

# THE BITTER END

February 2022



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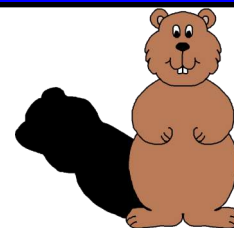
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## CALENDAR

- 02 Feb- Happy Ground Hog Day, Spring Soon?
- 03 Feb- Executive Committee Meeting, Zoom, 3PM
- 10 Feb- Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, 6PM
- 14 Feb- Happy Valentine's Day



Please note that ALL members are always welcome to attend the Executive Committee meetings. If it happens to be Zoom just click on the email link above and say you would like an invitation sent. Another public class is coming th end of March. Please let your interested boating friends know.



### Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Our Squadron Activities have been set for 2022. There are boating rendezvous and driving trips to meet adventures for all members. Look at our plans in this newsletter and join in the fun.

Are you interested in purchasing a t-shirt, polo or sweatshirt with America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay printed on it? If you have an interest, email, or call me and we will see if there are enough members to make a deal with our t-shirt company.

We continue to look for speakers for our general meetings in May, September, and November this year. Talk to me if you know someone within the boating industry or someone who can address a related marine topic, speak to our group, and get a free dinner.

George Johnson and Mark Richey have located marina sites to place education related signs for our club. George ordered six signs, picked them up and will install them upon his return in March. More signs will be ordered as Mark and George continue finding sites. The Executive Committee budgeted \$1,000 for this endeavor which allowed fifteen signs at \$50/each for this project. Cost of signs were \$35 and six signs have been purchased so far, putting us under budget. Thank you to

George and Mark for marketing America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay in a new way.

If you would like to attend our Executive Committee meeting this month, it will be on Zoom at 3 p.m. February 3. Email Mark Richey at [damnrich@wavecable.com](mailto:damnrich@wavecable.com) for the Zoom invitation.



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

Although our January class didn't go quite as well as we wanted we have 1 student that I am working one on one with. However, we have another ABC Class coming up the end of March and we already have 4 registered for it with 2 more interested and we haven't even begun to advertise yet.

There is a flyer in this issue that I would love all members to post at their favorite marine or community bulletin board and see if we can make this next class a good one.

There are a number of classes we can teach. We had some suggestions at last meeting like Operations Training, Cruise Planning, Weather possibly being taught by Bob Jacobson from Bellingham, Char reading and Radar. We will try to put a couple of these on this year.



## **Squadron Activities**

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

We had a good turnout for our January Members Meeting and developed a good plan for 2022 activities. Special thanks go to those who stepped up to host these events:

March 18-20 Friday Harbor, San Juan Island is the first boating rendezvous of the year. Mark and Debbie Richey will publish their plans for this weekend. Make your boat slip reservation by calling 360-378-2688. At press time, the website was not active for online reservations.

March 19 Saturday early dinner, in conjunction with our rendezvous, people can ferry to Friday Harbor for a day trip and meet for an early group dinner. Restaurant TBD.

April 9 Day driving trip to Langley on Whidby 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.

## 2022 Activities Schedule

Date	Destination	Host	Theme
<i>All Activities Dependent Upon Gov. COVID Guidelines and Admission</i>			
Jan – Feb	Stay Safe!		
March 18-20 March 19	Friday Harbor, San Juan Island Rendezvous Ferry Day Trip and Early Dinner	Mark & Debbie Richey Mark & Debbie Richey	Breezing thru the San Juans
April 9	Langlely, Whidby Island Day Trip and Lunch	Paul & Donna	Prima Bistro Lunch
May 20	Wear Your Life Jacket <u>Everywhere</u> Day Boating Safety Week		
June 22-26	D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo	D16 Commander	See Spring Cardinal Points
July 8-10	Blind Bay State Park, Shaw Island Rendezvous	Mark and Debbie Richey	Anchoring Out
July 16	Shipwreck Day, Anacortes	George & Sandy Johnson	Squadron Fundraiser
July 22-24 July 23	Bell Harbor Marina, Seattle Rendezvous Seattle Mariners vs. Houston	Dan Niven & Elizabeth Mahoney Mark & Debbie Richey	Baseball
Aug 26-28	Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island Rendezvous	Mark & Debbie Richey	Relax and enjoy ice cream!
Sept 2-5	TBD location with Seattle & Everett Squadrons	See Everett & Seattle Websites	Labor Day Weekend
Sept 17	Puget Sound Naval Museum, Bremerton Day Trip	Mark & Debbie Richey	Anchors Aweigh!
Sept 24	Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay, Deception Pass	Squadron Commander	SBSPPS Anniversary Cookout
Oct 7-9	Rosario Resort, Orcas Island Rendezvous	Mark & Debbie Richey	Last 2022 Boating Activity
Nov 26	“Lights of Christmas” Warm Beach Camp Light Show	Mark & Debbie Richey	Thanksgiving Weekend
Dec 10	LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Holiday Party	Paul & Donna	Holidays celebration

**Report of the Nominating Committee**  
The following have indicated they are willing to serve if elected to the following positions.

