

THE BITTER END

December 2021



For Boaters, By Boaters

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CALENDAR



02 Dec— Executive Board Meeting, 6PM Burlington Haggan

11 Dec— Christmas Boat Parade Dinner, LaConner Pub\

25 Dec— Merry Christmas

01 January 2022— Happy New Year



Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to All. Please come out to our Christmas Event and also think about what you want to do next year so you will have ideas ready for the January meeting. Please be careful on roads, especially New Years Eve!

Remember—HE is the reason for the season.



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Looking forward to the upcoming Lighted Boat Parade in La Conner and dinner at The Pub.

Hope you can join us for holiday cheer.

It's not too early to start thinking where you would like to go with America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay in 2022. We will have our annual planning meeting in January, and you will have an opportunity to voice your opinion. Did you go to a new place this year that you think the group would enjoy? Did you go to some of the same old places, but wouldn't mind going back? Write down those ideas. We are looking for speakers for our general meetings in March, April and possibly June. Have you met someone who has an interesting talk within the boating industry or who has taken a cruise of a lifetime on their own vessel? You? Keep those ideas in mind and bring them to the meeting as well. Are there courses you would like to see our Education Department offer in 2022? Let us know as that will be up for discussion in January. I'd like to wish everyone of you a safe and happy December. May your family celebrations bring you joy and happiness.



Educational Department Lt/C Mark Richey, SN-IN

Welcome to the end of another year. We got at least one public class taught this year and have another planned. I hope some of you took advantage of the classes and seminars offered by other squadrons.

During our January activity planning meeting we may discuss upcoming education opportunities as well as talking about those of you that may want to get involved in teaching. I have spoken with a couple of you that seem excited about getting involved in the department and would love to hear your input.

We can offer advanced grades and specialty courses to the public and that had been asked of me by some of you. Go look at

<https://americasboatingclub.org/learn/education-matters/all>

for everything we can offer both virtual and in-person.

There have also been some of you asking about hands-on and on the water training. We can offer that but need interested and skilled boaters to do it and Bellingham does have the program in place for those of you wanting to go. That may be more of a summer thing.

Take care this winter and be safe.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

See you at our Lighted Boat Parade and Holiday Party at the LaConner Pub, December 11. By now you will have made your reservation.

At our January Members Meeting, bring your ideas for activities as we plan our 2022 Activities.

It is time for my annual boating/water-related Holiday book gift suggestions:

The Raven and the Banshee, in early 1856 C Charleston, SC a shipping family embarks to chart a new shipping route to the Caribbean. A passionate tale of vengeance, forgiveness, and redemption in a rollicking, swashbuckling adventure on the high seas.

Mutiny on the Rising Sun: A Tragic Tale of Slavery, Smuggling, and Chocolate shows how the illegal trade created demand for exotic products and how slavery and smuggling were integral to the development of American capitalism.

Waters of the World: The Story of the Scientists Who Unraveled the Mysteries of Our Oceans, Atmosphere, and Ice Sheets and Made the Planet Whole shows how scientists who summited volcanoes, cored mile-thick ice sheets and flew inside storm clouds to understand our Earth's atmosphere and climate.

The Weather of the Pacific Northwest: 2nd Edition explains the complex interaction of atmosphere and topography in the Pacific Northwest.

Cascadia Revealed: A Guide to the Plants, Animals, and Geology of the Pacific Northwest Mountains, a field guide to explain about all those things you see from your boat as you cruise through the Pacific Northwest.

Adrift, one of the three in the "Strong Heart" series, follows salvagers intent on claiming the remains of a burned-out cargo ship in the Gulf of Alaska.

Underwater Wild: My Octopus Teacher's Extraordinary World, by the makers of documentary film "My Octopus Teacher" covers new ocean biology research with breathtaking photographs.
The Alaska Heritage Seafood Cookbook includes fascinating tidbits of Alaska history and lore.

For young readers: Viking in Love, a laugh out loud picture book about a Viking facing his fear of the sea.

Inside My Sea of Dreams: The Adventures of Kami and Suz, a seafaring adventure to Alaska, a little girl's big adventure in a tiny kayak.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!

**America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay
Executive Committee Meeting, November 4, 2021**

Attendees:

Carolyn Caporgno, Glen Caporgno, Donna Mason, Paul Rosetter, Sandy Johnson, George Johnson, Jack Dyer

Absent: Debbie Richey, Mark Richey

The meeting started at 1817 hrs at Haggen's Supermarket in Burlington.

Exec Officer – Kelly Libby

Marketing – Donna Mason

Nothing to report.

Education Officer – Mark Richey (absent, vacation in Hawaii)

Upcoming ABC class by Zoom, January 8 and 17, with final exam January 22.

Administrative Officer – Commander Carolyn Caporgno, acting AO

Squadron Activities – Donna Mason

Tentative reservation for squadron dinner on December 11 at La Conner Pub to watch boat parade – and eat **chocolate cake** ordered and delivered by Donna and Paul.

Warm Beach December visit tentative plan cancelled because it will be a drive-thru this year.

