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COMMANDER



Cdr Larry Warren, AP

Happy New Year everyone. Time has been flying by at a rate of light speed I think. I've been thinking about just leaving the Christmas decorations up for the year, because at the rate time is moving, I'll just have to start putting them back up in a few weeks anyway. We have a great new year starting; "The Boat Show" will start very soon. That should be very interesting and fun, with the newly redesigned show booth. They will be concentrating on OWT (on the water training) and the individual squadrons will represent our District as a whole and not specifically their squadron. There will be no squadron hand outs or squadron banners, but more general handouts and two new 32" flat screens to get the message out about OWT. This is a great new concept and I for one am anxious to see the

results! Soon we'll have to start thinking about Daffodil and the change of watch. The change of watch at this point, is pretty scary. As you well know we haven't had an Admin Officer so far this year, and we've muddled along? But come April, with no Admin Officer and no Executive Officer we're looking at a real problem. Ok that sounds bad, but Lt/C Michael Ann Nathanson, P and Lt/C Jackie Mattox, AP have both indicated that this is their last year, and to top that off Lt/C Dean Skaggs, AP has also asked to step down from the Educational Office. Sure it could be worse, I'm just not too sure how. As you can see folks **"We Really could use some Help"**. P/C Pat Lemagie, AP and P/C Mike Ashbrook, P will again be calling on as many of you as possible to try and gently persuade some of you to get us back with a full crew. All the members of the Bridge are here to help you get settled and comfortable in a new position. If not for any other reason, just think of Lt/C Todd Mackie, AP as the new Cdr. without a bridge! Let's start the New Year off right, and please give some serious thought about this very important concern we are all facing. Please give Pat or Mike a call and save them the time and distress. Thank you in advance.

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Call to Meeting

General Meeting
28 February 2012
1900 - 2100

Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
14 February 2012
1900 - 2100

Location
Buckley Library
123 So. River Ave.

SEE YOU THERE!

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



Spring 2012 Electives

By Lt Stan Wolfe AP

To put it mildly, based on requests for courses from the general membership, there are no elective courses scheduled for the foreseeable future.

However, based on instructor availability, and if there is any increase in student interest (see above), TPS may sponsor the Engine Maintenance course early Spring.

Planning a course requires an instructor, students, course material ordered a month in advance, and a location with suitable resources for the number of students.

We have a slate of instructors (but see note below) for each course, most of the student materials are on hand, and a fairly healthy selection of locations for holding courses.

The one ingredient that is very hard to forecast is students. Considering that one of our national, district, and local squadron missions is to educate, it's rather surprising folks aren't requesting these valuable, knowledge-packed courses.

Which are the elective courses? Since you asked, here's the list with a brief description of each:

Cruise Planning

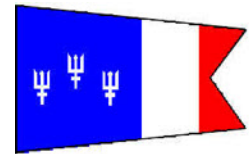
Designed for members who plan to cruise for just a day or for a year--in either a sail or powerboat--this course covers the following topics: Cruise Preparation and Planning, Boat and Equipment, Anchors and Anchoring, Security, Chartering, Cruising Outside the United States, Crew and Provisioning, Voyage Management, Communications, Navigation, Weather, and Emergencies.

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P/C Phyllis J. Hayes, SN
Programs Chairman

PROGRAMS



January 24, 2012 Stan Seldon – Foss Waterway Development


The Foss Waterway Development Authority is the coordinating agency for the waterfront's development. Through our established relationships with regulatory agencies we can be advocates for developers. The Tacoma City Council formed the Foss Waterway Development Authority Board (FWDA) in 1996 to oversee property development and marketing of the publicly-owned Foss Waterway property. It all says a positive "welcome" to Tacoma. Come and hear the future of Foss Waterway.

February 28, 2012

Cruising the Arctic with Dr. Jack Putnam and Dr. Jean Gortner in Franz Josef Land.

Franz Josef Land, is an [archipelago](#) located in the [far north](#) of [Russia](#). Franz Josef Land consists of 191 ice-covered [islands](#) with a total area of 16,134 km² (6,229 sq. mi). It has no native inhabitants, but several settlements have been built by [Russian](#) settlers. They rely solely on [walrus](#) and [seal](#) meat.

At latitudes between [80.0°](#) and 81.9° north, it is the most northerly group of islands associated with [Eurasia](#). The archipelago was possibly first discovered by the [Norwegian](#) sealers in 1865. In 1926 the islands were taken over by the [Soviet Union](#), and a few people were settled for research and military purposes. Access by ships is possible only for a few summer weeks and a special permit is required to visit the islands.

