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Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

April 2018

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CALENDAR

12 April, Change of Watch Banquet, Farmhouse

20-22 April, Tulip Festival Booth, Mt. Vernon

28 April, Ed Seminar and Incoming Officer Meeting, Bellevue

28 April, Lowland Lake Season Opener



Welcome to Spring. Time for the locals to stay out of the valley to avoid the tourists. Some of us have already been out boating. The long range forecast is for hotter and dryer this year starting sometime late April so it looks like water is a good plan. Also, come congratulate the new bridge officers at the next meeting.



Commander's Message John Bellinger, SN

This has been a interesting year for me as far as the Squadron is concerned. I really have not been involved in most of the goings on during the year except the Boat Show

First I want to thank Donna Mason for her leadership over the past two years. She has gone above and beyond in her efforts to make the Squadron a success. I am not even going to try to do as many jobs as she has taken on.

I am not going to spend too much time with this as I have had three operations since August trying to fix ulnar nerve pain in my left hand and arm. So far nothing has worked so it is very painful to type.

The Squadron has had a very successful year, with many different activities and rendezvous. We have had great participation by our newer members who have stepped up to take on many of the duties which make us successful.

This is the time of year when everyone is getting ready for summer and all of the outdoor activities that go with it. Before the boating season gets under way we should all take the time to check that all of the mechanical, elec-

trical, and safety equipment on our boats are in good working order.

I encourage you all to take advantage of our Vessel Safety Check program by contacting Don Colman. Don will go over your boat with you and check all of areas needed to meet the Coast Guard safety inspection requirements. It is a great way to start the season knowing all of your safety equipment is up to date.

As your new Commander I am looking forward to working with each of you to make sure Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron meets your needs for boater safety, education, and fellowship.

My goal this year is to promote teamwork on the Executive committee by reinstating ExCom meetings outside of regular Squadron meetings. I believe this will allow us to get better acquainted, allow more input from each of you, and allow the time necessary to make our Squadron more successful. I hope you will support me in this effort.

I invite all of you to attend our annual Change of Watch (COW) banquet on April 12th at the Farmhouse. This is a celebration of the installation of new officers for 2018. I know Donna and her team have put together another fantastic meeting for us. I hope to see all of you there.



Boating Activities Anton and Margaret Kerkhove

The 2018 Boating Rendezvous schedule with Hosts has been made. It is early in the year and easy inter-

net access has people planning and booking space at marinas already. If you are hoping to join one or more of the rendezvous, please let the Rendezvous Host know. This will help the Host with planning as the marinas like to know how many boats will be attending an event. Having your input will be appreciated and can make the rendezvous more enjoyable.

If you have any questions please e-mail Anton & Margaret Kerkhove at amsv@comcast.net.

Here is a list of Boating Rendezvous hosted by Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron:

May 11th-13th Port Hudson Marina, Port Townsend, WA.
Hosted by Bob & Jean Miller
Email: bobmillerwa@hotmail.com **CANCELLED**

June 22nd – 24th Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island, WA
Hosted by Anton & Margaret Kerkhove
Email: amsv@comcast.net

July 2nd – 5th Squalicum Harbor, Bellingham, WA
Hosted by Richard Hunter
Email: richard@anamcaraboat.us

July 5th – 9th BC Canada Cruise, Poet's Cove and Ganges
Hosted by Richard Hunter
Email: richard@anamcaraboat.us

Aug 17th – 19th Mariners Vs. Dodgers, Bell Harbor Marina, Seattle, WA
Hosted by Kari & Deanna Randall-Secret
Email: kasndmr@gmail.com

Oct 5th – 7th Rosario Resort, Orcas Island, WA
Hosted by Kari & Deanna Randall-Secret
Email: kasndmr@gmail.com

Oak Harbor Cruise with Everett Squadron May 25th – 28th

I wanted you to know that the procedure for Oak Harbor has changed. They now require a list of boats 30 days before the event and a 10\$ deposit per boat. They do not accept individual payment for the 10\$ per boat, but 1 payment for all boats that are coming. The 10\$ will apply to the first nights moorage. There is no refund for No shows. So, I will need a list of those who are going by April 23rd with a 10\$ deposit for each boat. You can email the list and mail a check to me. My address is 222 Driftwood Shores Rd., Camano Island, Wa.98282. Thanks much. Annette Ferguson

