

# THE BITTER END

## News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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### CALENDAR

14 May, Regular Meeting, Border Crossing Program

16 May, Education Seminar, Bellevue (This Issue)

29-31 May, Sucia Rendezvous, Fossil Bay

5-7 June, Anacortes Waterfront Festival, Cap Sante



**Don't forget upcoming Education Conference in Bellevue. Interesting stuff on our programs. Also, mark the date for the Poulsbo Rendezvous at the end of June. This is always a great party. See forms this issue.**

#### Commander's Message Kari Randall-Secrest, N



Well another spring has arrived and with it, as always, a new boating season, so let the fun begin! We started off the boating season right by getting a good number of our members certified in CPR/AED/First Aid. We had a total of 19 people take the class. Well done everyone! We learned basic first aid, the most recent CPR technique as well as how to use an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Many thanks to

our certified instructor, Sharon Dubois, for teaching both classes. She made the classes both fun and educational and we look forward to working with her again in the future. The pictures may tell a different story, but yours truly actually made it through the class without a scratch. J

Deanna and I had a great time at the Oak Harbor rendezvous representing the boaters amidst the RV'ers. It turned out to be a beautiful day for our potluck, which as you know can be very hit and miss this time of year.

I want to recognize and congratulate two of our members that have recently received their Inland Navigator USPS Boat Operators Certificate ... Hooray for Albert Miller and Sharon Knowles! I hear they are both well on their way to achieving the next certification level as well, Coastal Navigator. Great job Albert and Sharon!

It's time to start getting your boat ready for cruising, so don't forget to get your annual Vessel Safety Check (VSC). Be sure to schedule one up with Albert Miller, our squadron's Vessel Safety Examiner. Getting a VSC ensures your boat is safe and ready for the cruising season and has all the required equipment on board. Don't forget that there has been a recent recall of some specific models of Kidde fire extinguishers. These extinguishers are ADC-rated disposable models manufactured between July 23, 2013 and October 15, 2014. For more details on the specific models involved, go to Kidde.com.

I sure hope you can join us at our upcoming meeting at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Thursday May 14th because Bob Miller will be presenting "Crossing Borders on the Salish Sea" program. If you want to know the latest requirements, do's and don'ts regarding border crossing with your boat, you won't want to miss out on this fantastic program. Be sure to check out Bob's more detailed summary in this issue.



## **FLOTSAM AND JETSAM**

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

### **Did you know...**

**Eagle Harbor** – There are two Eagle Harbors in Puget Sound. The one we all know is located off the eastern side of Cypress Island and was likely named for the presence of eagles in the area. The other is located off the eastern side of Bainbridge Island, Wilkes perhaps named this in 1841 for Henry Eagle of the *Eagle* during the War of 1812, or, more likely also for eagles in the area, particularly since the entrance points were named *Wing and Bill*.

### **The Thought for the Month...**

"The more credit you give away, the more will come back to you. The more you help others, the more they will want to help you."

Brian Tracy  
1944 - , American Trainer, Speaker, Author, Businessman

### **From the Galley...**

#### **Dale Libby 's World Renown Chicken Avocado Burritos**

##### **Ingredients:**

2 cups cooked and shredded chicken (or 2 chicken breasts, salt and pepper to taste, 1 Tablespoon mustard, 1 Tablespoon olive oil)

1 Avocado

2 Tablespoon cilantro - chopped

4 Large tortillas

1 Tablespoon vegetable oil

1 cup grated cheese (I use mozzarella)

4 Tablespoons sour cream

### **Directions:**

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a frying pan, place chicken breast sprinkled with salt and pepper and roast for about 5 minutes on each side. Spread 1 tablespoon mustard over the chicken, add about ¼ cup water and cook covered for a few more minutes.

Cut cooked chicken into thin stings.

Mix the chicken, cheese, cilantro, and the diced avocados.

Spread 1 tablespoon sour cream on each tortilla, add ¼ of the mixture, and form a roll.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil into a pan and place all four tortillas on the pan, cook for 2 minutes on medium-high heat. Flip on the other side and cook for another 2 minutes or until the tortillas are golden.

