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Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
November 2019

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CALENDAR

- 07 Nov– Ex Com Meeting, Village Pizza
- 12 Nov– Train Trip to Tacoma Art Museum
- 14 Nov– Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Program



Welcome to the heart of autumn. Happy Thanksgiving to all our friends. Our fall and winter programs are tremendous. See all the good get togethers in the schedule here. **Guest Speaker November 14, 2019: Quinn Olson, Owner Northwest Rigging. See Bio Last Page.**



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN

Hello members! I notice quite a few newbies in our roster, including Catherine, our new member chair. Congratulations! Like to see you all at our meetings and outings. Get involved, take more classes and see what a fun, educational group we are.

Our fall and winter is really busy as a lot of our advanced classes start in earnest. That's what we are here for. We also have a lot of stuff going to keep you entertained. This is when we have time to do internal stuff to keep the members interested. Ask one of us older members and see how excited they are about the group and what we do.

The operating model for USPS is changing, hopefully for the better. It is trying to aim at younger family types that don't have time for everything. We may do more online, concentrate more on the water, be much less formal and try to attract a crowd from an ever decreasing group. Not that there are less boaters and those in need of training, just that there are so many options for a busy lifestyle to give up their time. We want to be the goto group.

At the next meeting, I will try and give an overview of what went on at the recent District Conference. The rep there was the National Exec Officer, who is also the main thrust in the new marketing image and rebranding.

Welcome aboard new members and if you haven't been sworn in, I will try and hit you up this time. Remember to buy a burgee from our ship store.



Educational Department Lt/C Robert J. Miller, JN

The new Boat Handling class replacing the Seamanship course starts on January 7, 2020. I will be asking people to help out setting up the classroom and teaching some of the sessions. I am hoping that National will have the updated material ready in time. Details on the course are elsewhere in this newsletter. Talk it up with your boating friends.

During November, I will be starting a process to review how the squadron adapts to the new educational policies of National and how we transition from the traditional 6-8 week classroom courses to the new style of educational material being provided by National – seminars, on-line sessions, on the water training, distance teaching. The traditional classroom appears to be going away with course development on the replacement of the outdated Piloting and Advanced Piloting courses still pending.

Boat Safely,
Bob





Squadron Activities 2019

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

November 12, Tuesday, train day trip to Tacoma Art Museum and Lunch

Here's a November activity anyone can join! Tuesday was selected for fewer crowds at the Museum for this special exhibit.

Upon arrival at the Tacoma Train Station, we'll walk one mile on sidewalks for lunch at Harmon Brewing Co. where you can order off the menu (1938 Pacific Avenue, website: <https://www.harmonbrewingco.com/>) on the way to the museum. Then we'll walk 0.4 mile to the Tacoma Art Museum at 1701 Pacific Avenue. Maps will be provided.

"Monet, Renoir, Degas, and Their Circle: French Impressionism and the Northwest." Seen as artistic radicals in their time, the French Impressionists found their way into premier public and private Northwest art collections impacting American artists for decades. The exhibition will provide visitors the unique opportunity to enjoy signature works by Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Camille Pissarro, Alfred Sisley, Gustave Caillebotte, Paul Gauguin, Berthe Morisot, Mary Cassatt, and Edgar Degas, as well as some of the American and Northwestern artists they influenced, including Theodore Robinson, Theodore Wendel, C.C. McKim and Clara Jane Stephens. View this exhibit on your own and meet back at the train station by 5 p.m.

On the walk back to the train station, you may want to pick up something for supper during ride back to Mt Vernon.

Amtrak Cascades leaves Mount Vernon 9:03 a.m. and arrives in Tacoma at 12:10 p.m. We'll return from Tacoma at 5:35 p.m., arriving in Mount Vernon at 8:33 p.m.

Costs: Make your Amtrak reservation (<https://www.amtrakcascades.com>). Tacoma Art Museum entry: Adults \$18, Seniors/Youth/Students \$15. You can purchase tickets upon arrival or ahead of time at <https://www.tacomaartmuseum.org>.

Please email Donna at donnajmason@gmail.com if you plan to attend so I can make a lunch reservation.

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

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. The first 26 people to sign up get a seat. So far, 15 seats are already taken.

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.

Stay tuned: TBD Day trip Vancouver, B.C. Canada Christmas Markets (just like Europe!)

