

# THE BITTER END

## News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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### Calendar

March 31— Happy Easter

April 11—Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Change of Watch

April 13-14- -Sidney, B.C. via Boat or Car Ferry

April 26-28—Oak Harbor Marina & RV, Holland Happening



### Commander's Message

Kelly Libby, S

Happy Spring Skagit Bay!

While you are doing your spring cleaning keep in mind our annual fundraising event, Shipwreck Day, in July. If you find things that you no longer are using, put a price sticker on it and throw in a box to donate. No doubt, someone walking the streets Shipwreck Day will find your trash is now their treasure and will pay big bucks for it!

Anacortes Trawler Fest is coming up May 16-19 and we've been asked if we have any members (4 to 6) willing to volunteer in the USPS booth which will be in the exhibit tent next to the Cap Sante Marina Office.

Please read request from Travis Smith: "Inez Schwartz and I are in the process of staffing the booth for the period May 16-19. We're looking for a few good volunteers to help us work the booth for the four days (about a half day on Sunday). We'll be doing some demos at the booth to help draw the crowd and bring attention to USPS. We would appreciate your squadrons' support to make the Trawler Fest an opportunity for boaters to learn about USPS.

Could each of you poll your memberships and see if you have any squadrons member who would like to come to Anacortes and spend half a day in the District's boot?"

### **Note from Editor**

**Our own Ruth Peterson will receive her Life Member award at the next meeting. This is a big deal so all come out and cheer her on.**



### Executive Officer

Kari Secrest, N

As we approach the month of May, I dare say the boating season is upon us. I hope you're all planning for a spectacular 2013 season on the water!

Our annual Change of Watch dinner meeting will be held Thursday, April 11th. We'll begin the evening as usual, with social beginning at 6:00 pm, meeting at 6:30 and dinner following the meeting at the Farmhouse Restaurant. We're doing away with a bit of the formality as far as the meal goes this year, so dinner will be much like a normal meeting for us. We encourage everyone who has a squadron uniform or squadron shirt to wear it to this meeting. Along that same line, our first 2013 squadron shirt order has arrived! I'll be bringing them to the Change of Watch meeting, so be sure to stop by and see me to pick up your order.

We've got a great rendezvous to Sidney, B.C. lined up for the weekend of April 13-14. Bob and Jean Miller are hosting and it looks to be a great trip, so be sure to contact them if you plan to attend. Many thanks to Bob and Jean for taking this on!

National Safe Boating Week is coming up in May and you can help make folks aware of how important wearing a lifejacket is when doing any kind of boating by participating in the 2013 "Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day" on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013. This is part of the "Ready, Set, Wear It" campaign put on by the National Safe Boating Council.

Check out [www.readysetwearit.com](http://www.readysetwearit.com) for more information.



## **Boating Activities**

by P/C Donna Mason, AP

On March 9, we enjoyed a sunny, peaceful ferry ride to Friday Harbor and explored around town before enjoying a really good dinner at Cask and Schooner. In the afternoon we bumped into some Everett Squadron members and had a good talk with them. The ten confirmed for our group turned into six when some missed the ferry.

April 12-14 Sidney, British Columbia Rendezvous Weekend see Bob Miller's article elsewhere in this newsletter. Thank you Bob and Jean Miller for hosting this rendezvous!

April 26-28 Oak Harbor "Holland Happening" weekend.

This year no reservations for boats were made at the marina. Several squadron members plan to RV at Oak Harbor for this Dutch-themed weekend. Contact George and Sandy Johnson for information. Thank you for hosting!

Planning ahead: save May 31-June 2 for the Anacortes Waterfront Festival. We'll have our June General Meeting for members and you can have a vessel safety check done on your boat. Get your 2013 sticker! Four boats have signed up already. Contact me at donnajmason@gmail.com or 360 595-1083 to reserve your boat space. More information will be in the May "Bitter End."

Hope to see you at some of our events!

### **Another Item from Donna**

You Can Do This At Home!

Now you can prepare Bistro Primo's now-famous appetizer. I found this at epicurious.com.

