

THE BITTER END

May 2021



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CALENDAR



06 May– Executive Board Meeting, Zoom, 6:30 PM

13 May– Regular Meeting, Zoom, TBD

21-28 May—National Safe Boating Week

11-13 June– District Rendezvous, Poulsbo



See Poulsbo Rendezvous info this issue. Registration for hotel closes end of May. Also take a look at our next rendezvous at Deer Harbor. Welcome new members Ed and Paula Dey. Make a good example for our group out on water especially during Safe Boating Week.



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Hello Boating Friends. I hope all of you were able to get out in some way for our sunny days of April. Glen and I were able to go on more walks and take in all the flowering trees, shrubs, and flowers.

WELCOME to new members Ed and Paula Dey. Look forward to meeting you soon.

We will stick to ZOOM meetings through May. We will decide at our May 6 EXCOMM meeting if we might have an in-person dinner meeting in June. June brings our D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo June 11 and 12 and Deer Harbor, Orcas Island Rendezvous June 25-27. Remember to make those dock/land reservations soon. Places are filling fast! Join us there.

You know we have a Facebook Group? Any member is welcome to post to it any time. The administrators will check the post but please feel free to add appropriate items. Also, if you are a Facebook member, feel free to join our group. You can click on the link in the header above.

Also, if you are still looking for online education, go USPS website. NOAA, National Marine Sanctuaries, and Foss Waterfront Maritime Museum

are all offering educational online opportunities.



Educational Department Lt/C Mark Richey SN-IN

Hi members. Short education article this month to get started for new bridge. Don't have plans for a summer class however any member can take classes from any other squadron and I will forward class invitations to you all as I get them.

As far as our plans for upcoming classes, I am considering doing a "Hybrid" ABC class in the September time frame. That's where students attend in person and there is a camera and screen in the class so it can also be seen over Zoom. We are looking into the technology to make that painless. Its also possible and hopeful that online classes wont be needed as everyone will feel safe sitting in a classroom.

We are also considering a elective or advanced grade course for the winter, January or February.

If you have some ideas of what you want to learn please let me know.

Attention Members. We have an upcoming rendezvous at Deer Harbor 25-27 June. We have reserved 4 slips so please make your reservations. To reserve go to the Deer Harbor Marina Website <http://www.deerharbormarina.com> and click on the red button on in the middle of the page. In the comment section say "Skagit Bay Power Squadron" you will get an email confirmation. Debbie and I are your hosts and we have the BBQ float and tent for Saturday afternoon and evening. Lt.C Mark Richey

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

2021 Activities Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>/Theme</u>
<i>All Activities Dependent Upon Gov. COVID Guidelines and Admission</i>			
January – May	Stay Safe, Get Your Vaccine!		
June 11-13	D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo	D16 Commander	/See Spring Cardinal Points
June 25-27	Deer Harbor, Orcas Island	Mark and Debbie	/Relax and Eat Ice Cream!
July 9-11	Coronet Bay Crab Cookout, Deception Pass	Kari & Deanna Randall-Secret	/Successful crab pots!
July 17	Shipwreck Day, Anacortes	George & Sandy Johnson	/Squadron fundraiser
July 31	Lake Whatcom Potluck Rendezvous	Paul & Donna	/Party at the Lake
Sept 3-6	Port Townsend with Seattle & Everett	See Everett & Seattle Websites	/Labor Day Weekend
Sept. 25	Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay, Deception Pass	Carolyn and Glen Caporgno	/SBSPS Anniversary Cookout
Oct. TBD	Leavenworth Octoberfest/Leaf Peeping Weekend	TBD: Paul & Donna, unless away	
Nov 19-21	Canada Weekend Trip		
Dec. 4	Lights of Christmas, Warm Beach Camp	Mark and Debbie	/Dinner and Play
December 11	LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Holiday Party	Paul & Donna	/Holidays celebration



**Boating Activities
P/C Donna Mason, AP**

I. Be Safe and Wise, and Spread The Word!

Per a USCG report, Washington State rated 5th from the top in 2019 recreational boating deaths at 27 deaths and 55 injured. Clearly more people need to hear about America's Boating Club and our boating courses, vessel safety checks, and more.

