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News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron March 2017



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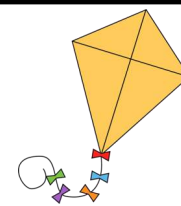
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CALENDAR

09 March—Annual Meeting, Farmhouse, Elections, Miller Travelogue
10-12 March—District 16 Conference, Campbells Resort, Chelan



Well March is certainly living up to coming in like a lion. But it should be a wonderful start to spring. Hopefully some of you are making it to Chelan next weekend to see our own Debbie Richey get sworn in as District Secretary. She swears she will not follow in her husbands footsteps in that regard. Anyone boating this month?



Commander's Message Donna J. Mason, AP

Our March ExCom and Members Meeting is our annual Election of officers as published in last month's "Bitter End." We need a quorum of members, so I hope you'll join us. We also have a full meeting agenda and an unusual program. Bob Miller, our Assistant Educational Officer and Treasurer will present an interesting presentation on his and Jean's travels in India and Bhutan. More information in this issue.

Our April 13 ExCom and Members Meeting will be the annual Change of Watch, a celebration when officers are installed for the April 2017– March 2018 squadron year. The new District 16 Commander will be joining us. For this special meeting, we'll have a buffet dinner at the Farmhouse Restaurant. Hope you can make it.

A reminder to all incoming Bridge Officers and Assitant 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 car-pools. It is important that you attend. You can meet your counterparts of other squadrons.

I'm collecting information about opening day activities in marinas, spring and summer festivals in our neighboring towns, or any other appropriate

venue for us to have a free squadron boating information booth. We now have a great attention-getting stand-up sign, a gift from USPS® National, which should draw adults and children into our booth. We have helpful literature to give away as well as a limited supply of children's coloring books that teach about boating and fire safety. Please let me know if you know of such an event. If you're interested in helping out at a booth, please let me know that too!

The way this year is flying by, Opening Day will be here before you know it. Do you have a plan for getting your boat ready for the season? Have you marked your calendars to join us on boating rendezvous? We'll have a Vessel Safety Examiner certified soon. You'll want to schedule your boat for a vessel safety check. Do you know people who should be taking the ABC boating course? We'll try to have another class before summer activities.

The USPS® website has a wealth of information for those with some patience. Some examples are a full listing of membership benefits, public relations tools (for use at the booth mentioned above) or for those of you who may need to know the policies regarding use of the name, logos, etc. The Brand Standards Manual is available through the website or at http://www.usps.org/images/Exec/Marketing/Branding_Manual.pdf. You'll need to sign in with your membership # (usually begins with E) and your password (on your new membership or renewal form).

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

A place for articles and items of general interest, Jokes, recipes, etc.

WASHINGTON - STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA TO STRAIT OF GEORGIA – GUEMES CHANNEL – Request for reduced wake near drydocks.

Mariners at Lovric’s Sea Craft Inc. in Anacortes, WA have requested that vessels reduce their wake to a minimum when transiting in the vicinity when a vessel is within its drydock. The drydocks are in approximate position 48-30-42N 122-38-44W, near the west entrance to Guemes Channel.

WASHINGTON - STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA TO STRAIT OF GEORGIA – PADILLA BAY – New Bridge – Availability of Public Notice

All interested parties are notified that the Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District has received an application from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF), requesting approval of location and plans for the modification of a bridge over a navigable waterway of the United States. Waterway & Location: Padilla Bay, mile 0.0, along the southern edge near Anacortes, Washington, approximate: Latitude: 48-27-41.4N, Longitude: 122-31-22.7W. Character of Work: BNSF proposes to replace the existing, single track timber bridge, which has reached its structural life expectancy with a new steel and concrete bridge comprised of a pre-stressed concrete double cell box resting on six bents made of precast concrete caps and 4 steel H-piles, each. The new bridge will be approximately 140 feet. For more information, including instructions on providing comments:

The complete public notice (numbered 01-17) including: a brief summary of project impacts, a map of the location, and plans for the proposed bridge can be viewed and printed from website USCG Swinomish Bridge or by calling, emailing, or mailing a request to the Coast Guard Bridge Administrator, Mr. Steven Fischer at (206)220-7282, email at steven.m.fischer3@uscg.mil or by mail at Commander (dpw), Thirteenth Coast Guard District, 915 - 2nd Avenue, Suite 3510, Seattle, WA or via email at D13-PF-D13BRIDGES@uscg.mil. Comments should be mailed to arrive on or before 10 Mar 17. Comments received will be made part of the case record.

