

THE BITTER END

April 2022



For Boaters, By Boaters

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CALENDAR

- 07 Apr— Executive Committee Meeting, Haggen Burlington, 3PM
- 09 Apr— Day Trip to Langley WA, Lunch at Primo Bistro
- 14 Apr— Change of Watch Banquet, Farmhouse, 6PM
- 17 Apr— Happy Easter, He is Risen



We are saddened to say that a long time member of this Squadron, Walt Wood, passed away on March 3. He was 82. Come to the Regular Meeting this month, which is our Change of Watch Banquet, and help the new (and old) officers get sworn in. Meet the District Commander.



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Hello Boating Friends. I want to encourage you to attend our **Change of Watch (COW) dinner on April 14** at the **Farmhouse** in our first-floor room. We changed up the menu for this special occasion. Please **R.S.V.P.** to glencaporgno@frontier.com so I can confirm meal count. Join in conversations about your boating plans for the boating season with us.

Talk to your friends and family about getting their Washington State Boater Education card through our ABC class. This card must be in a boater's possession when operating a power boat with a 15 horsepower or greater. Talk to Mark Richey, Education Officer, if you are looking for other course offerings this year.

A reminder that as the boating season approaches to keep in mind that cleaning products, lubricant changes, and coatings should be selected to minimize their environmental impacts. Consider using less toxic engine coolants, for instance, rather than traditional ones. The same with cleaners: Some are environmentally friendly, some are not. The same goes for bottom paints. Ask for advice and do some Internet searching.

Read more: <https://www.boatus.org/findings/47/>

If you would like to attend our **Executive Committee** meeting this month, it will be at the Burlington Haggen's in the deli dining area at **3 p.m. on Thursday, April 7.**



Educational Department Lt/C Mark Richey, SN-IN

Welcome to the new bridge year. We have completed our ABC Class and everyone that took the exam, passed.

Here is the report from the exam proctor, George Johnson:

Venue was Whidbey Coffee in Burlington.

Students did great. One missed none, three missed one, and one missed three.
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All liked and appreciated the class and the instructors. All left with a good taste in their mouth for Skagit Bay.

Very good job by Mark and the instructors.

Our new ASEO, Adam Deitz, is going to try and plan some seminars and other types of classes for the next year. I will also try for a fall/winter ABC. Please let us know what you need.



Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron cordially invites you to our
2022-2023 CHANGE OF WATCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

Farmhouse, Bayview Room
13724 La Conner Whitney Road, off Route 20
Mount Vernon, Washington

6:00 p.m. No-host bar and social time
6:30 p.m. Meeting
7:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m. Change of Watch

Choose one entrée per guest:

~Emerald Isle Salad grilled chicken breast, Washington applies, craisins, seasonal berries, pecans, mixed greens, and balsamic dressing. Served with soda bread. \$14.59

~Guinness Stew, braised beef, carrots, parsnips, celery, onion, mashed potatoes. Served with soda bread. \$16.59

~Shepherd's pie, ground lamb, carrots, parsnips, peas, corn, celery, onions, Irish white cheddar cheese browned colcannon potatoes. Served with soda bread. \$16.99

*pay @ restaurant plus 8.5% tax and 20% gratuity will be added to each entree

R.S.V.P. with choice of entrée per guest name by **April 8** in email to:

Carolyn Caporgno, glencaporgno@frontier.com

Casual dress: polo shirts or squadron shirts and pants or appropriate attire.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

April 9 Day driving trip to Langley on Whidbey Island for a delicious lunch at Prima Bistro then walk off all those calories exploring around town. We have a reservations for 12 hearty appetites. Adventurous boaters may want to make a weekend of it, staying at the marina.

May 20 Wear Your Life Jacket Everywhere Day: tying into Safe Boating Week, wear your life jacket as you go about your business and let people know why you are wearing it: you are a member of America's Boating Club and you promote boating safety for Safe Boating Week.

