



THE BITTER END

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
April 2019

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CALENDAR



- 11 April- Change of Watch, Farmhouse Restaurant
- 19-21 April- Tulip Festival Booth, Mt. Vernon
- 20 April- Ed Seminar and Incoming Officers Meeting, Bellevue
- 02 May- Executive Board Meeting TBD



Come to change of watch and welcome in your new bridge. The initial registration for the District Rendezvous is here. Get a jump on it! Starting the Sept issue, I would like to start publishing the Bitter End the end of the month before.



Commanders Message Cdr. John Bellinger, SN

Wow! Another year has gone, and I believe it has been a very successful one for the Squadron. We have had great success with our Boater Education classes thanks to the leadership of Debbie Richey and Bob Miller. Our marketing efforts have gone full steam ahead with Donna Mason at the helm. Donna has produced new rack cards for handing out information about the squadron. She has also had our canopy repaired and is now looking at purchasing a new banner to emphasize our new brand. We have had many fine program presenters due to the efforts of Carolyn Caporgno who also maintains the squadron scrapbooks for us. Our membership has remained constant while many squadrons have not been so fortunate. Our Membership chair Shani Taha has been working diligently to attract new members and keep the old ones happy.

I want to thank all these hard-working people for the time and effort they have put in on our behalf.

I also want to thank the many others who have supported the squadron by attending meetings and other squadron activities. It is your support that makes all the work done by the bridge worthwhile.

We are off to Langley this weekend for lunch at the Prima Bistro with other squadron members. This is always a fun trip down Whidbey Island to have lunch with friends and enjoy a great meal. The town of Langley has many interesting shops and activities to keep us occupied. We really enjoy the bookstore. I hope they can stay open with all the on-line competition.

Now it is my time to step aside and let Mark take the helm for the next year. I have had a lot of fun working with my bridge this year and I thank them for all their help.

I hope you will join us for our "Change of Watch" on Thursday April 11th at the Farmhouse, I know the RSVP date will have gone when you read this, but I think if you get in touch with Carolyn real soon, we will make it happen.

Good Review of our Website

Good Afternoon Mr. Bellinger,
I just wanted to send you folks at the SBSPS a little positive feedback... one of the kiddos I'm mentoring this year was here yesterday working on a project, part of the project involves boating & water research, and when he was researching he ended up on your "Marine Links" webpage... Daniel thought we should say thanks because he was able to find just about all the info he needed from the sites on that page.. so thank you John haha :) and he wanted to pay back the favor, so he picked out another interesting resource he came across in his research to share with you...

<https://libertycruise.nyc/packages/famous-historical-ships-warships-to-cruise-ships-> "Famous Historical Ships: Warships to Cruise Ships"

This has some fun info on several famous ships from history, so Daniel thought you'd want to add it to your 'Miscellaneous Marine Info' links, for other kids and students who find the SBSPS website... hopefully you can! I know he'd be so proud to see that you used his suggestion :)

Thanks again John and have a good day, happy boating!!

Sincerely,
Debra Turner (and Daniel S.)



Education Department Lt/C Robert Miller, JN

Our outgoing Squadron Educational Officer, Debbie Richey, left the Educational Department in good shape. During the past year, the department's instructors taught *America's Boating Course* three times to 51 students, *Piloting* to 12 people, and *Radar for Boaters* to an additional 18 students. In all, the department advanced the boating skills of 81 boaters. A job well done, indeed.

As I move into the role of Squadron Educational Officer, the department has an even more intensive schedule and we are working to the following tentative schedule:

- June 2019 – Marine Communications
- September – ABC
- October – Boat Handling (ex-Seamanship)
- January 2020 – Electronic Navigation
- February -- ABC
- March/April – thinking about Marine Navigation (ex-Piloting) if it is ready, or Cruise Planning

While we regroup over the next couple of months, we need to locate classrooms, set dates, and prep the instructors. Stay tuned to this column for details. Check out the District 16 Courses Page, <https://www.uspsd16.org/courses-classes>, to see what other courses are being offered by nearby squadrons.

Also, during the summer, I hope to be able to offer internally the Instructor Development (ID) course for new instructors and the Instructor Re-Certification seminar to instructors whose certification has lapsed. The ABC course must be headed by a certified instructor per the NASBLA rules.

