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Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
March 2020

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CALENDAR

05 Mar—ExCom Meeting, Burlington Hagen 6PM
13 Mar - Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Elections
14-15 Mar— District Conference, Southcenter
28 Mar—Day Trip, Steveston B.C.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Sitting here in the tropics looking out at the blue waves and the pelicans and frigate birds and still thinking about the squadron. We have been boating quite a bit down here in Puerto Rico with fishing and sailing so have not gotten away from it. We hope you are all having a good time up in Washington and able to get out on the water. I do notice that the weather isn't terrible. I will return in time for the next meeting and start joining all of you for the fun events on the schedule.

March is elections and the squadron can always use help. Take a look at the list of positions and maybe you can fill one of the vacant spots. Lots of non-elected spots that are support rolls. It's a fun group and if we split up the effort it makes it that much more fun.

Please note also the classes we have. The spring starts them in earnest so let folks know they are coming. Don't forget you can take any we don't offer from other squadrons. Its also time to clean out the boat and get ready to join us.

My sincere thanks to Carolyn for filling in for me on my vacation.



Educational Department Lt/C Robert J. Miller, JN

The new Boat Handling course is underway with 14 students. Two of the non-members who signed up for the course already have indicated that they want to join the squadron and attended the February Dinner Meeting. Welcome Aboard – Ron Zuber and Harland Mayer. With those two new members, the class now has six squadron members in it. Membership Chair Catherine Carter will have a chance to convert the remaining eight non-members during her squadron presentation on the last night.

ASEO Debbie Richey (currently on the beach in Puerto Rico) and I are discussing holding an Americas Boating Course in the Summer or early Fall and I am reviewing the pros and cons of offering Cruise Planning, Radar for Boaters, or Marine Electronics in June or July. Squadron Members – any preference? If so, give me a yell saying "I want to take xxx class in June and July."

As you know, the squadron is hosting the District 16 Educational Conference on 09 May 2020. I have attached the flyer and event sign-up sheet. Members helping out with conference need to sign-up and pay for their lunch (unfortunately). The Early Bird discounted price is valid until the end of March. Send in your registration form to Carolyn Caporgno before then.

A non-Educational Department notice: The squadron is hosting a joint rendezvous in Sidney, BC, on 26-28 June with Deception Pass squadron. It will be fun to share the squadron's past Sidney experiences with our neighbors on Whidbey Island. It can be a walk-on or drive-on ferry run from Anacortes to Sidney or you can take your boat across Haro Strait into Canada. The preliminary flyer is attached. We are running it early in the season for those who need to make hotel reservations in Sidney before the limited number of convenient rooms fill up. Make your hotel reservations soon and contact me at bobmillerwa@hotmail.com if you are planning on attending.



Squadron Activities 2020

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

Thanks to the SBSPS members who joined in the Planning Meeting January 9, we have a great lineup of activities for 2020. There's something for everyone, from salt-water to freshwater and land. This is my 12th year as Activities Chair (anyone else want this job?), and I appreciate everyone's participation.

March 28 – Steveston, B.C. Canada Day Trip

We'll cross the border by car and enjoy a day in the sunniest town in Canada. Carpooling recommended. We'll begin with a guided tour of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site which was built in 1894 over the saltwater, we'll enjoy an interactive museum of the fishing and canning industry on Canada's West Coast. If we have a minimum of 10 people, the cost is \$C6.60 per person. Otherwise, Adults \$C11.90, Seniors \$C10.20, Youth 17 and under are free. Dress in warm layers for this tour. There is free parking behind the museum. After the 1 ½ hour tour, we'll enjoy a group lunch. After lunch you'll have time to explore around town, walk to the shoreline Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site or to Fisherman's Wharf.

April 17-19 – Mount Vernon Tulip Festival Street Fair Booth

Our squadron will have a booth at this popular 3-day street fair with over 150 artisan booths. Depending on the weather 15,000-40,000 people stroll through this fair. We'll need volunteers to set up on April 17, do a couple hours of booth duty, and take down the booth Sunday afternoon. This gives us the opportunity for thousands of people to learn about SBSPS, USPS and safe boating.

