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COMMANDER



Ahoy Squadron Members.

It's getting time to go boating. In my last article I had a few suggestions to get ready for the season. Hopefully you have done so, if not please do whatever needs to be done to make your vessel ready to go. Speaking of getting ready to go, we have a rendezvous coming up in May at Swantown Marina in Olympia, so mark your calendars for Memorial Day weekend, and plan to be there. District 16 is planning for the annual Poulsbo rendezvous June 11-13. It will be pretty low key.

Cdr Gary Dildine, AP-IN

Dinner will be on your own, either on your boat, or at a restaurant, and the only activities planned will be the flare shoot and fire extinguisher training on Saturday. Reservations need to be made by May 24, so don't delay. There may be a lot of people just itching to get out to a rendezvous this year.

Remember we are having our 2 week Cruise this summer, July 23 – August 8.

For any new people this would be great way to get to know some other members, and maybe visit some places you are nervous about going to on your own. You don't have to do the whole 2 weeks. Pick the days and places you want to go and get in touch with Stan Wolfe, our incoming Commander. I'm sure he will have more information in his Executive Officer article.

Another activity we have coming up, actually it's before the other ones, is the Daffodil Marine Parade on Sunday April 18. The Prudente's will have their boat "Sjoen" representing "America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound". Thank you very much Brian and Barbara. We will be entered in the NOT JUDGED category, so let's get out there and support our people. The parade starts at 11:00 with the boats being judged, and the not judged category follows.

Our general meeting this month will be our Change of Watch Ceremony (virtual). I want to extend congratulations to incoming Commander Stan Wolfe, as well as all others coming onboard. Thank you for your willingness to serve. It's the people that make our organization work as well as it does. Our C.O.W. will be Tues. April 27, our usual meeting night, and knowing Stan it should be great.

It looks like we are getting 4 new members from Basic Boating courses. Peter and Mary Booth have been taking an online class thru another Squadron, and Anselm Chong and Dani Li have been taking an online class from National. They all just got their first boat, so be sure to give them a helping hand as needed when you see them. A warm welcome to them all. This is what the Power Squadron is all about, education, and fellowship.

This is my last article as Commander, Stan Wolfe will be taking the reins as of April 27. When I was asked to consider accepting the nomination for this position on January 2020, I had no idea what kind of year it was going to be. I don't know anyone who did. We were sailing thru uncharted waters and "winging it" for a while. We had to cancel our Exec Board and General meetings, as well as rendezvous. How were we going to teach classes when we could not gather in groups? We started out using e-mails, a lot of them. The Exec Board authorized the purchase of a "Zoom" account, so we could meet virtually, but also so we could teach classes virtually. Now we are able to take credit cards to pay for classes or merchandise from the ships store. I am proud to say that the leadership of the Tacoma Power Squadron rose to the occasion. I especially want to thank Exec. Officer Stan Wolfe. I did not work my way up the ladder to the Commander's position as most of you know. Stan was a great help to me on things I was not knowledgeable about. Thanks to all of you who supported the Squadron this year as well as supporting me. Your help was invaluable.

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General Meeting
Change of Watch
April 27th, 2021
7:00-9:00 PM
via Zoom

Executive Board Meeting
April 13th, 2021
7:00-9:00 PM
via Zoom

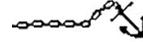
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It is with great sorrow I report the passing of P/D/C Otto Rasmussen. He was a great friend as well as a wonderful mentor to me. He was the Power Squadron encyclopedia and goodwill ambassador all in one. Someone told me “we lost one of the great ones”. My reply to that is, “yes we did”.



WASHINGTON – Operators of recreational vessels less than 26 feet in length will be required to use an engine cut-off switch (ECOS) and associated ECOS link (ECOSL) as of April 1, 2021, as the U.S. Coast Guard implements a law passed by Congress.

The ECOS and ECOSL prevent runaway vessels and the threats they pose. The ECOSL attaches the vessel operator to a switch that shuts off the engine if the operator is displaced from the helm. The ECOSL is usually a lanyard-style cord that attaches to an ECOS either in close proximity to the helm or on the outboard motor itself if the vessel is operated by a tiller. When enough tension is applied, the ECOSL disengages from the ECOS and the motor is automatically shut down. Wireless ECOS have recently been developed and are also approved for use. These devices use an electronic “fob” that is carried by the operator and senses when it is submerged in water, activating the ECOS and turning the engine off. Wireless devices are available on the aftermarket and are beginning to become available as manufacturer-installed options.