*Note: Watch closely so the tortillas don't burn.*

Serve warm

*Note: Good dipping sauce is **Thousand Island** dressing !*

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Have you ever wondered what a chart number is or which chart is needed for an area? Well NOAA has in interactive chart catalog online: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/pdfcharts/> . When you click on the chart catalog, you will a map of North America. So if you need a chart for Key West, you can get the number from here! Enlarge the area you are searching in, and then click inside the box. On the right hand side, you will see the chart number with printing and viewing options. You can view the chart on-line, download it as a .pdf (you will need Adobe Acrobat to view), get the latest Notice to Mariners for that chart or buy it at a Print on Demand vendor. Now you should always have the correct chart for the area you're boating in!



## **Education Department** **Debbie Richey, AP**

Happy May! As your new Education Officer I have some pretty big shoes to fill. I would like to give a huge thank you to George Johnson and John Bellinger for their many years of holding down this position. They have done an outstanding job at getting our squadron educated by arranging courses, scheduling classrooms, ordering materials, and arrangements for instructors. The list just goes on and on.

As we head into another great summer of cruising, it's great time to put all that education to work! Plot a course to avoid the rocks and take advantage of the current. Join us on one of our fun rendezvous this summer using your newly acquired skills. Remember to wear your life jacket when out on the water.  
Keep watch on this newsletter for new course offerings coming this fall!

In the meantime, for folks that are comfortable with on-line training, there are several courses offered by University of West Florida through their Continuing Education portal. If you are interested in taking one of the courses, click on the available discounts to see the USPS discounts. The discounts range from 10-25%. The current list of courses includes Seamanship, Piloting, Anchoring seminar, Crew Overboard Seminar, EPIRB and many more. The link to the courses is below.  
[http://uwf.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=ClassListing.ClassListingDisplay&int\\_category\\_id=4&int\\_sub\\_category\\_id=170](http://uwf.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=ClassListing.ClassListingDisplay&int_category_id=4&int_sub_category_id=170)

## **May 2015 Membership**

We have some new members that I would like to give a warm welcome to. Please make sure to introduce yourselves to them at the next meeting!

- Richard Hunter – like to do long cruises
- Mike and Sheryl Wytychak - transfers from Spokane liveaboards and sailors!
- Joe and Beth Ford – Transfers from North Olympic and liveaboards in Cap Sante.

The following folks took our ABC course and are now members:

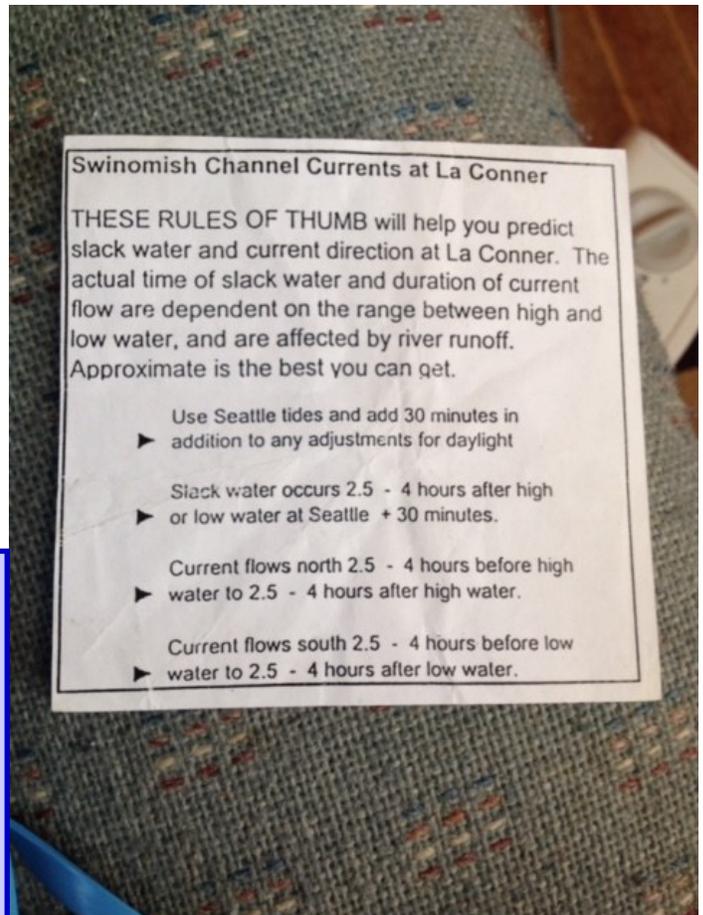
- Jason and Maria Magee
- David and Elisa Rizzo
- Bill and Suann Stone

Did you know that United States Power Squadrons offers discounts for many things, just not nautical? The link below give a list of all the discounts available to members. Take a look!