March 27, 2012 Our own PC Mitch Carroll, FC will share his summers in Alaska's Waterfall Resort, with fishing tales, only Mitch can share. Rumor has it, he has met with celebrities and had pretty fantastic catches. 



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



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As I prepare to write this article, I find myself somewhat discouraged. Facing an uncertain future as a one person Bridge with a skeleton Board. Many of the Board members have decided to take a much deserved break. I appreciate the dedication and commitment of the long serving Board members who have given so much of their time to the Squadron.


The Squadron has become such an important part of my life. Being a member/volunteer has enriched my boating interests. I always look forward to seeing my new squadron friends at meetings, in social settings and rendezvous.

I pledge to do the best of my abilities to continue the operations of the Tacoma Power Squadron. When I volunteered to be on the Bridge, I feared that my time (running my business), abilities (poor computer skills) and limited understanding of the organization would prevent me from effectively contributing. With the help and

encouragement that I receive from past commanders, I feel the support is there.

I believe that we all have gifts and special abilities that if applied, can sustain our squadron for future generations of educated boaters. Would YOU consider joining me on the Bridge/Board? Volunteer organizations only survive if there are volunteers. This is your squadron. I need your support!

If you would like more information on the various volunteer opportunities within the Squadron, please call me Lt/C Todd Mackey at (253) 592-3729.

See You On The Water! 



Lt/C Todd Mackey, p
Executive Officer





ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

By Cdr Larry Warren, AP

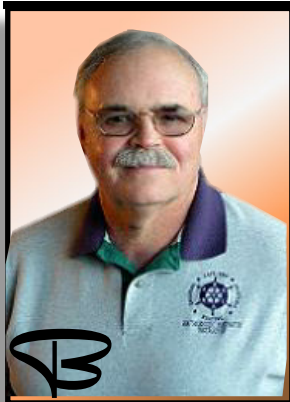


Happy New Year. I hope you had a bright and cheerful Holiday season. It's hard to believe that the year 2012 is already here. I am so looking forward to the Rendezvous and of course the Summer Cruise to the San Juan's. I'm wishing for a little more summer like weather this year, but we live in the Pacific North West, and you just never know what will happen next. We have filled about half of the spots for the summer cruise at this time. I would encourage you to get your spot reserved as soon as possible. You can stretch out the cost of your trip for five months if you sign up now, and make it much easier. This is going to be a great and relaxing cruise. I hope you will join us. You will see in this issue of The Wake Astern, the rendezvous schedule, and I would encourage anyone interested in hosting a rendezvous, to sign up. We need hosts and co-hosts for some rendezvous

that are not taken yet (please see schedule). This is a fun thing to do and a good way to earn your merit mark for the year. Your rendezvous can be big and splashy or low keyed; it's your decision. We are all there to have fun and be with some good friends.

I would like to take this time to remind everyone that the Spring Council will be held in Mount Vernon at the Farmhouse Restaurant on February the 11th. The registration form and information can be found in last month's Wake Astern. Also the Spring Conference will be held in Ocean Shores at the Shiloh Inn, on March 30th thru 31st. The registration forms and information can be found in this issue of The Wake Astern. Be sure to get them filled out and sent in soon. We should have a great time in Ocean Shores, hope to see you there. I'll see many of you at the general meeting of the 24th of this month.

Larry Warren



P/C Pat Lemagie, AP

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

February, 2012


If my memory serves me correctly, I wrote an article last year about nominations starting off with a cliché about “storm warnings” facing the squadron. Well, that being the case last year, the Tacoma Power Squadron is now facing an F-4 Tornado! OK, wrong metaphor. Let's just say that our squadron is rapidly sailing head first into a full blown, Class 5 Hurricane and we have a leaking boat!

By the time you read this it is our committees' sincere hope that we will have found nominees for some if not all the vacancies that are expected to exist come Change Of Watch. Your nominating committee consisting of P/C John Rudisill, AP and P/C Mike Ashbrook, P and I have started contacting every member of our organization looking for members willing to share their time and experience with others for the continued operation of the Tacoma Power Squadron. Yes, you read correctly, “the continued operation”. As you will see from the list of nominations below, we presently lack enough officers to continue operation. That doesn't mean we are going to close our doors the day after Change Of Watch but it does mean a significant change in the way the squadron operates if we can't fill these vacancies. Yes, there are alternatives such as a current officer (if willing) staying on for an additional year or longer. Maybe we will operate like some squadrons do around the country where a few dedicated members just continually rotate through the various positions knowing that every six years or so he or she will be the commander again! Is that what we want?