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 (need host for Anacortes on land)	Red, White & Blue
July 15	Shipwreck Day, Anacortes Squadron fundraiser	George & Sandy Johnson	
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	Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, U.S.		
Aug 13-15	Poet’s Cove, S. Pender Island, B.C. Canada		
Aug 15 – 17	Ganges, Salt Spring Island, B.C. Canada		
Aug 17-18	Sidney, Vancouver Island, B.C. Canada		
Aug 18-20	Roche Harbor Resort, San Juan Island, U.S.		
September 1-4	Port Townsend’s Point Hudson Marina	Dale Libby	w/Everett & Seattle Sq.
September 30	Coronet Bay, Deception Pass State Park	Kari & Deanna	SB Anniversary Cookout
October 6-8	Rosario Resort, Orcas Island	(need host)	
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

We'll have finished the Saturday, March 4 - Tacoma Train Day Trip by the time you receive this letter. We had a small, but quality group.

Are any boats planning to rendezvous at Friday Harbor April 21-23? Non-boating members are invited to join us as a ferry day trip for the Saturday gathering April 22. Please let me know. 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. Here is the Anacortes – Friday Harbor ferry schedule for April 22:

Leaving Anacortes

Leaving Friday Harbor

AM			AM		
4:15	5:20		5:45	7:10	
6:20	7:40		8:05	9:10	
8:30 ¹	9:55		11:05 ¹	12:10 pm	
9:30	10:35		PM		
PM			1:55 ²	3:00	
2:40	3:45		4:15	5:40	
4:30	5:50		6:25	7:50	
6:00	7:20		7:45	9:05	
8:25	9:45		10:05	11:10	

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

RSVP to donnajmason@gmail.com by Friday, April 14.

So far we have three boats signed up for the entire Canada cruise August 11-20. Some people may be joining us for either or both of the weekends. Please let me know if you have any questions. The itinerary was published in the February “Bitter End.”

March Program:

*Bob and Jean
in India and Bhutan*



Come to the dinner meeting on March 9 at the Farmhouse Restaurant and see some of the sights of the Miller’s travels to India and Bhutan. They have spent seven weeks over two trips visiting the big cities, rural countryside, and the far reaches of bird sanctuaries in the interior. In 2010, their first trip covered the west coast of India from Mumbai to the Taj Mahal and the River Ganges and then hopscotched down the coast through Goa and to the spicy rice-based dishes in Kerala. The second trip in 2016 started in the south-east corner of Mysore and covered the eastern coast up to Kolkata and made a detour into the high tea plantations of Darjeeling. They finished off the trip with a five-day excursion to the Buddhist country of Bhutan, before returning via Delhi. Prior to these pleasure trips, Bob made several extended business trips to India in the mid-1990s.

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
United States Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2017**

The following members were in attendance at the Farmhouse Restaurant:

Donna Mason	George Brooks	Dick Hunter
Paul Rosetter	Jeanne Brooks	Kari Randall-Secrest
Glen Caporgno	George Johnson	Deanna Randall-Secrest
Carolyn Caporgno	Sandy Johnson	
Anton Kerkhove	Ruth Peterson	
Margaret Kerkhove	Bob Miller	
Jack Dyer		

Guests: Mike Lovell, Kristin Lovell, Stephen Drummond, Jeannie Drummond, Steve Drummond, John Woodard

Meeting called to order by Commander Donna Mason at 1830.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Ruth Peterson

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

Executive Officer's Report – Donna Mason for Mark Richey

Boat Show report: 4 members worked the booth (Craig Ford, Richard Hunter, Paul Rosetter, and Donna Mason)

Liaison – Donna Mason for Debbie Richey: Nothing new to report.

Co-Op Charting – Donna Mason for Lynn Stewart: Nothing new to report.