Membership Benefits: [http://www.usps.org/national/admin\\_dept/membenefitslist.htm](http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefitslist.htm)

### **Help Wanted:**

Do you have experience in retail? Like setting up merchandise displays? Do we have the job for you! We are in need of a person to manage our ship's store. It would only take a 2 hour commitment a month and bringing the merchandise to our monthly meetings. Talk to Debbie Richey/ [drichey@rocketmail.com](mailto:drichey@rocketmail.com) or 360-387-1260 if interested.





## **Boating Activities**

**P/C Donna J. Mason, AP**

Upcoming Rendezvous: May 29-31 Sucia Island Fossil Bay Inner Dock and Anchor Out. In an email Hosts Kari and Deanna Randall-Secret will announce their plans for this weekend. Note that this is the weekend after Memorial Day Weekend. For new members who have not been to Sucia, facilities include limited dock space (watch your depths at low tide), mooring buoys, composting toilets, some water, but no power or showers. You can hike around the island for great views, native plants, and sandstone formations. There are primitive campsites.

Save the dates: June 5-7 Anacortes Waterfront Festival, and June Member's Meeting on Saturday. All festivities are at Cap Sante Marina. Our rendezvous boats will be at "C" dock, and we'll have an activity float for our meeting and cookout potluck dinner. Vessel safety checks will be offered; schedule yours with Albert Miller. Activities both days include Custom Classic and Corvette car displays, fun booths, kids activities, entertainment, farmer's market, and especially the hilarious "Quick and Dirty" build-a-boat-in-a-day boat race. Please contact me if you plan to attend by boat or by car: [donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com). I need to organize the rendezvous boats for the marina, and we need to know how many hamburgers and hotdogs to provide for the cookout. RSVP by May 30.

Thanks go to Kari and Deanna Randall-Secret for stepping up to host the Bell Harbor Marina Rendezvous in Seattle August 7-9. We have reservations for 5 boat spaces. Are you going to be one of them?

The weather cooperated for the Oak Harbor Holland Happening RV rendezvous April 25. Kari and Deanna arrived by boat. Fourteen members relaxed for happy hour before a sumptuous picnic. Left to right: Bill Stewart, Deanna Randall-Secret, Debbie Richey, Kari Secret, Marlene Bellinger, Jeanne Brooks, Lynn Stewart, Sharon Knowles, Mark Richey, George Brooks, Albert Miller, and Paul Rosetter. Off camera: John Bellinger who arrived from a class in time for dinner, and me, the photographer. Thanks to Hosts Lynn and Bill Stewart for another successful rendezvous!



**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](http://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](mailto: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 segue into...

**August 23 - 30 Our 3rd Big Deal Canada Cruise, Hosts:**

Paul and Donna

We have 1 sailboat and 3 power boats participating so far for the entire 10-day cruise. Also, George and Sandy Johnson and John and Marlene Bellingher will join us via car for our visit to Ganges on Salt Spring Island, B.C.

Thanks to Cdr Kari and Deanna Randall-Secret, Dale Libby, Sheryl and Mike Wytychak, and Paul Rosetter, we put together a good itinerary plan for the Squadron Canadian Cruise this August.

Members are welcome to join us in their boats for part or all of this cruise, members may bring guests on their boats, and members need to make their own slip reservations with credit card guarantee at marinas (be sure to mention that you are with Skagit Bay Squadron. Space in marinas fills up quickly during August! Some members indicated an interest in coming by car/ferry, finding accommodations, and meeting us on the docks in Deer Harbor, Ganges, and Roche Harbor.

Please let me know if you plan to join any part of this cruise, or if you have questions:

[donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com) or (360) 595-1083

**Itinerary:**

August 21 - August 23, Deer Harbor, Orcas Island weekend rendezvous. Distance: 23 nm from Cap Sante Boat Haven, Anacortes

August 23, Cruise to Bedwell Harbor, S. Pender Island, B.C. Canada to clear customs. 16 nm

August 23 - 25, Poet's Cove Resort, Bedwell Harbor, S. Pender Island, same bay as Custom's Dock

August 25 - August 28 Ganges Marina, Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island, B.C. Canada, in time for the Tuesday Farmers Market. 19 nm

August 28 cruise to Roche Harbor, San Juan Island, WA USA to clear customs. 23 nm

August 28 - 30 Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island, WA weekend rendezvous

This itinerary is designed so weekend boaters can join us at the beginning and/or end of the cruise and without going into Canada. "The Waggoner Cruising Guide" is an excellent source for more information about these locations and marinas.

