

THE BITTER END

April 2021



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CALENDAR

02 April— Executive Committee Meeting, Zoom, 6:30PM

04 April— Happy Easter

08 April— Change of Watch Meeting, 7PM, Zoom



We now have a DBA and will be called America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay. It was approved at last excom meeting and by the District. Our previous chartered name does not go away but this new name is in keeping with the marketing vision of the national organization to give us an easier name for the public to understand. [Also see Poulsbo Rendezvous info this issue](#)



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Hello. I hope you are all staying safe. We continue to try to keep things going with online meetings and programs, as well as email news.

Our current plan is Stay Safe, Please Get Your Vaccine.

I just attended a District 16 Conference. Overall, our organization is doing quite well nationwide and locally. Our squadron picked up several stellar awards for 2020. Our newsletter and website received Distinctive Communicator awards, and we received the Roeber award. It was started by Jim Roeber and his wife Jean of the Spokane Squadron. They are big believers in boating education. The official name is Educational Achievement Award. It's based on how many members take advanced grades (piloting, celestial navigation, etc.) and elective (cruise planning, marine electronics) courses.

The vote for the new bridge and elected committees was held via our Zoom General meeting March 14, 2021. The vote for the slate was unanimous, so welcome to our new officers.

Our Change of Watch will be held Thursday, April 8 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Outgoing Commander Mark Richey will make some comments. District Com-

mander Ken Smith, Friday Harbor, will give us an update on District 16 and swear in the new bridge. Watch for your Zoom invitation. Hope to see you all there.

Want to get out in the water. Check out <http://wagonnerguide.com/updates> It will guide you to what's open and restrictions of that area.

We spent our March General Zoom meeting planning boating and land activities. Our 2021 Activities Schedule can be found in this newsletter. Thank you to Donna Mason for compiling a list of possible rendezvous and printing a final schedule and to all who participated in the planning and/or volunteered to host each event. It will be great to see everyone in person again. Our District Rendezvous in Poulsbo in June is a place where we can meet a lot of other Squadron boaters. A registration form can be found in this newsletter. You can travel by sea or land. Poulsbo is a beautiful destination. Join us there!

We are looking for an Administrative Officer for program planning. I had this office for 2 terms and enjoy meeting new people through this endeavor. Talk to me if you are interested and I will share my experience. We hope to get back to the Farmhouse in September for an in-person meal and meeting.

Bee Swarm



Some of you have met Tom Evans and Annie Naismith (past commander of Bellingham squadron) at one of the Coronet Bay Crab Rendezvous. They have been living on their sailboat in Mexico for several years now. They just had a new "sequestering experience." A swarm of bees transferring to a new home decided to spend the night on deck of their sailboat "TapanZee." Tom and Annie had to stay below decks for the night until the swarm flew away the next day.

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

2021 Activities Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>/Theme</u>
<i>All Activities Dependent Upon Gov. COVID Guidelines and Admission</i>			
January – May	Stay Safe, Get Your Vaccine!		
June 11-13	D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo	D16 Commander	/See Spring Cardinal Points
June 25-27	Deer Harbor, Orcas Island	Mark and Debbie	/Relax and Eat Ice Cream!
July 9-11	Coronet Bay Crab Cookout, Deception Pass	Kari & Deanna Randall-Secret	/Successful crab pots!
July 17	Shipwreck Day, Anacortes	George & Sandy Johnson	/Squadron fundraiser
July 31	Lake Whatcom Potluck Rendezvous	Paul & Donna	/Party at the Lake
Sept 3-6	Port Townsend with Seattle & Everett	See Everett & Seattle Websites	/Labor Day Weekend
Sept. 25	Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay, Deception Pass	Carolyn and Glen Caporgno	/SBSPS Anniversary Cookout
Oct. TBD	Leavenworth Octoberfest/Leaf Peeping Weekend	TBD: Paul & Donna, unless away	
Nov 19-21	Canada Weekend Trip		
Dec. 4	Lights of Christmas, Warm Beach Camp	Mark and Debbie	/Dinner and Play
December 11	LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Holiday Party	Paul & Donna	/Holidays celebration



**Educational Department
Lt/C Robert J. Miller, JN**

The Education Department ends the squadron year on an upbeat note, having again won the Roeber Award for the D16 squadron teaching the most students in a per-member mode. The members of the department are owed thanks for their dedicated work through the Covid era.



I am finishing my term as Squadron Education Officer and am passing the infamous *Squadron Blackboard Eraser* to Mark Richey. For those of you who don't remember chalk boards and the task of cleaning the chalk-dust-filled erasers, the ceremony won't be meaningful. But, for those of us who cleaned blackboards, we know all about how the dusty teaching environment affects health.