Secretary – Debbie Richey (absent, vacation in Hawaii) – Sandy and George Johnson acting Secretaries

October meeting minutes unanimously approved.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

Reported October reconciled bank balance in written report.

Old Business –

Donna Mason is awaiting "Model Bylaws" access, and she has a list of changes we want.

New Business –

Discussed desirability of a Telephone Committee to increase attendance.

New member Adam Dietz wants to teach and will be added as Instructor as soon as practical.

Membership list will be updated soon.

Name tags -George Johnson will bring a pad of blank name tags for use at meetings by people who have no other name tag.

Debbie Richey buys name tags for new members.

Meeting ended at 1817 hrs.

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay
General Meeting Minutes, November 11,2021
Farmhouse Restaurant

Attendees: Carolyn Caporgno, Glen Caporgno, Jack Dyer, Don Coleman, John Bellinger, Marlene Bellinger, George Brooks, Jeanne Brooks, John Woodward, Donna Mason

(Minutes taken by Donna Mason in Sec'y Debbie Richey's absence)

The meeting was called to order by Cdr Carolyn Caporgno at 1834 hours. After a non-flag salute, officer's reports were given.

Marketing: Donna Mason announced there are three downloadable, print-at-home brochures (ABC, Membership and Education) and a flyer about the Free ABC Mobile App easily obtainable at USPS' MarCom (Marketing Communications webpage). You don't need to sign in with your member number. Anyone can print these at home should the need or opportunity arise to encourage a new person to take a class, learn about ABC, etc. We discussed boat dealerships as a next marketing opportunity phase.

Education: Carolyn reported that Mark Richey's class flyer is in the November "Bitter End". She recommended adding a class planning session along with our activities planning at the January General Meeting. Shelter Bay may be interested in our class and seminar offerings. Three members meet regularly with the yacht club incoming commodore and will talk with him about our offerings. Carolyn is pursuing being a speaker at one of the Shelter Bay meetings.

Administrative Officer: Carolyn reported we still need an AO and there are slots open for speakers, especially next March.

Squadron Activities: Donna reported that we have 24 spaces for the Holiday Party and Lighted Boat Parade at LaConner Pub, Saturday, December 11 beginning at 5 p.m. Our squadron has the entire covered outdoor patio which has plastic sheet wind protection and heaters. A sign-up sheet was passed around, and she will send an email to members. She also encouraged members to think of activities they'd like to do in 2022 and offer them at the January Activities Planning Meeting.

(There was a temporary adjournment for dinner from 1848 to 1908 hours.)

Secretary: Carolyn filled in for Debbie Richey. The minutes of the October 14 General Meeting were approved with a correction to the starting time.

Treasurer: Jack Dyer reported there is a checking account balance of \$4xxxx as the end of October. Expenses so far for November are \$4 bank fee and \$68 storage fee. There was discussion about getting a checking account without fees.

Commander Carolyn suggested pursuing a partnership with Shelter Bay Yacht Club (covered above)

Old Business: The National Treasurer's Report is on the website.

George Brooks took the Instructor Requalification via Zoom. Jim West ran an excellent class. The USPS Zoom permit ends the end of December and National USPS will have to renew it. Could be a problem for Mark's planned January class if there are delays.

New Business: Woody Woodward offered that the recent D16 Marina Hop was a success, and it should be offered every year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1924 hours.



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USPS America's Boating Course

Zoom Online (by invitation)

Class online: Saturday, January 8 and 15, 9AM to 2PM

Exam In-Person Location TBD: Saturday, January 22, 1PM

The US Coast Guard-approved *America's Boating Course* provides you with basic boating knowledge to decide what type and size boat you need, what to do when meeting another boat in a crowded waterway, and how to recognize and handle hazards. Become a more competent boater, learn from the best, and enroll in *America's Boating Course* today. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete *America's Boating Course*. And, this course provides a sound basis for continuing your recreational boating education.

What's Included? For both sail and power boaters, *ABC* covers a wide range of topics:

- Types of boats and their uses,
- Boating laws, both Federal and State,
- Safety equipment, both required and recommended,
- Finding your way, and adverse conditions,
- Communications,
- Trailering, knots and lines,
- Water sports topics.

The course materials include a 280 page bound *Student Guide*. The course is completed by taking two, 5 hour, online sessions with Zoom. The final exam is administered at a location to be determined based on COVID safety comfort level. It will be in Anacortes area. Successful completion of the final exam allows students to apply for their Washington State Boaters Card, required for anyone born after Jan 1, 1955, and operating a vessel with a 15HP motor or greater.

\$40 for individuals or \$50 for two sharing a book in a household

Contact Mark Richey at 425-876-6274 or

ssboatschool@hotmail.com

Registration closes Jan 1, 2022

Class is limited to 15 students

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.®



Don't forget we have a **Amazon Smile account**. We will get credit for every Amazon purchase you make if you use <https://www.amazon.com/smile> when you login to your account and set Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron as your charity.

~ 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.



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3 Yrs.	Vacant	
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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.