



# THE BITTER END

News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron  
May 2017



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## CALENDAR

- 11 May—Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Last one til Fall
- 12-14 May - Victoria Rendezvous
- 2-4 June—Anacortes Waterfront Festival (Also June Meeting)
- 23-25 June- District 16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo (Info this issue)



**Don't forget to look in this issue for registration for some upcoming events. It's best to get in early for space and also the hosts would like to know. See our Victoria Rendezvous and the June District Rendezvous.**



### Commander's Message Donna J. Mason, AP

We had a good turnout for our Change of Watch April 13. I'd like to thank D/C Matt Lombardi, P accompanied by his wife Pamela, for coming up from Seattle to swear in this year's officers and to share his vision for the coming year. Other guests were P/D/C Barbara Erickson and D16 Photographer Steve Erickson from Seattle, D16 AO Annette Ferguson, AP, Cdr Linda Martin, JN and her husband P/C Mike Martin, the last three from Everett Squadron.

Thanks go to members Carolyn Caporgno, Ruth Peterson and Debbie Richey who creatively decorated the Change of Watch tables. I would like to thank all of you who have agreed to fill a position in our squadron this year. To those who haven't yet, please let me know what you might be interested in doing for the squadron. There is a good variety of possibilities.

Have you joined Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron's page on Face Book? Mark and especially Debbie Richey post helpful hints, useful tips and interesting website links. A recent example is a link to <https://www.fix.com/blog/geginners-guide-to-sea-kayaking/> for those interested in kayaking and recommended safety gear.

Speaking of kayakers, April 19 the U.S. Coast Guard crew out of Bellingham rescued two boys stranded on Crab Island in Lopez Sound. The boys had



been paddling together in one kayak and had been battling the current for more than one hour without making progress. They managed to paddle out to the 45' response boat and were safely transported to shore. This was reported in "The Weekly" newspaper.

The Bellingham Herald reported that on April 14, the USCG received a Mayday call after 7 p.m. (getting dark). A 30' sailboat was taking on water and stuck on the rocks off Vendovi Island. The USCG crew couldn't get close enough to the sailor or his vessel. So a helicopter from Port Angeles arrived 20 minutes later, dropped a rescue swimmer into the water, the swimmer helped the sailor to a waiting rescue boat, then hoisted the sailor onto a helicopter for transport to a hospital. You can watch the USCG video of the rescue at [bhamherald.com](http://bhamherald.com).

As Paul and I were eating lunch at home the other day, we watched a USCG helicopter practicing on Lake Whatcom (see photo).

There is overwhelming support within United States Power Squadrons® for using the registered trademark name "America's Boating Club®" in marketing USPS®. A new logo is being developed, but in the meantime, we are free to call ourselves "America's Boating Club."

Think USPS® = America's Boating Club®.

It's May: got your boat ready for boating season? National Safe Boating Week is May 20-26 this year. May 19 is "Wear Your Life Jacket To Work" Day to help get the word out about wearing PFDs. Speaking from experience, it makes a great conversation starter!



# Mothers' Day Rendezvous Victoria, BC 12-14 May 2017

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

**Hosts:** Bob and Jean Miller, [bobmillerwa@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmillerwa@hotmail.com), 360-588-9950 (home), 360-540-1686 (boat)

**Where:** Causeway Marina, Victoria, BC, <http://www.gvha.ca/marinas-facilities/marinas/causeway-ship-point>, 48° 35.3' N, 123° 22.2' W, VHF CH 66A, [chartlet](#).

Head over to Vancouver Island, BC, and join Bob and Jean Miller (and Eddie, the boat cat) and the rest of the Skagit Bay SPS cruisers as we visit Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, on Mothers' Day weekend. The host boat will be the *Loon Song*. This will be a great chance for members of the Skagit Bay and nearby sister squadrons to check out their boats in preparation for Spring cruising.

Victoria is a 'bit of olde England' with magnificent harbour (notice the proper English spelling) views, great museums, good food (can you say *poutine*?), good beer, and nearby shopping (Bob always stocks up on Rogers' chocolates and Murchie's tea, while Jean hits Munro's for books.)

