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**COMMANDER**



**G**reetings from your Commander!

The traditional Sharps' place Salmon Bake September 11. The Squadron thank Chuck and Viki for their contributions to one of our missions, that of fellowship. It has been a long 18 months with very little social interaction, so a get-together is well needed and appreciated.

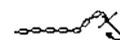
*Cdr Stan Wolfe, SN-CN* A few of our TPS members attended the USPS National Governing Board meeting conducted on Saturday, September 4 in Raleigh, NC. I or one of the attendees will report on notable events and changes to National By-laws voted during the meeting in next month's edition of The Wake Astern.

One more reminder that the D16 Fall Conference date is set for 9 October 2021. It will be held virtually. As always, members are invited and encouraged to attend. I am looking for delegates, so please give me a call and volunteer.

I am still planning and hoping that the Past Commanders' BBQ will be an in-person event September 28 at Day Island Yacht Club. The Executive board will discuss the meeting format and if in-person is not to be, we will send out a blast announcing the change. Plan to attend, bring a side dish to share. Remember that we no longer have bartenders so the event will be BYOB. There is no program, but plan to tell us what kind of classes you'd like to attend and which ports you want to visit in the 2022 rendezvous schedule. A good war story about an adventure or boat project would be nice as well.

Newsworthy items in the Wolfe household are impacting the Squadron. For example, my plan to hold a hybrid Executive Committee meeting was shot down by two little pin-hole leaks in the hot water pipe running through my crawlspace. By the time you read this, total re-piping will be completed so at least I will have running water and no pool in the basement; but I won't have all of my walls or any of my floors. All my furniture will still be stacked in the garage so there will be no place to sit. Deb and I are living aboard - I can tell you the difference between "get to" and "have to" is all mental. I've gotten a lot of little boat projects completed but I still look forward to finally going home on land, without having to walk up the steep ramp to exercise the dogs.

It's a short article this month - it's time to fill the water tank and pump out.



**Call to Meeting**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021(6:30-8:30 PM)**  
**Day Island Yacht Club**  
**University Place**  
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**Executive Board Meeting**  
**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021(6:30-8:30 PM)**  
**Via Zoom**

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# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



**Boaters need to stay abreast of the changes in safety equipment**

*Lt/C James Harden, JN, CN*

## Are you tired of buying flares?

When inspecting boating safety equipment, maritime officers and vessel safety check personnel may encounter a new electronic Visual Distress Signal Device (eVDSD) that meets the carriage requirements for nighttime distress signals. A Coast Guard CG-ENG Policy Letter 03-18 details that eVDSDs that meet the requirements of the Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services (RTCM) Standard 13200.0 (i.e., the yellow S-O-S light pictured here) are now considered as acceptable nighttime visual distress signals under 33 CFR 175.130. The labeling on the RTCM Standard 13200.0 light will differ (i.e., "Complies with RTCM Standard 13200.0 for an eVDSD"), but the light is nonetheless acceptable. The standards for daytime signaling device(s) (e.g., handheld flares and/or the orange distress flag) have not changed. The lights meeting RTCM Standard 13200.0 have a new distress signal characteristic in the form of dual color cyan and red-orange S-O-S light sequence. The Coast Guard has deemed these eVDSDs as equivalent to the lights meeting 46 CFR 161.013.



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Susan Walker is our VSC Chairperson, phone number: 253-213-2850. **Please note new email address above.**

Address where the VSC inspectors should send a copy of inspection reports to Sue Walker, P.O. Box 519 Tacoma, WA 98401. She will also be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.



Lt/C Sam Hill, P

## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

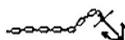


The 28th of July was Buffalo Soldier day commemorating the first formed Regiments of all African-American Soldiers during peacetime in 1866. The peacetime regiment of all African-American Soldiers was formed by congress Post Civil War. The units formed was two Cavalry regiments (9th and 10th) and four Infantries (38th through 41st). The four Infantries was reduced to two Infantry units (24th and 25th). These Soldiers received minimum support, including but not limited to, old horses, old weapon and minimum support in a number of other areas. In most cases the very people they were ordered to protect hated them because of their color. Many white Officers turned down promotions so they did not have to command African-American Soldiers including Custer (lucky for the Buffalo Soldiers). During the time of Custer, Buffalo Soldiers made up as much as 20% of the Cavalry with about 14 Medal of Honor Soldiers. For this article I will focus only on a few duties of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments. It would be a very long article otherwise.

Buffalo Soldiers nickname was given to them by the Native-American. It's not clear exactly why they were given the nickname, but there are a few opinions on the subject. One of the most popular opinions is the Buffalo was greatly respected by the Native-Americans and was a fierce fighter as was the all African-American units. The law required all Officers to be white because African-Americans could not give orders to white Soldiers regardless of either Soldiers rank. 10th Cavalry was originally stationed at Fort Leavenworth Kansas. Commanded by Colonel Benjamin Grierson, this man was issued aged horses, deteriorating equipment and they had a shortage of ammunition. Their assignment included escorting work parties, stagecoaches, trains and policing cattle rustlers. Their primary mission was to control the Plains Native-Americans. Between 1874 and 1875 the 10th was moved to Texas where the 9th was stationed.

The 9th and 10th Cavalry together in Texas often fought outlaws who conducted robberies, and Natives-Americans who conducted raids. They fought against the Apache who resisted living on reservations and relocation orders. In 1880 the Buffalo Soldiers subdued Victorio and his band of Apache warriors. After Benjamin Grierson retired, the 10th was redeployed to the Montana Territories with the mission of rounding up and deporting Cree Native-Americans to Canada. The 10th Cavalry continued campaigns against the Apache for another decade. The 9th was sent to the Indian Territory to restrain settlers seeking to illegally take up Native-American land. Buffalo Soldiers also had the duties of supporting the westward expansion by protecting settlers, building roads, guarding the US mail and a number of other infrastructures. In areas where Buffalo Soldiers were stationed, they sometimes suffered deadly violence at the hand of the civilians (not Native-Americans) around them.

