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News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
April 2017



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CALENDAR

- 13 April, Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Change of Watch
- 21-23 April, Friday Harbor Rendezvous, Walk on for Lunch Saturday
- 29 April, District Education Seminar, Coast Hotel Bellevue (See this issue)

Don't forget to look in this issue for registration for some upcoming events. It's best to get in early for space and also the hosts would like to know. See our Victoria Rendezvous and the June District Rendezvous.



Commander's Message Donna J. Mason, AP

As our squadron year draws to a close and a new year begins with Change of Watch, I would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who have made this a successful year: the Bridge Officers, the Executive Committee, Department Chairs, Instructors, and all those who volunteered for specific tasks. It makes all the difference and is very much appreciated!

Some of our successes in the past year include membership growth in a time of membership losses around the nation. We have a vessel safety checker once again, Don Coleman, and hope to sign up more. We developed and reasonably stuck by an approved budget, had a full schedule of boating activities, and a successful fund-raising day at Shipwreck Day.

My goals for my second and last year as Commander are to continue increasing membership, qualify more instructors, offer more basic boating and advanced classes, increase our public relations efforts to create awareness and interest in our boating club.

To help us reach our goals, I hope you will consider filling a need in our squadron --

there are so many from which to choose – help us to continue onward and upward! Also, be sure to tell your boating friends and dock neighbors about United States Power Squadrons® and our local Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron.

Our April 13 Meeting will be the annual Change of Watch, a celebration at which officers are installed for the April 2017– March 2018 squadron year. The new District 16 Commander Matt Lombardi and his wife Pamela will be joining us. For this special meeting, we'll have a buffet dinner at the Farmhouse Restaurant. Hope you can make it. RSVP by April 8 to donnajmason@gmail.com.

A reminder to all incoming Bridge Officers and Assistant Squadron Educational Officer, save the date of Saturday 29 April for the District 16 Incoming Officers Meeting and the Education Seminar. Each meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and located at Coast Hotel, 625 116th Avenue NE in Bellevue. Perhaps we can organize a few carpools. It is important that you attend. You can meet your counterparts of other squadrons.

Boating and Other Activities, Cdr Donna J. Mason, AP

Date	Destination	Rendezvous Host	Theme
April 21-23	Friday Harbor, San Juan Island (boat or day ferry)	Paul & Donna w/ Friday Harbor SPS	
May 26-28	Victoria, B.C. Canada, Wharf St. Marina	Bob & Jean Miller	
June 2-4	Anacortes Waterfront Festival, Meeting & VSCs At Cap Sante Boat Haven	Paul & Donna	June Mtg & BBQ Picnic
June 22-25	Poulsbo D16 Rendezvous – SBSPS Contingent	D16 Cdr & (Donna by car)	D16 will publish
July 1-5	4 th of July Weekend, A) Bellingham Squalicum Hbr., B) Anacortes on land	Paul & Donna	Red, White & Blue (need host for Anacortes on land)
July 15	Shipwreck Day, Anacortes	George & Sandy Johnson	Squadron fundraiser
July 28-30	Lopez Islander Resort, Lopez Island	Paul and Donna	Crab feed?
August 11-20	B.C. Canada Cruise – do all or part of:	Paul & Donna	O Canada!
Aug 11- 13 Aug 13-15 Aug 15 – 17 Aug 17-18 Aug 18-20	Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, U.S. Poet's Cove, S. Pender Island, B.C. Canada Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C. Canada Sidney, Vancouver Island, B.C. Canada Roche Harbor Resort, San Juan Island, U.S.		
September 1-4	Port Townsend's Point Hudson Marina	Dale Libby , Anne & Rolf Nesse w/ Everett & Seattle Sq.	
September 30	Coronet Bay, Deception Pass State Park	Kari & Deanna	SB Anniversary Cookout
October 6-8	Rosario Resort, Orcas Island	Margaret & Anton Kerkove	
November 4-5	Vancouver & Granville Isl. - Train Overnight Trip	Paul & Donna	
December 2	Leavenworth Christmas Lighting - Bus Day Trip	Paul & Donna	Making Merry!
December 9	LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Holiday Party	Paul & Donna	Holiday celebration