June 22-26 is the America's Boating Club District 16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo. See the Spring *Cardinal Points* or D16 website <https://www.uspsd16.org> for information.

July 8-10 Blind Bay Marine State Park, Shaw Island, Anchor Out Rendezvous hosted by Mark and Debbie Richey. This weekend is for boaters who like to anchor out in peace and quiet.

July 16 Shipwreck Day, Anacortes We are keeping positive that this event will happen. George and Sandy Johnson will keep us informed and give us details about dinner afterward.

July 22-24 Bell Harbor Marina, Seattle Rendezvous, hosted by Dan Niven and Elizabeth Mahoney. The Marina has space at the moment, but recommends reserving your boat slip as soon as possible because in spring, their phone will be busy. They have room for 3-4 boats for us. The marina phone # is 206 787-3952. Dan and Elizabeth will announce more later. The theme for this rendezvous is BASEBALL! (See next item.)

July 23 Seattle Mariner's vs. Houston baseball homegame, Mark and Debbie Richey will coordinate our group attending the game in conjunction with the Bell Harbor Rendezvous. Members can come for the day or some may want to make a weekend of it, staying in a hotel.

August 26-28 Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island Rendezvous, hosted by Mark and Debbie Richey. Join us for the weekend or a Saturday day trip when we will have a cookout on the marina dock, then you can have some yummy Lopez Island ice cream! Go to <http://www.deerharbormarina.com/> and click on the green box to reserve your slip.

September 2-5 Labor Day Weekend Rendezvous with Seattle and Everett Squadrons, location TBD. The original plan was to return to Port Townsend; however, marina space already was booked, so the joint squadrons are researching another location. They promise they'll notify us of their plans.

September 17 Day Driving Trip to The Puget Sound Naval Museum in Bremerton. Mark and Debbie Richey are hosting this event.

September 24, Squadron Anniversary Cookout at Cornet Bay Shelter, Deception Pass State Park. We have reserved the day use shelter, and it is a free parking day at the State Park. The incoming Squadron Commander will host.

October 7-9 Rosario Resort, Orcas Island Rendezvous, hosted by Mark and Debbie Richey. Less expensive fall boat slip rates will apply at this time of year. Reserve your slip by calling 360.376.2152 ext. 700. Non-boaters can stay at the Resort Hotel and Spa by calling 800.562.8820 or 360.376.2222. This will be the last boating rendezvous for 2022.

November 26 "Lights of Christmas" program at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood, during Thanksgiving Weekend, hosted by Mark and Debbie Richey.

December 10 LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and Holiday Party, hosted by Paul and Donna to celebrate the holiday season with dinner at the LaConner Pub as we watch the decorated boats float by.

UPCOMING: APRIL 9 Langley Day Trip, hosted by Paul and Donna

Still a little early to be out in your boat? Join us for a driving trip to the picturesque village of Langley on Whidbey Island. Carpooling encouraged. We'll poke around town on our own: look down at the marina to see boats coming in to dock in tight space, visit the local shops, antique shops, resale shops, and meet us at Noon upstairs at the French-inspired Northwest Prima Bistro for a gourmet lunch with offerings from the "best hamburgers in the world" to Pen Cove mussels to creative French fare such as foie gras terrine. We have a reservation for 12 people. See their menu at <http://primabistro.com>. After lunch, you'll want to walk around town a bit. RSVP by April 6 to donnajmason@gmail.com if you'd like to attend.

RECAP: Friday Harbor Ferry Day Trip

I originally made a reservation for 12 people for an early happy hour and dinner at 3 p.m. at the Blue Water Bar and Grill on Spring Street right near the ferry landing. Well, I had to change the reservation to 20 for the Sunday trip. Good turnout! See photos in this newsletter.