That's not the way the squadron was intended to operate and the nominating committee doesn't believe in that either. Our squadron was established by a very dedicated group of boaters over seventy years ago with the expectation that members would share the burden in exchange for sharing their boating experiences. Organizations, especially volunteer organizations, need new blood now and then to prevent stagnation. Look at the list below and think about how long our present Secretary and Treasurer have served. Can you blame them for wanting to take a break? Can you even remember who served before them? No. It's time for everyone, every member of this organization, to stand up and get involved; to accept a nomination for the bridge, a nomination for the board or even a committee position. Greater membership involvement means fresh new ideas and less work for everyone.

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Please take a look at the expected vacancies below and ask yourself which position is best for you? Where can you better serve the squadron and your fellow boaters? If by this time you have not already received a call from one of us on the committee, please pick up the phone and call! It's your squadron after all. It's up to all of us to make it work. 

**The Nominating Committee
of the Tacoma Power Squadron
Submits the following slate of Officers for the year 2012-2013**

Bridge:

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Commander | Lt/C Todd Mackey, P | (to be elected) |
| Executive Officer | _____ | (to be elected) |
| Admin Officer | _____ | (to be elected) |
| Secretary | Lt Jenna Ashbrook, P | (to be elected) |
| Treasurer | _____ | (to be elected) |
| Squadron Education Officer | _____ | (to be elected) |

Executive Board

| | |
|--------|---|
| 1 Year | P/C Larry Warren, AP (Chairman) Lt Melinda Mackey, S Lt Lynne Lemagie |
| 2 Year | Lt David Dikeman, S Lt Becky Arrington, S |
| 3 Year | Lt Leah Hafferson, S (to be elected) _____ (to be elected) |

Auditing Committee

| | |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Year Term | Lt Jenna Ashbrook (Chairman) |
| 2 Year Term | Lt Lorraine Stargel, AP |
| 3 Year Term | _____ (to be elected) |

Rules Committee

| | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 Year Term | P/C Phyllis Hayes, SN (Chairman) |
| 2 Year Term | P/C Gerald Lawrence, AP |
| 3 Year Term | _____ (to be elected) |

Nominating Committee

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|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Year Term | P/C John Rudisill, AP (Chairman) |
| 2 Year Term | P/C Mike Ashbrook, AP |
| 3 Year Term | P/C Larry Warren, AP (to be elected) |

Proposed Dues Changes

Recently, we had to make some changes to our by-laws. One of the items we had to change to be in line with the national organization is the types of membership. Due to the changes to membership, we also have to change our dues to align with the new membership types.

Below is the proposed change to the dues. Most members would see an increase in the squadron dues of \$4 to \$10 per year. Some family units with 3 or more family members may see a small decrease.

We have not had to raise the squadron portion of dues in over ten years. Hopefully, we will not have to raise them for several more years. We are doing pretty well with the budget so far this year. However, in the future we will most likely have some expenses for computers, education equipment, lights for the projectors etc.

There may be some changes to the national/district portion of the dues.

The changes would be effective 1 June 2012.

We will be voting on this change during the January 2012 general meeting. If you have any comments, please send them to the bridge members.

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LtC Todd Mackey, P mackeyconstruction@yahoo.com,
 LtC Jackie Mattox, AP ricque0602@comcast.net,

Tacoma Power Squadron Dues Schedule 1 June 2012 - 31 May 2013

| Type of membership | USPS | | Squadron Dues | Proposed Dues | Education fund | Total Annual Dues | Proposed annual dues |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | National Dues | District dues | | | | | |
| Active Member - single Member | \$41.00 | \$6.50 | \$18.00 | \$22.00 | \$1.00 | \$66.50 | \$70.50 |
| Family Unit | \$61.50 | \$9.75 | \$27.00 | \$32.00 | \$2.00 | \$100.25 | \$105.25 |
| Family Unit w/no add active | \$61.50 | \$9.75 | \$22.50 | N/A | \$1.00 | \$94.75 | *** |
| Life Member | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Life member w/family | \$20.50 | \$3.25 | \$9.00 | \$10.00 | | \$32.75 | 33.75 |
| Change from Single to Family Unit | \$20.50 | | \$4.50 | \$10.00 | | \$25.00 | \$30.50 |
| Reinstating member not in family unit | \$41.00 | \$6.50 | \$18.00 | \$22.00 | \$1.00 | \$66.50 | \$70.50 |
| Transfer from Sq to Sq | | \$2.00 | | | | \$2.00 | \$2.00 |