April 21-23 Friday Harbor Rendezvous

Are any boats planning to rendezvous at Port of Friday Harbor Marina? Website: www.fridayharbor.org , Harbormaster: 360 378-2688. The 2017 Waggoner Guide Pages 168-72 lists things to do. Please email me at donnajmason@gmail.com. Our boat will not be ready by then, so we'll do the ferry day trip.

Leaving Anacortes

Leaving Friday Harbor

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4:15	5:20		5:45	7:10	
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4:30	5:50		6:25	7:50	
6:00	7:20		7:45	9:05	
8:25	9:45		10:05	11:10	

April 22 Ferry Day Trip to Friday Harbor: Non-boating members are invited to join us for the Saturday gathering April 22. Enjoy exploring around town then join us for happy hour/early dinner. We have invited Friday Harbor squadron members to join us at 3:30 p.m. Saturday for drinks and/or dinner at the Cask and Schooner, 1 Front Street. RSVP by Wednesday, April 19 to donnajmason@gmail.com. Here is the Anacortes – Friday Harbor ferry schedule for April 22:

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



Mothers' Day Rendezvous Victoria, BC 12-14 May 2017

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

Hosts: Bob and Jean Miller, bobmillerwa@hotmail.com, 360-588-9950 (home), 360-540-1686 (boat)

Where: Causeway Marina, Victoria, BC, <http://www.gvha.ca/marinas-facilities/marinas/causeway-ship-point>, 48° 35.3' N, 123° 22.2' W, VHF CH 66A, [chartlet](#).

Head over to Vancouver Island, BC, and join Bob and Jean Miller (and Eddie, the boat cat) and the rest of the Skagit Bay SPS cruisers as we visit Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, on Mothers' Day weekend. The host boat will be the *Loon Song*. This will be a great chance for members of the Skagit Bay and nearby sister squadrons to check out their boats in preparation for Spring cruising.

Victoria is a 'bit of olde England' with magnificent harbour (notice the proper English spelling) views, great museums, good food (can you say *poutine*?), good beer, and nearby shopping (Bob always stocks up on Rogers' chocolates and Murchie's tea, while Jean hits Munro's for books.)

Slips: The Causeway facilities are located right in front of the iconic Parliament House and the Royal BC Museum and are a few steps from shopping on Government Street and the side lanes. The docks are older, but now have adequate 30 amp power and are locked at night.

Planned Activities: Not many; this is a way kicked-back rendezvous. Just wander along the streets and waterfront, get some exercise, do some shopping, eat some stuff, and take it easy. On Saturday night we will go to a restaurant chosen by the rendezvous attendees. For those arriving on Friday, Jean and I will host an informal meet and greet onboard *Loon Song*, bring your own drink and a snack to share.

Suggestions: Organize a dingy ride up The Gorge, tide permitting, <https://www.crd.bc.ca/education/our-environment/harbours/gorge-waterway>; hop on the little harbour shuttle boats, <https://www.victoriaharbourferry.com/>, and visit Fisherman's Wharf for lunch; <http://www.gvha.ca/marinas-facilities/marinas/fishermans-wharf>; or go antiquing on Upper Fort Street.

How to Get There --

By Boat: Victoria is about 36 nautical miles from Cap Sante in Anacortes by the most direct route to the south of Lopez and San Juan Islands. A more sheltered and leisurely route passing through the San Juan Islands and down Haro Strait is about 10 miles longer. If leaving from Anacortes, turn left out of Padilla Bay into Guemes Channel and just head west. You may have to dodge some islands and large white and green ferry boats, but the cruise is scenic. Look for the orca pods and other wild life. Upon arriving at the entrance to the Outer Harbour, run at 7 knots while avoiding the

large cruise vessels and aircraft landing and taking off. View the harbour's rules and regulations at <http://www.gvha.ca/marinas-facilities/marinas/harbour-regulations>. A handy chartlet presents the harbour's strictly monitored traffic scheme, http://www.gvha.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/pvts_eng_2014-map.pdf.