**Slips:** The Causeway facilities are located right in front of the iconic Parliament House and the Royal BC Museum and are a few steps from shopping on Government Street and the side lanes. The docks are older, but now have adequate 30 amp power and are locked at night.

**Planned Activities:** Not many; this is a way kicked-back rendezvous. Just wander along the streets and waterfront, get some exercise, do some shopping, eat some stuff, and take it easy. On Saturday night we will go to a restaurant chosen by the rendezvous attendees. For those arriving on Friday, Jean and I will host an informal meet and greet onboard *Loon Song*, bring your own drink and a snack to share.

**Suggestions:** Organize a dingy ride up The Gorge, tide permitting, <https://www.crd.bc.ca/education/our-environment/harbours/gorge-waterway>; hop on the little harbour shuttle boats, <https://www.victoriaharbourferry.com/>, and visit Fisherman's Wharf for lunch; <http://www.gvha.ca/marinas-facilities/marinas/fishermans-wharf>; or go antiquing on Upper Fort Street.

## How to Get There --

**By Boat:** Victoria is about 36 nautical miles from Cap Sante in Anacortes by the most direct route to the south of Lopez and San Juan Islands. A more sheltered and leisurely route passing through the San Juan Islands and down Haro Strait is about 10 miles longer. If leaving from Anacortes, turn left out of Padilla Bay into Guemes Channel and just head west. You may have to dodge some islands and large white and green ferry boats, but the cruise is scenic. Look for the orca pods and other wild life. Upon arriving at the entrance to the Outer Harbour, run at 7 knots while avoiding the

large cruise vessels and aircraft landing and taking off. View the harbour's rules and regulations at <http://www.gvha.ca/marinas-facilities/marinas/harbour-regulations>. A handy chartlet presents the harbour's strictly monitored traffic scheme, [http://www.gvha.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/pvts\\_eng\\_2014-map.pdf](http://www.gvha.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/pvts_eng_2014-map.pdf).

**By Ferry and Bus:** The Anacortes-Sidney Washington State ferry leaves Anacortes at 08:30 am and arrives in Sidney by 11:10 am, with a stop in Friday Harbor (departs Friday Harbor at 09:55 am). On Sunday, catch the 12:05 pm ferry to arrive back in Friday Harbor at 1:20 pm and Anacortes by 3:00 pm. If you are not driving, a BC Transit bus ride to Victoria takes an hour. Catch route 70 or 72, Swartz Bay to Downtown at Fifth and Beacon in Sidney, <https://bctransit.com/victoria/schedules-and-maps/route-overview?route=70>

**Lodging in Victoria:** For those coming by ferry, there are several hotels within walking distance of the Causeway marina, . <http://www.tourismvictoria.com/hotels/>

**Passports and Border Control:** US Passports are required to get back into the USA and facilitate entry into Canada. Standard WA Drivers Licenses are not adequate identification. Ferry riders are checked as they exit in Sidney, and in Friday Harbor. Boaters tie up to the customs dock just beyond Fisherman Wharf and use the direct line phone on the dock for clearance, <http://www.gvha.ca/marinas-facilities/marinas/customs>. Boaters returning to the USA can phone US Customs and Border Protection while underway at 800-562-5943, or stop at the customs offices in Roche Harbor or Friday Harbor.

**Reservations for Your Boat:** Please make your own reservation (our group is not large enough to be an official "group,") with the Greater Victoria Harbour authority on their website at <http://www.gvha.ca/marinas-facilities/marinas/reservations/guest-reservations-form>, and specify that you want to be located to other boats from SBSPS. Phone the office at 250-383-8326 (1-877-783-8300). Make sure to mention that this is for the Skagit Bay Power Squadron group rendezvous. Also, send an email to the cruise coordinator (see next section).

**To Signup:** Send an email to Bob Miller, Skagit Bay SPS, [bobmillerwa@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmillerwa@hotmail.com), listing the names of the people attending the rendezvous, the date of arrival, mode of arrival (boat, ferry), and the boat name if coming by boat.

