

THE BITTER END

June 2022

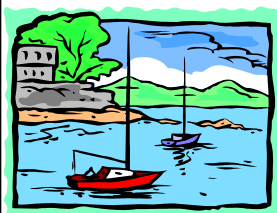


For Boaters, By Boaters

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CALENDAR

02 June— Excom Meeting, Burlington Haggen, 6PM

09 June— Regular Meeting, BBQ, Shelter Bay

22-16 June— District Rendezvous, Poulsbo

Take a look at summer activities for other dates



If you want to know what's going on anywhere in other Squadrons or the district this summer or want to take part in other activities or classes, take an a look at the D16 Activities webpage <https://www.uspsd16.org/news-events>

This may be the last issue until September. One will be published mid summer if needed.



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Hello Boating Friends. Plan on a **BBQ** for our **June 9 General Meeting, 5-9 p.m.** to be held at the Shelter Bay Community BBQ covered shelter next to the Clubhouse. There is plenty of seating at outdoor tables, so bring a friend who is interested in boating. Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to share. We have the charcoal and lighter fluid. We will provide mustard, ketchup, relish, mayo, BBQ sauce and cold drinks as well as plates, cups, plastic utensils, and napkins. **Please R.S.V.P. for purchasing purposes to glencaporgno@frontier.com**

Look over our list of upcoming boating/land activities and make your reservations early whether traveling by boat or land. I have found that folks are ready to get out and travel. Book dock and ferry reservations as soon as possible, and hotel reservations if you don't have a boat.

Did you need a vessel safety check this year? Don Coleman, our qualified examiner, has agreed to do your free vessel safety exam for 2022-2023. You can contact him at 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. Talk to Mark Richey, Education Officer, if you are looking for other course offerings this year.

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 **6 p.m. on Thursday, June 2.**

Derelict Crab Pots in Cap Sante Marina and Guemes Island Areas

by P/C Donna Mason, AP

I read about the Northwest Straits Foundation's plan to retrieve derelict crab pots in the May 6, 2022 edition of "The Bellingham Herald," and got some information from the Foundation's website. The Foundation is located in Bellingham, WA.

Before mid-July when recreational crabbing usually opens, the Northwest Straits Foundation will use sonar and divers to locate and remove derelict crab pots in Late May - early June. It is estimated that 12,000 crab pots are lost in the Puget Sound each year, and about 70% of those are from recreational crabbers. It is estimated about 180,000 harvestable male crabs are lost each year. Think of all those crab feeds we could have had!

The Foundation has launched its "Catchable Crab Ad Campaign" to educate recreational crabbers. Their website "www.nwstraitsfoundation.org" provides helpful tips for successful crabbing, videos such as "Tips and Tricks to Catch More Crab," and other informational resources. They also are working with the commercial crabbing industry.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

June 22-26 D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo

By now I'm sure you've made your reservations for the weekend. Check the D16 website for details.

July 8-10 Blind Bay Marine State Park, Shaw Island Anchor Out

Mark and Debbie Richey will provide details.

July 16 Shipwreck Day, Anacortes

Well, we're up for it again. Donate quality items for our fund-raising and educational-awareness double booth at this amazing street fair. It is our one-and-only fund-raising event for our squadron. The coffers are getting low, so we'd appreciate your participation. After the 4 p.m. clean up, the group will have dinner, probably at a Mexican restaurant close by. George and Sandy Johnson are heading up this effort and will give us more information closer to the date.

July 22-24 Bell Harbor Marina, Seattle Rendezvous, Aquarium Visit and Mariners Game By Boat or By Car

What a super weekend! Join us at Bell Harbor Marina in Seattle. Contact the Harbormaster's Office at 206 787-3952 to reserve your boat slip. The Harbormaster has our group under "ABC of Skagit Bay." Some members will come by car. The street address is 2203 Alaskan Way. Friday, there will be a potluck of light appetizers and BYOB happy hour on the dock at 5 p.m., followed by 6:30 p.m. dinner at Anthony's Pier 66 at 2201 Alaskan Way, followed by a baseball-themed dessert back on the docks to end the evening. Saturday morning we'll gather in front of Seattle Aquarium at 9:20 a.m. to have a "behind the scenes" tour of the Aquarium on Elliott Bay at 1483 Alaskan Way, Pier 59. We'll root for the Mariners to beat Houston at the 1:10 p.m. game, followed by dinner on your own. You can recover Sunday morning before heading for home port. Dan Niven and Elizabeth Mahoney are hosting the activities weekend, and Debbie and Mark Richey are hosting the baseball game. Contact Debbie Richey at drichey@rocketmail.com by June 11 to get your Mariner's tickets. She'll get us seats together and avoid the processing fee!

