

# THE BITTER END

September 2022



*For Boaters, By Boaters*

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## CALENDAR

- 01 Sept — Ex-Com Meeting, Burlington Haggan, 6PM
- 08 Sept — Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, 6PM
- 17 Sept — Bremerton Naval Museum Trip
- 24 Sept — Coronet Bay Annual Charter Party Cookout



See the class flyer in this issue and please print and hang at your favorite locations. Let us know what kind of programs you might want from now until spring. Also, don't forget to let the hosts know if you want to come to any of the remaining events. Still lots of boating left, be safe and watch for those kiddies going back to school.



### Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Hello Boating Friends. Still plenty of boating time left in this season with the nice weather.

Glen and I will be on a road trip to Idaho, Montana, and South Dakota beginning the August 26, and we will be back September 15. We hope to join you for the Bremerton Day Trip on Saturday, September 17.

Then the following Saturday, September 24 meet us at Coronet Bay for our Anniversary Cookout. We provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns. You bring a side dish or salad. We will provide napkins, cutlery, plates, and cups. Come on out at 1 p.m.

Look over our list of upcoming boating/land activities and make your reservations early whether traveling by boat or land. I have found that folks are ready to get out and travel. Book dock and ferry reservations as soon as possible, and hotel reservations if you don't have a boat.

Did you need a vessel safety check this year? Don Coleman, our qualified examiner, has agreed to do your free vessel safety exam for 2022-2023. You can contact him at [colemandonb@gmail.com](mailto:colemandonb@gmail.com) or (360)333-2962

Talk to your friends and family about getting their Washington State Boater Education card through our ABC class. This card must be in a boater's possession when operating a power boat with a 15 horsepower or greater. An ABC class flyer is in this newsletter.

If you would like to attend our **Executive Committee** meeting, it will be at the Burlington Haggan's in the deli dining area at **6 p.m. Thursday, September 1, 2022.**



### Education Department Lt/C Mark Richey, SN-IN

Welcome back. We have 3 classes planned for the rest of the bridge year. Starting in October we have another basic ABC class. This one was put together by our ASEO, Adam. Please make copies of the included flyer and put them in your favorite marina or bulletin board. In the winter time frame we are also going to do a seminar or advanced grade.

There has been talk of Boat Handling or Cruise planning. Let us know what you want and tell your friends. Be safe boating the rest of the season.



## **Squadron Activities**

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

September 2-5: Pt. Hudson Joint Rendezvous with Everett and Seattle squadrons. Details were in the Summer 2022 "Bitter End."

September 17: Puget Sound Naval Museum, Bremerton Day Trip. Stay tuned for details from Debbie Richey.

September 24: Our squadron's Anniversary Cookout. We'll return to Coronet Bay at Deception Pass for our cookout hosted by Cdr Carolyn and Glen Caporgno. The covered picnic area is reserved for us, and it is a State Parks Free Day—no parking fee. An announcement will come from Cdr. Carolyn.

October 7-9 Rosario Resort, Orcas Island Rendezvous: Hosts Mark and Debbie Richey will announce the weekend's events.



As we relax at our dock on the lake, we never know what is going to come into view. Recently, a paraglider launched from a boat and soared over us.



**If you are interested in going to Bremerton Naval Museum on Sept 17 or Rosario Resort on October 7-9, please let Mark or Debbie know so they can make arrangements. [ssboatschool@hotmail.com](mailto:ssboatschool@hotmail.com)**

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2022**

**Attendance:**

Mark Richey	Donna Mason	Carolyn Caporgno
Jack Dyer	George Johnson	Paul Rosetter
Debbie Richey	Sandy Johnson	Glen Caporgno
George Brooks		

\*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1810

**Executive Officer –**

- Marketing Report – Donna is going to put together a meeting of the marketing volunteers.
- George Brooks – The next list to put together is a list of saltwater boat launches. Also a list of community bulletin boards.

**Education Officer – Mark Richey**

- Mark has nothing to report. George Brooks has suggested that perhaps we should teach Boat Handling.

**Administrative Officer –**

- Activities: Donna Mason
  - See Newsletter for list of activities.
- Membership – Billie and Craig Ford will be joining us at our June meeting.
- Programs – Dan Niven will be our speaker in October.

**Secretary – Debbie Richey**

- Motion moved, second and approved for the April Minutes as corrected. Correction: One Letterhead is for legal business and one is for everything else.

**Treasurer – Jack Dyer**

- Balance: \$xxxxxx (as of 05/31/2022) Audit will be done on June 3, 2022.