April 25 – Friday Harbor Ferry Day Trip

We'll walk on the ferry and spend the day at Friday Harbor, exploring at your leisure, then we'll meet for an early dinner near the ferry landing before heading back home, perhaps with an ice cream cone in hand. We usually enjoy nice weather in Friday Harbor.

May 9 – D16 Educational Seminar, Anacortes

This year our squadron will host the D16 Educational Seminar. Bob Miller and Sandy Johnson have this project well under control already. We'll need some volunteers to help throughout the day.

May 29-31 – Lake Chelan Weekend Rendezvous

Mark and Debbie Richey will have an enjoyable weekend planned for us at Lake Chelan which enjoys 300 days of sunshine.

June 12-14 – D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo

Meet other members of our USPS District 16 at this activity-packed weekend rendezvous, hosted by the D16 Commander. See the D16 website for details, www.uspsd16.org.

June 26-28 – Sidney, B. C. Canada Weekend

Bob Miller has begun plans for a weekend for those with or without boats. We might have a joint rendezvous with another squadron. Boaters can make slip reservations with the Port Sidney Marina. People can easily travel from Anacortes, walking onto the ferry and staying at a hotel a short walk from the ferry and near the marina. Bob will announce more in March.

July 10-12 – Cornet Bay Crab Cookout, Deception Pass State Park

Hosted by Kari and Deanna Randall-Secret, members can cruise by boat for a day or spend the weekend at the floating docks (no services). Those coming by car can come Saturday and enjoy the crab potluck cookout. Discovery Parking Passes are required.

July 18 – Shipwreck Day, Anacortes

We'll have a smaller booth this year, as a fundraiser selling used, donated items and also as an information booth to acquaint the public about America's Boating Club and our classes. Our group enjoys dinner after booth takedown.

August 1 – Lake Whatcom Potluck Rendezvous

Enjoy a day at the Lake! Venture up to Whatcom County to the peaceful south end of 13-mile long Lake Whatcom. Paul Rosetter and Donna Mason are hosting a fun day at the lake. See some of the lake from our Boston Whaler "Wow Whee." Chance winning a prize in the scavenger hunt. Go swimming from the dock. Hike through the woods. Relax and enjoy the view. We'll work up an appetite for an afternoon potluck dinner.

August 28-30 – Mariners vs. Dodgers and Bell Harbor Marina Rendezvous, Seattle

Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest and Mark and Debbie Richey are hosting a weekend boating rendezvous at Bell Harbor Marina. The weekend will include Saturday's Mariner's game against the "Dreaded Dodgers." Debbie will arrange for tickets. People also can come by land and stay in a hotel.

September 4-7 – Port Townsend with Seattle and Everett Squadrons

Spend Labor Day weekend in lovely Port Townsend. This joint rendezvous has been enjoyed for several years. You'll need to reserve slip space early. For information and reservations, contact Lt. Darcy Baker, P at thebakerfamily4@comcast.net or Lt. Susan Tarpley, AP at jsetarpley@frontier.com .

September 11-13 – Fisherman Bay Weekend Rendezvous, Lopez Island

Mark and Debbie Richey will provide details for this weekend at Fisherman Bay.

September 26 – Squadron Anniversary Cookout at Coronet Bay Shelter, Deception Pass State Park

Our annual celebration of the Squadron will occur on a free-parking-pass day at Coronet Bay. We'll reserve the shelter for our group picnic and cookout.

October 3 – Leavenworth Octoberfest and Foliage Bus Tour

Sit back, relax and leave the driving to Bellair Charters who will offer a day trip to Leavenworth, with pick-up in Burlington. We'll enjoy the fall colors along the way and arrive in Leavenworth in time for a group lunch, after which we can explore town on our own. This event is not as crowded as the December Tree Lighting, so don't worry about being crushed in the crowds! We can book this in August. Price will be approximately \$85 per person for transportation. Lunch extra.

October 2-4 (or 9-11) – Roche Harbor Weekend Rendezvous

We'll work out which weekend this cruise will be. Enjoy quiet off-season relaxation at Roche Harbor, with reduced boatslip rates. Non-boaters can come by ferry and stay at the hotel. Mark and Debbie Richey are the hosts.

