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Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron September 2018

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CALENDAR

- 13 Sep—Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Program
- 4 Oct—Executive Board Meeting
- 5-7 Oct—Rosario Rendezvous



Commanders Message John Bellinger, SN

This is going to be a short article. I hope you all had a great summer cruising on our beautiful Northwest waters. I am told that the Squadron had some very enjoyable rendezvous over the summer. I am sorry I missed them. It seems like I have been recovering from surgeries the whole year.

I just wanted to remind all of you of our upcoming Squadron Charter Anniversary Gathering at Coronet Bay on Saturday September 22nd from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. The Squadron will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, along with condiments, paper plates and utensils. The rest is up to you to bring potluck items of your choice. We always have a good time, weather or not. It is our time to celebrate the forming of the squadron and enjoy the company of our membership. I hope all of you will make an effort to join us.

I hope to see you at the meeting this Thursday September 13th at the Farmhouse Restaurant at 6:00 PM.



Education Department P/C Debbie Richey, AP

I hope you had a great summer and was able to enjoy the warm weather and get out boating. We were able to get out a little. We spent a few days in Sidney, BC, a week at smoky Lake Chelan and some time over Labor Day with our granddaughter on board.

Our education department is at a crossroads. The folks that have been teaching our classes for the last few years are tired. Donna Mason is doing a great job of promoting the squadron and getting folks interested in our education. But we lack the classes to "close the deal". What I would like to propose is that we team teach ABC. Here is our typical syllabus for ABC. You don't have to be knowledgeable in all of the topics, pick one and teach it! Some of the topics last the whole class and some only an hour. I realize that not everybody is comfortable in standing up in front of a bunch of strangers, so come to the class and just sit in the back and offer your thoughts and insights to the class. It's a great way to meet new boaters and share experiences. I will provide you all the support you need. We just need to get more folks involved in teaching.

1	Chapter 1	Intro & Registration Boat Terms and Types Safety Equipment Going Boating
2	Chapter 2	Navigation Rules Aids to Navigation
3	Chapter 2	Lights and Sound Signals Fed'l & State Regulations
4	Chapter 3	Finding Your Way Anchoring Adverse Conditions, Emergencies
5	Chapter 3 Chapter 4	Communications Afloat Knots and Lines
6	Chapter 5	Intro to Navigation Exam



Boating Activities Anton and Margaret Kerkhove

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

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

Land-based Squadron Activities P/C Donna Mason, AP

November 12, Saturday, theater day trip CANCELLED – no fall offerings before Thanksgiving, but instead...

NEW – November 12, Saturday, day trip to the new Nordic Museum in Seattle. We'll travel on our own to Seattle's Scandinavian enclave of Ballard to the largest museum in the United States dedicated to the history and culture of the Nordic countries. The West Coast Premier special exhibit of "The Vikings Begin" features treasures from the world's greatest collection of pre-Viking and Viking-age boat grave finds. The museum is open Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. General admission is \$15, Seniors \$12, Students with ID and Youth K-12 \$10. We'll meet at the museum at 10:30 a.m. Following we'll enjoy lunch in a nearby restaurant, and you can bring home some Scandinavian lefsa, lutefisk, or other goodies from Scandinavian Specialties.

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.

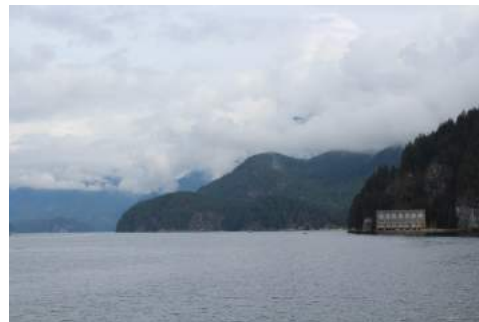
Some Scenery From Indian Arm Cruise



Buntzen No. 2 power plant built in 1912 (designed by English architect Francis Rattenbury)



Remote housing (no roads)