*** Dues are included in family unit. Family unit with additional family members is no longer a membership type.



Environmental Safety Concerns

By Bonney Swain Shindly, courtesy eHow.co.uk

Humans are at the mercy of natural forces and man-made perils that impact the environment. Pollutants dumped into rivers and lakes threaten drinking water supplies. Common household fixtures such as gas water heaters and fireplaces generate carbon monoxide, an odorless gas that drastically impairs the body's circulation of oxygen. Radon is another deadly gas that seeps into homes from the ground. The ongoing list of environmental safety concerns includes everyday batteries that release heavy metals into the atmosphere

Water

- The U.S. Safe Drinking Water Act recognizes 91 chemicals that contaminate public water sources. But more than 60,000 substances are used across the country without substantial analysis of their impact on drinking water, the New York Times reported in December 2009. According to the report, from 2004 to 2009, at least 62 million Americans consumed public water that failed to meet government guidelines. Opponents of more stringent controls argue that aggressive testing and treatment leads to higher utility bills, which is burdensome for consumers -- especially when many chemicals are not life threatening. Contamination also discolors and taints the taste and appearance of faucet water in some communities, such as in Maywood in suburban Los Angeles, where residents avoid white garments because the brown water used in their washing machines leaves stains.

Carbon Monoxide

- Insufficient oxygen during hydrocarbon burning processes leads to the release of carbon monoxide. Charcoal grills, kerosene heaters and vehicle emissions produce this toxic gas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Trace amounts prevent oxygen from flowing through the human body. Symptoms include nausea, headache, rapid respiration and weakness. The CDC recommends installing a carbon monoxide detector in your home and having a technician service your heating and water systems every year.

Radon

- The natural separation of uranium in soil creeps into the atmosphere as radon gas. Exposure is most prevalent inside homes because people spend most of their time there, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). An estimated 21,000 people die annually from lung cancer caused by radon, and one out of every 15 households has high radon levels. Gases move through the ground and into households through foundation cracks and well water, causing a buildup of this poisonous substance. The EPA recommends do-it-yourself radon testing kits. Effective radon remediation steps include filling holes and cracks in home foundations.

Batteries

- Tossing an AA or 9V battery into the trashcan seems harmless, but the EPA warns that improper disposal releases mercury, lead and other heavy metals into the atmosphere. These toxins enter the environment when they are incinerated because some heavy metals such as mercury, cadmium and lead either vaporize into the air or end up in the burnt ash. Recycling programs often are ineffective because recycling contractors often toss these same disposed household batteries into their own trash, the EPA reports. Plus, campaigns aimed at button and nickel-cadmium batteries confuse consumers who sometimes are unaware if they use these types of batteries. The agency advises consumers to use their supplies of batteries before purchasing new ones and to stick with lower mercury and heavy metal choices.

Read more: [Environmental Safety Concerns | eHow.com](http://www.ehow.com/list_7615981_environmental-safety-concerns.html#ixzzlj69TokAw) http://www.ehow.com/list_7615981_environmental-safety-concerns.html#ixzzlj69TokAw

TACOMA POWER SQUADRON

August 22, 1939 – May, 2012

R.I.P.

Anonymous

The year is now 2014 and it's been almost two years since our squadron closed its doors and disbanded. As I look at my family's vacation schedule and think about planning some boating trips, I'm beginning to reflect back on how much I miss the squadron and try and figure out just what happened. Yes, I'll admit, sometimes it was a bit of a pain to get down to the meetings but you know, there were some darn good programs and often I actually learned something. And then of course, there were the boating courses. I took the first one so I could get my state boating education card and was pleasantly surprised to learn just how much I didn't know about boating. Hey, I was raised around boats, well, my neighbor had a boat and he used to take the family out occasionally and I thought it was pretty simple. Boy, what a learning experience that has been. But boating has changed now. Last summer I was able to call a few of our old squadron friends and we met up for a weekend here and there but those other times when we decided late on a Friday to take advantage of the nice weekend, well, we couldn't find a place to stay. Wow, the squadron cruise captains did a heck of a good job making all those arrangements so we could go boating throughout the year. Here it is June and I haven't used the boat since Labor Day! Maybe I'll go out and find a yacht club to join so I can meet some new people to go boating with. But those initiation fees and everything else involving those clubs has kind of put me off. I didn't realize just what a good deal the squadron was. Sure wish the squadron hadn't folded!

