

THE BITTER END

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
December 2019

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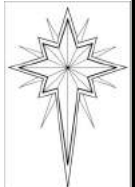
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CALENDAR

- 05 Dec—Ex Com meeting, Village Pizza
- 07 Dec—Dinner, Lighted Boats, LaConner Pub
- 14 Dec—Anacortes Dock Christmas and Vancouver Christmas Market
- 25 Dec—Merry Christmas—Have a safe and happy season



Winter officially starts this month. Are boats all prepped? There are 2 great events the 14th so pick your favorite. Also be thinking of favorite destinations for the January meeting. **Also always remember HE is the reason for the season.**



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Happy Holiday Season! Another year went by so fast. We grew a lot, are a lot more active, have done more than ever before. May 2020 be even better.

No regular meeting this month but our January meeting is where we all get to decide what social events we are doing next year. This is where we go by boat, car, or both. If you have new ideas, especially you new members, this is the one to come to. Put on your thinking caps and come up with those places you always wanted to go but needed someone to go with.

I hope all your Christmas wishes come true and you see those family and friends that you have missed all year. The next edition of the Bitter End will likely be out by New Years Day but if you don't see it also have a safe and happy New Years eve. Merry Christmas or any other holiday you celebrate this time of year.



Educational Department Lt/C Robert J. Miller, JN

Not much to report this month, so I will use the tried-and-true cliché – "Good News/Bad News."

Good News – Venue for the District 16 Educational Conference

Skagit Bay is hosting the D16 Educational Conference on May 9, 2020. Today's good news is that we have reserved the Seafarers Memorial Park Building as the site of the conference. The squadron first used the building on the beach at the south end of Cap Sante Marina last June for the Boating Safety Expo, finding that the location is great and the building facilities good. I have informed the District 16 SEO of the date and location and planning continues. Sandy Johnson has taken on the job of being the Food and Beverages Coordinator and is working out the menu. Stay tuned for further announcements.

Bad News – Boat Handling Course Materials are Delayed

Now for the Bad News. The squadron originally scheduled Boat Handling, the replacement for Seamanship, for last September, using the beta-test materials and no printed book. In August, National announced that the PowerPoint slides were being revised and a printed version of the text book were forthcoming by the end of September (or so). I contacted the class registrants and re-scheduled the course to start on January 7, 2020, in order to use the newest presentation materials and a printed student text. Unfortunately, I may have to postpone the course again, perhaps for February 2020. The materials are not yet available for ordering and the NEO said that he had just signed the order for printing books in mid November. The drop dead date for ordering course materials for an early January start is December 13, because of the Christmas rush and holidays. I will make the call on December 10. Stay tuned (again). On the Good News side, we have 13 students signed up for the course as of 25 Nov 2019.

Happy Turkey Day
Bob



Squadron Activities 2019

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

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

All spaces are spoken for; let me know if you want to be on the waiting list.

In December we celebrate instead of having a Thursday monthly meeting. The LaConner Pub has reserved 26 spaces for our squadron. (Is it the chocolate cake we share with them, or because we have so much fun?) See the Snohomish Yacht Club lighted boat parade from this great viewing spot right on the Channel. Last December's was the best one yet. Join us this year for a good time. RSVP to me via email.

Have dinner: Full menu available, including prime rib. See their menu at www.laconnertavern.com. Eat as much or as little as you wish. Dress warmly and in the holiday spirit. The squadron will provide chocolate cake for dessert.

If you'd like to make a monetary contribution to the local food bank "Neighbors In Need," a collection box will be available.

Parking is on-street. Carpooling is recommended and also reduces the number of "designated drivers" needed. Hint: come earlier in the day to find a parking space and enjoy exploring up and down the main street.

The LaConner Pub and Eatery, 702 S. 1st Street, LaConner.

5:30 p.m. Cocktails and Revelry begins

6:00-7:30 p.m. Watch the boat parade from the restaurant's outside deck or warmly inside while eating dinner.

December 14 Vancouver Christmas Markets Day Trip (see separate write-up in this newsletter)

January 9, 2020 Members Meeting

Bring your plans and ideas for activities to our annual Squadron Activities Planning Meeting. Where do you want to go, what do you want to do?