Land-based Squadron Activities

P/C Donna Mason, AP

Our January planning meeting netted a full year's list of activities for you. See the 2018 Rendezvous Schedule in this issue. Our Boating Rendezvous Coordinators Margaret and Anton Kerkhove will write about boat activities. This is news about our land-based activities:

July 21, Saturday, Shipwreck Day Booth in Anacortes George and Sandy Johnson do a great job coordinating our squadron's participation in this amazing day. It is our main fund-raising effort for our squadron and gives us all the opportunity to sort through our stuff for donations. George will announce more information closer to the date.

September 8, Saturday, Vancouver, B.C. Canada Day Trip for the Indian Arm Luncheon Cruise aboard the Harbor Cruises Limited's "M.V. Harbour Princess." This 4-hour luncheon cruise travels through Vancouver's inner harbour, the Burrard Inlet, and then North into Indian Arm, nestled within the Coast Mountain range and protected from the open ocean. As we enjoy our lunch, we'll cruise by the panoramic vistas, the pristine Silver Falls, large waterfront homes, privately owned islands, wildlife and more. Cruise, The buffet menu is at www.boatcruises.com. Prices are in Canadian dollars. We'll drive to Vancouver on our own; people may want to carpool. Bring your passports. Parking is available in front of the marina and costs C\$14-15/day, payable by credit card. When booking your spot, include Group "Skagit Bay" so we'll all sit together. Also, notify me that you are coming so I can confirm our group.

November 12, Saturday, theater day trip TBD. The fall schedules aren't out yet. Stay tuned!

November 22-25, Thanksgiving Weekend RVing at Fort Casey and Day trips. Hostess Sandy Johnson will announce activities closer to the date.

December 8, Saturday, LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and SBSPS Holiday Party - Estimated but unconfirmed date of the lighted boat parade. LaConner Pub already has us on the schedule for our party



Hospitality Party at Spring Conference Oak Harbor.
Shani, Debbie, Mark, Paul, Photo by Donna



Above: Shani gets Seamanship certificate.
Below; New members sworn in.



Sea Music

By Soon-to-be-past-commander Donna

Need some music to get you in the mood for a cruise? Need a break from sea shanties? How about some classical sea music? Beginning with Vivaldi's "La tempesta di mare" (The Storm at Sea) in the 1720's to John Luther Adams' "Become Ocean" which won the Pulitzer Prize for music in 2014, there are many pieces from which to choose.

As Seattle Symphony Music Director Ludovic Merlot has written, "The rise and fall of waves finds parallel in the rising and falling pitch of melodic lines. The varied movement of water produces rhythms that music readily can represent."

Other examples are Mendelssohn's "Hebrides" Overture with its own sea storm and Debussy's symphonic seascape "La mer." Sibelius' 1914 "The Oceanides" portrays not only the ocean's rolling waves, sprays of foam and wind whipping up large swells, but also water nymphs. One music critic said it was "the finest evocation of the sea ever produced in music." Benjamin Britten's "Four Sea Interludes" from his opera "Peter Grimes" includes a storm at sea and an impression of the shore. I recently experienced it being performed at Seattle Symphony, which included 2 sets of kettle drums, 5 French horns and 7 members of the brass section. It is a storm I never would want to be in!

Some amazing sea music I remember from "The Onedin Line" is the Adagio of Spartacus which evokes tall ships on the high seas, and "Phaygia," the original 1975's Poldark TV series theme written by Kenyon Emreys-Roberts. As a child with my Father, I watched the "Victory at Sea" series on TV.

So, if you are making a boating video and need some background music, you now have a head start!

