

# THE BITTER END

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



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## CALENDAR

08 Sep—General Meeting, Farmhouse (Upstairs Room)

24 Sep—Coronet Bay Charter party

30 Sep—2 Oct, Rosario Resort Rendezvous



**Don't forget to watch out for the kiddies. Its "Back to School Time"!**

**Thanks to those of you that look at our Facebook Group. Any group member can invite other Facebook Members to join. Any group member can post. The group is moderated but has lots of good stuff and you can often see our activities as they happen.**



### Commander's Message Donna J. Mason, AP

What a wonderful summer boating season with great weather! Hope you all had safe, fun times on the water. Later in this newsletter you'll see several photos from our squadron rendezvous.

For many SBSPS members, boating will continue for months, and a few hearty souls will boat all year long.

It was a busy summer with other squadron activities, such as Shipwreck Day on July 16, our annual fundraiser, where we earned \$1,160. Thanks go to all those to those who loaded trucks from the storage unit Friday: George and Sandy Johnson, George and Jeanne Brooks, Bill and Lynn Stewart, Glen Caporgno, John and Marlene Bellinger, Debbie Richey, Paul Rosetter, and Antony Kerkhove, most of whom also worked the booth Saturday, and to those who also worked the booth on Saturday: Billie Ford, Mark Richey. A big "thank you" goes to all of you who donated items; it really makes a difference! I especially want to thank George and Sandy Johnson who orchestrated this big event and made it their project this year.

I'd like to thank the Audit Committee members Elisabeth Libby and Judy Bennett for completing the audit of squadron accounts with Treasurer Bob Miller in a timely manner.

We're a small squadron and we don't try to conquer the world and win all the awards. But, what we do, we do well. Thanks for all you do!

If you are looking for a book to read, you may be interested in Before the Wind by Jim Lynch. Having written many books, Jim finally wrote about his passion for sailing through the experience of the Johannssen family of boat designers, builders, repairers, and racers. According to a Village Books reviewer, Lynch "melds sailing with science, environmentalism, the rapture, online dating and endearingly dysfunctional family dynamics into a touching story." "Jim Lynch does for sailing what A River Runs Through It did for fly-fishing," according to Luis Alberto Urrea.

Ferndale residents Tom Broselle and his sons Jake and Tom recently received one of the Coast Guard's highest honors for their rescue. While they were out crabbing weather conditions worsened and they spotted a 5-member family whose boat capsized in rough water off Cherry Point. Four people were clinging to the overturned boat. Tom dove into the 50 degree water and saved the fifth person, a daughter tangled in netting under the boat. The rescued father said, "When I saw Tom coming in the boat, it was like the Queen Mary was saving us." (From The Bellingham Herald, July 6, 2016)

The USCG's 2015 Recreational Boating Safety statistics report there were 4,158 accidents involving 626 deaths, 2,613 injuries and about \$42 million of property damage. The fatality rate was 1.9% up from 2014. Think some folks need boating education?

Speaking of boating education, we're looking for members to help with instructing. Please consider it and contact Debbie Richie, our Educational Officer with questions or more information. Have you seen Debbie's helpful, informative postings on FaceBook? If you haven't done so, friend "Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron – Boating Education."

We also could use people to be Vessel Safety Checkers (simply checking safety equipment on boats for people who request safety checks). For community outreach: how about a talk at a local library on a topic such as "What's the big deal about boating safety"? There are many ways you can help out your squadron, in a way that fits your time schedule and areas of interest. We'd be happy to hear from you.

The USPS District 16 fall conference will be in nearby Bellingham this year. I'll be attending the Saturday conference October 29, and Paul and I will be at the evening dinner. There is no charge to attend the Saturday conference meeting. This would be a good chance for you to learn more about what other squadrons are doing within our district. Information and registration forms are in this newsletter.



**Education Department**  
**Lt/C Debbie Richey, AP**

I hope you all had a great summer out on your boat. I know we did. I saw some things this summer that made my hair curl even more! This incident happened as everyone was leaving Deer Harbor on Sunday morning: This morning as I sit here in the Deer Harbor Marina, I've watched way too many close calls of folks leaving their slip. A word of advice, when leaving your slip look and make sure no one else is coming down the fairway behind you. One of our members was leaving his slip and THREE boats all decided that they needed to back out of their slip at the same time as he is backing down the fairway. All of the boats were over 35 feet. Don't forget your horn signals when leaving your slip. We all learn the horn signals in the ABC course. For a refresher one long blast lets other boaters know you are leaving your slip or dock.

At the Sucia Island rendezvous, there were only two boats Brionglroid and ourselves. Brionglroid arrived on Friday afternoon about an hour ahead of us. The Fossil Bay docks were absolutely full! All the mooring buoys in Fossil Bay were also taken. So they tied up to the linear moorage in Echo Bay. There was a spot for us when we arrived about an hour later. We have looked at that tie up before and for us if the line with the rings in it is too high, we can't moor there. But at this particular one in Echo Bay we were able to tie up. It was interesting. Saturday afternoon the wind came up at tide change and all the boats were rocking really well. But after about an hour or so, it calmed down. For the most part, it's just like being tied to a dock. You definitely want to use fenders even though there are Styrofoam floats on the line. They squeak something awful when rubbing on your hull. As you can see in the picture below, you tie up to the rings with a bow line and stern line. You cannot raft off while tied up here. There are two of these systems in Echo Bay and I know of one in Reid Harbor. Try it!