- 1) ASEO Debbie Richey presented SEO Bob Miller a certificate for submitting an entry for the USPS Chapman Award.
- 2) Cdr Mark Richey swore in new members Toni Rehage and Dan Niven.

December 13-15

2019 Christmas on the Docks

Cap Sante Marina, Anacortes, WA

*Decorated Boat Parade (weather permitting) at 6 pm Saturday, Dec 14! Bring your own decorated power boat, dinghy, rowboat, sailboat or paddleboard and join in! • Decorated boats will be on display every night on "C" dock. • Free moorage December 13th-15th for participating decorated boats. • This Free event is for all ages and open to the public. Come walk the docks decked in lights, enjoy hot beverages and vote for your favorite boat! • Please bring an unwrapped gift for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots box or canned goods for the local food bank. For more info, contact: **Greg Mustari at 360-507-9999 or Kelly Libby at 425-359-7078***



Saturday, December 14, 2019

one week after our Holiday Party
and Boat Parade in LaConner

**Enjoy the European-style Christmas Markets
without having an 8-hour flight or freezing in the snow!**

(Since not all squadron members will be attending the Anacortes Boat Parade in the evening,
you are invited to join us for this Christmas Outing.)

Vancouver, B.C. Canada is having a Christmas Market at the Jack Poole Plaza, 1055 Canada Place (where the Olympic Caldron is located) from Nov. 20 - December 23. There are Christmas Tree Terrace, activities, lots of food choices, and a variety of vendor artisan and merchant booths, just like the Europeans. See all the vendors at: www.vancouverchristmasmarket.com.

Tickets are available on line (cheaper than at the gate, and prices in C\$): Adults 12.99, youth 6.99, age 0-6 free, seniors 65+ 10.99. I suggest for faster entry: also getting the Fast Pass Upgrade for 3.99 per person. Only service dogs are allowed, so our furry friends will need a petsitter for the day. Some food vendors will want cash only. ATMs available at the market.

Don't forget your passports, NEXUS cards. If you buy something, be sure it can cross the border back to U.S. and have receipts ready for inspection.

TRANSPORTATION: I suggest we drive in the morning, carpooling recommended, over the border to Richmond, B.C., park at the Bridgeport Station Park & Ride at 8888 River Road, (\$2.50 Canadian for the day, 1512 parking spaces), and enjoy the ride via Sky Train Canada Line to the Waterfront Station downtown Vancouver, walk 8 minutes (600 meters) to the event. Sky Train for 2 zones is C\$4.25 or Concession fare (Sr. 65+, youth 14-18 with valid photo ID, children 5-13) is C\$2.95 each way. Tickets can be purchased at the station via machine. We can take the Sky Train back. Maps will be provided to participants.

Email Donna Mason if you are planning to attend: donnajmason@gmail.com.



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

Attendance:

Debbie Richey	Donna Mason	Paul Rosetter	Toni Rehoge
Stephen Drummond	Jack Dyer	John Bellinger	Marlene Bellinger
Mark Richey	Bob Miller	Glen Caporgno	Don Coleman
Catherine Carter	Dan Niven	Elizabeth Mahoney	Jim Scott
Jennie Brooks	George Brooks	George Johnson	Sandy Johnson
Cheryl Scott	Carolyn Caporgno		

*quorum present (10% of members)

Guest: Philip Johnson (George and Sandy's son), Quinn Olson (Northwest Rigging)

Meeting called to order at 1828 at the Farmhouse Restaurant, La Conner

Flag salute was led by Steven Drummond

Minutes – General Meeting – November 14

Cdr Mark Richey swore in two new members: Toni Rehage, Dan Niven.

Marketing: Donna Mason said that the dates for Tulip Festival booth are April 17-19. Donna needs someone to take the booth down on Sunday, April 19. Mark and Deb Richey will man the booth and take it down. Catherine Carter, may help also.

Ed Department - Boat handling will start January 7. However, national does not have the books available yet. Bob Will be checking with National to see when they will be available.

