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Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron  
November 2018

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## CALENDAR

08 Nov—Regular Meeting, Farmhouse  
10 Nov- Nordic Museum Tour, Seattle  
22-25 Nov- Thanksgiving RV Rendezvous, Ft. Casey  
08 Dec- Boat Parade, LaConner Pub (In Lieu of Meeting)



*Happy Thanksgiving, Take care in the stormy weather. The official start of the holiday season. Don't be a turkey.*



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

Our ABC class has started. We have 23 students with 8 more on a waiting list. There is defiantly a need for our classes. To coincide with the Seattle

Boat Show, we are going to hold our next class in February again over three Saturdays. Folks seem to like it on Saturday rather than week nights. Thank you Wayne Williamson, Jack Dyer, George Brooks and Bob Miller for teaching that first class session.

With fall and winter weather around the corner, did you know that you can do a pinpoint forecast from NOAA Weather Service? Many times there will be a Small Craft Advisory for the Northern Inland waters (San Juan Islands and surrounding areas). The weather service issues the warnings even if the only area really affected is the southern region (around Smith Island and the Straights of Juan de Fuca). By using a pinpoint forecast, you will see that the middle of Rosario Strait by Obstruction pass, will not have winds or waves large enough to qualify for a Small Craft Advisory. It may take a few clicks to get the map large enough to pinpoint the area you are interested in. Here is the link to NOAA Weather Seattle. <https://www.weather.gov/sew/> You will see a map of the area they are responsible for, then click on the portion of the map you would like a pinpoint forecast for. This is only one place of many to get weather forecasts on the web.

### USCG new labels for Life Jackets/Personal Flotation Devices

The US Coast Guard has updated the labels found on life jackets/PFDs to make the labeling easier to understand. New devices will have the new labels, while existing equipment with the old labels are still acceptable. The new labeling scheme also applies to devices manufactured for Canadian boaters.

Here is the website that has been created to help folks decide which PFD they need for which application. <http://wearitlifejacket.com/>

Here are some downloadable documents and online teaching guides useful for boating:

USCG Navigation Rules and Regulations, August 2014 Edition, 7 MB, physical copy required on boats of 40+ feet, [https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/navRules/CG\\_NRHB\\_20180126.pdf](https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/navRules/CG_NRHB_20180126.pdf)

Light List, list of lights (buoys, beacons, nav aids) in the USA, updated weekly, website <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lightlists>

- Understanding vessel navigation lights, many sources on web, search for "how to identify navigation lights" <http://www.bosunsmate.org/seamanship/lights.php>  
You Tube video from BoatSafe.com, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C\\_06ujzcvtk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_06ujzcvtk)

The US Power Squadron/America's Boating Club is building a set of videos under the title *America's Boating Channel*, <https://americasboatingchannel.com/>. The home page's menu is clear, just select the tab containing the subject of interest



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## Boating and Land-based Squadron Activities

P/C Donna Mason, AP

Boating Rendezvous Chairs Anton and Margaret Kerkhove have resigned from the squadron due to family and other obligations. We will miss them and wish them the very best.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES through to our annual planning meeting next January:

November 10, Saturday, NEW land-based: Day driving trip to the NEW Nordic Museum and enjoy lunch in Seattle. Join Hosts Paul and Donna at the Nordic Museum, 2655 NW Market Street in Seattle's Ballard area. In addition to the museum's 5 galleries, there is a special exhibit "The Vikings Begin" with original artifacts, reconstructions, and archaeological discoveries from Upsala University's museum Gustavianum. Admission is \$15, or \$12 for Seniors 65+, students and youth \$10. After, we'll enjoy a pub lunch at Jolly Roger Taproom, 1111 NW Ballard Way at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. It is across the street from Captain's Supplies. Before heading home, you may want make it a full Scandinavian day by stopping at Scandinavian Specialties at 6719 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Let Donna know you're coming: [donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com).