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
United States Power Squadron
Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2018**

The following squadron members were also in attendance:

Sandy Johnson	Richard Hunter	C	Carolyn Caporgno
George Johnson	Donna Mason		Glen Caporgno
Bob Miller	Paul Rosetter		Craig Ford
Steve Drummond	Debbie Richey		Billie Ford
Ruth Peterson	Stephen Drummond		Jeanne Drummond
Kelly Libby	Shani Taha		Don Coleman
Jack Dyer	Margaret Kerkhove		Anton Kerkhove
Kari Randall-Secrest	Ed West		Wayne Williams

*quorum present

Meeting location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Meeting called to order @ 1830

Invocation by Ruth Peterson

Pledge of Allegiance led by Glen Caporgno

Executive Officer's Report – Donna Mason for John Bellinger

- Liaison Report by Debbie Richey
- Marketing Report by Donna Mason
 - April 20-22, our squadron has a booth at the Tulip Festival Street Fair. Donna would love to have members help to join her in the booth and for set up on Friday and take-down on Sunday. Contact Donna if you can help.
- Public Relations Report by Kelly Libby
 - We've had 3 recent inquiries about our squadron. Two from Bellingham, one from Oak Harbor so will likely join Oak Harbor's squadron. All were sent a letter about our squadron and invited to attend to-night's meeting. Debbie noted that she also receives many of the squadron inquiries.
- Vessel Safety Examinations Report by Don Coleman
 - Don had received a question recently inquiring whether or not you need to wear a PFD during a vessel safety examination? Don stated years ago, it was true you could receive credit for wearing your PFD during your exam, but stated this rule is no longer true and you do not need to wear your PFD during a vessel safety exam.
 - Don also recommended now is a good time to pull out your PFD and blow it up manually, make sure it holds air and also check your cylinder is in working order if your PFD has one. This should be done annually.
 - Regarding the question of whether or not the USCG will approve use of the SOS 1001 strobe light kit on the market (only approved for nighttime distress signaling and advertised that it is good for life) as your only source of distress signaling as long as its paired with an approved daytime signaling device and the answer is... yes! However, Don urged caution and reminded everyone to consider whether or not you really want your daytime signaling device to be your only source of distress signaling during daylight.
 - Don confirmed Donna can post a sign at our tulip festival booth advertising him for VSCs.

Squadron Education Officer's Report by Debbie Richey

- The "Piloting" course will begin Wed. April 5th and will continue through the end of May. Debbie will be calling on members to help with chart plotting portion of the course.
- The "Education Seminar" will be held April 28th at the same Bellevue Hotel it's been held at before, formerly called the Coast Hotel and visible from I-90.
- The "ABC" class will be scheduled soon after a location has been determined.
- Debbie Richey and Bob Miller presented Shani Taha with her "Cruise Planning" course completion certificates

Administrative Officer's Report – Donna Mason for (vacant)

- Meetings and Programs
 - Tonight's Program: Cruising Down the Yangtze River in China by Donna Mason and Paul Rosetter
 - Change of Watch is Thur, Apr 12 @ 6pm at Farmhouse, RSVP to Donna for dinner reservation.
 - Carolyn Caporgno announced the upcoming meeting programs as follows:
 - May Program: Skagit County Maritime History by the Skagit Historical Society

- June Program: Puget Sound Pilot: Captain Ed Marmol
- Margaret Kerkhove announced the Friday Harbor Day Trip is Apr 7, contact her for a dinner reservation by Mar 15.
- Donna announced 3+ members planning to attend “Kiss Me Kate” at the 5th Avenue Theatre on Apr 14. Contact Donna if interested.
- Membership – Debbie Richey
 - New members Wayne Williams and Ed West were sworn in by Commander Donna Mason. Welcome Wayne and Ed!
- Property Officer – George Johnson
 - George announced 1 of our 4 sextants owned by the squadron has found a permanent home with Craig Ford.
 - George requested approval to pay for Shipwreck Day booths, price is the same this year \$160. This was already pre-approved in the budge so no vote was required to proceed.
- Supply Officers – Glen and Carolyn Caporgno
 - 2018 squadron shirt orders were distributed to members that had purchased them.
 - Carolyn inquired about new burgee purchases. After discussion, Carolyn will be purchasing a few so we have them on hand for members who want to purchase one.

Secretary’s Report – Kari Randall-Secrest

- February meeting minutes – Motion to accept the minutes as distributed in the Bitter End made by Debbie Richey, seconded by Donna Mason seconded. Motion approved.
- Bitter End newsletter is out.
- Roster - Bob Miller
 - New roster will be issued in the coming weeks. Contact Bob if you need any contact or boat information updated.
- Scrapbook – Carolyn Caporgno and Sandy Johnson
 - Nothing new to report.
- Webmaster – Kari Randall-Secrest
 - Nothing new to report
 - Donna asked if we could set up a system on the website for signing up for things like booth duty at events.