Now that I think about it, everything happened so innocently. First the squadron began to operate without a full board which didn't really effect me since I only attended meetings and rendezvous anyway. Then, last year, they weren't able to fill all the bridge positions. I read in the news letter where the squadron was going to attempt to run with just a hand full of older members filling in and doing double duty and I thought to myself, hey, this is great! These people can just keep the positions and we have a permanent board. That didn't even last a year because those few that were left on the board got burned out and soon, there was no one left! I didn't realize that in order for the board to function, they needed a quorum and without that, no business. Like many members, I looked at those people on the bridge as being rather selfish for not continuing in their positions. Then I learned that some of them had held their office for five or even eight years in one case. Yeah, I guess that is a bit much to ask of somebody in a volunteer organization. I remember when the nominating committee called me about volunteering for a position on the board. I feel kind of bad now knowing that I stretched the truth a bit saying that I was just too busy. Well, however busy I imagined myself back then, it's sure different now. I really miss the squadron; all the boating friends that made docking a joy when arriving at a new marina. And, you know, I miss the meetings too. The great food at the pot-lucks that I always ate too much of; OK maybe my waistline won't miss that but the meetings were fun and informative too. I miss the news letter too; the good articles about safety, cruising tips, even recipes. That monthly news letter really kept me informed. Thinking back I could have done more. I should have said yes when asked to volunteer. The Tacoma Power Squadron was such a great group and I feel bad that I contributed to its demise by not doing anything. I just sat back and watched. I wonder if it's too late to get the squadron back and running again. Maybe if enough people are interested, we could do that. All it would take is a few members who feel the same way. Just a few boating friends who enjoy boating and want to learn more about boating and share these experiences with others who have similar interests. Yes, I think I'll do that. If I can just find the old squadron roster, I'll start calling and see if there are others who feel the way I do. There must be. There has to be!



Tacoma Power Squadron 2012 Rendezvous Schedule

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 3-5 February | Arabella's 253-851-1793 | Call Marina & Becky (253-381-6226) Otto (253-537-3838) Op Training sign up |
| 9-11 March | Des Moines Marina Joint with Day Island | Richard & Jackie Mattox-Host 253-581-1732/jrgeezers@comcast.net |
| April | Longbranch Work Party | Pat & Lynne Lemagie 253-212-3664 |
| 20-22 April | Daffodil/Breakwater Marina | Larry & Cindy Warren 360-897-8692 Registration cut off is 3/20/12 |
| 25-28 May | Port Orchard Marina | Andy & Candy Mills/Dave & Annie Dikeman Need \$5 Reservation fee |
| 22-24 June | Poulsbo District 16 | Tacoma Docking/Sign up form from District 16 |
| 13-15 July | Bell Harbor 206-615-3952 | Need Hosts/\$5 reservation fee Call Marina & Host Mike & Jenna Ashbrook |
| 27-29 July | Kingston Marina 360-297-3545 | Call to reserve & pay 1 st night moorage Need Host |
| 29-31 July 1-11 August | San Juan Cruise San Juan Cruise | Larry Warren/ 360-897-8692 Mike Ashbrook/ 971-998-7000 |
| 31 August to 3 September | Bremerton/Blackberry Festival | Otto & Christine Rasmussen 253-537-3838 \$5 reservation fee |
| October | Under review Dock Street | Need Host |

Contact information to be updated in future Wake Astern's. Any Marina with a phone number means you must call marina and your host or a fleet captain to reserve for the rendezvous. **Please make your reservations with Arabella's, Bell Harbor & Kingston now!**

Becky Arrington 253-564-4011 Home 253-381-6226 Cell beckyarrington@cbbain.com
Cindy Warren 360-897-8692 Home l.m.warren-1@hotmail.com

Please call on VHF channel 72 on arrival at a rendezvous

2012 TPS Summer San Juan Cruise

It is time to reserve your spot for the 2012 TPS San Juan Island cruise. We will begin the cruise in Oak Harbor, continuing on to Blakely Island, Deer Harbor, Roche Harbor, and the Lopez Islander Resort on Lopez Island. Except for Oak Harbor, we will spend three days at each destination. We will have one planned group dinner at Blakely Island and a Breakfast at Lopez Island. We also hope to have a crab boil at Deer Harbor if we can fill some pots. The goal is to give us enough time at each marina to relax and enjoy the Islands.

You have 3 cruise options to chose from:

1. Both weeks July 29th –August 11th – Oak Harbor, Blakely Island, Deer Harbor, Roche Harbor, and Lopez Island.
2. Week One July 29th – August 4th – Oak Harbor, Blakely Island, and Deer Harbor.
3. Week Two August 5th – August 11th – Roche Harbor, and Lopez Island.