#### **Roast Bone Marrow With Parsley Salad**

8 ea. 3"-4" pieces veal/beef marrow bones (know where your beef comes from!)

1 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped

2 small shallots, thinly sliced (about 1/3 cup)

2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil

1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice

1 tbsp. drained capers

Coarse gray sea salt

Freshly ground black pepper

4 ea. 1/2" thick slices rustic white bread, toasted

Preheat oven to 450°F. Place bones, wider cut side down, in an ovenproof skillet or roasting pan. Roast bones until marrow is soft and begins to separate from bone but before it begins to melt, 15-20 minutes, depending on thickness.

Meanwhile, toss parsley, shallots, oil, lemon juice, and capers in a medium bowl to coat. Season salad to taste with grey sea salt and pepper.

Divide marrow bones and salad among plates. Serve with toast and gray sea salt. Using a long, thin spoon, scoop marrow onto toast, top with salad, and garnish with a pinch or two of salt.

Bon Appétit!

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### **Education News**

On March 27 Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron completed teaching America's Boating Course for nineteen students at Anacortes Marina. This was a six-session course to teach navigation rules, boat handling and more.

Shown are, left to right standing, Jeanne and George Brooks, who assisted teaching, and students Heather McDonald, Lisa Selfridge, Andrea Doll, Jeff Geibig, Annette and Skip Hawk, Jim Pierson, Barbara Martyn-Godfrey, Randy Salt, Elizabeth and Tom Richards, Curt Mehl, Beth Schwab, Carol Krampetz, Chris Willis, Doug Krampetz and Tamara Willis, with Jim McClane seated. Not shown are student Theresa Pierson and instructors George Johnson and Bob Miller.



## USPS Water Trainer

Folks,

This is an update on the schedule and use of the USPS Trainer for the North Division considering of Bellingham Sail and Power, Deception Pass Sail and Power, Everett Sail and Power, and Skagit Bay Sail and Power. By the time of the District 16 Spring Conference in Spokane I had responses from all the North Division squadrons and only Bellingham had sufficient interest and manpower to use Water Trainer.

As a result of the responses, the Water Trainer equipment is no longer scheduled for Everett or Anacortes and Bellingham is reschedule to 8 July to 14 July which will be its only stop in the North Division. The change in schedule works well for our squadron because we have an event called SeaSkills North already schedule for Saturday, 13 July at the Port of Bellingham marina in Blaine. It is a program we first hosted last year after seeing a SeaSkills event at the Seattle Sail and Power Squadron. Our event last year drew about 80 participants to the docks and we expect more this year.

Presently we are planning two POTW sessions, one on Wednesday, 10 July in Bellingham, and one on Saturday, 13 July in Blaine. The POTW requires 4 hours of classroom study and 4 hours in the boat. Each class is limited to 8 students and we are promoting the session in Bellingham for women only.

The other days with the boat are more flexible at this time, but I see something like the following as possible use of the boat:

- Monday, 8 July , Transfer, Training & Maintenance
- Tuesday, 9 July , On-water skills for Inland Navigator, training IN Certifiers (Bellingham)
- Wednesday, 10 July , POTW in Bellingham (women only) (Bellingham)
- Thursday, 11 July , On-water skills for Inland Navigator, training IN Certifiers (Bellingham)
- Friday, 12 July , On-water skills for Inland Navigator, training IN Certifiers (Bellingham)

- Saturday, 13 July , POTW in Blaine
- Sunday, 14 July , Prepare boat for transportation to Spokane

I will keep you informed as our plans firm up and we extend an invitation to members of your squadron to come to Bellingham to take advantage of the BOC water skills test and also to train as IN certifiers. Please let me know if you know of any interest along those lines.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,  
P/C Jim West, AP-CN  
BOC/OTW Chair

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## Attention Skagit Bay Members!

