



THE BITTER END

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
March 2018

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CALENDAR

08 Mar—Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Annual Meeting, Elections

9-11 Mar—D16 Conference, Oak Harbor Best Western

07 April—Friday Harbor Day Trip, Dinner Downriggers



Join us at the Members Meeting on March 8 for our Annual Election of Officers and Committees. After dinner, we'll cruise up the Yangtze River in China. In about 30-45 minutes, discover cultural and societal features of this amazing country. Find out the one main reason why Donna and Paul had to take this trip. See you then!



Commander's Message Donna J. Mason, AP

This is my last Commander Message. I'm delighted to turn over the helm to our proposed Incoming Commander John Bellinger, and wish him the best.

A BIG THANK YOU goes to all the members who made this a successful squadron year.

Our March 8 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 will also have a meeting and program. We'll be cruising down the Yangtze River, through the Three Gorges Dam, and exploring some amazing parts of China.

Our April 12 ExCom and Members Meeting will be the annual Change of Watch, a celebration when officers are installed for the April 2018– March 2019 squadron year. The new District 16 Commander will be joining us. Hope you can make it.

I am delighted that some fairly new members already have actively begun their jobs for the new squadron year which officially begins in April: Margaret and Anton Kerkhove with boating rendezvous, Glen and Carolyn Caporgno with squadron supplies, and Carolyn Caporgno with Programs. They're doing a great job, and this is just what our squadron needs!

To all incoming Bridge Officers, ASEQ, plan to attend, at a TBD date in April, the District 16 Incoming Officers Meeting and the Education Seminar in Bellevue. Perhaps carpools can be organized. It is important that you attend. You can meet your counterparts at other squadrons.

Paul Rosetter and I have been saltwater boaters for 23 years (beginning with our Boston Whaler "Wow Whee" in San Francisco). This begins a new chapter for us. Now "Wow Whee" is on our dock at Lake Whatcom, and we still have our Achilles inflatable "Wee Whee." "Time Flies" will be trucked across the country, and the new owner will be boating from my favorite town on Cape Cod Massachusetts's Falmouth Harbor to Martha's Vineyard Island. Remember the USPS Chart # 1210TR from Basic Boating Class, Piloting and Advanced Piloting? If you look in the middle East side of the chart, you'll see the route from Falmouth to Martha's Vineyard. We had great times on that rugged beauty, and I'm happy "Time Flies" found an excited new owner.

I'm not sailing into the sunset yet. As happens, I have a few jobs in the upcoming squadron year and will continue our efforts to increase our membership. I hope you'll join me in adding some of your expertise and energy to keep our squadron healthy. There are lots of opportunities!

See ya around the docks!



Photo of guest speaker Capt. Debbie Dempsey with Deanna at our February meeting.



Boating Activities Anton and Margaret Kerkhove

The 2018 Boating Rendezvous schedule with Hosts has been made. It is early in the year and easy inter-

net access has people planning and booking space at marinas already. If you are hoping to join one or more of the rendezvous, please let the Rendezvous Host know. This will help the Host with planning as the marinas like to know how many boats will be attending an event. Having your input will be appreciated and can make the rendezvous more enjoyable.

If you have any questions please e-mail Anton & Margaret Kerkhove at amsv@comcast.net.

Here is a list of Boating Rendezvous hosted by Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron:

April 7th Friday Harbor day trip. Hosted by Anton & Margaret Kerkhove at amsv@comcast.net.

This is planned as a Anacortes Ferry trip to Friday Harbor for the day with a late lunch or early dinner at Downriggers Restaurant. The Ferry schedule for Anacortes to Friday Harbor will be available in February. We are hoping for a late morning sail with time for a leisurely walk around town, a meal at Downriggers restaurant and a evening sail back to Anacortes. The Downriggers website is:

<http://www.downriggerssanjuan.com> if you would like to check out the menu.