By Ferry and Bus: The Anacortes-Sidney Washington State ferry leaves Anacortes at 08:30 am and arrives in Sidney by 11:10 am, with a stop in Friday Harbor (departs Friday Harbor at 09:55 am). On Sunday, catch the 12:05 pm ferry to arrive back in Friday Harbor at 1:20 pm and Anacortes by 3:00 pm. If you are not driving, a BC Transit bus ride to Victoria takes an hour. Catch route 70 or 72, Swartz Bay to Downtown at Fifth and Beacon in Sidney, <https://bctransit.com/victoria/schedules-and-maps/route-overview?route=70>

Lodging in Victoria: For those coming by ferry, there are several hotels within walking distance of the Causeway marina, . <http://www.tourismvictoria.com/hotels/>

Passports and Border Control: US Passports are required to get back into the USA and facilitate entry into Canada. Standard WA Drivers Licenses are not adequate identification. Ferry riders are checked as they exit in Sidney, and in Friday Harbor. Boaters tie up to the customs dock just beyond Fisherman Wharf and use the direct line phone on the dock for clearance, <http://www.gvha.ca/marinas-facilities/marinas/customs>. Boaters returning to the USA can phone US Customs and Border Protection while underway at 800-562-5943, or stop at the customs offices in Roche Harbor or Friday Harbor.

Reservations for Your Boat: Please make your own reservation (our group is not large enough to be an official "group,") with the Greater Victoria Harbour authority on their website at <http://www.gvha.ca/marinas-facilities/marinas/reservations/guest-reservations-form>, and specify that you want to be located to other boats from SBSPS. Phone the office at 250-383-8326 (1-877-783-8300). Make sure to mention that this is for the Skagit Bay Power Squadron group rendezvous. Also, send an email to the cruise coordinator (see next section).

To Signup: Send an email to Bob Miller, Skagit Bay SPS, bobmillerwa@hotmail.com, listing the names of the people attending the rendezvous, the date of arrival, mode of arrival (boat, ferry), and the boat name if coming by boat.

More Information

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, <http://www.gvha.ca/>
Tourism Victoria, <http://www.tourismvictoria.com/>
WA State Ferry Schedule for Anacortes-Sidney,

<http://www.wsdot.com/ferries/schedule/ScheduleDetailByRoute.aspx?route=ana-sj-sid>

PHOTOS FROM OUR LAST OUTING AT TACOMA



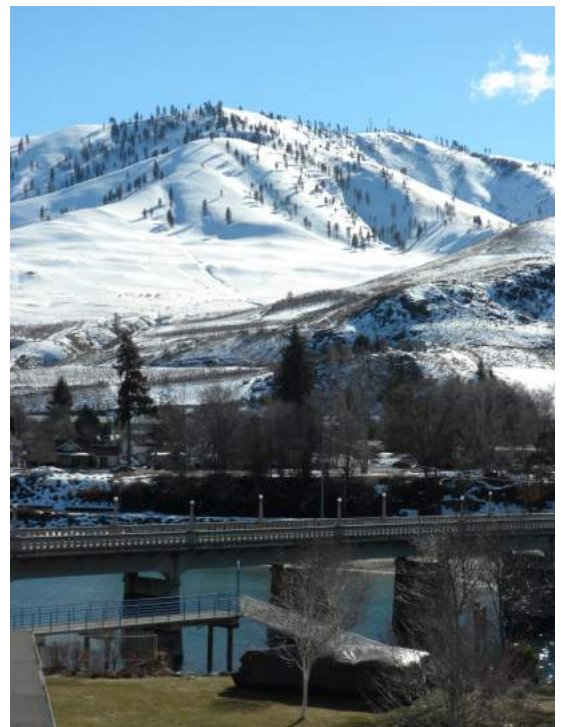
Group lunch at the Harmon Pub



Celebrating America's Love Affair With The Automobile

Craig and Billie Ford with Paul Rosetter at the LeMay Car Museum

DISTRICT 16 SPRING CONFERENCE IN CHELAN, 17-19 MAR



L-R , Top—Bottom

Carolyn and Glen Caporgno and Paul Rosetter

Mark and Debbie Richey completed our delegation

Mark Richey receives Excellence in Journalism award for "Bitter End"