December 12 – LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and Holiday Party

Ring in the holidays with this festive evening at the LaConner Pub, enjoying the boat parade and your choice of dinner. It is our squadron's Holiday Party instead of having a December meeting.

If you have any questions about these activities, or want to sign up, please let me know: donnajmason@gmail.com.

2020 Activities Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Mar 28	Steveston, B. C. Canada Day Trip, Cannery Tour	Paul & Donna	Fishing Village
Apr 17-19	Mount Vernon Tulip Festival Booth	Paul & Donna	Celebrate Spring
Apr 25	Friday Harbor Ferry Day Trip	Don Coleman	
May 9	SBSPS-hosted D16 Educational Seminar	Bob Miller	
May 29-31	Lake Chelan Weekend Rendezvous	Mark &Debbie Richey	Inland Waters
June 12-14	D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo	D16 Commander	
June 26-28	Sidney, B.C. Canada - Joint Rendezvous	Bob & Jean Miller	O Canada!
July 10-12	Coronet Bay Crab Cookout, Deception Pass	Kari & Deanna Randall-Secret	crab pots!
July 18	Shipwreck Day, Anacortes	George & Sandy Johnson	fundraiser
August 1	Lake Whatcom Potluck Rendezvous	Paul & Donna	Party at the Lake
Aug 28-30	Mariners vs. Dodgers & Bell Harbor Marina, Seattle	Kari & Deanna, Mark & Debbie	
Sept 4-7	Port Townsend with Seattle & Everett	Darcy Baker & Susan Tarpley	Labor Day
Sept 11-13	Fisherman Bay, Lopez Island Rendezvous	Mark & Debbie Richey	
Sept. 26	Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay, Deception Pass	Mark and Debbie Richey	
Oct. 3	Leavenworth Octoberfest/Leaf Peeping Bus Trip	Paul & Donna	
Oct. 2-4 or 9-11?	Roche Harbor Rendezvous	Mark and Debbie Richey	Off-season
December 12	LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Holiday Party	Paul & Donna	Holidays celebration

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 6, Village Pizza**

Attendance: John Bellinger Marlene Bellinger Carolyn Caporgno Glen Caporgno Jack Dyer
Elizabeth Mahoney Bob Miller

Meeting Called to Order: 1811

Executive Officer – Carolyn Caporgno chairing the meeting

- Marketing Report - Donna
 - Tulip Booth will occur on April 17-19, Sign-Up coming soon

Education Officer - Bob Miller

- Books for the Boat Handling Course are In!
- Syllabus is coming soon. This course will be a team teaching model with four instructors sharing the course load
- There are 16 students registered and 1 maybe
- Profit for this class is only 10%; costs are increasing
- Officers Training during the Conference in Des Moines (March 13-15)

Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

- Squadron T-shirts are light blue and we need 20 for our minimum order (8.5% tax added)
- The schedule will be printed on the back
- Upcoming speakers are Bob Miller for February---Antarctica
- Tom Griffin will be speaking in March. His biography will be in the March Bitter End
- No new members to approve
- January Ex Comm minutes approved

Secretary – Elizabeth read into the record a letter from Neighbors in Need, thanking us for our monetary contribution from our December meeting at the La Conner Pub of \$136

Treasurer – Jack Dyer Monthly Treasurer's Report

- *Balance: \$5721.73 spent \$4 on bank fees and added \$17 deposit \$5734.73
- *A \$45.60 reimbursement is being held. Another bill is coming due of \$292.26
- *The fiscal year has ended and taxes are filed

Old Business: Reminder that our election is March 12th; a list of candidates will be in the Bitter End
Pat Waters, Commander of DPSPS is offering a Mentor Training Workshop on February 29th.
Looking for 2-3 members for a 2 hour workshop with powerpoint presentations that will cover what to teach and how to conduct a workshop

New Business: No new business

Meeting adjourned: 1832

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
United States Power Squadron
General Meeting Minutes – Feb. 13, 2020**

Attendance:

John Bellinger	Marlene Bellinger	George Brooks	Jeanne Brooks	Carolyn Caporgno
Glen Caporgno	Jack Dyer	Elizabeth Mahoney	Bob Miller	Dan Niven
Kari Randall-Secrest	Cheryl Scott	Jim Scott		

