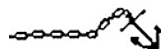
I need to thank all the P/Cs for doing all the cooking on the grill. I did hear a rumor that a few of the hamburgers accidentally slipped through the grill. Wow, we had a great turn out at the meeting which is what I like to see us getting back to pre-covid attendance.

I had the privilege to swear in three new members and I hope I can swear in a lot more new members before my time at the helm is up.

Changes in the By-Laws

There was a vote approving changes to the District and Squadron by-laws at the National Governing Board in September. These changes allow squadrons more latitude and flexibility to run their squadron more efficiently. Since covid, a lot of squadrons have fewer members meaning they have fewer volunteers to do the work in the squadrons. I have asked our Rules Committee to review these changes, compare them to our by-laws and identify any changes that are required in our by-laws. More on this later.

Enough hearing from me. I want to hear from you, letting me know what your expectations are from the squadron. So, give me a call or an email.



General Membership Meeting
October 25th, 2022 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
October 11th, 2022 (7:00-9:00 PM)
Black Bear Restaurant
Lakewood, WA

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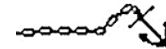
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Lt/C Sam Hill, AP

The month of October will be a sad month for the Warren family and the Squadron. As we know, Cindy Warren passed away on the 3rd of October 2022, she was only 66. I only interacted with Cindy during club events. My first time really talking to her was during daffodil in 2021. She was cheerful and a very nice person. As the Boating Activities Chair, she was always on top of things. Always willing to answer questions and quick to respond to a text message. During my time as the XO and even a couple months again, I called her a couple times. She always answered the phone and was never hard to get in touch with. Let us keep the Warren family in our thought and prayers. Please take a moment of silence for the loss of a family member, friend, and a club member.

Rest in Peace Cindy Warren



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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



Boating classes are in full swing!

We have a large Engine Maintenance class on Thursdays at Tacoma Yacht Club. Piloting (Marine Navigation) is on-going with Gary Ball as the instructor. Advanced Piloting (Navigation) will be offered in the spring and Radar classes in the spring if there is enough interest. Let me know if you are interested in any of these courses.

Marine Electrical Systems

Don't get short circuited; learn how boat electrical systems work, how to diagnose problems, and how to do simple repairs and upgrades. Boat electrical systems are increasingly under load with power demands for electronic navigation, radar, powered windlasses and winches, interior and exterior lighting, personal electronic devices, and more. Most boats have both DC and AC power. Learn about voltage drops, current demands, wiring, and so on. This course covers the topics you need and want to know.

What's included?

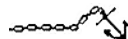
- Boat electrical wiring practices
- Direct current (DC) power
- Alternating current (AC) power
- Galvanic and stray current corrosion
- Lightning protection
- How to use a multi-meter
- How to solder and crimp
- How to read electrical wiring diagrams

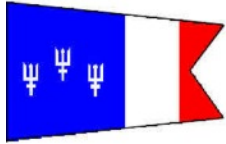
This course is usually completed in nine two-hour sessions, followed by an exam.

Radar for Boaters

RADAR is an essential tool for navigation and collision avoidance. The course covers the different types of radar equipment, their capabilities, and limitations, as well as their features and how they apply to boaters' needs.

Students attending this course should have completed *Marine Navigation* and have boating experience. *Radar for Boaters* is a required course for BOC-Offshore Navigation certification.





PROGRAMS



*Lt Barbara Prudente
Programs Chairman*

October 25 - Presentation at the Day Island Yacht Club

Port of Tacoma Port Commissioner Deanna Keller

Vice President

First elected to commission: 2019

Current term ends: December 2023

Email: Deanna.Keller@portoftacoma.com



Deanna Keller, a native Washingtonian, has lived in Pierce County for most of her life. Keller currently serves as CEO and president of a Kel-Tech Plastics Inc., a manufacturing business in Tacoma, which ships nationally and internationally. She previously worked for 24 years in the Puyallup and Clover Park School Districts as a high school teacher, district program administrator and school principal.