Commander Donna and Lt. Paul hosted happy hour Saturday afternoon.

View from our room at Campbell's Resort

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
United States Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes (prepared by Donna Mason for Kari Randall-Secret away at a conference)
March 9, 2017**

The following members were in attendance at the Farmhouse Restaurant:

John Bellinger	Craig Ford	Jean Miller
Marlene Bellinger	Dick Hunter	Ruth Peterson
George Brooks	George Johnson	Debbie Richey
Jeanne Brooks	Sandra Johnson	Paul Rosetter
Don Coleman	Margaret Kerkhove	Guest Vickie Capps
Stephen Drummond	Anton Kerkhove	
Steve Drummond	Kelly Libby	
Jack Dyer	Donna Mason	
Billie Ford	Bob Miller	

The meeting was called to order by Commander Donna Mason at 1830 hours.

Invocation by P/D/C Ruth Peterson, SN

Pledge of Allegiance led by Craig Ford

Quorums of both the Executive Committee and General Membership were determined to be present.

Guest was introduced by Bob Miller: Vickie Capps, Advanced Piloting Student

Executive Officers Report by Debbie Richey for Mark Richey:

Liaison – no report

Co-op Charting – Debbie Richey reported we have received new instructions for geodesic survey mark recovery.

We now must document the survey mark with a photograph and note the latitude and longitude using GPS or a smart phone. Some geodesic survey marks haven't been found for 100 years. Debbie has the new instructions.

Public Relations – Donna displayed the new "Welcome to the Neighborhood" banner from USPS National for use in booths and PR efforts. After Change of Watch, the banner will be stored in the storage unit for use in tabling and booths.

Safety – no report

Vessel Safety Checks - Don Coleman completed his last required VSCs on boats and we now have a Vessel Safety Checker. Donna will mail our squadron 2017 allotment of 5 stickers to Don.

Educational Officer – Debbie Richey

Instructors, whose qualifications expire in May, can renew at the D16 Educational Seminar April 29 at the Coast Hotel in Bellevue. We really need instructors. Bob Miller offered to carpool with people.

For January's ABC class, Bob Miller and Mark Richey helped Debbie teach over two Saturdays at the YMCA Community Room in Stanwood. Six students passed and one joined our squadron. Debbie is looking for venues for May ABC class. We do not have a contact to check for space availability at the Swinomish Yacht Club. So far about 6 people want to take ABC. To cover all the material, an instructor needs 5 hours each day, not 4, and a lunch break. Two Saturdays work better than having the class over several evenings.

Swinomish Yacht Club contact is no longer active so contact Debbie if you have location suggestions.

Advanced Piloting Class: Bob is finishing up class with 5 members and 8 non-members.

Administrative Officer Dick Hunter

Meetings and Programs – Dick announced Bob Miller will present tonight's program on travels to India and Bhutan. April meeting is Change of Watch. He is working on speaker for the May meeting.

Dick clarified that the announced USCG District plan with Burlington Northern to replace the railroad bridge at south end of Padilla Bay is a trestle, not the bridge near the Casino.