Treasurer’s Report – Bob Miller

- Secretary has received a copy of the current treasury report for the squadron records.
- Account balance as of end of Feb. 2018: \$8,032
- The dues assessment form is ready to be submitted to National. No changes to squadron dues this year.
- Annual audit will be done after upcoming Change of Watch. Bob is scheduling it with the Auditing Committee for the first week of May.

Commander’s Report – Donna Mason

- Donna reported the passing of former squadron member Peter Harradine on February 27th. Celebration of life on March 18th at Peter’s residence.
- Friday 3/9 is the start of the D16 Spring Conference which includes the D16 Change of Watch. Several of our Ex. Com. Members will be in attendance. John Bellinger and Paul Rosetter will be our delegates.
- Elections:
 - The ED80 report has been submitted to D16 for approval.
 - Squadron position nominee list was listed in the March Bitter End newsletter and copies were provided to dinner tables for member review.

- o Donna asked Ex. Com. to approve our Assistant Education Officer Nominee Bob Miller as well as Commander's appointed positions of Chaplain, Flag Lieutenant, Aides, Chairs and Department Committees. Debbie Richey moved the Ex. Com. accept all proposed nominees and appointments. Bob Miller seconded. Motion passed by vote of Ex. Com..
- o Donna asked all squadron members if they would like to elect the proposed nominees as published in the newsletter and listed on tables. Bob Miller motioned to accept and elect the proposed squadron position nominees as published. Debbie Richey seconded. Motion passed by vote of general membership.
- o Donna thanked our nominating committee for all their hard work throughout the year and all those who stepped up to take appointments and positions within the squadron.

Old Business
· None

New Business
· None

Debbie Richey moved to close the meeting. Kelly Libby seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned @ 1910.

VE Notes: April

Using inflatable PFD during freezing temperatures: Hopefully, this is something we will not soon worry about. But it did come up during the last meeting. So why worry about outside temperature when using an inflatable?

It's all about air volume. We all know what happens to air molecules when cooled. Thus, when an inflatable PFD inflates at freezing temperatures, a fully charged CO2 cylinder might not completely inflate the air chambers. The 22 lbs. of buoyancy you were expecting is now something less. If the unthinkable happens and you find yourself overboard on a really cold day you might find yourself bobbing around trying to keep your nose above water. You get the picture!

Some manufactures warn users to not use their inflatables when temperatures are below freezing. Others warn users to partially inflate the vest manually. Such warnings are included in the printed instructions on the PFD; another great reminder to read those instructions.

Recalled Kidde Smoke Alarms: March 21, 2018: Kidde is recalling 500,000 smoke alarms models P12010 and P19010 dated between Sept. 10, 2016 and Oct. 13, 2017. Some of these might have found their way to your home or perhaps your boat. For details: <http://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/support/product-alerts/>

More VE's needed: This is a good time of year to become qualified. There will be many opportunities this spring and summer to perform vessel inspections. The VE manual is available on the USPS website, in the Vessel Safety Check section. Once you have completed the open book test I will be available to help get you through the five required supervised inspections for final qualification. To remain qualified you need do only five inspections annually. Please contact me if interested.

Don Coleman - VE



**Education Department
D/Lt/C Debbie Richey, AP**

Piloting has started on and it going to be a good class. We spent a lot of time on Wednesday just learning how to use the tools (dividers and plotter). Proctors are always welcome in this class. For many of the students it was their first introduction to a boating class.

We are are still planning on a springtime ABC course. The formats I'm looking are an all day class, a class over three Saturdays, or a twice a week class in the evenings. What are your thoughts?

Just a reminder that USPS also has on-line courses, seminars and webinars available. Please visit this website for more information: <https://beyondboating.org/education-matters/online-boating-education/>

New Members

Please welcome Wayne and Molly Williams. Wayne is currently taking our piloting class. He want to learn how to be safer on the water while he skippers his Bayliner 45. We hope to see you at rendezvous!



