

# THE BITTER END

## News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron March 2016

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons ® District 16

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## CALENDAR

10 Mar—General Meeting, Elections, Farmhouse

18-20 Mar—District Conference, Tacoma, See form this issue

25-27 Mar—Friday Harbor Rendezvous, Dinner 1630 Saturday



**Happy St Pattys Day! Faith and Beghona (whatever that means). Please consider coming to the District Conference. Get to know other aquadron and how they work. We always get new friends and new ideas. It is also the D16 Elections and Change of Watch so its also a party. Also, we need a host for Friday Harbor.**



### Commander's Message Kari Randall-Secret, N

Ahoy and Happy Springtime Skagit Bay! As Robin Williams once said, "Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's Party!'" I think that sums it up nicely as the 2016 boating season fast approaches. We have lots of great activities planned for this year so be sure to check out the article in this issue that summarizes all of our upcoming events by our Activities Coordinator Donna Mason.

This month's meeting will be held Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Farmhouse Restaurant. This is going to be an important meeting because this is the one where you will be voting on the incoming bridge officers based on the slate of fine folks our Nominating Committee has put together. We also have a great program lined up for this meeting thanks to George Johnson. George and Sandy's good friends, Kristopher and Rebecca, will be here to talk about what it was like to live aboard their sailboat "Dolphin" for 10 years, traveling the world and raising their kids along the way! This sounds like it is going to be a fantastic program so don't miss out ... come to the meeting to let your vote be counted and hear a great program to boot!

Don't forget that the District 16 Spring Council and Conference will begin Friday evening, March 18 at the La Quinta Inn in Tacoma. They'll be installing our new District 16 Bridge at this event so if you're interested in how things work at the district level, you may want to attend and check things out.

Our annual April Change of Watch dinner meeting will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Farmhouse. We've made this a fun and informal event the last couple of years, so don't be shy and join us as we welcome in our new bridge for Skagit Bay. Again, many thanks to all who volunteered to take a position and keep this squadron running in tip-top shape!



### Education Department P/C Debbie Richey, AP

Is 2016 zipping by for you also? It's hard to believe that it is March already. I would like to thank Mike Wytychak for teaching our most recent ABC course. He did a terrific job and everyone enjoyed the class.



How are you using your education? Mark and I are looking at travelling to Puerto Rico in December. As we are looking for the perfect beach, there are several that say in the winter time don't go swimming due to strong currents. Well thanks to our education, we can make use of the NOAA current tables to see what the current predications will be and how strong those currents really are. Just another good use the wonderful classes that USPS teaches. We are always looking for additional instructors, please let me know if you are interested.



**Boating Activities**  
**P/C Donna J. Mason, AP**

**March 25-27, Friday Harbor Rendezvous**

Here's your opportunity for your first boating excursion of the year.

Come by boat for the weekend or do a ferry day trip on Saturday. Paul and I have houseguests, so we four will take the walk-on ferry Saturday. If you come by boat, call the Port of Friday Harbor Marina on VHF66A to request your slip space and ask to be near any other Skagit Bay Squadron boats.

Saturday at 4:30 p.m. we'll gather at the Cask and Schooner at 1 Front Street, for happy hour and dinner. It is an easy 262-foot walk from the ferry terminal: turn right on Front St. South toward Spring St. Cask and Schooner is on the left corner. Wear your spring boating outfits. Some members from the Friday Harbor Squadron will join us. Please email me by Tuesday, March 22 if you plan to attend the Cask and Schooner event: [donnaimason@gmail.com](mailto:donnaimason@gmail.com).

Spring Ferry Schedule for Saturday, March 26, Anacortes / Friday Harbor

Leaving Anacortes

<b>AM</b>	<b>AM</b>	
4:15	5:20	
6:20	7:40	
8:30 <sup>1</sup>	9:55	
9:30	10:35	
<b>PM</b>	<b>PM</b>	
2:40	3:45	
4:30	5:50	
6:00	7:20	
8:25	9:45	

<sup>1</sup>Priority for Sidney BC vehicles ticketed and in line no later than 8:00am

Leaving Friday Harbor

<b>AM</b>	<b>AM</b>	
5:45	7:10	
8:05	9:10	
11:05 <sup>1</sup>	12:10p	
<b>PM</b>	<b>PM</b>	
1:55 <sup>2</sup>	3:00	
4:15	5:40	
6:25	7:50	
7:45	9:05	
10:05	11:10	

<sup>1</sup>This sailing may on occasion make a prearranged stop at Lopez Island to pick up Lopez Island School District vehicles and passengers which will delay the Anacortes arrival by approximately ten minutes.