Boating Activities – Donna provided an update to what's published in newsletter: Anton and Margaret will host the Rosario Resort October 6-8 rendezvous. If Anne and Rolf Nesse get radar installed on their boat, they will join us for the Canada cruise and maybe Pt. Townsend rendezvous Labor Day Weekend with Everett and Seattle squadrons. They may co-host with Dale Libby. Bob and Jean Miller, hosts of Victoria B.C. rendezvous, announced a date change due to a busy race the originally planned weekend. New rendezvous weekend is May 19-21. The date of Vancouver Overnight trip is changed to November 11-12. Paul and Donna are hosting. Donna has a couple free passes available for a free overnight if you stay one night at Tacoma Dock Street Marina. See Donna if you can use them. When you go to the LaConner Pub, please let them know you're from Skagit Bay squadron. The manager wants to know we're frequenting the pub other than for December's lighted boat parade.

Membership – Debbie Richey announced a new member is John West from the recent ABC course. Stephen, Jeannie and Steve Drummond have transferred in from Spokane.

Donna Mason announced a lot of squadrons are losing members around the country. Our squadron has increased our membership. We now have 56 members in our squadron.

Donna indicated the Executive Committee needs to consider membership dues and whether or not to increase the squadron portion. We operate on a pretty slim margin. Nametags from the former supplier who went out of business cost \$7.50 and now cost \$10 through USPS National's supplier, plus \$5 per order for shipping. Bob suggested since we increased a couple of years ago, next year in May we'll do a financial planning and consider it that time. Bob thought the dues change notification would come in the Fall. The squadron part of dues is currently \$17 for single member, and \$24 for family.

Operations Training - takes about 3 hours for the class. Debbie will schedule Saturday, June 10 unless she has a schedule conflict.

Supply Officer Margaret announced squadron 2017 shirts were delivered at the meeting, will reorder on Tuesday. Give to Margaret your order and check made to "River City Printing."

Secretary's Report: Donna filled in for Kari.

Minutes for February's meeting as published in the "Bitter End" were accepted. Ruth Peterson motioned to accept, and it was seconded by Dick Hunter. Motion carried.

"Bitter End" Newsletter: Debbie Richey covered for Mark. Articles of interest to our group are welcome from all members. Send to ssboatschool@hotmail.co as listed in the newsletter.

Roster: Bob Miller will issue an updated roster May 1. Send any address changes, ham radio changes, or boat information to Bob Miller. It is helpful to have the boat information included, especially for rendezvous.

Website—Kari did a test run to a couple of members, for people to reach the squadron via the website and it is working now. If anyone has a problem, let Kari know.

Treasurer's Report – Bob Miller

The checking account balance as of February 28, 2017 is \$5,784.04, and is \$104 above one year ago. Expenses were class work and supplies, nametags, Bayhill storage, and a shipping charge. As of month 10, we're ok on the budget. We'll do a new budget in May.

The IRS 998 Tax form has been filed for the period December 1, 2015 – November 30, 2016 so we're compliant. The audit is not yet scheduled. Judy Bennett will be in our area the end of March. The audit timing may overlap with the old and new Audit Committees, so Jack Dyer will be included in the audit.

Commander's Report – Donna Mason

We have officially submitted Form ED-80 to District 16 to approve our Squadron Educational and Assistant Squadron Educational Officers before our Change of Watch in April.

On the tables are Invitations to C-O-W April 13. It will be a very nice meeting, with a District officer to install our new squadron officers. There will be a buffet set up in the adjoining room. RSVP to Donna Mason by April 8 so we can notify the restaurant. Email will be sent to members.

Old Bus: none

Elections

Secretary Kari Randall-Secret notified me before the meeting that there were no nominees by petition. The list of nominees is as published in the "Bitter End."

ExCom approved the commander appointments of Chaplain, Flag Lt, Aides, Chairs and Department Committees. Bob Miller motioned to approved and it was seconded by Debbie Richey. Motion carried.

General members voted to elect Bridge, ExCom and other elected positions of Nomination, Audit, and Rules Committees. Bob Miller motioned, Kelly Libby seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned at 1910 hours. Craig Ford motioned and Ruth Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

After dinner, Bob Miller presented a program on his and Jean's travels to India and Bhutan.