**Marina Contacts:**

Deer Harbor Marina, (360) 376-3037,

Email: [mbroman@deerharbormarina.com](mailto:mbroman@deerharbormarina.com).

Website: [www.deereharbormarina.com](http://www.deereharbormarina.com). Monitors VHF 78A.

Canada Customs: Bedwell Harbor: (240) 629-3363, toll free and CanPass: (888) 226-7277, Nexus (866) 996-3987.

Poet's Cove Resort Marina, (250) 629-2100

Email: [marina@poetscove.com](mailto:marina@poetscove.com). Website: [www.poetscove.com](http://www.poetscove.com)  
Monitors VHF 66A.

Ganges Marina, 161 Lower Ganges Road, (250) 537-5242.

Email: [mangesmarina@gmail.com](mailto:mangesmarina@gmail.com). Website: [gangesmarina.com](http://gangesmarina.com)  
Monitors VHF 66A.

Roche Harbor Marina, (800) 586-3590, (360) 378-2155.

Email: [marina@rocheharbor.com](mailto:marina@rocheharbor.com). Website: [rocheharbor.com](http://rocheharbor.com).  
Monitors VHF 78A.

**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-Secret.**

We'll reserve the canopy picnic tables for a cookout and potluck 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!

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron**  
**Meeting Minutes / Change of Watch**  
**April 9, 2015**

Meeting Location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Start Time: 1832 hours

Attendance:

George Johnson	Sandra Johnson	Albert Miller	Sharon Knowles
Jeanne Brooks	George Brooks	Marlene Bellinger	John Bellinger
Bob Miller	Anne Nesse	Rolf Nesse	Mike Connell
Deanna Randall-Secret	Kari Randall-Secret	Jan Jones	Jim Jones
Dave Willson, Guest	Tia Willson, Guest	Beth Ford	Joe Ford
Otto Rasmussen	Christine Rasmussen	Coco Haynes	Ruth Peterson
Debbie Richey	Lynn Stewart	Bill Stewart	

Invocation was given by: Ruth Peterson

Flag Salute was led by: Albert Miller

Secretary's Report by Sharon Knowles: Minutes from the March meeting were published in the "Bitter End." They were approved as written, after Bob Miller made the motion to approve, and John Bellinger seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report by Michael Connell: The balance was \$3,086.56 as of March 31, 2015.

Administrative Report by Deanna Randall-Secret: There were raving reviews from members who were present for the recent First Aid/CPR class. (John Bellinger added that a comedy show in Vegas cost \$150, and you could be equally entertained during the class for only \$30! This was an advertisement for the upcoming class.)

Amazon Smile: Debbie Richey reported that Amazon will give a portion of purchases back to members of non-profit organizations. It will be looked into further, as it was unclear as to whether this would come to us or to National.

Congratulations to Mark Richey for the work on our "Bitter End" newsletter. He received the Journalism Award for his efforts!

George Brooks reported that the Everett Squadron had no interest in a joint Dinghy Trip up the Snohomish River, on July 11<sup>th</sup>, so our trip has been changed to the Skagit River, putting in at Blake's Marina and going up-river from there. The boats with stronger engines can tow those who have need of additional engine power. There will be a picnic and a detour for ice cream from the Snow Goose Produce stand nearby.

Lynn & Bill Stewart reported that the Stay Sail RV Park in Oak Harbor will still be open for use during Holland Happenings, so our potluck is on for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

Old or New Business: None.

Change of Watch: The current Bridge Officers were dismissed, and DC Jim Jones took over the meeting. He spoke about branding, participating in parades, the District Rendezvous to be held in Poulsbo at the end of June, as well as mentioning the brochure of member discounts, the Educational Seminar and the Fall Conference. He then swore in Kari Randall-Secret as our Commander for another year. Christine Rasmussen then swore in the remaining Bridge Officers.