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District 16

District 16 Educational Seminar/ Incoming Officers Meeting

April 28, 2018 – 0900 to 1600

116 COAST Hotel, Bellevue, WA

Hosted by District Education Department

The 116 Coast Hotel located at 625 116th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004 is the venue for this year's District 16 Educational/Incoming Officers Meeting. 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.

For those members driving and planning to stay overnight there will be a special guestroom rate of \$99 per night for Friday 27th and 28th. To take advantage of this rate call Shari at 425-709-1102 or email: skimball@coasthotelsusa.com. 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 rooms. Choose either of the three lunch selections for \$22:

[] Curried Chicken

Chicken Salad with Craisins, Honey and Curry on a fresh Croissant served with fresh fruit.

[] Caesar Salad with Chicken

Freshly Tossed Romaine lettuce with Diced, Chicken, Croutons, Grated Parmesan Cheese & Caesar dressing.

[] Vegetarian | Barbecue Portobello Quesadilla

Smokey Mushroom filled Quesadilla with Pepper Jack Cheese

* All meals include Cookies, Starbucks regular & decaffeinated coffee, assorted Teas.

To register for lunch, send a check for \$22.00 and indicate your lunch preference to P/R/C Trudy Brown, AP, 3220 98th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004-1813, Phone (425) 454 0115.

Email: trudyb36@outlook.com

Make checks payable to D-16 ED Seminar.

Need lunch count by April 24.

Please address any additional questions/comments or suggestion to the agenda to Al Keim, (206) 779-5346 al@keimco.net or Jim West Ph: 330-495-4442, E-Mail: phnx789@msn.com

The agenda will be distributed separately.



Annual District 16 Rendezvous

Port of Poulsbo: 8-10 June 2018

All meal & moorage reservations must be received prior to May 24, 2018.

No guarantee for moorage or catered dinners will be given after this date!!

On-line (PayPal) Registration form at: www.uspsd16.org/rendezvous-registration

Boat Operator Certification

Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator and Advanced Coastal Navigator is pending. For questions or to sign-up contact Jim West at jwestboater@comcast.net or 360-656-5954.

Thursday/Friday (7-8 June)

Safe boating to rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo Marina.

Friday Night (8 June) Dock Tail Party, "International Ethnical Cuisine"

The "Dock Tail Party" No Host (BYOB) on "E Dock" will challenge our imagination. Squadrons will have tables set up between their boats on the finger docks for serving hors d'oeuvres reflecting an Ethnical Cuisine to share with fellow district members and guests. Costumes and boat decorations are encouraged and there will be prizes for the best presentation reflecting the culture.

Saturday Morning (9 June)

Opening ceremonies, Fire Extinguisher and VDS Flare shoot training.

Saturday Afternoon (9 June)

Members will be able to attend Sea Skills events, "Operations Training" class, and more. Youth Poster Contest, visit from D16's PFD (seagull) robot, Boating Safety 4 Kids, and games will be open to kids and the public.

Shopping in town is always good & fun!!

Saturday Evening (9 June) Dinner

Food reservations are required. The catered dinner features a choice of BBQ Pork Ribs, BBQ Chicken, Green Salad, Baked Beans, Potato Salad & Cornbread or Vegetarian Lasagna at the Sons of Norway. There will be a raffle of wonderful items donated by each squadron.

Sunday (10 June)

Safe boating to home ports.

Moorage

Moorage pre-registration thru the District is required. Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is \$1.15/foot + .75/visit (30' minimum & includes 30 amp electrical hook-up). Prior to entering the marina hail "US Power Squadron" on Ch72 for docking instructions.

Lodging

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Guest House Inn & Suites (360-697-4400). Reference "US Power Squadron Dist 16" for group rate of \$93.00 plus tax. **Group block rate closes May 24, 2018.** Please make your hotel reservations early. Make hotel reservation and payment directly with the hotel.

For Questions??

Contact: D/AO Craig Brown, SN-IN
Phone: 253-859-1748 / 253-350-4884
e-mail: craig-sandybrown@msn.com



Annual District 16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 8-10 June 2018

Registration:

Name(s): _____

Squadron: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

*****If you are coming for any of the rendezvous events PLEASE register*****

Registering only for events/fellowship (no food or moorage) circle YES

All meal & moorage reservations must be received per below prior to May 24, 2018.