Mark Richey and his Ed Crew taught an ABC class Saturday (which is why the ferry date was changed to Sunday), so Mark and Debbie were not able to come by their sailboat. However, the fearless team of Dan Niven, Elizabeth Mahoney and Honeybear motored over on "Harmony." The rest of us took a walk-on ferry ride. Paul and I hoped to make the 9:30 a.m. ferry, but we actually made the 9 a.m. (so close that the ferry's rear closing net brushed across my butt as I hopped onto the ferry). Paul and I walked up to the San Juan Art Museum where we were the first and only guests at 11 a.m., had a light early snack at Herb's Tavern, which I'd never been to, walked all over town, did a little retail therapy although some stores were closed on Sunday, and met the group at the restaurant. Joining us were the Mark and Debbie Richey family group, Cdr Carolyn and Glen Caporgno, Jean Drummond, Steve Drummond, Jack and Pat Dyer, George and Sandy Johnson, Elizabeth Mahoney and Dan Niven (who didn't linger due to small craft advisory warnings expected). It was a fun, relaxing meal. We had plenty of time to catch the 5:30 p.m. ferry back to Anacortes. Round trip ferry fare for us seniors was only \$7.40. Nice day trip!



Annual Labor Day
America's Boating Club
Point Hudson Joint Rendezvous
September 2 - 5, 2022

Mark your calendar and make plans to head for our season finale joint rendezvous with PNW America's Boating Club members over Labor Day weekend. We've reserved Point Hudson's Marina Room Saturday, September 3, so expect great meals, social time and educational opportunities that day with ABClub friends old and new.

This is always a well-attended gathering with enough activities to make everyone happy, plus many local attractions. If you're not a boater or RV'er and want to attend, make a reservation now at one of many local inns or nearby private accommodations.

Don't delay, these spots go quickly! There is a one-time, \$11.00 non-refundable marina/RV reservation fee required to secure your spot.

To make a reservation, go to the website <https://portofpt.com> and choose the icon that says either Point Hudson Marina or RV Reservations. Follow the directions and input your information to reserve a spot. If you have difficulty making the reservation, email Jennifer at pointhudson@portofpt.com. They've had some technical issues with their reservation system lately, so please be persistent and patient.

Once you've secured a reservation, PLEASE send Darcy Baker, AP, America's Boating Club of Snohomish County, an email at thebakerfamily4@comcast.net so she knows how to contact you and what slip/space/lodging you've reserved. She will add you to the list and keep you informed of activities, volunteer opportunities and other pertinent information as we get closer to the date. Don't hesitate to contact her via email with any questions you may have about this rendezvous.

P/C Donna Mason, AP
Squadron Activities Chair

"You are all aware of the Amazon Smile program where Amazon customers can designate a non-profit organization to receive a donation based on the amount of money they spend on Amazon. Well, Kroger, Inc operates a similar program. They call Community Rewards. I am working on the application for the squadron to become a participating organization and able to receive donations. As soon as I have confirmation from them that SBSPS has been accepted I will let you know and you can update your customer profile to designate the squadron as a Community Rewards recipient.

Here in the Puget Sound are we have two choices of Kroger stores at which to shop, Fred Meyer and QFC. If you aren't already a member of their customer loyalty programs, please consider participating and helping increase our meager squadron revenues.

Treasurer Jack"

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2022**

Attendance:

Mark Richey	Carolyn Caporgno	Debbie Richey
Jack Dyer	George Brooks	Donna Mason
Paul Rosetter		

*No quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1511

Executive Officer – Kelly Libby

- Marketing Report – Donna Mason
George is putting together a list of yacht clubs and marine business in Skagit County.

Education Officer – Mark Richey

- The class in March currently has six students and possibly more.

Administrative Officer –

- Activities: Donna Mason
 - March rendezvous to Friday Harbor date was changed to Sunday, March 20.
- Membership – No new members
- Programs – Mike Beemer from Skagit Valley Maritime Center will be the speaker at March meeting.

