

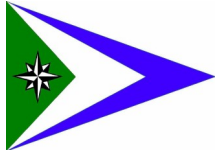
# THE BITTER END

## News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron February 2013

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### Calendar

New Rendezvous Calendar in this issue

Feb 14 — Regular Meeting. Farmhouse, Marty Malloy program on Zincs and bottoms

Feb 16—Langley (Whidbey) Day Trip, Reservation info this issue

March 9—Friday Harbor Day Trip



### PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY:

This is not a meeting to miss. If you remember we had Marty Malloy from Waterworx Dive Service of Oak Harbor scheduled for November and due to illness he had to cancel. Well, he will be here at this meeting. He has wonderful info on bottom maintenance, zincs, and galvanic corrosion. This will be an interesting program.



#### Commander's Message

Kelly Libby, S

It's February and spring is in the air! Our Squadron members are busy with planning for the upcoming boating season now that our schedule is set, thanks to Paul and Donna! Lots of fun activities scheduled... some new rendezvous and some old favorites that we annually look forward to.

We have a very busy Education Department volunteering their nights to a Marine Communications Class taught by George Brooks, John Bellinger, along with George Johnson and Bob Miller's input! Also a Boating Class, tailored to meet the Samish Tribe's schedule, thank you to George Johnson for figuring out how to work that one!

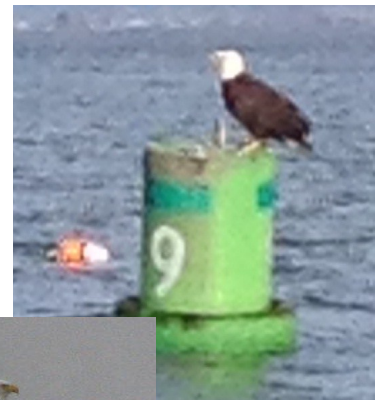
Our Nominating Committee has been busy mixing things up a bit to fill our many Squadron positions... some may have encountered George Brooks and his tactics at the Holiday Party, more about that later! If you would like to join in on the fun and can't commit a lot of time, there is even a position for you, just let it be known! You'll quickly find out that the pay is lousy and the benefits are great (George Johnson's copyrighted slogan)!

Kari Secrest coordinated with Kyle at RiverCity Screenprinting to come up with a new design and orders are now being accepted for the 2013 Skagit Bay S&PS uniforms! Thank you Kari!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting on Valentine's Day!

**This is what you miss when you don't go boating in the winter.**

Photos by Mark and Debbie Richey





**Executive Officer Report**  
**Lt/C Kari Secrest, N**

February is here already? Wow. Seems like the holidays just flew by and here we are going full bore into 2013.

We are now taking squadron shirt orders for the new year! Our color is "forest green" and you'll find the order form towards the back of this issue. We'll be getting the first order in right away so please be sure to check this issue for the 2013 order form. Be sure to bring your completed order form and check to the upcoming Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Farmhouse Restaurant, and be sure to let me know if you have any questions.

I'd like to give a big shout out to Donna and Paul for all their time and hard work spent organizing and coordinating our last meeting where we developed our event calendar for 2013! That's not an easy job, and they seem to make it look effortless ... but we know better! Thanks Donna and Paul and to all who attended! We've scheduled up a full slate of activities for the coming year, and I look forward to seeing you all out there because Donna and Paul seem to come up with something for everyone!

So here's to a fantastic 2013, filled with good fun, good friends, and good times ... both on the water and off. Cheers! ~Kari



**Boating Activities**  
**P/C Donna Mason, AP**  
**Paul Rossetter, AP**

At our January meeting, members planned a full season's variety of boating activities. Hope you'll be able to join us for some or all of them! See the listing elsewhere in this newsletter.

Saturday Noon, February 16, Langley, WA

Our first activity coming up is a daytrip by car to Langley, WA with lunch at Prima Bistro, French-inspired Northwest eats. See the menu at [www.primabistro.com](http://www.primabistro.com). Several members have dined at Prima Bistro over past Thanksgiving RV weekends. The food is so good that we decided we couldn't wait until Thanksgiving again! In addition to their varied, yummy entrées, one popular dish is their hamburger with Vermont cheddar cheese. (I've been known to make lunch out of a couple of appetizers: grilled bone marrow and seared scallops— gives you an idea of the varied offerings. It also made a

few squadron dachshunds happy to get bones afterward.) They also have an excellent wine list and other bar offerings. So, work your way by car down to Langley on Whidbey Island at your own pace, and meet for lunch at Noon. The restaurant opens at 11:30 a.m. Free parking is available in the 2nd Street lot, behind the restaurant.

Note about accessibility: The restaurant is located on the second level above the Star Market, up a flight of stairs. There is no elevator.

**Prima Bistro**  
**201 ½ First Street, Langley, WA**

After lunch, we can walk off the calories exploring around the town along the shore, poking into an intriguing shop or two before heading home.

