

THE BITTER END

October 2021



For Boaters, By Boaters

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CALENDAR

07 Oct—Exec Board Meeting, Burlington Haggan, 6PM

11 Oct— ABC Class First Session, Zoom, 6:30PM

14 Oct—Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Program, 6PM

16 Oct--Happy Hunting



Virtual ABC Class coming in October. Make sure your boating, or about to boat, friends know about it. Hunting season opens this month. Be careful on your hiking trails. Happy Halloween also. Make sure you see the little kiddies on a dark, wet night.



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Happy Fall! As I write this article I look at the positives our group has had this year. Some were able to attend the D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo, as well as the Deer Harbor Rendezvous in June. We enjoyed fellowship and food at Coronet Bay Crab Feed---oh the crab, oysters, salads and desserts! A small group met at the home of Paul and Donna for a Lake Whatcom potluck—more great food. The Anniversary Cookout will have come and gone by the time this newsletter is published yet another opportunity to visit with friends. We have held two in-person general meetings with speakers and there will be a third in October. Dan Niven and his wife Elizabeth will take the D16 End of Season Cruise Adventure from Anacortes to the San Juans September 30 - October 6. Looking forward to hearing from them at our next general meeting. Yes, we are a boating education and service organization, but we have had a lot of fun despite these current circumstances.

News from National: A new **marketing** initiative “Boat with Confidence” has our organization approach boat manufacturers to help provide classes to new boaters. What a better to start than the initial place where a person buys their first boat, boating dealerships. Watch for more news on this. **By law changes** have been approved to allow

the squadron nominating committee to chose from its membership for Bridge positions, without nominees holding prior positions on the Bridge. Rational for this is that a squadron may have a member who has prior experience that may qualify them for Bridge office, i.e., former accountant to hold the position as Treasurer or former CEO to hold position as Commander. America’s Boating Club app is now a **FREE** download for your phone. It will give you weather and emergency information. Check this out. Finally, if a squadron dissolves it may pass its assets to another 503c organization. Watch for more news on these changes from National. See you at the Farmhouse, October 14, 2021.

Guest Speaker

David Pate is in the process of retiring as a partner of the San Francisco Bar Pilots and is returning to live in his native Washington State. He will speak about experiences leading up to and being a Bar Pilot, add some sea stories, as well as a few wry off-the-cuff comments. He’s had an interesting life, and you will want to hear about it. Check out the website: <http://sfbarpilots.com>



Educational Department Lt/C Mark Richey SN-IN

Hello members. Its getting close to the time to teach our ABC class. Unfortunately at time of this article we have no takers. The cutoff date to register is this coming week. I am thinking if this does not work at this time we will move it to a 2 Saturday class sometime around the first of year. I am not sure why this is not working. It went out to all the squadrons and newspaper around the first week of September.

There are still some things I would like us to think about. The Squadron offers all kinds of different classes on different boating related subjects. I would like to know what you would like to learn and if we have it I will put it on the agenda for a spring class. We do offer up through celestial navigation but that is a bit much to teach via zoom. The squadron does own a whole bunch of sextants however and some of the reduction tables if you would like to try some things on your own. Just let me know.

Most of the local squadrons offer classes through the year and we can take them from anyone. If there is a local, in-person class or a zoom class from anywhere, I will forward you the info via email.

Be safe out there!



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

RECENT DOINGS

Dan Niven, Elizabeth Mahoney, and Honey Bear in "Harmony" joined the Seattle and Everett Squadrons' Rendezvous to Port Townsend Labor Day Weekend.

Mark and Debbie Richey have been traipsing all over the San Juans, and beyond, in their sailing adventures this summer.

Over 20 of us enjoyed the 18th Squadron Anniversary Cookout at Cornet Bay at Deception Pass on Saturday, September 25. Dan Niven, Elizabeth Mahoney and Honey Bear arrived on "Harmony" and had to use their inflatable kayaks (dog included) to get to shore since the land end of the pier was missing! We understand replacement is now underway. Cdr. Carolyn and Glen Caporgno did a great organizing job, assisted by George Johnson and John Bellinger grilling yummy, juicy burgers. As is a trait of this squadron, there was an abundance of food choices for the potluck sides and desserts. Plus, we had our traditional half-sheet chocolate cake to add on more calories. The weather was one of the best for our anniversary celebration.

UNDOINGS

Unfortunately, conditions beyond our control force the cancellation of Leavenworth Oktoberfest, which was downsized to only a street fair and bus excursions are nonexistent this year.

The Canada Weekend Trip for November is also cancelled. It is too complicated, or impossible to get across the border these days.

Stay tuned for the status of our Holiday Party in December.

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

Be sure to attend our October Members Meeting, October 14 at The Farmhouse. We'll enjoy sea stories and other tales of an in-process-of-retiring San Francisco Bar Pilot! Should be interesting!



June Crab Feed Photos



John and his pie at our meeting

18th Anniversary Cake





18th Anniversary Cookout

Dock ramp was missing so this is Dan and Elizabeth in their Kayak with the dogs. Their boat "Harmony" at dock.





America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay



USPS America's Boating Course

Zoom Online (by invitation)

**Class online: Monday and Wednesday, Oct 11, 13, 18, 20, 2021,
6:30 p.m to 9:00 p.m.**

Exam In-Person Location TBD: Monday, Oct 25, 2021, 7PM

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 four 2 ½ 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 Oct 4, 2021

Class is limited to 15 students

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

Attendance:

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

*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1831

Executive Officer – Kelly Libby

Marketing Report – Donna Mason

Mount Vernon Harvest Festival (October 2-3), Donna has applied for a booth. Low probability of our attendance.