Public Relations Officer – Deanna Randall-Secrest

Added budget item: Donna requested some free materials from national in prep for any booths or tables we have at upcoming events. Although the literature was free, there was a shipping cost of \$42.10. Bob Miller moved we pay for these shipping costs and Ruth Peterson seconded. Motion carried after a vote was held of the Executive Committee members.

Safety Officer – Donna Mason for Bill Stewart

FYI ... some different VHF channel numbers (1005, 1022, etc...) will be utilized in new VHF models.

Vessel Safety Checks – Donna Mason

Don Coleman and possibly two others are going through the certification process.

Squadron Educational Officer's Report – Bob Miller for Debbie Richey:

We still need instructors! Please contact Debbie if interested.

Upcoming class schedule:

The ABC course (instructed by Debbie and Mark Richey, assisted by Bob Miller) in Stanwood is now complete. 6 students total, all passed.

Bob Miller reported:

The Advanced Piloting course is proceeding well. (Instructed by Bob Miller, proctored by Ruth Peterson and assisted by Dick Hunter).

More classes are coming Fall of 2017.

Bob reported that we are now providing course completion certifications to all students that pass any of our classes (both squadron members and the public). Certificates will be provided retroactively back to last fall's Piloting course and forward.

Donna polled the members so that a list could be created of any members that have not yet received their squadron certificate.

Administrative Officer's Report – Dick Hunter:

Tonight's program will be Mike Lovell, President of Anacortes Yacht Charters

March: Travel and Photo Report by Bob Miller on his recent trip to India & Buton

April: Change of Watch

Property Officers – Property/Supply Officer Margaret Kerkhove took orders for squadron 2017 shirts, this year's color is red. Order forms are in the Bitter End and make checks to Rivercity Screenprinting and provide the form and check to Margaret.

Boating Activities – Donna Mason

See February newsletter for upcoming events

Margaret and Anton volunteered to host our Rosario Resort Rendezvous Oct. 6-8

10 people are signed up for this weekend's Langley trip and lunch at Prima Bistro.

Donna reported as of January 2017 we have 53 squadron members, but we have several folks just signing up now.

Secretary's Report – Kari Randall-Secrest:

January minutes approved w/ a correction of the location to the Farmhouse Restaurant.

Motion to accept Jan. minutes w/location change by Paul Rosetter, seconded by Jack Dyer, motion carried.

Donna will cover for Kari and take minutes at the March meeting.

Roster – Bob Miller: new roster coming after Change of Watch in April.

Webmaster – Kari Randall-Secrest

Website's calendar and map have been updated with 2017 events. Notify Kari if you find any errors/omissions.

Kari will test automatic email generation to squadron Bridge members.

Bitter End – Kari Randall-Secrest for Mark Richey: Bitter End for February is out via email and also available on the squadron website.

Treasurer's Report – Bob Miller

Treasury report submitted to Secretary

Balance as 2/1/17: \$6,115.90

Shipwreck Day booth and day use shelter for the Anniversary Cookout have been purchased.

Commander's Report – Donna Mason

USPS national meeting is coming up and since no one from our squadron will be going, Donna has given permission to the D16 Commander to be our delegate.

The District 16 meeting is approaching – will be attended by Donna, Paul, Debbie and Mark and possibly a few others. Debbie has been nominated for the District 16 Secretary position.

Even though the D16 Spring Conference starts on March 9th, we will still have our March meeting that same evening.

Donna announced a new tool available, a 30-page "Boating Primer" for new boaters to use in booths or classes, etc...

Nominating Committee – Donna Mason for Kelly Libby

On each table tonight there are at least two copies of the squadron's nomination list for next year's positions for all members to review. These nominations are also posted in the February newsletter. Election will be held at the March meeting next month.

Old Business

Nothing new to report

New Business

FYI: Donna reported a big moving sale at Steveston Marine & Hardware store in Steveston, B.C., Canada.

Ruth P. and Carolyn C. joined Donna and Debbie R. on the Change of Watch Committee.