May 11th-13th Port Hudson Marina, Port Townsend, WA.
Hosted by Bob & Jean Miller

Email: bobmillerwa@hotmail.com ~~CANCELLED~~

June 22nd – 24th Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island, WA
Hosted by Anton & Margaret Kerkhove
Email: amsv@comcast.net

July 2nd – 5th Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham, WA
Hosted by Richard Hunter
Email: richard@anamcaraboat.us

July 5th – 9th BC Canada Cruise, Poet's Cove and Ganges
Hosted by Richard Hunter
Email: richard@anamcaraboat.us

Aug 17th – 19th Mariners Vs. Dodgers, Bell Harbor Marina, Seattle, WA
Hosted by Kari & Deanna Randall-Secret
Email: kasndmr@gmail.com

Oct 5th – 7th Rosario Resort, Orcas Island, WA
Hosted by Kari & Deanna Randall-Secret
Email: kasndmr@gmail.com

Oak Harbor Cruise with Everett Squadron May 25th – 28th

I wanted you to know that the procedure for Oak Harbor has changed. They now require a list of boats 30 days before the event and a 10\$ deposit per boat. They do not accept individual payment for the 10\$ per boat, but 1 payment for all boats that are coming. The 10\$ will apply to the first nights moorage. There is no refund for No shows. So, I will need a list of those who are going by April 23rd with a 10\$ deposit for each boat. You can email the list and mail a check to me. My address is: 222 Driftwood Shores Rd. Camano Island, Wa.98282. Thanks much. Annette Ferguson

Land-based Squadron Activities

Cdr Donna Mason, AP

Our January planning meeting netted a full year's list of activities for you. See the 2018 Rendezvous Schedule in this issue. Our Boating Rendezvous Coordinators Margaret and Anton Kerkhove will write about boat activities. This is news about our land-based activities:

April 14, Saturday, 5th Avenue Theatre "Kiss Me Kate" Day Trip We'll see the 2 p.m. matinee at the beautiful 5th Avenue Theater in Seattle, The 70th Anniversary of "Kiss Me Kate," the multi-Tony Award-winning Cole Porter musical masterpiece of the battle of the sexes. Check their website for more information and seating chart availability: www.5thavenue.org. We did not get enough to qualify for group discount, so individually order your tickets. After the play we'll enjoy an early dinner at nearby Palomino before heading home.

July 21, Saturday, Shipwreck Day Booth in Anacortes George and Sandy Johnson do a great job coordinating our squadron's participation in this amazing day. It is our main fund-raising effort for our squadron and gives us all the opportunity to sort through our stuff for donations. George will announce more information closer to the date.

September 8, Saturday, Vancouver, B.C. Canada Day Trip for the Indian Arm Luncheon Cruise aboard the Harbor Cruises Limited's "M.V. Harbour Princess." This 4-hour luncheon cruise travels through Vancouver's inner harbour, the Burrard Inlet, and then North into Indian Arm, nestled within the Coast Mountain range and protected from the open ocean. As we enjoy our lunch, we'll cruise by the panoramic vistas, the pristine Silver Falls, large waterfront homes, privately owned islands, wildlife and more. Cruise, The buffet menu is at www.boatcruises.com. Prices are in Canadian dollars. We'll drive to Vancouver on our own; people may want to carpool. Bring your passports. Parking

is available in front of the marina and costs C\$14-15/day, payable by credit card. When booking your spot, include Group "Skagit Bay" so we'll all sit together. Also, notify me that you are coming so I can confirm our group.

November 12, Saturday, theater day trip TBD. The fall schedules aren't out yet. Stay tuned!

November 22-25, Thanksgiving Weekend RVing at Fort Casey and Day trips. Hostess Sandy Johnson will announce activities closer to the date.

December 8, Saturday, LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and SBSPS Holiday Party - Estimated but unconfirmed date of the lighted boat parade. LaConner Pub already has us on the schedule for our party.

Emergencies on Board Webinar: This is a great topic for all folks that are onboard your boat, not just the skippers. It will start at 5 pm PST. I have taken a webinar from USPS and they are informative and easy to watch and listen. You just need a computer with speakers. No cameras or microphones are required to attend. If you do register, it seems that PayPal still isn't working for payment.