Key Facts for the nation:

- Drowning was reported as the cause of death in 79 percent of all boating fatalities.
- Approximately 86 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.
- In 2019, the Coast Guard counted 4,168 accidents that involved 613 deaths, 2,559 injuries and approximately \$55 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents.
- The fatality rate was 5.2 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 1.9 percent decrease from the 2018 fatality rate of 5.3 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.
- Only 20 percent of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction.
- Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed, and alcohol rank as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents. Where the primary cause was known, alcohol was listed as the leading factor in 23 percent of deaths.
- Where data was known, the most common types of vessels involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (45 percent), personal watercraft (19 percent) and cabin motorboats (16 percent).

II. May 21-28 is National Safe Boating Week.

Friday, May 21 is "Wear Your Life Jacket to Work (or Home) Day. I'd add to that: Shopping, Walking, and whatever else you do that day. Tell people why you are wearing it. And of course, if you're boating, wear your life jacket whether or not you're just on the dock; it is a subtle reminder. Mention this to others you see on the docks or at the marina. Tell them about the America's Boating Club website:

<https://americasboatingclub.org> so they can get information easily. Don't we all want people to be safe on the water?

**Wear Your
Life Jacket
at Work Day**

May 21, 2021



#safeboating

**New 2021 Vessel Safety
Check Workshop Is Now
Online**

The new VSC workshop is available for all members who want to study to become a new vessel examiner or take the VE refresher course. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary has shared its latest workshop with us with the new and updated information. Feel free to take a look even if you are not a vessel examiner. Email: [Allan B Furtado](mailto:Allan.B.Furtado@uscg.org)

Read more: <https://www.usps.org/departments/12000/12900/12900-vessel-safety-check>

Debbie Richey

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2021 Virtual**

Attendance:

Bob Miller	Mark Richey	Glen Caporgno
Carolyn Caporgno	Donna Mason	Paul Rosetter
Sandy Johnson	George Johnson	Jack Dyer

*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1833

Executive Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

No Report.

Marketing Report – Donna Mason

We need to inform the world of our new name. Need to update the banner, marketing materials, etc. Donna will contact newspapers to determine the cost of an ad in the local newspapers and come back to the May excom. Donna will get the banner updated with the new name.

Education Officer - Bob Miller

Saturday, April 3, is the final exam for ABC. The exam will be held at Seafarer's Memorial in Anacortes in their cars. Jack and Bob will pick up the computers on April 6 from the storage locker and update Windows on them.

We have three computers. One is older and slow. Maybe eligible for surplus. Mark and Bob will meet on Thursday, April 8, to turn over the SEO materials. The e-mail account, sbsps@outlook.com, will be forwarded to Jack and Debbie. Jack will check to see if we can get a debit card attached to our squadron bank account.

Administrative Officer –

Activities: Donna Mason

Official that we have Cornet Bay reserved for July Crab Feed and September picnic.

Membership – Donna is going to update the New Member Brochure with the new commander and new name.

Programs

Secretary – Debbie Richey

Moved and seconded that we accept March ExCom minutes.

Correction to March minutes – Need to change have to has in the Administrative office report.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

Balance: **is good** (as of 03/31/2021)

Jack is going to call the Department of Revenue to see if we have to register our new name.

District Treasurer sent an e-mail about the need to charge sales taxes and collect B&O taxes. Questions about what we need to do are ongoing between squadrons and the district treasurer.

Commander – Mark Richey

No Report.

Old Business – None

New Business - None:

Meeting adjourned: 1902

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
General Meeting Minutes
April 08, 2021 Virtual**

Attendance:

Bob Miller	Debbie Richey	Mark Richey
George Johnson	Sandy Johnson	Donna Mason
Ken Smith	Paul Rosetter	Carolyn Caporgno
Glen Caporgno	Steve Drummond	Jack Dyer
George Brooks	Jeanne Brooks	Woody
Don Coleman	John Bellinger	Marlene Bellinger

*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1900

Mark thanked everyone for the work over the past year and dismissed the bridge. Mark was presented a gift for steering the squadron through a difficult year. Bob Miller was presented a gift from the squadron for all the work he has done over the years to keep the squadron viable. Ken Smith gave his remarks on the news of the district and squadron. Ken swore in the following new officers:

Commander: Carolyn Caporgno
Executive Officer: Kelly Libby
Educational Officer: Mark Richey
Secretary: Debbie Richey
Treasurer: Jack Dyer

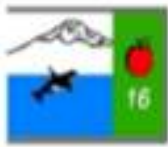
Carolyn gave her remarks on ideas for her year as commander.

Meeting Adjourned 2000

Some boaters are also divers. If you dive, join 90,000 others picking up marine trash. Learn more about "Dive against debris" at projectaware.org. From National Geographic May 2021.