This is a great way to cruise the Islands in a low stress environment and have time to enjoy the stops. There will be a 20-boat maximum, and it is set up on a first come basis. So if you are interested in joining the fun, please fill out the deposit form and turn it in ASAP.

Projected cost: Both Weeks: \$1.41 per ft x 13 nights plus \$50 per person
 Week One: \$1.24 per ft x7 nights plus \$50 per person
 Week Two: \$1.58 x 6 nights plus \$50 per person

TPS 2012 San Juan Cruise

Name: _____

Guest Names: _____

Boat Name: _____

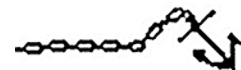
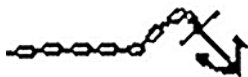
Boat Length: _____ Boat Beam: _____

Cruise Option (circle one) Both Weeks Week One Week Two

Contact Number: _____ Contact Email: _____

Please enclose a \$200 (check made payable to TPS), to hold your place on the cruise. Send form and check to:

Mike Ashbrook
28317 236th PL SE
Maple Valley, WA 98038



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Engine Maintenance

Course stresses the diagnosis of modern gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines while also teaching the basics of engine layout and operation. The EM course covers those repairs that do-it-yourselfers can still perform, teaches how to diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix, and how to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed. Engine Maintenance also covers basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls. The last chapter discusses solutions you might use to problems that could occur while afloat and away from a repair facility.

Instructor Development

This course deals with effective communication for speakers and teachers--a quality that benefits the individual in all walks of life. It offers practical instruction in: preparing for teaching assignments; preparing for meeting presentations; effective teaching techniques; conducting efficient meetings; and selecting and using audiovisual aids.

Marine Electronics

(consists of three modules, each emphasizing troubleshooting)

Marine Electrical Systems (MES) covers the practice of wiring your boat, including boat electrical wiring practices and diagrams, direct and alternating current power, galvanic and stray current corrosion, and lightning protection.

Marine Communications Systems (MCS) reviews communications systems available to the recreational boater. Topics include radio history, spectrum definitions, definitions of radio circuits, Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), FCC Rules and regulations, High Seas radio (MF/HF and satellite communications) and other systems such as Family Radio Service transceivers, and troubleshooting of radio installations.

Marine Navigation Systems

Topics include GPS, the Automatic Identification System (AIS), RADAR, depth sounder and related instruments, electronic charting systems, and a working understanding of the electronic bus structures needed to tie these devices together.

Sailing

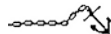
Covers basic boat designs, rigging and sail processes for the non-sailor. Then proceeds into the physical aspects of sailing, sail applications, marlinespike, helmsmanship, and handling of more difficult sailing conditions, navigation rules, and an introduction to heavy weather sailing.

Weather

Focuses on how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another and reflects the availability of all sorts of weather reports and forecasts on the Internet.

About that note I mentioned above: Our last Cruise Planning instructor, Karen Rudisill, AP cruised off to Colorado. She did a fantastic job; I'm looking for an energetic individual, preferably with some Canadian cruising experience to join the Electives staff.

To volunteer, or for any other Electives matter (such as requesting a course), call (253) 536-3309 or e-mail me (wolfesd@comcast.net).



Arabella's Rendezvous

February 3-5, 2012

By Lt Becky Arrington, S

We have our first Rendezvous at Arabella's coming up on Feb. 3-5th. You will need to **contact Arabella's at (253) 851-1793 to make your reservation prior to January 26th**; and also give me a call at (253)381-6226 if you will be attending (or email works).

It would be great if we had a host volunteer for the weekend! Otto Rasmussen will be teaching OP training on Sat. from 10-2. If you would like to attend this training, give Otto a call at (253)537-3838 so he has enough lunch and class material.

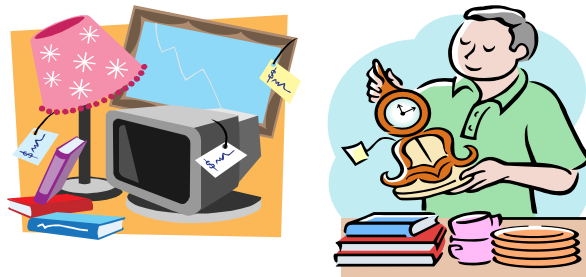
**Des Moines Rendezvous
March 9-11, 2012**

As our second Rendezvous for 2012 fast approaches, an advanced heads-up for those of you planning to attend. This event will be our maiden joint rendezvous with members of the Day Island Yacht Club. To reserve your space, please contact your hosts Richard & Jackie Mattox at (253) 581-1732 or email: jrgeezers@comcast.net. More details about this fun filled cruise to follow in the next Wake Astern.