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***

OUR TRAIN TRIP TO PORTLAND



L-Portland's Union Station

R-Yummy Breakfast at Mother's Bistro

LC-followed by Saturday Market at Burnside Bridge

RC-Former members and now OR residents Rolf and Anne Nesse joined us for dinner Friday after a visit to Powell's Books.

LL-The rest of the Gang at Friday Dinner at Dechutes Brewery after Powell's Books visit.

LR-Lan Su Chinese Garden, Sat. after the Market



D16 Conference in Coeur d'Alene



District Bridge at Head Table



The Coeur d'Alene Resort



Awards for Squadrons entering for Chapman Award



Carolyn, Glen Deb and Mark on the lake boat tour



District 16 is 75 Years Old



Al Dunlap's Steam Boat. He has been giving rides for years all over the place.

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
United States Power Squadron
General Meeting Minutes – Oct. 10, 2019**

Attendance:

Mark Richey	Carolyn Caporgno	Sandy Johnson	Jean Brooks	George Brooks
Marlene Bellinger	John Bellinger	Harlan	Jim	
Elizabeth Mahoney	Shani Taha	Glen Caporgno	Don Coleman	Paul Rosetter
Donna Mason	Bob Miller	Debbie Richey	Catherine Carter	

*quorum present (10% of members)

Guest: Dave Allen (Nordic Tugs)

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

Minutes – General Meeting – October 10

Cdr Mark Richey swore in two new members Elizabeth Mahoney, Daniel Nevin, and Catherine Carter.

Donna Mason said that the dates for Tulip Festival booth are April 17-19.

The next class will be boat handling in January. The Ed Seminar will be May 9 at the Anacortes Seafarers Hall. Sandy Johnson will co-chair and arrange the catering. Donna would like to see an ABC class in May or June.

Carolyn Carporagno– Dave Allen from Nordic Tugs 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.

Donna Mason – 10 folks going on the Portland train trip. Anne and Rolf Nesse will join us for Friday night and Saturday day. Train trip to Tacoma on Tuesday, November 12. December holiday party has 26 seats available. Sandy Johnson handed out an article about Portland.

Debbie Richey moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Donna had a correction to her rank. They were approved.

Treasurer Report – The treasure was out of town at the time of the meeting. We have money.

Commander – Mark asked for input from the squadron to take to the conference. Bob Miller wants to know the publishing date for Coastal Navigation. Donna wants to know about any new marketing information. Bob brought up the national trip insurance. Bob said it was unconscionable that National added this to our dues.

George will be at the next meeting with information about Shipwreck Day.

No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 1900.

**News from 48°40'48"N, 122°17'32"W
By P/C Donna Mason, AP**

A couple of unfortunate events recently occurred near our area of the Salish Sea.

Nick Saling, 53, was reported missing after failing to return from a sailing trip to Cypress Island. His 25' yellow sailboat was located near Lummi Island. After several days searching over 360 square nautical miles by the U.S. Coast Guard helicopters, CG Cutter Terrapin and smaller boats as well as the sheriff's ground crew search, no evidence has been found. Volunteers from the Summit to Sound Search and Rescue as well as Bellingham Mountain Rescue and members of Saling's family and friends participated in the search. We are sorry to hear of the apparent loss of life and extend our sympathies to the Saling family.


A sailboat broke away from anchor in Fairhaven, drifted across Bellingham Bay, and crashed into the break wall west of Zuanich Point Park near Squalicum Harbor where we've enjoyed many 4th of July rendezvous. The boat's owner has not responded to the harbormaster's attempts to contact. It will be treated as a derelict vessel, declared abandoned, and removed.

A second commercial fishing boat has sunk in Sandy Point. It is on top of another that sank in 2016. Both are being treated as abandoned vessels.

What are some of the things that might have prevented these disasters?

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.®



November
Steve Drummond
George Johnson
Dale Libby
Tony Rehage
John West

~ 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.

Here is the bio for Quinn Olson, Northwest Rigging, November 14, 2019 Speaker

Quinn Olson is the new owner of Northwest Rigging, the venerable Anacortes based yacht rigging shop.

Quinn learned to sail while attending the University of Southern California through their Nautical Science program, and has been working in and around boats since he graduated with a degree in English in 1997.

In his early twenties, he had the good fortune to work for the Around Alone race and then for several of the competitors as shore crew.

In 2004 he moved to Skagit County to rebuild a Cal 40 for his uncle Mark Schrader, a project which was featured in Cruising World Magazine.

He was hired by Northwest Rigging upon returning from the 2005 Transpac Yacht Race and has been rigging boats ever since.

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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.