Guests: Harlan Mayer and Ron Zuber, possible new members

Meeting called to order at 18:29 by Carolyn Caporgno at the Farmhouse Restaurant, La Conner
Flag salute was led by Carolyn Caporgno

Marketing: Carolyn Caporgno in for Donna Mason reported that the Tulip Festival Booth is a go. There will be a sign-up list at the March meeting. A Sunday evening dinner will be provided for helping out on Friday, Saturday or Sunday

Education Department – Bob Miller introduced possible new members Harlan Mayer and Ron Zuber.
The Boat Handling Class has been re-scheduled to start on March 3rd. Flyers and instruction manuals are ready to go. The first section will be taught by George Brooks and Jack Dyer.

May 9th Educational Conference for Officers and District Bridge Officers will be held in the Seafarers Building; agenda coming soon. Carolyn has the flier for the conference. Deadline for Early-Bird is March 30th

Administrative – Carolyn reported that *Clever Kathy* in La Conner will produce our T-shirt, hoodies and hats, a clipboard of order forms was passed. Burgees are available for \$25. Upcoming programs: Tonight Bob Miller on Antarctica and March 12 will bring Captain Tom on Vacation Cruises

Membership- new members will be approved at the next Executive Meeting on March 5th, 2020
Cheryl and Jim Scott will be sworn in March

Secretary -Elizabeth Mahoney

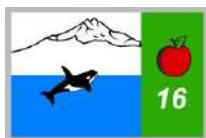
Approval of January 9th minutes with a correction of Socorro Haynes names
Read into the record: a thank-you letter from Neighbors in Need for our \$136 contribution

Treasurer Report – Balance as of end of January \$5721.73 Today, balance is \$5496.47 with 2 commitments coming out soon (\$68 for our storage unit) Fiscal year ended, taxes filed

Commander – Carolyn in for Mark reported that Commander Mark Richey will be back for the General meeting in March in time for elections. See the March Bitter End for all positions/candidates up for election

No old or new business.

Meeting adjourned at 1857



**“Educate like a Nobel Laureate
Lead by Example”**

Annual District 16 Educational Conference 09 May 2020

Seafarers Memorial Park Building
601 Seafarers Way, Anacortes, WA 98221
(South End of Cap Sante Marina)

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest Name: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Squadron: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FUNCTION:	(Meal prices include gratuity & Sales tax)	*Early Bird \$* (due 30 March)	Regular \$ ** (due 25 April)	# of People	Total \$
Saturday – Registration	Costco rolls, coffee 0830 – 1030	--	--	--	--
Saturday – Lunch	1230 - 1330 Gere-a-Deli Sandwich Bag Combo – sandwich, potato salad, chips, brownie, soft drink (order sandwich type and quantity below)	--	--	--	--
Sandwich – Turkey Breast and Havarti		\$22.00	\$27.00	_____	\$ _____
Sandwich – Roast Beef and Provolone		\$22.00	\$27.00	_____	\$ _____
Sandwich – Ham and Swiss		\$22.00	\$27.00	_____	\$ _____
Sandwich – Veggie		\$22.00	\$27.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday – Afternoon Break	Costco cookies 1430 - 1445	--	--	--	--
* Early Bird prices apply only for Registrations post-marked by 30 March 2020 ** Meal orders must be made by 25 April 2020, extra meals will not be ordered TOTAL: <u>Registrations & payment MUST be received prior to 25 April 2020</u>		\$ _____			

Please make checks payable to: “Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron” and mail with Registration Form to: Carolyn Caporgno,
29 Tulalip Way, La Conner, WA 98257,
Phone: 209-609-1182, Email: glencaporgno@frontier.com

For questions, please contact Bob Miller at: 360-540-1686 or email at bobmillerwa@hotmail.com

D/16 Spring Conference Save the Date

March 13-15, 2020

DoubleTree Suites at Southcenter

Friday Events

+Incoming Officer Training-1:00PM at DesMoines Yacht Club

+Social Hour and Dinner-6:00PM at the DoubleTree Suites

16500 Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila WA To book a room call (800) 222-8733
and specify Group Code D16 to get conference rates.