**DES MOINES YACHT CLUB
MARINE SWAP MEET**

Semi-annually, the Tacoma Power Squadron has held an auction during our May general meeting thus replacing our normal program for the month. This traditionally has provided an opportunity for members to lighten their boats a bit for the upcoming boating season as well as some much needed revenue for the squadron. This past year's auction failed to live up to expectations and suggestions were made that maybe the idea had run its course, so to speak. Well, here is an idea that will be discussed at an up-coming meeting that, if successful, can provide a new source of revenue for the squadron and still allow members to dispose of some of their unused nautical items but this time to make some money too! What could be better than that?

Here's how it will work. Members will go through all their discarded and no longer needed boat stuff or anything of a nautical nature. At a date to be determined later, these items will be collected, identified, and tagged to be transported on the date of the swap meet to the Des Moines Yacht Club. The squadron will receive 30% of the selling price for our involvement while you, the member, take home 70% for nothing more than bringing the item to us. Anything that doesn't sell will be returned to you so be realistic with your asking price. Sound like a good idea? Be thinking about any questions you may have and come prepared to discuss this at the January meeting. By the way, 70/30 split is typically what you receive at a consignment store.



District 16 2012 Spring Conference

The Friday Harbor Power squadron is pleased to host District 16's Spring Conference and invites all District Members and their guests to attend. The Spring Conference will be held at the Shilo Inn Suites Hotel in Ocean Shores, Washington, on March 30-31, 2012. Ocean Shores is one of Washington's favorite vacation and convention destinations. A 6,000 acre peninsula at the mouth of Gray's Harbor and the only deep water port on the Pacific Coast, north of San Francisco, Ocean Shores includes six miles of sandy beaches, along with 23 miles of interconnecting lakes, canals, and miles of scenic bayside offering several activities to enjoy before and after the conference.

All Shilo Inn Suites rooms face the beach with private balconies and an open, non-obstructed view of the ocean. Each room has a sitting room with "fireplace," wet bar, refrigerator, and either double queen or single king size beds. Handicap and handicap accessible rooms are available. The hotel is dog friendly with rooms located on the ground floor. Recreational amenities include an indoor pool, spa tub, sauna, steam room, and fitness facility. Parking is free.

Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by March 14, 2012, to take advantage of USPS-District 16's Group Contract rate of \$99.00 (plus tax) per night. We have reserved 50 Ocean View Suites for the conference which are expected to go quickly.

Friday evening's reception to meet the Chief Commander's representative and buffet will be held in the main ballroom. A registration table will be available from 1500-1900 in the lobby, outside the ballroom. Registration will also be available at the same location on Saturday morning from 0800-1000 with the conference starting at 0915 in the ballroom.

In order to move the Conference along and stay on schedule, we will have the majority of the officer's reports available in writing for the members to read. In the past, this has reduced the time for the business meeting and allowed more time to explore other issues of interest to the members. Time will be made available for attendees to ask questions about the reports that are presented.

Since a District 16's goal for its members is "having fun," we have added some variety to the conference by adding a bit of Mardi Gras flair to Friday evening's reception with a classic Cajun Jambalaya Buffet. You may need to brush up on your Mardi Gras knowledge since there will be a fun trivia quiz for those interested. For our Saturday evening dinner, Mardi Gras festive attire or costume is optional and more than welcome. Continuing the District's trend to dress casual, Saturday's evening's dress for the District 16 Bridge are blazers and no ties (Marti Gras beads optional). You will be provided with complimentary masks and beads. An opportunity for a "photo ops" (with or without masks and beads will be available by our District Photographer, Steve Erickson. We will have entertainment during our Saturday evening dinner by Ericka Corban, a local singer/songwriter who has been playing and writing music for the past decade. She has performed in ten different states and five countries with over 40 recorded songs.

Please see the following D/16 Spring Conference Registration Form for meal costs and specific event times. Complete the form and mail with your check to P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP before March 14, 2012, to take advantage of the reduced conference meal costs. Make your check out to: FHPS, D16 Spring Conference. We are looking forward to having a productive meeting and an enjoyable time at Ocean Shores.

Commander Fred Bowen, AP
Friday Harbor Power Squadron

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Driving Directions.....

From I-5 heading South toward Portland, at Olympia, take Exit 104, Ramp (Right) onto US-101 {Pacific Coast Scenic Byway} for 5.9 miles toward Aberdeen (US-101 N).

Keep left onto SR-8 for 21 miles toward SR-8 W to Aberdeen. Road name changes to US-12 at Elma. Continue on US-12 for 20 miles to US-101.