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. See flyer next page.

Summer Reading

Are you looking for a boating related book to read this summer? How about this one? Island of the Lost by Joan Druett. It is nonfiction pieced together from memoirs and historical accounts of two shipwrecks in 1864 off New Zealand's Auckland Island.

Hope you all have great and safe times on the waters this boating season!

Deer Harbor has 3 slips with our name on them for the August 26-28 Rendezvous. When you reserve, go to <http://www.deerharbormarina.com> and use the reservation button to make reservation with DockWA. In the comment section put "Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron."

Mark and Debbie

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"

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting, May12, 2022

Attendance:

George Brooks
Jack Dyer
Glen Caporgno
Carolyn Caporgno

Don Coleman
Mark Richey
Debbie Richey
Sandy Johnson
George Johnson

Scott Johnson
Donna Mason
Paul Rosetter
David Pate (Guest)

The meeting started at 1830 at The Farmhouse Restaurant.

Marketing – Marketing will have a planning meeting in June. This is to plan for promoting our squadron. Donna passed around a signup sheet if you want to participate. May 20 is wear your life jacket to work day. Donna suggested wearing it everywhere. George Brooks reported on the spreadsheets he created for marinas, boat dealers, yacht clubs, yacht brokers and boat builders. George is currently working on saltwater launching areas. George Johnson reported the signage. 8 of the aluminum signs have been placed around Anacortes at marinas. Mark Richey placed two at the LaConner fuel dock. We probably won't be spending any more money on signs. Mark is working with Camano Island State Park on placing a sign at the boat launch.

Educational Officer Report – Mark Richey is mentoring Adam Dietz on what to teach. They are looking at possibly teaching the radar seminar this fall. Mark is looking to teach ABC later this year.

Administrative Officer – HELP WANTED!

Programs: June meeting will be a dinner picnic at Shelter Bay picnic shelter. Meeting will start at 5 until 9 pm. Bring a meat to grill and a side dish or desert.

Membership: No new members

Squadron Activities - June 24-26 is the District Rendezvous in Poulsbo. July 8-10 is the Blind Bay Anchor Out (maybe cancelled), July 16 is Shipwreck Day (George is looking for items that have a higher dollar value), July 22-24 is Bell Harbor and Mariners Game (Aquarium Tour behind the scenes on Saturday Morning, Saturday dinner at 1830 at Anthony's at Pier 66,), August 26-28 is Deer Harbor. We are on the books for the LaConner Christmas Boat Parade at the LaConner Pub.

Secretary: - There was a correction to the minutes to correct Jeanne Brooks name for the April meeting minutes. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer: Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of April 30, \$xxxxxx

Commander: Carolyn Caporgno – Reorganization Town Hall Meeting discussed presenting hybrid courses, virtual and in person, and just virtual. There were several topics discussed. One item of importance was keeping the districts and not going to a regional approach. National wants to promote more on the water activities to attract members. They still don't have a definition of what the target audience is for our marketing efforts. Several folks think that the schedule is just too aggressive. George Brooks suggested hiring a consultant to take it over instead of volunteers.

Old Business – If you use the Office Max discount, you now need a code from your smart phone. Check out USPS.ORG for more information.

New Business: Don Coleman is once again a Vessel Safety Examiner for our squadron again. Thank you Don! He's already very busy. He could use some help.

Sandy Johnson presented Carolyn a gift for being commander the past year to The Book Company.

Meeting was adjourned at 1905.

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2022**

Attendance:

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

*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1506

Executive Officer –

Marketing Report –

George Brooks – the lists have been sent out to the executive board of yacht brokers, marine dealers, etc. Donna is going to get a group together to develop a marketing plan to utilize the lists.

Education Officer – Mark Richey

Adam is looking at seminars to teach and having difficulty navigating the website. It's difficult to determine if the seminar is still valid.

Administrative Officer –

Activities: Donna Mason

May 20 is Wear Your Life Jacket Day. You can wear it to work or out on errands.

Membership – No New Members

Programs –David Pate will be at our May meeting discuss piloting ships in San Francisco Bay.

Secretary – Debbie Richey

Motion moved and second and approved for the February Minutes as corrected.

Motion made, seconded and approved for April minutes as corrected.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

Balance: \$xxxx(as of 04/30/2022)

Commander – Carolyn Caporgno

Carolyn has talked to Shelter Bay about our signs. She is still talking about teaching seminars with Shelter Bay Yacht club.