## Boating Activities for September

Cdr Donna J. Mason, AP

### Saturday September 24: Cornet Bay, Deception Pass State Park, SBSPS Anniversary Picnic

Celebrate our Squadron's Charter by boating or driving to Cornet Bay. The first Charter Party was September 20, 2003. The shelter is reserved for our squadron on this free car parking day; you do not need a day-use parking pass nor a Discover Pass. New this year: because of Washington State Parks burn ban, we will not be grilling anything. We will provide rotisserie chicken, a selection of non-alcoholic beverages, and dining utensils. Bring your side dish or dessert to share, and your choice of preferred beverage. If you bring a hot or cold dish, be prepared to keep it safe until we eat sometime after Noon. RSVP by Thursday, September 22 to [donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com) so we'll have enough chicken for everyone.

### September 30 – October 2: Rosario Resort Rendezvous

You can relax and even pamper yourself at the spa this weekend. Make your boat reservation by calling 360 376-2222, ext. 5 for the Marina. The winter rates are in effect: \$1/ft. LOA. Call 78A as you near the marina for your slip assignment.

Friday: arrive after 1 p.m., enjoy happy hour at the dock, dining on your own or join us at the Mansion Restaurant for a delicious, fresh dinner around 6 p.m. (I chuckle when I think of the year several of us were calmly seated at the table and then out the window we spotted Kari and Deanna's boat "Briongloid" arriving in the distance. We flew out of the restaurant explaining to the befuddled waiter, "We'll be back; we have to help our friends arriving by boat." Then the waiter added two more seats and we all enjoyed a lively dinner.)

Saturday: relax and enjoy the resort grounds and amenities, or some may want to get a taxi to town for the Farmer's Market and shops. If you haven't experienced it, you'll want to attend the entertaining presentation at 4 p.m. upstairs in the Mansion. At 5 p.m. we'll have happy hour leading to a potluck on the dock (I'm told the Grill building will be closed and not available, but we can try...). Sunday: after breakfast, we'll head off to homeports.

Hope to see you there!

Thinking ahead to December: The Argosy Christmas Ship cruises from Shilshole Bay Marina in Seattle, boards at 2 p.m., cruises from 2:30 – 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, December 17. Several members were interested in a Seattle cruise (vs. the Kirkland one we have done). If you are interested, this fills up

fast, so reserve your spot on the Christmas Ship Lead Boat (with chorus) at [argosycruises.com](http://argosycruises.com) or call 1-888-623-1445. Tickets: \$39 adult, \$35 senior, \$25 youth, children under 3 are free. If a group is interested, we could arrange for lunch at a nearby restaurant before the cruise. Please let me know if you are interested.

### July 4 Rendezvous, Squalicum Harbor



Top—A bit chilly gang relaxing on dock July 4

Middle—All our boats in a row L-R Richeys Nesse's Kari and Deanna BC Friends the Blakes Paul and Donna Dale Libby

Bottom—Still chilly gang at dinner that evening



Deer Harbor Rendezvous



Debbie made her Hawaii attire



Anne Nesse playing ukulele



Rolf cracking the days catch



Dicks boat in corner



Contest winner Mark



Mark cleaning "dunked" motor



Hawaii theme dinner Saturday evening



Friday cocktails gang

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron  
United States Power Squadron  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2016**

The following members were in attendance at the Farmhouse Restaurant:

Donna Mason	Sandy Johnson	George Johnson	Bill Stewart
Paul Rosetter	Kari Randall-Secret	John Bellinger	
Kelly Libby	George Brooks	Marlene Bellinger	
Debbie Richey	Jeanne Brooks	Patrick Swesey	
Dick Hunter	Jack Dyer	Margaret Kerkhove	
Craig Ford	Glenn Caporgno	Anton Kerkhove	
Don Coleman	Carolyn Caporgno	Lynn Stewart	

Meeting called to order by Commander Donna Mason at 1900. A quorum of the Executive Committee was present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Liaison Officer Report – Debbie Richey:

- Nothing new to report.

Co-Op Charting – Lynn Stewart:

- Nothing new to report.

Safety Officer – Bill Stewart:

- Donna announced the Wytychaks delivered all of our free materials regarding the WA State Parks “Designated Skipper” program (brochures, whistles, bags, etc.) to West Marine in Anacortes so that they could hand them out to store customers.
- Donna, while on vacation in rural Minnesota, photographed 7 people wearing life jackets and submitted it for the National Safe Boating Week Life Jacket World Record Day May 21.

