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Well, this summer has been/is busy for me & family.

We attended the District Rendezvous in Port Ludlow on 04-07JUN. Tacoma PS was reasonably represented at the rendezvous by Brian & Barb Prudente (by boat), Jim & Debbie Harden (by RV), Richard & Jackie Mattox (by car), and Craig, Sandy, Adalynne, Evanie, & Irissa Brown (by boat). We did get some VSCs & Co-Op Chart activity completed. Saturday, we had several training & seminar opportunities. And lots of good food & fellowship.

On 30MAY the Dildine's hosted the TPS BBQ. There was a reasonable TPS turn out at the BBQ. Plus, lots of good food & fellowship.

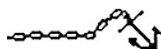
On 14-16AUG will be District 32 (SW Washington & Oregon) Rendezvous in St Helens, OR. Several of us (all are invited) plan to attend. At the D32 rendezvous they'll be celebrating their 50th anniversary. D32 was originally part of D16.

On 08SEP the TPS Board meetings (@1800) will begin again at the Black Bear Diner in Lakewood.

On 12 SEP will be TPS's Salmon Bake at Sharp's. There will be a white elephant gift exchange. Plus, there will be lots of good food & fellowship. More info & RSVP request will be sent out to TPS membership.

On 22SEP the TPS General meetings (@1830) will begin again at Day Island YC in University Place.

On 23-27SEP I'll be attending the USPS Governing Board meeting in Raleigh, NC.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 22nd, 6:30-8:30PM

**@ Day Island Yacht Club
University Place, WA**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 8th, 6:00-8:00PM

**@ Black Bear Diner
Lakewood, WA**

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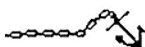
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



It's been a long, slow summer. No boat, no boating, no fun on the water. The good news is we sold our Helmsman 43 and the Helmsman 46 should ship out in a week or two. Fingers crossed!

And with that behind us let's talk about courses. We have a Radar course taught by John Dorsey starting October 1 at Tacoma Yacht Club. I'll get this on the calendar soon. We're also trying to get an ABC course together but are limited on instructors without timing conflicts. I'll be working the process to get a course set up.

Did I mention we're getting a new boat???





Lt/C Bob Hays, AP

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Summer travel is a great opportunity to relax, explore new destinations, and create lasting memories. Some of us are still boating, some are taking cruises, while others might just be doing local travel. It is worthwhile to spend some time planning with an eye on safety. Staying safe during the warmer months requires planning and awareness. High temperatures, crowded tourist attractions, and increased outdoor activities can present unique challenges if travelers are not prepared.

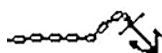
Before leaving, research your destination's weather conditions, local laws, and emergency services. Pack lightweight clothing, sunscreen with a high SPF, sunglasses, a hat, and a reusable water bottle. Staying hydrated is essential, especially during long walks, hikes, or sightseeing in hot weather. Drink plenty of water throughout the day and avoid excessive alcohol or caffeine, which can contribute to dehydration.

Protect yourself from the sun by applying sunscreen every two hours and seeking shade during the hottest part of the day, usually between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you plan to swim, choose designated swimming areas and follow all safety signs. Never swim alone, and supervise children closely around water.

Travelers should also safeguard their belongings. Keep important documents, cash, and electronics in secure bags or hotel safes. Be cautious in crowded places where pickpocketing is more common. Share your travel itinerary with a trusted friend or family member and keep your phone fully charged in case of emergencies.

When driving, ensure your vehicle is in good condition before starting your trip. Check the tires, brakes, air conditioning, and fluid levels. Take regular breaks during long drives to avoid fatigue and never drive while distracted or under the influence of alcohol.

Finally, respect local customs, wildlife, and the environment. Follow marked trails, dispose of waste properly, and avoid risky activities beyond your skill level. By preparing ahead, staying alert, and making smart decisions, you can reduce potential risks and enjoy a safe, healthy, and memorable summer vacation with family and friends. A little caution goes a long way toward ensuring your trip is enjoyable from beginning to end.



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P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-ACN is our VSC Chairperson. He will also be taking requests for VSC supplies etc. as well as helping organize VSC team events that we may do.



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2 Yr Term	Lt Brian Prudente
2 Yr Term	Lt Debbie Harden
3 Yr Term	P/C Richard Mattox, AP
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3 Yr Term	Vacant

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August 2026

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June thru August**

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St Helens, OR**

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September 2026

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Labor Day

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@ Black Bear Diner

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A foggy day at Deception Pass

(Winning Photo Contest by P/D/C Craig Brown, SN-ACN)