Meeting was adjourned at 1958 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Knowles

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®  
District 16 Educational Seminar  
May 16, 2015 – 0900 to 1600  
The **COAST Hotel**, Bellevue, WA  
Hosted By: Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron



**The Coast Hotel** located at 625 116<sup>th</sup> 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 15 and Saturday, May 16. 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 served with rolls and butter, Starbucks regular & decaffeinated coffee, assorted Tazo teas.

**[ ] LEMON CHICKEN**

Lightly breaded, browned and baked, topped with a sweet and tart Lemon sauce. Served with Salad, rolls and butter, Starbucks regular & decaffeinated coffee, assorted Tazo Teas.

To register for lunch please send a check for \$20.00 and indicate your lunch preference to P/R/C Trudy Brown, AP, 3220 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004-1813, Phone (425) 454 0115. Email [trudyb36@outlook.com](mailto:trudyb36@outlook.com)  
Make checks payable to D-16 ED Seminar.  
Need lunch count **by May 13**

Please address any additional questions or comments about this Educational Seminar to your district educational officers:

Tom Dalglish, (360) 366-3346 [waverleytom@gmail.com](mailto:waverleytom@gmail.com) or  
Al Keim, (206) 779-5346 [al@keimco.net](mailto:al@keimco.net).

The agenda will be distributed separately.

## 2015 DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS

### "Castaways Reunion"



PORT OF POULSBO

26-28 JUNE, 2015

## Plug your coconut phone into the palm tree, so you can tell everybody...

**Docking:** Who's better trained than Tacoma Squadron to fit 50+ squadron boats into a small town marina? Record shows nobody! Therefore arriving boats are required to call in on VHF 72, prior to entering the marina. Even if you do not wish assistance in docking, please inform the docking crew you have arrived for your slip assignment. Viking Law!!!

**Registration:** Friday and Saturday, rendezvous check-in will be at the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) located at the entrance to "E" dock. Times for registration will be posted on front of the building. You must send in the \$5.00 dock reservation fee (non-refundable) with your reservation to ensure you will have a confirmed slip. The remainder of your moorage fees (for your entire stay), must be paid directly to the Port of Poulsbo (not to District 16). The reservation for your meals and moorage must be received (yes to District 16) by 12 June 2015. No guarantees for the dinner or dock space after this date. Receive your "Passport to Fun" upon registration. Have your passport stamped as you travel to "Around the World" themed hors d'oeuvres stations, Breakouts, Training Events and Seminars. Prizes will be awarded to the most well-traveled passport holders.

**Boat Operator Certifier Qualification:** BOC qualification and training will be available for both Inland and Coastal Navigator. Sign up now as space is limited.

**Inland and Coastal Navigator:** Inland and Coastal certifiers will be available on Wednesday, 24 June thru Friday, 26 June, to witness power boat handling skill demonstrations and sign off on passports for this level. This training will be similar to last year's program. It takes about three to four hours to complete the training. If you want to receive credit for either Inland or Coastal Navigator, you need to obtain an Inland or Coastal Navigator Candidate Kit (Passport) by ordering through your SEO, prior to the class, then email or call Bob Anderson. His email & phone #s are found below.

**Advanced Coastal Navigator:** This class will be offered on Thursday, 25 June, starting at 4 PM; leaving the dock at 8 PM and returning at 12:00 AM.

**Note:** There will not be training for members on Saturday.

For questions and sign-ups contact Bob Anderson at 360-876-2874 or at [passage1@wavecable.com](mailto:passage1@wavecable.com)

**Friday Night Social: "Passport Dock Tail Party"** from 1700-1900 on "E" Dock. Please bring hors d'oeuvres which represent your squadron's Country of choice, to share with fellow members and guests. Boaters- bring tables to set up on the finger docks between boats. All alcoholic beverages must remain within the docks and cannot pass the ramp. Hope you didn't get rid of the clothes you wore every day before your rescue... **Dress in your depiction of "Castaway" attire - if you dare! Most unique Male and Female "Castaway" gets a trophy Sat. night!** ...The best Country themed serving station décor and food taste and variety winners will also be honored with trophies and bragging rights!

**Saturday Morning's Opening Ceremony:** It will begin at 1000 SHARP on the outside grass area which is directly at the rear of the Sons of Norway Hall's activity area. We will have the pleasure of the SSS Hurricane Sea Scouts being our honor guard to present the colors; followed by the invocation.

