

THE BITTER END

November 2022

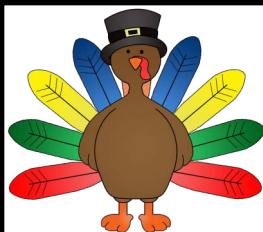


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CALENDAR

03 Nov— Ex-Com, 6PM, Haggen Burlington
10 Nov— Regular Meeting, 6PM, Farmhouse, Program
24 Nov— Happy Thanksgiving



Well we made it to November. You will be getting this a day or 2 before Halloween so make sure you keep the kiddies safe. You can still go boating but watch for the storms and fog as the weather starts to aim toward winter. Also you crabbers, its again open until the end of the year so you can still have the crab feast. Hunters are still out also so be safe on trails.



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Hello Boating Friends. Fall has arrived. Time to button up your boats for the cooler seasons.

First, I want to thank Dan Niven for his awesome presentation on Underwater Photography at our October General Meeting. His images were amazing, and it was fun for all to follow him on dives to see creatures that can only be seen in this venue. Oh, if you didn't get a chance to be there ask Elizabeth, his wife, about her water experience. I hope he comes back next year to take us on more underwater dives.

Amanda Colbert, Education and Outreach Coordinator for The Salish Sea School, joins us for our November 10 General Meeting. Come listen to this marine naturalist talk about the diverse marine wildlife of the Salish Sea and what education opportunities her organization provides to our area.

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.

If you would like to attend our **Executive Committee** meeting, it will be at the Burlington Haggen's in the deli dining area at **6 p.m. Thursday, November 3.**

Guest Speaker for November

Amanda Colbert is the Education and Outreach Coordinator for The Salish Sea School and has been an active board member since the school started in late 2019. Amanda brings a diverse background of knowledge in the arts, 6+ years of youth education and mentorship, and strives to educate people of all ages about the diverse marine wildlife of the Salish Sea. Amanda is especially passionate about the endangered Southern Resident orcas, birds, and the importance of human's interconnectedness with wild places and wildlife. Striving to instill mindfulness for the wildlife in her students, Amanda is also passionate about preserving the natural resources that this unique bioregion provides.

Amanda lives with her husband and two pups in Skagit County and is a birding enthusiast, hiker, and hobbyist photographer.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

Our Annual Charter Party BBQ at Cornet Bay



Lights of Christmas:

This has been cancelled again. They are only doing a drive through experience again this year. According to their website they don't have the staff to support all the activities. Debbie

Dan and Elizabeth Nivens new boat



Meet SEDNA, our Sea Sport 3200 Pacific. To be added following the engines' break-in period are the crane davit, tender on the aft hardtop, and isinglass around the cockpit.



Education Department Lt/C Mark Richey, SN-IN

Hello team. Well we have one DIY ABC student from the fall class. She will use the materials on her own and text or call me as required. When she is done I will give her the test one on one. This is something we can always do if we want to. Give one on one training to students if we have time as individuals. The only thing required is that the proctor of the public class be a certified instructor.

There is more and more competition now for public classes. The State just now introduced an online basic boating class. I don't feel that an online class does the public justice and they won't be safe just getting the card. But it seems to be what they want. We really need to come up with some ideas on how to get more safe boating on the water.

We have the jump start program where any member can give one on one help to anyone on their boat for specific issues that they have knowledge in. That can be something to try. We just need to let the Secretary know when we do so that it's in the minutes for insurance.

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting, October 12, 2022

Attendance:

Jack Dyer
Mark Richey
Carolyn Caporgno
Debbie Richey
Sandy Johnson

George Johnson
Glen Caporgno
Elizabeth Niven
Dan Niven
Marlene Bellinger
John Bellinger

Harlan Meyer
Shirley Meyer
George Brooks
Jeanne Brooks

The meeting started at 1830 at The Farmhouse Restaurant.

Marketing – George Brooks is continuing with his list of possible affiliations.

Educational Officer Report – Mark Richey - ABC class was cancelled. There was only one student that expressed interest. Mark is mentoring her.

Administrative Officer – HELP WANTED!

Programs: Salish Sea School will present in November meeting.

Membership: No new members

Squadron Activities - Lights of Christmas November 26. Christmas Parade in LaConner on Saturday, December 10. Dinner will be at the LaConner Pub.

Secretary: - A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September meeting.

Bitter End – All articles are welcomed.

Treasurer: Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of September 30, \$xxxxx. Ed Fund is at 294.5% of goal for our squadron.

Commander: Carolyn Caporgno -

Old Business –

New Business: George and Sandy Johnson were presented with a beautiful clock for all their years of managing Shipwreck Day.

Meeting adjourned: 1845

Our appreciation gift for George and Sandy for their efforts planning the Shipwreck Day Booth.



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

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.



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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.