

THE BITTER END

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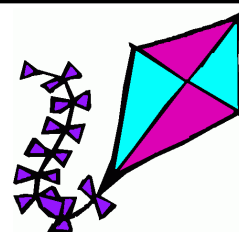


A Division Of United States Power Squadrons™
District 16

CALENDAR



- 07 Mar— Ex-Com Meeting, Burlington Haggan, 6PM
- 14 Mar— Regular Meeting, Shawn O'Donnells, 6PM
- 16 Mar— Langley Day Trip, Lunch Primo Bistro
- 17 Mar— Happy St. Patricks Day
- 19 Mar— Vernal Equinox, Happy 1st Day of Spring



Elections are next meeting. Time to vote for new bridge. Happy spring. Maybe we should have a kite contest. Good idea for a spring Squadron picnic? Maybe there is a park around Langley? Think about classes. Don't drink to much green beer or you wont be able to find the pot of gold. The newsletter and website both won distinctive communicator for 2023. Congrats to both.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Happy Spring. Time to get in that last minute skiing and think about getting out on the water. Deb and I have been out a couple times over the winter though so you don't have to wait.

We are trying to plan our education year. I sent out an email to all members to let us know what you want to learn. If you didn't get it or are still thinking about it. Please send me your ideas at the address above. It can be anything boating related and not just a formal class.

We are also considering buying a few burgees of the size 16x24 appropriate for boats in the 35-50ft range. If we can get enough interest we will get some for stock. The normal ones we have are 12x18 which is sized for boats 25to35 ft.

It is elections also. There is a recommended slate of officers in this issue but if you have some other ideas, feel free to nominate from the floor. We can also use committee spots. Take a look at the list on the last page and see if there is something you think that you

would like to do.

As you know I am also the editor and would love to have articles and boating related photos from anyone. Just submit them to the address above. Also let us know what programs and guests you might like.

Be safe.
Mark



Administrative Officer Carolyn Caporgno, S

Join me and travel along with Donna Mason and Paul Rosetter to New Zealand. After a COVID-canceled plan in 2020, they embarked with Road Scholars from mid-November to mid-December 2022. They traveled to both Australia and New Zealand, but they will take us on the Australian portion later this year. See you **Thursday, March 14 at Shawn O'Donnell's at the Farmhouse** with Happy Half-Hour starting at 6 p.m.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

We have been enjoying a winter break at Pismo Beach in the midst of wine country. This year's excitement included yet another delayed luggage episode, monarch butterflies, amazing sunsets, double rainbows, a tornado one mile away, a pod of orcas feeding in front of us, and rescuing a trapped seagull on our third story deck. Paul got a bloody chin from that one, but the seagull safely flew away.

Hope you can join us for these upcoming activities:

UPDATE: March 16 Langley, Whidbey Island by Boat or Car Day Trip, hosted by Paul and Donna

We'll venture to picturesque Langley on our own and meet at Prima Bistro upstairs at 201 ½ First Street for Noon lunch. Some members of the Everett Squadron may join us at a nearby table. It is fun to poke around the Star Market on the first level. If you arrive early, you can join the Everett Squadron at the Whale Museum located at 105 Anthes Street at 11 a.m. or visit it after lunch. Also, you can walk off your delicious French-meets-Pacific-Northwest food by exploring around town. We have a reservation for 12 hearty appetites. Adventurous boaters may want to make a weekend of it, staying at the marina. Email donnajmason@gmail.com if you're interested in going.

April 6 Anacortes to Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, Ferry Day Trip, rain or shine, hosted by Paul and Donna

Most of us will walk on the ferry, which will be on the Spring Schedule. We'll plan to leave Anacortes around 9:55 a.m. and arrive at Friday Harbor at 11:15 a.m. We'll explore on our own around this interesting town and meet at 3:30 p.m. at the Blue Water Grill at 7 Spring Street, which is within walking distance to the ferry. We'll start with happy hour drinks easing into "Lunner" (lunch/dinner) at 4 p.m. so we can make the 5:45 p.m. ferry back to Anacortes which will arrive about 7:20 p.m. Check out the menu at: <https://www.bluewaterandgrill.com>. RSVP via Email donnajmason@gmail.com if you're interested in going. The Spring Ferry Schedule is available at <https://wsdot.com/ferries/schedule/scheduledetailbyroute.aspx?route=ana-sj>.

