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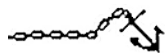


From the Helm

We are enjoying great weather for boating this summer here in the Puget Sound and the islands. I hope all our members have had a chance to take advantage of the squadron outings. We have two more outings this year which all members have a chance to enjoy attending either at Port Orchard or Gig Harbor.

I need to speak of the benefits being members of America's Boating Club which are numerous but may be unknown by most members. I took advantage of one benefit reaping a savings of \$400 a year. There are brand new benefits just added such as Boat Monitoring System, savings on boat loans, medical supplies, and insurance on boat/RV/truck/car from Farmer's Insurance Co. Here is the website listing all the benefits available to members: www.usps.org/departments/14000/1450001/1450001-benefits.

Remember that we start having social meetings again at Day Island Yacht Club on September 27th. This is our annual Past Commanders' BBQ. Hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee and water will be provided. Please bring a side dish of your choice and your eating utensils. I would really enjoy meeting all the new members who joined over the last year. Safe boating, stay healthy and contact me if you have any questions about the squadron.



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

General Membership Meeting
Past Commanders' BBQ
September 27th, 2022 (6:30-8:30 PM)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
September 13th, 2022 (7:00-9:00 PM)
Puerto Vallarta Restaurant

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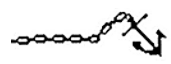
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



By the time you read this article, summer of 2022 will almost be over. I hope the Fall season will be kind to us, granting us more days of sun than rain for fall. At the same time, I'm not betting on it because I am not a gambling man, and the house always wins. The past month of boating has been fun for me. I didn't tear anything up like I did my first and second time out. I found a place to launch that's not too far away in the event that I want to boat in Lake Union and or Lake Washington and miss the Locks. In addition, I burned some boat gas up along the way.

You will be happy to know I represented our squadron during this month, including but not limited to SeaFair. Tacoma's Burgee was flying high and proud every time I was at SeaFair. Even during the time, I was singing karaoke, standing on the bow of the boat while the Blue Angels flew above. Just joking about the karaoke. I only do karaoke at home, in a dark room with all the lights out, my own eyes closed, and with earplugs. Tacoma's Burgee has also seen plenty of action around the Tacoma and Seattle area. It has flown at Boathouse 19, seen action at Cutts Island (also known as Deadman's Island) and it waved proudly around the Seattle Great Wheel in Seattle. I'm thinking about taking it to Canada this year.

Yes, the Tacoma Power Squadron Burgee has flown from the highest point on the yellow Cobalt also known as (aka) THE DEFIANT. My radar arch has been the proud keeper of the Burgee and the Lieutenant Commander Flag. If Captain Benjamin Lafayette Sisko himself were aboard, he no doubt would have had an outstanding time. My only wish is that I can fly my Burgee and Lieutenant Commander Flag on my Kayak. Summer is almost over for 2022, but it will not be forgotten. This summer was the first SeaFair we attended since 2007, and the first time using the launch in Ballard. I'm hoping the next article I can report it flew in Canada too.



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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.



Lt/C Larry Warren, AP

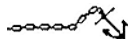
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT



The days of summer are slowly winding down and there is so much to do before fall is upon us. My list of things hasn't really got any shorter since the rain stopped last spring. The garden has six-foot-tall weeds in it and the birds pretty much took everything else. Our campground has only been moderately busy so far this season. My son and his family got rained out on their first camp out just before the Fourth of July. We've had several campfires and cookouts with family and friends. At this point it's almost too dry out to be thinking about a campfire.

A few years ago, our neighbors just east of us, across a big grassy field had a major fire that started by a campfire that was left unattended. It took out a mobile home, a couple of sheds, and a bunch of vehicles. If it wasn't for the helicopter with a water bucket, that a neighbor who works for DNR called in, I think we would have had to build a new house. We were told to be prepared to evacuate at any time. Lucky for us we have some Great neighbors. One of them dozed a fire break across the grassy field and kept the fire contained. The Fire Department and DNR were there for almost a week mopping up hot spots and getting down to stop the fire that went underground to the tree roots. So, we treat fire danger pretty seriously in our neck of the woods.

Of course, there's a lighter side to all of the chaos that was happening that day. My wife Cindy was the first to spot the blaze across the grassy field and she asked what I thought. I said call 911 right now! She did and then said "I have to go see if the neighbors are alright." So she shot off in her jeep to alert them. She drove out of our development and around to their houses, knocking on doors and making them aware of what was happening. In the meantime, the fire dept. shows up, gets all set up hooking up the hydrant to their truck. The only problem was the fire truck and hoses were now surrounding her jeep. She managed to get a ride home from another neighbor and left her vehicle until the next day. The point of this is that the Power Squadron is just like our neighbors, a lot of great people coming together for the good of everyone, and we All could use a good neighbor now and again!



(Pictures provided by P/C Larry Warren, AP)

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful summer weather and beautiful waters around where we live. What a gorgeous place we live in!

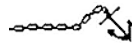
We were out on the Merry Yacht about 7 weeks. It was good to get back to Canada and Desolation Sound! Weather was great and smooth water most of the time.

Schools are getting back in session so it must be time for education.

Currently we have Engine Maintenance scheduled starting September 22 at Tacoma Yacht Club for 6 weeks. The class will be 7pm – 9pm and the cost for members is \$75. Click on the link to register: <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregformx.cgi?L-17342>
Our Goal is to show you how to get more enjoyment out of your boat.