Our current course, *Radar for Boaters*, is a new course prepared by the Canadian Power Squadrons and co-instructor George Brooks and I are having a great time teaching the use of radar to 18 eager students. The squadron is having great luck in reaching non-USPS boaters in the area with our courses and we are capturing new members through them, four in the past few months.

I will be calling on everyone in the squadron to help out with the courses, whether teaching a segment, helping with class registration, grading exams, proctoring, or doing an 'infomercial' on why students should join the squadron. I have found it helpful in the recruiting process when students see several squadron members involved in the classes. Our Membership Chair, Shani Taha, has a great 10 minute sales pitch.

Give me a yell at bobmillerwa@hotmail.com saying "I want to help out and want to take the ID or Instructor Recertification courses."

Boat safely, Bob

"Squadron members enjoyed comraderie and delicious lunch at Primo Bistro, April 6: Marlene Bellinger, Glen and Carolyn Caporgno, Donna Mason, Kari and Deanna Randall-Secret, Deanna's sister Danette, Deanna's Mom Raeanna, Paul Rosetter, Debbie and Mark Richey, and John Bellinger."



Squadron Activities 2019

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

April 6 Langley Day Trip, hosted by Paul and Donna

Still a little early to be out in your boat? Join us for a driving trip to the picturesque village of Langley on Whidbey Island. Carpooling encouraged. We'll poke around town on our own: look down at the marina to see boats coming in to dock in tight space, visit the local shops, antique shops, resale shops, and meet us at Noon upstairs at Prima Bistro for a gourmet lunch from the "best hamburgers in the world" to French fare. See their menu at <http://primabistro.com>. After lunch, you'll want to walk around town a bit. RSVP to donnajmason@gmail.com if you'd like to attend.

April 19-21 Mt. Vernon Tulip Festival Booth

We'll be there! Please help with Friday set-up, booth duty 3 days, dismantling Sunday afternoon, followed by dinner in a nearby pub. Last year over 5,000 people attended the street fair. It is a great way to create awareness of our organization and what we offer.

June 21-23 District 16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo, information will be announced by D16. Check their website: <https://www.uspsd16.org>. If you plan to go by boat, make your slip reservation asap.

June 30, Sunday, Boating Safety Day Festival and June Members Meeting/Picnic, Anacortes

This replaces our June monthly meeting usually held the second Thursday of the month. Our squadron has rented the Seafarers' Memorial Park Building off Commercial Avenue for the entire day. First, beginning late morning, we'll have a Safety Day Festival, open to the public for people of all ages: tables with information, people to answer questions, demonstrations (of proper fitting life vest, for example), boating safety class for kids, coloring books for kids, i.e. items of interest to all types of boaters and water craft users. We'll be inside a sheltered building next to the water near Cap Sante Marina. This is an opportunity to educate about boating safety, introduce our organization to the public, and entice people to take classes, come to our meetings, and become members. We hope many squadron members will take part. Then about 4 p.m., we will close down to the general public and convert our space for our June meeting and potluck picnic for Squadron members and spouses/partners/children. It will be a fun, rewarding day. Hope you'll join us. If you are unable to participate in the Festival, you still can join us for the potluck picnic meeting. Email donnajmason@gmail.com to participate.

July 13, Coronet Bay Crab Cookout, at Deception State Park, by car or boat, hosted by Kari and Deanna Randall-Secret who will announce details later. We have the shelter reserved for the day, so this will be rain or shine. This is not a State Parks free day, so you'll need a parking permit.

July 20, Shipwreck Day in Anacortes We'll be there again this year! Contact George and Sandy Johnson if you have items to donate.

August 23-25, Seattle Mariners vs. Toronto & Bell Harbor Marina Rendezvous, by car or boat, hosted by Kari and Deanna Randall-Secret and Mark and Debbie Richey.

Game time is 6:10 p.m. on Saturday, August 24, but come early and join in other festivities, TBA.

September 14 Diablo Lake and Lunch Cruise, hosted by Paul and Donna

Time to sign up: Finally, the website is set up to take your reservation for the Saturday, Sept. 14 North Cascades Institute Diablo Lake and Lunch Cruise. Spots fill up fast.