This Thursday, April 11th, is our annual Change of Watch meeting. We'll begin the evening as usual, with social beginning at 6:00 pm, meeting at 6:30 and dinner following the meeting at the Farmhouse Restaurant. We're doing away with a bit of the formality as far as the meal goes this year, so dinner will be much like a normal meeting for us, with the following menu choices available:

Cheeseburger  
Fish & Chips  
Huevos Quesadilla  
Turkey Dinner  
Orchard Salad

Although the meal is more informal this year (and much more inexpensive!), we still want to encourage those of you that have squadron uniforms to wear them to the Change of Watch. You've all certainly earned it, so wear it with pride! If you don't have a uniform, maybe show off your squadron spirit by wearing a Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron shirt! And speaking of shirts, I will have this year's first shirt orders with me at the meeting, so if you've already placed an order, make sure you come see me Thursday night to receive yours.

This year, we'll be joined by our own District 16 Commander, John Sherrick! He'll be doing the 2013 Change of Watch swearing-in duties, so if you haven't already, please take this opportunity to meet John and join us Thursday evening.

Hope to see you there!



### Recap of D16 Fall Conference

Lt/C Mark Richey, SN

I recently attended the Conference in Spokane and took a few notes from the various speakers with items of interest to members.

The NEO thinks our target should be 55-60 age group with grand kids and involve the grand kids. This is because this group has more disposable income and is late career so possibly not as busy and can involve the next generation of members.

Reverse the headers on our newsletters and flyers to put USPS first and Squadron second for name recognition. For Example:

#### **UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS**

Skagit Bay Squadron (in fine print)

The ribbon we bought stays on the D16 100th anniversary ensign forever (just like a battle ribbon)

We have a new squadron attached to this district. It is North Star Squadron in Fairbanks AK. They are the newest provisional. Welcome aboard. Make for an interesting host squadron for a fall conference.

Linda Martin is back, full bore, doing Boating Safety For Kids at district level. Linda will come with the Seagull Jetski to any event.

VSC Contest! The VSC that brings in the most confirmed new members as a result of safety checks will win a trip to US Virgin Islands.

For Public On the Water Training (POTW), National gets \$125 per person of whatever we charge (so we need to charge at least that) and we get the rest. That's why it is recommended to charge at least \$250.

#### **Our Own is one of the winners—**

Our own Fred Wahlgren won the "Active Military" category in the Anacortes Salmon Derby, March 30 - 31. He won a 138-piece Crescent Mechanic's Tool Set and a \$100 package of super salmon fishing stuff.

There were 1100 entrants in the derby in approximately 500 boats. Fred caught his 11 lb Chinook on Sunday at a spot we locals call "Lopez Flats", just south of James Island, and he was fishing 130 feet deep.

The big fish took his Cotton Candy Coho Killer, a go-to trolling lure. First prize was \$15,000, and was won with a 21.5 pounder caught on herring.

Pictures from the derby, including Fred and his big fish, will be on the website soon.

Go to [anacortessalmonderby.com](http://anacortessalmonderby.com).

Article submitted by George Johnson.

Here is the fish



### 2013 Rendezvous Schedule



<b>April 13-14</b>	<b>Sidney, B.C. via Boat or Car Ferry</b>
<b>April 26-28</b>	<b>Oak Harbor Marina &amp; RV Holland Happening</b>
<b>May 31-June 2</b>	<b>Anacortes Waterfront Festival, GM &amp; VSCs</b>
<b>June 14-16</b>	<b>Sucia Island</b>
<b>July 4-7</b>	<b>4th of July Rendezvous Squalicum Harbor Bellingham</b>
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Shipwreck Day, Anacortes</b>
<b>July 26-28</b>	<b>Fisherman Bay, Lopez Islander Resort</b>
<b>August 9-11</b>	<b>Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island</b>
<b>August 23-25</b>	<b>Port Hudson Marina, Port Townsend</b>
<b>September 6-8</b>	<b>Blind Bay Anchor Out, Shaw Island</b>
<b>September 20-22</b>	<b>Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>SBSPS Anniversary Cookout Coronet Bay, Deception Pass</b>
<b>October 4-6</b>	<b>Rosario Resort &amp; Spa, Orcas Island</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>Granville Island, B.C. Day Trip</b>
<b>November 27-30</b>	<b>Fort Casey RV Weekend</b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b>LaConner Lighted Boat Parade &amp; Squadron Holiday Party</b>

Contact Donna Mason at [donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com) or Paul Rosetter at [paul.rosetter@gmail.com](mailto:paul.rosetter@gmail.com) for info, suggestions or to be the host.

