

THE BITTER END

April 2023



For Boaters, By Boaters


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CALENDAR

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- 06 Apr— Excom Meeting, Burlington Haggen, 6PM
 - 13 Apr— Change of Watch Banquet, Shawn O'Donnells, 6PM
 - 22 Apr— Langley Day Trip, Lunch Primo Bistro
 - 28 Apr— ABC Class Starts, Burlington Haggen, 9AM



See the ABC flyer in this issue. Skagit members feel free to post it around the usual spots. Don't forget to register early for the District Rendezvous in Poulsbo. Flyer is also in this issue. Come out to the Change of watch and support the new (and old) incoming officers and committees. Meet some of the D16 bridge there. Happy Easter



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Elections were held at our March 9 General Meeting. Our elected officers for the 2023-2024 year are: Commander- Mark Richey, SN-IN; Education Officer: Adam Deitz; Administrative Officer: Carolyn Caporgno, S; Secretary: Debbie Richey, AP; and Treasurer: Jack Dryer, AP.

This year's Executive Committee will be Donna Mason, Sandy Johnson, George Johnson, and George Brooks. The menu for the **April 13 Change of Watch**: flank steak and baked herb salmon, house green salad, roasted potatoes, and fresh steamed seasonal medley of vegetables. Join us for this celebration.

Please R.S.V.P. (if you weren't at the March 9, 2023 meeting) to carolyncap-orgno@gmail.com by Thursday, April 6, 2023.

Don Coleman kept extremely busy this boating season. He is our qualified examiner and has agreed to do your free vessel safety exam for 2022-2023. As this year ends Don is stepping down, but he is willing to help you learn how to be a qualified examiner. You can con-

tact him at colemandonb@gmail.com or (360) 333-2962.

An **ABC class** will be offered Saturdays, April 29, and May 6 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Tuesday, May 9 from 6-9 p.m. at Haggen's Burlington. Contact Mark Richey ssboatschool@hotmail.com

Get the word out to new boat owners and others who need this training.

If you would like to attend our **Executive Committee** meeting, it will be at the Burlington Haggen's Community Room and returns to **6 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2023.**

The **General Meeting** is Thursday, **April 13** starting at **6 p.m.** with a half-hour social hour, followed by a business meeting, dinner, and our Change of Watch.



Interesting fruit stacks at Granville Island Market. Photo by Donna



Education Department

Lt/C Mark Richey, SN-IN

Well hello squadron. This is the last official article as SEO. Adam Deitz will take over at change of watch and has lots of great plans. More than I had in fact. I will continue to help him as new commander and he will need some support to get personal training under his belt.

The hope is to try and start an On The Water training program for the high school students at the NW Career and Tech Academy Marine Tech group. Contact has been made and Adam is really interested in pushing it. It will take a couple of certifications for him and if he finds the class (BOC Certifier) it would be great if we could get a couple more members involved.

On that note. We are having an online Instructor Recertification class on Saturday, April 15. If any of you have been Certified Instructors, now expired, feel free to attend. Contact me for login. It should only last a couple of hours unless we get hordes of folks. We also are trying to get the initial Instructor Development class put together so those we would like to teach public classes can become certified. This is a NASBLA requirement for teaching state required public classes although USPS has been waiving it lately do to the need for online training during COVID as ID is very hard to teach online.

Marine Electrical Systems class is in its final weeks and we are planning a spring ABC class starting Saturday, April 29. See the flyer in this issue and, Skagit members, feel free to print it and hang it at your favorite spots.

Debbie just downloaded the kit for the new Piloting Class (Marine Navigation) and is thinking of teaching it. It appears to be quite an improvement. She will discuss more at the meeting.

Come to the Change of Watch this month and welcome Adam in as your new Education Officer. I am sure he would be happy to address any or all ideas for future education. I will see you there and on the water practicing your new knowledge.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

We enjoyed our day at Granville Island, B.C. Canada. No problem crossing the border, the weather cooperated, we drooled at the fruit at the Public Market, enjoyed artwork and poking around shops, and ended with dinner at Tap & Barrel Bridges with a water view with Mark and Debbie Richey. We were so engrossed in conversation that we forgot to take a group photo.

April 22, Saturday, Langley Prima Bistro Lunch on Whidbey Island

Venture by car or boat to Langley for a scrumptious Noon lunch at Prima Bistro, 201 1/2 1st St. on the upper floor over the Star Market. We have space reserved for 12 people, and they open at Noon. The current menu is at <https://primabistro.com/menus>. There is free parking in back of the building and you can enter up the stairs. Explore around this picturesque town and see what's new. Hosted by Paul Rosetter and Donna Mason. RSVP by April 18 to donnajmason@gmail.com or call 360 595-1083.

May 19 Wear Your Life Jacket Day: Whether you're working in the office, at home, in the air, or on the water, all boating enthusiasts can participate in Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day on Friday, May 19, 2023. This fun day is part of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventure by being responsible. This is a great opportunity to share with others your love for boating – and be entered for a chance to win a prize,” said Yvonne Pentz, communications director of the National Safe Boating Council, a nonprofit dedicated to helping create a safe boating experience for all boaters and the lead organization of the Safe Boating Campaign. Here's how to participate: 1) Wear a life jacket wherever you work, 2) Snap a picture, 3) Post the picture on social media with the hashtag #wearyourlifejacketatworkday, 4) Tag the Safe Boating Campaign (@boatingcampaign). Boaters will randomly be selected to win prizes from the Safe Boating Campaign throughout the day.

June 9-11 D16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo, WA Join D16 boaters at this popular weekend. Check the D16 website for details.

July 7-12 Rendezvous at Bell Harbor Marina in Seattle with Mark and Debbie as they begin their summer of cruising on “Quiet Time.”