#### More Information

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, <http://www.gvha.ca/>  
Tourism Victoria, <http://www.tourismvictoria.com/>  
WA State Ferry Schedule for Anacortes-Sidney,

<http://www.wsdot.com/ferries/schedule/ScheduleDetailByRoute.aspx?route=ana-sj-sid>



#### Education Department P/C Debbie Richey, AP

News from the Education arena! In September we will be offering an ABC course starting on September 6. We follow up with a Seamanship class starting October 3. In January we will be offering Cruise Planning. Stay tuned for Instructor Qualification!

**Seamanship** expands on the ABC course. You will learn more knots, what the skipper's responsibilities are, how being on the water affects your health, and many more topics. For more information about the course, visit the USPS website.

**Cruise Planning** is a great course to help you plan your cruise. You will learn how to provision, chartering, anchoring, security and other great information. For more information about the course, visit the USPS website.

We are busy planning a great year! Now get out on the water and use the skills you are learning.



**PHOTOS FROM THE FRIDAY HARBOR RENDEZVOUS**

Above—The group at dinner at Cask and Schooner  
 Right— Sandy did some shopping



**BELOW—OUR CHANGE OF WATCH AT THE APRIL MEETING**



Old Bridge relieved of duty. Bob Miller and Mark Richey missing.



New Bridge and Excom happy to begin new year



DC Matt Lombardi swears in Donna who then cheers members to help



Attendees listen to DC Matt Lombardi's speech

Boating Activities  
Cdr Donna Mason, AP

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How do you like USPS' new name?

The weather was not nice, so we had no boats for the weekend. We had a good crowd via ferries for the Friday Harbor Saturday rendezvous at Cask and Schooner April 22: Friday Harbor Cdr Ann Einboden, AP, Associate Members from D28 Balboa Squadron P/D/C Ken and Pat Smith, SBSPSers Carolyn and Glen Caporgno, George and Sandy Johnson, Mark and Debbie Richey, Jack and Pat Dyer, and I enjoyed a dinner and conversation. (See photo)

Bob and Jean Miller's Victoria Rendezvous is happening soon after this newsletter will be issued. Four boats and one couple via ferry will participate. Hope you all have a great time!

UPCOMING:

### Anacortes Waterfront Festival June 2-4

Please e-mail [donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com) to reserve a spot for any or all of these activities.

Let's be well-represented by boats as well as people for this weekend! We have 8 slips reserved! More advanced planning is needed; the marina requires info 2 weeks in advance so by May 19, please email [donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com) with your boat arrival/departure dates, boat length (LOA), electricity needs, preference for side tie (port or starboard facing in) **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PLEASE!** We will be on C Dock. I will provide the marina with all the boat info, and you can pay the marina for your moorage and electricity upon arrival.

Friday begins the weekend with boat arrivals, happy hour on the dock at 4 p.m., and then we'll go to the Brown Lantern downtown Anacortes for dinner.

Saturday enjoy the festival and car displays.

In the morning until 9:30, we'll graciously allow the Nordic Tug Rendezvous to have their breakfast on our floating dock (where they'll receive information about SBSPS and USPS®).

Then from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. while people are enjoying the festival and walking the docks, I'll be using our floating dock for "America's Boating Club" marketing table display with brochures, information, Vessel Safety Check request sign-ups, class interest sign-ups, etc. as part of the D16 Marketing Challenge to reach new and prospective members in non-traditional ways. We need to enable our communities to be more aware of us and of what we do. Anyone want to join me and the wonderful "Boating is Fun" dog banner which will attract many to our floating booth? You can do 1- or 2-hour time slots (email [donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com) for a timeslot) Of course, you can come in and relax on the float or just enjoy the festival starting at 10 a.m.

At 4 p.m. we'll have happy hour leading into our June meeting and cookout on the floating dock. Depending on when the "Quick and Dirty Boat Building" race occurs, we should begin our brief June meeting by 6 p.m. and enjoy the cookout. Our squadron will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, please provide a side dish or dessert and your favorite beverage. We'll provide coffee and a few sodas.

Since we need to reserve a year in advance, we need to decide if we want to do this Festival Rendezvous next year. Sunday watch the Milk Carton Derby, time TBD, and then prepare to return to home port.

