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Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron February 2021

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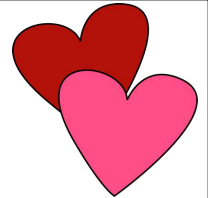
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CALENDAR

04 Feb– Ex Comm meeting, Zoom, 6:30PM
11 Feb– Regular Meeting Program, Zoom, 7PM
15-26 Feb– USPS Annual Meeting, Virtual



February 11, 2021 General Meeting speaker on ZOOM 7 p.m. Adam E. Deitz, Esq. Navigating Civil Liability On The Water: Perspective From A Maritime Attorney. Also this month is the National Meeting. There is an ad in this edition. Feel free to attend. It uses freeconferencecall.com which has been used elsewhere in USPS.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Hope all of you had a good month. It was a fairly nice January and we actually had some days we could take the boat out. If the weather holds maybe even this month.

Also this month vaccines are in full swing. We may be able to have some in person meetings starting after summer break. Deb and I were actually able to make an appointment with relative ease so I guess it matters where you are.

Take a look at our upcoming class. We will be teaching ABC in March via Zoom so tell your friends to sign up. Let's get a good start on our chartered job for the new year.

On a sadder note, some of you may remember Ann Wilder. She was one of our original charter members. Ann passed away in Anacortes on Jan 15. Memorial services will be held when it is safe to gather. Remembrances can be made to La Conner Library Foundation, PO Box 1025, La Conner, WA 98257.

Be safe everyone and see you at the meeting.



SQUADRON ACTIVITIES by P/C Donna Mason, AP

.We have had meetings cancelled due to snow, but this the first in memory cancelled to trees. Even Zoom is not the total answer to holding meetings in this pandemic.

While cleaning up our beach, we met some new neighbors out kayaking.

Due to a neighbor's tree falling and breaking a communications utility pole across our driveway, Paul and I have been without cable TV, internet and landline for two weeks so far. We have to drive over the cables to get out of the driveway. All business is done by cell phone--even watching the Inauguration on a 1 1/2 by 3" picture.

Luckily we both are old enough to remember life before TV (my family got out first TV when I was four, and I remember my mother ironing while listening to Liberace on the radio), so we have reverted to that life playing games and listening to the radio in the evening.

Our January Activities Planning Meeting is postponed to March. That gives you the opportunity with more time to think of boating and land-based events you would like to enjoy later in 2021. Bring your list to the March Zoom meeting. (Oh no, isn't March the windy month?!

In the meantime, I hope you have good luck getting the vaccine and staying safe.

BYW, I am typing this using one finger on my cell phone

See photo next page

Since we couldn't have the holiday party in December, today Paul and I enjoyed lunch on the deck at LaCommer Pub.



Report of the Nominating Committee

The following members have agreed to hold the shown position for the 2021-2022 bridge year if they are elected. Elections will be held at beginning of March meeting. If there are any concerns or additions, please address them to the squadron Secretary.

Submitted by George Johnson, SN
Nom Com Chair

Bridge Officers

Commander
Carolyn Caporgno, S

Exec Officer
Kelly Libby, S

Ed Officer
Mark Richey, SN-IN

Admin Officer
Vacant

Secretary
Debbie Richey, AP

Treasurer
Jack Dyer, P

Executive Committee

Donna Mason, AP
Sandy Johnson, P
Paul Rosetter, AP
George Johnson, SN

Auditing Committee

1 yr Jeannie Drummond
2 yr Deanna Randall-Secret, N
3 yr

Nominating Committee

1 yr George Johnson, SN
2 yr Debbie Richey, AP
3 yr Vacant

Rules Committee

1 yr Donna Mason, AP
2 yr George Johnson, SN *
3 yr Ruth Peterson, SN

(Note only the committee members with * needs to be elected above)



**Educational Department
Lt/C Robert J. Miller, JN**

Not much going on squadron-wise this month, but we had lots of excitement in Guemes Channel near the Guemes Ferry dock. During the windstorm of 11-12 January, a floating dock at Lovric's Shipyard sank and a couple of large vessels broke loose. The *M/V Chilkat*, an ex-Alaskan ferry boat, floated free about a mile east to the Guemes ferry dock, where it eventually rolled over and sank a few hundred yards NW of the dock. The recovery took several days with a very large barge crane, the *D.B General*, coming in from Vancouver, BC. <https://www.transmountain.com/news/2017/d-b-general-reporting-for-duty>

The final recovery is nicely covered in https://www.goskagit.com/anacortes/news/sunken-m-v-chilkat-lifted-from-guemes-channel/article_46e43014-6110-11eb-a863-2722cc63bcd.html Watch the video. I took a some photos from our living room.

Being dropped onto the barge.





Going Home

ABC Course in March

We are holding an ABC course by Zoom on March 20 and 27, with the in-car exam at the Seafarers' Memorial Park on April 3. Pass the word to your boating friends and take a look at the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Be Safe and mask up,
Bob Miller
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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
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Virtual Annual Meeting
February 15-26, 2021



USPS America's Boating Course

Zoom Online (by invitation)

Class online: Saturdays, March 20, 27, 2021, 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m.

Exam in-car: Saturday, April 3, 2021, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

The US Coast Guard-approved *America's Boating Course* provides you with basic boating knowledge to decide what type and size boat you need, what to do when meeting another boat in a crowded waterway, and how to recognize and handle hazards. Become a more competent boater, learn from the best, and enroll in *America's Boating Course* today. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete *America's Boating Course*. And, this course provides a sound basis for continuing your recreational boating education.

What's Included? For both sail and power boaters, *ABC* covers a wide range of topics:

- Types of boats and their uses,
- Boating laws, both Federal and State,
- 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 280 page bound *Student Guide*. The course is completed by taking two five-hour online sessions with Zoom. The final exam is administered in your car in the open air safety of the parking lot at Seafarers' Memorial Park in Anacortes. 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.

\$40 for individuals or \$50 for two sharing a book in a household

Contact Bob Miller at 360-588-9950 or

bobmillerwa@hotmail.com

Registration closes March 10, 2021

Class is limited to 15 students

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2021 Virtual**

Attendance:

Bob Miller	Debbie Richey	Mark Richey
Paul Rosetter	Carolyn Caporgno	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

Sail class starting Monday, taught by Everett, via Zoom. SBSPS has three students attending.

Administrative Officer –

Activities: Donna Mason

All activities for 2020 have been cancelled.

Membership – No new members

Programs –

Adam Dietz will do a presentation in February.

We will hold a meeting in January and plan activities for 2021. Donna will send out a planning a template prior to the meeting.

Shipwreck Day is on the calendar. We have reduced our booth size to two 20 foot tables.

Secretary – Debbie Richey

Moved and seconded that we accept November ExCom minutes from November.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

Balance: \$6652.89 (as of 12/31/2020)

Commander – Mark Richey

Old Business –

New Business:

A proposal was brought up to reduce the size of the storage unit. It is financially not feasible to reduce the size of the unit. We have a great rate for the unit we have.

Meeting adjourned: 1859

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.



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	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Vacant	
Property Officer	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Supply Officer	Glen Caporgno, S	209-484-2365
Secretary's Department		
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-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Marlene Bellinger, AP	
2 Yrs.	Jeannie Drummond	
3 Yrs.	Deanna Randall-Secrest	
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.