

THE BITTER END

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
November 2020

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CALENDAR

03 Nov– Election Day-Please Vote

05 Nov—Executive Board Meeting, Zoom, 6:30PM

12 Nov– Regular Meeting, Deception Pass Host, 7PM, See Flyer

26 Nov—Happy Thanksgiving, Please take care getting together



MEETING AGAIN THIS MONTH!! Mark your calendars for a shared meeting with Deception Pass Squadron. A Zoom invitation will be sent to members in a separate email. Congratulations to our newest life member, Donna Mason. Thanks for all your help.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Yes! We are having a meeting again this month. It is hosted by Deception Pass Squadron and will be a program presented by Wooden Boat Festival. See flyer this issue.

The ZOOM invitation will be sent out in an email to current members. This is on our regular meeting night. They have a business meeting starting at 6:30 if you happen to be interested.

We do have one more meeting this year also. Our December meeting will be our own program and we will invite other squadrons to our (Remote) Happy Hour / Gab Session with travelogue. See Bob's article at right.

Deb and I will try one more time this month to go sailing before the snow flies. One of our favorite close in spots is Rosario in the off season. Even if it gets cold and snowy we might go. Its really quiet that time of year. We used to love to sail from Seattle to Poulsbo in the winter when our boat was kept down there. As always, you hardy types can join us. No problem sliding a toddy across the dock.

Speaking of boating. Hopefully all yours are winterized if you aren't going out. The weather guessers say it might be a cold one and sooner this year. I really don't want more snow but we need to make sure our boats stay safe.

Watch the fall fog and the soon to start morning frosty roads. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and don't stuff yourself. Save that for the turkey.



Educational Department Lt/C Robert J. Miller, JN

The squadron hasn't had a chance to meet face-to-face for some time now and I suspect that many of us are missing social mingling with old friends, particularly as the holiday season nears. I am proposing that we have a *Holiday Party by Zoom* on our normal December 10 meeting night. We can share (remotely) some beverages and catch up with each other. In light of the season, I would like to share some Christmas-based travel experiences that Jean and I have had. We will talk about European river cruises on the Rhine and Danube during December, the so-called "Christmas Market Cruises". Also we will share photos of how European cities celebrate the holiday season with their colorful Christmas markets and decorations. Although we won't be able to share the *glühwein* (aka Mulled Wine) and enjoy the smells of local sausages on the grill in the *Marktplatz*, we can see some photos that will make your mouth water.

Radar for Boaters Course (RA)

The RA course kicks off in Zoom mode on November 6 and runs for six sessions. We have a great turnout with 22 students registered, 11 of whom are from the Skagit Bay Squadron. Also, We have members from the Poulsbo and Friday Harbor squadrons taking part, along with several people from our recent Boat Handling and Cruise Planning classes. Co-instructor George Brooks and I have started to review the material and will be assisted by Jack Dyer doing his Treasurer duties and George Johnson taking charge of the final exam on December 5. (This course is graded within the squadron, not by National in Raleigh, NC.) George Brooks and I last present-

ed the class in March 2019 and we are happy to see such a great take-up. Kevin Monahan's textbook, *The Radar Book – 2nd Edition*, were mailed to the students in late October.

Cruising and Cruise Planning Course (CCP)

All ten students who took the final exam passed! All of the scores were above 88%. Not a real surprise since they studied hard and sent in some nice comments on the quality of the class.

Next Calendar Year

The Educational Department has been busy through the Covid-19 epic and we need to regroup a bit and rest before coming up with a teaching plan for next year. I suspect that we will be limited to distance learning for a while, so not all of the courses lend themselves readily to Zoom. More news in December.

Be Safe and mask up,
Bob Miller



SQUADRON ACTIVITIES—Or not during Covid 19 by P/C Donna Mason, AP

This month the big boating activity for Paul and I is getting our Boston Whaler out of the lake boat lift via the primitive South Bay boat launch (I'm the one who has to back the trailer down the hilly access; Paul gets to go for a ride in the boat), drive to Fairhaven to fill the tank with non-ethanol gasoline, and get the trailered boat down our roller coaster driveway and into the garage for the winter. We'll be shopping for a new boat cover since the big October windstorm damaged "Wow Whee's."