District 16 Rendezvous Port of Poulsbo, 23-25 June 2017: See the NEW D16 SECURE WEBSITE at <https://www.USPSd16.org>. Also, please email [donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com) if you plan to go either by boat or by car, and for which day(s).

On the new D16 website, you'll see invitations to other squadron events such as the Bellevue squadron salmon bake. The Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron is sponsoring a 2018 Seattle to Alaska Cruise on Holland America Line from Saturday 7 July – 14 July. Cost ranges from \$1,099 for an inside stateroom to suites from \$2,299 per person plus \$225 per person taxes and port fees.

Email Dawn Eckhart at [dawnstraveldeals@gmail.com](mailto:dawnstraveldeals@gmail.com) or call (727) 403-0406 for details or to sign-up.

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron  
United States Power Squadron  
Change of Watch - Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2017**

The following guests were in attendance:

D16 Cdr Matthew Lombardi and his wife Pamela Lombardi, Seattle Squadron  
D16 P/D/C Barbara Erickson and her husband D16 Photographer and Instructor Steve Erickson, Seattle Sq.  
D16 Admin. Officer Annette Ferguson, AP from Everett Squadron  
D16 Secretary, Skagit Squadron SEO and Life Member Debbie Richey  
D25 P/D/C, Skagit Squadron Chaplain and Life Member Ruth Peterson  
Everett Cdr Linda Martin and her husband Everett P/C Mike Martin  
Life Member, long-time Instructor and 50-year Membership Awardee George Brooks

The following squadron members were also in attendance:

Richard Hunter	Marlene Bellinger	Bill Stewart	Jack Dyer
George Johnson	John Bellinger	Lynn Stewart	Don Coleman
Sandy Johnson	Deanna Randall-Secret	Stephen Drummond	Carolyn Caporgno
Kelly Libby	Kari Randall-Secret	Steve Drummond	Glen Caporgno
Jeanne Brooks	Craig Ford	Donna Mason	
Billie Ford	Paul Rosetter	Jean Drummond	

\*quorum present

Meeting location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Meeting called to order: 1835

Introductions and recognition of life members and past squadron commanders

Invocation & Reading of Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" in honor of Gary Mohr – Ruth Peterson

Flag salute

Pause for dinner

Meeting resumed 1910

Executive Officer's Report – Debbie Richey for Mark Richey:

Nothing new to report

Squadron Educational Officer's Report – Debbie Richey

Nothing new to report

Administrative Officer's Report – Richard Hunter

Nothing new to report

Secretary's Report – Kari Randall-Secret:

- March meeting minutes approved – motion by Ruth Peterson, seconded by Carolyn Caporgno
- Bitter End newsletter for April is out and available on squadron website

Treasurer's Report – Donna Mason for Bob Miller

- IRS 990 form and USPS TR1 report for the squadron's previous year were filed 3/25/17
- Reported SBSPS continues to be financially strong. Our current checking balance is \$5784, an increase of \$310 from this time last year.

The Audit Committee's annual report from 5/24/16 indicated the squadron met all expected financial expectations and obligations for the previous year. The Audit Committee is expected to meet again before the squadron's business meeting on 5/11/17 to conduct the annual audit for the current year. This year, budget controlling measures were introduced in conjunction with the Educational Department to ensure that department would remain profitable and also to keep member dues steady. A final review of actuals vs. projections will take place at the May business meeting where we will also work on improving the budget and financial tracking methods for next year.

Commander's Report – Donna Mason

Sadly, the Wytychaks have left us and are now living aboard in Seattle

National Safe Boating Week is May 20-26  
Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day is May 19  
If you need banners, etc... printed, USPS gets a discount at the Fed Ex Copy Centers on banners and some other products.  
D16 Incoming Officer's Meeting April 29, Bellevue.  
Contact Donna if interested.

Outgoing Commander Donna Mason spoke of our squadron's achievements this past year, such as increasing our membership and the importance of holding activities for both our boating and non-boating members. She also presented George Brooks with his 50-year Membership Award. Additionally, she thanked member Don Coleman for his time and efforts at becoming our new squadron Vessel Safety Checker.