I want to thank and recognize the other members of the Education Department who helped navigate the Covid-19 and Zoom waters in adapting and assisting in team teaching during the past year. George Brook's gravitas and more than 50 years of boating experience impressed all of our students. Jack Dyer led many students through the safety requirements of getting started in boating in clear and fact-filled presentations. Debbie Richey was my backup as Assistant Squadron Education Officer and her lectures on cruising and her sailing experiences were impressive. She also presented the recruiting session during the classes. George Johnson remains as the master of exams and headed-up the in-car testing programs at Anacortes' Seafarer Memorial Park. To all, a heartfelt and deserved **Thank You**.

ABC Course in March

Twelve students are taking the ABC course by Zoom on March 20 and 27, with the in-car exam at the Seafarers' Memorial Park on April 3. Interest in boating courses remains high and the squadron has been successful with Zoom, but the Education Department is eagerly awaiting for a return to traditional in-person classes. I suspect that a hybrid model will evolve over the next year as some courses lend themselves to online classes, while others are best taught in person with plenty of classroom proctors assisting.

Be Safe and mask up,
Bob Miller
SEO

One of our ABC Students gave us this link about a rescue. It's very interesting.

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2021 Squadron Activities
P/C Donna Mason, AP

Thanks to the SBSPS members who joined in the Planning Meeting March 11, we have an abbreviated-but-great lineup of activities for 2021. There is something for everyone, from saltwater to freshwater and land.

January – May we are playing it safe and following COVID guidelines. Soon we hope all members will be vaccinated.

June 11-12 – D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo

Meet other members of our USPS District 16 at this activity-packed weekend rendezvous, hosted by the D16 Commander. See announcement elsewhere in this newsletter or check the D16 website for details, www.uspsd16.org.

June 25-27 Deer Harbor, Orcas Island Rendezvous

Hosted by Mark and Debbie Richey, we will relax, eat ice cream (some of us) and reacquaint ourselves with happy hours and potluck dinners at the dock. Mark and Debbie will announce more later.

July 9-11 – Cornet Bay Crab Cookout, Deception Pass State Park

Hosted by Kari and Deanna Randall-Secret, members can cruise by boat for a day, spend the weekend at the floating docks (no services), or use the boat launch ramp. Those coming by car can come Saturday and enjoy the crab potluck cookout. Discovery Parking Passes are required this weekend. This event is subject to increased group participation by COVID guidelines and State Park Rules. The picnic shelter is reserved, hoping that the rules will change so we can meet as a group. Stay tuned for updates.

July 17 – Shipwreck Day, Anacortes

George and Sandy Johnson are overseeing this event. We will have a smaller booth this year, as a fundraiser selling some used, donated items and also as an information booth to acquaint the public about America's Boating Club and our classes. Our group enjoys dinner after booth takedown.

July 31 – Lake Whatcom Potluck Rendezvous

Enjoy a day at the Lake! Venture up to Whatcom County to the peaceful south end of 13-mile-long Lake Whatcom. Paul Rosetter and Donna Mason are hosting a fun outdoor day at the lake, again dependent upon increased group participation COVID guidelines. We can handle about 16 people, if so. All participants will need to be fully vaccinated. See some of the lake from our Boston Whaler "Wow Whee." Chance winning a prize in the scavenger hunt. Go swimming from the dock in our bracingly cool water. Hike through the woods. Relax and enjoy the view. We will work up an appetite for an afternoon potluck dinner. We plan to use the squadron canopy and space out tables and chairs.

August – boaters plan to be all over the place, so no specific Squadron events.

September 3-6 – 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 will need to reserve slip space early. For information and reservations, check the Everett and Seattle websites (through the USPS National website). You may be able to register at <https://www.seattlesailpowersquadron.org/rendezvous>, under “News and Events.”

September 25 – Squadron Anniversary Cookout at Coronet Bay Shelter, Deception Pass State Park

Our new Commander Carolyn and Glen Caporgno will host our annual celebration of the Squadron’s Charter. It will be a free-parking-pass day at Coronet Bay. The covered picnic shelter is reserved, dependent upon COVID guidelines and State Park rules for our group picnic and cookout. Stay tuned.

October 29-31 or TBD – Leavenworth Octoberfest and Leaf Peeping Weekend Trip

We can enjoy Leavenworth’s German flavor for a fall weekend. The downtown should not be as crowded as the December Tree Lighting, so don’t worry about being crushed in the crowds. Let’s see if we’re safe for traveling by October and what the transportation options are.

November 19-21 Canada Weekend Trip

Again, let’s see if Canada will let us Americans in by then, and we can plan a fun weekend exploring around Vancouver area.

December 4 – Lights of Christmas, Warm Beach Camp Dinner and Play

Mark and Debbie Richey will host this event, a popular activity this time of year. General information will be available at <https://www.thelightsofchristmas.com/>. Mark and Debbie will announce details for our rendezvous later in the year.