From USPS Newsletter: Are you prepared for emergencies on board? A new webinar can help you deal with the most common crises you may encounter while boating. Our Emergencies on Board: Preparation for Handling Common Problems webinar will provide you with the knowledge you need to handle emergencies as they occur. Join us Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 8 p.m. ET. The cost is only \$25, a reasonable investment for this important information. To register, go to <http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?W-7391>. Email: **Chris Windeler**

SOS – Save lives! **By Cdr Donna J. Mason, AP**

Recent news of two tragic accidents brings to light why we need ABC Class instructors.

Thanks to Debbie Richey's Facebook posting, most of us know about the Columbia River 30' fast-moving boat which ran over a stationary fishing boat causing three people to jump overboard, because the pilot "couldn't see because the front of the boat was in the way."

Sunday, January 21, the Coast Guard rescued a critically injured woman and retrieved the body of her 27-year-old boyfriend from the windy, salt water off Burien's Three Tree Point where their 15-foot boat capsized. The Coast Guard reported 4' waves. Only the bow was visible when the USCG arrived. The Puget Sound water temperature was 47°. Neither of the two boaters were wearing life jackets.

It is hard for us to believe how these accidents could happen, how people could be so unaware. Yet, our population is full of people needing, at minimum, a basic boating education. That's where we come in. Our squadron could teach several ABC classes a year, if only we had instructors.

So, here is my plea: please consider becoming an instructor. There are several people who can help you along the way, and you wouldn't have to start out with a class by yourself. We really need instructors. The Washington State populace needs you! Please contact our Squadron Educational Officer Debbie Richey at 425 750-9551 or drichey@rocketmail.com.



Education Department
D/Lt/C Debbie Richey, AP

Piloting will be starting on Wednesday, April 5. It will run for 10 weeks once a week and will be taught at Anacortes Marina. If you ever wanted to know what all those symbols are on a chart and how to use one to find your way on the water, this class is for you. Hope to see you there!

We are still planning on a springtime ABC course. The formats I'm looking are an all day class, a class over three Saturdays, or a twice a week class in the evenings. What are your thoughts?

Just a reminder that USPS also has on-line courses, seminars and webinars available. Please visit this website for more information: <https://beyondboating.org/education-matters/online-boating-education/>

Flotsam and Jetsam

Buoy 35 on the north side of the Swinomish Channel is currently off station. If you have a course set up to navigate the channel, be aware.

Piloting Course Starts in April 2018

When you are out on the water and look at a paper chart:

- Can you locate your current position on the paper chart?
- Do you get a brain freeze when looking at all of the funny symbols and colors on the chart?
- Make funny “Uhh” sounds when a guest asks “what is that thing there?”
- Can’t visualize what the GPS chart plotter is telling you with the real world view out the pilot house window?
- Have no clue of what to do when the GPS screen goes black?

Well, you may need to take the USPS Piloting Course. I just looked at the squadron’s educational records and see that 23 members of Skagit Bay SPS have **not** completed the Piloting course. Here is your chance to brush up on your charting skills and to incorporate them with the use of your electronic navigation tools. Also it a good way to stop saying “Uhh” a lot.

Piloting Course Description

Piloting 2011 is the first course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation. This course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student’s skills through hands-on practice and learning. Nine classes of two hours each normally are scheduled for presentation of this course. In addition the students have seven days to complete the open book exam. Topics covered include:

- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner’s compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
- Pre-planning safe courses and entering them into the GPS
- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning
- The “Seaman’s Eye” – simple skills for checking that one is on course.

The Squadron is scheduling the nine-week course to start at 6:30 pm on April 3 and to finish by the end of May. The take home exam is returned on June 6. We will be using the upstairs classroom at Anacortes Marina, 2415 T Ave, Anacortes. The course will be offered to the public for a non-members price of \$155 (\$200 for a couple sharing tools and the books) and to USPS members for the discounted price of \$90 (\$115 for a couple sharing).

