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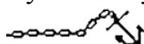


Unfortunately, fall and winter weather has returned to the Pacific Northwest. With that in mind, it is time to make sure our boats are properly prepared for the inevitable cold and wet season. If not planning to venture out till next spring, it is still a good idea to visit your boat often, just to make sure it is still afloat. Spot check the bilge to ensure those bilge pumps are working properly, and the shore power is plugged in and secure at both ends. If you have food provisions stored away, it might be prudent to gather them and take them home before they spoil or their “use by” dates expire.

Cdr Richard Mattox, AP

Our last official function, the annual Salmon Bake, Saturday, September 21st, hosted by Chuck and Viki Sharp was a rousing success. The salmon and steamed clams were absolutely delicious, the rain held off, and a good number of TPS members made the journey to take it all in. If you were not able to attend, maybe you should put it on your calendar for next year.

A number of our members have recently had some serious medical issues or set backs, Otto and Christine Rasmussen, Larry Warren, and Gary Dildine . I wish them all a quick recovery. And if you have not already done so, it is time to get that flu shot before it's too late.



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

Call to Meeting
General Meeting
Past Commanders' BBQ
October 22nd, 2019 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
October 8th, 2019 (7:00 - 9:00 PM)
Genesis Rehab Center
4755 South 48th Street
Tacoma, WA 98409

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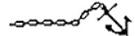


As Summer, (such as it was) is coming to a screeching halt, we have started our fall routines. We had a fantastic Past Commanders BBQ; attendance was excellent, camaraderie, good food, and a short meeting. The count of people attending was 69, but I think there had to be quite a few forgetting to sign in as it felt like the room was much fuller than last year's count of 68. We had many new members attend for the first time, and several were sworn in. One of our commander's goals is to get the meeting portion down to bare bones with more social time and some exciting speakers.

Lt/C Larry Warren. AP

With Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the bend, my thoughts are on getting things set up for our Christmas Brunch. I want some feedback from you guys about the menu, program, etc. We want to pack as much fun in the short time that we have at TYC. If you have some suggestions, please contact me.

I'm also looking at next year's summer cruise. We need some interest so we can set the dates and get to calling marinas to reserve our slips. Our goal is to get as many people that are new to cruising to attend. Our first cruise was with 25 boats, and I can tell you if it's your first long cruise you'll be glad there are people around to help if needed.



Chefs hard at work during the Past Commanders BBQ



Everyone enjoying the Salmon, Clams and all the fixins' at the Annual Salmon Bake at Viki & Chuck Sharp's place



(Pictures provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)

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Greetings from your Administrative Officer!

The Sharp's Salmon Bake occurred on September 21st and was the last rendezvous-type event of the year. Our first monthly meeting of the season occurred a few days later on September 24th. There was no program per se, just the opportunity for all to socialize and swap Summer cruise stories and catch up on all the goings on as it were.

Planning continues for a TPS Cruise the summer of 2020. We've put some dates to locations so we can present a more detailed plan to potential attendees. Here's what we have:

24 July	Friday	- Poulsbo
25 July	Saturday	- Poulsbo
26 July	Sunday	- Port Ludlow
27 July	Monday	- Port Ludlow
28 July	Tuesday	- Port Ludlow
29 July	Wednesday	- Pleasant Harbor
30 July	Thursday	- Pleasant Harbor
31 July	Friday	- Pleasant Harbor
01 August	Saturday	- Port Townsend
02 August	Sunday	- Port Townsend
03 August	Monday	- Port Townsend
04 August	Tuesday	- Kingston
05 August	Wednesday	- Kingston
06 August	Thursday	- Kingston
06 August	Friday	- Port Orchard
07 August	Saturday	- Port Orchard
08 August	Sunday	- Home

We still need to confirm availability of the dates listed. We'll publish the final schedule after having done that. Poulsbo will be part of our rendezvous schedule. Folks can attend one, some or all of the locations as they prefer. Each party would make their own reservations. If interested, contact me or our Boating Activities Chairperson, LT Cindy Warren, AP. Our newer members should expect a call from me inviting them to participate in this cruise.

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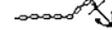
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As I mentioned last month, two of the four programs for the upcoming meeting season are set.

I have received some suggestions for the November and March programs: State Parks boating program; crossing borders; fishing tips, and archaeology of the Pacific coast. I'll contact perspective presenters and finalize the schedule soon. Please remember I'm still looking for a Program Coordinator - contact me if interested in getting involved in your club.

ABC of Tacoma and South Puget Sound helped man the combined Washington State Parks Boating Program and USCG Auxiliary booth at the Western Washington State Fair promoting safe boating in Washington. The booth moved from the tent in the "back forty" to a building adjacent to the Gold gate - more comfortable and increased visibility. Hopefully, we'll see the results of our efforts in the near future. We thank P/C Jackie (AP) and CDR Richard Mattox (AP); Lt/C Stan (SN-CN) and Debbie Wolfe; and Jen and JC Reed for their contribution of time.

We wish to express our condolences on the passing of Bruce Goff, P. We wish speedy recoveries for P/D/C Christine Rasmussen (SN), Lt/C Larry Warren (AP), and Gary Dildine (AP-IN). As a reminder, if you hear of anyone in our club who is ill or injured, please contact our Sunshine Chairperson, Leslie Burton, S. Her e-mail address is lrburton_99@yahoo.com (there is an underscore between her name and the number "99").



