



Tacoma Power Squadron



The Wake Astern

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COMMANDER



Cdr Lance Williamson, P

Wow! September is almost here! The summer has just disappeared.

Last month I mentioned that “Brenda and I have not had much time on the water this summer.” Believe it or not, we have not been out on the boat since last month’s article was written. Work travels and schedules have made boating impossible. Thankfully, our summer trip to Lake Washington is just around the corner. We can hardly wait to get *Prequel* out on the water.

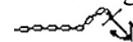
September signals the beginning of the monthly general meeting of the Tacoma Power Squadron and the monthly meeting of the executive board of the TPS. The monthly general meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are a time of reconnecting with friends, eating great food and expanding our boating knowledge. Come to

the September 27th meeting prepared to share your favorite “boating” memory/experience from the summer. Your shared experience may inspire someone to travel to that destination next summer.

Fall signals the beginning of new classes through the squadron. Check out the SEOs article to see the upcoming classes. The TPS has great instructors who share their practical experiences during their presentations. Remember, boaters need to be life-long learners!

There are still a few rendezvous left before winter hits the south sound. The Port Orchard rendezvous is September 2-5 (Labor Day weekend). Jim and Karen Jackson are the hosts. Contact them to reserve your spot at the rendezvous. The rendezvous at Long Branch is October 14-16. Contact Arlu and Bruce Goff to reserve your spot.

Well, that is about all for now. I look forward to seeing everyone at the September general meeting. Until then, see you on the water!



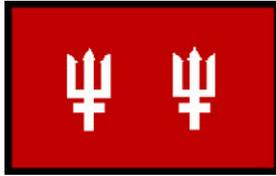
Come for the Boating Education...Stay for the FriendsSM

**Call to Meeting
General Meeting
Past Commander BBQ
September 27, 2016 (1830 - 2030)
Day Island Yacht Club
University Place

Executive Board Meeting
September 13, 2016 (1900 - 2100)
Pierce County Library
3005 112th St. E., Tacoma, WA**

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As September approaches I am reminded of our role in boating today. Whether you joined for a discount on insurance or learning all about safe boating, we all had our reasons for joining, sometimes those reasons change. As with most of us; I have learned the value of being taught by people who love what they do. We have some of the greatest teachers of any organization today, who do this for the satisfaction of giving people the understanding of safer and knowledgeable aspects of boating. Also as with most of us (as I said), things change, I wasn't planning on being a member of the bridge when I joined, far from it. What my intentions were was to learn from others who already had boating experience. I had no boating experience whatsoever and found far more than I could have imagined in the beginning. You've heard that it takes a village to teach a child. Well, it takes all kinds of people to teach people how to boat smarter as well. We all can do something to help in that teaching process. Whether it's keeping records to leading our group, it's all important work. I'm sure we have all seen boaters that desperately need to get some boaters training; it's just how do you tell them without offending them. I guess that's where we come in and encourage people to learn how much more fun it can be without the stress and mishaps. But first I encourage those who have been somewhat inactive to come back and give your squadron a helping hand in the teaching and day to day involvement of your club. We wouldn't be a club without you. I have changed the way I look at being a member and I hope that you will also. I would also like to encourage your involvement in the fun activities such as rendezvous with or without a boat. Perhaps we need more activities on land? Hope to see you at a meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

New Members: I have been listing our new members but have realized that I have not recognized the thirteen Olympia Power Squadron transfers. They are, Gary Ball, Glen and Barbara Blake, Mike Contris, Jim Hansen, Jim and Debbie Harden, Denny McHugo, Richard and Deanna Schnatterly, Chuck and Viki Sharp, Rose Ann Walker. Four of the thirteen are life members. These members are a great addition to our squadron and bring many years of experience with the United States Power squadrons. Please make them feel welcome.

If you know of someone who might be interested in joining TPS, have them contact me. Jackie Mattox, 2537322264, jrgeezers@comcast.net



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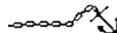
*Lt/C Sandi Carroll, SN
Education Officer*

Hi to all from your co - SEOs Sandi & Otto.

