

# THE BITTER END

October 2022



*For Boaters, By Boaters*

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## CALENDAR

6 Oct — Ex-Com Meeting, Burlington Haggan, 6PM  
7-9 Oct— Rosario Rendezvous TBD, Contact Mark or Deb  
12-14 Oct— ABC Class 5:30-8, Zoom, TBD  
13 Oct—Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, 6PM, Program  
31 Oct— Happy Halloween, Be careful of the little ghosts



Dan Niven will be presenting a program at our next meeting. Should be a good one. Hunting season opens this month so be careful at your boat launches and out on the public trails. Still lots of good boating. The Rosario trip will likely not happen as only one was interested and Mark and Deb can't make it until late Saturday



### Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Hello Boating Friends. Still boating time left in this season with the nice weather.

Our 20-day road trip was both beautiful and historical. We travelled from home to Sandpoint, Idaho area onto Glacier National Park for a week, down to southeast Montana, then to the Black Hills, Badlands, and Mount Rushmore areas of South Dakota and then back home with stops throughout Southwestern Montana. I am now sorting through what photos I want to keep in a memory book.

We joined Donna, Paul, Debbie, and Mark two days later for our squadron Bremerton Day Trip on Saturday, September 17. We toured the Puget Sound Navy Museum and three of us took the self-tour of the USS Turner Joy (DD-951). Mark and Glen took off up and down all stairways to get to the top and bottom of this huge vessel.

We met at Coronet Bay for our Anniversary Cookout this past weekend to celebrate 19 years as a squadron. Good times and stories were had by all.

Dan Niven will be our speaker at the Farmhouse on October 13, 2022. Dan took diving lessons sometime back and then branched out into underwater photography. He will share his underwater adventures and photography with us so be sure to join us.

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](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 **6 p.m. Thursday, October 6, 2022.**



## **Squadron Activities**

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

### **The gang at the Bremerton Naval Museum**



## **Education Department**

**Lt/C Mark Richey, SN-IN**

Hello all.. The ABC class has been advertised and we have one taker so far. We need more to make it a go so tell all your friends about it. We really need to get the class attendance up.

We also really need to know what class or seminar would peak the most interest for our winter time frame. We would love to get you all involved in more education.

Another ABC class is expected to be planned for spring unless you feel another type of offering to the public would be better. If so we need your support and input as well as instructors.

Some squadrons have been doing their own thing based on local need. If someone wants to head up something like that. Let me know.

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

**General Meeting, September 8, 2022**

### **Attendance:**

Don Coleman  
Mark Richey  
John Woodward  
Debbie Richey  
Sandy Johnson  
George Johnson  
Adam Dietz

The meeting started at 1830 at The Farmhouse Restaurant.

### **Marketing –**

**VSC** – Don Coleman has done 30 so far this year.

**Educational Officer Report** – ABC class will be held in October 12-14 virtually, 1730-2030 each night. Test will be October 15. Will be using the same instructors as last time. Looking at teaching a seminar this winter. Flyers have been printed in the Bitter End to be posted.

**Administrative Officer** – HELP WANTED!

**Programs:** Dan Niven will be showing a program at the November program.

**Membership:** No new members

### **Squadron Activities -**

Bremerton – Puget Sound Navy Museum – Six are attending. In addition to the museum there is the USS Turner Joy available to tour. Dinner will be at Anthony's.

Anniversary Picnic – Count of folks was about 7

Rosario Resort – October 7-9. Mark and Debbie will not be there the night of October 7, they will be there the rest of the weekend. Please contact Mark if you plan to attend.

**Secretary:** - No minutes from the June meeting.

Bitter End – All articles are welcomed.

Treasurer: Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of August 31, \$3xxxxx

**Commander:** Debbie Richey (acting)

**Old Business** – Donna has ordered name tags.

Marina signs – Project is finished. Still waiting for Anacortes Marina. They are short a maintenance person to mount them.

### **New Business:**

Meeting adjourned: 1857

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Sept 1, 2022**

**Attendance:**

Mark Richey	Donna Mason	George Brooks
Jack Dyer	George Johnson	Paul Rosetter
Debbie Richey	Sandy Johnson	

\*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1810

**Executive Officer –**

- Marketing Report – Donna is going to put together a market planning meeting after Carolyn returns from her trip.
- George Brooks – No report.
- Jack Dyer has placed a brochure holder at Skyline Marina that can be seen as soon as the customer walks in.
- Vessel Safety checks – Don is doing about one a week.

**Education Officer – Mark Richey**

- There is an ABC class planned in October. Flyers have printed, ad has been placed in the Clam Digger, the Skagit Valley Herald and Anacortes American. Adam would like to hold a class this winter.

**Administrative Officer –**

- Activities: Donna Mason
  - Labor Day – Port Townsend with Seattle.
  - Bremerton – Stay Tuned
  - Anniversary Picnic – Carolyn has an article in the Bitter End.
  - Christmas Party at LaConner Pub has been confirmed in December.
- Membership – Billie and Craig Ford will be reinstated as members. Donna is going to order name tags.
- Programs – Dan Niven will be our speaker in October. No speaker for September general meeting.

**Secretary – Debbie Richey**

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

**Treasurer – Jack Dyer**

- Balance: xxxxx (as of 08/31/2022)

**Commander – Donna Mason (acting)**

- Carolyn was on vacation.

**Old Business –**

- Donna has not gotten the final changes from the exec board to National. Donna is holding off to find out what possible bylaw changes were made at the Governing Board.
- Nametags – Donna will order them for Debbie.
- Marina Signs Update – George Johnson reported that the project is finished. We are still waiting on Anacortes Marina to put up the signs. They are short a maintenance person to mount them. Camano Island State Park won't accept our signs. They think we make money from the our classes even though we are a non-profit. All expenses have been submitted for the project.
- January 2022 meeting we reactivated phone committee. George volunteered to call folks again for the September meeting.

**New Business –**

Meeting adjourned 1825



## 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
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Administrative Officer	Vacant	
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	Donna Mason, AP	360-595-1083
	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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	George Brooks, SN	
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Safety	Don Coleman	
Vessel Exams	Vacant	
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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	
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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.**