So then, what to do now that we can't go boating? Here's something you can do without having to wear a mask. How about getting comfy on these upcoming rainy days and read some good boating books? Or maybe you want to start your holiday shopping? Some of these descriptions are thanks to Village Books in Fairhaven:

[Boating: A Life's Journey](#) by Terry Kimmel (Paperback Nonfiction). The author has been a lifelong boater and water enthusiast. Born in 1943 and still kicking, he has spent his life on or near the water. His love of the water has carried him through many different types of boats. He has gone down rapids in a canoe. He has crossed the ocean in a sailboat. He has rowed wooden boats and driven motor yachts in the ocean and gulf. Eventually he was awarded a 100-ton Masters license from the US Coast Guard. Not only did he enjoy the many different boats he owned along the way but also the people he met. One day while recording the day's events in his log a guest said, "Why don't you write these adventures into a book. I think they would make a great story."

If you haven't yet read it, this is a great time to read [The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics](#) (Paperback Nonfiction) by Daniel James Brown. Also there is a young readers edition of this wonderful book.

[Night Boat to Tangier](#) is a superbly melancholic melody of a novel, full of beautiful phrases and terrible men. Author Kevin Barry lives in Ireland.

[Boating Secrets: 127 Top Tips To Help You Buy and Enjoy Your Boat](#) (Paperback) by Robin G. Coles. A multi-purpose reference guide to help new and seasoned boaters get the most out of their investment. Facts are represented through a series of interviews with eleven marine industry experts.

Ready for some armchair travel? How about [Amazing Boat Journeys](#) by Lonely Planet. Here are 60 of the world's greatest adventures on water.

Here are a couple of board books for little kids: [Richard Scarry's Boats](#), featuring a variety of boats. [Row, Row, Row Your Boat in Washington](#) by Forrest Everett and Mary Sergeeva.

Hope you stay safe and well!

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2020 Virtual**

Attendance:

Bob Miller	Debbie Richey	Mark Richey
Paul Rosetter	Carolyn Caporgno	Glenn Caporgno
Donna Mason	Jack Dyer	Sandy Johnson
George Johnson		

*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1801

Executive Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

- I don't have a report. Don Coleman, VSC examiner, was able to get stickers so we are good now for stickers. I am still trying to reach main office.
- Marketing Report – Donna Mason
 - Nothing to Report.

Education Officer - Bob Miller

- Cruise Planning has 15 students. Class is going well.
- Radar Class – 13 students signed, last day to register is October 10.

Administrative Officer –

- Activities: Donna Mason
 - All activities have been cancelled.
 - Bob and Tracy Brooks were approved for membership

Secretary – Debbie Richey

- Moved and seconded that we accept September ExCom minutes from September.
- Debbie will get Kari and Kyle Richey together on resigning the website.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

Balance: \$6,272.20 (as of 09/30/2020)

Commander – Mark Richey

- Do we want to plan our own meeting to invite other squadrons to a regular meeting with a presentation? We need a good presentation to invite them to.
- No regular meeting for October. It was proposed to cancel the regular meetings the rest of the year.
- D16 Conference October 10, will be virtual. No volunteers for delegates.
- Glen and Carolyn will attend conference and will be delegates.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Enough items in the storage unit for Shipwreck Day next summer if it happens.

Meeting adjourned: 1906



SOUTH SOUND TRIP IN FOG AND SMOKE—MARK AND DEB SEPTEMBER

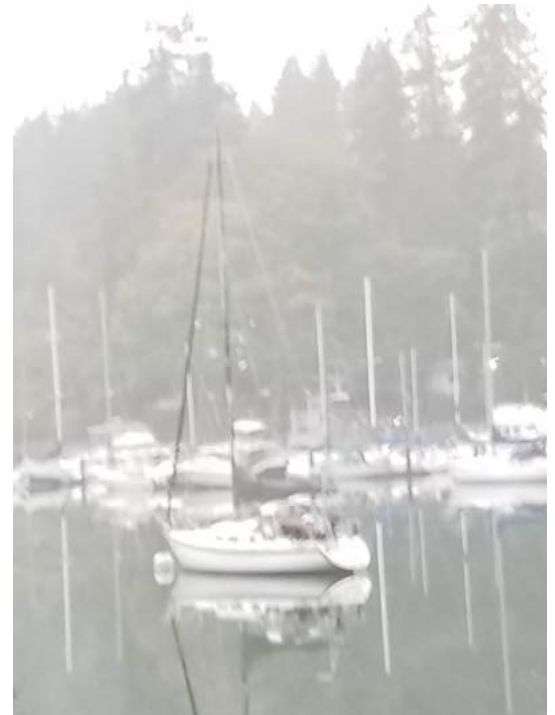


Seattle Eve from Bell Harbor



Olympia, Swantown Marina

Jarrell Cove Mooring Bouys



First Day Jarrell Cove Haze, Unhealthy smoke level



Tacoma Narrows from Narrows Marina. Much better than the southbound trip. We could not see the bridge at all.

Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron

It's been too long ... it's time for an

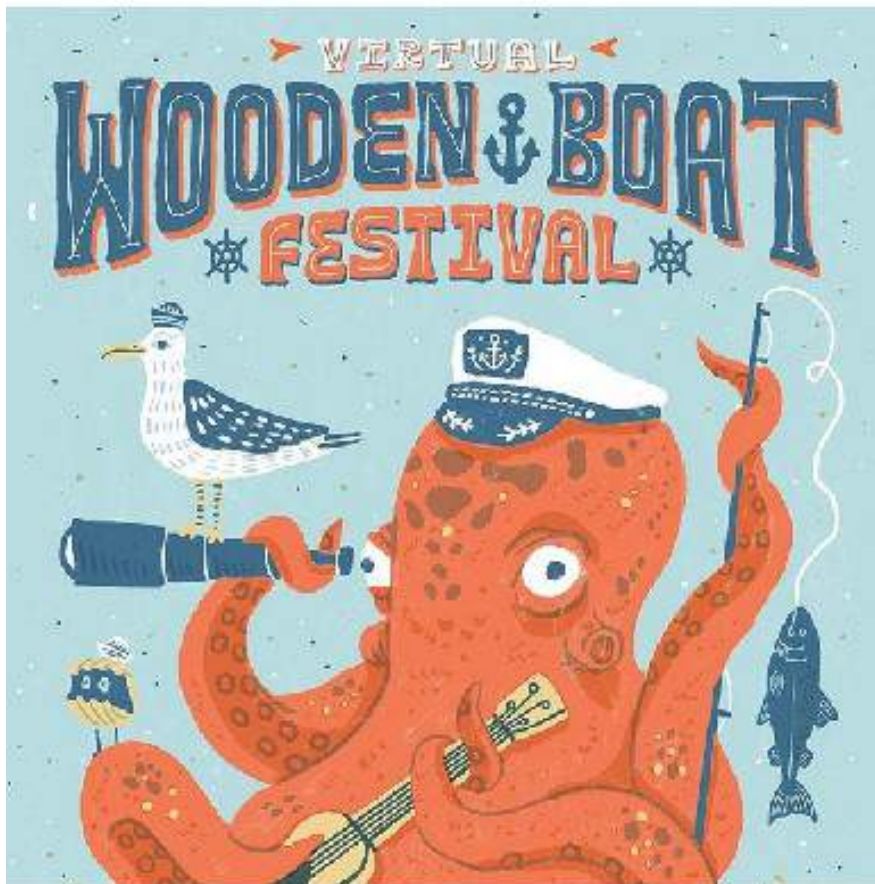
All Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 12,

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Zoom format

A Zoom link and instructions to join in will be emailed to members and guests prior to the start of the meeting. Brief business meeting will start the evening off, followed by our guest speaker. Questions? Please contact Bob McCrary at rmccrary09@gmail.com



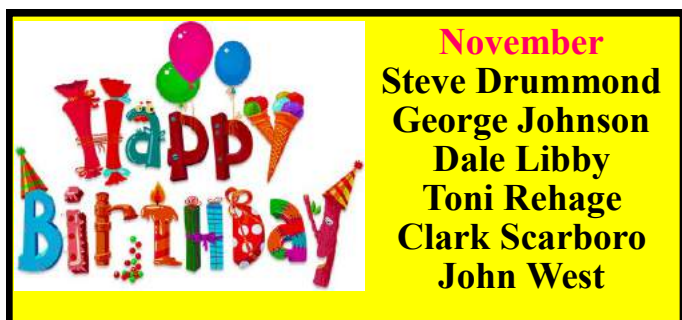
Barb Trailer, Wooden Boat Festival Director from the Northwest Maritime Center, will share a short film or two featured at this year's virtual festival.



The mission of the Northwest Maritime Center is to engage and educate people of all generations in traditional and contemporary maritime life, in a spirit of adventure and discovery. We're many things, and at our core we are a campus that uses powerful maritime experiences to educate, inspire people to adventure, and celebrate our maritime culture. We do it for our own love of boats, in service to the local community and maritime industry, but mostly because regardless of the subject, the sea is the most powerful teacher we know.

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 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	
Treasurer	Jack Dyer, P	425-785-7782
Executive Committee		
	Donna Mason, AP	360-595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Paul Rosetter, AP	360-595-1083
	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
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	Vacant	
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Executive Department		
Co-Op Charting	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
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Marketing	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Public Relations	Various members split	
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Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
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Boating Activities	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
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Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Marlene Bellinger, AP	
2 Yrs.	Jeannie Drummond	
3 Yrs.	Deanna Randall-Secrest	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
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.