Click on https://ncascades.org/signup/programs/skagit-tours/diablo-lake-boat-tours?utm_source=Book%20diablo%20boat%20and%20lunch to start your reservation. In the Please Describe Allergies/Restrictions section, add "We are with Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron group." (There's no other way to let them know we are a group...)

Then, please send me an email so I know you're coming. Cost: Adults \$45, Seniors 62+ \$42, Youth 3-12 \$22, Infant 0-2 free. Check in 10 a.m., tour ends 2 p.m. This will be a fun day, rain or shine! Hope to see you there. 43 slots left. Paul and I are signed up already

September 28, Coronet Bay, Deception State Park, Squadron Anniversary Cookout, by car or boat, hosted by our incoming commander. We have the shelter reserved for the day, so this is another rain or shine event. It is a free State Parks

day, so no parking permit required.

October 11-13 (or 14?), Portland, Oregon Train Trip and Weekend in the City, hosted by Paul and Donna. Pencil in the date on your calendar. We'll take Amtrak from Mt. Vernon station to Portland, OR's Union Station. We'll roll our luggage to our hotel a few blocks away (people can choose their own hotel; we recommend the downtown area, especially the beautiful, historic Benson). Portland has so much to offer (in addition to the Saturday Market and Powell's Books!). We'll explore by walking and using street cars, and we'll enjoy yummy food. Depending on people's wishes, we'll return Sunday or Monday on Amtrak to Mt. Vernon.

November 27 – December 1 Thanksgiving at Fort Casey RV, Coupeville and Port Townsend Day trips. Stay tuned for how this Thanksgiving weekend with RVers or car day trippers falls into place.

December 7 LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and Squadron Holiday Party Dinner, hosted by Paul and Donna

In December we celebrate instead of having a monthly meeting. The LaConner Pub has reserved space for our squadron party once again. (Is it the chocolate cake we share with them, or because we have so much fun?) The Snohomish Yacht Club has scheduled its lighted boat parade that evening. Last December's was the best one yet. Join us this year for a good time.

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
United States Power Squadron
General Meeting Minutes – Mar. 14, 2019**

Attendance

Debbie Richey	Mark Richey	Carolyn Caporgno
Glen Caporgno	John Bellinger	Marlene Bellinger
Jack Dyer	Bob Miller	Sandy Johnson
George Brooks	Don Coleman	George Johnson
Wayne Williams	Molly Williams	Carol Yaw
Jeanne Brooks	Shani Taha	Chuck Yaw
Donna Mason	Paul Rosetter	Cheryl Scott

Jim Scott

*quorum present (10% of members)

Guest: Robert H. Perry (tonight's speaker)

Meeting called to order at 1835 at the Farmhouse Restaurant, La Conner

Flag salute

Commander John Bellinger conducted swearing in of new members Chuck and Cheryl Yaw, and Jim Scott.

Executive Officer's Report – John Bellinger for Kelly Libby

- Marketing Report – Donna Mason
 - New rack cards and handouts are here and Donna has provided them to Shani Taha to offer at classes and she'll bring more to our next meeting so members can have them on hand also.
 - The Challenge Grant is now closed and we didn't quite make it, but we got close! Well done all.
 - Donna reminded everyone that regarding promotional items, you'll be seeing much less "United States Power Squadron" terminology and much more of "America's Boating Club" in keeping with national's new branding.
 - Donna reported the new booth canopy has been ordered and is on its way.

- Donna received 3 sets of new literature, some from Washington State regarding their ongoing campaign to promote safe boating and promotion of the state Boater Education Card as well as some literature from National for our upcoming marketing ventures.
- Donna announced we have 2 booths to man this year at upcoming events. Donna sent around sign-up sheets for each. Contact Donna if you'd like to help with booth duty (sign up for 2-hour increments) at the upcoming Tulip Festival. The other event is for our Seafarers Park Safe Boating Day booths on June 30, which will also be the location of our June general meeting and squadron party to occur at the end of the day after we close the booths down.
- There was discussion regarding purchase of a new banner since our old banner only has the old power squadron terminology and is missing the new America's Boating Club logo. Donna plans to get some quotes for the next meeting.