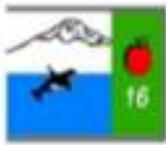
December 11 – LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and Holiday Party

Ring in the holidays with this festive evening at the LaConner Pub, enjoying the boat parade and your choice of dinner. The Pub is excited to welcome us back after a year’s hiatus. It is our squadron’s Holiday Party instead of having a December meeting.

A note about Squadron shirts: this year, with so much still up in the air, we decided NOT to get printed shirts this year.

If you have any questions about these activities, or want to sign up, please let me know:

donnajmason@gmail.com.



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**SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE ANNUAL
D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 11-13 June 2021**

A Time for Socialization and Relaxation!
Travel to the Rendezvous by Boat, Car or RV

Friday Event--6/11:

Join us for the always popular Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB&F) "Boat Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock". Participants eat on their boat's tail (stern) or those without a boat eat on the dock. This will provide an opportunity to socialize while observing current COVID guidelines.

Saturday, 6/12:

Welcome: Socially distanced opening remarks will be planned based on the COVID protocols at that time.

Flare shoot & Fire Extinguisher Training: Tides appear to be favorable for the flare shoot and we will have instructors for the Fire Extinguisher Training at the Fire Pit in the Muriel Iverson Williams Waterfront Park.

Dinner on your own boat, or at one of the many fine restaurants in Poulsbo. **We plan to socialize on the Dock, following current COVID guidelines.**

Moorage and Lodging

Moorage Reservations: E-Dock has been reserved for those planning to attend by boat. Moorage fees of \$1.15 per foot (30' minimum) + \$.75/visit (environmental) + \$5.00 per night electrical to be paid directly to Poulsbo Marina. **In addition**, a \$5.00 reservation fee will be collected by D16 at the time of registration. Information regarding your boat size and specific moorage requests will be collected on the Registration Form which will be out to all members soon.

Lodging: A block of rooms have been reserved at The Poulsbo Inn under Americas Boating Club U.S. Power Squadrons at a group rate of \$97.00 plus tax for a King and \$92.00 plus tax for 2 Queens. **Group block rate closes May 24, 2021**, so make your reservations before that date. Please make your hotel reservations and payment early and directly with the hotel at 360-779-3921 or 360-779-9737.

Watch for the Reservation Form and sign up for a great time!

The registration form with more information will be sent to all members. For Questions Contact: D16 Administrative Officer at: uspsd16.dao@gmail.com

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2021 Virtual**

Attendance:

Bob Miller	Mark Richey	Glen Caporgno
Carolyn Caporgno	Donna Mason	Paul Rosetter
Sandy Johnson	George Johnson	

*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1835

Executive Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

No Report.

Marketing Report – Donna Mason

Students come from articles in the newspaper. The best source for students is from Anacortes Marina Newsletter. Virtual classes are being posted in HQ800 and they are shared with other SEOs in the district. This works well to bring students to the classes. 80% of the students don't come to the meetings. Donna is requesting the e-mails of the students so she can send them the marketing materials.

Education Officer - Bob Miller

Zoom account will be due in June. Bob will work with Debbie and Jack to take over the IT duties. ABC class has 10 students signed up. We will net \$270.

Administrative Officer –

Activities: Donna Mason

Planning meeting have been moved to March for 2021 activities. Donna will send out planning documents prior to the meeting with a marketing message.

Membership – Donna is going to update the New Member Brochure with the new officers and name.

Programs –

April meeting will be the Change of Watch. Ken Smith will be our D16 guest. Bob suggested using YouTube videos as a program. He will research some relevant channels.

Secretary – Debbie Richey

Moved and seconded that we accept January ExCom minutes from February.

Correction to February minutes – Need to change have to has in the Administrative office report.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

Balance: \$6,656.82 (as of 02/28/2021)

Jack is checking with National regarding dues. We did not change our dues.

Commander – Mark Richey

No Report.

Old Business –

Discussion about a DBA for the organization. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the name of America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay as our DBA. Passed with a unanimous vote.

New Business:

No Report

Meeting adjourned: 1915

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	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Executive Officer	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Education Officer	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Administrative Officer	Vacant	
Secretary	Debbie Richey, AP	425-750-9551
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
Flag Lt.	Steve Drummond, AP	
Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
Merit Marks	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
	Vacant	
	Vacant	
Executive Department		
Co-Op Charting	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Liaison	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Marketing	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Public Relations	Various members split	
Radio Technical	George Brooks, SN	
Safety	Don Coleman	360 333-2962
Vessel Exams	Vacant	
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Local Board Advanced Grds	George Brooks, SN	360 466-3470
Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Administrative Department		
Boating Activities	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Rendezvous	Donna Mason, AP	
Greeting	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
Membership	Debbie Richey, AP	
Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Vacant	
Property Officer	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
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Historian	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Public Contact	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Roster	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secret, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Jeannie Drummond	
2 Yrs.	Deanna Randall-Secret	
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
2 Yrs.	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
2 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	
3 Yrs.	Ruth Peterson, SN	

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 no longer wish to hold the committee spot we have you in, please let us know.