Heading north
on Indian Arm



Vancouver

VANCOUVER—INDIAN ARM CRUISE LABOR DAY WEEKEND



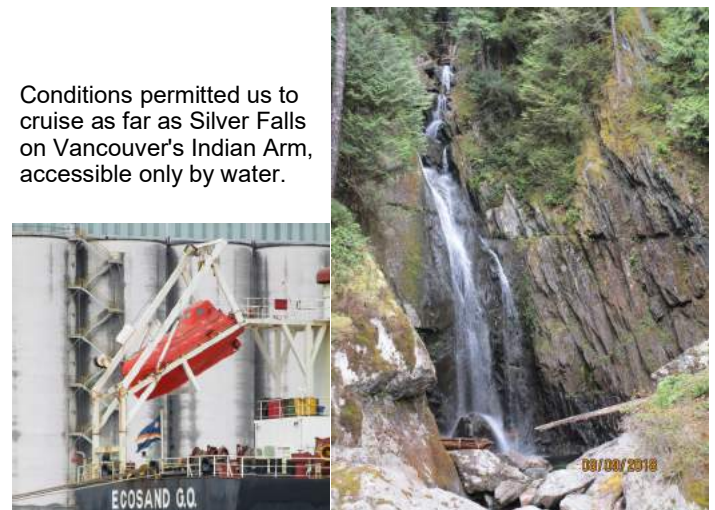
Paul and Donna, George and Sandy, Johnsons' friends Paul and Suzie Weatherly.



Harbor Princess Indian Arm Cruise boat



Friday night dinner at Burgoo i Vancouver's Mount Pleasant neighborhood.



Conditions permitted us to cruise as far as Silver Falls on Vancouver's Indian Arm, accessible only by water.



Cruising lunch on board Vancouver's Indian Arm Cruise



We don't ever want to have to use an escape pod like this.



Gelato break at Amato in Vancouver before heading back to US

LANGLEY WA CRUISE



Here's a photo of the August Mariner's Rendezvous gang at Langley Marina. Between "Brionglon" and "Dutch Treat" are Craig and Billie Ford, Deanna Randall-Secret, Margaret Kerkhove, Kari Randall-Secret, Anton Kerkhove, Paul Rosetter and Donna Mason.



Here are two photos: one showing Brionglon and the other showing Dutch Treat getting into unbelievably tight quarters at Langley Marina, with some wind. Can you find their boats?

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
United States Power Squadron
General Meeting Minutes - May 10, 2018**

The following squadron members were in attendance:

Debbie Richey	Billie Ford	Craig Ford	Bob Miller
Donna Mason	Stephen Drummond	Don Coleman	Jeanne Drummond
Carolyn Caporgno	George Johnson	Jack Dyer	Steve Drummond
Kari Randall-Secrest	Glen Caporgno	Dan Scott	Ed West
Paul Rosetter	Marie Ackerman		

*quorum present

The following guests were in attendance:

Jo Wolf and Mary Densmore from the Skagit Historical Society

Meeting location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Meeting called to order by Donna Mason in Cdr John Bellinger's absence: 1830

Flag salute led by Steve Drummond

Executive Officer's Report – Donna Mason for Kelly Libby

- Marketing – Donna Mason reported on our booth at the recent Mount Vernon Street Fair. The Skagit River Salmon Festival will be held Sept. 8th, however it is held the same day as our Vancouver, B.C. Cruise. If anyone not attending the cruise would like to help do some marketing at the Salmon Festival, contact Donna Mason.
- Safety – Donna Mason for George Brooks reminded everyone that National Safe Boating Week is approaching and May 18th is "Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day".
- Vessel Safety Exams – Don Coleman reported that we received two VSC referrals from the Street Fair and reminded the group we still need another vessel safety examiner so contact Don if interested.

Squadron Educational Officer's Report – Debbie Richey

- Piloting course is going well and the exam is in 3 weeks.
- ABC will be starting in June, instructed by George Johnson and held at Anacortes City Hall Council Chambers. Two students signed up so far.
- Operations Training will likely be held in September 2018.
- Debbie stated we still need more instructors so if you're interested, please contact Debbie.

