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## Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron Summer 2019

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### CALENDAR

12-14 July, Cornet Bay Crab Rendezvous  
20 July, Anacortes Shipwreck Day Booth  
23-25 Aug, Bell Harbor Rendezvous, Mariners Game  
05 Sept, Exec Board Meeting, TBA



Happy Summer! This abbreviated edition should get you up to speed on what's happening this summer. Be careful on the water and don't forget the sunscreen.



#### Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN

Hello all! Hope your summer has been safe and happy so far. There I slots going on and looks to be a good season on the water.

The Poulsbo Rendezvous was a big hit as usual with the tropical theme and Debbie and I had a great time. Next year the plans are a bit different for the catering.

We had a good turnout for our safety fair last weekend and a couple little girls were thrilled by the PFD safety display put on by Everett's Linda Martin.

Crabbing just opened up and although only one day in so far have heard some good reports in area 8-1 and 8-2. We have a rendezvous next weekend where our group can try. Come on out.

Our big event that is always fun is the giant flea mart, Anacortes Shipwreck Day, where we have the largest booth allowed as usual. We are right at the 2nd main intersection and this is always a great time, big fund raiser and great dinner. If you feel like showing at 5AM or so on the 2th, we can always use the help setting up and early sales.

Just because we don't have classes in the summer doesn't mean you can't learn. Just take it easy, use your charts and manuals, ask lots of questions of your fellow boaters and practice. Summer is a great time to learn your boat.

The lakes can be a real zoo with Jet Skis and go fast types fueled by alcohol so watch others and boat defensively. There are still far too many that say the boating class is not for me. I'm a fisherman.. Skier.. Etc. Not a boater. Be nice but give them a hand and whatever insight to our training you can.

Another note. Times are changing, National has a new plan to completely change how we look and operate. Download <https://www.usps.org/images/Planning/SP2019.pdf> To see how our new public image might help us out.

See you all on the water this summer.



## Looking for some summer reading?

1. Arctic Ambitions, Captain Cook and the Northwest Passage, an Anchorage Museum catalog edited by James K. Barnett and David L. Nicandri.  
Illustrated with photos, artwork, maps, manuscript pages.
2. Off The Deep End. A History of Madness at Sea by Nic Compton. Many sailors have lost their sanity at sea. Compton considers the physical character of the ocean which can confuse our senses. He discusses the possible madness of explorers like Christopher Columbus and Robert Vancouver.
3. Ships and Shipwrecks of the Americas by George F. Bass, traces 1,000 years of nautical misadventures, some of the efforts to locate and restore shipwrecks. It includes art, maps and contemporary photos of the shipwrecks and artifacts.
4. Dunkirk, The History Behind The Major Motion Picture, by Joshua Levine who served as a historical consultant for the 2017 Oscar winning epic. He provides a sweeping historical narrative, told in the words of the soldiers, sailors, airmen and civilians involved in those famous nine days.
5. Lighthouses of Europe by Thomas Ebelt. Do a comfortable armchair tour of over 70 of the sentinels in 17 countries along the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Baltic and North Seas with spectacular photographs by Thomas Ebelt. Some of the structures are older than the United States.
6. The Boat Who Wouldn't Float by Farley Mowat. Follow the uproarious true tale of this Canadian who acquired a rickety ship and sailed along the Newfoundland coast. A highly entertaining memoir from the 1960's.
7. In The Company of Dolphins by Irwin Shaw. From St. Tropez to Naples, and across the Adriatic to Dubrovnik and up to Venice, it was the trip of a lifetime. This 1964 travel memoir is a portrait of a bygone age, when the sun-soaked Mediterranean was still emerging from the shadow of World War II and "vacation" truly meant detaching oneself from the world.
8. And then, if you didn't get that boat you wanted, console yourself with Harold S. Kushner's Overcoming Life's Disappointments.

Happy Summer!

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Donna Mason

## What Boaters Can Do For Healthy Oceans

During our Water Sports Fest, some of us were discussing pollution and getting our oceans and other waterways healthier. You know our sea life is suffering greatly. Animals and birds guts are full of plastic and it is killing them. Have you seen the documentary film "A Plastic Ocean"? It's available free on YouTube.

There are things you, one individual, can do to make a difference.

News: Reducing and Reusing are far more important than Recycling (keep recycling and keep reading please)

The best and easiest thing you can do is to not create garbage in the first place. Examples: bring your own coffee container when you go to coffee shops. Those coffee cups are landfill garbage, not compostable, not recyclable. Over 60 billion paper cups are thrown away annually in the U.S. In restaurants, refuse plastic straws; ask for compostable ones or none at all.

Avoid Styrofoam at all costs. Bring your own containers to restaurants to bring home leftovers. There's no shame in that. If restaurants offer you styrofoam, educate them.

Believe it or not Carbon Lite, a US firm that has an innovative method for recycling plastic beverage bottles, is limited by lack of materials! Too many people still throw plastic bottles in the garbage and not the recycle bin. Costco sells Adirondack chairs made from recycled milk bottles.

It is best to use your own washable/reusable beverage container. Don't buy those huge packs of one-use bottled water. Especially if they're shipped in from a far away place.

There is a human health crisis created by the plastics industries who have blatant disregard for the people who live near their under-regulated, polluting facilities. Think of cancer alley in Louisiana. Unfortunately there are far too many examples in our world.