Please do not book reservations through a discount booking service, it negates our credits
against our required room-night guarantee.

Saturday Happenings

For those not attending the Saturday meetings

we are working on several



Activities:

Sweet Tooth Candy Factory Tour,

Shopping @ Southcenter Mall,

AND

A Surprise Seminar for

First Mates and Skippers

See You There

More Detailed Information to Follow



Incoming Officer training

Those that sign up for this training will be contact via e-mail about options for getting to the Des Moines Yacht Club.

Seattle Chocolate Co. Tour

Experience chocolate at the Seattle Chocolate factory and flagship store. **Taste** their signature, smooth chocolate recipes throughout your journey. **Explore** their chocolate-making machines and the start-to-finish creation of their truffles. **Discover** the history of chocolate, the untold stories of Seattle Chocolate Company, and learn how they invent new flavors. Plus, share some ideas of your own!

Those that sign up for this tour will be contact via e-mail about transportation arrangements (time & place).

Clinic “Clarifying stray currents”

Why doesn't your boat's electrical work when connected to the new 30mA marina electrical systems. Why are your zincs wearing out fast. Why are we hearing more about electrocution of swimmers. Learn about what to look for on your boat to avoid these bit falls and avoid failing a marine survey.

Activities & shopping

There is lots of activities and shopping available within walking and/or free hotel shuttle ride of the hotel.



**"Educate like a Captain
Play like a Pirate"**



**Annual District 16 Conference
13-15 March 2020**

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Squadron: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

FUNCTION: (Meal prices include gratuity & Sales tax)	*Early Bird \$*	Regular \$	# of People	Total \$
Friday – Incoming Officer training 1300 – 1600 Des Moines YC - 22737 Marine View Dr, Des Moines see next page	XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
Friday – Registration 1500 - 1800 DoubleTree Suites - 16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Friday - Dinner - dress as your favorite Captain or Pirate 1900 - 2000 Spaghetti w/ meatballs, salad, garlic bread with music	\$38.00	\$43.00	_____	\$_____
Saturday – Breakfast - Breakfast is available at the hotel	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Saturday – Tour of Seattle Chocolate Co 0930 – 1130 see next page	XXX	\$10.00	_____	\$_____
Saturday – Clinic "Clarifying stray currents" 1330 – 1530 see next page	XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
Saturday – Lunch 1200 - 1300 Baja Salad Buffet; salad greens w/ assorted toppings available	\$28.00	\$33.00	_____	\$_____
Saturday – No-Host Social 1700 - 1800	XXX	XXX	_____	XXX
Saturday – Dinner 1800 - 2000 1. <u>Garlic roasted Chicken w/ smoked mozzarella cream</u> 2. <u>Salmon Linguini</u> All Entrees served with dinner salad, seasonal vegetables, new potatoes, coffee/decaf/tea Final chance for Raffle Tickets and Silent Auction bids	\$45.00 \$45.00	\$50.00 \$50.00	_____ _____	\$_____ \$_____
* Early Bird prices apply only for Registrations post-marked by 15 January 2020 Registrations & payment MUST be received prior to 21 February 2020				TOTAL:

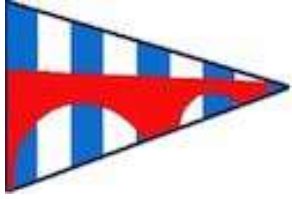
Please make checks payable to: "Poverty Bay Sail & Power Squadron" and mail with Registration Form to: Joanna Webster, 31820 37th Ave SW, Federal Way, WA 98023-2176, Phone: (253) 927-7474.

Make **hotel reservations** directly with DoubleTree Suites no later than **Friday, 28 February 2020** by using below link or calling: (800) 222-8733. Request Group Code "D16" to get conference rate prices.