Section 503 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 required manufacturers of covered recreational boats (less than 26 feet in length, with an engine capable of 115 lbs. of static thrust) to equip the vessel with an ECOS installed as of December 2019. Owners of recreational vessels produced after December 2019 are required to maintain the ECOS on their vessel in a serviceable condition. It is recommended that recreational vessel owners regularly check their existing ECOS system to ensure it works, following manufacturer’s instructions.

Boaters are encouraged to check the U.S. Coast Guard website for additional information on this new use **requirement** and other safety regulations and recommendations.

Article contributed by R/C Jim Harden, JN-CN

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Lt/C Stan Wolfe, SN-CN

Greetings from your Executive Officer!

I echo the Commander's kind remarks about the loss of P/D/C Otto Rasmussen, SN-CN. Otto loved the Power Squadron, its mission, and the fellowship it provided. Our condolences to his family.

D16 Spring Conference and Change of Watch was March 13 via Zoom. We all welcome the new District Commander, Ken Smith, AP along with the rest of the District Bridge. District 16 will rendezvous at Poulsbo June 10-13, 2021. There will be no sit-down dinner, but instead a dockside social. Also, they are planning a flare shoot and fire extinguisher practice for that Saturday morning. You can find the registration form further along in this edition.

America's Boating Club of Tacoma and South Puget Sound (aka Tacoma Power Squadron) will participate in the Daffodil Marine Parade on Sunday April 18 in the un-judged category. Along with daffodils real and artificial, we will be displaying our boating education banner as a way to advertise our boating safety mission and education program. Our thanks to Brian and Barbara Prudente for volunteering and providing "Sjoen."

Our club's Change of Watch is scheduled for April 27, 2021. I'm continuing to put together a PowerPoint presentation to guide our virtual COW via Zoom. Please considering attending.

I'm hoping we can meet face-to-face in September for our annual Past Commander's BBQ, but we won't know for sure until later in the summer.

My boat received its vessel Safety Check in the last month courtesy of P/C Bill Larsen, AP. I followed my own advice from last year by pre-checking and thus passed on the first try. My pre-check found the batteries in my Weems & Plath SOS distress light (a Coast Guard approved alternative to pyrotechnic flares) were dead. It's a lot easier to replace three C-cell batteries than to try to find unexpired flares at a retailer. Please schedule your VSC by contacting LT Sue Walker, P via e-mail sue98402@gmail.com or cell (253) 213-2850.

The one scheduled rendezvous is Swantown on May 28, 2021. Contact our Boating Activities Chairperson LT Cindy Warren, AP if planning to attend.

Below are the 2021 TPS Cruise locations and dates. There are 72 total slots but only 32 filled. I've begun calling individual members to pique interest. Please look at your calendar and contact me to sign up. I'm shooting for the end of May to have everything locked down. Ports of call are: Poulsbo, July 23 - July 25; Port Ludlow, July 25 - July 27; Port Townsend, July 27 - July 30; Pleasant Harbor, July 30 - August 2; Kingston, August 2 - August 5; Brownsville, August 5 - August 8.

Next edition, I'll be contributing as Commander - thank you for your confidence and support.



*Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S
Sq Education Officer*

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

March saw the completion of America's Boating Course and Advanced Piloting. Thank you to all the instructors, Lance Williamson, Mitch Carroll, Stan Wolfe, Monte Minion and Gary Ball. A special thank you to Brenda Williamson for being our ABC chairperson. We hopefully will be having another basic boating class in May.

We will be doing a Partner in Command class May 22 for Fox Island Yacht Club.

Other classes being offered via Zoom by other clubs are:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Start date</u>
Seattle	Piloting	April 13
Seattle	Advance Piloting	April 14
Deception Pass	Boat Handling	April 14
Friday Harbor	Tides & Currents	April 19
Friday Harbor	AIS Electronic	May 17

Click below to register and get more information about these classes:

<https://americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=98467&range=100>

Let me know if you are interested in an "in person" Electronic Navigation course and we will see if we can make this happen! Benric7@gmail.com





Otto Lee Rasmussen

17 May 1942 – 12 March 2021

Otto Lee Rasmussen was born in Tacoma, Washington to his parents, Otto and Marie Rasmussen in May 1942. He grew up on a small farm in Parkland just south of Tacoma. Otto attended Parkland Grade School and graduated from Franklin Pierce High School in 1960. He attended Washington State University and The University of Puget Sound earning bachelor's degrees in Geology and Business with minors in Economics and Political Science. It was at The University of Puget Sound where he met his loving wife of 55 years, Christine; a match truly made in Heaven.

