

THE BITTER END

News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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CALENDAR

8 May, Regular Meeting , Farmhouse, Program

13 May, Trawler Fest, Cap SanteMarina

17 May, Education Conference, Coast Hotel, Bellevue

7 June, Members Meeting at Waterfront Festival



Commander's Message

Kari Randall-Secrest, N



"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want — oh, you don't quite know what it is

you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!" ~Mark Twain.

Well, spring has sprung and I think my heart aches to get out on the water. Deanna and I are a bit behind some of the rest of you in doing so this year, but we aim to catch up soon! We were waylaid a bit because we've had Brionglroid (say it with me: "Bring-load") on the hard getting some new bottom paint and a few other little "to-do" items completed. Wait Are they ever really completed? Anyhow, she is back in her slip and ready to go and we are looking forward to attending the excellent rendezvous and gatherings that our squadron has lined up for this season. Don't forget to join us at this month's meeting on the 8th (6:00 pm) at the Farmhouse Restaurant. We'll hear Jim West tell us all about the "On-the-Water" program that USPS offers it's squadrons.

Last month we had our annual Change of Watch dinner. It was well attended and as usual, was a lovely evening. I'm honored and humbled to be your Commander, and I would like to thank all the members of our new Bridge, the Executive Committee as well as the Members at Large for their dedication and support of the SBSPS. Without the hard work and dedication of you fine folk, we would not have such a successful squadron.

Finally, I would just like to conclude by saying that I am very excited about this upcoming year for SBSPS. We've got such great people working hard to make sure our educational classes and events run smoothly and these things really demonstrate how fantastic a group of individuals our squadron is comprised of. Safe boating to you all!

Admin Department

Deanna Randall-Secrest, N



Come and join us at the May 8th meeting at 6:00 pm at the Farmhouse Restaurant to hear P/C Jim West give his presentation describing the differences and advantages of the three types of on-the-water programs currently offered by USPS. Each program has unique objectives and is designed for different audiences. While carefully and thoroughly structured, each program can be modified to fit the needs and capabilities of individual squadrons. Potential benefits to squadrons who conduct on-the-water programs include increased membership, increased member participation, and most importantly, having fun.

P/C Jim West, AP-ACN is from the Bellingham Sail and Power Squadron. Jim is currently an Assistant Regional Director of "On-the-Water" programs for USPS Districts 16 and 32.

Need to Review Squadron Member Data with DB2000?

Bob Miller will delve into the mysteries of DB2000 and show users how to extract data from the squadron's member database. Bring your Windows –based computer to the seminar starting at 18:00 on Thursday, 15 May. The location is the clubroom of Fidalgo Marina, 3101 V Place, Anacortes. Please drop Bob a note at bobmillerwa@hotmail.com saying that you will be attending. This hands-on class load DB2000 and its ancillary software onto your computer and then download the latest squadron roster file. Then we will review the query and report tools.



Education Department **P/C George Johnson, SN**

Our first **ABC class** of the year was completed April 23 at Anacortes Marina, with nineteen students completing the course and qualifying for their Washington State Boater Education Card. Paul Rosetter was lead instructor, with Bob Miller presenting a special GPS and navigation program.

On-The-Water - As described in the Commander's Message above, *Building Your On The Water Program* will be the feature at our May 8 Squadron meeting.

Our ad-hoc **Education Committee** held it's first meeting of the year April 28 at Fidalgo Marina. Great start for Skagit Bay's education program for 2014 - 2015. We hit it big with super people volunteering to teach this year. The complete agenda and minutes will be proudly supplied by email on request from yours truly at georgeandsandy@comcast.net.

Here's a summary:

Advanced Grades -

Very capable Instructor prospects were identified for advanced grades **S, P, AP, JN, and N**. Most importantly, George Brooks will assist a new lead **JN/N** instructor. Jim McClane, former WA ferry captain, will be added to the stable of **S** and **P** instructors.

Electives -

Debbie Richey will teach **Operations Training** and **Skipper Saver**. Skipper Saver is an important safety course, and I hope Sandy is reading this article. Bob Miller will teach **Cruise Planning** and **Electronic Navigation**. John Bellinger will teach **Marine Electrical Systems**. John is one of those identified as a prospect to teach advanced grades, and could obviously teach any of them at the drop of a hat. Bill Stewart will teach **Engine Maintenance**. We will again ask Bob Jacobson of Bellingham to teach **Weather**. **Instructor Qualification** and **Instructor Recertification** will be arranged as needed. Recertification is also scheduled at the Educa-

tion Conference and Seminar in Bellevue. on May 17.