We are in the planning stages for possible classes this fall. Please let Otto or Sandi Carroll know if there is a class you would like to take. It takes planning ahead to line up instructors, facilities, and materials in order to do a class.

An ABC basic boating class and a Seamanship class will be scheduled in September at the Totem Y.C. facility in Ruston (very near Tacoma Yacht Club in North Tacoma). Totem Yacht Club is willing to make its facility available for the classes. The ABC basic class will start on September 7th, testing on October 5th. The Seamanship class will start on October 19th with the exam on December 14th. If you or anyone you know is interested in either of these classes, please have them contact Otto or Sandi so that adequate materials can be on hand for the classes. It takes 30 days lead time to get materials from headquarters.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding boating education, classes, helping instruct classes, or general information please give Sandi Carroll or Otto Rasmussen a call or an email. We are keeping tabs on your requests so we can respond to your needs.



Cheers, Otto & Sandi

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News from National



Decal Awareness Program (DAP)

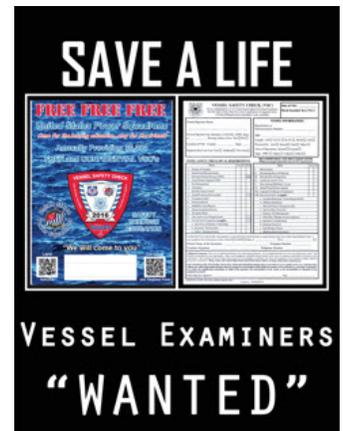
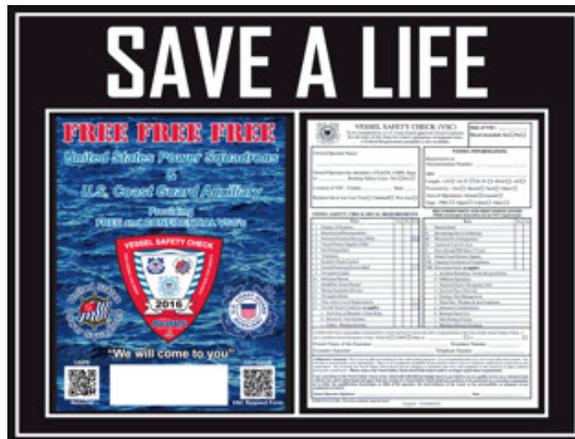
There is a new replacement tool in the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) tool box called "DAP" acronym for "Decal Awareness Program". The flyers and posters were designed to display the three primary aspects of the United States Power Squadrons: EDUCATION, SAFETY, and CAMARADERIE. Using the Vessel Safety Check decal at its nucleus is beneficial, as it's a recognizable symbol. Another benefit of the flyer is Squadrons and VEs can add their contact information electronically from their computer. Also displayed on the flyer is the Quick Response (QR) code for the USPS web site, plus a QR code for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary VSC locator web site. This is a new National project that adheres to the USPS branding manual policy.

"Save a Life" boater safety signs were designed to be placed at recreational merchant locations & boat ramps. By including the form 7012, boaters will know in advance what is expected in order to pass a VSC. One of the signs is designed to have a Squadron address box and the other is a Universal sign that combines the USPS & USCGAUX.

With your leadership and support the Decal Awareness Program can increase the annual Vessel Safety Checks.

DAP Announcement quoted from Safety Committee Webpage

Member Site of the United States Power Squadrons® National Website



Regards,
 R/C Kathleen Lambert, AP
 USPS Communications Chair



United States Power Squadrons®

United States Power Squadrons District 16 Fall Conference

28-30 October 2016
Four Points by Sheraton
Bellingham, Washington



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Spouse /Guest Name: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Squadron: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please note: this is an activity registration form. There is **no charge for attending conference meetings. However, we depend on your attendance at meals and registering at the hotel with the conference rate (\$99 + tax) to cover the costs of the conference for the host squadron.**

Early Bird prices apply for reservations made no later than September 28, 2016. Regular hotel prices apply to reservations received by the hotel after Wednesday, September 28, 2016, subject to space availability.