Interested? Send an email message to our SEO Debbie Richey, drichey@rocketmail.com and sign-up now! **Registration closes March 15, 2018.**



Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron



USPS Piloting Course

Anacortes Marina, 2415 T Ave., Anacortes, WA 98221
Upstairs Classroom Wednesdays, April 4 to June 6, 2018
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool while covering enough of traditional techniques, so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. Topics covered include:

- Charts and their interpretation
- Navigation aids and how they point to safe water
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic
- Use of GPS – typical GPS displays and information they provide, setting up waypoints and routes, staying on a GPS route.
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- Monitoring progress and determining position by both GPS and traditional techniques such as bearings and dead reckoning
- The “Seaman’s Eye” – simple skills for checking that one is on course.

\$155 for individuals or \$200 for two sharing a book and material
(USPS members, \$90 and \$115)

Details and Information: Debbie Richey, 360-387-1260,
drichey@rocketmail.com

Registration closes March 15, 2018



Some great pictures that Shani took of our crew working the boat show.



The gang at Prima Bistro lunch February 17



**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
United States Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2018**

The following squadron members were also in attendance:

Sandy Johnson	Richard Hunter	Carolyn Caporgno
George Johnson	Donna Mason	Glen Caporgno
Marlene Bellinger	Paul Rosetter	Craig Ford
John Bellinger	Bob Miller	Deanna Randall-Secrest
Steve Drummond	Debbie Richey	Kari Randall-Secrest
Jeanne Drummond	Don Coleman	Wayne Williams
Stephen Drummond	Jack Dyer	
Ruth Peterson	Dan Scott	

*quorum present

Guests:

Guest speaker Debbie Dempsey and friends Lesley, Kari, and McKenna Cardwell. Cruise Planning students Stan Svenson and Janice Svenson.

Meeting location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Meeting called to order @ 1840

Invocation by Ruth Peterson

Pledge of Allegiance

Commander Mason welcomed all guests and introductions all around.

Executive Officer's Report – John Bellinger

- Many thanks to all members who worked the USPS booth at the Seattle Boat Show. Turns out SBSPS had the most number of members working the booth ... Great job all!
- Liaison – Debbie Richey
 - Nothing new to report
- Safety Officer's Report – Donna Mason for George Brooks
 - The Safe Boating Campaign's "Wear Your Lifejacket to Work Day" is May 18 and it's a great way to start a boating safety conversation!
 - National Safe Boating Week is May 19-25 and Donna suggested submitting a group photo of members wearing their life jackets to the Safe Boating Campaign. "Ready Set Wear It" events registration begins in March.
- VSC – Don Coleman
 - Don received 5 inquiries about Vessel Safety Checks from the Seattle Boat Show. Contact Don if you need a Vessel Safety Check!

Squadron Education Officer's Report – Debbie Richey

- Changes in courses per National:
 - "Paddle Smart" seminar will be updated soon as soon as NASBLA finishes updating and then the course can be taught again.
 - "AIS" course is being revised and is the last stages headed towards production.
 - "GPS" seminar is also being revised and will be broken into two parts, an "Intro to GPS" and and "Advanced GPS".
 - "Using Propane and Butane Aboard Your Boat" – This is a brand new seminar and has been approved by the ABYC.
 - "Radar" seminar is very outdated and National is looking for an author to volunteer to rewrite the seminar.
 - "ABC" is undergoing a review and is being updated and is undergoing re-approval which can be slow, so we'll likely be able to teach the new course sometime next year. We'll continue teaching the current "ABC" course.
 - "Seamanship" course is finally going to E-books! Is expected to be released in June 2018. Students will be able to choose physical book or E-book version.
 - "Engine Maintenance" - no plans to update this course at this time.
 - "Marine Electrical Systems" course - an updated course will be available later this year.

- “Marine Communication Systems” course may get revised in 2018 if National can find someone to author it.
- “Marine Navigation Systems” course – no plans to update it at this time since National doesn’t have an author for it.
- “Piloting” course is being renamed to “Marine Navigation” – no ETA on it yet.
- “Advanced Piloting” course is being renamed to “Advanced Marine Navigation” – no ETA on it yet.
- Any USPS course can also be taken online through the University of West Florida.
- SBSPS will continue to teach the current versions of each course until the new versions become available.
- National is looking for technical writers to help with the course text revisions. Contact Debbie if interested.
- Skagit Bay is planning to teach the following upcoming classes:
 - “Piloting” – will be offered first part of April.
 - “ABC” – Debbie is still looking for a venue for this course.
- There was discussion regarding course venues and possibility of paying for a venue. Debbie estimated an increase in \$10-15 per student per course if we need to begin paying for a venue. Anacortes Marina will continue to be a location for us, but we’d like to find other venues for those times when the Marina’s classroom is not available due to conflicts with their other scheduled courses.
- Donna made additional requests for members who might be interested in becoming instructors.