Non-members will be allowed to take one advanced grade or elective course before becoming members, but at prices considerably higher than members.

The D/16 **2014 Education Conference and Seminar** is in Bellevue on May 17. It will be at the Coast Hotel, 625 116th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004. They open the doors at 0830. Two excellent lunch selections are available for \$20. Preregistraton is requested, but registration info has been skimpy, so contact DEO Rick Edel directly at myseaspirit@gmail.com to get better instruction. This is the best meeting of the year for learning what's going on. There will be a carpool going, so let me know and join us.



Boating Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP
Contact: donnajmason@gmail.com

Boating Season is officially open! By now you have your boat all ready and in the water, right? Some of our members boat all year round so their checklists are constantly updating.

First, reports on recent rendezvous:

Bob and Jean have good contacts with Mother Nature. The weather was absolutely beautiful for the well-attended Sidney, B.C. rendezvous April 11-13. Friday Harbor squadron joined ours for a combination boat and ferry-walk-on rendezvous. Paul and I took the ferry and stayed at a waterfront hotel. We could have spent the weekend enjoying the view over the straight all the way to Mt. Baker. I discovered a small beach good for beach glass combing. Friday evening we enjoyed a scrumptious dinner at Bistro Suisse, walked and shopped Saturday, and we all gathered together for happy hour/heavy hors d'oeuvre at the marina shelter. Thanks to Bob and Jean for hosting this successful rendezvous, which I understand Friday Harbor is interested in making an annual event!



View from Sidney



The Oak Harbor RV weekend was well attended, especially on blustery Saturday. Many thanks to Lynn and Bill Stewart for hosting this weekend. We got to tour their new RV before the Saturday potluck dinner where we became “Pacific Northwest blue tarp campers” like the TV commercial. George Johnson, John Bellinger, and Bill Stewart rigged up a blue tarp vertically to stop the wind from blowing our picnic food away. (See photos.)



Now on to upcoming events:

Anacortes Waterfront Festival June 6-8. See the separate page announcing all the activities for this fun weekend. Paul and I just bought our first print-on-demand charts to plot our way to the D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo June 20-22. Monday we’ll go to “Time Flies” to plot on the electronic chart.

Have you made your plans to attend this year? We should have several boats from SBSPS; hope you’ll join us. See the D16 information and registration info elsewhere in this newsletter.

July 3-6 is the 4th of July Weekend Rendezvous at Squalicum Harbor U-dock, Bellingham. Our theme for this national holiday event is “Red, White, and Blue.” We have the entire U-dock reserved for our squadron. If you’re planning to attend this popular rendezvous, please contact ME for your slip space, not the marina. Activities are available to walking and driving members.

August 15-24 Cruise to Deer Harbor, Orcas Island; Poets Cove, Bedwell Harbor, B.C.; Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island, B.C.; and Roche Harbor, WA. Two boats are definite; we’d love to have more join us. If you cannot do the whole cruise, join us for the front and back weekends at Deer Harbor and Roche Harbor. Marina space fills up quickly at these popular marinas so you’ll need to reserve your slip space ASAP! Let me know your plans please.

**Anacortes Waterfront Festival Rendezvous – By Boat or Car
And June Monthly Members Meeting**

**Cap Sante Boat Haven, 1019 “Q” Avenue
Friday Noon- Sunday
June 6-8, 2014
Theme: the 50’s!**

Join hosts Paul, Donna, Kari and Deanna at our squadron rendezvous for this now-famous fun-filled weekend at the Anacortes Waterfront Festival. Let’s have a lot of boats to represent SBSPS! Our June member’s meeting will be Saturday afternoon followed by a cookout on the party float at C Dock.

Reserve boat slip space: email is preferred because we’re hard to catch in the house: donnajmason@gmail.com or call Donna at 360 595-1083 **BY FRIDAY, MAY 23** to meet the marina’s deadline. I’ll need your name, boat name, sail or power, LOA (length overall) and if you need 50A power.

BOATS: arrive anytime after Noon Friday. As you arrive, contact harbormaster at VHF 66a or 360-293-0694 (or if after 8 p.m.: 360-661-5000) for slip assignment as part of Skagit Bay Squadron at the shore-end of “C” dock. Pay for your slip at the Marina Office.