November 20-25, Thanksgiving Weekend RV Rendezvous at Fort Casey and Day Trips. Hosts Sandy and George Johnson announce a 6-day RV rendezvous at Fort Casey RV Park. Even if you don't RV, you can join the daily activities for exploring, shopping and lunch which include, weather permitting, a one-day walk-on ferry trip to Port Townsend, Langley lunch at Prima Bistro, and in Coupeville lunch at Toby's Tavern and/or ice cream. Interested in any or all? Contact Sandy or George Johnson at [georgeandsandy@comcast.net](mailto:georgeandsandy@comcast.net).

December 8, Saturday, LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and SBSPS Holiday Party - Join us at 5 p.m. for drinks and dinner at LaConner Pub then watch the lighted boat parade. Arrive early or carpool as parking space is rare on the main street that evening. You can order off the menu. Chocolate cake dessert is provided by our Squadron. Let Donna know you are coming by December 1 at [donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com).

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**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron  
United States Power Squadron  
Ex. Com. Meeting Minutes – Oct. 4, 2018**

Attendance:

Paul Rosetter

Bob Miller

John Bellinger

Donna Mason

Debbie Richey

Marlene Bellinger

Carolyn Caporgno

Glen Caporgno

Sandy Johnson

Meeting location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Meeting start: @1800

Executive Officer's Report – John Bellinger for Kelly Libby

- Marketing – Donna Mason
  - Donna and Paul will attempt to repair our canopy themselves after they learned paying someone to repair it is not cost-effective. If it doesn't work, John Bellinger suggested we purchase a new one.

Education Officer - Debbie Richey

- Debbie reported George Brooks has volunteered to teach much of the upcoming ABC class to be held on 3 Saturdays in November. Three students are signed up already.
- Debbie and Bob Miller will take care of refreshments for the class.
- Debbie and Bob Miller will begin looking at having a "Boat Handling" course (formerly "Seamanship") in January 2019.
- Debbie reminded everyone we still need more instructors.

- Assistant Education Officer – Bob Miller

- Bob provided additional ABC class posters to Ex Com and reported the ABC class has been advertised in the local newspapers.
- Bob provided a detailed review of national's information about the new "Boat Handling" course. He mentioned there is likely some significant changes about this course's format and philosophy. It is likely other courses will be revised in this format in the future.
  - To reduce costs and improve efficiency of updates, the course no longer has printed student manuals and is available only via a digital PDF file so it requires a PC or tablet to read.
  - Students may print the PDF themselves if they wish at their own expense (about \$25 for black/white, \$120 at a printing service). The squadron will be provided a set of digital "keys" (valid for 90 days) that will be provided to students with which they can then download the PDF manual.
  - The squadron will be charged the fee for the manual at the time of each download. The keys simply expire after 90 days if unused.
  - Bob has written a "how-to" document to help students with the download process.
  - The course is ADA compliant.
  - The class will be taught in more of a seminar-format, where students can choose to take part in all or only the portions of the course they are interested in without a final exam, or if they want to be certified as an "S" with USPS, they will take the full course and the final exam through their local squadron.
  - Pricing:
    - Our squadron has done well using the following pricing model for the past several years which has been averaging a 25% profit for the squadron:
      - Base rate for courses is \$30 per student.
      - Non-members +100% cost over the materials for courses so \$60, plus an additional \$20 to cover national's fee per non-member which gets them into the USPS University. Total = \$80.

- An additional family member is charged \$20 to SBSPS + the \$20 national fee = \$40.
- We've been charging a 2<sup>nd</sup> family member enrolled in a class an additional \$20 and this 2<sup>nd</sup> member + same \$20 to cover national's fee.
- However, now that the new classes won't have a hard copy book involved, Bob suggested we revisit our pricing model, possibly reducing our markup to 75%.

Administrative Officer - Carolyn Caporgno

- Programs:
  - Carolyn confirmed D16 Commander Monem will speak at the October meeting on Co-Op Charting. John Bellinger will bring the projector.
  - The November program will be by NOAA's Lynn Berry about Orcas and the related boating rules and regulations.
- Boating Activities:
  - Rosario Resort Rendezvous this weekend, Oct 5-7, hosted by Kari and Deanna.
- Land-based Activities
  - Donna will be sending an email to the squadron about the upcoming Nordic museum (Ballard) trip on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary – John Bellinger for Kari Randall-Secret

- Scrapbook: Carolyn Caporgno and Sandy Johnson have a couple of meetings scheduled over the next couple of weeks to work on the scrapbook.
- Mark would like to send out the newsletter this weekend from Rosario, so please send him your articles.