Otto worked his way through college building homes on his parents' property. Not finding a suitable opening in the geological field, he started a small construction business. As a working owner, he spent 43 years building new homes and doing remodels. Otto's business turned to marine related construction for its last 15 years of operation, building and repairing boathouses, docks and floats. Whenever someone sold one, they would proudly advertise, "This is an Otto-built boathouse."

Otto was truly a boater, owning his first boat at the age of 15, before he had a driver's license. In 1994, the family purchased the 42' Corsair Cruiser which they still enjoy today. There were countless hours of fun and memories on the cruises shared with friends and family. Otto was dedicated to the instruction of boating safety and navigation. He was a 48-year member of the Tacoma Power Squadron, our local branch of the current "America's Boating Club" dedicated to boating safety and education around the world. Otto and Christine served by teaching classes, and being committee chairs and department heads throughout the years. Otto was a "people person" and put anywhere near another boater, it was often said, "Otto talks a lot." Yes, a true boater.

Otto leaves his wife Christine, sons Rod and Dan, grandsons Ryan and Quinn, granddaughter Erika, daughters-in-law Carolyn and Alisa Rasmussen and three half-brothers Donald (Marilyn) and Frants (Ruth) who preceded Otto in death and Glen. Otto asked to specifically call out his grandson Quinn who was his true boating buddy as he grew up.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Otto's name to his favorite charity, America's Boating Club (<https://giveabc.org/>) or the great people who worked so hard in his fight for life, the Amyloidosis Foundation (<https://amyloidosis.org/>) and the Oregon Health & Science University (<https://www.onwardohsu.org/donation>). A private interment for Otto will be held near the entrance of Chambers Bay after the pandemic subsides. As he steered under the railroad lift bridge at Chambers Bay, Otto often said, "The Pearly Gates of Heaven can't look any better than this." Calm waters and smooth cruising.



Safety Afloat

National Safe Boating Week May 22-28, 2021

More boaters are on the water than ever before! For the 2021 annual celebration of National Safe Boating Week, the National Safe Boating Council encourages boating enthusiasts to communicate with their local community about responsible boating via digital outreach, launch point reminders, outreach events, vessel safety checks, and more. Boating and fishing access may vary, so please follow state and local guidance.

Article contributed by R/C Jim Harden, JN-CN

Need a Vessel Safety Check?

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All you have to do is contact

Lt Sue Walker, S

**Email: sue98402@gmail.com
Phone: (253-213-2850)**

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.

Tacoma Power Squadron
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
conducted via Zoom
March 9th, 2021

ROLL CALL (Quorum = 4 Bridge & 6 Board Members)

Bridge Officers responding:

CDR Gary Dildine, AP-IN - Commander
Lt/C Stanley Wolfe, SN-CN – Executive Officer
Lt/C Beth Stone, S - Secretary
Lt/C Jackie Mattox, AP, Asst Treasurer, Membership

Bridge Officers not present: Lt/C Bentley Rickmers, S – Educational Officer

Executive Board Members: responding

P/C Richard Mattox, AP
Lt Barbara Dildine, AP, IN
P/C Larry Warren, AP
P/C Tim Craig
Lt/C Aaron Strasser
Lt Karen Jackson

Board Members not present: Lt Sam Hill, Lt Cathy Reed

Members in attendance:

Cindy Warren

Officer Reports

Admin Officer –

- For SwanTown Rendezvous, people have to make personal reservations.

Secretary – Lt/C Beth Stone

- Should be able to give an Inventory of old records by April Board Meeting.

Treasurer – Aaron Strasser

- Operating Acct = \$13,180.01 + Cruise Acct = \$934.27 + Savings = \$7,411.21 = Total of \$21,525.49
- We are able to take charge card now for payments. Jackie has been training.

Education Officer – Lt/C Bentley Rickmers (Stan Wolfe filled in)

- Requesting reimbursement for postage costs for Sue Walker. Jackie is sending the reimbursement form.
- Need to do an ED80 for Bentley Rickmers. Squadron Education Officer.
- Fatalities are up because boaters who are not trained are operating boats.
- Go to Boat Brokers to talk about education. May or may not work.
- Instructor training (certification and re-certification). National has made it difficult in that they want the instructor manuscript to be turned in for review. Instructors for ABC or other courses, you must be certified.
- ABC Book is being re-worked.
- Education material is not taxable – only Ships' Store items are taxable. Upcharges can range from 20-80 percent. Jackie is meeting and will clarify.
- Current ABC class has 10 students enrolled. Exam is March 31st.