Old Business –

Bylaws have been reviewed and Donn has received feedback. The final changes will be submitted to National for review before the squadron can review. Please review in a week with comments Donna.

Additional signs have been ordered. Eight more have been picked up. The order is complete. We've spent about \$700 for the signs. There is a smaller size is 12 x 17 and is printed on poster board.

Reorganizational town meeting. Improve support to the clubs, blended approach to the squadrons for courses, improve the website, marketing and membership. Need to improve membership retention.

Letterhead – Donna went to the marketing website for the rules for the letterhead. There two versions depending who you are writing to.

Approved no more than \$40 for a new stamp of our name and address.

June meeting will be held at the Shelter Bay BBQ area. Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish. Hours are 5 to 9. 5 to 6 will be for setting up.

Stationary – Several examples were shown. Donna will check for the official rules on stationary.

New Business –

Don Coleman is our new vessel check chair. He has already been busy with the Coast Guard and other squadrons at Shelter Bay.

Carolyn will be on vacation during our September meetings.

Donna and Paul will be Down Under during the December meeting and boat parade party.

Carolyn was presented with a gift certificate to Watermark Bookstore for all of her hard work as commander during the last year.

A motion was made to reduce the first year dues to \$99 for a first year single member. It was seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned: 1917



Annual D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: June 23-26, 2022

Registration:

Name(s): _____ Squadron: _____
"Cell" Phone: _____ Email: _____

*****If you are coming for any of the rendezvous events PLEASE register***
Registering only for events/fellowship (no moorage or meal) circle YES**

All reservations must be received per below prior to June 6, 2022.

No guarantee for meals or moorage will be given after this date!!

Friday Evening Dinner: 6:30PM at the Poulsbo Yacht Club. Catered served buffet of Meat Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo, or Vegetarian pasta marinara; salad, toasted Garlic Bread and dessert. BYOB (Water & soda will be available).

Please **note selection & quantity:** **# Eating** **total Amount (\$27/person)**
Lasagna _____ Chicken Alfredo _____ Vegetarian _____ \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast: 9:30AM at the Poulsbo Marina's "party barge" served by D16 Bridge (free for registered rendezvous participates). Please **note # eating:** _____

Saturday Skills: Flare shoot (fire real flares) training late morning. No fire extinguisher training this year.

Saturday Night Social: No host (BYOB&F) "Dock Party" from 5:00-7:30+PM on "E Dock". Members/guest set up tables & chairs (and tents/covers depending on weather) at the end of "E Dock". Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres & BYOB to share with fellow district members and guests.

MOORAGE Reservations:

- **Pay a nonrefundable \$5 for moorage reservation prior to June 6, 2022.**
- Pay moorage fee to Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival. The moorage fee is \$1.50 per foot for less than 16' beam & \$3.00 per foot for greater than 16' beam (both 30' minimum) + \$.75/visit (environmental) + \$5.00/night electrical. We recommend boats are "stem in" to facilitate socializing.
- Please **circle your "1st choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard stem in port stem in starboard
- Please **circle your "2nd choice" of moor:** bow in port bow in starboard stem in port stem in starboard
- Please **circle Arrival Day:** (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)
- **Estimated arrival time:** _____

Boat Name: _____ **LOA** _____ **Beam** _____ **Draft** _____
Special Considerations: _____ (will try to accommodate)

Prior to entering the marina hail "America's Boating Club" on Ch72 for docking instructions (no self-assigning slips).

Non-refundable Moorage Reservation Fee (\$5.00): \$ _____

LODGING:

Call Poulsbo Inn @ 360-779-3921 or 360-779-9737. Reference "District 16 America's Boating Club" for group rate of \$120.00/night plus tax. **Group block rate closes June 15, 2022.** Please make your hotel reservations early. **Make hotel reservation and payment directly with the hotel.**

Registration form and payment must be received prior to June 6, 2022. Please Send to:

Make payment out to "USPS District 16"

P/D/C Craig Brown
4634 Kent Ct
Kent, WA 98032-7112

For Questions Contact: Craig Brown at craig-sandybrown@msn.com or 253-350-4884

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	
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	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Paul Rosetter, AP	360-595-1083
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Law Officer	Vacant	
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	Vacant	
	Vacant	
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Marketing	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
	George Brooks, SN	
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Radio Technical	George Brooks, SN	360 333-2962
Safety	Don Coleman	
Vessel Exams	Vacant	
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Local Board Advanced Grds	George Brooks, SN	360 982-2999
Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
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Rendezvous	Donna Mason, AP	
Greeting	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
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Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Vacant	
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Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
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2 Yrs.	Sandy Johnson, P	
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
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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.