From Active Captain .. Courtesy of Bob Miller

>>> Sailboat vs Trawler Anchoring >>>

As we pulled into the anchorage north of the Lake Worth inlet this week, we found ourselves in a sea of sailboats. It made us realize some of the issues to think about when picking a spot for both sailboats and trawlers especially when both types of vessels are in the same area.

There are a couple of things that might not be obvious about anchoring but are critical to careful planning. First, the amount of rode you let out after making a scope decision includes the high water level and the height off the water where your anchor rode is attached to your boat.

Ignoring a situation where you're anchoring in very deep water, many cruisers pick about 5:1 scope for anchoring. 7:1 allows us to sleep better. 10:1 would be used if a bad storm were expected. So if you decide to use 5:1 scope in 10 feet of water when there is an additional 3 feet of tide expected, and your anchor rode is attached to your boat 4 feet off the water surface, the amount of rode to let out should be:

$$((10 + 3) + 4) * 5 = 85 \text{ feet}$$

The second thing that many people don't realize is that a bridle does not reduce the attach point of the rode to your boat unless the bridle line is attached to the boat at a point lower than where your chain exits the boat. It is most common that the hawse holes/cleats where the bridle attaches are at the same height as the anchor chain exit so in reality, a bridle does nothing to reduce the rode based on scope. This is often argued but it's true. When the wind picks up, your bridle will raise out of the water and form a straight line to the anchor - it has to. It's easy to prove with some string and a toy boat.

So here's the potential problem when sailboats and trawlers anchor together. We all want to use similar scope, yet it's often the case that trawlers put out a lot more rode. It isn't because they're being selfish. It's because a trawler's rode attach point on the boat is generally at the bow which can often be 8 or more feet off the water.

Here's a real example:

- Both boats are anchoring at low tide in 6 feet of water where a 3 foot tide is expected (the Lake Worth anchorage). Both boats will put out 7:1 scope because the strong winds will just not go away this winter.

- The sailboat's rode attach point is 4 feet off the water at the bow.

- Red Head's rode attach point is 10 feet off the water at the bow chain lock.

Sailboat rode: $((6 + 3) + 4) * 7 = 91$ feet
Red Head rode: $((6 + 3) + 10) * 7 = 133$ feet

In reality, we put out 125 feet of rode because I did the calculation in my head. I believe the sailboat who anchored in front of us put out 75 feet of rode.

In the middle of the night, there was a major wind change with a big storm. As we swung around, we'd now be in front of the sailboat. And it would feel like we were 50 feet closer to the

sailboat since we had 50 feet more rode out than they had. We'd end up being a lot closer even though neither boat dragged an inch.

These are the things to take away from this:

- If you're a sailboat, be very careful when anchoring in FRONT of a trawler with a high bow. Consider the difference between your bow heights times the scope to estimate the distance they'll move closer to you when the wind shifts. So in the example above, you should move an additional $(10 - 4) * 7 = 42$ feet in front of the trawler than you expect.

- If you're a trawler, you have a similar responsibility to consider your extra rode distance especially if you're anchoring BEHIND a sailboat with a big wind change expected. You will move closer and you must account for that before you pick your spot using similar bow height estimates.

Trawler owners can correct a lot of the extra rode needed by having a bow eye placed near the water line and having the anchor attach there. That will be the subject of another newsletter.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

With the promise of warmer days in the air and the official opening day of boating arriving soon, it's a good time to think about that annual "Vessel Safety Check".

Just wanted to let everyone know I am available to help you get that safety check completed. My schedule is pretty flexible except for Tuesday and Wednesday. I do not like to rush safety checks, however they usually take one hour or less, depending on findings, discussion, etc, and of course and how good the coffee.

Recent finding: While looking at an automatic inflatable PFD we discovered the indicator was red, the bobbin deteriorated and the CO2 cartridge spent. However, the vest showed no signs of having been inflated. **Assumption** (unproven): Somehow the salt bobbin became wet enough to activate the firing mechanism which pierces the CO2 cartridge. During removal of the cartridge for inspection, it seemed to not be well seated which would have allowed air to escape around the threads of the cartridge while not inflating the vest. And it all happening unnoticed.

