

THE BITTER END

November 2021

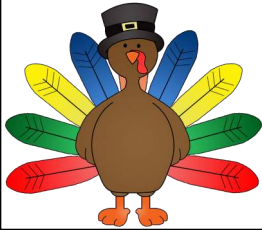


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CALENDAR

04 Nov — Exec Committee Meeting, Haggen Burlington

11 Nov — Regular Dinner Meeting, Farmhouse

25 Nov — Happy Thanksgiving



Well we made it to November. You will be getting this a day or 2 before Halloween so make sure you keep the kiddies safe. You can still go boating but watch for the storms and fog as the weather starts to aim toward winter. Also you crabbers, its again open until the end of the year so you can still have the crab feast.



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Well, as I write this it is a dark and stormy afternoon, so I hope you all are indoors by the fire drinking those hot drinks. If you are on your boat or a boat I hope you are in a sheltered place to wait out the storm or in a warmer place enjoying the water. Many of our group have headed for warmer places or will be heading there. Looking forward to hearing their travel stories once they are home. It's not too early to start thinking where you would like to go with America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay in 2022. We will have our annual planning meeting in January, and you will have an opportunity to voice your opinion. Did you go to a new place this year that you think the group would enjoy? Did you go to some of the same old places, but wouldn't mind going back? Write down those ideas. In the meantime, I'd like to wish everyone of you and safe and happy November. May your family celebrations bring you joy and happiness.



Educational Department Lt/C Mark Richey SN-IN

Hello gang. Sorry our ABC Class didn't go as planned. We are going to try again in January this time over two weekends. See the enclosed flyer.

Some squadrons are also doing courses so there is at least one a month available if you would like to or need to take one online. Here are some online seminars from USPS.

Boat Handling

[Anchoring With Assurance](#)
[Boating with Confidence](#)
[Confidence in Docking and Undocking](#)
[Emergencies on Board](#)
[Knots and Line Handling](#)
[Rules of the Road](#)

Electronics

[Using GPS](#)
[Marine Radar](#)
[AIS Electronics for Boaters](#)

Navigation

[Introduction to Navigation](#)
[How to Use a Chart](#)
[Basic Coastal Navigation](#)
[Mariner's Compass](#)

Plus many more



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

The dinner/show at Lights of Christmas this year will be only a drive-thru viewing in one's car and no dinner. People can do that on their own if they wish.

And now for something different: Since COVID is cancelling many activities, how about some boating activities in the Gulf of Napoli and the Gulf of Salerno along the Amalfi Coast in Italy (above the high instep of the boot on the west coast of Italy)? My doctor advised that is it safer in Italy now than it is in the U.S. for COVID, so with our three vaccinations, a flu shot, a test, a supply of masks, and lots of paperwork, off we went the last two weeks of October. We enjoyed a small boat ride along part of the Amalfi Coast, a medium sized boat day trip to the Isle of Capri, and an exhilarating small boat ride around part of the Isle where 4' waves prevented our going through the kissing rock and no one going into the Blue Lagoon.



Our base the first week was Sorrento along the Amalfi Coast.



Above is Positano, as we left our day visit.



A boat in tow from the Naples marina. Notice the megalopolis all around Mount Vesuvius, an active volcano. When will it next erupt?



Leaving the Isle of Capri



Isle of Capri view from Villa San Michele



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

Attendance:

Jack Dyer
George Johnson Sandy Johnson Debbie Richey
Donna Mason Paul Rosetter Mark Richey
*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1812

Executive Officer – Kelly Libby
Marketing Report – Donna Mason
Nothing to report.

Education Officer – Mark Richey
ABC class has been cancelled. Thoughts are that it was Monday and Wednesday for two weeks. Class will be moved to January.
District is planning on purchasing a camera setup for squadrons to teach in hybrid mode.

Administrative Officer –
Activities: Donna Mason
Donna will look into the Lighted Boat Parade. Mark and Debbie will be making reservations for Warm Beach Lights of Christmas.

Membership – No new members
Programs – David Pate will be our guest speaker for the October meeting. He will talk about being a San Francisco bar pilot.

Secretary – Debbie Richey
Motion to approve minutes as amended and seconded. Approved.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer
Balance: \$xxxx (as of 9/30/2021)
Annual Report has been filed with the Secretary of State of Washington.
A new bank endorsement stamp has been ordered.

Commander – Carolyn Caporgno
Carolyn e-mailed the D16 Commanders meeting. They were published in the Bitter End.

Old Business –
Bylaws update – In work, Donna is currently reviewing

New Business –
No new business

Meeting adjourned: 1825

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting, October 14, 2021

Attendance:	Jeanne Brooks	Don Coleman
Donna Mason	Dan Niven	Harlan Mayer
Paul Rosetter	Elizabeth Niven	Shirley Mayer
Sandy Johnson	Jack Dyer	Steve Drummond
George Johnson	Glen Caporgno	Mark Richey
George Brooks	Carolyn Caporgno	Debbie Richey

The meeting started at 20:00 at The Farmhouse Restaurant.

Marketing – Donna Mason – Nothing to report

Educational Officer Report - Mark Richey: ABC class in October was cancelled. Reschedule for January.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn is acting until the position is filled.

Programs: Need a speaker for November.

Membership: Name tags are needed.

Squadron Activities: Boat Parade party is in flux. Stay tuned for more information. The Lights of Christmas has been cancelled.

Secretary: Minutes were approved for September 9 General Meeting.

Treasurer: Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of \$xxxx as of end of September 2021. We have registered with Secretary of State of Washington.

Commander: Carolyn Caporgno – Our squadron has tied with Tacoma Squadron for increase in membership. An item brought up at the District Conference that advertising promoting Americas Boating Club is lacking on the west coast of the US. There is advertising happening on the east coast. Friday Harbor squadron is doing hybrid classes and meetings. There is a lot of technology required to handle that. The district is trying to come up with funds to help purchase the technology. Seminars are being taught on-line by National for the cost of \$24.99. There is a feeling among the squadrons that this undercutting the squadrons teaching the seminars.

Old Business: George Brooks will write a letter to National inquiring about a treasurers report for 2021.

New Business: None.

The meeting adjourned at 18:39 p.m.



America's
Boating
Club of
Skagit Bay



USPS America's Boating Course

Zoom Online (by invitation)

Class online: Saturday, January 8 and 15, 9AM to 2PM

Exam In-Person Location TBD: Saturday, January 22, 1PM

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, 5 hour, online sessions with Zoom. The final exam is administered at a location to be determined based on COVID safety comfort level. It will be in Anacortes area. 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 Mark Richey at 425-876-6274 or

ssboatschool@hotmail.com

Registration closes Jan 1, 2022

Class is limited to 15 students

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.®



Don't forget we have a **Amazon Smile account**. We will get credit for every Amazon purchase you make if you use <https://www.amazon.com/smile> when you login to your account and set Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron as your charity.

~ 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
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	Donna Mason, AP	360-595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Paul Rosetter, AP	360-595-1083
	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
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Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
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	Vacant	
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Local Board Advanced Grds	George Brooks, SN	360 466-3470
Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
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Programs	Vacant	
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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.