**April 22-24, Port Sidney Marina, Vancouver Island, B.C. Canada, Hosts: Bob and Jean Miller**  
 Bob has made great plans and has included a couple other squadrons on this rendezvous. He will publish more details. For planning purposes, if you cannot come by boat, you may consider taking the Anacortes walk-on ferry leaving at 8:30 a.m., arriving at 11:10 in Sidney, staying in a hotel near the marina, enjoy all Sidney has to offer, and return on the ferry from Sidney at 12:05 p.m., arriving in Anacortes at 3 p.m. Due to a prior commitment for Sunday, Paul and I will take the Friday ferry and return Saturday.

Feb 13 Prima Bistro lunch enjoyed by (L-R) George Brooks, guest Rod Proctor, George Johnson, John Bellinger, Paul Rosetter, Richard Hunter, Mike Wytychak, Sheryl Wytychak, Donna Mason, Marlene Bellinger, Sandy Johnson, guest Lynn Ries, and Jeanne Brooks. Unfortunately, Kari and Deanna Randall-Secret and Dale Libby had to miss due to illness. Two happy dachshunds got marrow bones.



# Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron

## Meeting Minutes

### February 11, 2016

Meeting Location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Start Time: 1832 hours

Attendance:

George Johnson	Sandra Johnson	Albert Miller	Sharon Knowles
Craig Forth	Billie Forth	Bill Stewart	Lynn Stewart
Ruth Peterson	Kelly Libby	Debbie Richey	
Dick Hunter	Kari Randall-Secrest	Paul Rosetter	Donna Mason
Mike Wytychak	Sheryl Wytychak	Glen Caporgno	Carolyn Caporgno

Invocation given by: Ruth Peterson

Flag Salute was led by Albert Miller.

New Members: Commander Kari Randall-Secrest swore in Billie and Craig Forth as new members. Welcome!

Secretary's Report by Sharon Knowles: Minutes of January meeting were published in the Bitter End. Correction of the spelling of Kelly Libby's name. Motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Debbie Richey, seconded by Kelly Libby. Approved.

Treasurer's Report by Bob Miller: The balance on February 2, 2016 was \$5,679.22. The income was \$596.91 from the ABC class and \$96.50 from new memberships. The outgo of \$180 was for ABC instructor manuals, dues forwarded to National, etc. Bob will consider suggestions from membership regarding a simple bookkeeping system, capable of producing annual budgets and tracking details.

Administrative Report by Deanna Randall-Secrest: Tonight's program was given by Mr. Nir Barnea from NOAA, about "Marine Debris." In March, Kris & Becky Burton will present their 10-Year Family Adventure aboard "Wandering Dolphin."

Donna Mason gave her Activities Report in which details of the February and March rendezvous were presented and discussed.

Executive Report by Mark Richey: Debbie Richey reported that Safe Boating Week is coming up in May, and asked for suggestions for a squadron activity. Kelly Libby said that the Anacortes Spring Boat Show is going to be April 8 - 10th, and perhaps something could be tied in with Safe Boating Week.

Education Report by Debbie Richey: Debbie presented Sheryl & Mike Wytychak with Educational Proficiency Awards earned by achieving a grade level of at least Advanced Piloting (AP) and completing at least three Elective Courses. Congratulations to you both! In Mike's ABC Class, he recently incorporated "Knot Stations" into his curriculum, in order to teach the tying of various knots. He thanked George Johnson and George Brooks for all the background assistance they provide so that all he has to do is "walk in and teach the class." Thanks, gentlemen!

Commander's Report by Kari Randall-Secrest: Kari said that the National Meeting will be February 14-21 in Orlando, FL and our delegate vote is available, should anyone intend to go. D16 Spring Council/Conference is March 18-20 in Tacoma, and the delegate vote is available for that as well. There will again be a Spring Photo Contest in D16. Deadline for entries is February 29th. Squadron shirt orders for 2016 are to be submitted to Sheryl Wytychak. The proposed 2016 Bridge has been submitted, with the vote to be held at the March meeting. Thanks to all those taking positions next year! Debbie Richey volunteered to run the March meeting, in the absence of our Commander. The increase in dues was outlined by Cheryl West, D16 Treasurer, with the increase taking effect on December 1, 2015. National dues for Single is \$51, an increase of \$4. National Family is \$76.50, an increase of \$6. Life Member with Family is \$25.50, an increase of \$2. (Life Member without Family is still free, according to Debbie Richey.)