Engine Maintenance will cover basic practices on how to maintain your boat. By adhering to a regular maintenance schedule, you can avoid catastrophic failure, and costly mistakes. But if something does happen some simple steps you can take to diagnose and maybe fix the problem, or at least relay the information to a trained professional. Instructors have taken this course and taught it many times. They are in the boat repair business and would like to share with you the problems they see from day to day and how to prevent them. They are not going to repair your boat in class! We hope to have a Marine Navigation class in the fall and an Advanced Marine Navigation in the spring, so stay tuned!

Happy and safe boating!!



News from the Nominating Committee

Not so much as news like an announcement, but rather just a reminder going out to the membership that we are just about halfway through our current watch year. As Chairman of the Nominating Committee, I'll be making telephone calls and talking face-to-face with as many folks as I can in the coming months. I've also read the proposed changes to the National Bylaws addressing District and Squadron Bridge and Committee structures. As promised, efforts are underway to slim down the administrative overhead and number of required positions to staff a bridge district or squadron. I don't know for sure, but we may be discussing the National bylaw changes. I'll have a better idea of which positions need to be filled after the September Executive Board meeting that convenes September 13.

The number of unfilled positions within our club is not significant though we do have a few. I must also note that the number of rendezvous participants attending by boat is at a minimal level, unimaginable when I joined in 2004. Attendance at general meetings has been down slightly. I hope that these indicators are temporary and are attributable to the two-year long Covid crisis.

Plan on attending our general meetings, think about the kind of contribution you would like to make, and listen out for that telephone call. The Nominating Committee members are:

3-Yr Term P/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN
2-Yr Term P/C Gary Dildine, AP-IN
1-Yr Term P/C Richard Mattox, AP

Stay tuned!

Arabella's Rendezvous (September 30 - October 2) Reservation System Instructions

How your club participants make their slip reservations

- **Marina slips are now held** for your club participants to make their individual reservations.
- **Please provide the following information to your participants to reserve a slip held for this club event:**
 - Go to Arabella's Landing Marina website** - here's a link if needed: www.arabella'slanding.com
 - Enter this Event Code for Clubs Only** after selecting the Book Guest Moorage button: **tpssept2022**
 - Follow the steps** to make a slip reservation and provide payment for the moorage
- **Participants will make their individual reservations directly** on our Marina's website by entering the club's event code to view slips held, but not yet reserved by another participant.
- **These slips will be held for the club until 5 days before the scheduled arrival date on Friday September 30, 2022**, after which they become available to the general public. Club participants may continue to reserve slips if still available.
- **When your club participants make their reservations, they will receive a confirmation email noting:**
 - Payment:** 100% of moorage cost is due at time of booking

Cancellations: Must be made by to receive a refund for the entirety of the reservation period, less \$10.00 processing fee

Additional information regarding: Door codes for Marina's main gate, restrooms and showers, and WiFi access details.



Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2022 Rendezvous Schedule

2nd-5th Sept

Port Orchard (Labor Day)

360-876-5535 Can call in & prepay (10) Boats (8 slips & 100' LonDock)
\$5 Reservation Fee

Need Hosts

30th-2nd Sept/Oct

Arabella's Landing Marina
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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.

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Swantown Rendezvous

August 12-14, 2022

By P/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

Tacoma Power Squadron conducted a rendezvous at Swantown in East Budd Inlet (Olympia) 12-14 August 2022. Attendance was light with just three boats in slips. We had two boats that had planned to attend, but exposure to Covid forced cancellation.

It was a no-host event so no organized activities took place. Everyone did manage at least one trip to the Olympia's Farmers Market. There were also a couple of dockside conversations after the heat of the day was blown away by a cool evening breeze.

Deb and I noted that the downtown area seemed a little more welcoming than in past years. The transient issue seems to be getting cleaned up so walking through downtown was less guarded.

Another note for those with boat projects requiring parts and such. Pettit Marine located over at the big building at the head of the waterway is under new management. They have added a consignment area in a rather large shop area with access through the store. There was a lot of interesting items available for sale. I did not inquire about their consignment process, but you might give them a call if you have a boathouse loft or garage of marine items you would like to recycle.

Swantown has upgraded access to the showers and restrooms after hours. Formerly, you had to rent a plastic card or call security to gain access to the facilities after dark. Now, the office issues you a numeric code that you enter on the keypad at the doors.

We sure would like to see more boats attend our rendezvous!

Attendees:

P/C Gary (AP-IN) and Lt Barbara (AP-IN) Dildine - Little Eagle
Tom (JN) and Rebecca Ferree - Kira Sea
P/C Stan (SN-CN) and Lt Debbie Wolfe - GreyWolfes'

Drop-in attendees:

P/C Kevin (SN-IN) and P/C Bev (SN-IN) Kennedy - tender to Nautical Star
P/C Pat Lemagie, AP
P/C Jackie (AP) and P/C Richard (AP) Mattox



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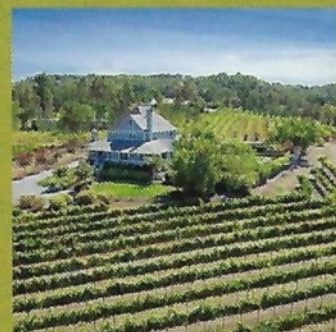
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