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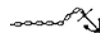


As the holiday season comes to a close I can't help but think about the bonds of family. The holidays are a time that we purposely spend time with friends and family in celebration. We share meals, spread cheer, and exchange gifts. Often it's the time of year that we all put differences aside to just be present. As my family has suffered many losses as of late, it's an important time to spend together remembering, enjoying, and celebrating the happy things in life.

This is also how I view our squadron rendezvous. The rendezvous are a time throughout the year for friends with a common interest in boating to come together. A time for socializing, stress relief, friendship, and some good shared meals. Over the many years of boating and volunteering with the Tacoma Power Squadron, this group of people has become part of my family. As I am sure it has for many of you.

Often times we play different roles within our families. We begin as being taken care of by everyone and for every need as a small child. As we grow we do more and more things on our own until we find that we are independent. Even then we rely on others at times and then there are times when we are depended on. It's a continuous cycle of kindness, caring, and love that we give to others that gives us the ability to rely on others and be depended on.

As the New Year arrives I ask you all to set some goals. Personal goals, professional goals, physical goals, and to think seriously of setting a boating goal. Is there a way that you could be depended on by your family of boaters this new year?

To all of my boating family, I wish you a Happy and Healthy 2019! See you on the water and at our general meeting. 



Call to Meeting General Meeting

January 22nd, 2019 (1830 - 2030)

@ Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting

January 2nd, 2019 (1900 - 2100)

7017 126th St. East
Puyallup, WA 98373

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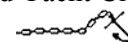
Lt/C Richard Mattox, AP

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Jackie and I decided to stay close to home this year, sharing time with our daughter, son-in-law, and our three grandchildren.

Guess what? Only a couple of weeks till the Seattle Boat Show. Even if you don't need any nautical items, it is always interesting to see those new and improved gadgets for your boating projects. Jackie and I will be venturing there to help P/C Linda Martin, from Everett Sail and Power Squadron, with the Safe Boating 4 Kids class. We did it last year and no matter how many kids show up, it is well worth the time and effort. So if you get the chance to go, stop by the District 16 booth and say hello.

Have you had the chance to peruse the Winter 2019 edition of The Ensign? If you look on Page 31, you will see that Tacoma Power Squadron, Seattle Sail and Power Squadron, and Everett Sail and Power Squadron were recognized for our team effort in planning, constructing, and winning two 1st Place trophies at the annual Milk Carton Derby on Green Lake in Seattle. It was a lot of fun to participate in this endeavor and I look forward to next year's venture.

Just to keep you up-to-date regarding our annual TPS Cruise-In. Saturday, January 19th, we will be holding this year's event at the Day Island Yacht Club. More details will be provided as soon as they become available.



Members of TPS volunteered their skills and time at the annual Holiday Cruise for People with Disabilities, 1 December 2018, at the Foss Maritime Museum



Lt/C Otto Rasmussen, SN, CN

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



*Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN
Asst. Education Officer*

There will be an ABC Basic Boating Class starting January 9th 2019 at Day Island Yacht Club. The class will run from 07:00-09:00 PM on Wednesday evenings. Students should plan to arrive a little early if possible. The exam will be on February 6th. **WE NEED STUDENTS!!** If you have friends or family members who could use the class, send them our way. Prospective students should contact Brenda Williamson at (253)-370-3048 prior to class starting. Materials must be ordered ahead of the class beginning.

I have a list of members that are interested in the Advanced Piloting Class, if you wish to check this out, give me a call or email and we can discuss it. Gary Ball would be willing to do an AP Class next spring.

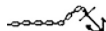
The next Seamanship Class will be held early 2019 following an ABC Class held following the Seattle Boat Show 2019.

We will have a speaker from Washington State Parks at our January 22nd meeting at Day Island Yacht Club. Some important subjects will be presented. Plan on making it to this meeting!!

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. We will have 2019 decals in early January!! They got the ball rolling right this year.

We hope everyone had a great holiday season, and find ourselves all set for the new year ahead. Give some thought to giving our club some assistance as we take on the jobs we do. Help is always appreciated, weather a lot or a little, it all counts.

Cheers, from your educational department, Otto & Sandi ph-253-537-3838 hm 253-921-3839 cell
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Volunteers Needed for 2019 Seattle Boat Show



Photo from 2018 Boat Show Booth

District 16's Marketing Committee is once again seeking volunteers to help staff our 2019 Seattle Boat Show booth! The Boat Show will be at the CenturyLink Field Event Center, 800 Occidental Ave. S., from 25 January through 2 February 2019. Parking is available at the Mariners Garage – 301 Edgar Martinez Drive S. Complimentary entry tickets will be reserved for volunteers, but we will not be able to reimburse for parking costs.

