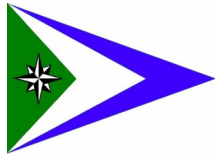


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News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron Winter 2015



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CALENDAR

12 Feb Regular Meeting , Conway Firehall, Potluck
14 Feb, Langley WA, Pismo Bistro
23 Feb, Engine Maintenance Class Starts, Hospital
28 Feb, Deadline for Photo Contest



Please note brand new website above. Try it out. It should be up to date!



Commander's Message Kari Randall-Secrest, N

The New Year is here along with all of our hopes and expectations for it to be a great one. Deanna and I finished off 2014 by attending our squadron's Argosy Holiday

Cruise which began in Kirkland with some good eats at a local sports pub and then finished with a fantastic and festive cruise down Lake Washington. Lots of great Christmas lights and music made this a great event. Even Santa and a holiday choir came along to join in the fun. We were unable to attend the Holiday Party in La Conner, but it sounds like Donna saved the day with a last minute venue change because the La Conner Pub had a gas leak. Atta girl, Donna!

We're thoroughly enjoying taking the Marine Electronics Systems course, taught by John Bellinger and George Brooks. It's a great class and we're learning so much. We consider ourselves very lucky to have two expert instructors like John and George in one class and a fantastic SEO, George Johnson, to organize and facilitate. You guys rock!

I would like to thank everyone that was able to show up early on such short notice to our January meeting at the Farmhouse Restaurant. The restaurant was closing earlier than usual because they were undergoing a remodeling project. Thus, we had the fastest event planning meeting on record! Thanks again everyone for accommodating the last-minute time adjustment.

Since the restaurant cannot guarantee their remodeling project will be done before our next meeting, we'll be holding a potluck-style meeting on Thursday, February 12th at the Conway Fire Station rather than the Farmhouse. The address is 21020 Greenfield Street in Conway.

Don't miss our program for the evening which will be a presentation by Sergeant Tobin Meyer of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office regarding Skagit County's Search and Rescue program and the specifics about how to report an on-the-water accident.

Temporary Meeting Location February

Just a heads up that we have changed the location for our Thur. Feb. 12th meeting which will be held at the Conway Firehall (address below) because the Farmhouse may not be done with their remodeling project before the 12th.

This will be a potluck-style meeting, so bring your favorite dish to share and your beverage of choice. The squadron will bring its picnic supply box, so you should not have to worry about utensils and plates.

As usual, our meeting starts with social at 6:00 pm, potluck at 6:30 with the program to follow.

The February program will be a presentation by Sergeant Tobin Meyer of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office who'll be talking about Skagit County's Search and Rescue program and the proper procedures for reporting an accident on the water. Conway Firehall address:

21020 Greenfield Street, Conway, WA 98238



Education Department George Johnson , SN

Bill Stewart's Engine Maintenance will be at Skagit Valley Hospital starting February 16, 2015. Price for members is \$55, or \$65 for two sharing a book. Registration closure has been extended to January 26. Contact Bill at 360-708-2471 or George at 360-588-8125 or georgeandsandy@comcast.net.

Our other great courses for next year include Cruise Planning, Marine Communications, Electronic Navigation and Weather.

We are looking for a volunteer to teach ABC next year. Full training and assistance provided. Don't forget our generous pay and benefits package. Contact George Johnson, georgeandsandy@comcast.net.

Partner-In-Command Seminar	Richey	April	Stanwood PUD	\$40/50	
Engine Maintenance	Stewart	Mon 2/23-4/27/15	Skagit Valley Hospital	\$55/65 or \$150/175	Feb 5
Cruise Planning	Miller	Mon-Wed 5/4-5/27/15	Ana-cortes	\$55/65 or \$150/175	Apr 16
Marine Communications	Bellinger	Wed 6/3-8/5/15 or fall?	Skagit Valley Hospital	\$55/65 or \$150/175	
Electronic Navigation	Miller	fall 2015		\$55/65 or \$150/175	
Weather	Jacobson	fall 2015			
	*\$55/65 is for members, one or two sharing a book.				
	\$150/175 is for non-members, one or two sharing a book.				

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

A place for articles and items of general interest, Jokes, recipes, etc.

Sweet Teriyaki Beef Skewers

"Beef slices marinated in a sweetened mixture of soy sauce and pineapple juice are skewered and grilled in this fun party food recipe."