BY CAR Saturday: Please let us know you are coming so there’ll be enough food.

Follow signs for festival parking and join us at the land end of “C” dock. Look for the covered floating party dock.

If you need supplies, there are two grocery stores within walking distance of the marina.

ACTIVITIES:

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| Friday: | 4 p.m. Unwind with “BYOB & Light Snacks” happy hour on the dock.
6 p.m. Casual no-host supper at a pub downtown Anacortes. |
| Saturday | 7 a.m. Marine Swap Meet at 9 th & Q Streets
8 a.m.-3 p.m. Corvette Car Show
10 a.m. Festival Opening Ceremonies with Town Crier
Get your 2014 Vessel Safety Check sticker
- Reserve a time with Rick Anderson
10 a.m – 4 p.m. Enjoy the Waterfront Festival booths and entertainment, boat show, educational displays, children’s activities. Watch the “Down and Dirty” boats being built.
Depot Art Show, 611 R Avenue
4 p.m. SBSPS “BYOB & light snacks” Happy Hour on our party dock.
5 p.m. Watch the Quick and Dirty Boat Race—This is full of laughs, and perhaps a splash or two!
6 p.m. June Monthly Members Meeting and Potluck Dinner on our covered floating party dock on “C” dock. Look for our Squadron banner. The squadron will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring a salad or dessert to share and your beverage. Come with the spirit of “The 50’s.” |
| Sunday | Ease into the day at your own pace
8 a.m.-3 p.m. Custom Classic Car Show
Depot Art Show continues on 611 R Avenue
1:15 p.m. 3rd Annual Milk Carton Boat Derby – race on the water
Return to your home port on your own schedule. |

April Change of Watch Photos



SWEARING IN



ROASTED COMMANDER FOR DINNER?



NEW COMMANDER KARI TAKING CHARGE!

SWEARING OUT KELLY...???



UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®
District 16 Educational Seminar
May 17, 2014 – 0900 to 1600
The COAST Hotel, Bellevue, WA
Hosted By: Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron



The Coast Hotel located at 625 116th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004 is the venue for this year's District 16 Educational Conference. The conference room doors will open at 0830. We ask that you preregister and send a check indicating your lunch selection, which will be catered by the hotel.

This is a one-day discussion session for all things education related. It is open to all squadron members and may be of special interest to instructors and members considering becoming instructors. We have scheduled an Instructor Development Recertification for those who need it.

For those members driving and planning to stay overnight there will be a special guestroom rate of \$109 per night for Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17. Also, the hotel has a complimentary continental breakfast in the restaurant for all overnight hotel guests.

Please attend the lunch as we have a food & beverage requirement to cover the cost of the meeting room. Choose either of the two lunch selections for \$20:

[] COBB SALAD

Mixed Greens, Tomatoes, Bacon, Chicken, Avocado, Egg, Blue Cheese Crumbles and Green Onion tossed with Bleu Cheese Dressing with Rolls and Butter

[] ALMOND ENCRUSTED STUFFED CHICKEN

Stuffed with Spinach, Caramelized Onions and Mozzarella Cheese, served with roasted Baby Red Potatoes, fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Mixed Greens with Ranch and Italian Dressings with Rolls and Butter

Starbucks Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee, Assorted Tazo Teas will also be provided.

To register please send a \$20 check and indicate your lunch preference to P/R/C Trudy Brown, AP, 3220 98th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004-1813, Phone (425) 454 0115. You must register by May 10 to attend this seminar.

Please address any additional questions or comments about this Educational Seminar to your district educational officers: Rick Edel, (206) 497 6559 or Doug Schwarz, (360) 683 1444. The agenda will be distributed separately.

Annual District 16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 20-22 June 2014

“Hawaii fun”

Registration:

Name: _____ Squadron: _____
 Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Meal Reservations: Reservations for all meals must be received on or before 06 June. No guarantee for Sons of Norway BBQ dinners will be given after this date!!

Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB) “Dock Tail Party” from 1700 to 1930 on “E Dock.” **Dress in Hawaiian attire or come as you are.** Squadrons will have tables set up between their boats on the finger docks for your favorite hors d’oeuvre to share with fellow District Members and guests.