Our booth is #1224 in the East Hall. Booth contents – Boating Simulator Virtual Trainer (contact Al Keim, al@keim.net), material and video to promote squadron classes, a fun photo opportunity and of course, YOU wearing USPS/America's Boating Club polo shirt or similar attire along with your squadron name badge.

To sign up for a shift, please visit District website: <https://www.usps16.org/news-events>. Due to space limitations in the booth, please, only two people per shift! Questions? Contact Barbara Erickson at bje@msn.com.

Longbranch Marina Closure

As some of you know, the Longbranch Marina was awarded a grant to replace some pilings and decking, add come finger piers and upgrade the electrical. The Marina will be basically closed from January 7 to January 18, 2019. Please come check us out when the construction is complete, we look forward to showing off our upgraded Marina.

COAST GUARD MARITIME COMMONS

THE COAST GUARD BLOG FOR MARITIME PRO-
FESSIONALS

12/17/2018: Recreational vessels and 5-year COD renewals

Posted by LT Amy Midgett, Monday, December 17, 2018

The [National Vessel Documentation Center](#) issued a [bulletin](#) Dec. 14, 2018, regarding recreational vessel Certificates of Documentation (COD) and the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018, which was signed into law Dec. 4, 2018.

The 2018 Act includes a provision to provide recreational COD holders the ability to select a multi-year renewal (1-5 years) during an implementation period that runs from Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2021, after which a five-year document, for recreational vessels only, will become automatic.

Implementation of this provision will require an update to NVDC's automated systems in order to accommodate multi-year renewals. Additionally, the Coast Guard is evaluating what revisions to existing regulations may be needed to incorporate the provisions of the Act.

Recreational vessel owners should continue to follow the current process for requesting/renewing CODs.



December 2018 RBAW Report to DIYC

2019 U.S. Coast Guard Budget: Each year Congress authorizes the budget and overall spending level for the U.S. Coast Guard, which can have a direct effect on recreational boaters. Included in the 2019 reauthorization is a provision requiring “manufacturers, distributors and dealers” to install engine cutoff switches on new boats “less than 26 feet overall in length and capable of developing 115 pounds or more of static thrust.” The engine cutoff switch provision “includes, but is not limited to, inboard engines, outboard motors and stern drive engines.” Switches also need to meet American Boat and Yacht Council Standards.

For those who document their vessel with the U.S. Coast Guard National Vessel Documentation Center, the length of time the certificate will be valid increases from one to five years, easing a boater’s paperwork burden.

“Orca” (AKA “Southern Resident Killer Whale” or SRKW Recovery) Task Force: The Task Force released its final report and list of recommendations and transmitted that to the Governor. We felt we did OK – while there is an expanded “bubble” for the distance boaters must maintain from whales, and there are things like ‘go-slow’ zones and noise-reduction measures, we can live with all that. However, we have strong concerns with Recommendation #19 creating an ‘opt-out’ based \$10 fee on vessel registrations to fund education, awareness, and enforcement of “Be Whale Wise” guidelines. Here is a link to the full array of recommendations:

https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/OrcaTaskForce_reportandrecommendations_11.16.18.pdf

Derelict Vessel Removal Program (DVRP): We have a longstanding policy of strong support for the DVRP and have also pointed out that commercial vessels need to start paying for their fair share of the costs of this program. We will be supporting and prioritizing Department of Natural Resources requests for: 1) a \$5 million Capital Budget allocation to eliminate some of the backlog of large/commercial derelict vessels; and 2) increasing the “Vessel Turn-In Incentive” program funding from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) Project to Rebuild a Ballard Locks-Area Railroad Bridge: While we are comfortable that the rebuilding of the bridge will maintain (and even improve) an area that allows recreational boaters to tie up, NMTA, based on specific opposition from its members who operate super-yachts, is raising concerns about clearance underneath what would be a 155-foot-high new bridge structure.

“Road Usage Charge” Committee: This Committee is doing a long-term analysis and has just completed a pilot project on whether Washington should ultimately transition away from a fuel-tax-based method of funding transportation and more toward a per-mile-based system. We want to ensure that marine fuel tax money that helps pay for boating infrastructure is maintained and that we don’t begin losing critical funds for recreational boating infrastructure.

PC Chuck Gay, RBAW Delegate

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.



District 16 Spring Conference

Friday, March 8th and
Saturday, March 9th 2019

Bellevue Hilton

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS

Boehm's Candy Factory tour in Issaquah. Transportation leaves hotel at 1230.

Continue afternoon tour with a trip to view beautiful Snoqualmie Falls.

Cost \$30 (includes admission to Boehm's and transportation)

OR

"Walk on the Wild Side" guided tour led by Susan Tarpley, Everett's own naturalist.