Treasurer - Bob Miller

- Balance: \$8,698.27 (30 Sep 2018)

Commander - John Bellinger

- 15<sup>th</sup> Cornet Bay Anniversary Picnic on Sept. 22 went well and was lots of fun. We ate lots of cake and had a great turnout.
- John (and Debbie) reminded everyone to submit their merit mark information to Debbie Richey.
- Barbara Erickson of the Bellevue Squadron invited us to their annual crab feed on Sat. Nov. 10 at 6pm at the Meydenbauer Yacht Club (9927 Meydenbauer Way SE, Bellevue). Meal options vary from \$20-\$35. For more information, see the Bellevue squadron's website. Might be a good option for folks attending our Nordic museum trip the same day.

Meeting adjourned @1937.



**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron  
United States Power Squadron  
General Meeting Minutes – Oct. 11, 2018**

Attendance:

Glen Caporgno	Donna Mason	George Brooks
Carolyn Caporgno	Paul Rosetter	Jeanne Brooks
John Bellinger	Stephen Drummond	Kari Randall-Secret
Debbie Richey	Jeanne Drummond	Marlene Bellinger
Ruth Peterson	Steve Drummond	Jack Dyer
Shani Taha	Sandy Johnson	Deanna Randall-Secret

Guest: D16 Commander Monem (tonight's guest speaker)

1833 Meeting called to order at Farmhouse Restaurant

Invocation: Ruth Peterson

Flag salute: Steve Drummond

Executive Officer's Report – John Bellinger for Kelly Libby

- Liaison – Debbie Richey
  - Please send your merit mark information to Debbie.
- Marketing – Donna Mason
  - Possible fall promotion at West Marine in Anacortes.
  - Debbie suggested we might do something with W. Marine during safe boating week next year.
- Safety/Radio/Technical – George Brooks
  - George reported on the importance of ladders out of master berth. A canvas cover over an aft cabin hatch should be removed when cruising so a ladder can be used an escape if necessary.

Education Officer - Debbie Richey

- ABC class is scheduled for November (3 Saturdays in a row) @ Anacortes Marina. Has been NASBLA approved so 20 books have been pre-ordered.
  - Jack Dyer and Debbie will do refreshments
- "Boat Handling" (formerly "Seamanship") class to be scheduled soon.

Administrative Officer - Carolyn Caporgno

- Tonight's program: D16 Commander Monem will speak at the October meeting on Co-Op Charting. John Bellinger will bring the projector.
- The November program will be by NOAA's Lynn Berry about Orcas and the related boating rules and regulations.
- Boating and Land-Based Activities:
  - Rosario Rendezvous Report: 6 folks and two boats attended. It was a small but great rendezvous. We had dinner at the mansion lounge on Friday and one night and a potluck on the dock on Saturday.
  - Donna reported the newsletter has info about Nordic museum Nov 10 and she needs folks to RSVP. Meet at the museum at 11:00 am. See Donna's email for details.
  - December 8<sup>th</sup> is our annual holiday party and holiday boat parade at La Conner Pub.
  - Sandy requested RSVP's on the RV trip to Fort Casey Nov 22-25. See newsletter for details and let Sandy know if you plan to attend.

Secretary - Kari Randall-Secret

- Debbie moved we approve June meeting minutes as published. Don Coleman seconded. Motion carried.
- John Bellinger requested that we also submit the Ex Com meeting minutes in the Bitter End.
- Scrapbook – Carolyn Caporgno
  - Carolyn requested photos for the scrapbook be sent as a PDF file, please.

- Newsletter – Debbie Richey for Mark Send your articles for Bitter End to Mark. He’s always looking for any boating related article.
- Sept Meeting Minutes approval as published in the newsletter. Motion by Debbie Richey, seconded by Jack Dyer, motion carried.
- Kari reported she renewed our annual non-profit corporation filing with the Washington Secretary of State’s Office.