**Youth Poster Contest:** 10:30-12:00, SON Hall. Materials and instructions for USPS Poster Contest participants will be provided for attending children ages 6-14. This year's theme is **"When You Boat Be Ready To Float. Wear It."** Posters will be judged for prizes at the Fall Conference.

**Sticks & Strings:** 10:30-12:00, SON Hall - A Knitting/Needlework Seminar. Barbara Erickson will lead this interesting addition to the Rendezvous. Sample projects will be on view

**Fire Extinguisher and Flare Practice:** A fire extinguisher practice session is planned for Saturday morning between 1030 and 1200 at the adjacent park's fire pit. During the same time, there will be shooting of outdated aerial and hand-held flares on the beach behind the Sons of Norway Hall. If you have any outdated flares, please bring them to the practice. This is a great opportunity to obtain "hands-on" experience with your on-board safety equipment. Bob Miller, SN (Poverty Bay) will be the Range Safety Officer for the two exercises. If you knew everything about flares already, you wouldn't have been a Castaway for so long! Come practice!

**Produce Your Own Squadron SeaSkills - Seminar:** 12:00 - 13:30  
SeaSkills is the MIRA Award winning squadron fun with education event that's spreading throughout the district. We will be giving a detailed presentation on how to plan and perform a squadron SeaSkills from A-Z. Join us! After you learn how to put one on, go enjoy the afternoons SeaSkills seminars on the docks.

**D16 Mini SeaSkills:** 12:00 - 17:00  
Seattle and Bellingham will bring some favorite SeaSkills Presentations to the D16 Mini SeaSkills, performed for members by members, on their boats. Choose your favorites to brush up on or learn new boating skills. Don't forget to have your passports stamped at all the seminars and events you attend.

**Passport to Fun Events:** Check your schedule for times and place of the Blind Dinghy Race, Rescue Device Toss and The Power Squadrons Virtual Boating Simulator. Build your own Landing Loop and remember to collect those Passport Stamps!

**Saturday Evening Dinner:** Squadron members will be served a catered dinner (Menu TBA), supplied by The Sons of Norway. Each Squadron-brings 1 dessert or more for each 8 members present to share. A "No Host Bar" will be provided by the Sons of Norway from 1700 until 2200. Dinner cost will be determined as the menu is set (look for registration forms coming soon). Dinner will be served at 1800.

**Saturday Evening Silent Raffle and Prize Awards:** (Bar will still be open) after dinner, we will announce the winners of the silent raffle. Each squadron is asked to donate a **NEW** nautical item valued in the range \$35 to \$50. Please bring your squadron's auction item(s) to the upper floor of the Sons of Norway Hall at 1530, in order to have an opportunity to view and bid on the raffle items. The raffle will open at 1700. Stay after the raffle and claim your awards! Event times are subject to change. Please check your schedules to be provided at the rendezvous for actual times.

Questions? Matt Lombardi at 360-588-2120 or at [go@usnsd16.org](mailto:go@usnsd16.org)

## 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>HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS</b></p> 	<p><b>John Bellinger Elaine Brent Jeff Geibig Coco Haynes Albert Miller James Neece Deanna Randall-Secret Rick Ray Mark Richey</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

### Help Needed at the Anacortes Trawlerfest

The USPS booth at the Trawlerfest, May 14-17, will feature the multimedia Boating Skills Virtual Simulator, allowing attendees to practice their boat handling skills. All squadron members are invited to check it out. Also, the booth operators would like some Skagit Bay SPS members to help out, if they have some spare time. Contact Bob Miller, [bobmillerwa@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmillerwa@hotmail.com), if you can help out. He will train you in how to operate the simulator.

### Ships Store

Did you know that our ship's store carries embroidered shirts, hats with our burgee on them, and burgees for your boat! The merchandise will be at the next meeting in May.

<b>Bridge Officers</b>		
Commander	Kari Randall-Secret, N	360-387-1194
Executive Officer	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Administrative Officer	Deanna Randall-Secret,N	360-387-1194
Secretary	Sharon Knowles, AP	360 333-7808
Treasurer	Mike Connell, AP	425 327-3557
<b>Executive Committee</b>		
	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
<b>Commander Department</b>		
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	
<b>Executive Department</b>		
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