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
1 cup soy sauce
1/2 cup pineapple juice (optional) 1/2 cup water
1/4 cup vegetable oil
3 large garlic cloves, chopped
4 pounds boneless round steak, cut into 1/4-inch slices or what I like to use is Carne Asada cut into 1" strips bamboo skewers, soaked in water

DIRECTIONS:

1. Whisk brown sugar, soy sauce, pineapple juice, water, vegetable oil, and garlic together in a large bowl; drop beef slices into the mixture and stir to coat. Cover bowl with plastic wrap.
2. Marinate beef in refrigerator for 24 hours.
3. Remove beef from the marinade, shaking to remove any excess liquid. Discard marinade.
4. Thread beef slices in a zig-zag onto the skewers.
5. Preheat grill for medium heat and lightly oil the grate.
6. Cook skewers on preheated grill until the beef is cooked through, about 3 minutes per side.

Prep Time: 15 Minutes **Cook Time:** 6 Minutes
Ready In: 1 Day 21 Minutes **Servings:** 24

Dale Libby

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Boating Activities (for the year) P/C Donna J. Mason, AP

Wow, what a squadron! Even though we had an abbreviated planning meeting due to the Farmhouse Restaurant's remodeling schedule, we still managed to come up with an awesome boating activities schedule for this year and eat our dinner too. We didn't have time to determine hosts for all activities, so please step up as hosts for any TBD activity. Notice that not all activities require boats! The Everett Squadron has been invited to join us for some rendezvous. Please do read through this; some marinas require early reservations!

February 14 Prima Bistro Noon Lunch, Langley, WA (on Whidbey Island), Hosts: Paul and Donna
Celebrate Valentine's Day at 201 ½ First Street, Langley, WA, upstairs from the Star Market. Free parking is behind the market. View the yummy menu at www.primabistro.com. Their motto is: "good food is the foundation of genuine happiness." We have 12 spaces reserved at this popular restaurant. By Thursday, Feb. 12, e-mail donnajmason@gmail.com or call me at 360 595-0183 if you plan to attend. First 10 people get a spot.

April 24-26 Oak Harbor, Whidbey Island "Holland Happening" Hosts: Bill and Lynn Stewart
Come by boat, RV or car to enjoy this Dutch-themed weekend. Boaters register on your own at the Oak Harbor Marina (360) 279-4575, www.whidbey.com/ohmarina. The usual RV site is closed, so the RV location is TBD. Some RVs may arrive as early as Wednesday. Lynn and Bill will announce more later.

May 29-31 Sucia Island Remote Dock and Anchor Out Rendezvous, Hosts: Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest
Enjoy a peaceful weekend at this remote island setting with some dock space and 48 mooring buoys. There are water and toilets, but no power or showers. Kari and Deanna will announce more later.

June 5-7 Anacortes Waterfront Festival, June meeting and Vessel Safety Checks Hosts: Paul and Donna
This popular weekend offers much entertainment all weekend, vintage and Corvette car shows, festival booths, the Quick and Dirty Boat Race, the Milk Carton Derby boat race, and more.
Saturday afternoon we'll have our June Members' Meeting followed by a cookout on our own party float near our boats. This is a convenient time to get your Vessel Safety Check decal.

June 26-28 is the USPS District 16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo, WA.
D16 hosts and will announce information about this rendezvous.

July 3-5 Bellingham's Squalicum Harbor July 4th Weekend Rendezvous, Hosts: Paul and Donna
We have the entire U-Visitor's Dock reserved for us to enjoy the weekend activities. Some boaters may want to arrive July 2.

July 11 Dinghy trip up the Snohomish River, Hosts: George and Jeanne Brooks
There'll be more news from George on this one!

July 18 Shipwreck Day, Anacortes
Not a boating activity but I always try to plug the one and only revenue-generating activity for our squadron. Donate items, join us aiding the public to find treasures in our booth, help our squadron stay in the black! We always enjoy dinner on our own in a local restaurant afterward.

August 7-9 Bell Harbor Marina and Mariners baseball, Seattle, Hosts: TBD
I paid a reservation fee upfront for this, but we have space reserved for five boats on B Dock at Bell Harbor Marina, Bell Street Pier 66, www.portseattle.org. I need to confirm with the marina by July 24. The Mariners play Texas that weekend; a few members already have tickets. Check Mariners' website: <http://seattle.mariners.mlb.com>. E-mail me at donnajmason@gmail.com or call 360 595-1083.