Outgoing Commander Donna Mason dismissed the current squadron bridge members:

Secretary: Kari Randall-Secrest  
Treasurer: Bob Miller (in absentia)  
Squadron Educational Officer: Debbie Richey  
Administrative Officer: Richard Hunter  
Executive Officer: Mark Richey (in absentia)

Outgoing Commander Donna Mason passed control of squadron to D16 Commander Matthew Lombardi.

D16 Commander Matthew Lombardi spoke of the importance of moving USPS forward and finding a way to encourage young people to join and stick with USPS. Our organization must invest in all types of media and spread the word in new ways. His tagline: "Respect the traditions, but be the change."

D16 Administrative Officer Annette Ferguson shared information about the upcoming D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo.

Incoming squadron Commander Donna Mason was sworn in by D16 Commander Matthew Lombardi.

The incoming Bridge was sworn in by D16 Cdr Matthew Lombardi:

Secretary: Kari Randall-Secrest  
Treasurer: Bob Miller (in absentia)  
Squadron Educational Officer: Debbie Richey  
Administrative Officer: (none)  
Executive Officer: John Bellinger

The following Executive Committee members also took the pledge: Kelly Libby, Sandy Johnson, Marlene Bellinger, and Paul Rosetter

Incoming Commander Donna Mason spoke of a few of her personal squadron goals for the next year such as increasing our membership, increasing our variety of classes and improving our public relations outreach.

Meeting adjourned: 2010



## VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

Some items are easy to correct, and some not so easy. While a quick run to the local marine shop can quickly correct many discrepancies, often time correcting the discrepancy takes time and a boat owners resolve that it's worth doing it just to get a VSC sticker.

I was invited the other day to inspect a recently purchased small Tug, which was documented at time of purchase. The vessel was well equipped, USCG required equipment was current and vessel documents in order. All in all, a well appointed boat. One item prevented me awarding the VSC decal. The *Official Documentation Number* was not properly displayed on the interior of the hull. In this particular case, stick on numbers were placed on the hull itself, with a quick swipe of clear varnish (or something) over the top. Pretty easy to peel off and replace if someone had reason, diabolical or otherwise.

The Vessel Safety Check Manual specifies: "US Coast Guard documented vessels must have the official number permanently on some clearly visible interior structural part of the hull. The numbers may be painted, carved, or welded, so long as as it's done in a way that alteration, removal, or replacement would be obvious." In this case, the vessel owner knew the numbers were suspect, so having the discussion was easy, for which I am grateful. Often, such discussions are not so easy.

Over the years I've encountered a few recurring discrepancies that fell in that "not so easy to fix" category. The most common for me has been improper display of state registration numbers. A good topic for a later date. Sailboaters, how about that anchor light on top of that 40 ft. mast of yours? Not so easy to fix.

Also, I recently verified with Skagit County Hazardous Waste, they continue to accept expired Aerial Flares. *They will not accept the Hand Held day/night flares.*



**ANNUAL DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS  
PORT OR POULSBO 23-25 JUNE 2017**

Mark your calendar for the 41st Annual D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo. Watch for updates and registration form on [www.uspsd16.org](http://www.uspsd16.org) & in your squadron's publication. Reservations for mooring and all meals are made on your registration Form and must be received before 9 June.

**DOCKTAIL PARTY-FRIDAY 23 JUNE, "BOATING WITH YOUR TUNES"**

Our Docktail party will challenge our imagination and invite each Squadron to serve their choice a hors d'oeuvres that reflects your favorite nautical song. Costumes and Boats decorated are encouraged and there will be a prizes for the best presentation of a nautical song.

**SATURDAY MORNING - 24 JUNE**

Opening Ceremonies, Fire Extinguisher Demo and Flare Shoot.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON - 24 JUNE**

Members will be able to attend Sea Skill events from 1300-1500  
Shopping in town is always good!

**SATURDAY EVENING - 24 JUNE**

The Catered BBQ dinner features a choice of Pork Ribs, Chicken or Vegetarian Offering at the Sons of Norway Hall. There will be a raffle of wonderful items. Bring your check book.