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Commander – Cmdr Gary Dildine, AP, IN -

- Otto is not doing well. If anyone wants to send him a card, it would be appreciated.

New Business

- **Spring Fair** – Drive thru Spring Fair in April. They will have booths. Drive in movie for \$25 per car. Have decided not to participate at this time.
- **General meeting presentation** – Jackie will be calling Barbara for a possible presentation.

Old Business

- **D16 Governing Board/ C.O.W. March 13 @ 0900 – 1300:**
Delegates: Larry Warren, Mitch Carroll, Stan Wolfe, Jackie & Richard Mattox, Barbara Dildine, and Commander Gary Dildine
- **Daffodil Marine Parade April 18:** “Sjoen” – Barbara Purdente boat. Entered as “un-judged”. If you have had your Covid vaccination, you can come on the boat. Uniforms will be decided. No more than 6 – 8 people on the boat. Parade starts at 11:00 am. Day Island Yacht Club to decorate it – the day before. Daffodils will be delivered.
- **Tacoma Change of Watch update:** Stan will do a PowerPoint presentation for the Change of Watch.
- **Rewards:** Discussed awards to give out. Referring to the Wake Astern from a few months ago.

Sign out at 8:03





Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 11-13 June 2021

Registration:

Name(s): _____
Phone: _____

Squadron: _____
Email: _____

*****If you are coming for any of the rendezvous events PLEASE register***
Registering only for events/fellowship (no moorage) circle YES**

All moorage reservations must be received per below prior to May 24, 2021.

No guarantee for moorage will be given after this date!!

Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB&F) "Boat Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock". Participants eat on their boat's tail (stern) or those without a boat eat on the dock. This provides an opportunity to socialize while observing current COVID guidelines.

We recommend boats are "stern in" to facilitate COVID socializing.

Saturday Skills: Flare shoot (fire real flares) & Fire Extinguisher (put out a real fire) training.

Saturday Dine on your own: Dine on your boat, the dock or one of the fine restaurants in Poulsbo.

MOORAGE Reservations:

- **Pay a nonrefundable \$5 for moorage reservation prior to May 24, 2021.**
- Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is **\$1.15/foot** (30' minimum) + **.75/visit + \$5/night (30 amp electrical).**
- Please **circle your "1st choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard stern in port stern in starboard
- Please **circle your "2nd choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard stern in port stern in starboard
- Please **circle Arrival Day:** (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)
- **Estimated arrival time:** _____

Boat Name: _____ **LOA** _____ **Beam** _____ **Draft** _____

Special Considerations: _____ (will try to accommodate)

Prior to entering the marina hail "America's Boating Club" on Ch72 for docking instructions (no self-assigning slips).

Non-refundable Moorage Reservation Fee (\$5.00): \$ _____

LODGING:

Call Poulsbo Inn @ 360-779-3921 or 360-779-9737. Reference "America's Boating Club/Power Squadron" for group rate of **\$97.00 plus tax for King** or **\$92.0 plus tax for 2 Queens**. **Group block rate closes May 24, 2021.** Please make your hotel reservations early. **Make hotel reservation and payment directly with the hotel.**

Registration form and payment must be received prior to May 24, 2021. Please Send to:

Make payment out to "USPS District 16"

P/D/C Craig Brown
4634 Kent Ct
Kent, WA 98032-7112

For Questions Contact: Craig Brown at craig-sandybrown@msn.com or 253-859-1748



Tacoma & South Puget Sound 2021 Rendezvous Schedule

May 28-31

Swantown (Memorial Day)

Need Hosts

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.

Cindy Warren 360-897-8692 c.m.warren-7@hotmail.com

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.

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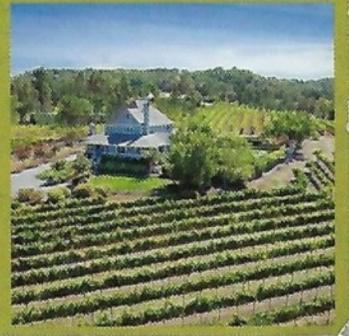
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