Treasurer – John Bellinger for Bob Miller

- Balance: \$8,698.27 (as of 9/30/18)

Commander - John Bellinger

- Cornet Bay 15th Anniversary Sept 22 was dry, fun and well-attended! The tarp kept the wind off and about 19 folks came and enjoyed the BBQ and chocolate anniversary cake.
- John reminded everyone that the D16 Fall Conference will be held Oct 19-21 at the Port Angeles Red Lion. If anyone is interested in attending you can still sign up. Bellingers and Richeys are planning to attend.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

1906: Meeting adjourned (Motion by Donna Mason, seconded by Carolyn Caporgno, motion carried)

## **Speaker for November 8 Meeting is Lynn Barre, NOAA, who will address Orca and Boating Safety.**

Marine Biologist/Seattle Branch Chief/Southern Resident killer whale recovery coordinator

Lynne has been with the Protected Resources Division in Seattle for fifteen years implementing the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and Endangered Species Act (ESA). Since 2003 she has worked on the endangered listing of the Southern Resident killer whales, designated critical habitat, developed and finalized a Recovery Plan and has implemented actions to conserve and recover the whales, including vessel regulations put in place in 2011. In addition to her work on killer whales, Lynne supports other aspects of the marine mammal program, such as helping coordinate the stranding network.

Lynne also works on ESA-listed rockfish species and coordinates with Puget Sound salmon recovery efforts. Lynne’s background is in marine mammal research including field work in Southern California and Shark Bay, Western Australia studying social behavior, mothers and infants, and genetic relationships of local dolphins. Lynne also worked with the Crittercam team at National Geographic, putting underwater cameras on marine animals to learn about their lives under the surface before joining NOAA first in the Office of Protected Resources in Silver Spring, MD and then on the West Coast. Lynne has a B.S in Biology from Georgetown University and an M.S. in Animal Behavior from San Diego State University.

**Classic T's available for \$10.**

**If anyone has a speaker or topic they are interested in having for our group, please let me know. I am currently going through my notes to find speakers for our February and March, 2019 dinner meetings.**

**Thank you.  
Carolyn**

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## Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron



# USPS America's Boating Course

**Anacortes Marina, 2415 T Ave, Anacortes**  
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**Saturdays, Nov. 03, 17, Dec. 01, 2018**  
**9:00 am to 1:00 p.m.**

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- Types of boats and their uses,
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- Safety equipment, both required and recommended,
- Finding your way, and adverse conditions,
- Communications,
- Trailering, knots and lines,
- Water sports topics.

The course materials include a 174-page *Student Guide*. The course is completed in three four-hour sessions, including the final exam. Successful completion of the final exam allows students to apply for their Washington State Boaters Card, required for anyone born after Jan 1, 1955, and operating a vessel with a 15HP motor or greater.

**\$55 for individuals or \$65 for two sharing a book**

**Contact Bob Miller at 360-588-9950 or**

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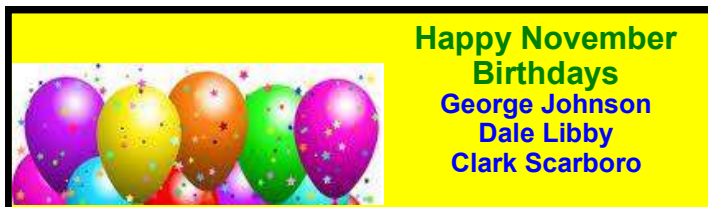
**Registration closes October 27, 2018**

**Class is limited to 20 students**

**Followed by the newly created *Boat Handling* class in early 2019**

## 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.®**



### ~ 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.

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ALWAYS NEEDED

**Articles are due no later than the week before the regular meeting at the Executive Board Meeting if it is held otherwise they are due no later than the Saturday before the regular meeting. Earlier is always better as it is hard to wait for last minute for everything. I try to send it out the Sunday before the meeting but would do it earlier if complete.**

**Please send them to the address at the top of the Bitter End. It is a clickable link and will open the address for you.**

**Thanks,**

**P/D/C Mark Richey, SN  
Your Editor**

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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.**