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## 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.®**

<p><b>APRIL</b></p>  <p><b>happy birthday</b></p>	<p><b>Mike Caling</b>  <b>Josephine Lebel</b>  <b>Donna Mason</b>  <b>Jenn Wood</b>  <b>Walt Wood</b></p>
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### ~ General Meeting Information ~

Our General Meetings are 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.

Course Passed	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
ABC	42	20	29	15	19
Seamanship		8	2		
Piloting		4	1		
Advanced Piloting	3	3			
Junior Navigation	8				
Navigation		9			
Cruise Planning					
Instructor Development (Certified Instructors)					
Engine Maintenance			8		
Marine Electronics	9				
Weather					
Sail					
Operations Training	3	2			

Bridge Officers		
Commander	Kelly Libby, S	360-435-3835
Executive Officer	Kari Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Education Officer	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Administrative Officer	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
Secretary	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Treasurer	Marlene Bellinger, AP	360-757-8091
Executive Committee		
	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Vacant	
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
Flag Lt.	Albert Miller, P	360-391-1897
Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
Merit Marks	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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Co-Op Charting	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
Liaison	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Public Relations	Deanna Randall, N	360-387-1194
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Safety	Bill Stewart, JN	360-424-1270
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Local Board Advanced Grades	George Brooks, SN	360-466-3470
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	Dale Libby, P	360-435-3835
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Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
Property Officer	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
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Roster	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Scrapbook	Coco Haynes, S	360-293-0592
Webmaster	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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1 Yr Chair	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
2 Yrs.	Dale Libby, P	360-435-3835
3 Yrs.	Sharon Knowles, AP	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Jean Miller, N	360-588-9950
2 Yrs.	Deanna Randall, N	360-387-1194
3 Yrs.	George Brooks, SN	360-466-3470
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
2 Yrs.	Bill Stewart, JN	360-424-1270
3 Yrs.	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091



# Boarman Youth Poster Contest

The Youth Poster Contest Awards are funded by P/C Robert "Woody" Boarman, AP of Vero Beach Sail and Power Squadron in hopes that the contest will further youth appreciation of the water and how safe boating is fun boating.

Boarman Youth Poster Contest is open to all children ages 6 - 14. First place award of \$150, second place award of \$100 and third place of \$75 is given in three age groups: 1) 6 - 8 years, 2) 9 - 11 years and 3) 12 - 14 years. This year's theme is "**100 Years of Wearing It**".

## **Deadline for Entries**

Each Squadron and District should determine their own deadline. **District poster submissions at [youth@usps.org](mailto:youth@usps.org) are to be completed by 1 January.** The District's winning posters must be delivered to the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL on Thursday, 29 January 2014. D16 Entries must be submitted at Fall Conference.

## **Contest Rules**

1. Each district may submit one poster in each age category. Squadron entries must be judged at the district level prior to being submitted to national. The judging deadline for each squadron and district is to be set locally.
2. The entry may be vertical or horizontal in orientation.
3. **The entry must be on poster board or paper 15 x 20 or 14 x 22 inches.**
4. Participants may sketch the design lightly with a pencil, but the end result must be a color poster.
5. Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted material, purchased or computer generated art may not be used.
6. Do not fold the poster.
7. The poster will be judged for the idea presented more than artistic ability.
8. One entry is allowed per person. All entries become the property of United States Power Squadrons®, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission for future reproduction.
9. It is important that the contest entry form be completed in full, legibly printed and adhered to the back of the poster.

## **Squadron Contests**

All posters should first be judged at the squadron level with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each category then submitted for judging at the District. Many Squadrons offer cash awards in their competitions.