Anacortes Open Streets, they close down Commercial for bicycles. They do have booths for non-profit organizations.

Education Officer – Mark Richey

Upcoming class, all instructors have been allocated.

Advertising money? Jack will look at past expenditures to see what was spent.

Administrative Officer –

Activities: Donna Mason

Octoberfest will not happen. The bus company is not doing tours and Leavenworth cancelled the event.

Canada weekend has been cancelled.

Squadron Anniversary Cookout is September 25. Donna will get a cake. Hamburgers are on the menu.

Membership – No new members

Programs – Person to come and speak about tsunami's in September. No speaker for October or November. George Johnson is going to look into the Marine Technical Center as possible speaker.

September meeting will be held at the Farmhouse.

Secretary – Debbie Richey

Minutes Correction to add squadron registered agent from Kari to Jack. Motion to approve minutes as amended and seconded. Approved.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

Balance: xxxx (as of 08/31/2021)

Jack has submitted the paperwork to change Kari's name to Jack's to the Secretary of State. However Kari is still getting the mail. Jack will investigate.

We now have our official DBA America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay.

Commander – Carolyn Caporgno

Coverage for October ExCom, Carolyn will be gone. Donna volunteered to preside at meeting.

Old Business –

Bylaws update – In work, Donna is currently reviewing

New Business –

There was a lengthy discussion about membership and getting new bridge members. There were several suggestions.

Meeting adjourned: 1900

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting, September 9, 2021

Minutes taken by Donna Mason in Debbie's absence

Attendance:	Jeanne Brooks	Bill Homer (Guest)
Donna Mason	Dan Niven	Steve Drummond
Paul Rosetter	Jack Dyer	Jeanie Drummond
John Bellinger	Glen Caporgno	Tony Rehage
Marlene Bellinger	Carolyn Caporgno	Mark Richey
Sandy Johnson	Don Coleman	Debbie Richey
George Johnson	Harlan Mayer	Guest speaker Dr. Carrie
George Brooks	Shirley Mayer	Garrison-Laney

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

Marketing – Donna Mason – The squadron will not be at the Fall Harvest Festival in Mount Vernon in October. There wasn't enough interest from the squadron and lots of folks out of town.

Educational officer Report - Mark Richey: ABC class in October. Five instructors have signed up to assist.

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

Programs: Need speakers for October and November.

Membership: Name tags are needed.

Squadron Activities: Anniversary cookout on September 25. Donna will be bringing a cake. No Oktoberfest trip. Leavenworth has cancelled Oktoberfest. Still difficult to get to Canada, so the Canada trip has been cancelled. Dan and Elizabeth Niven went to the Port Townsend Rendezvous over Labor Day weekend. There are reported difficulties getting reservations for the district rendezvous.

Secretary: Minutes were approved for June 10 General Meeting.

Treasurer: Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of \$xxx as of end of August 2021. We have our official trade name as America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay and business license with that name.

Cdr Carolyn Caporgno Anniversary Picnic – 1 pm or so. Hamburgers will be served. Potluck for sides and desserts.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Shipwreck Day will it be held? Will find out first part of 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 20:18 p.m.

D16 Squadron Commanders and Bridge Meeting
September 20, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
RE: National Governing Board Meeting and Bylaw Changes

Prior to meeting comment: Friday Harbor is doing blended ABC class (Ken Smith)
Ken Smith, D16 Commander reported National Bylaw changes: Educational Officer and Assistant Educational Officers no longer need approval from National for these officers. The same goes for Commander and other Bridge officers. This should help the Nominating Committees readying for 2022 nominations. The rationale was that your squadron may get an experienced person who could go into Commander before holding other office due to their professional background. This will **stay the same**, if a squadron dissolves, the monies can go to another 503c as directed by the squadron.

Annette Ferguson Finance Committee suggested that National be more financially smart. Annette brought up “\$3.00 processing fee” on our bills. She paid it, but still questioned the fee. (We paid it, too, as well as Ken Smith) It was determined by the Rules Committee as a bylaws violation. Watch for more news on this.

Ken commented that National will end up in the **black** as they received an infusion in cash from the Educational Fund.

National Marketing News: New initiative “Boat with Confidence” approaches boat manufacturers to help pay/provide classes. Grady White dealer (one of which is in Edmonds, WA) was mentioned. Also, put ABC flyers at boat dealers. West Marine was recently bought by Financial Company (more to come).

Trainer Software for Educational Opportunity: This is the same as virtual trainer but goes on your laptop. It has a gaming platform—gamer orientated. Challenge: It requires a higher level of processor. It should be available after the first of the year at about \$150.

Jim West, D16 Educational Officer: SEO and Squadron Marketing Chairperson should be working together to get information out to the public. (My side comment: I just saw an example of this between Donna and Mark with Donna posting ABC class as an information article on FB--- 😊)

Announce to ABC and Boat Handling Classes: You can get an America’s Boating Club app **FREE** on your phone giving you weather and emergency information at your fingertips.

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
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	
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Safety	Don Coleman	360 333-2962
Vessel Exams	Vacant	
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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Greeting	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
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Programs	Vacant	
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Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
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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.