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Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron Summer 2020

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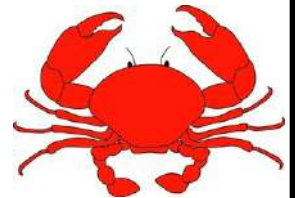
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CALENDAR

28-30 Aug, Bell Harbor Rendezvous, See Details
03 Sep, Executive Committee Meeting, Zoom 6:30PM
4-7 Sep, Labor Day with Everett, Port Townsend, TBD
11-13 Sep, Fish Bay Lopez, Mark and Deb Host, TBD



A small edition to let you all know we are still going on. Please also note the bridge and committee changes in red on the list on last page. There is also talk of starting all our classes in earnest online since it appears there wont be Phase 4 in Skagit for awhile. Have Fun!



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

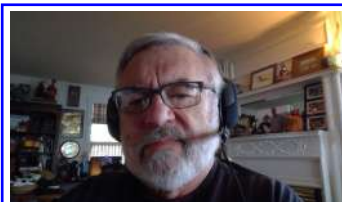
Hi gang! Just a short summer issue to keep you up on any activity changes. In trying to be safe we are being creative.

We haven't cancelled everything but plans change.

We hope to have some sort of meetings this year but unless Skagit reaches phase 4, likely online. Even if a higher phase is reached, it's still up to members if they feel safe at an indoor meeting place without a vaccine or treatment. We may have to have a new way of meeting for some time to come. We want the group to stay afloat so unique ideas are always being looked for .

Deb and I will be boating a lot the rest of the season and possibly even into winter. If care is taken if you must provision, it is one of the best ways to physical distance. You can even join us for a couple of rendezvous. We will come up with some way of chatting. Both of the spots we are hosting this year have outdoor dining. Masks and grippers to pass bottles at 6 feet??

Take care and see you in September.



Educational Department Lt/C Robert J. Miller, JN

Summer is upon us and I am feeling very lazy, as it should be.

Some good news (for a change) – all ten students in the recent Boat handling Class passed their exams. Congratulations to all for being such good students and for putting up with the Covid-19 issues. Also, my thanks to Jack Dyer for managing the money business and for teaching some of the segments, to George Brooks for his extensive teaching experience and strong presence with the students, and to George Johnson for handling the final exam in the rainy parking lot at Anacortes Marina.

Upcoming Classes

Zoom-based classes are the norm now or at least until Skagit County enters Stage 4 of the Covid-19 quarantine process. I have scheduled Cruise Planning over eight two-hour sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays, starting on September 22. That course will be followed up by Radar For Boaters in November, starting on November 6 and running for 6 sessions.

Since most of our members have taken these courses, I expect that the classes will be filled by non-members -- a great recruiting opportunity. I will be sending out detailed announcements in August and September.

Be Safe and mask up, Bob Miller

SQUADRON ACTIVITIES SUMMER 2020

by P/C Donna Mason, AP

Well, Paul and I were ready, but the unwanted COVID-19 epidemic causes cancellation of the Lake Whatcom Rendezvous set for August 1. Whatcom County is in Phase 2 which means no more than 5 people gathering at one time. Plus, so many of our squadron members qualify for the “vulnerable” category that it would not be prudent for us to gather. We’ll try another time. So, you have a reprieve from Donna’s scavenger hunt and other challenges planned for the day!

Also, the August 28-30 Mariners and Bell Harbor Marina Rendezvous although not cancelled, there will be no game. Mark and Debbie will be there at least that Friday night if you want to join them in your boat and toast across the dock. Let them know before you call the marina for slip.

With this pandemic heading in the wrong direction, you may consider that until further notice, our group activities are cancelled through the fall. We’ll see what happens for our Sept. 26 Anniversary Cookout and Holiday Party in December.

Booth Marketing activities have ground to a halt, both with festivals being cancelled and for the protection of our members who would do booth duty, again most of our members fit the “vulnerable group.” On the bright side, we were able to secure, at no charge, a box of safe boating literature from Washington State, and it is being stored with our other marketing supplies in the storage unit.

Hope you’re having fun boating on your own out in the fresh, clean air and are being safe and taking care. We miss gathering with you.

August 28-30 – Mariners vs. Dodgers and Bell Harbor Marina Rendezvous, Seattle and Mark and Debbie Richey are hosting a weekend boating rendezvous at Bell Harbor Marina Please contact Mark and Debbie before making reserca-tions.

September 4-7 – Port Townsend with Seattle and Everett Squadrons

Spend Labor Day weekend in lovely Port Townsend. This joint rendezvous has been enjoyed for several years. You’ll need to reserve slip space early. For information and reservations, contact Lt. Darcy Baker, P at thebakerfamily4@comcast.net or Lt. Susan Tarpley, AP at jsetarpley@frontier.com .

September 11-13 – Fisherman Bay Weekend Rendezvous, Lopez Island

Mark and Debbie Richey will provide details for this weekend at Fisherman Bay.

September 26 – Squadron Anniversary Cookout at Coronet Bay Shelter, Deception Pass State Park

Our annual celebration of the Squadron will occur on a free-parking-pass day at Coronet Bay. We’ll reserve the shelter for our group picnic and cookout.

October 3 – Leavenworth Octoberfest and Foliage Bus Tour

Sit back, relax and leave the driving to Bellair Charters who will offer a day trip to Leavenworth, with pick-up in Burlington. We’ll enjoy the fall colors along the way and arrive in Leavenworth in time for a group lunch, after which we can explore town on our own. This event is not as crowded as the December Tree Lighting, so don’t worry about being crushed in the crowds! We can book this in August. Price will be approximately \$85 per person for transportation. Lunch extra.

October 2-4 (or 9-11) – Roche Harbor Weekend Rendezvous

We’ll work out which weekend this cruise will be. Enjoy quiet off-season relaxation at Roche Harbor, with reduced boatslip rates. Non-boaters can come by ferry and stay at the hotel. Mark and Debbie Richey are the hosts.

December 12 – LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and Holiday Party

Ring in the holidays with this festive evening at the LaConner Pub, enjoying the boat parade and your choice of dinner. It is our squadron’s Holiday Party instead of having a December meeting.

JUST SOME PHOTOS TO STAY HAPPY



Paul Rosetter relaxing at stay-at-home 4th of July


Random Photos Below. Maybe you can guess?



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.®

July-August



Dan Niven
 Bill Stewart
 Judy Bennett
 Elisabeth Libby
 Bill Lundstrom
 Walter Cochran
 Sandy Johnson
 Jack Dyer

~ General Meeting Information ~

Our General Meetings are normally 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.



Bridge Officers		
Commander	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
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Education Officer	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Administrative Officer	Vacant	
Secretary	Debbie Richey, AP	
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	Donna Mason, AP	360-595-1083
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Law Officer	Vacant	
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	Vacant	
	Vacant	
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Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
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Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secret, N	360-387-1194
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2 Yrs.	Jeannie Drummond	
3 Yrs.	Deanna Randall-Secret	
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2 Yrs.	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
3 Yrs.	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
2 Yrs.	Ruth Peterson, SN	
3 Yrs.	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091

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.