It all might remain a mystery but surely it serves as a reminder to check those inflatables.

Shoot me an email or give a call if you are ready for your 2017 VSC.

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District 16 Educational Seminar/ Incoming Officers Meeting

April 29, 2017 – 0900 to 1600
116 COAST Hotel, Bellevue, WA
Hosted By: Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron

The 116 Coast Hotel located at 625 116th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004 is the venue for this year's District 16 Educational/Incoming Officers Meeting. The conference room doors will open at 0830. We ask that you preregister and send a check indicating your lunch selection, which will be catered by the hotel.

For those members driving and planning to stay overnight there will be a special guestroom rate of \$129 per night for Friday 28th and 29th. To take advantage of this rate call Shari at 425-709-1102 or email: skimball@coasthotelsusa.com. Also, the hotel has a complimentary continental breakfast in the restaurant for all overnight hotel guests

Please attend the lunch as we have a food & beverage requirement to cover the cost of the meeting rooms. Choose either of the three lunch selections for \$22:

[] American Breakfast

Link Sausage, Breakfast Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs, Assorted Muffins, Preserves and Butter, Starbucks regular & decaffeinated coffee, assorted Teas.

[] Taco Salad

Ground Beef, lettuce, tomatoes, olives, Sour Cream, Guacamole & Salsa, Choice of Dressing. Starbucks regular & decaffeinated coffee, assorted Teas.

() Vegan - TBD

To register for lunch please send a check for \$22.00 and indicate your lunch preference to P/R/C Trudy Brown, AP, 3220 98th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004-1813, Phone (425) 454 0115. Email trudyb36@outlook.com
Make checks payable to D-16 ED Seminar.
Need lunch count by April 24.

Please address any additional questions/comments or suggestion to the agenda to Tom Dalglish, (360) 366-3348 waverleytom@gmail.com or
Al Keim, (206) 779-5346 al@keimco.net.

The agenda will be distributed separately.



**ANNUAL DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS
PORT OR POULSBO 23-25 JUNE 2017**

Mark your calendar for the 41st Annual D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo. Watch for updates and registration form on www.uspsd16.org & in your squadron's publication. Reservations for mooring and all meals are made on your registration Form and must be received before 9 June.

DOCKTAIL PARTY-FRIDAY 23 JUNE, "BOATING WITH YOUR TUNES"

Our Docktail party will challenge our imagination and invite each Squadron to serve their choose a hors d'oeuvres that reflects your favorite nautical song. Costumes and Boats decorated are encouraged and there will be a prizes for the best presentation of a nautical song.

SATURDAY MORNING - 24 JUNE

Opening Ceremonies, Fire Extinguisher Demo and Flare Shoot.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - 24 JUNE

Members will be able to attend Sea Skill events from 1300-1500
Shopping in town is always good!

SATURDAY EVENING - 24 JUNE

The Catered BBQ dinner features a choice of Pork Ribs, Chicken or Vegetarian Offering at the Sons of Norway Hall. There will be a raffle of wonderful items. Bring your check book.

SUNDAY, 25 JUNE

Safe boating to home ports.

About 60 slips are reserved for boaters and a block of rooms is reserved in the Guesthouse Inn & Suites at (360) 697-4400, reference "USPSD16".

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION BY 9 JUNE, 2017 TO RECEIVE THE GROUP RATE OF \$90.00 PLUS TAX.

QUESTIONS ???

CONTACT D/LT/C ANNETTE FERGUSON, AP

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ANNUAL DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS PORT OF POULSBO 23-25 JUNE 2017

DOCKING:

Bremerton and Agate Pass Squadrons will be assisting in assigning docking spots, arrival of boats and docking. Please call in on VHF 72, prior to entering the marina, even if you do not wish assistance in docking, please inform the docking crew of your arrival.