Old Business: A survey was sent to membership concerning the Squadron fund-raiser idea. Ninety-four percent responded "not to replace Shipwreck Day" with the Coffee Program at a Rest Area. A motion was made by Debbie Richey to reject the Rest Area fund-raiser. Seconded by Lynn Stewart. Motion approved. Thanks to Albert Miller for all the leg-work he provided in gathering information! George Johnson asked for approval for the \$160 entry fee for Shipwreck Day. A motion to approve this expenditure was made by Debbie Richey, and seconded by Donna Mason. Motion carried.

New Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 1906 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Knowles  
Secretary

Dear Members,

Please print and fill out the following order form. Attach a check made out to "RiverCity ScreenPrinting" and return to me, Sheryl Wytychak, either at the February meeting or to PO Box 917, Anacortes, WA 98221. Thank you!

# 2016 Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron Sportswear



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## SWEATS

DESCRIPTION	SMALL 34 - 36	MEDIUM 38 - 40	LARGE 42 - 44	X-LARGE 46 - 48	2XL 50 - 52	3XL 54 - 56	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
18000 SAPPHIRE <b>CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT</b> 8.0 OZ. 50/50 COTTON/POLY 3-COLOR LEFT-CREST PRINT 2-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT								<b>31.00</b>	
								<b>33.00</b>	
								<b>35.00</b>	
18500 SAPPHIRE <b>HOODED PULLOVER SWEATSHIRT</b> 8 OZ. 50/50 COTTON/POLY 3-COLOR LEFT-CREST PRINT 2-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT								<b>41.00</b>	
								<b>43.00</b>	
								<b>45.00</b>	

## T-SHIRTS

DESCRIPTION	SMALL 34 - 36	MEDIUM 38 - 40	LARGE 42 - 44	X-LARGE 46 - 48	2XL 50 - 52	3XL 54 - 56	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
G200 SAPPHIRE <b>T-SHIRT</b> 6.1 OZ. 100% PRESHRUNK COTTON 3-COLOR LEFT-CREST PRINT 2-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT								<b>22.50</b>	
								<b>24.50</b>	
								<b>26.50</b>	
G2400 SAPPHIRE <b>LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRT</b> 6.1 OZ. 100% PRESHRUNK COTTON 3-COLOR LEFT-CREST PRINT 2-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT								<b>29.00</b>	
								<b>31.00</b>	
								<b>33.00</b>	
G880 SAPPHIRE <b>POLO SHIRT</b> 5.6 OZ. 50/50 COTTON/POLY 3-COLOR LEFT-CREST PRINT 2-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT								<b>31.50</b>	
								<b>33.50</b>	
								<b>35.50</b>	

ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX  
ORDERS WILL BE READY AT THE NEXT MEETING.

**ORDER TOTAL**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
**RiverCity Screenprinting**

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**DISTRICT 16 SPRING COUNCIL, CONFERENCE**  
**MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> 2016**  
**LA QUINTA INN & SUITES**  
**TACOMA, WASHINGTON**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/ Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending the District conference without meals? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Note:* This is activity registration form. There is no charge for attending conference meetings.

Early Bird prices apply for reservations **Postmarked** no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

Regular hotel prices apply to reservations postmarked after March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 (space available)

Activity _____	Early Bird _____	After 03/01/16 _____	No. People _____	Total _____
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**Registration:** Friday 1600 – 1830

**Friday Reception:** 1700 – 1900

'No host bar' & Dinner Reception	\$ 15.00	\$16.25		\$ _____
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Baked Potato Bar – Your choice of chili con carne, Steamed Broccoli, Shredded cheddar cheese, Tomatoes, Green onion, Bacon bits, Butter & Sour cream. Served with a fresh Garden salad and assorted dressings.

**Saturday Breakfast:** 0700 – 0900

Morning Starter Buffet:	\$ 18.50	\$19.50		\$ _____
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Assorted breakfast pastries and muffins, Scrambled eggs, Bacon and sausage and Homestyle potatoes.

<b>Saturday Lunch:</b> 1200 – 1330	\$ 18.50	\$19.50		
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Your choice of - Chicken Caesar salad: Grilled chicken strips & oven baked croutons on crisp romaine lettuce.