The Buffalo Soldiers were noted for their courage and [discipline](#). Drunkenness was especially a widespread problem in the army, it was rare among the Buffalo Soldiers. During this period it was normal for about a third of Army enlistees to desert. The Buffalo Soldiers had the U.S. Army's lowest desertion and court-martial rates. In nearly 30 years of frontier service Buffalo Soldiers took part in almost 200 major and minor engagements. From 1870 to 1890, about 14 Buffalo Soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor, the Army's highest award for bravery. The 9th and 10th cavalries later distinguished themselves by their fighting in the [Spanish-American War](#) and in the 1916 Mexican campaign. One of the 10th Cavalry's Officers was [John J. Pershing](#), whose nickname Black Jack reflected his [advocacy](#) of African-American Soldiers. If you want to learn more about Buffalo Soldiers and you run into the song Buffalo Soldier by Bob Marley online, it's a good start, listen to the song, it's a good song but keep looking. Please stay safe and enjoy all the sunshine we have left this year.





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

# EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



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

America's Boating Club has many upcoming classes. Below are a few classes starting in September. Check out all the classes on the national website <https://americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=98467&range=150>

## PILOTING

We will have a Piloting class starting September 14, 2021 for 10 weeks. Piloting is the first of the navigational classes focusing on techniques for piloting a boat in coastal and inland conditions. The course emphasizes planning and checking along with the use of GPS for determining position, and introduces digital charting along with traditional charting, and dead reckoning skills. Plotting, labeling, use of the compass, aids to navigation and a host of related topics are included in this all-new approach to coastal and inland piloting. The cost for the class is \$120 for ABC (Power Squadron) members and this cost includes all materials. Gary Ball will be the instructor and will be via Zoom 7 pm - 9 pm on Tuesdays.

Use the link to register for this class at: <https://americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=98467&range=150>

## BOAT HANDLING

The Beaverton Sail and Power Squadron is offering a course on **BOAT HANDLING**. Great next course after your basic boating card!! Virtual meeting will start Monday September 13th, 2021, 07:00-09:00PM.

The **BOAT HANDLING** curriculum comprises a full six-part (2 hours each) Boat Handling course:

- Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway
- Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board: Preparation to Handle Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know

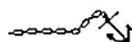
Price of \$90 includes e-book. \$140 for a couple sharing one e-book. Pricing includes exam.

Please register at: <https://americasboatingclub.org/find-a-course-near-you?zip=97223&range=20>

## NAVIGATION

Dave Greene of Bellevue is offering an on-line Navigation Class starting Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, via Free Conference Call. Please contact [davegreene99@comcast.net](mailto:davegreene99@comcast.net) or [LJensen@comcast.net](mailto:LJensen@comcast.net) for registration.

Happy and safe boating!!





2021 District 16 Fall Conference  
Saturday, 9 October 2021  
Call to Meeting

***This conference is open to All District 16 members, so please read through the following information.***

This notice is given to the defined voting members of the District 16 Conference:

- District 16 Bridge Officers
- D16 Squadron Commanders and Squadron Delegates
- Past District 16 Commanders in good standing
- Chairpersons of the General Committees (Nominations, Planning, Financial Review)

By order of the District 16 Commander, official notice is hereby given that the D16 Fall Conference will be held virtually via **Zoom** on 9 October 2021, *promptly* at 0830 (8:30 AM).

Purpose:

- To carry on the business of District 16, USPS;
- To approve the minutes of the D16 2021 Spring Conference;
- To receive reports of District Bridge Officers;
- To receive reports of D16 Squadron Officers;
- To receive reports of D16 Committees;
- To establish committees and make appointments thereto;
- To fill vacancy in any elective office;
- To present national and District Awards;
- To consider any other matter which may properly come before this meeting.

Dress: USPS or Squadron Polo Shirts if possible

**Basic Zoom Protocol:**

This conference will take place virtually using Zoom. There are a few things we would like you to know:

- 1) Please do not wait until the last minute to join the meeting.
- 2) Please minimize the use of the video (camera) to avoid overloading the meeting's bandwidth. Not turning on your camera will reduce potential communication problems. You can use your computer's audio though!
- 3) Please place yourself in "mute" to reduce unnecessary background noise.

Again, please remember these meetings are only held every six months and things may not proceed perfectly. Flexibility and patience would be greatly appreciated.

**Before the Meeting:**

Please review the minutes of the 2021 Spring Conference as we will be approving these minutes. Find them at <https://www.uspsd16.org/event-minutes> under the title 2021 Meeting Minutes.

**How to Attend:**

The District Secretary will be sending out the Zoom link and a reminder as the date of the meeting gets closer. Please SAVE THE DATE now by updating your calendars with this meeting. Remember that as members of the conference, you are expected to be in attendance, AND we would love to see you there.

Submitted by:

Barbara J. Erickson, JN  
Secretary District 16



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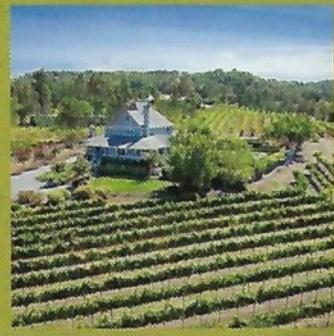
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