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Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron January 2020

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CALENDAR

- 02 January—Ex Com Meeting, Burlington Haggan, 6PM
- 09 January—Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Pick Our Travels
- 24 Jan—01 Feb—Seattle Boat Show, Century Link Center
- 09-15 Feb—USPS Annual Meeting, Ponte Vedra, Fla



Be careful New Year Eve, don't party too hard. We want to see you next year. The weather still looks like it might be good boating so be careful with that too. Hey.. Want to plan a ski or snow trip?? That can be one of the ideas at the upcoming meeting.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Happy New Year to all. Hope you had/have a safe and happy holiday. Deb and I are planning on going out in the boat at least once if we haven't already by the time you read this. The weather seems to be holding well for us so far and the long term forecast says January may be the same.

The January meeting is where you can come and give your opinion of where we want to go and what we want to do socially this year. We generally go a lot of the same places but if you want to do something different, let your self be heard. We will set up a calendar and hopefully even get volunteers to host each activity so we can make out vacation plans etc.

Sharpen your pencils and get out your check-books as the Big Seattle Boat Show happens this month. Americas Boating Club will have a presence there and you may be asked to man the booth and show your stuff. Please see this link: <https://www.uspsd16.org/boat-show>

This is a good time to get ideas for how you want to equip your boat for the trips we pick.. Or even get a boat so you can come with us on your own.

Start thinking about taking more classes. We don't have any this month but it gives you time to consider what you want. Please come out and give us your input and also join the good time.



Educational Department Lt/C Robert J. Miller, JN

As I forecast in last month's article, we had to cancel the Boat Handling class scheduled for January. It is now scheduled to start on March 3 to run for seven sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays through the month. I do hope National will have the new textbooks and updated PowerPoint presentation prepared in time. 'Nuff said.

I hope to have better news after the National Meeting in early February during which the next Educational Department report will be made.

Happy New Year,
Bob Miller
SEO





Squadron Activities 2019
By P/C Donna Mason, AP

January 9, 2020 Members Meeting

Lets get together at The Farmhouse for the January Members Meeting where we'll develop an interesting set of Squadron Activities for 2020. Bring your suggestions for places to go, things to do, and fun to have, both boating and land-based. Consider becoming a rendezvous host. Charts and guidebooks will be on display. Our handy calendar/worksheets will be available to aid you. You'll leave with our squadron activities plan for the year. Hope to see you there.



Original paddleboarders on Lake Whatcom, circa 1915. Finally, Dec. 12,

Boys on the Haner Logging Company Millpond at Gales Spur

"Wow Whee" is out of the water, at the South Bay primitive boat launch, for the winter.



CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE DINNER, LACONNER PUB



New member Karen Lanpher and Kari and Deanna's guests: Megan, Lindsay, Jill and Mark

Christmas Socks??





VANCOUVER CHRISTMAS MARKET DAY TRIP



Here are three photos from the Vancouver B.C. Christmas Market, Jack Poole Plaza at Canada Place.

The Christmas Carousel

Market Booths

Kathe Wohlfahrt Shop full of German Christmas items



**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 5, Village Pizza**

Attendance:

Debbie Richey	Mark Richey	Paul Rosetter	Carolyn Caporgno
Glen Carporgno	John Bellinger	Marlene Bellinger	Donna Mason
Elizabeth Mahoney	Jack Dyer		
Sandy Johnson		Guest: George Johnson	

Meeting Called to Order: 1811

Executive Officer – Mark Richey for Kelly Libby

- Marketing Report - Donna
 - There is no new news concerning the Tulip Booth, but will hear more in a couple months
 - The Lake News magazine did a 3-page feature article on Paul Rosetter and Donna Mason. The last three paragraphs acknowledged their membership in America's Boating Club and the Skagit Power Squadron and its mission of boating safety
 - Donna reporting for Catherin Carter on Membership---We are need of an updated brochure; she is in process of creating this at no cost to us. She will create a PDF and have Catherine Carter sent it to new members via email

Education Officer - Debbie Richey reporting for Bob Miller

- Boat Handling Class has 13 signed up for the January class but may need to be postponed because National does not have the materials published and ready to send
- Seafarers Hall has been reserved with a \$300 refundable deposit that was approved by a consensus vote

Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

- Currently working to book the Harbor Master, Darla to speak to us for the March general meeting if her video project is completed
- Activities – Donna
Reminders about the Christmas Market trip, December 14, to Vancouver, BC.

Secretary – Mark Richey for called to approve Elizabeth Mahoney as interim Secretary for the rest of the current bridge year

Vote approved Elizabeth Mahoney as Secretary

Treasurer – Jack Dyer Monthly Treasurer's Report

- *Balance: \$5921.99 with a \$4 bank fee leaves us with \$5917.99
- *An auto-deduction for rental comes out on December 14 or 15
- *AmazonSmile: Mark Richey needs bank information so that the organization can set a link for charitable giving

Old Business: Bi-laws at National level state that all new members must be voted in. Mark Richey called for blanket approval of members (without naming names) for the record from this date. The motion was seconded and approved

Reminder that our next Executive Meeting will be held at the Hagen Community meeting room

New Business: No new business

Meeting adjourned: 1923.

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.®



January
Laurel Cochran
Jean Miller
Kari Randall-Secrest
Cheryl Scott
James Scott

~ 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.

WINTER READING

Didn't get an interesting sea story for Christmas? You may want to read these books, available through your library or your local bookstore. These descriptions are thanks to Village Books in Fairhaven.

The Outlaw Ocean: Journeys Across the Last Untamed Frontier by Ian Urbina. This covers a globe-spanning network of crime and exploitation that emanates from the fishing, oil and shipping industries.

Erebus: One Ship, Two Epic Voyages, and the Greatest Naval Mystery of All Time, by Michael Palin (yes that Michael Palin from Monty Python!). This ship was last seen on an ill-fated voyage to chart the Northwest Passage. Expertly researched and illustrated with maps, photographs, paintings, and engravings, it is an evocative account of two journeys: one successful and forgotten, the other tragic yet unforgettable.

Other possibilities: the classic Master and Commander by Patrick O'Brian, and the nautical adventure Passage to Juneau by Jonathan Raban.

Bridge Officers		
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Executive Officer	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Education Officer	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Administrative Officer	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Secretary	Elizabeth Mahoney	
Treasurer	Jack Dyer, P	
Executive Committee		
	John Bellinger, SN	360 757-8091
	Marlene Bellinger, AP	360 757-8091
	Paul Rosetter, AP	360 595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
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Flag Lt.	Steve Drummond, AP	
Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
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	Vacant	
	Vacant	
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Radio Technical	George Brooks, SN	
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	Bill Stewart, JN	
Vessel Exams	Don Coleman	360 333-2962
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Assistant Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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Local Board Advanced Grds	George Brooks, SN	360 466-3470
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Boating Activities	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
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Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
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1 Yr. Chair	Vacant	
2 Yrs.	Marlene Bellinger, AP	
3 Yrs.	Jeannie Drummond	
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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.