May 17 Wear Your Life Jacket Everywhere Day: Tying into Safe Boating Week, wear your life jacket as you go about your business and let people know why you are wearing it: you are a member of America's Boating Club and you promote boating safety for Safe Boating Week.

May 17-19 Rosario Resort Orcas Island Rendezvous by Boat or Car, hosted by Mark and Debbie Richey

Last weekend for less expensive spring boat slip rates. Reserve your slip by calling [360.376.2152](tel:360.376.2152) ext. 700. Non-boaters can stay at the Resort Hotel and Spa by calling 360.376.2222. Rosario Marina will not take reservations until the end of March. You can make a reservation on-line, but please indicate you are with Skagit Bay Power Squadron.

June 14-July 6 "Aim for Desolation Sound Cruise"

Mark and Debbie in their sailboat "Quiet Time" will be venturing north, hoping to make it as far as Desolation Sound Canada. If you'd like to join them for this cruise, contact Debbie at drichey@rocketmail.com.

June 21-23 is the America's Boating Club District 16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo. See the Spring *Cardinal Points* or D16 website <https://www.uspsd16.org/news-events>. If you plan to go by boat, make your slip reservation asap.

July 18-22 Vancouver Island by boat or Tsawwassen Ferry to explore Victoria and Sidney, B.C. Hosted by Paul and Donna

Details to be worked out. Stay tuned. We plan to spend a few days each in Victoria and Sidney. The ferry from Anacortes won't be available for 5 years, so we'll approach by driving over the border to Tsawwassen. We might try to fit in a visit to Bchart Gardens. Boaters are welcome to join us.

August 30 – September 2 Labor Day Weekend with Seattle & Everett Squadrons. TBA

September 28 Squadron Anniversary Cookout at Coronet Bay, Deception State Park, Whidbey Island by boat or car, rain or shine.

The shelter is reserved for the day. Parking is Free on this State Parks Day. Hosted by Commander or Designee.

October D16 End of Season Cruise TBA by D16

See the Fall *Cardinal Points* or D16 website <https://www.uspsd16.org/news-events>.

November 15-17 Destination Train Trip Weekend hosted by Paul and Donna. Pencil in the date on your calendar. We'll take Amtrak from Mt. Vernon station to a TBA location for an explorations-and-delicious-dining weekend.

December 14 LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and Squadron Holiday Party Dinner, hosted by Paul and Donna

In December we celebrate instead of having a monthly meeting. The LaConner Pub and Eatery at 702 First St. has reserved space for our Squadron Holiday Party beginning at 5 p.m. The Snohomish Yacht Club has scheduled its lighted boat parade that evening. Join us this year for a good time.

December 21 Afternoon Meal and Argosy Christmas Caroling Ship Cruise from Lake Union Seattle, hosted by Paul and Donna

The cruise schedule won't be available until after Thanksgiving, but based on prior years, this will be the grand finale weekend and the cruise will be in Seattle, not Kirkland. The 1 ½ hour cruise will be from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. AAA members receive a 20% discount ordering online. Prior to the cruise, we will enjoy a meal at a nearby restaurant. Some people may want to spend the night and enjoy other holiday festivities in Seattle.

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

2024 Activities Schedule - Revised

Date	Destination	Host	Theme
Jan – Feb	Stay Safe!		Prep for the Season
Feb 2-10	Seattle Boat Show: Enjoy it on your own		What's New In Boating?
March 16	Langley, Whidbey Island Boat or Car Day Trip	Paul & Donna	Prima Bistro & Explore
April 6	Friday Harbor San Juan Island Boat or Car Ferry	Paul & Donna	Spring on the Island
May 17	Wear Your Life Jacket <u>Everywhere</u> Day		Boating Safety Week
May 17-19	Rosario Resort, Orcas Island, Boat or Car	Mark & Debbie Richey	Off season rates!
June 14-July 6	Aim for Desolation Sound Cruise	Mark & Debbie Richey	Slow boating northward
June 21-23	D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo	D16 Commander	See Spring Cardinal Points
July 18-22	Boat or Tsawwassen Ferry to Victoria and Sidney, B.C.	Paul & Donna	Explore Vancouver Island
Aug 30-Sept 2	TBD location with Seattle & Everett Squadrons	See Everett & Seattle Websites	Labor Day Weekend
Sept 28	Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay, Whidby Island	Squadron Commander/Designee	By Car Free Day or Boat!
Oct TBD	D16 End of Season Cruise	D16 TBD	Enjoy boating with D16 Members
Nov 15-17	TBD Destination Train Trip	Paul & Donna	A weekend of explorations
Dec 14	LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Holiday Party	Paul & Donna	Holidays celebration
Dec 21	Seattle Afternoon Meal & Argosy Christmas Caroling Ship	Donna & Paul	Sat. 5 p.m. Cruise, overnight?