Did you know bald eagles are scavenging garbage bags from a landfill near Seattle and dumping the remains in people's back yards?

Do sort your throw-aways by garbage or recyclable. Check with your local trash company for what's recyclable through their trash pick-up. At our house, we only have trash pick up once every two weeks and only 1/2 fill our trash container. The recycle bins are full.

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## Water Sports Festival Report

by P/C Donna Mason, AP

I was amazed and elated at the number of SBSPS members who volunteered to take part in our Festival as a public service to reach local people with our messages. I was also delighted to see the table demonstrations they prepared. See some of the photos in this newsletter.

A heartfelt thanks for helping Paul and I to pull this off go to Bob Miller, Carolyn and Glen Caporgno, George and Sandy Johnson, Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest, Mark and Debbie Richey, Wayne Williams, John and Marlene Bellinger, Shani Taha, Don Coleman, George and Jeanne Brooks, and also our newest member Toni Rehage.

P/C Linda Martin, AKA "The Seagull," and three other Everett Squadron members, Jim West D16 ASEO, Mike and Conni Watkins put on their Boating Safety For Kids presentation. Carolyn Caporgno did a great job guiding the children through the process.

Wayne brought a huge TV screen and master electronic wizard Bob Miller set up a continuing USPS® Boating Safety video presentation along with next class information at the Education table. George and Sandy set up a double table dedicated to Hunting, Fishing and Crabbing, with recipes included. Kari and Deanna organized a great display for Cruising and Day Tripping with assistance from Jeanne and George Brooks, Mark and Debbie had knot tying and other demonstrations at their Boating Skills and Safety table. Don Coleman and John Bellinger covered Vessel Safety Checks, with Don fitting in a few vessel checks during the day. Shani and Paul Rosetter covered Membership where Shani set up an elegantly welcoming display. Wayne Williams covered Paddling Sports. Glen Caporgno, Bill Lundstrom and Toni Rehage floated around the room, assisting where needed. I covered the Welcome table.

Our purpose for this event was to reach the local people who need to learn about us, learn about boating safety, get a WA State boater education card, and how to have good, safe fun on and around the water, from paddlers to long-range cruisers. We weren't interested in reaching people from other places who attend boat shows and aren't interested in our local squadron. Although we widely publicized this event in print and social media, and even sprung for a couple small ads in a local publication, attendance unfortunately was sparse. The location proved someone of a challenge to find. We could only get this facility, which was a great space for our presentations, on a Sunday.

It was a lot of work for many, but we gave a professional offering to the general public who attended.

After we closed the show, we had a brief June Members Meeting followed by a potluck dinner with yummy and varied offerings.

Thanks to all who participated!



Room with "topic tables" set up to greet visitors



George and Sandy Johnson had a great display for fishers and hunters

Linda Martin "Seagull" from Everett squadron conducted Boating Safety For Kids

In one Boating Safety For Kids demo, two girls "saved" their grandfather by tossing a line with life preserver to him.

Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest for "Cruising and Daytripping" and Bob Miller's Educational Videos were great presentations also.



## **Squadron Activities 2019**

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

July 13, Coronet Bay Crab Cookout, at Deception State Park, by car or boat, hosted by Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest 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-Secrest 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](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 & Power Squadron**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
May 9 2019

Following squadron member were in attendance:

Debbie & Mark Richey  
Donna Mason  
Paul Rosetter  
Jack Dyer  
Carolyn & Glen Carporgno  
Shani Taha  
Sandy & George Johnson  
Bob Miller  
Wayne Williams  
Kari Randall-Secrest  
\* quorum present

Meeting call to order @ 1830 Commander Mark Richey  
Flag salute led by Commander Mark Richey  
Invocation by Ruth Peterson

Bob Miller (Education Officer) report:  
Instructors Re-certification course 3 hrs.  
Instructor Development course 16 hrs. (remote)  
Jumpstart Program tentative Fall start

Carolyn Caporgno (Administrative Officer) report:  
Future guest speakers Boat Industries Personal ie: Dakota Creek, Nordic Tug, Trident Seafoods, Roozema Boats.  
Train trip to Portland Ore. Oct. 4-6

Jack Dyer ( Treasurer) report:  
club account in good standing.

**Old business:**  
Still looking for Vessel Safety Inspector.

**New business:**  
Donna Mason ( Activities) report:  
Watersport Festival June 30 2019 11am-3pm Seafarers' Memorial Park building 100 Commercial Ave  
601 Seafarers'Way Anacortes adds to run in Clamdigger for promotion. Members pot luck to follow.

Mark Richey (Commander) Thanks all for attending and hard work Meeting  
Adjourn for dinner and presentation. 1930

Guest speaker Dr. Adam Moles (Impacts of marine habitat)

## 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.®

### Happy Summer Birthdays

**Marlene Bellinger  
Judy Bennett  
Cliff Cochran  
Rue Cochran**

**Sandy Johnson  
Elisabeth Libby  
Bob Miller  
Bill Stewart  
Fred Wahlgren  
Ann Wilder**



### ~ 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.

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For those naysayers who complain that not all recycleables get recycled or reused, tell them to hold onto their Tilly Hats because there are innovations in reuse of materials in our country as a result of China and other countries refusing our dirty trash and uncleaned "recycleables."

If one person pays attention, then another, then another...it'll all add up to something good.

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Donna Mason

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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.**