### Bridge Officers

Commander  
Carolyn Caporgno, S

Exec Officer

Education Officer  
Mark Richey, SN-IN

Admin Officer  
Vacant but needed

Secretary  
Debbie Richey, AP

Treasurer  
Jack Dyer, P

**Assistant Education Officer**  
Adam Deitz

**Executive Committee**  
Donna Mason, AP  
Sandy Johnson, P  
Paul Rosetter, AP  
George Johnson, SN

**Auditing Committee**  
1 yr Deanna Randall-Secret, N  
2 yr Sandy Johnson, P

### Nominating Committee

1 yr George Johnson, SN  
2 yr Debbie Richey, AP

### Rules Committee

1 yr Donna Mason, AP  
2 yr George Johnson, SN

Submitted by P/C George Johnson, SN  
Chairman Nom Com

These positions will be voted on at the March meeting

Any discussions should be filed with squadron secretary.

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2021**

**Attendance:**

Mark Richey	Glen Caporgno	Carolyn Caporgno
Jack Dyer	George Johnson	Sandy Johnson
Debbie Richey		

\*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1514

**Executive Officer – Kelly Libby**

- Marketing Report – Donna Mason
- No report.

**Education Officer – Mark Richey**

- ABC class for January has been cancelled. The class will be rescheduled for March. There was interest in the class, but not the dates in January.

**Administrative Officer –**

- Activities: Donna Mason
  - Planning for next years activities will be January 13.
- Membership – No new members
- Programs – Mike Beamer from Skagit Valley Maritime Center will be the speaker at March meeting.

**Secretary – Debbie Richey**

- Moved and seconded that we accept December ExCom minutes with a correction to the speakers name to Beamer.

**Treasurer – Jack Dyer**

- Balance: [REDACTED] (as of 12/31/2021)

**Commander – Carolyn Caporgno**

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**Old Business –**

Telephone Committee – Carolyn and George Johnson have volunteered to call the members for January's meeting.

Membership List – Debbie will update the membership list

Name Tags – Need to be ordered for new members

**New Business – Marina Signs.** LaConner Marina is interested in posting our signs.. They would like two or three topics. Anacortes Marina, Skyline Marina and Cap Sante Marina are both interested in placing our signs. Washington Park is also interested. \$1000 was approved to pay for the signs.

**Menu Changes –** Suggestions are the Special of the Week, hamburger, will look at the menu during our general meeting for further suggestions. COW menu is looking to be prime rib and salmon if they are serving a buffet.

We will have a June meeting. Maybe a barbecue and potluck at Pioneer Park in June.

Meeting adjourned: 1611

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

**General Meeting, January 13, 2022**

**Attendance:**

Donna Mason  
Sandy Johnson  
George Johnson  
Dan Niven

Jack Dyer  
Glen Caporgno  
Carolyn Caporgno  
Don Coleman  
Bill Homer (Guest)

Harlan Mayer  
Steve Drummond  
Mark Richey  
Debbie Richey  
Jeanne Drummond

The meeting started at 1832 at The Farmhouse Restaurant.

Marketing – Donna Mason – Nothing to report

Educational Officer Report - Mark Richey: One person registered for January class. Mark is cancelling the January class. Another ABC class in March. NASBLA has extended into 2024 for virtual ABC classes.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn is acting.

Programs:

Membership: Name tags are needed.

Squadron Activities: Tonight is the planning for the 2022 year.

Secretary: Minutes were approved for November 9 General Meeting.

Treasurer: Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of \$ [REDACTED] as of end of December 2021.

Commander: Carolyn Caporgno – National was looking at going from districts to regions. Our region would be from Canada to Mexico border, and Alaska. Some are looking at forming an alliance with yacht clubs. The yacht clubs would be the social area and the squadron would be the education. Carolyn has talked to the Shelter Bay yacht club and they are interested in several of our classes. The squadron would like to keep education at the squadron level. Many felt that by National currently offering classes virtually it competes with the squadrons. Carolyn would like to offer more classes either in our squadron or through other squadrons.

Old Business: We sent a check to Neighbors in Need of Skagit County. Donations were collected at the December dinner during the La Conner Christmas Boat Parade. They sent a thank you letter to Donna Mason for the donation.

New Business: Marina signs – Ann Einboden shared the artwork with George Johnson from Friday Harbor Squadron signs. The signs are placed at marinas on the docks. George is working with a sign maker in Anacortes to have them made. When we get them, George will need help installing them. The Executive committee authorized up to \$1000 to purchase the signs.

Nominating Committee – Some positions will not be filled, ie executive officer. The bridge is complete with some committee jobs still open for the upcoming year. Some jobs will be combined.

The meeting adjourned at 1919 p.m.



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Skagit Bay



## USPS America's Boating Course

Zoom Online (by invitation)

Class online: Saturday, March 19 and 26, 9AM to 2PM

Exam In-Person Location TBD: Saturday, April 2, 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](mailto:ssboatschool@hotmail.com)

**Registration closes March 7, 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
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
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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	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.**