Discussion regarding providing a contact person and number when we give out literature at a booth or classes. We decided to simply refer folks to our website for more information and have purposely left off telephone numbers and used email contacts instead due to privacy concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 1910. (motioned by Paul R., seconded by Deanna R., motion carried.)



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

It's been a while since I've written an article. Just before Christmas I was hit with pancreatitis. It's taken me some time to recover. As for the education department, we held an ABC class over two Saturdays at the Stanwood YMCA. We had six students. It was a challenge to get the course in over the two 4 hour days. Next time we'll make it two 5 hour days.

In the past we have used several teachers to teach ABC. Each one taking on a section that they are well versed in. Please look at the list below and let me know if you would be interested in helping out. Your time teaching would be an hour to 1.5 hours.

ABC Sections:

Required Safety Equipment

Navigation Rules

Finding your way – Charting (just showing the students what a charts and the symbols on a chart)

Anchoring

Marine Communications

Trailerling (we always have a lot of students with trailerable boats)

Knots and lines (we only teach two knots now, cleat hitch and bowline)

Bob Miller has been teaching Advanced Piloting. I hear it's been going well.

We are always looking for venues to teach our classes in that are free or low cost. In the past we have used Skagit Valley Hospital and Anacortes Marina.

See you out on the water!

March 2017 Membership

We have some new transfers from Spokane Squadron. Stephen and Jeannie Drummond and their son Steve. Please welcome them! We also have a new member from the recent ABC class, please welcome John West.

Please let me (Debbie Richey/drichey@rocketmail.com) know if you need a new name tag. A replacement will cost \$11.

We have a wonderful new promotional banner mounted on a tripod to use in booths and other public relations activities, compliments of USPS National. This will attract interest and invite people to our booth.



Elected Position Nominations. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following for the 2017-2018 Bridge Year. They will be voted on at the March meeting:

Commander	Donna J. Mason, AP
Executive Officer	John R. Bellinger, SN
Administrative Officer	Vacant
Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP
Asst Education Officer	Robert John Miller, JN
Secretary	Kari A. Randall-Secret, N
Treasurer	Robert John Miller, JN

Executive Committee: Rosetter, Paul L. Bellinger, Marlene F. Johnson, Sandra Dell Libby, Kelly E.

Nominating Committee Chair	Rosetter, Paul L.		
Auditing Committee Chair	Bennett, Judy Haberle	Member 3 yrs	Ford, Billie
Rules Committee Chair	Bellinger, John R.		

Only those needed to be voted on are shown. Current multi-year committee members (except chairs) do not need a vote.

2017 SKAGIT BAY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON SPORTSWEAR

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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 RED CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT <small>8.0 OZ. 50/50 COTTON/POLY 4-COLOR LEFT-CREST PRINT 1-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT</small>								31.00	
								33.00	
								35.00	
18500 RED HOODED PULLOVER SWEATSHIRT <small>8 OZ. 50/50 COTTON/POLY 4-COLOR LEFT-CREST PRINT 1-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT</small>								41.00	
								43.00	
								45.00	

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 RED T-SHIRT <small>6.1 OZ. 100% FRESH-BUNK COTTON 4-COLOR LEFT-CREST PRINT 1-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT</small>								22.50	
								24.50	
								26.50	
G2400 RED LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRT <small>6.1 OZ. 100% FRESH-BUNK COTTON 4-COLOR LEFT-CREST PRINT 1-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT</small>								29.00	
								31.00	
								33.00	
G880 RED POLO SHIRT <small>5.6 OZ. 50/50 COTTON/POLY 4-COLOR LEFT-CREST PRINT 1-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT</small>								31.50	
								33.50	
								35.50	


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ORDERS WILL BE READY AT THE NEXT MEETING.

ORDER TOTAL

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<p>HAPPY MARCH</p> 	<p>BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>Tracy Averill John Bellinger Gary Mohr Billy Poindexter</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>

The gang at Langley WA Day trip.



For the record, Deanna Randall-Secrest can be found wearing long pants.

Bridge Officers		
Commander	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Executive Officer	Mark Richey, SN	425-876-6274
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
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	Vacant	
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	Elisabeth Libby, S	425 923-9368
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	

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.