RSVP by February 9! I need to let the restaurant know how many to seat.

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**"Skagit Sets Sail: a Maritime History of Skagit County"**

You may be interested in a new exhibit at the Skagit County Historical Museum at 5401 S. Fourth St. in LaConner:

"From the farthest upper reaches of the Skagit River to Puget Sound, our history was and is shaped by water. Through photos, artifacts, multi-media presentations and story-telling, this exhibit brings to life the maritime history of Skagit County. The exhibit will include 'From the Mountains to the Sea, how the Skagit River shaped our history, 'Skagit is her name,' vessels named after the county, 'Local Ingenuity,' amazing advances in maritime engineering and more.

The exhibit is through July 16, 2013. Cost: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors and children 6-12, free under 6 yrs., \$10 families, and museum members are free.

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Donna Mason



**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY**



**Education Department**  
**Lt/C John Bellinger, SN**

We are in the middle of our “Marine Communications Systems” class. We have 10 students and two instructors, George Brooks and me, plus Bob Miller is proctoring and will instruct one session. The class is going very well with lots of student input. This is a very good course. It covers all aspects of marine communications with emphasis on Marine VHF radio procedures. It also covers in detail the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System and Digital Selective Calling for Emergencies. I would recommend all of you take this course the next time it is offered.

We are now preparing to offer the Squadron Cruise Planning course. Bob Miller has agreed to instruct this course so it will be a good one.

**Cruise Planning Course Description**

There is something very special about the thrill of cruising in new waters and the sense of accomplishment upon completing an extended cruise. To go beyond what most boaters do on a weekend overnight or even a week or so marina hopping requires boaters to leave their normal cruising areas and comfort zones. The Cruise Planning course focuses on the planning and preparation necessary for safe enjoyable extended [cruises](#) on both inland and coastal waters.

Designed for members who cruise on either a sail or powerboat (owned or chartered)—this course covers the following topics:

- Cruise preparation and planning - General
- Boat and Equipment
- Anchors and Anchoring
- Security
- Chartering
- Cruising Outside the United States
- Crew and Provisioning
- Voyage Management
- Communications
- Navigation
- Weather
- Emergencies

The manual includes a comprehensive cruise planning timeline.

All of you who would be interested in taking “Cruise Planning” please let me know ([Jr.bellinge@frontier.com](mailto:Jr.bellinge@frontier.com) or 360-708-4036).

I hope to see you at the next meeting as Marlene has agreed to attend on our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I am sure it will cost me. Happy Valentine’s Day

**2013 Rendezvous Schedule**



<b>February 16</b>	<b>Langley, WA Car Day Trip</b>
<b>March 9</b>	<b>Friday Harbor Ferry Day Trip</b>
<b>March 22-24</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</b>
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Squalicum Harbor Bellingham</b>
<b>July 26-28</b>	<b>Shipwreck Day, Anacortes</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</b>
	<b>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.®**



## FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

This area is for items of miscellaneous interest to boaters. Jokes, reminders, non-commercial ads or whatever might not fit elsewhere.

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### **EIGHT BELLS: CHANGE OF WATCH**

**Before the invention of the chronometer**, mariners measured time by sand trickling through a 1/2 hour glass. A ships boy had the duty of watching the glass. When the sand ran out, he turned the glass and struck a bell. After the first 1/2 hour of a watch, he struck it once; after an hour; twice and so on. Eight bells marked the end of a 4 hour watch. He repeated this for succeeding watches.

The age-old practice of sounding the bell on the 1/2 hour and hour has its place in today's U.S. Navy, where it regulates daily routine just as it did aboard late-18th century sailing vessels. -Dept of the Navy, Naval Historical Center. (From *The Ensign*)

<p><b>Happy February Birthdays!</b></p>	<p><b>Pam Anderson Stacy Connell Sharon Knowles</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	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Boat Smart</b>					
<b>Boating Course</b>					
<b>ABC</b>	7	42	20	29	15
<b>Seamanship</b>			8	2	
<b>Piloting</b>	5		4	1	
<b>Advanced Piloting</b>	4	3	3		
<b>Junior Navigation</b>		8			
<b>Navigation</b>			9		
<b>Cruise Planning</b>					
<b>Instructor Development (Certified Instructors)</b>				8	
<b>Engine Maintenance</b>					
<b>Marine Electronics</b>		9			
<b>Weather</b>					
<b>Sail</b>	7				
<b>Operations Training</b>		3	2		

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Administrative Officer	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
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Treasurer	Marlene Bellinger, AP	360-757-8091
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	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
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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
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Supply Officer	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
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3 Yrs.	Dale Libby, P	360-435-3835
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3 Yrs.	Deanna Randall, N	360-387-1194
<b>Rules Committee</b>		
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								26.00	
								28.00	
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								32.00	
								34.00	
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