Report of the Nominating Committee

The following members have agreed to hold the shown positions for the 2023-2024 bridge year if they are elected. Elections will be held at the beginning of the March general membership meeting. If there are any concerns or additions, please address them with the squadron Secretary.

Submitted by Debbie Richey and George Johnson

Bridge Officers

Commander
Mark Richey, SN-IN

Exec Officer

Not Required

Education Officer

Adam Dietz

Administrative Officer

Carolyn Caporgno, S

Secretary

Debbie Richey, AP

Treasurer

Jack Dyer, AP

Executive Committee

Donna Mason, AP
Sandy Johnson, AP
George Johnson, SN

Auditing Committee

Jeannie Drummond
Sandy Johnson, AP

Nominating Committee

George Johnson, SN
Debbie Richey, AP

Rules Committee

Donna Mason, AP
George Johnson, SN

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 01, 2024

Attendance:

Carolyn Caporgno	George Brooks	Mark Richey
Glen Caporgno	Sandy Johnson	Debbie Richey

Quorum present

Meeting started: 1504

Officer's Reports

Executive Officer

Marketing – George Brooks has put together a spreadsheet for marketing of boat dealers, yacht clubs and boat ramps. George was going to share the report with Debbie Richey to create a database.

Education Officer – Adam Deitz (Not present)

Mark is going to talk to Adam about an ABC class this spring.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

Programs – January – Activity Planning, February – Cherry McCarthy Author, March – Paul and Donna New Zealand Trip

Membership – Debbie Richey – no report

Activities – Donna Mason Planning meeting January 11, 2024

Secretary – Debbie Richey – January minutes approved.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer No Report

Commander – Nothing to report

Old Business Discussion is still ongoing about tables at Shipwreck Day. Motion was made and seconded to get out entirely of Shipwreck Day.

The roller door at our storage unit is blocked by something near the door. It will take two people to open the door and undo the blockage.

New Business

Carolyn called Prestige Flag to get pricing for a 16" x 24" flag. Six flags will cost \$180 plus shipping and tax. One flag will cost \$49. We will poll the members of the squadron to see if they would purchase a larger burgee at the next general meeting.

Meeting adjourned 1530

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting February 8, 2024

Attendance:

Mark Richey
Debbie Richey
Jack Dyer
Carolyn Caporgno

Glen Caporgno
Bernard Robinson
George Johnson
Sandy Johnson
Billie Ford

Craig Ford
Cheryl Stritzel McCarthy
Bob McCarthy

The meeting started at 1831 at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse Restaurant

Marketing – No Report

Educational Officer Report – No Report.

Administrative Officer –

Programs: January – activity planning, March – Paul and Donna travelogue of New Zealand (corrected to remove Australia), April Change of Watch,

Squadron Activities – The activity calendar for the year has been published in the Bitter End

Secretary: - January minutes were approved.

Treasurer - Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of January 31, 2024, \$xxxxxx.

Commander: Mark Richey – Carolyn has investigated the costs for a large burgee for a 40-50' boat. 1 burgee is \$70, 6 burgees are \$198. Mark polled the membership at the meeting to see if there is interest to purchase 6 burgees. He will also send out an e-mail.

Old Business – No new old business

New Business - No new business.

Meeting Adjourned: 1846

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

We are always looking for boating related articles from any member. Photos too. If you think it would be of interest to the Squadron, send it. The editor will insert as space and subject provides. Note that the green box on the first page is quick editorial comments and attention getting items.

~ General Meeting Information ~

Our General Meetings are normally held monthly on the 2nd Thursdays of each month (except July & August), at Shawn O'Donnell's, 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
Executive Officer	Vacant	
Education Officer	Adam Deitz	203-536-6402
Administrative Officer	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
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
	George Brooks, SN	
	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
Flag Lt.	Vacant	
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	
Radio Technical	George Brooks, SN	360-982-2999
Safety	Don Coleman	360 333-2962
Vessel Exams	Vacant	
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Vacant	
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	Vacant	
Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Sandy Johnson, P	
2 Yrs.	Jeannie Drummond	
3 Yrs.		
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
2 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	George Johnson, SN	
2 Yrs.	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
3 Yrs.	Ruth Peterson	

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.