New members (L to R) Samuel Hill, Jeff & Mary Green, Eric Maclean being sworn in at the Past Commanders BBQ

(Picture provided by Lt Cindy Warren, AP)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN
Asst. Education Officer



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Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
Asst Education Officer

What a good turnout at the Tacoma Yacht Club for the September 19th ABC Basic Boating Class. We had 21 students at the first class, with possibly a few more for the second session. It really pays to get the word out on these classes! The exam for the ABC Class will be on October 17th at T.Y.C. and some extra hands is appreciated to help with the exams. We like to go over each student's exam with them so when they head out into the boating world they have the correct information to draw from. I would like to thank those members who came out and assisted in getting the ABC students registered and welcomed to the class.

The Piloting Class is underway with 8 students in attendance and Gary Ball instructing. Some of the students attended our September 24th General Meeting at Day Island Yacht Club, and are excited about the class. Way to go Gary!!

Looking forward to classes being considered for 2020 at some point following the holiday season, Engine Maintenance and Seamanship look very promising, and Electronic Navigation has been requested by some members. We will have to see if there is enough interest to put these classes together. If you are interested, give us the word.

As we do our Fall 2019 classes and plan for those in 2020, I am starting a gradual transition of the Squadron Educational Officer duties to Bentley Rickmers, our current assistant S.E.O. She will take over at the 2020 Change of Watch next Spring. Due to health concerns, it's more than I should try to take on looking ahead. Sandi Carroll is staying on board as assistant S.E.O, solving our computer problems that may arise for the educational department. Thanks, Sandi.

It's not too late to get your boat checked for the 2019 Vessel Safety Check decal. 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.

Cheers, from your educational department, Otto, Sandi, and Bentley
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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.

September 2019 RBAW

Funding for the Derelict Vessel Removal Program (DVRP)

RBAW has suggested that increasing the per-foot fee on commercial vessels, dedicating a chunk of the Watercraft Excise Tax that boaters *already* pay into the State General Fund, and keeping vessel fees based on how the vessel was built in the first place, should be the top priorities for getting to a \$5 million DNR budget a biennium. Candidly, we have had some back-and-forth with DNR staff who have suggested things like increasing the vessel registration fee to \$4 and imposing new marina-slip fees. Our answer has been: “No.” On our behalf RBAW is taking a strong stand that others should be paying more equitably into this program. We also have areas of agreement with DNR, such as on the idea of expanding the use of the Vessel Turn-In Incentive Program.

Lakebay Marina – RBAW Exploration of Purchasing and Turn-Keying to State Parks

We have stepped up our exploration of this potential purchase and our work with State Agencies while preparing to do our first major legislative outreach. We think it *may* be possible for Sen. Emily Randall to work with us on a supplemental capital budget request for Lakebay, which is in her 26th LD. RBAW was represented at a celebration event for the designation of the Washington Coast and Puget Sound as a “Maritime Heritage Area” within a larger public lands act enacted by Congress. This could be helpful on the Lakebay Marina front because when a Maritime Heritage Area Management Plan is done by the state, operating grants will be available for projects within the Heritage Area. It’s in our interest to support a state funding request for the management plan.

Looking for a ramped-up relationship with BoatUS

Earlier this month, we met with the Government Affairs Director of BoatUS, David Kennedy. Our meeting was followed by a Town Hall discussion between recreational boating stakeholders and Cong. Derek Kilmer in Bremerton – along with a smaller group meeting Cong. Kilmer convened with marine business leaders.

NOAA-Convened Programmatic Permit Approach – Marina Mitigation Issues

The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and particularly the Central/South Puget Sound branch of NOAA Fisheries had asked the NW Marine Trade Association, our organization, Ports and others to work with them on a Technical Working Group that would develop a consensus-based programmatic permit for marina projects and the mitigation requirements for those projects. We had one meeting earlier this summer, but we are now waiting for NOAA Fisheries to finalize development of a “mitigation calculator” they have to inform this whole programmatic effort. We are between a rock and a hard place on this one, skeptical over whether this will work, but knowing that there aren’t many viable options since NOAA Fisheries has stopped granting individual permits.

Southern Resident Killer Whale Recovery – Lawsuit Filed and NMTA emphasized the Governor’s Office should let 5577 have time to work and not cave in to some environmental voices who quickly demanded Washington go just as far as Canada did, however, just a couple weeks later, conservation groups filed suit in U.S. District Court to force more environmental regulations to protect SRKWs.

Emerging Issue – PSCAA Proposing Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS)

A new regulatory issue has emerged that needs attention from NMTA as well as RBAW. The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, relying on legal authority it believes it has through the federal Clean Air Act, is proposing a Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) that could be imposed on vehicles throughout the 4-county Central Puget Sound. We just learned that in addition to vehicles, it also appears to apply to both commercial vessels and *non-ocean-going vessels*. It could translate to increased fuel costs of as much as 15 cents per gallon.

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by Conservation Interests

New actions and guidelines put forth in Canada to enhance SRKW recovery efforts guidelines are stiffer in some respects than what was enacted in **2SSB 5577** (Vessel Bill) during the 2019 Session. We had a very positive meeting with the Governor's natural resources policy adviser JT Austin, where both RBAW .

Pursuit of Potential Mandatory Insurance Requirement in State Statute – A Step Back

We've stepped back from this and have instead veered toward ensuring that those who are selling and buying large vessels show proof of insurance. We learned that *current* statute has a proof-of-insurance requirement for buyers of vessels that are over 65 feet long and 40 years old. We're discussing revisions to those thresholds as part of the over-arching discussions with DNR about the DVRP.

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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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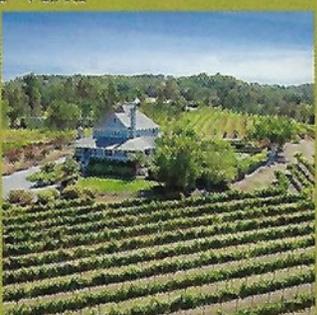
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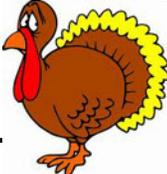
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