DoubleTree Suites, 16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Tukwila, WA
https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/SEASPD-TD16-20200313/index.html?WT.mc_id=POG

**** Please do NOT book your room through Expedia.com, hotels.com or similar sites.**
We do not get credit against our required room-night guarantee for those bookings**

For questions, please contact Joanna Webster at: (253) 927-7474 or email at jimjoweb@aol.com



Skagit Bay and Deception Pass Joint Rendezvous in Sidney, BC 26-28 June 2020

Hosts (Skagit Bay): Bob and Jean Miller, bobmillerwa@hotmail.com, 360-540-1686

Hosts (Deception Pass): Pat Waters, frenchsailor@comcast.net, 360-720-2589

Where: Sidney, BC, AKA "Sidney by the Sea", <http://www.sidney.ca/>

Head over to Vancouver Island, BC, and join Deception Pass and Skagit Bay members as we visit nearby Sidney on (with luck) a nice Summer weekend. This is a walk-on ferry rendezvous for those who are not taking their boats to the [Port Sidney Marina](#) downtown.

The Town of Sidney (sometimes called Sidney-by-the-Sea or the 'Book Store Village') is a great place to spend the weekend, with plenty of good restaurants, nice galleries, and lots of chocolate and tea shops as well as good breweries and distilleries. Bob always says "Chocolate is one of the basic food groups."

Planned Activities: A dynamic, on-site, group-participation process; this is a way kicked-back rendezvous. Just wander along the streets and waterfront, get some exercise, do some shopping, eat some stuff, and take it easy. On Friday night, we can join up at a local pub to get to know each other and on Saturday night we will go to a restaurant for a group dinner. Other proposed group activities include:

Friday night at the Boondocks Pub, <http://www.boondockspub.ca/index.html>, 15 kinds of BC beer, music, pub food, 819 Fifth St, Sidney.

Saturday morning, Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea, <https://www.salishseacentre.org/>, sea life in our waters, 9811 Seaport Place, Sidney.

Saturday day/night, Victoria International Jazz Fest, <https://jazzvictoria.ca/jazz-fest>, [heavy-duty jazz in several venues in Victoria](#).

Saturday afternoon, taste and learn how gin, vodka, and bitters are made at the Victoria Distillers shoreside distillery, paid tours and tastings - <https://victoriadistillers.com/tours-tastings/>, 9891 Seaport Place.

Saturday evening, dinner, Odyssia Restaurant, Greek and continental good food, <http://www.odyssiasteakhouse.com/index.html>, 9785 Fifth St, Sidney.

Sunday Brunch, place to be determined by group.

How to Get There --

By Boat: Sidney is about 35 nautical miles from Cap Sante in Anacortes and less than 20 miles from Friday Harbor. If leaving from Anacortes, turn left out of Padilla Bay into Guemes Channel and just head west until you run into Vancouver Island. You may have to dodge some islands and large white and green ferry boats, but the cruise is protected and scenic. Look for the orca pods and other wild life.

By Ferry: The early Anacortes-Sidney Washington State ferry leaves Anacortes at 08:30 am and arrives in Sidney by 11:10 am, with a stop in Friday Harbor (departs Friday Harbor at 09:55 am). On Sunday, catch the later 05:55 pm ferry to arrive back in Friday Harbor at 07:25 pm and Anacortes by 08:30 pm. Note this is the Summer schedule, effective 31 March to 22 June 2019.

Moorage in Sidney: the Port Sydney Marina has slips available. Make your own reservations, <http://www.portsidney.com/>.

Lodging in Sidney: For those coming by ferry, there are several hotels within walking distance of the ferry terminal and the marina, <http://www.ehcanadatravel.com/british-columbia/vancouver-island/sidney.html>. Also, check US-based hotel reservation sites for special pre-paid rates. Book early because late June is busy.

Passports and Border Control: US Passports are required to get back into the USA and facilitate entry into Canada. Standard WA Drivers Licenses are not adequate identification. Ferry riders are checked as they exit in Sidney, and in Friday Harbor. Boaters tie up to the customs dock in the turning basin at the marina and use the direct line phone on the dock for clearance. Returning to the USA, boaters can phone US Customs and Border Protection while underway at 800-562-5943.