**Commander – Carolyn Caporgno**

- Carolyn needs a fill in for September exec board meeting and general meeting. Donna Mason volunteered.

**Old Business –**

- Donna has received comments from the board on the revised bylaws.
- Nametags – Donna will order them for Debbie.
- Marina Signs Update – Anacortes Marina agreed to place signs at the entrance of each of their docks. George Johnson will order five more small signs. Mark talked to the new ranger at Camano Island State Park and he is considering placing them.

**New Business –**

Need to make sure that our newsletters are sent to all squadrons. The newsletters are also available on the district website.

Meeting adjourned 1855



## SEATTLE BELL HARBOR RENDEZVOUS

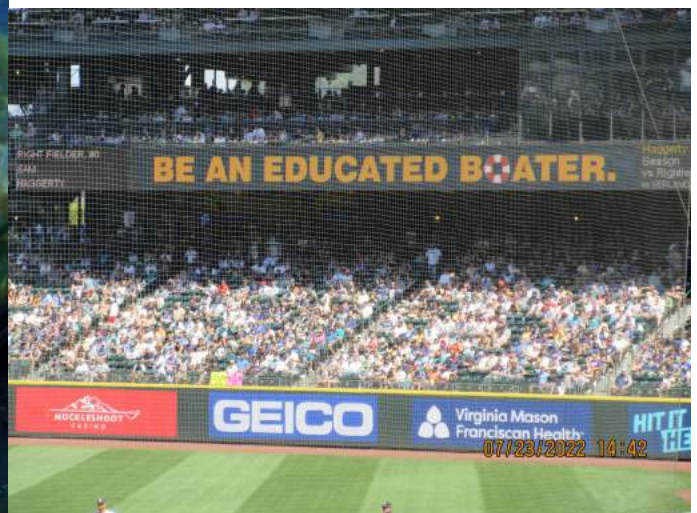


Our 2 boats. Harmony in foreground and Quiet Time with black mast rear center

The gang at the Mariners game



Dan Niven in Aquarium tank and talking to us



Ad poster at T Mobile Park



# America's Boating Club, Skagit Bay

September 24, 2022

1 p.m.

Anniversary Cookout

Coronet Bay, Deception Pass

Hamburgers, hot dogs & buns  
plates, cups, napkins, and  
silverware provided.

Anniversary cake provided.

~~~Bring a salad or a side dish.~~~



America's  
Boating  
Club of  
Skagit Bay



# USPS America's Boating Course

**Zoom Online (by invitation)**

**Class online: Oct 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 8:30 PM**

**Exam In-Person Location TBD: Saturday, Oct 15, 10 AM**

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](mailto:ssboatschool@hotmail.com)**

**Registration closes October 3, 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.®**

### Squadron Logo Wear

Did you know that there is a shop in La Conner that will embroider shirts, bags and hats with the Skagit Bay name and burgee? It's called CleverKathy. She has our logo already setup. You can bring your own items or purchase one of her many items. Stop in sometime and see what she has to offer! [https://www.cleverkathydesigns.com/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](https://www.cleverkathydesigns.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html)

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.



| Bridge Officers             |                         |              |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Commander                   | Carolyn Caporgno, S     | 209-609-1182 |
| Executive Officer           | Vacant                  |              |
| Education Officer           | Mark Richey, SN-IN      | 425-876-6274 |
| Administrative Officer      | Vacant                  |              |
| Secretary                   | Debbie Richey, AP       | 425-750-9551 |
| Treasurer                   | Jack Dyer, AP           | 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 |
|                             | George Brooks, SN       |              |
| Public Relations            | Various members split   | 360-982-2999 |
| Radio Technical             | George Brooks, SN       | 360 333-2962 |
| Safety                      | Don Coleman             |              |
| Vessel Exams                | Vacant                  |              |
| Education Department        |                         |              |
| Assistant Education Officer | Adam Deitz              | 203-536-6402 |
| Local Board Public Boating  | George Johnson, SN      | 360-588-8125 |
| Local Board Advanced Grds   | George Brooks, SN       | 360 982-2999 |
| 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 |
| Supply Officer              | Glen Caporgno, S        | 209-484-2365 |
| Secretary's Department      |                         |              |
| Editor "Bitter End"         | Mark Richey, SN-IN      | 425-876-6274 |
| 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                 | Deanna Randall-Secret N |              |
| 2 Yrs.                      | Sandy Johnson, P        |              |
| 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.                      | Vacant                  |              |

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.**