

# THE BITTER END

December 2022



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## CALENDAR



- 01 Dec— Exec Comm Meeting, Burlington Haggan 3PM
- 10 Dec— Dinner LaConner Pub, Lighted Boats, 5PM
- 25 Dec— Merry Christmas
- 01 Jan— Happy 2023, May we thrive next year.



Remember Holiday Party this month. It's the LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and it will be dinner at LaConner Pub and Eatery on Dec 10. Let Carolyn know by the 3rd so she can secure space. Happy Holidays to all. And get those destinations in mind so we can put together our fun for the year at the January meeting. Merry Christmas and remember HE is the reason for the season.



### Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Hello Boating Friends.

Time to make reservations with me at [carolyncaporgno@gmail.com](mailto:carolyncaporgno@gmail.com) for a holiday party at the La Conner Public and a get view of the Lighted Boat Parade. This event begins at 5 p.m. (arrive earlier for a parking space and wander through the shops). The patio has plexiglass panels to buffer the wind, and it has heaters.

Don Coleman kept extremely busy this boating season. He is our qualified examiner and has agreed to do your free vessel safety exam for 2022-2023. He is willing to help you learn how to be a qualified examiner. You can contact him at [colemandonb@gmail.com](mailto:colemandonb@gmail.com) or (360)333-2962

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.

If you would like to attend our **Executive Committee** meeting, it will be at the Burlington Haggan's in the deli dining area at 3

p.m. (winter hours) Thursday, December 1.

Please R.S.V.P. by Saturday, December 3 for the holiday party so I can secure our reservation.

Happy Holiday to You All.



### Education Department Lt/C Mark Richey, SN-IN

Hi from the Education Department. We are coming up on the end of the year. We are trying to be active and I would really like for us to come up with some new education ideas that we could do even if they were not from the USPS catalog. We can try and do informal training on anything that some of us has expertise in or we could try and put together some sort of training program that affects local boating .

Let put our heads together and see how creative from a education standpoint that's 2023 can be. We may be small but we can show the other groups that we still have something for everyone. Merry Christmas!

## **America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay**

### **General Meeting, November 10, 2022**

Minutes taken by Donna Mason in Debbie Richey's absence

Attendance:	George Brooks	Don Coleman
Donna Mason	Jeanne Brooks	Harlan Mayer
Paul Rosetter	Dan Niven	Shirley Mayer
John Bellinger	Glen Caporgno	Guests Amanda Colbert
Marlene Bellinger	Carolyn Caporgno	Chris Colbert

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. at The Farmhouse Restaurant. A quorum was present.

Executive Office – Marketing: Donna Mason reported the Marketing Committee had its first meeting which was before the last ExCom, at Haggen's. With National changes, we are taking a look at where our squadron is now and what we can offer before developing a marketing plan. To be continued at next meeting in January. George Brooks is working on marine contacts and media lists. He's taking the Boat U.S. on-line free class, which is competition for our ABC Class. He is not disappointed with the class. The State Parks on-line list of available classes for the WA Boater Education card lists us near the bottom as one of the course sources that do not provide the card.

Educational Officer Report - Commander Carolyn Caporgno reported for vacationing Mark Richey: There is one student for the current ABC Class. Mark plans to offer more classes in the spring. Mark would like to hear from people about classes they are interested in.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn still is looking for a member to fill the AO position.

Membership: Carolyn Caporgno reported for vacationing Debbie who is working on getting one couple re-signed up.

Squadron Activities: Donna reported the November 26 Lights of Christmas is not going to happen this year. It is just a drive thru again this year, so it is a cancelled activity for the squadron. Carolyn passed around a sign-up sheet for the December 10 Holiday Party at the LaConner Pub and Lighted Boat Parade. Carolyn will be the coordinator for this activity this year. Donna reported that the January 2023 meeting will be the squadron's Activities Planning Meeting, so bring your ideas.

Secretary: Carolyn Caporgno acted for Debbie Richey. Minutes were approved for October 12 General Meeting after one spelling correction "Meyer."

Treasurer: Jack Dyer was not able to make the meeting.

Commander: Carolyn Caporgno reported that our speaker tonight is Amanda Colbert, Education & Outreach Coordinator for The Salish Sea School.

Old Business: Donna reported the Squadron Bylaws update is on hold until we hear what National is going to do about bylaws. Nametags will be ordered for Harlan and Shirley Mayer and a reorder for Dan Niven.

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Amanda Colbert's presentation followed.

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

**Attendance:**

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

\*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1811

**Executive Officer –**

- Marketing Report – There was a marketing meeting prior to the exec meeting. We discussed who we are and what do we want to promote.
- George Brooks – He is finishing up the boat ramps, he is going to talk to someone at the Skagit Valley Herald for specific name, starting on media (print, radio, TV)

**Education Officer – Mark Richey**

- There is one student in the ABC class. Mark is mentoring her through the class. We need to teach one ABC class a year.

**Administrative Officer –**

- Activities: Donna Mason
  - Christmas Party at LaConner Pub has been confirmed in December 10.
- Membership – Nothing to report
- Programs – Amanda Colbert from the Salish Sea School for November, Cindy Elliser Pacific Mammals will be our speak for March
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**Secretary – Debbie Richey**

- Motion moved, second and approved for the September 2022 Minutes.
- Roster needs to be published.

**Treasurer – Jack Dyer**

- Balance: \$xxxxxx (as of 10/31/2022).

**Commander – Donna Mason (acting**

- Carolyn thanked Donna for filling in. The December 1 executive meeting will meet at 3 pm. The January 5 executive meeting will start at 3 pm and the marketing meeting will start at 2 pm. All meetings will be held at Haggen's in Burlington.
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**Old Business –**

- Donna is holding off to find out what possible bylaw changes were made at the Governing Board.
- Nametags – Have been delivered.
- Marina Signs Update – Mark has two signs in his garage available for mounting.

**New Business –**

National sent out an update of the reorganization committee. Lots of recommendations, but no solutions.

Meeting adjourned 1835

## 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.®**

### Squadron Logo Wear

Did you know that there is a shop in La Conner that will embroider shirts, bags and hats with the Skagit Bay name and burgee? It's called CleverKathy. She has our logo already setup. You can bring your own items or purchase one of her many items. Stop in sometime and see what she has to offer! [https://www.cleverkathydesigns.com/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](https://www.cleverkathydesigns.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html)

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
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
	George Brooks, SN	
Public Relations	Various members split	360-982-2999
Radio Technical	George Brooks, SN	360 333-2962
Safety	Don Coleman	
Vessel Exams	Vacant	
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Adam Deitz	203-536-6402
Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Local Board Advanced Grds	George Brooks, SN	360 982-2999
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
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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	Deanna Randall-Secret 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.**