Administrative Officer’s Report – Donna Mason for (vacant)

- Meetings and Programs
 - Tonight: Capt. Deborah Dempsey is our speaker tonight.
 - She is the 1st American woman to be licensed as a Master Mariner and command a cargo ship on international voyages.
 - March program: Cruising Down the Yangtze River in China by Donna Mason and Paul Rosetter
 - Langley Day Trip is Feb 17 – Contact Donna soon if you plan to attend.
- Membership – Debbie Richey
 - Please welcome Wayne Williams our newest squadron member who discovered us when he recently completed Bob Miller’s Cruise Planning course.
 - Donna thanked her fellow Membership Committee members Bob Miller, Debbie Richey and Carolyn Caporgno for their work on our new member packets. All existing members received a copy at tonight’s meeting.
- Property Officer – George Johnson
 - George announced we should consider what to do with the 4 sextants owned by the squadron that no longer get used as much in the Junior Navigation and Navigation courses. Donate them? Sell them?
- Supply Officers – Glen and Carolyn Caporgno
 - Carolyn announced that forms for purchasing this year’s shirts/visors/hats have been emailed to all members and forms are available at the meeting tonight. Please submit your order form and check to Carolyn and Glen within the next few days so she can place the order.

Secretary’s Report – Kari Randall-Secrest

- January meeting minutes – motion to accept the minutes made by Donna Mason, seconded by Debbie Richey. Motion approved.
- Bitter End newsletter is out. Thank you, Mark Richey!
 - Debbie mentioned if you need to send Mark a last minute correction to your Bitter End article, please note that it’s a correction/revision in the subject line of your email to him so he doesn’t assume he already has your contribution.
- Roster - Bob Miller
 - Nothing new to report
- Scrapbook – Carolyn Caporgno and Sandy Johnson
 - Scrapbook is present tonight for your enjoyment. Send photos to Carolyn to be included in the scrapbook.
- Webmaster – Kari Randall-Secrest
 - Bitter End is available on the website.
 - 2018 Events are posted on the website.
 - Donna requested we post our tentative April Piloting class on the Education page.

Treasurer’s Report – Bob Miller

- Secretary has received a copy of the current treasury report for the squadron records.
- Account balance as of end of Jan. 2018: \$8165.64
- Most bills through April have been paid.

Commander's Report – Donna Mason

- Since no members from our squadron plan to attend the upcoming National Meeting, we have transferred our delegate to the District 16 Commander.
- Member Benefits – One of the last pages in the new member packet, there is a list of member benefits so be sure to check it out.
- Donna passed around the flyer announcing this year's D16 Photo Contest.
- The D16 Educational Seminar and Incoming Officer's Meeting is April 28 and will be held in Bellevue. More information forthcoming from D16 on this soon.

Old Business

- Nominations Committee Report – Paul Rosetter
 - The slate of nominees has been provided and everyone should have received a copy.
 - The squadron will be voting at the March meeting.
- Donna thanked all Nominations Committee Members Paul Rosetter, George Johnson and Carolyn Caporgno for their work on this year's nominations.
- Donna provided with a thank you letter from the Skagit Valley Neighbors in Need food bank for our donation made to them collected at the 2017 Holiday Party for the Secretary's records.

<Break for dinner and speaker's presentation>

Meeting adjourned @ 2045.

New Web App Shows Real-time Weather and Ocean State Data

The link to the NVS website, <http://nvs.nanoos.org/Boaters> is a great one for boaters in the PNW since it collects weather station and sea state data from NOAA stations and buoys in our region. Click on the sea buoys to find the wave heights in the Juan da Fuca and Georgia Straits.