<p><u>Saturday Evening BBQ:</u> Carolina Style Pulled Pork or BBQ Chicken with three side dishes: \$14.00 / person. Children (10 and under): \$6.50. Please note selection and quantity: Pork____ Chicken____</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u># Attending</u></td> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black;"><u>\$ Amount</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____ (Adults)</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____ (Children)</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	<u># Attending</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>	_____ (Adults)	_____	_____ (Children)	_____
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Wednesday thru Friday – Advance Boat Operator Certifier Qualification: Inland Navigation & Coastal Navigation will be offered again. Check your squadron newsletters for more information of plans for classes and activities being offered. **???**

<p><u>MOORAGE RESERVATIONS</u></p> <p>For mooring reservations, pay \$5.00 to D/16, as an advance guarantee (to be paid on or before 06 June, 2014, <u>Non Refundable</u>).</p> <p>Pay Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival for all moorage: <u>\$.90 / foot with 30’ minimum charge; includes electrical hook-up (30amp).</u></p>	<p><u>Docking Request: (Please Circle)</u></p> <p>(Bow or Stern) (Port or Stbd)</p> <p>Reservation Fee: \$5.00 \$ _____</p> <p><small>This fee is non refundable, D16 has to prepay.</small></p>
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Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please Check Arrival Day: (Tuesday) (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)
 If you are coming by boat for any part of the D16 events PLEASE register with us by using this form. And hail on Ch72 on arrival

Boat Name: _____ LOA _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Special Considerations: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Guesthouse Inn & Suites: 360-697-4400 Reference “USPS 16” for group rate of **\$85** or
 Poulsbo Inn: 360-779-3921 Reference: “Power Squadron 2014” for group rate of **\$80.**

Please mail no later than 05 June 2014 to: (Make checks payable to: District 16)

<p>Mail Reservations to: P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP 31820 – 37th Ave. SW Federal Way, WA 98023-2176</p>	<p>For Rendezvous information or questions, contact: D/Lt/C Christine Rasmussen, SN Home: 253-537-3838 E-mail: chris- tine@rasmussen.mailhost.org</p>
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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>HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS</p> 	<p>John Bennett Jeff Geibig Coco Haynes Albert Miller Jim Neece Deanna Mark Richey</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	2014
ABC	42	20	29	15	24	19
Seamanship		8	2		10	
Piloting		4	1			
Advanced Piloting	3	3				
Junior Navigation	8			1		
Navigation		9				
Cruise Planning						
Instructor Development (Instructor Recert)					8	
Engine Maintenance			8			
Marine Electronics	9					
Marine Communications					7	
Marine Electrical Syst						
Weather						
Sail						
Operations Training	3	2				

Bridge Officers		
Commander	Kari Randall-Secret, N	360-387-1194
Executive Officer	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
Education Officer	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Administrative Officer	Deanna Randall-Secret,N	360-387-1194
Secretary	Sharon Knowles, AP	360 333-7808
Treasurer	Mike Connell, AP	425 327-3557
Executive Committee		
	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Kelly Libby, S	360-435-3835
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
	Vacant	
	Vacant	
Executive Department		
Co-Op Charting	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
Liaison	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Public Relations	Deanna Randall-Secret,N	360-387-1194
Asst Public Relations	Vacant	
Radio Technical	Vacant	
Safety	Bill Stewart, JN	360-424-1270
Vessel Exams	Rick Anderson, SN	360-757-6241
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Paul Rosetter, AP	360-595-1083
Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Local Board Advanced	Rick Anderson, SN	360-757-6241
Grades	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Local Board Elect Courses	Vacant	
Administrative Department		
Boating Activities	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Galley	Vacant	
Greeting	Vacant	
Membership	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Vacant	
Property Officer	Vacant	
Supply Officer	Vacant	
Telephone	Vacant	
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Editor "Bitter End"	Mark Richey, SN	360-435-5542
Historian	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
Roster	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Scrapbook	Vacant	
Webmaster	Kari Randall-Secret, N	360-387-1194
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1 Yr Chair	Dale Libby, P	360-435-3835
2 Yrs.	Sharon Knowles, AP	360 333-7808
3 Yrs.	Jean Miller, N	360-588-9950
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Jean Miller, N	360-588-9950
2 Yrs.	Vacant	
3 Yrs.	Kelly Libby, S	360-435-3835
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Bill Stewart, JN	360-424-1270
2 Yrs.	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
3 Yrs.	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888

Please note the vacancies. We would love to have someone fill these spots. They are just little fun spots and don't take much time. They really help out the squadron and make us better. Contact the Commander or department head if interested.