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Donna Mason



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**SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE ANNUAL
D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 11-13 June 2021**

A Time for Socialization and Relaxation!
Travel to the Rendezvous by Boat, Car or RV

Friday Event--6/11:

Join us for the always popular Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB&F) "Boat Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock". Participants eat on their boat's tail (stern) or those without a boat eat on the dock. This will provide an opportunity to socialize while observing current COVID guidelines.

Saturday, 6/12:

Welcome: Socially distanced opening remarks will be planned based on the COVID protocols at that time.

Flare shoot & Fire Extinguisher Training: Tides appear to be favorable for the flare shoot and we will have instructors for the Fire Extinguisher Training at the Fire Pit in the Muriel Iverson Williams Waterfront Park.

Dinner on your own boat, or at one of the many fine restaurants in Poulsbo. **We plan to socialize on the Dock, following current COVID guidelines.**

Moorage and Lodging

Moorage Reservations: E-Dock has been reserved for those planning to attend by boat. Moorage fees of \$1.15 per foot (30' minimum) + \$.75/visit (environmental) + \$5.00 per night electrical to be paid directly to Poulsbo Marina. **In addition,** a \$5.00 reservation fee will be collected by D16 at the time of registration. Information regarding your boat size and specific moorage requests will be collected on the Registration Form which will be out to all members soon.

Lodging: A block of rooms have been reserved at The Poulsbo Inn under Americas Boating Club U.S. Power Squadrons at a group rate of \$97.00 plus tax for a King and \$92.00 plus tax for 2 Queens. **Group block rate closes May 24, 2021,** so make your reservations before that date. Please make your hotel reservations and payment early and directly with the hotel at 360-779-3921 or 360-779-9737.

Watch for the Reservation Form and sign up for a great time!

The registration form with more information will be sent to all members. For Questions Contact: D16 Administrative Officer at: uspsd16.dao@gmail.com



Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 11-13 June 2021

Registration:

Name(s): _____ Squadron: _____
"Cell" Phone: _____ Email: _____

*****If you are coming for any of the rendezvous events PLEASE register***
Registering only for events/fellowship (no moorage) circle YES**

All moorage reservations must be received per below prior to May 24, 2021.

No guarantee for moorage will be given after this date!!

Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB&F) "Boat Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E Dock". Participants eat on their boat's tail (stem) or those without a boat eat on the dock. This provides an opportunity to socialize while observing current COVID guidelines.

We recommend boats are "stern in" to facilitate COVID socializing.

Saturday Skills: Flare shoot (fire real flares) & Fire Extinguisher (put out a real fire) training.

Saturday Dine on your own: Dine on your boat, the dock or one of the fine restaurants in Poulsbo.

MOORAGE Reservations:

- **Pay a nonrefundable \$5 for moorage reservation prior to May 24, 2021.**
- Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is **\$1.15/foot** (30' minimum) + .75/visit + **\$5/night** (30 amp electrical).
- Please **circle your "1st choice"** of moor: bow in port bow in starboard stem in port stem in starboard
- Please **circle your "2nd choice"** of moor: bow in port bow in starboard stem in port stem in starboard
- Please **circle Arrival Day:** (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)
- **Estimated arrival time:** _____

Boat Name: _____ **LOA** _____ **Beam** _____ **Draft** _____

Special Considerations: _____ (will try to accommodate)

Prior to entering the marina hail "America's Boating Club" on Ch72 for docking instructions (no self-assigning slips).

Non-refundable Moorage Reservation Fee (\$5.00): \$ _____

LODGING:

Call Poulsbo Inn @ 360-779-3921 or 360-779-9737. Reference "America's Boating Club/Power Squadron" for group rate of **\$97.00 plus tax for King** or **\$92.0 plus tax for 2 Queens**. **Group block rate closes May 24, 2021.** Please make your hotel reservations early. **Make hotel reservation and payment directly with the hotel.**

Registration form and payment must be received prior to May 24, 2021. Please Send to:

Make payment out to "USPS District 16"

P/D/C Craig Brown
4634 Kent Ct
Kent, WA 98032-7112

For Questions Contact: Craig Brown at craig-sandybrown@msn.com or 253-859-1748

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	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Executive Officer	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Education Officer	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Administrative Officer	Vacant	
Secretary	Debbie Richey, AP	425-750-9551
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-Secret, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Jeannie Drummond	
2 Yrs.	Deanna Randall-Secret	
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
2 Yrs.	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
2 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	
3 Yrs.	Ruth Peterson, SN	

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 no longer wish to hold the committee spot we have you in, please let us know.