Administrative Officer's Report – Carolyn Caporgno

- Meetings & Programs:
 - Tonight – Skagit Valley Museum will present on the Maritime History of the Skagit Valley
 - June – Capt. Ed Marmol, Puget Sound Pilot
 - September – D16 Commander Dr. Mahmoud Abdel-Monem
- Boating Activities: Carolyn Caporgno for Margaret & Anton Kerkhove
 - See the newsletter or website and let Margaret & Anton know if you're planning to attend an event but upcoming are:
 - D16, June 8-10. Debbie will take care of providing the \$50 raffle item and dessert for our squadron.
 - Deer Harbor, June 22-24
 - Land-based activity update: the 5th Avenue Theatre trip in November has been changed since the theatre is on a break during that time to a day trip to the new Nordic Museum in Seattle and will be showing an exhibit on the Vikings.
 - Sept. 8 Vancouver, B.C., Canada Luncheon Cruise
- Supply Officers: Carolyn and Glen Caporgno
 - New burgees are available for \$25.
 - We have a few older t-shirts available for \$10.

Secretary's Report – Kari Randall-Secrest:

- Jack Dyer suggested we revise the April meeting minutes to include the tables as a thank-you gift to the Anacortes Marina for providing us with a great location for our classes.
- April general meeting minutes approved w/revision above – motion by Debbie Richey, seconded by Billie Ford.

- April Ex. Com. meeting minutes approved – motion by Debbie Richey, seconded by Donna Mason.
- Scrapbook – Carolyn is available tonight for your enjoyment and as always send any photos to Carolyn.
- Webmaster - We'll soon be switching to a white background on the website which is best for printing. Send any website corrections to Kari.

Treasurer's Report – Bob Miller

- An audit report was submitted by Jack Dyer, Chair of the Auditing Committee, to the Secretary. The committee, along with Treasurer Bob Miller, conducted an audit of the squadron's books on 4/27/18 to review records for the previous fiscal year. All squadron books found to be in good order with no discrepancies noted and discussion was held regarding transfer of squadron books from a manual checkbook and Excel spreadsheets system to an accounting software system and agreed the squadron should look into it. Thank you to Auditing Committee members Sandy Johnson and Marlene Bellinger.
- Current account balance: \$7,748.35
 - Income last month primarily due to class registrations.
 - Expenditures due to purchase of books for the upcoming ABC course.
- Bob provided a revised draft budget for the upcoming fiscal year for review and asked the Ex. Com. to review and discuss 2 revisions:
 - Discussion regarding the addition of \$100 for our contribution to National for the Century Fund (a fund to assist with Education expenses) in addition to the \$100 we already contribute annually to National's Education Fund. Furthermore, donating to the Century Fund can help our Commander get another point towards his Commander's Challenge.
 - Discussion regarding recommendation by the Auditing Committee to budget \$50/year for a license of QuickBooks accounting software.
 - Debbie Richey moved the Exec. Com. accept these additional changes to the squadron draft budget, seconded by Donna Mason. Motion approved by vote of Ex. Com.
 - After a call for discussion, Donna Mason moved the General Membership approve adoption of the budget approved by Ex. Com. tonight. Seconded by Debbie Richey. Motion approved by vote of General Membership.

Commander's Report – Donna Mason for John Bellinger

- Please review the roster and let Bob know if you have any contact/boat information changes to be made. The roster will soon be sent to D16.
- Next month's June meeting will be held at the Farmhouse Restaurant, not in Anacortes as in recent years.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Craig Ford will make arrangements with anyone that would like blueberries for their freezer ... contact Craig for more information if interested.

Meeting adjourned: 1903

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Classic shirts still available for \$10/ each. Please send squadron photos from your phones and cameras, and I can print them through online photo company. Send them to glencaporgno@frontier.com

PROGRAM:

Rod Proctor who will demonstrate the use of Digital Selective Calling (DSC) on VHF radios.

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
United States Power Squadron
General Meeting Minutes - June 14, 2018**

Attendance:

Steve Drummond	John Bellinger	Donna Mason
Carolyn Caporgno	Marlene Bellinger	Paul Rosetter
Glen Caporgno	Sandy Johnson	Debbie Richey
Ruth Peterson	Don Coleman	Shani Taha
Judy Bennett	Stephen Drummond	Billie Ford
John Bennett	Jeanne Drummond	Craig Ford
Don Coleman	Ralph Hansen	

Meeting location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Meeting called to order: @1837

Invocation Ruth Peterson

Flag salute led by Steve Drummond

Guests:

Tara Tohovanka (guest of Billie and Craig Ford)

Capt. Edmund Marmol with Puget Sound Pilots (guest speaker)

Executive Officer's Report – John Bellinger for Kelly Libby

- Liaison Officer – Debbie Richey
 - Nothing new to report.
- Vessel Safety Checks - Don Coleman
 - 14 exams this year
- Safety Officer – Craig Ford
 - Information presented on AIS/MOB beacons.