No guarantee for moorage or catered dinners will be given after this date!!

Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB) "Dock Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock". Squadrons will have tables set up between their boats on the finger docks for serving hors d'oeuvres from their favorite International Ethnical Cuisine to share with fellow district members and guests.

Boat Operator Certification: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator and Advanced Coastal Navigator is pending. For questions or to sign-up contact ARD Jim West at jwestboater@comcast.net or 360-856-5954.

Saturday Evening Dinner: BBQ Ribs or Chicken, Green Salad, Baked Beans, Potato Salad & Cornbread or Vegetarian Lasagna: \$26.00/person.

Please **note selection & quantity:**

Eating

\$ Amount

Ribs _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

MOORAGE Reservations:

- **Pay a nonrefundable \$5 for moorage reservation prior to May 24, 2018.** Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is \$1.15/foot + .75/visit (30' minimum & includes 30 amp electrical hook-up).
- **Please circle your "1st choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard bow out port bow out starboard
- **Please circle your "2nd choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard bow out port bow out starboard
- Please **circle Arrival Day:** (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)
- **Estimated arrival time:** _____

Prior to entering the marina hail "US Power Squadron" on Ch72 for docking instructions.

Boat Name: _____ LOA _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Special Considerations: _____

Non-refundable Moorage Reservation Fee (\$5.00): \$ _____

Total Enclosed (food & moorage): \$ _____

LODGING:

Call Guest House Inn at 360-897-4400. Reference "US Power Squadron Dist 16" for group rate of \$93.00 plus tax. **Group block rate closes May 24, 2018.** Please make your hotel reservations early. **Make hotel reservation and payment directly with the hotel.**

Registration and payment must be received prior to May 24, 2018. Use PayPal or Send to:

On-line (PayPal) Registration form at: www.uspsd16.org/rendezvous-registration

P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP

31820 - 37th Ave SW, Federal Way, 98023-2176

Make checks payable to "USPS District 16".

For Questions Contact: Joanna Webster, Phone: 253-927-7474 e-mail: jimjoweb@aol.com.

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.®

Happy April



Birthdays
Marlene Bellinger
Kelly Libby
Donna Mason
Clark Scarboro
Lisa Weber
Walt Wood

~ 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.

Mount Vernon Tulip Festival Street Fair April 20-22, 2018

Join us at the Mt. Vernon Tulip Festival Street Fair weekend. Yes, our squadron will have a booth at the Street Fair this year. What a great opportunity to get the word out about Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron, USPS®, America's Boating Club®, our boating courses, our Vessel Safety Checks, membership, and all the fun we have on and off the water.

Opportunities: Friday morning April 20: help set-up completed by 10 a.m., join us for a couple of hours of booth duty during the weekend, and then help with booth take-down Sunday afternoon, April 22.

Booth hours: Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Then we'll dismantle the booth and enjoy a well-deserved dinner somewhere nearby.

Please contact donnajmason@gmail.com to help with this event.

Bridge Officers		
Commander	John R. Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Executive Officer	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Administrative Officer	Carolyn Caporgno	209-484-2365
Secretary	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360 387-1194
Treasurer	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Executive Committee		
	Marlene Bellinger, AP	360 757-8091
	Paul Rosetter, AP	360 595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
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Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
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	Vacant	
	Vacant	
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Co-Op Charting	Mark Richey, SN	425-876-6274
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Asst Public Relations	Vacant	
Radio Technical	George Brooks, SN	
Safety	George Brooks, SN	
	Bill Stewart	
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Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
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Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Administrative Department		
Boating Activities	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Rendezvous	Margaret & Anton Kerkove	360-588-4808
Greeting	Craig Ford	360 333-5308
	Billie Ford	360 941-1956
Membership	Shani Taha	
Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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Public Contact	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Roster	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno	209-484-2365
Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Vacant	
2 Yrs.	Jack Dyer	
3 Yrs.	Marlene Bellinger	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
2 Yrs.	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
2 Yrs.	Donna Mason, AP	
3 Yrs.	Vacant	

Please note the vacancies. You don't need an advanced grade. Every little bit helps. Pick something you think you can do and help out. If you don't know what a spot does, ask the chair.
If you don't show a phone number and want it to show, please let us know.