Continue on US-12/US-101 through Aberdeen to Emerson Ave. Turn LEFT (West) onto Emerson Ave. (SR-109). Keep Straight on SR-109 for 15 miles.

Turn LEFT (South-West) onto SR-115 for 2 miles.

Turn Left (South) onto Point Brown Ave. N.W. (Main Street) for 1 mile

Guide RIGHT (West) at "round-about" onto E. Chance a la Mer NE for 0.5 mile.

Arrive Shilo Inn Suites, 707 Ocean Shores Blvd. NW, Ocean Shores, WA, on your Right



**REGISTRATION FORM
D/16 SPRING CONFERENCE, 30-31 MARCH 2012
SHILO INN SUITES HOTEL, OCEAN SHORES, WA**

Name _____ Spouse/Guest name _____
 Address _____ Squadron _____
 City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____
 E-mail Address for Confirmation of Registration and Payment _____

Will you be attending only the District Conference without meals? YES _____

Note: This is an activity registration form. There is no charge for attending meetings. Early Bird prices apply for reservations received by 14 March, 2012. A \$3.00 Surcharge will apply to reservations received after 14 March.

| <u>ACTIVITY</u> | <u>Early Bird Price:</u> | <u>After 03/14/12:</u> | <u>No. of People:</u> | <u>Total:</u> |
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| Registration 1500-1900 | | | | |
| Friday Reception 1730-1930 | | | | |
| No Host Bar / Social | | | | |
| Friday Buffet 1830-1930 | | | | |
| Classic Cajun Jambalaya | \$15.00 | \$18.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Registration 0800-1000 | | | | |
| Saturday Hot Breakfast Buffet 0800-0900 | | | | |
| Commander/Executive Officer | \$19.00 | \$22.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Educational Officer/SEO | \$19.00 | \$22.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| PDC's and all other attendees | \$19.00 | \$22.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Saturday Luncheon 1145-1300 | | | | |
| Executive Deli Bar | \$20.00 | \$23.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Saturday Evening Banquet / No Host Bar | | | | |
| No Host Bar 1800-2100 | | | | |
| Banquet 1900-2100 | | | | |
| Prime Rib & Salmon | \$39.00 | \$42.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Vegetarian Entrée | \$35.00 | \$38.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |

DIETARY PREFERENCES OR RESTRICTIONS _____

Total (U.S. Funds) \$ _____
 (Meal prices include gratuity and tax)

For Hotel Reservations

Shilo Inn Suites Hotel
707 Ocean Shores Blvd. NW
Ocean Shores, WA, USA 98569
Phone: (360) 289-4600
(For \$99.00+tax / Group rate; you
must reserve by 14 March .
Ask for USPS/D16 room rate)

Payment and Conference Reservations

Make checks payable to: FHPS,D16 Spring Conference
Send Checks and Reservation Form to:
P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP
31820 – 37th Avenue SW
Federal Way, WA 98023-2176
Phone: (253) 927-7474 **E-Mail: jimjoweb@aol.com**



Lt/C Michael Nathanson, P
Secretary

FROM THE GALLEY

I was thinking ahead to boating season when selecting this month's recipe—one that can be prepared ahead of time and taken to the boat for reheating (or freeze and reheat). This is a filling main dish to serve with a salad and/or vegetables and fruit.

CHICKEN TETRAZZINI

Serves 8

3-4 cups cooked chicken cut into bite-sized pieces
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
8 oz. fine noodles or spaghetti, cooked and drained
6 Tbsp. butter
8 oz. sliced mushrooms
1 cup broccoli florets cut into 1/2- to 1-inch pieces
4 Tbsp. diced green chilies
2 Tbsp. minced garlic

1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup light cream or half-&-half
2 cups chicken broth
1/4 cup dry sherry or white wine
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Paprika (optional)



Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Cook spaghetti or noodles according to package directions. Meanwhile, in skillet, melt 2 Tbsp. butter over medium-low heat. Saute sliced mushrooms, broccoli, diced green chilies and garlic. In a large saucepan, melt 1/4 cup butter; stir in flour, add 1/2 tsp. salt. Stir until smooth. Add chicken broth and cream. Cook, stirring until sauce is thickened. Add chicken, sliced mushrooms, broccoli, chilis, garlic and sherry or white wine; heat through.

Place noodles or spaghetti in buttered baking dish; pour sauce over noodles. Top with Parmesan cheese and sprinkle with paprika.

Bake at 425 degrees for 15-20 minutes, until hot and bubbly.



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