**SUNDAY, 25 JUNE**

Safe boating to home ports.

About 60 slips are reserved for boaters and a block of rooms is reserved in the Guesthouse Inn & Suites at (360) 697-4400, reference "USPSD16".

**YOU MUST MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION BY 9 JUNE, 2017 TO RECEIVE THE GROUP RATE OF \$90.00 PLUS TAX.**

**QUESTIONS ???**

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## ANNUAL DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS PORT OF POULSBO 23-25 JUNE 2017

### DOCKING:

Bremerton and Agate Pass Squadrons will be assisting in assigning docking spots, arrival of boats and docking. Please call in on VHF 72, prior to entering the marina, even if you do not wish assistance in docking, please inform the docking crew of your arrival.

### REGISTRATION:

Friday and Saturday, rendezvous check-in will be at the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) location at the entrance to "E dock". Times for registration will be posted on front of the building. You must send in the non-refundable \$5.00 dock reservation fee with your reservation to ensure you will have a confirmed slip. The remainder of your moorage fee (for your entire stay), must be paid directly to the Port of Poulsbo, i.e. not to District 16. Please check in on VHF 72 when your boat arrives at the marina. The reservation for your meals and moorage must be received by 9 June 2017. No guarantees for the dinner or dock space after this date.

### COASTAL NAVIGATOR AND ADVANCED COASTAL NAVIGATOR:

Certifiers will be available on Thursday and Friday for questions and sign-ups contact ADR Jim West, AP-ACN at [jwestboater@comcast.net](mailto:jwestboater@comcast.net)

### FRIDAY EVENING SOCIAL:

The Docktail Party is from 1700-1930 on "E Dock". Please bring hors d'oeuvres from your squadron, the theme is "Cruisin to your Favorite Nautical Tune" 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. The best Cruisin themed serving station decor and costumes that reflect the song will be honored with "special prizes".

### SATURDAY MORNING'S OPENING CEREMONY:

It will begin at 1000 on the outside grass area at the rear of the SON Hall. The SS Hurricane Sea Scouts will serve as the honor guard to present the colors, followed by the invocation.

### 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 a flare shoot 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 site. Bob Miller, SN (Poverty Bay) will be the Range Safety Officer for the two exercises.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON YOUTH EVENTS:

- Youth Poster Contest - 1300-1500 at the gazebo in the park (Over looking marina). Materials will be available for children ages 6-14
- D16 Robot, PFD will be "running" the sidewalk in the park.
- Games for Children are being planned and open to the public

### SEA SKILLS EVENT:

1300-1500 -TOPICS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON-

### SATURDAY EVENING DINNER:

A "No Host Bar" will be available 1700-2200 and Dinner will be served at 1800. Both Dinner and the Bar will be provided by and held at the SON Hall. We hope each Squadron will bring 1 dessert or more for each 8 members to share. We also ask each Squadron to donate a NEW nautical item valued in the range \$35-\$50. Bring your donation to the upper floor of the SON Hall at 1530. The raffle will open at 1700. Stay after the raffle and claim your items.

### QUESTIONS ???

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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>HAPPY</b></p> <p><b>MAY</b></p> <p><b>BIRTHDAYS</b></p> <p><b>John Bennett</b> <b>Coco Haynes</b> <b>Deanna Randal Secrest</b> <b>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 be advertised in the newsletter or an email notice.

## CROSSING THE BAR

Gary Wayne Mohr March 7, 1942 - April 8, 2017

We learned of the passing of member Gary Wayne Mohr due to complications from kidney cancer. Gary lived in Mount Vernon with his wife Beverly. He joined USPS and earned the grade of Senior Navigator. He enjoyed celestial navigation and became a volunteer Celestial Sight Checker for JN and N students in our Educational Department. Gary earned 23 merit marks. Among many boating accomplishments, he single-handedly circumnavigated Vancouver Island.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held on May 7 from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 4330 148th Avenue NE, Redmond, WA.

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Donna Mason

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3 Yrs.	Vacant	

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