The NAANOS information page states:

NVS is part of the Northwest Association of Networked Ocean Observing Systems (<http://www.nanoos.org/>), which is sponsored by a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (<http://www.noaa.gov/>). The goals of NANOOS are to present existing and develop new and experimental prediction data and products to address the ocean observing and predicting needs of local stakeholders such as tribes, state/local governments, researchers, industry, educators, and the general public.

NANOOS and its member collaborators throughout Washington, Oregon, Northern California, and British Columbia (Canada) offer these new and existing experimental data and products but assume no liability for any damages arising from any predictions found herein. Rather, we provide them to indicate the value of future validated and verified data and products arising from this effort

Use the page to see what is happening on our cruising waters before your head out.

Lt/C, Bob Miller, JN
ASEO

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron		
NOMCOM for Squadron Year 2018-2019, Final Report, January 20, 2018		
I. Candidates for Election by active members		
Bridge	Commander	John Bellinger
	Executive Officer	Kelly Libby
	Educational Officer	Debbie Richey
	Administrative Officer	Carolyn Caporgno
	Secretary	Kari Randall-Secrest
	Treasurer	Bob Miller
	Executive Committee	Marlene Bellinger
		Sandy Johnson
		Paul Rosetter
	(most recent P/C slot)	Donna Mason
Auditing	1yr	(vacant)
	2 yr	Jack Dyer
	3 yr	Marlene Bellinger
NomCom	1 yr	George Johnson
	2 yr	Donna Mason
	3 yr	(vacant)
Rules Committee	1 yr	John Bellinger
	2 yr	Donna Mason
	3 yr	(vacant)
II. Elected by ExCom	ASEO	Bob Miller
III. Appointed Department Positions		
Commander	Chaplain	Ruth Peterson
	Flag Lieutenant	Steve Drummond
	Merit Marks	Debbie Richey
Executive	Co-op Charting	(vacant)
	Liaison	Debbie Richey
	Marketing	Donna Mason
	Public Relations	Kelly Libby
	Radio Tech	George Brooks
	Safety Committee	George Brooks
		Bill Stewart
	VSC Chair	Don Coleman
Educational	Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson
	Local Board Advanced Grades	George Brooks
	Local Board Elective Courses	John Bellinger
Administrative	Boating Activities Chair	Donna Mason
	Boating Rendezvous Coordinators	Margaret and Anton Kerkhove
	Greetings	Craig and Billie Ford
	Membership	Shani Taha
	Ops Training	Debbie Richey
	Programs	Carolyn Caporgno
	Property Officer	George Johnson
	Supply Officers	Glen Caporgno
Secretary	Editor	Mark Richey
	Historian	George Johnson
	Scrapbooker	Carolyn Caporgno
	Roster	Bob Miller
	Webmaster	Kari Randall-Secrest

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.®



~ 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.

Mount Vernon Tulip Festival Street Fair April 20-22, 2018

Join us at the Mt. Vernon Tulip Festival Street Fair weekend. Yes, our squadron will have a booth at the Street Fair this year. What a great opportunity to get the word out about Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron, USPS®, America's Boating Club®, our boating courses, our Vessel Safety Checks, membership, and all the fun we have on and off the water.

Opportunities: Friday morning April 20: help set-up completed by 10 a.m., join us for a couple of hours of booth duty during the weekend, and then help with booth take-down Sunday afternoon, April 22.

Booth hours: Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Then we'll dismantle the booth and enjoy a well-deserved dinner somewhere nearby.

Please contact donnajmason@gmail.com to help with this event.

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.	Glen & Carolyn Caporgno	209-484-2365
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	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Asst Public Relations	Vacant	
Radio Technical	George Brooks, SN	
Safety	George Brooks, SN	
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
Rendezvous	Margaret & Anton Kerkove	360-588-4808
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	Carolyn Caporgno	209-484-2365
Property Officer	Vacant	
Supply Officers	Glen & Carolyn Caporgno	209-484-2365
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.	Jack Dyer	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Paul Rosetter, AP	360 595-1083
2 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
3 Yrs.	Carolyn Caporgno	209-484-2365
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!