Education Officer - Debbie Richey

- ABC Class is ongoing with 17 students, taught by George Johnson, assisted by Bob Miller and Debbie Richey.
- Piloting class has finished and exams have been submitted.
- Seamanship will now be offered in 5 seminar courses which provides more flexibility. Bob and Debbie may try it this fall. National is also testing e-books for classes. Stay tuned for more info.
- Operations Training likely offered in September.
- Commander John Bellinger made a request for new instructors.

Marketing - Donna Mason

- Skagit River Salmon Festival ... no volunteers from squadron to attend. Donna will tell the contact person we'll try again next year.
- Possibility of setting up a table at a Skagit Co. boat launch and at West Marine. More info to come on this.
- Regarding safety on the water:
 1. WA State Parks has started a new campaign re: boating under the influence. More information to come.
 2. There are possible tabling opportunities on 7/7 and 8/11 for "Wear Your Life Vest" to support boating safety.

Administrative Officer - Carolyn Caporgno

- D16 Commander Monem will speak at the September meeting. Charting is a possible topic.
- Tonight's speaker is Capt. Edmund Marmol with Puget Sound.
- Boating Activities – Donna Mason for Margaret and Anton Kerkhove
 - Deer Harbor rendezvous is Jun 22-24. Contact Kerkhoves if interested in attending.
- Land-based Activities – Donna Mason
 - Suggestions for events:
 - Seattle City Light tour
 - San Juan Cruises (to Sucia Island or Vendovi Island for picnic lunch)
 - November activity has changed to the Nordic Exhibit at the Museum in Seattle.
- Membership – Shani Taha

- D16 surveyed squadrons on their membership levels. Shani will be working w/Debbie to finish this report.
- Emphasis on how important it is to recruit younger squadron members and opportunities to co-op a boat might be a good option for members who've been away from boating for a while or who don't have a boat.

Secretary - Kari Randall-Secret

- Amendment to May minutes, thank you Donna!
 - 1) Correction: Remove Change of Watch from the heading since this was a regular monthly meeting.
 - 2) Correction: It was not Ed West but Jack Dyer, CPA, who advised us to record the tables as a "thank you" gift, not a contribution.
- Motion to approve May minutes w/amendments by Donna. Seconded by Debbie Richey. Motion passed.
- Roster – Bob Miller
 - New roster coming in September w/link to bylaws.
- Scrapbook - Carolyn announced the scrapbook is present tonight for attendees to peruse.
- Newsletter – Debbie Richey for Mark Richey
 - Mark may do a late summer Bitter End issue so send him any articles you might have.
- Debbie verified squadron members are receiving her email forwarding the recent Cardinal Points.

Treasurer - John Bellinger for Bob Miller

- Balance: \$7493 as of May 2018
- Ship's Store - Carolyn reminded everyone we have USPS shirts available as well as classic shirts for \$10.

Commander - John Bellinger

- Shipwreck Day is July 21st in Anacortes
- If you have items to donate, contact George Johnson. Dinner will be held afterward. Come and help anytime during the day.
- Sandy Johnson said George Johnson will be attempting to sell the last dinghy and the survival suits at a garage sale tomorrow.
- Boat Live 365 - John received this promotion for safe boating education and shared it with all meeting attendees.
- John thanked everyone who took care of squadron business while he was traveling and appreciates our teamwork.
- Debbie Richey reported on the raffle prize we provided for D16 Rendezvous was a sailboat wine bottle stopper and a cabernet to go with it.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Ruth Peterson mentioned her neighbor works for WA state ferries and said to check the online website for the Anacortes route to see when the roundabout could be busy due to ferry unloading/loading.

Ruth Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn Caporgno seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned @1900.

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 September	Birthdays
	
Ruth Peterson	

~ 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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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.