REGISTRATION:

Friday and Saturday, rendezvous check-in will be at the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) location at the entrance to "E dock". Times for registration will be posted on front of the building. You must send in the non-refundable \$5.00 dock reservation fee with your reservation to ensure you will have a confirmed slip. The remainder of your moorage fee (for your entire stay), must be paid directly to the Port of Poulsbo, i.e. not to District 16. Please check in on VHF 72 when your boat arrives at the marina. The reservation for your meals and moorage must be received by 9 June 2017. No guarantees for the dinner or dock space after this date.

COASTAL NAVIGATOR AND ADVANCED COASTAL NAVIGATOR:

Certifiers will be available on Thursday and Friday for questions and sign-ups contact ADR Jim West, AP-ACN at jwestboater@comcast.net

FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL:

The Docktail Party is from 1700-1930 on "E Dock". Please bring hors d'oeuvres from your squadron, the theme is "Cruisin to your Favorite Nautical Tune" Boaters- bring tables to set up on the finger docks between boats. All alcoholic beverages must remain within the docks and cannot pass the ramp. The best Cruisin themed serving station decor and costumes that reflect the song will be honored with "special prizes".

SATURDAY MORNING'S OPENING CEREMONY:

It will begin at 1000 on the outside grass area at the rear of the SON Hall. The SS Hurricane Sea Scouts will serve as the honor guard to present the colors, followed by the invocation.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND FLARE PRACTICE:

A fire extinguisher practice session is planned for Saturday morning between 1030 and 1200 at the adjacent park's fire pit. During the same time, there will be a flare shoot of outdated aerial and hand-held flares on the beach behind the Sons of Norway Hall. If you have any outdated flares, please bring them to the practice site. Bob Miller, SN (Poverty Bay) will be the Range Safety Officer for the two exercises.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH EVENTS:

- Youth Poster Contest - 1300-1500 at the gazebo in the park (Over looking marina). Materials will be available for children ages 6-14
- D16 Robot, PFD will be "running" the sidewalk in the park.
- Games for Children are being planned and open to the public

SEA SKILLS EVENT:

1300-1500 -TOPICS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON-

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER:

A "No Host Bar" will be available 1700-2200 and Dinner will be served at 1800. Both Dinner and the Bar will be provided by and held at the SON Hall. We hope each Squadron will bring 1 dessert or more for each 8 members to share. We also ask each Squadron to donate a NEW nautical item valued in the range \$35-\$50. Bring your donation to the upper floor of the SON Hall at 1530. The raffle will open at 1700. Stay after the raffle and claim your items.

QUESTIONS ???


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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>HAPPY APRIL</p> 	<p>BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>Donna Mason David Starrett Walter Wood</p>
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<p>~ General Meeting Information ~</p> <p>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.</p>



Bridge Officers		
Commander	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Executive Officer	John R. Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Administrative Officer	Vacant	
Secretary	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360 387-1194
Treasurer	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Executive Committee		
	Marlene Bellinger, AP	360 757-8091
	Paul Rosetter, 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.	Craig Ford	360 333-5308
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-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Asst Public Relations	Vacant	
Radio Technical	Vacant	
Safety	Bill Stewart, JN	360-424-1270
Vessel Exams	Don Coleman	360 333-2962
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Bob Miller, JN	360 588-9950
Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Local Board Advanced Grds	George Brooks, SN	360 466-3470
Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Administrative Department		
Boating Activities	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Galley	Vacant	
Greeting	Craig Ford	360 333-5308
	Billie Ford	360 941-1956
Membership	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Richard Hunter, P	206 851-2831
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
Public Contact	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Roster	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno	
Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
1 Yr Chair	Judy Bennett, S	707-443-2855
2 Yrs.	Billie Ford	360 941-1956
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Paul Rosetter, AP	360 595-1083
2 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
Rules Committee		
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. **Please insure the names shown are correct!**