Education Officer - Debbie Richey

- Assistant Education Officer Bob Miller reported the upcoming Radar course is full with 18 students signed up. The class starts one week from this Saturday. Bob will co-teach it with George Brooks.
- Bob announced a tentative schedule for upcoming classes over the next year will be published in the next Bitter End newsletter.
- Bob announced that the D16 Education Seminar and Incoming Officer Seminar will be held April 20th in Bellevue.

Administrative Officer - Carolyn Caporgno

- Squadron Programs - Carolyn Caporgno
 - Carolyn introduced tonight's speaker, Robert H. Perry, Yacht Designer.
 - Carolyn announced that she is attempting to reschedule Sara Young with Port of Skagit to talk about the Swinomish Channel dredging for the May program.
- Squadron Activities - Donna Mason
 - Donna announced our next activity is this Saturday March 16, Friday Harbor Ferry Day Trip. 10 members are already signed up.
 - Donna will send an email out soon about the upcoming Langley Day Trip on April 6th.
 - Bob Miller announced the Sydney rendezvous has been canceled due to a scheduling conflict with the Vancouver Boat Show.
 - Donna reported our payment for the June 30 Seafarers Park facility was briefly lost and then found by Cap Sante Marina. Whew.
 - Debbie announced she'll send out an email about purchasing Mariners tickets soon through her season ticket holder account for our Seattle Bell Harbor Rendezvous, Aug 23-25. Game day is Aug. 24th (vs Toronto Blue Jays). Please contact Debbie if you'd like to purchase tickets so we can enjoy the game together as a group.
 - Donna announced the Diablo Lake boat tour website is still not updated for this year, so we are waiting for that to plan our boat tour day trip. She expects they'll update the site by end of March/start of April.
- 2019 Shirt Orders - Carolyn Caporgno
 - Carolyn brought order forms tonight if you need one or you can place an order yourself online at Clever Kathy's in La Conner. Burgees are also available for \$25.00.

Secretary – Kari Randall-Secret

- Debbie Richey made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Jack Dyer seconded. Motion carried.
- Scrapbook – Carolyn Caporgno

- Carolyn reported the scrapbook is coming along nicely and is here for your enjoyment tonight. She requested photos for the scrapbook be sent to her as a PDF file, please. Still looking for older photos to fill in squadron history on scrapbook. Next meeting she'll have the original scrapbook for review.
- Webmaster – Kari Randall-Secret
 - Work on the website is ongoing... Kari will update the link to the National course listings.

Treasurer – Bob Miller

- Account balance: \$6358.73 (as of 2/28/19)
- Ex Com has approved our new budget for next year. Bob has copies available for anyone who'd like one.
- The Auditing Committee will be conducting the annual audit soon.

Commander - John Bellinger

- John reported the D16 Conference in Bellevue went well. Marketing was a large focus for the conference.
- John announced the awards our squadron received:
 - Mark Richey received the Distinctive Communicator 2018 award for our Bitter End newsletter.
 - Skagit Bay received our USPS Education Fund Certificate of Merit for 15 years of participation in the fund.
 - Kari Randall-Secret received the Distinctive Performance Website 2018 award.
 - Shani Taha received honorable mention for Member retention - Shani Taha
- George Johnson reported the Shipwreck Day booth(s) have been procured and we are ready to go July 20th. If you have any items to donate, contact George Johnson.
- Commander John Bellinger conducted the election for our nominated incoming bridge officers and committee postings as posted in the recent Bitter End newsletter. Motion to approve nominations made by Mark Richey. Seconded by Debbie Richey. Motion carried.
- John reminded everyone that Change of Watch will be held April 11th at the Farmhouse. Please contact Carolyn Caporgno to make your reservation. Dinner is \$26/person provided with tax and gratuity included.

New Business

- Discussion regarding menu changes for the next meeting. Donna will report changes to the restaurant.

Debbie Richey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Carolyn Caporgno. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 1940.





Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 21-23 June 2019

Registration:

Name(s): _____
Phone: _____

Squadron: _____
Email: _____

*****If you are coming for any of the rendezvous events PLEASE register***
Registering only for events/fellowship (no food or moorage) circle YES**

All meal & moorage reservations must be received per below prior to June 7, 2018.

No guarantee for moorage or catered dinners will be given after this date!!

Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB) "Dock Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock". Squadrons will have tables set up between their boats on the finger docks for serving hors d'oeuvres from their favorite Caribbean Island to share with fellow district members and guests.

Boat Operator Certification: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator and Advanced Coastal Navigator is pending. For questions or to sign-up contact ARD Bob Anderson at passage1@wavecable.co or Jim West at jwestboater@comcast.ne or 360-656-5954.

Saturday Evening Dinner: Soft Shell Tacos or Enchiladas, Red Beans & Rice, Southwestern Corn, Chips and Salsa Bar **\$28/person**

Please note selection & quantity:

Beef Enchiladas _____ Chicken Soft Tacos _____ Vegetarian (Cheese Enchiladas) Total \$ _____

MOORAGE Reservations:

- **Pay a nonrefundable \$5 for moorage reservation prior to June 7, 2018.** Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is \$1.15/foot + .75/visit (30' minimum & includes 30 amp electrical hook-up).
- **Please circle your "1st choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard bow out port bow out starboard
- **Please circle your "2nd choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard bow out port bow out starboard
- **Please circle Arrival Day:** (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)
- **Estimated arrival time:** _____

Prior to entering the marina hail "US Power Squadron" on Ch72 for docking instructions.

Boat Name: _____ **LOA** _____ **Beam** _____ **Draft** _____

Special Considerations: _____

Non-refundable Moorage Reservation Fee (\$5.00): \$ _____

Total Enclosed (food & moorage): \$ _____

LODGING:

Call Guest House Inn at 360-697-4400. Reference "US Power Squadron Dist 16" for group rate of \$105 (6/20) \$125 (6/21 & 6/22) plus tax. **Group block rate closes June 6, 2019.** Please make your hotel reservations early. Make hotel reservation and payment directly with the hotel.

Registration and payment must be received prior to June 7, 2019. Please Send to:

D/Lt/C Debbie Richey
1233 Noble Fir Lane
Camano Island, WA 98282
Make checks payable to "USPS District 16".

For Questions Contact: Debbie Richey, Phone 360-387-1260 or drichey@rocketmail.com

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.

Administrative Officer - Carolyn Caporgno - Squadron Programs

April 11 - Change of Watch Reservations due April 5 to glencaporgno@frontier.com

May 9 Speaker: Dr. Adam Moles will speak on Coastal Marine Habitat.

Dr. Moles worked at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Alaska Fisheries Science Center on habitat and pollution research. He has published over 100 papers.

Dr. Moles is in the Biology Department and teaches medical microbiology part time at Western Washington University.

Supply Officer - Glen Caporgno

T-shirt orders online through Clever Kathy's.

Burgees for sale at \$25 including tax.

Secretary Department

Scrapbook photos send pdf to glencaporgno@frontier.com

Bridge Officers		
Commander	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Executive Officer	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Education Officer	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Administrative Officer	Carolyn Caporgno, S	206-609-1182
Secretary	Wayne Williams	
Treasurer	Jack Dyer, P	
Executive Committee		
	John Bellinger, SN	360 757-8091
	Marlene Bellinger, AP	360 757-8091
	Paul Rosetter, AP	360 595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
Flag Lt.	Steve Drummond, AP	
Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
Merit Marks	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
	Vacant	
	Vacant	
Executive Department		
Co-Op Charting	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
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	Don Coleman	360 333-2962
	Bill Stewart, JN	
Vessel Exams	Vacant	
Marketing	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
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Assistant Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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	Vacant	
Greeting	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
Membership	Shani Taha, S	
Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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Property Officer	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
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Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secret, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Vacant	
2 Yrs.	Marlene Bellinger, AP	
3 Yrs.	Jeannie Drummond	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
2 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
3 Yrs.	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
2 Yrs.	Donna Mason, AP	
3 Yrs.	Vacant	

Please note the vacancies. You don't need an advanced grade. 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.
If you don't show a phone number and want it to show, please let us know.