Tour group will carpool to Mercer Slough and begin an interpretative walk of approximately 1.5 hour.

Walk is rated as EASY. Dress for outdoors, wear hiking boots / shoes. Bring your binoculars, water, field guides and explorers inquisitiveness. Will cancel if high winds and very cold temps occur.

Meet in lobby 1215

Cost - One Smile

Group size limited to 15

OR

Shop 'til you drop. Visit Bellevue Square and the Shops at the Bravern. Transportation provided by hotel shuttle.

FRIDAY EVENING

Get ready to party! Wear your comfy clothes to a D16 picnic with adult beverages at a no host bar and entertainment led by Seattle's AO Robert Dahlin.

Join in for an Old Fashioned Cake Walk made new... D16 Wine Walk

Cost \$10 (guaranteed to win a great bottle of wine)

Caution! Laughing and having fun is required.

Sign up for Per-conference Events on PayPal
at www.everettsailandpowersquadron.com

See You There!



January 2019

Tacoma Power Squadron



District 16 Spring Conference

Friday, March 8th - Saturday, March 9th 2019

Bellevue Hilton, 300 112th Ave SE, Bellevue WA 98004

Full Name: _____ Guest/Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Squadron: _____

Email address for registration/payment confirmation: _____

Attending Conference without meals? _____ Is this your first time attending a District Conference _____

Friday Evening 1800 - 2100 (No Host Bar)	Before 15 Feb.	After 15 Feb.	No. People	Total
Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Condiments, Potato salad, House green salad, Dessert	\$30.00	\$33.00	_____	_____
Vegetarian Garden Burger	\$30.00	\$33.00	_____	_____
Saturday (Breakfast on Your Own)				
Saturday Lunch 1200 - 1300				
Soup du jour, Season greens with bacon bits, Mushrooms, Shredded cheddar cheese, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Hard boiled egg, Diced turkey, Diced chicken, Rolls & Dessert	\$28.00	\$30.00	_____	_____
Saturday Evening Banquet 1800 - 2130 (No Host Bar)				
All dinners include Herbed roasted potatoes, Season Vegetable, Rolls, Tiramisu, Coffee/Tea				
Salmon, Soy ginger glaze	\$42.00	\$45.00	_____	_____
Pork loin, Dijon mustard sauce	\$42.00	\$45.00	_____	_____
Three Cheese Manicotti, Roasted Tomato Coulis	\$42.00	\$45.00	_____	_____
			Number of People	Total
			_____	\$ _____

Do you have any food allergies? _____

Hotel Reservations for Bellevue Hilton 300 112th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA 98004 ~ 1-800-643-7907

Must be made by 6th February 2019 to guarantee a room. Use Group Code: D16 CI for the conference rate.

Room rate is \$119.00 per night plus 14.4% tax. After 6th February, rooms are reserved as space available.

The Bellevue Hilton is Pet-friendly

Make all checks payable to Everett Sail and Power Squadron (ESPS) Mail registration to Susan Tarpley, 13423 51st Ave. West Edmonds, WA 98026

You may also pay for meals by PayPal at www.everettsailandpowersquadron.com

(Go to website menu for registration form)



Tacoma Power Squadron 2019 Rendezvous Schedule

Jan 19	Cruise-In DIYC	Larry & Cindy Warren Richard & Jackie Mattox
Feb 22-24	Arabella's 253-851-1793 Call Marina to make reservation	Stan & Debbie Wolfe
Mar 22-24	Dock Street 253-272-4352 Call Marina to make reservation	Karen & Jim Jackson
Apr 12-14	Daffodil	Registration on TYC Website Hagbart (boat) need officers
Apr 26-28	Longbranch	Need Hosts
May 17-19	Jarrells Cove	Need Hosts "National Wear it Day"
June 21-23	Poulsbo	Registration form/Wake Astern
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	***Does Not take Holiday Reservations until Jan 2nd***

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.

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.



2018 Christmas Brunch Photo Gallery



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January 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 1900-2100 Ex. Bd Mtg*	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 ABC Cls @ DIYC	10	11	12
13	14	15 Deadline Wake Astern	16 ABC Cls @ DIYC	17	18	19 Cruise-In @ DIYC
20	21	22 1830 - 2030 Gen. Mtg @ DIYC	23 ABC Cls @ DIYC	24	25 Seattle Boat Show	
27	28	29	30 ABC Cls @ DIYC	31	* @ Mark Hafterson's 7017 126th St. East Puyallup, WA 98373	
Seattle Boat Show						



February 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 1900 - 2100 Ex. Bd Mtg *	6 ABC Cls @ DIYC	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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