



THE BITTER END

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
October 2020

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CALENDAR

- 01 Oct- Ex-Com Meeting-Zoom 6:00 PM—Note earlier time
- 01 Oct- Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM—Share Friday Harbor –Program
- 10 Oct- District Fall Conference-Zoom
- 03 Nov- Election Day-Please Vote



MEETING THIS MONTH!! Mark your calendars for a shared Zoom meeting with Friday Harbor Squadron on Oct 1. A Zoom invitation will be sent to members in a separate email.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Yes! We are having a meeting this month. Be aware it is on a different day, Oct 1. We have been in discussion with the 3 other local

Squadrons on getting in on their meeting and them ours. When any of us has something interesting going on the hope is to attend the others meeting. This month it will be with Friday Harbor.

The ZOOM invitation will be sent out in an email to current members. There is going to be a program about Tips and Tricks for Anchoring. See the flyer in this issue.

This kind of thing may happen over the next few months and the dates will likely change to suit whatever Squadron is hosting a meeting.

There is still some good weather coming up the next few weeks so you can get in some more social distance on a boat. Deb and I just came back from a 2 week South Sound cruise. We didn't see as much as we wanted as were smoked in and we never set sail once as all the days we were out it was an absolute mill pond. But it was a great fall cruise.

Also be aware that hunting season is now open so take care on some of the trails and water areas. Have fun and stay safe this fall.



Educational Department Lt/C Robert J. Miller, JN

The Educational Department has been busy over the past few weeks. The *Cruising and Cruise Planning (CCP)* course kicked off last week and the forth-coming *Radar for Boaters (RA)* course starting in November already has eight students registered.

Cruising and Cruise Planning Course (CCP)

The CCP course is well underway with 15 students and the in-car final exam is scheduled for October 17 at the Seafarers' Memorial Park parking lot. We have three members from our squadron and two more USPS members from the Friday Harbor squadron. The other 10 are non-members, of which three come from the recent Boat Handling course. Zoom's distance learning capabilities allows us to have students from outside of our physical territory, including San Juan, Whatcom, Snohomish, and King counties. The course is being team-taught by myself, George Brooks, Jack Dyer, and Debbie Richey.

Radar for Boaters Course (RA)

The RA course closes for registration on September 30. It now has eight students, one from the Skagit Bay squadron as well as one from Friday Harbor and two from Poulsbo squadrons. The Squadron Education Officers are sharing announcements of their courses throughout District 16 as more of them become Zoom-enabled.

Check Your Boats

We already have had the first good wind and rain storms of the season. Now is the time to visit the boat to make sure that the dock lines are well managed and that the boat is ready for wind and water.



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Radar for Boaters

Classes by Zoom in the Comfort of Your Home

(Laptops/large tablets preferred to view the PowerPoint slides, broadband Internet needed)

Tuesdays and Fridays

November 06, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, December 05, 2020

The course covers the different types of radar equipment, their capabilities and limitations, as well as their features and how they apply to students' needs. It covers what you need to know about radar, from how and where to mount the antenna to how to interpret the displays, so you can use your radar for collision avoidance and for navigational purposes.

What's Included? For both sail and power boats, *Radar for Boaters* covers a wide range of topics:

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- How radar works – basic concepts,
- What you see on the screen,
- How to control and manage settings,
- Fine tuning of detailed settings,
- Connecting to other nav devices,
- Using radar for blind navigation,
- Review of error conditions and heavy weather,
- Review of Colregs as they apply to radar use.

The course materials include the 240-page *The Radar Book, 2nd Edition* with a 2018 Supplement on the latest technology. It is written by the well-known local author of nautical guides, Kevin Monahan. The course is completed by attending the six two-hour Zoom sessions, followed by an in-automobile final exam. A Certificate of Completion will be awarded.

\$150 for individuals or \$190 for two sharing course materials
(\$80/100 for USPS Members)

Contact Bob Miller at 360-588-9950 or bobmillerwa@hotmail.com

Registration closes October 10, 2020

Class is limited to 15 students



SQUADRON ACTIVITIES by P/C Donna Mason, AP

Although squadron activities have been suspended during the pandemic, a few of us have spent some time on the waters, salt or fresh. Mark and Debbie just finished a cruise to Everett, Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia on their sailboat. Paul and I have stayed closer to home, day tripping on Lake Whatcom in "Wow Whee" (Boston Whaler) and rowing to neighbors on "Wee Whee" (Achilles inflatable). One day we explored most of the 13-mile lake with a peaceful lunch stop plunking in the middle of Agate Bay. Other times various neighbors and kayaking friends stopped by to social distance by water or space out (physically, not mentally) on our dock deck. Sadly, our boats are not big enough to social distance on board, so we could not invite anyone to join us on a boat ride. We are thankful to have such a peaceful place on the water to ride out this epidemic.