Or – Ports of call Deli Sandwich: Deli sliced ham & oven roasted turkey, Cheddar & Swiss cheese, lettuce & Tomato on a soft hoagie roll, served with red potato salad. Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Deli Sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Saturday Evening Banquet:</b> 1800 – 2100	\$32.50	\$34.00		
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Your choice of – 'Alder Smoked Salmon' Basted with alder smoked butter, served with roasted red potatoes. Or 'Prime Rib of Beef' – Hand cut, served with au jus and horseradish, with roasted red potatoes.

Both dinners entrees are served with seasonal green salad, vegetable medley, rolls, Cheesecake w/ strawberry glaze. Freshly brewed coffee, tea and decaffeinated coffee. Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Restrictions?** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Total</b>	\$ _____
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*Make reservations directly with La Quinta Inn & Suites – no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016*

*Ask for "United States Power Squadron" Room Block, to get the conference rates; \$99.00 plus tax*

**For Hotel Reservations**

La Quinta Inn & Suites  
 1425 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Tacoma, WA 98421  
253-383-0146-Ext.6

**Payment and Conference Reservations**

Make checks payable to **Tacoma PS, D16 Conference**  
 mail form and check to:  
 Cdr. Jackie Mattox, AP  
 5005 Main Street Apt. # 714  
 Tacoma, WA 98407-3164

## The Pledge

**I do solemnly pledge to: Abide by the bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons®; Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship; Maintain my boat and operate it legally; Render assistance whenever possible; and conduct myself in a manner that will add prestige, honor and respect to the United States Power Squadrons.®**

<p><b>HAPPY MARCH</b></p> 	<p><b>BIRTHDAYS</b>  <b>Tracy Averill</b>  <b>John Bellinger</b>  <b>Mike Connell</b>  <b>Peter Haradine</b>  <b>Gary Mohr</b>  <b>Joan Scarboro</b></p>
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### ~ General Meeting Information ~

Our General Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Thursdays of each month (except July & August), at The Farmhouse Restaurant, corner of SR20 and La Conner-Whitney Road. Greetings and social time starts at 1800 with dinner at 1900. Meeting is normally held just before dinner. When a program is available it usually starts about 1930. The meeting is sometimes moved to another date or venue for special occasions, but that will be advertised in the newsletter or an email notice.

### Report of the Nominating Committee.

The following members have been asked and agree to serve if elected for the coming year:

Commander: Donna Mason

Executive Officer: Mark Richey

Education Officer: Debbie Richey

Administrative Officer: Richard Hunter

Secretary: Kari Randall-Secret

Treasurer: Bob Miller

Executive Committee: Sandy Johnson, Kelly Libby, Paul Rosetter, Marlene Bellinger

Respectfully Submitted, P/C Kelly Libby, P

Note; Names in green on chart at right also have to be voted on.

Bridge Officers		
Commander	Kari Randall-Secret, N	360-387-1194
Executive Officer	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Administrative Officer	Deanna Randall-Secret, N	360-387-1194
Secretary	Sharon Knowles, AP	360 333-7808
Treasurer	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Executive Committee		
	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
Flag Lt.	Albert Miller, P	360-391-1897
Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
Merit Marks	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
	Vacant	
	Vacant	
Executive Department		
Co-Op Charting	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
Liaison	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Public Relations	Deanna Randall-Secret, N	360-387-1194
Asst Public Relations	Vacant	
Radio Technical	Vacant	
Safety	Bill Stewart, JN	360-424-1270
Vessel Exams	Albert Miller, P	360-391-1897
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Vacant	
Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Local Board Advanced Grds	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Local Board Elect Courses	Vacant	
Administrative Department		
Boating Activities	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Galley	Vacant	
Greeting	Vacant	
Membership	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Vacant	
Property Officer	Vacant	
Supply Officer	Sheryl Wytychak	208-704-2249
Telephone	Vacant	
Secretary's Department		
Editor "Bitter End"	Mark Richey, SN	425-876-6274
Historian	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
Roster	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Scrapbook	Vacant	
Webmaster	Kari Randall-Secret, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
1 Yr Chair	Elisabeth Libby, S	360 435-3835
2 Yrs.	Judy Bennett, S	707-443-2855
3 Yrs.	Billie Ford	360 941-1956
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
2 Yrs.	Paul Rosetter, AP	360 595-1083
3 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
2 Yrs.	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
3 Yrs.	Vacant	

**This month is elections. Thanks to Donna for coming up with all spots. Please note that the names in green are nominated and have to be voted on. The list will be completely updated in April.**