Keller has served on the Goodwill Business Advisory Council and worked with the Economic Development Board for Tacoma-Pierce County on its “Place for Jobs” initiative. She also served on the board of trustees of the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts (now Tacoma Arts Live) for eight years. Keller is a member of the Transportation Club of Tacoma, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber, the Tacoma Propeller Club, and the Northwest Maritime Trade Association.

A Marine Corps veteran, she served for five years in the “President’s Own” United States Marine Band in Washington, D.C. She has a bachelor’s degree from Western Washington University and a master’s from Northwestern University.



Tacoma Power Squadron Rendezvous at Port Orchard by P/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

America’s Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound met up at Port Orchard for the Labor Day weekend September 2-4, 2022. A whopping five boats were in attendance, the largest yet this cruising season. It was a no host event, but folks found plenty to do. Across the way at Bremerton was the annual Blackberry Festival which gathered a large in-person crowd unlike the drive-thru event of last year. Staying on the Port Orchard side provided the ability to walk through the local Farmers’ Market which had as much farmer as it did market attractions. There was several food vendors and live music depending on the time of day. Port Orchard continues to be a first-class marina operation with easy dock access and clean restrooms with free showers. The clincher for a good rendezvous is often the weather; we enjoyed fantastic weather: sunny and warm.

Attendees by boat:

Deb and Stan Wolfe - GreyWolfes’
Barb and Gary Dildine - Little Eagle
Rebecca and Tom and Ferree - Kira Sea
Kyle and Tina Carlson - S’Marrvelous
Barbara and Brian Prudente - Sjøen
with Mason Dixon

Drive-in Attendees:

Jackie & Richard Mattox
Tim Craig
Sam & Kim Hill

Tacoma Power Squadron Rendezvous at Arabella’s - Last of the 2022 Season by P/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

The largest rendezvous conducted by Tacoma Power Squadron in the last two years occurred September 30 - Oct 2, 2022, at Arabella’s Landing Marina in Gig Harbor. We had to do just a little bit of creative thinking to count six boats, but there were six boats with their crew in Gig Harbor. Another no host event sorry to say, but everyone made the most of it. There are few places better where you can walk off the boat and get good food and enjoy shopping than in Gig Harbor. In addition to visits to West Marine Express and Ship-to-Shore, there was an electric scooter training session conducted in the Arabella’s parking lot. It sounded like someone is getting an e-scooter in the near future. The high light of this rendezvous was the get-together at El Pueblito Mexican restaurant Saturday evening with nearly everyone attending. The weather was surprising, make that surprisingly hot for October with temperatures in the low 80’s. Good weather, good company, and good food makes for an excellent rendezvous.

Boat Attendees:

Stan & Debra Wolfe - GreyWolfes’
Jon Everett & Sharon Cryan - Tourmaline
with Jon’s sister, Kim
Beth & Richard Stone - Barnacle Betsy
Mike & Jenna Ashbrook- Escapade
Todd & Melinda Mackey - Empress
Tom & Rebecca Ferree - Kira Sea

Drive-in attendees:

Jim Harden
Richard & Jackie Mattox



(Picture provided by Lt Debbie Wolfe)



Invites you to our
Crab Feed
Saturday, 19 November
Meydenbauer Bay Y C

- 6:00pm for social hour
- 6:30pm for the crab dinner!
- Dancing with Randy, One Man Band after dinner!

Cost:

- \$35 for whole crab
- \$25 for 1/2 crab
- \$20 for spaghetti
- \$10 spaghetti for kids under 10

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salads, Willa's amazingly de-
licious Italian bread & ice
cream sundaes!*

No Host Bar (Beer, Wine, and soft drinks)

Deadline for reservations: **Saturday, 12 November.**

Secure your reservation with PayPal at [Social Events | Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron | United States \(bellevuepowersquadron.org\)](#) or send your check (made payable to BSPS) to: Willa Conrad

7418 NE 118th Place
Kirkland, WA 98034

Questions? Contact Willa at 425.466.0560 (text) or Willaconrad41@gmail.com

Don't forget your crab crackers, butter is available upon request.

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