More Information

Town of Sidney website, <http://www.sidney.ca/>

Tourism site for Sidney, <https://www.victoriabc.ca/sidney/>

Sidney Business Improvement Association – lists of things to do in town, <https://sidneybia.ca/>

WA State Ferry Schedule for Anacortes-Sidney, 2020 Summer schedule due 21 April 2020 <http://www.wsdot.com/ferries/Schedule/ScheduleDetailByRoute.aspx?schedrouteid=1655&route=ana-sj-sid>

The Nominations Committee submits the following slate of officers for Squadron Year 2020-21, for election at the March 12, 2020 General Meeting. Candidates have indicated willingness to stand for election.
Committee (P/Cs Donna Mason, George Johnson, John Bellinger, but John was inactive for medical reasons)

Bridge Officers - to be elected		Proposed for 2020-21
	Cdr	Mark Richey
	XO	Carolyn Caporgno
	Ed Officer	Bob Miller
	Admin Officer	Dan Niven
	Secretary	Elizabeth Mahoney
	Treasurer	Jack Dyer
	Executive Committee	Donna Mason
		Sandy Johnson
		Paul Rosetter
	most recent P/C slot	George Johnson
Standing Committees - to be elected		
Auditing	1 yr	Marlene Bellinger
	2 yr	Jeannie Drummond
	3 yr	Deanna Randall-Secrest
NomCom	1 yr	George Johnson
	2 yr	John Bellinger
	3 yr	Debbie Richey
Rules Committee	1 yr	Donna Mason
	2 yr	Ruth Peterson
	3 yr	John Bellinger
Department Appointments - voting not required		
Cdr Dept	Chaplain	Ruth Peterson
	Flag Lieutenant	Steve Drummond
	Merit Marks	Debbie Richey
Exec Dept	Co-op Charting	Mark Richey
	Liaison	Debbie Richey
	Marketing	Donna Mason
	Public Relations	(various members split)
	Radio Tech	George Brooks
	Safety Committee	Don Coleman
	VSC Chair	(vacant)
Ed Dept.	ASEO	Debbie Richey
	Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson
	Local Board Advanced Grades	George Brooks

	Local Board Elective Courses		John Bellinger
Admin Dept.	Boating Rendezvous		Donna Mason till another volunteer
	Squad. Activities		Donna Mason
	Galley		-
	Greetings		Sandy Johnson
	Membership		Catherine Carter
	Ops Training		Debbie Richey
	Programs		Dan Niven
	Property Officer		George Johnson
	Supply Officer		Glen Caporgno
Secretary Dept	Editor "Bitter End"		Mark Richey
	Historian		George Johnson
	Public Contact		Kelly Libby
	Scrapbooker		Carolyn Caporgno
	Roster		Bob Miller
	Webmaster		Kari Randall-Secrest

SHOW YOUR SQUADRON SPIRIT: Several people have ordered squadron shirts, but we need a minimum of 20 shirts with the Cruisin' schedule on the back. We have 5/20. Once 20 orders are submitted, they will be given to Clever Kathy. Orders should be ready 2-3 weeks from that time.

The color of the year is light blue. Carolyn Caporgno will collect your check or cash payment along with your order form at the General Meeting on

March 12, 2020 at the Farmhouse. She will also bring order forms to the meeting. If you are unable to make this meeting, please mail your form with

check or check box to be invoiced for credit or debit card and Clever Kathy will invoice you by email and send you the link to pay in this manner.

Squadron Burgees will be available at the March 12, 2020 General Meeting, as well.

March Speaker will be Captain Tom Griffin from PNV Yacht Charters. *Using Your Merchant Mariner Certification for Safe Boating Instruction and Seasonal Income.* I've included a bio which you can decide what you want to use in the Bitter End.

Carolyn Caporgno

After years vacationing and boating in the Pacific Northwest, my wife and I now live in wonderful Anacortes. We love cruising the San Juan and Gulf Islands or further north to Desolation Sound with the myriad of places to drop anchor in between.

After college, I spent 20 years in the Navy as an aviator. Stationed in San Diego for most of my Navy career, my pleasure boat experience grew. I have cruised in the near coastal waters of Southern California as well as Baja, down to Ensenada, Mexico. The Navy taught me the importance of nautical safety, including a thorough knowledge of the fundamentals- planning, navigation, communications, systems operations and crew coordination. Most important, knowing your limitations as well as those of the vessel and crew.