Will you be attending just the district conference without meals? Check if YES _____

Friday 28, October 2016

Hotel check in begins: 1500, but come early and enjoy beautiful Bellingham!

Activity		Early Bird	After Sept. 28	# People	Total
Conference Registration on 2nd Floor right off the elevator: 1600 – 1830					
Friday Night Pirate Party: 1700-1900	Potato & Salad Bar Buffet & No Host Bar	\$20	\$22	_____	\$ _____
	<u>Wear your best pirate attire—Prizes!!</u>				
Saturday Breakfast: 0700-0900	Continental Supreme	\$21	\$23	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch: 1200-1300	Soup & Salad Bar	\$21	\$23	_____	\$ _____
Saturday Plated Dinner: 1800-2100	Roasted Pork	\$45	\$47	_____	\$ _____
	Penne Pasta w/ Chicken	\$33	\$35	_____	\$ _____
	Butternut Squash Ravioli (Veggie)	\$33	\$35	_____	\$ _____

Dinner includes rolls & butter, salad, potatoes/rice, seasonal vegetables, dessert, coffee/tea/water, **8.7 % tax and 20% tip inclusive.**

Any Dietary Restrictions? _____

Optional Local Tours on Friday, October 28th

Woods Coffee Roastery Tour-3PM	No Charge	\$ <u>FREE</u>
Bellewood Acres Distillery Tour & Tasting-2PM	\$10 for the tasting	\$ _____

Total in (US Funds) \$ _____

Make checks for the meals payable to Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron (BSPS), D16 Fall Conference. Mail registration and checks to:

Bellingham S & PS
P/C Sandi Horne, SN
6776 Olson Rd.
Ferndale, WA 98248-9638

Make your hotel reservations early and **directly to the hotel:** \$99 per night plus tax

Four Points by Sheraton
714 Lakeway Drive
Bellingham, WA 98229
Phone: (360) 671-1011

Reservations should be made under: **United States Power Squadron District 16**

For more information contact:

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(360) 510-5543



Tacoma Power Squadron 2016 Rendezvous Schedule

September 2-5

Port Orchard
12) boats

Black Berry Festival at Bremerton
\$5 Reservation fee to Hosts
[Jim & Karen Jackson](#)

October 14-16

Longbranch
Adopt a Marina

[Arлу & Bruce Goff](#)

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.

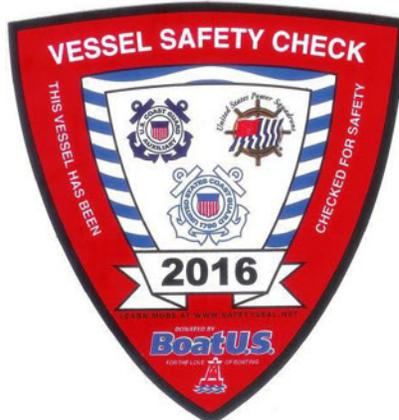
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Bell Harbor Rendezvous

