

THE BITTER END

May 2022



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CALENDAR



04 May— Reorg Townhall Meeting, FreeConferenceCall, 5PM

05 May— ExCom Meeting, Burlington Haggen, 6PM

12 May— Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Program, 6PM

21-27 May—National Safe Boating Week



If you want a say in or take notes on the upcoming USPS Townhall Meeting about the tentative reorganization, an email with link will be sent out to current members. Don't forget to attend our next meeting. There is a great guest speaker. See his BIO in Donna's article below.



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Hello Boating Friends. Looking forward to seeing you at this month's General Meeting. David Pate will be our guest speaker. He will speak about his experiences leading up to and being a Bar Pilot, add some sea stories, as well as a few wry off-the-cuff comments. David had an interesting life, and you will want to hear about it. Check out the website: <http://sfbarpilots.com>

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, May 5**. (Yes, we changed back to our regular time now that it stays light out later.)

Plan on a **BBQ** for our **June 9 General Meeting** to

be held at the Shelter Bay Community BBQ shelter next to the Clubhouse. Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish. There is plenty of seating at outdoor tables.



Educational Department Lt/C Mark Richey, SN-IN

Hi members. Short education article this month to get started for new bridge. Don't have plans for a summer class however any member can take classes from any other squadron and I will forward class invitations to you all as I get them.

As far as our plans for upcoming classes, Adam and I are considering seminars or "home brew" classes sometime in early fall. We are looking into the technology to make that painless. Its also possible and hopeful that online classes wont be needed as everyone will feel safe sitting in a classroom.

We are also considering a elective or advanced grade course for the winter, January or February.

If you have some ideas of what you want to learn please let me know.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

Did you notice we had a full moon for Change of Watch? No wonder we had such a good time! It was nice to see D/C Kenneth and Pat Smith, P/D/C and Secretary Barbara and her great photographer and single malt scotch aficionado Steve Erickson as well as many squadron members at the newly remodeled Farmhouse. We are grateful that Cdr Carolyn signed on for another year. Let's all help her with speaker ideas since we don't have an Admin. Officer this year.

I'd like to thank Cdr Carolyn, ExCom and the Squadron Members for the wonderful surprise gift certificate I received at C-O-W for being your Squadron Activities Chair for many years. I had to look it up, and I think I began January 2009. Paul and I have enjoyed our many experiences with our squadron members. I wouldn't mind passing the baton to someone else, after 14 years. If you would like to be the Activities Chair, please let Cdr. Carolyn Caporgno know.

Some of you know landscape gardening is another one of my passions (alas, our property is too shady for growing vegetables). So, I used the Christianson's Nursery gift certificate to buy a Japanese maple or some interesting shrubs.

Hope you make our May Members Meeting on May 12. David Pate, recently retired 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>. He, his wife Sarah, and their yellow lab "Hudson" spent the winter at Lake Tahoe and experienced "Snowmagedon" with 14' of snow in a short time. These days, they motor on the waters of Lake Whatcom in a 1961 Cavalier Criss craft. Dave recently bought two more boats in one day: a 1991 Master Craft ski boat and a 24' steel pontoon "patio boat" to use as their work barge as they settle into their lakefront property (with perhaps a cocktail hour cruise or two). Dave plans to end his talk with a group effort, customized sea shanty. You won't want to miss it!

May 20 is Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day. I amend it to "Wear Your Life Jacket Everywhere Day." It is a great excuse, wherever you go that day, to begin a conversation about boating safety. Even if someone looks at you strangely wearing a PFD many miles from water, you can bring up the subject.

June 22-26 is the D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo. Information was previously published in "The Bitter End," and an email registration form was sent to members. Hope you have a good time!

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.