As an enthusiastic boater for the past 40 years I've owned and/or operated both power boats (gas, diesel, single or twin inboard). I have more than 2,600 hours operating various pleasure and charter boats.

In 2017 Tom established his yacht charter company, Pacific Northwest Vacation Yacht Charters. He takes guests on 3, 4, or 5-day cruises to the San Juan and Gulf Islands. He also offers a four-day hands-on training program for couples or singles that covers everything necessary so that they can bare-boat charter on their own.

Credentials and Certifications

USCG Merchant Mariner Credential Reference # 2849572

Master, 100 tons, Near Coastal, Commercial Assisted Towing

Recreational Powerboating Association (RPBA)- Certified Instructor (ID #2016001553)

Independent Charter Boat captain/instructor/checkout skipper for yacht charter companies

Vessels Recently Operated

President 41, 41ft LOA, twin inboard

Meridian 490, 54ft LOA, twin inboard

Ocean Alexander, 42 LOA, twin inboard

Bayliner, 47ft LOA, twin inboard

Monk, 39ft LOA, single inboard

Bayliner, 32ft LOA, twin inboard

Nordic Tug 40, 37ft LOA, single inboard

Cooper Prowler, 42ft LOA, twin inboard

Bayliner 4087, 42ft LOA, twin inboard



Capt. Tom Griffin

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March 28, Saturday – Steveston, B.C. Canada Day Trip

We'll cross the border by car and enjoy a day in the sunniest town in Canada. Carpooling recommended.

At 11:00 a.m., we'll begin with a 1 ½ hour guided tour of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site which was built in 1894 over the saltwater at 12138 Fourth Avenue. We'll enjoy a quality, interactive museum tour of the fishing and canning industry on Canada's West Coast. Dress in warm layers for this tour. The building is unheated and on wooden pilings over the Fraser River. <http://gulfofgeorgiacannery.org/>

Parking is available at Fourth Avenue and Chatham Street behind the museum. Tour participants can get complimentary parking passes at the time of check-in at the Front Desk. I need to request passes in advance, so tell Donna when you reserve.

Cost: If we have a minimum of 10 people, the cost is \$6.60C per person and you'll pay me directly. (I have to make one payment to the museum.) If less than 10 minimum people, you'll buy your own ticket: Adults \$11.90C, Seniors \$10.20C, Youth 17 and under are free.



After the tour, at 1 p.m., we'll enjoy a group lunch at Catch Kitchen and Bar, on the second floor of 3866 Bayview, on the pier overlooking the harbor. The restaurant has an extensive menu of fresh ingredients, full bar, offers vegetarian and gluten-free dishes, and can deal with food allergies such as dairy. Order from the menu and eat as much or as little as you wish. The restaurant website is: www.catchkitchen.com. Remember prices are in Canadian \$. As of Feb 15, the exchange rate is: \$1 CAD = 0.754 USD.

After lunch you'll have time to explore around town, peruse the shops, walk to the shoreline Britannia Shipyards National Historic Site (free, outdoor exhibit) or to Fisherman's Wharf.

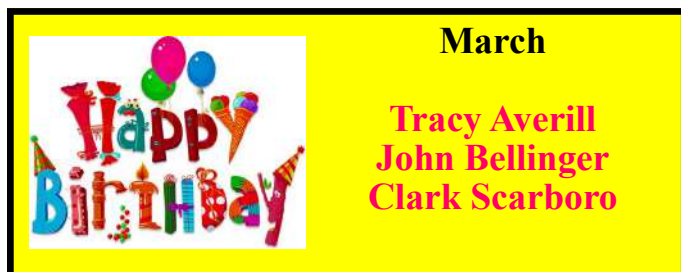
If you'd like to attend, please email Donna at donnajmason@gmail.com by March 13, with names of participants and if you need a parking pass. First two people with Nexus cards can reserve a ride with Paul and Donna—we'll meet at I-5 Alger Exit Park and Ride (east of Shell Station).

Dueling Sunsets - Left, Donna at Pismo Beach CA, Right, Mark at Naguabo PR



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.



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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.