Secretary – Debbie Richey

- Moved and seconded that we accept February ExCom minutes with a correction to the date of the meeting,

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

- Balance: \$4706.37 (as of 02/28/2022). Jack received a notice from national about our dues and if we are going to increase them. Jack has submitted the application for our squadron to benefit as a non-profit to add to our reward cards.

Commander – Carolyn Caporgno

Old Business –

- Carolyn was inquiring about the budget for commanders gifts. Carolyn is still talking to Farmhouse for the menu for April.
- Still need name tags for new members.
- Carolyn is going to send a written request to the Shelter Bay Harbor committee for permission to post our signs.
- Spring Conference is March 12.
- Might need a budget adjustment for Kari's new website expenses.

New Business – Jack Dyer needs to have AP after his name.

Meeting adjourned: 1547

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting, March 10, 2022

Attendance:

George Brooks
Jean Brooks
Jack Dyer
Dan Niven
Randy Miller

Jeanne Drummond
Glen Caporgno
Carolyn Caporgno
Don Coleman
Stephen Drummond
Mark Richey

Debbie Richey
John Woodard
Yvonne Bates
Harlan Mayer
Mike Beemer (Guest
Speaker)

The meeting started at 1829 at The Farmhouse Restaurant.

Marketing – no report

Educational Officer Report - Mark Richey: Seven people have registered for March class. Mark also talked to the Randy Ayers, Past Commodore of the Swinomish Yacht Club about our classes. The yacht club would like to partner with us.

Administrative Officer – The search is on for a Program chairperson.

Programs: Our Change of Watch will be held in April during our regular meeting. Carolyn is working with the Farmhouse on the menu.

Membership: No new members

Squadron Activities Lunch Primo Bistro on April 9 in Langley on Whidbey Island. Donna will have more information.

Labor Day Rendezvous with Everett and Seattle Squadrons at Point Hudson in Port Townsend.

Secretary: Minutes were approved for February 10 General Meeting. Correction: George Brooks said he would not teach Radar, class or seminar, due to the materials being outdated.

Treasurer: Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of February 28, over \$xxxx. Jack and Jeannie Drummond to get together and do a financial review.

Commander: Carolyn Caporgno – Primo Bistro is happening on April 9.

Nominations were read before the election. Commander: Carolyn Caporgno, S, Education Officer: Mark Richey, Assistant Education Officer Adam Dietz, Secretary: Debbie Richey, Treasurer: Jack Dyer, Executive Committee: Donna Mason Sandy Johnson Paul Rosetter George Johnson, Auditing Committee: Deanna Randall-Secret Sandy Johnson, Nominating Committee: 1 year George Johnson, 2 years Debbie Richey, Rules Committee: 1 year Donna Mason, 2 years George Johnson,

There were no nominations from the floor. Mark Richey moved that we accept the slate of nominations as read from the floor. The election was unanimous.

Old Business: George Brooks is preparing a list of marine business and organizations in Skagit County and the Stanwood Camano area that we can interface with. Carolyn is attending the Shelter Bay Yacht Club to see how we can partner with them.

The marina signs have been manufactured and were pictured in the March Bitter End. Mark thought that one of the signs would be one on PFDs.

New Business:

Woody brought up the question of how to appeal to younger members. Carolyn brought up that we are trying to do that through the strategic alliance list that George Brooks is putting together.

The meeting adjourned at 1910 p.m.

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	Vacant	
Education Officer	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Administrative Officer	Vacant	
Secretary	Debbie Richey, AP	425-750-9551
Treasurer	Jack Dyer, AP	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
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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
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Marketing	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
	George Brooks, SN	
Public Relations	Various members split	360-982-2999
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Vessel Exams	Vacant	
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Adam Deitz	203-536-6402
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Administrative Department		
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Rendezvous	Donna Mason, AP	
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Programs	Vacant	
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Auditing Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Deanna Randall-Secrest N	
2 Yrs.	Sandy Johnson, P	
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.	Vacant	

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.