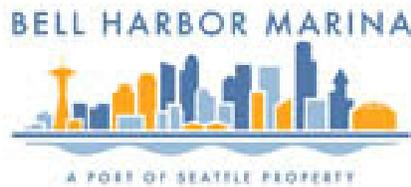
August 12th - 14th, 2016

by Jenna Ashbrook, P

Oh what an adventure boating can be! For Mike and I our Thursday arrival started out as a rather harrowing experience as we rounded the corner to enter into the marina. What lay ahead was a beautiful 120 ft. sail boat hailing from the Grand Cayman Islands and sticking out a good 20 feet past the dock, making entry to our assigned slip tight. No problem, right? Just be vigilant and careful... all good until the wind picked up as we were turning into a very tight slip assignment and of course the first time we have to hit something it is this gorgeous \$4 million dollar sail boat! Thankfully we barely scratched it and the captain was kind enough to inform us that the little 10-inch scratch on the \$4 million dollar boat could be buffed out! No insurance necessary! Thank goodness for little miracles. After a few stiff drinks all was right again with the boating world. The rest of the weekend progressed without any more drama, although the Rasmussen's did rescue and tow some new boaters who ran out of gas on their newly acquired boat, which caused a late night arrival on Saturday evening. Folks enjoyed a warm weather weekend, the Pike Place Market, walking along the shoreline, the Seahawks winning their 1st preseason game, ice cream on the dock compliments of the Warrens and a great Saturday morning potluck Brunch. Bell Harbor as always did not disappoint and the weekend was a great combination of camaraderie, eating, drinking, people watching, boat watching and fun!

Attendees:

Todd and Melinda Mackey – August
Brad and Mila Nystrom- Amaretto III
Jackie and Richard Mattox – ClassSeaLass
Connie Thompson, Diana Hafterson & Stan Blanchard – MistyMorn
Mark and Kay Hafterson – Loose Moose Deuce
Larry and Cindy Warren – Fascination
Jim and Karen Jackson – Laura James
Otto, Christine, Carolyn, Quinn and Ryan Rasmussen – Misty Christy V
Mike and Jenna Ashbrook – The Big Easy





FROM THE GALLEY

Cdr Lance Williamson, P

Thank you so much to everyone who submitted recipes for the Wake Astern. Keep them coming!

Brenda and I will be heading out on a week-long trip to Lake Washington and ports between Day Island Yacht Harbor and there. For August boating trips we take frozen artisan bread and blackberry cobbler.

Kentucky Blackberry Cobbler.

2.5 cups blackberries, washed

1 cup sugar

1 cup flour

2 tsp baking powder

1 cup milk

1 stick butter, melted

First, mix blackberries and sugar. Stir them together and then put and refrigerate for 30 minutes. This coaxes the juices out of the berries so that they can be sweetened by the sugar.

After twenty minutes, turn on the oven to 375 degrees.

Mix the rest of the ingredients together. Pour batter in 9 X 9 pan that has been coated with non-stick spray. Spoon berry mixture on top of the batter. Bake for 45 minutes or until the crust is golden brown.

Let cool until the berry mixture sets up. The cobbler is great when served with ice cream or half and half. Cobbler can be frozen for the boat trip.

Refrigerator Artisan Bread

3 cups lukewarm water

1.5 TBSP granulated yeast (1.5 packets)

1.5 TBSP coarse kosher of sea salt

6.5 cups all-purpose flour

Mix yeast in lukewarm water

Mix flour and salt together and then mix in the yeast water

Cover and let sit for 2 hours.

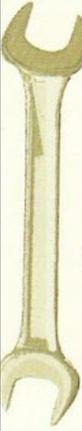
Dough can be covered and stored in refrigerator for up to two weeks.

On baking day:

Sprinkle surface of dough with flour and divide dough into thirds. Cover and keep two thirds in fridge for later use.

Sprinkle a little more flour on dough so that it does not stick to hands. With dough in your hand, gently stretch the surface of the dough around the bottom on four "sides," rotating the ball a quarter turn as you go, until the bottom is collection of four bunched ends. Place ball on cookie sheet or pizza dish that has been lightly covered with corn meal. Let sit (uncovered) for 40 minutes.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees for 20 minutes with an empty broiler pan on the bottom rack. Dust surface of dough with flour and slice two slits in the top of the dough. Place dough in the oven and pour 1 cup of hot water into broiler pan and immediately close oven door. Bake for 30 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Let cool and serve (or freeze).



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September 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Port Orchard Rendezvous	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Port Orchard Rendezvous			ABC Cls @ Totem YC			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Deadline Wake Astern	1900-2100 Ex. Bd Mtg *	ABC Cls @ Totem YC			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			ABC Cls @ Totem YC			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		1830 - 2030 Gen. Mtg At DIYC	ABC Cls @ Totem YC			

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October 2016



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