



THE BITTER END

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
December 2020

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CALENDAR

03 Dec—Executive Committee Meeting, Zoom, 6:30 PM

10 Dec—Regular Meeting, Zoom Program, 7PM

25 Dec—Merry Christmas

01 Jan 2021—Happy New Year



MEETING AGAIN THIS MONTH!! Great Zoom Program presented by Bob and Jean Miller about Christmas in Europe.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Happy Holiday Season to all. We are actually finishing off the year with our own meeting. It will be a fun presentation by Bob Miller.

See his article. We will also invite other squadrons.

We are finishing off the year on what looks like a high note. There are now 3 viable vaccines and most of our members are in the group that are likely to get the first or 2nd batch. We shall see. As my favorite doctor is prone to say "I am hopefully optimistic". We may be able to have in person meetings starting next bridge year.

Keeping this in mind we will have our January meeting be a planning meeting for what types of activities we feel we can do over the summer. Even if we still have to distance we can plan activities for that. So be thinking about what you want to do next year.

This will be a different holiday season for most of us and we will still likely not be able to be with outside family, but remember, it's temporary and be safe. I will see you all at the next Zoom meeting and in the new year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Educational Department Lt/C Robert J. Miller, Jr

Come to the Zoom-based December meeting on December 10 as Jean and I share some of our experience of Christmas in Europe. We will be showing some photos of the Christmas Markets on the Rhine, Main, and Danube Rivers as well as a few of the large cities as they bedeck themselves in holiday attire.

Radar for Boaters Course (RA)

We just finished the Radar for Boaters course over Zoom. It took six sessions and the group of 22 students are now taking the self-paced exam and will be mailing their results to me for scoring. The class was well attended and we had some good discussions. Co-instructor George Brooks added his experience and gravitas to the course, making it a pleasant time for all. The following members of SBSPS completing the course include: Bob Brooks, Tracy Brooks, Carolyn Caporgno, Glen Caporgno, Don Coleman, Jack Dyer, Kelly Libby, Harland Mayer, Dan Niven.

Next Calendar Year

(Unchanged from last newsletter) The Educational Department has been busy through the Covid-19 epic and we need to regroup a bit and rest before coming up with a teaching plan for next year. I suspect that we will be limited to distance learning for a while, so not all of the courses lend themselves readily to Zoom. More news in December.



Squadron Activities By P/C Donna Mason, AP

Hope you enjoyed a quiet and safe Thanksgiving. We ended up with a 14 lb. turkey for the two of us plus a wrapped dinner delivered to a neighbor. Paul is looking forward to all the leftovers. I wonder if Zoom reached its capacity to handle all the family visits on-line.

Three couples were going to brave having dinner at the La Conner Pub and watching the Lighted Boat Parade, but it was cancelled by the Swinomish Yacht Club. Next year!

As this amazing year comes to an end, it is time to think about 2021. So, I will put out the thought: what would you like to do for boating and other squadron activities next year? We will think positive and hope vaccines will be available so that we can enjoy each other's company, probably mid-year.

In January, we WILL have a Boating and Land Activity Planning Program at our Thursday, January 14 meeting. For those of you who have what I call "rendezvous-able" boats, where would you like to visit? You can social distance with people sitting on two boats and the dock in between. We will plan other activities as well.

Before the January meeting, I will email members a worksheet you can use during the meeting. All you will have to do is print out two pages. So put your 2021 calendar next to your Zoom computer and join in the planning fun on January 14.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the holidays!

DECEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

Christmas Markets in Europe



The squadron hasn't had a chance to meet face-to-face for some time now and many of us are missing social mingling with old friends, particularly as the holiday season nears.

We are having a Holiday Party by Zoom on our normal December 10 meeting night. We can share (remotely) some beverages and catch up with each other. In light of the season, Bob and Jean Miller would like to share some Christmas-based travel experiences. They will talk about European river cruises on the Rhine and Danube during December, the so-called "Christmas Market Cruises". Also they will share photos of how European cities celebrate the holiday season with their colorful Christmas markets and decorations. Although we won't be able to share the glühwein (aka Mulled Wine) and enjoy the smells of local sausages on the grill in the Marktplatz, we can see some photos that will make your mouth water.

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2020 Virtual**

Attendance:

Bob Miller	Debbie Richey	Mark Richey
Paul Rosetter	Carolyn Caporgno	Glenn Carporagno
Donna Mason	Jack Dyer	

*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1834

Executive Officer – Carolyn Caporgno
Nothing to report
Marketing Report – Donna Mason
Nothing to Report.

Education Officer - Bob Miller
Final Exam in Radar to have the exam or not? Non-members don't see a benefit to take the exam. George Brooks says it's a great recruiting tool for future USPS classes. Consensus is that no exam is to be offered due to the distance that some of the students will have to travel.
Need to come up with a succession plan to replace Bob and all of his many jobs..

Administrative Officer –
Activities: Donna Mason
All activities have been cancelled.
Membership
Yvonne Bates and Randolph Miller were approved for membership
Programs –
Bob will present a slide program at the December meeting.
We will hold a meeting in January and plan activities for 2021.

Secretary – Debbie Richey
Moved and seconded that we accept October ExCom minutes from September.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer
Balance: \$5,113.05 (as of 10/31/2020)

Commander – Mark Richey
November meeting with Deception Pass there will be a Video from Center for Wooden Boats.

Old Business: None

New Business:
None

Meeting adjourned: 1859



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CAROLING
CRUISE 2016
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NOSTALGIA PHOTOS FROM 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT LACONNER PUB



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 normally 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.

We currently have a vacancy for an Administrative Officer. This is a key position in our Boating group. The person in this position secures speakers for our monthly meetings. Due to the continuation of limited group settings, we would like to have ZOOM presentations each month beginning in January, 2021. If you were out this summer and have an adventure to share with our group or if you know about a possible presenter, please contact me at glencaporgno@frontier.com with their contact information. If you need help with your presentation, we will help you.

Carolyn Caporgno
Executive Officer

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

This story shows how the USCG is replacing a damaged engine on the old and creaky ice breaker. Pretty interesting, [The Way The U.S. Coast Guard Replaces Its Largest Ship's Motor Is Mind-Blowing \(jalopnik.com\)](#)

Bridge Officers		
Commander	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Executive Officer	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Education Officer	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Administrative Officer	Vacant	
Secretary	Debbie Richey, AP	
Treasurer	Jack Dyer, P	425-785-7782
Executive Committee		
	Donna Mason, AP	360-595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Paul Rosetter, AP	360-595-1083
	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
Flag Lt.	Steve Drummond, AP	
Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
Merit Marks	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
	Vacant	
	Vacant	
Executive Department		
Co-Op Charting	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Liaison	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Marketing	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Public Relations	Various members split	
Radio Technical	George Brooks, SN	
Safety	Don Coleman	360 333-2962
Vessel Exams	Vacant	
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Local Board Advanced Grds	George Brooks, SN	360 466-3470
Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Administrative Department		
Boating Activities	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Rendezvous	Donna Mason, AP	
Greeting	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
Membership	Debbie Richey, AP	
Operations Training Programs	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Property Officer	Vacant	
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Editor "Bitter End"	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Historian	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Public Contact	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Roster	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secret, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Marlene Bellinger, AP	
2 Yrs.	Jeannie Drummond	
3 Yrs.	Deanna Randall-Secret	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
2 Yrs.	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
3 Yrs.	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
2 Yrs.	Ruth Peterson, SN	
3 Yrs.	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091

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.