

THE BITTER END

Summer 2022



For Boaters, By Boaters

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CALENDAR

22-24 July, Bell Harbor and Mariners

26-28 Aug, Deer Harbor Rendezvous

02-05 Sept, Joint Rendezvous Pt Hudson (See Flyer)

01 Sept, Ex-Com Meeting, Burlington Haggen, 6PM



Please take a look at the September-October events and contact host if you are interested in them happening.

Also we are planning on trying to hold either another ABC Class, Boat Handling, Cruise Planning or Radar seminar this fall. Let Adam know if interested. adamdeitz@gmail.com



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

fun.

Hello Boating Friends. It was great seeing you at our end of the year BBQ. Despite the foul weather, we had plenty of food, fellowship, and

I want to give a big **THANK YOU** to George and Sandy Johnson for another profitable Shipwreck Day. Thank you to those who helped at the pricing event, donated items, picked up at the storage shed, worked the booth, bought items, and delivered unsold items back to the storage shed. Thank you Don for making the recycling trip with the leftover cardboard. Thank you Donna and Paul for marketing our boating club. With all this combined help you made George's load a bit lighter.

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, it will be at the Burlington Haggen's in the deli dining area at **6 p.m. Thursday, September 1, 2022.**

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



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

We enjoyed a successful day at Anacortes' Shipwreck on Saturday, July 16. We made our monetary goal. A Big Thanks to all who donated items and a very BIG THANKS to those who labored hard for this event: George and Sandy Johnson, their son Phillip Johnson, and the Johnson's visiting guests, along with Jack Dyer, Mark and Debbie Richey, Carolyn and Glen Caporgno. Paul Rosetter and I took care of the charts and boating tools table as well as the marketing section where we signed up people for vessel safety checks, classes, and we answered lots of questions and gave out lots of boating safety literature. It was good exposure for our group. The day finished with a dinner at El Jinete restaurant and moving items back to the storage locker. See photos elsewhere in this newsletter.

As I write this, we are preparing for the Seattle Bell Harbor Marina and Mariner's Game Rendezvous July 22-24. Thanks to Dan Niven and Elizabeth Mahoney for preparing an eventful weekend, and to Debbie Richey for securing our Mariner's tickets. So far we have two boats (HARMONY and QUIET TIME) and Paul and I are participating by car.

Friday: HAPPY HOUR Appetizers and Cold Drinks. Time TBA

Saturday Meet at the Aquarium at 9:20 am Mariners Game @1:10 Anthony's Homeport Pier 66 @ 6:30 Dessert following on the dock.

Sunday: Leisurely cruise to your homeport.

UpComing Activities this summer

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.

September 17 Day Driving Trip to The Puget Sound Naval Museum in Bremerton. Mark and Debbie Richey are hosting this event.

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

If you are interested in going to Bremerton Naval Museum on Sept 17 or Rosario Resort on October 7-9, please let Mark or Debbie know so they can make arrangements. ssboatschool@hotmail.com

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 area 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"

JUNE PICNIC PHOTOS



SHIPWRECK FEST PRICING

Participants in the Pricing Party were: George and Sandy Johnson, Carolyn and Glen Caporgno, George Brooks, John and Marlene Bellinger, Don Coleman, Mark and Debbie Richey, Paul Rosetter and Donna Mason.



SHIPWRECK FEST BOOTH



Our marketing display at Shipwreck Day
and some of the nautical offerings at Shipwreck Day





Part of our Triple Space Offerings at Shipwreck Day



George and Sandy Johnson, the organizers for Shipwreck 2022 deserve a big round of applause for their amazing efforts.

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.®

July– August



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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3 Yrs.	Vacant	
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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.