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, April 14, 2022

Attendance:	Stephen Drummond	George Johnson
George Brooks	Mark Richey	Ruth Peterson
Jean Brooks	Debbie Richey	Donna Mason
Jack Dyer	Ken Smith	Paul Rosetter
Jeanne Drummond	Pat Smith	Barb Erickson
Glen Caporgno	John Bellinger	Steve Erickson
Carolyn Caporgno	Marlene Bellinger	
Don Coleman	Sandy Johnson	

The meeting started at 1830 at The Farmhouse Restaurant.

Marketing – Donna Mason reported that you can print marketing brochures from the national website under marketing. George Johnson reported that it was a good idea to copy the signs that Friday Harbor had put up. Ann Einboden sent George the images that they had used. George then worked with a local sign maker in Anacortes to make the signs. The signs are printed on an aluminum backing material much like traffic signs are. George and Jack Dyer have been placing signs at marinas around Anacortes. George Brooks is working on getting lists together of boat dealers, yacht clubs, marinas, fishing stores and the lists will be ready by the next exec meeting. He is covering Skagit County and Camano Island.

Educational Officer Report - Mark Richey: The ABC class has finished with 7 students. 95% was the lowest score. Two students are going to joining Everett squadron. Mark is working with a student to join our group. Adam Dietz is jumping in with both feet. He is willing and ready to start teaching seminars and other classes. Mark is working on getting the radar seminar and charting seminars set up.

Administrative Officer – HELP WANTED!

Programs: David Pate will be our speaker for the May general meeting. He is a retired San Francisco Bay harbor pilot.

Membership: No new members

Squadron Activities - District Rendezvous will be held June 23-27 in Poulsbo, WA

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

Treasurer: Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of March 31, \$xxxxxx

Commander: Carolyn Caporgno – Carolyn attended a meeting for Shelter Bay to discuss the safety signs. The marina has decided that they have enough signs and do not need any additional signs. The June meeting will be on June 9 at the BBQ area of Shelter Bay.

Old Business - Strategic alliances – Carolyn is working with Shelter Bay Yacht Club to develop a relationship.

New Business:

The executive committee has changed their meeting time back to 6 pm at Haggens in Burlington.

The meeting recessed at 1900 p.m.

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2022**

Attendance:

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

*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1506

Executive Officer –

Marketing Report – We will not participating in Tulip Festival for 2022. We are going to hold off on the banner for a while since our existing one has the required logos and names.
George Brooks is working a list of alliances from Skagit County and Stanwood/Camano area.
Carolyn attended the Shelter Bay yacht club meeting to start building a partnership with them.

Education Officer – Mark Richey

Mark met with Adam. Adam wants to teach the Radar seminar. Adam needs operations training. ABC class final exam was on April 2. Everyone that took the test passed with flying colors. Shelter Bay Yacht Club is hosting an anchoring day in Cornet Bay. Possible to teach our anchoring seminar.

Administrative Officer –

Activities: Donna Mason
Primo Bistro is full with 12 people attending on April 16, 2022.
Membership – No new members
Programs –David Pate will be at our May meeting discuss piloting ships in San Francisco Bay.

Secretary – Debbie Richey

We will approve the March minutes at the next exec board meeting after corrections.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

Balance: \$xxxxx (as of 03/31/2022)

Commander – Carolyn Caporgno

Reorganization of the National organization has been a hot topic. A lot discussion was had about the meetings.

Old Business –

Squadron Bylaws have not been reviewed. Donna will send an e-mail to inquire about an ECD.
The signs are in the process of being mounted. They signs are 18 x 24. George and Jack are putting them up at various marinas around Anacortes. George is requesting help for a PFD sign. Donna is offering help with graphics for the signs. Carolyn has put in a request with the harbor committee at Shelter Bay to start the process of mounting them at Shelter Bay marina.

Change of watch update menu is different from past.

New Business –

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

Exec meetings will go back to 6pm on the first Thursday of the month starting May.

Menu Changes –

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

Motion made and seconded we remove on-line banking from our bank account.

Meeting adjourned: 1622

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		
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3 Yrs.	Vacant	
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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.