August 21-23 Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island, Hosts: Paul and Donna
This popular destination is a great place to relax and do nothing or explore the walks, beaches, go crabbing, or shop in town. Your choice. Friday evening we'll probably walk to the Deer Harbor Inn for dinner, or have dinner on your own at your boat. We'll have a Happy Hour - BBQ potluck dinner Saturday. For those with more than a weekend to cruise, this weekend will seque into...

August 23 – 30 Our 3rd Big Deal Canada Cruise, Hosts: Paul and Donna
Sunday morning, we'll leave from Deer Harbor and head to Poet's Cove, S. Pender Island, BC and beyond, like Ladysmith Harbor on Vancouver Island, with possible stops at some of these picturesque and entertaining ports: Maple Bay, Cowichan Bay. We'll end our cruise at Roche Harbor, San Juan Island August 28-29, and head for home ports Sunday morning August 30. Dock space at marinas will be available, but some boaters may prefer to anchor out. Some boaters may be able to do part of this cruise; that's o.k. too.

ASAP: Please let me know if you are interested in this cruise: a short planning meeting over coffee will include your preferences: donnajmason@gmail.com. Some marinas require early reservations. I'll have lots of info available at the meeting.

September 4-7 Point Hudson Marina, Port Townsend,

Hosts: Everett Sail and Power Squadron

The Everett Squadron has invited us to join their and Seattle's squadrons in Pt. Townsend. So far Dale Libby from Skagit is going. Others may visit by RV, Car, walk-on ferry.

September 18-20 Fisherman Bay, Lopez Island, Host: TBD
Saturday Farmer's Market, Crabbing, Lopez Island Ice Cream, need I say more?

September 26 SBSPS Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay, Deception Pass, Hosts: Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest.
We'll reserve the canopy picnic tables for a cookout and pot-luck to celebrate our squadron's anniversary. It is a State Parks free day!

October 2-4, Rosario Resort, Orcas Island, Hosts: TBD
Relax with a weekend at this wonderful resort marina. Winter rates in effect so we save on moorage!

October 16-18, Stewart Island Reed Harbor Remote Anchor Out, Hosts: TBD

State park with campsites, water and composting toilets, no electricity or showers. Walk to historic buildings and trail to the lighthouse.

November 7 Day trip by car, destination TBD

November 25-29 Fort Casey RV Thanksgiving Weekend, Hosts: TBD

RV for the weekend, or join the RVers for a day trip. Past trips have been a day trip ferrying to Pt. Townsend and a drive to Prima Bistro for lunch.

December 5 Argosy Christmas Ship Cruise, Seattle

This trip in Kirkland last December was so popular, folks want to do it again this year, except we'll try to get a Christmas Ship cruise in Seattle.

December 12 LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and Squadron Holiday Party, Hosts: Paul and Donna

The LaConner Pub already has us penned in for this event! Let's not repeat last year's fiasco...

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Note how cold and dreary Mark and Debbie's winter has been!!



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BIRTHDAYS

~ 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-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
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Education Officer	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Administrative Officer	Deanna Randall-Secrest, 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	425-359-7078
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
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Asst Public Relations	Vacant	
Radio Technical	Vacant	
Safety	Bill Stewart, JN	360-424-1270
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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	
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Supply Officer	Vacant	
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Scrapbook	Vacant	
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3 Yrs.	Jean Miller, N	360-588-9950
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2 Yrs.	Vacant	
3 Yrs.	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
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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.

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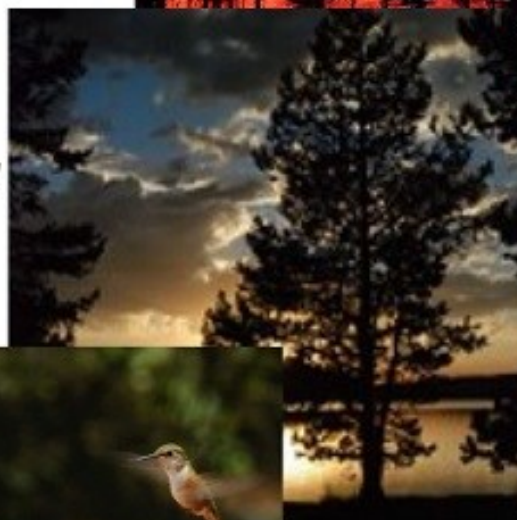


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