What ways have you boated this past summer? Feel free to write something about it for the "Bitter End" November issue.

Our squadron has remained active, however, evidenced especially by Educational Officer Bob Miller's planning a fall line-up of on-line classes. This may be a great time to sit at home and increase your boating skills.



Boating cruise and lunch stop on Lake Whatcom



Social distancing neighbor Larry visited via kayak

Executive Officer Carolyn Caporgno, S

As your new Executive Officer, I'd like to welcome the rest of our new and returning Bridge members. I am looking forward to getting back to seeing everyone at our dinner meetings and boat/land activities as well. I saw a quote over the past few weeks that reminds me that I am doing the right thing now by staying home as much as I can for this time. "It will be impossible to know if we overreacted or did too much, but it will be QUITE apparent if we under reacted or did too little." Stay safe & healthy!

The first Squadron shirt orders has been given to Clever Kathy Designs. New orders can be sent directly to her per the email that was sent out to all members last week. Any questions, please contact Glen, Supply Officer or Carolyn Caporgno.

Get ready to get back in your boat and show your squadron spirit! Burgees can be purchased for \$25, includes tax.

Some books, not all boating, to add to Donna's list:

The Fate of the Corps: What Became of the Lewis and Clark Explorers After the Expedition by Larry E. Morris

The Journals of Lewis and Clark edited by Bernard DeVoto

How Navigation Makes Us Human: Finding North by George Michelsen Foy

Navigation is the key human skill. It's something we do everywhere, whether feeling our way through a bedroom in the dark, or charting a jetliner's flight. But how does navigation affect our brains, our memory, ourselves? Blending scientific research and memoir, and written in beautiful prose, *Finding North* starts with a quest by the author to understand this most basic of human skills--and why it's mortal peril.

Tides: The Science and Spirit of the Ocean by Jonathan White

Writer, sailor, and conservationist Jonathan White hunts for arctic mussels at low tide, races a twenty-five foot tidal bore, investigates tidal power generation, and examines the threats of sea level rise. *Tides* combines lyrical prose with travel adventure and cultural history with scientific inquiry to provide a deep understanding of the forces that keep the earth's water in constant motion.

Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron Executive Committee Meeting Minutes September 3, 2020 Virtual

Attendance:

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

*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1831

Executive Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

- Coast Guard was not allowed for VSCs, so National was not sending out decals. However, National VSC chair said we were okay to do them. Carolyn will call again.
- Marketing Report – Donna Mason
 - Plenty of space for our marketing literature.

Education Officer - Bob Miller

- Cruise Planning has 16 students. 8 students came from an email message from Bob. Three people signed up from a flyer in Anacortes Marina billing.
- National doesn't seem to be developing courses that can be taught in the classroom setting. It will be difficult to teach until we can get back in the classroom.
- It was decided that Donna Mason would send a letter to students to encourage students to join.

Administrative Officer –

- Activities: Donna Mason
- All activities have been cancelled.

Secretary – Debbie Richey

Moved and seconded that we approved the special excom meeting..

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

Balance: \$5,917.41 (as of 08/31/2020)

Commander – Mark Richey

- Future of the squadron – We should keep going. We are running stronger than many squadrons. But we are suffering from burnout.
- Possibility we could have a meeting at a restaurant with outdoor seating. Background noise would not be conducive to having a meeting in most places. Mark will talk to other squadrons about joining their monthly meeting.
- D16 Conference October 10, will be virtual. No volunteers for delegates.

Old Business: None

New Business:

None

Meeting adjourned: 1906



ALL Membership Meeting

Thursday October 1, 2020

6:30pm ZOOM Format

Zoom link will be emailed to Members
prior to the start of the meeting

Unfortunately, while we are unable to gather in person we can still meet for a fun and informative membership meeting and special presentation by
Kathy and Dave Kane

"Tips and Tricks for Anchoring"

After spending several years doing boat deliveries and cruising in the South Pacific Kathy and Dave sailed north to Alaska then down the coast to Friday Harbor where they dropped anchor and now live and operate Pear Point Farm. Join us as these highly skilled sailors, both with USCG 100-ton licenses share their fun and adventurous boating experiences.



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		
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Executive Officer	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
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
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	Vacant	
	Vacant	
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3 Yrs.	Deanna Randall-Secrest	
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3 Yrs.	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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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.