Administrative – Quinn Olson from Northwest Rigging is our program tonight. Catherine Carter is our new membership chair to replace Shani Taha. Catherine is very enthusiastic and we look forward to working with her.

Boating Activities - December boat parade has three spaces left on December 7. December 14 is the Anacortes Boat parade. There is another opportunity to go to the Christmas Market in Vancouver, BC. Please let Donna know if you would like to go.

Secretary -Donna Mason moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. It was seconded, they were approved.

Treasurer Report – \$6439.26 in the treasury.

Commander – Dan Boater is not in effect. There was some difficulties with the contract. USPS is stuck with it being opt out instead of opt in. Dan Boater is evacuation insurance. Several members are still disgruntled about needing to opt out. The National Board of Directors approved the Strategic plan for the organization.

Old Business – Shipwreck Day - The storage unit has been emptied of the junk from shipwreck day. They kept stuff that was clean for next year. There are no books and smalls for next year.

Debbie Richey presented Bob Miller a certificate as our nominee for the Carl Mahnken/Chapman Award.

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 1930.

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 7, Village Pizza**

Attendance:

Bob Miller	Debbie Richey	Mark Richey
Paul Rosetter	Carolyn Caporgno	Glen Carporgno
John Bellinger	Marlene Bellinger	Donna Mason
George Johnson	Sandy Johnson	Jack Dyer

Meeting Called to Order: 1805

Executive Officer – Mark Richey for Kelly Libby

- Marketing Report - Donna
 - National has a new trifold brochure. Need someone for the last day of the weekend for the Tulip Festival. Donna has a prior commitment for that day.

Education Officer - Bob Miller

- Boat Handling Class is underway. Notices are going into local papers. Meeting room is confirmed. 6 people have signed up.
- Ed Seminar no new news. Still planning on the Seafarers Hall. Will know by end of November. Sandy is working on the catering. Bob will resend the flyer to folks.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

- Guest Speaker for February? Six people will be gone. Bob will share his trip to Indonesia. Bob volunteered to do a program on his trip to Southeast Asia. Carolyn will see about bringing the director of the Anacortes museum to talk about early Croatian fishing in Anacortes. Quinn Olson from Northwest Rigging will be our November speaker.
- Activities – Donna
 - Christmas Market trip, December 14, to Vancouver, BC.
 - Tuesday day trip 4 or 5 are going to Tacoma art museum.
 - Christmas Parade three spots are left.

Secretary – Mark Richey for Wayne Williams

- Debbie took minutes for Wayne.
- Minutes were approved for September and October executive board minutes.

Treasurer – Mark Richey for Jack Dyer

Balance: \$6597.56 as of November 6

Old Business: Hagen Community meeting room will hold 10 people and try it January through May. Bob will get us scheduled for the executive meeting

Shipwreck Day – George Johnson’s plan/proposal – Next year reduce to a double booth, one booth for sales and one for marketing. Rules for Shipwreck Day is to sell stuff. The storage unit needs to be cleaned out and reduce the stuff. The first clean out will be Friday, November 8. Meet at 2 pm. Minimize as much stuff going to the landfill as possible. We want to keep the stuff that sells, like the Raku pottery. Bob moved to accept George’s plan. Paul seconded. It was approved.

New Business:


- Video from HQ on how to fill ABC classes. Carolyn suggested that we watch it again to get ideas that we are not using. Bob noticed that many of the ideas our squadron uses. We need new people to teach it. The caveat is that we need a certified instructor.

Nominating committee is busy and doing quite well.

Meeting adjourned: 1915.

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.®



December

Carolyn Caporgno
Kelly Libby
Debbie Richey

~ 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.



Note; Starting in January all the Exec Comm meetings will be held at the Burlington Haggen Conference Room from 6-8PM. They have a great hot or cold deli that we can buy dinner at and take in to room.

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Treasurer	Jack Dyer, P	
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	Paul Rosetter, AP	360 595-1083
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	Vacant	
	Vacant	
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2 Yrs.	Marlene Bellinger, AP	
3 Yrs.	Jeannie Drummond	
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2 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
3 Yrs.	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
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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.