Squadron Educational Officer – Debbie Richey:

- SEO Debbie Richey announced the following classes will be coming this fall: ABC, Advanced Piloting, and an Operations training class.

Membership Report – Debbie Richey:

- Debbie announced we will swear a new member tonight, Jack Dyer.
- The Olympia Squadron has folded due to failure to find folks to fill the bridge positions.
- Skagit Bay has approximately 50 members with a couple of new members as of May.

Administrative Officer Report – Dick Hunter:

- Program Tonight: Dick Hunter will lead a discussion of member’s cruising plans for the summer.

Secretary’s Report – Kari Randall-Secret:

- Bill Stewart motioned we approve April and May minutes, seconded by Debbie Richey. Motion passed.

Commander’s Report – Donna Mason:

- Donna asked meeting attendees to introduce themselves.
- Donna passed a sign-up sheet for the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous in Bellingham
- Swearing in of new member, Jack Dyer.
- Donna submitted the dates of next year’s meetings.

- Donna announced she has obtained a signed reservation for next year's Anacortes Waterfront Festival Rendezvous from Cap Sante Marina.
- Donna announced that since the Wytychaks are unavailable while on their summer-long cruise, she will be the contact for needs from the Supply Officer.
- Treasurer's Report: Donna provided the Treasurer's report since Bob Miller could not attend tonight's meeting.
  - o Donna announced the treasury balance as of June 1 is \$5,252.96. A copy of the Treasurer's report was submitted to the Secretary's records.
  - o A copy of the proposed budget was included with tonight's agenda and Donna conducted a brief review of said budget.
  - o Donna proposed we submit our extra \$50 gift certificate to District 16 as our raffle item for the District 16 Rendezvous. She conducted a vote by the Executive Committee to accept it. John Bellinger moved we use the G.C. as our donation this year. Bill Stewart seconded. Motion carried.
  - o There was discussion regarding adding \$50 to our budget to cover this annual squadron expense.
  - o There was discussion regarding increasing the annual budget item for postage for the Ed. department to \$100.
  - o Donna announced we will work to bring in more income on Shipwreck Day to try and balance our budget without relying on income from our courses.
  - o Debbie moved we pass the budget with the two amendments mentioned above for the raffle and postage. Sandy Johnson seconded. Donna conducted the vote and the motion carried.
- George Johnson scheduled a work party for Shipwreck Day (July 16) is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> at the storage unit. Dinner afterwards at a local restaurant.
- Donna reported for the Auditing Committee:
  - o Elisabeth Libby and Judy Bennett met May 15, 2016 with Treasurer Bob Miller to conduct the annual audit of the squadron's finances. Books were found to be good order and no discrepancies were found. A record of audit was submitted to the Secretary.
- Donna announced she will collect email addresses of anyone who wants to hear from Mike and Sheryl Wytychak while they are out on their long cruise this summer/fall. They would love to meet up with any members during their cruise.
- George Brooks announced the La Conner Marina Swap Meet will be on June 18<sup>th</sup> this year. Contact Darcy at the Marina Office at 360-466-3300 for more information. The Shelter Bay Garage Sale will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Webmaster Report – Kari Randall-Secret

- Kari announced plans to add a section for members only to the squadron website.

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

Meeting adjourned at 2030



# 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
<b>Conference Registration on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor right off the elevator: 1600 – 1830</b>					
<b>Friday Night Pirate Party: 1700-1900</b>	Potato & Salad Bar Buffet & No Host Bar	\$20	\$22	_____	\$ _____
<b><u>Wear your best pirate attire—Prizes!!</u></b>					
<b>Saturday Breakfast: 0700-0900</b>	Continental Supreme	\$21	\$23	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday Lunch: 1200-1300</b>	Soup & Salad Bar	\$21	\$23	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday Plated Dinner: 1800-2100</b>	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 28<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Woods Coffee Roastery Tour-3PM</b>	No Charge	_____	\$ <b>FREE</b>
<b>Bellewood Acres Distillery Tour &amp; Tasting-2PM</b>	\$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:

P/C Michael Guelker-Come  
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 (360) 510-5543

## 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.®**



The tired gang loading the goodies out of our storage unit for our Shipwreck Day Booth

### ~ 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.

<b>Bridge Officers</b>		
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Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Administrative Officer	Richard Hunter, P	206 851-2831
Secretary	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360 387-1194
Treasurer	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
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	Marlene Bellinger, AP	360 757-8091
	Paul Rosetter, AP	360 595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
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Law Officer	Vacant	
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	Vacant	
	Vacant	
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Galley	Vacant	
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	Billie Ford	360 941-1956
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Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno	
Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
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2 Yrs.	Judy Bennett, S	707-443-2855
3 Yrs.	Billie Ford	360 941-1956
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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
<b>Rules Committee</b>		
1 Yr. Chair	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
2 Yrs.	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
3 Yrs.	Vacant	

Please note the vacancies. This is a fun group and you don't have to have a grade to have a committee position. Every little bit helps. Pick something you think you can do and help out. If you don't know what a spot does, ask the chair or an officer.