## **District Contests**

Posters should be submitted to the individual designated by the District Commander. **Districts should monitor all entries to make sure that they meet contest requirements regarding size and media used.**

Only first-place winners in each age category can be entered into judging at the National level.

Each District should determine when and where their judging will occur, i.e., Spring or Fall Conference, C & R, etc., based on area needs. However, the National judging will occur at the National Annual Meeting each year.

## **The National Contest**

The Grand Prize winner and two runner-up posters in each age group will be displayed at the Annual Meeting. After judging at the National level is completed, non-winning entries will be returned to the respective districts. All participants at the national level will receive certificates of appreciation signed by the Chief Commander with cash awards sent to the District Commander for presentation to the winners. Further information can found at:

<http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/poster.htm>

# Guidelines for Drawing a Poster

What is a poster?

- Gives a message that matches/relates to contest theme.
- Uses words and pictures.

What makes a good poster?

- Catches your eye.
- Easy to read, quickly.
- Gets the message across.

How do you create a good poster?

- Plan your idea.
- Make several practice pictures and choose the best one for the final poster.

Decide on either vertical or horizontal orientation.

- Keep images and pictures simple; few objects are best.
- Make pictures large; space should be filled.
- Solid, bright, dark colors are preferred.
- Make letters large and easy to read.
- Remember, letters are part of the total design.
- Make your own letters bold and thick – no purchased lettering allowed.

Colors should be dark and bright – even iridescent or 3D.

Use the correct size poster paper (15" x20" or 14" x 22").

Questions to ask yourself before you submit your poster for judging:

- Does the poster fill the requirements of the contest?
- Is the poster size either 15" x 20" or 14" x 22"?
- Is the poster easy to read?
- Do the images and letters stand out?

Is the spacing used wisely?

- Does the poster clearly show the message?
- Are there any spelling errors?
- Is the poster drawn and colored neatly?
- Does the poster look original, something that will catch the judges' eyes?

Remember, you **MAY NOT USE** any copyright material (e.g. Snoopy, Sponge Bob, Ronald McDonald, etc).

You **MAY NOT USE** any computer generated art work or purchased materials (e.g. stickers).

Posters not following the required guidelines will not be eligible for prizes.

# USPS 2013 YOUTH POSTER CONTEST SUBMISSION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY		
Artist Name:		Age*: <input type="checkbox"/> 6-8; <input type="checkbox"/> 9-11; <input type="checkbox"/> 12-14
Home Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone: (    )	Email:	
<b>IS THIS A SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION ENTRY?</b> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, enter organization information		
School/Organization Name:		
School Address:		
School City:		
Teacher's Name:		
Squadron Name:		
Contact Name:		
Contact Telephone: (    )	Email:	
District Number:		
District Contact Name:		
Contact Telephone: (    )	Email:	
Name of District Contact:		

## 2013 Boarman Youth Poster Contest Instructions

Neatly fill in as much of the above form as possible – remembering that if we can't read your name, we can't make out the check. Unreadable forms will be disqualified. (Squadrons and Districts, please make sure to complete your part of the form.) Adhere the form to the back of the poster, but do not saturate with glue as it will destroy the artwork on the front. (Only place the top half of this paper on the poster.)

Posters will be picked up by the Squadron's designated poster contest chairman. Squadrons will choose the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each age category for submission to the District contest. Squadron and District Deadlines are set by the squadron and district based on their area needs

The applicable district will choose 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each age category. Only the First Place posters should be retained by the Poster Chairman for submission to National at the next Annual Meeting in January. The chairman is responsible for making sure that the list of winners is sent to national at [youth@usps.org](mailto:youth@usps.org) by January 1 and then delivered to the National Annual Meeting for judging. Return the remainder of the posters to the squadrons.

All National entries become the property of USPS, which reserves the right to display or otherwise use the submission. If the posters are not used by USPS, they may be returned to the squadrons.

Further information on the USPS National Competition can be found at: <http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/poster.htm>