July 15 Shipwreck Day in Anacortes Well it seems that George and Sandy Johnson are willing to tackle this challenge another year. Amazing! Help needed! Donate your good household and boating items to the sale. Volunteer to pick up donations from other people. Help at the Pricing Party, pick up tables and other supplies, set up the booth, there are lots of ways to help for our squadron's fundraising event of the year. End the day with a good group Mexican dinner right down the street.

August 11-13 Deer Harbor Rendezvous, Orcas Island Hosted by Mark and Debbie Richey. After helping out for Shipwreck Day, you'll deserve a relaxing weekend. Worth it just for the Lopez Island ice cream at the dock store. We'll enjoy a Saturday cookout on the dock.

August 14-31 Desolation Sound Cruise Hearty boaters may want to join Mark and Debbie as they sail up to and explore around Desolation Sound Canada. This is a plan-each-day-as-you-go cruise. Contact Mark and Debbie if you are interested.

September 1-4 Labor Day Weekend Cruise with Seattle and Everett Squadrons. Plans are in the works. See their squadron websites for details.

September 23 America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay Anniversary Cookout at Camano Island State Park. Hosted by the squadron Cdr. This is a free State Parks Day at a NEW VENUE for us. We'll enjoy being in the protected Lowell Point Kitchen Shelter with electricity, picnic tables, cold-water sink, wood stove and charcoal braziers for our potluck cookout, accommodations for 44 people.

October 13-15 Rosario Resort, Orcas Island Rendezvous Join Mark and Debbie Richey for usually reduced slip rates at this last boating rendezvous for 2023.

December 9 Lighted Boat Parade and Holiday Party at the LaConner Pub Hosted by Paul and Donna. If we want to be in the protected outside space, we need a larger group than last year. Enjoy dinner from the menu as you enjoy the colorful boat parade, followed by cake provided by the squadron. Opportunity to contribute to local “Neighbors In Need” Food Bank.

December 16-18 (Sat.-Mon.) Vancouver B.C. Canada Train, Holiday Lights and Carol Cruise Weekend Take the train to Vancouver on Saturday, ooh and aah as you explore through the amazing holiday Festival of Lights at the 55-acre Van Deusen Botanical Garden Saturday afternoon/evening, then on Sunday enjoy the Harbor Cruises Holiday Dinner and Caroling Cruise (only offered Wed., Thurs., or Sun.). Take the train home on Monday. Hosted by Paul and Donna.

Spring and Summer Reading?

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

There is always room on a boat for a book. As you venture to new ports this boating season and are safely moored or at the dock, you can relax with a good book and a glass of your favorite beverage.

Here are some boating-related suggestions you can stow aboard for your spring and summer reading:

On Island Time. A traveler's Atlas by Chandler O'Leary

Illustrated adventures on and around the islands of Washington and British Columbia.

Nightmare on the Scottie: The Maiden Voyage of a Doomed King Crabber by Stephen D. Orsini of Anacortes, WA.

An incompetent boat builder, an inept captain and engineer, and two college students come together for a thrilling and sometimes humorous tale.

Complete Yachtmaster, updated in 2021 by Tom Cunliffe

The standard reference for students as well as skippers of all levels of experience. It brings together all the essentials of modern cruising in one volume. He presents an analysis of a good skipper, the theory and practice of sailing and sail trim, the art of seamanship, accurate navigation including chart plotters and PCs, understanding meteorology, heavy weather preparation, understanding yacht stability and coping with emergencies.

Stress-Free Sailing—Single and Short-handed Techniques, 2nd Edition by Duncan Wells

step photographic instructions on how to perform essential sailing techniques, regardless of how much help you have on hand.

Doctor on Board. Ship's Medicine Chest and Care on the Water by William Forgey

It emphasizes head trauma and management of orthopedic injuries, seasickness and issues relating to cold injuries ("cockpit foot"), illness after exposure after leaving a port-of-call, and burns (including exposure to the sun and/or boiling water in the galley). All these and more are discussed with treatment options included.

Bold Sea Stories 2: True Boating Tales of Adventure and Survival by Marlin Bree.

A collection of 26 startling, harrowing and galvanizing real-life boating tales, complete with 60 photos, illustrations, and charts.

Adventures in Boating: Bad Decisions Make Good Stories by Charles Meier (2020)

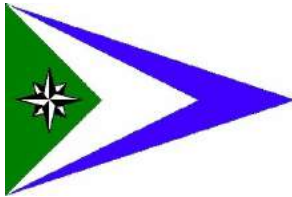
A conglomeration of Stories that are unbelievable but true. Most if not all of the events probably could have been prevented with a pinch of Adult supervision. Not for people whom are offended easily. Laugh out loud humor.

Three Sheets to the Wind: The Nautical Origins of Everyday Expressions (2019) by Cynthia Barrett

An entertaining compilation revealing the maritime roots of common English expressions. Example: The original "slush fund" was the fatty scraps from boiled meat that the ship's cook secretly stashed away to sell at port to candle makers.

Go By Boat: Stories of a Maine Island Doctor (2021) by Dr. Chuck Radis

Fresh out of training, Dr. Chuck Radis moves with his wife and daughter to Peaks Island, Maine, to fulfill a Public Health scholarship obligation. Absent-minded and initially oblivious to island mores, Dr. Radis slowly adapts to a medical practice where x-rays and advanced laboratory testing are available only on the mainland. When he travels to the outer islands of Casco Bay for house calls, he relies on his physical examination skills and a tackle box of emergency medications to successfully manage his patients.



Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron cordially
invites you to our

2023-2024 CHANGE OF WATCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023

Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse
13724 La Conner Whitney Road
Mount Vernon, WA

6:00 p.m. No-host bar and social time.

6:30 p.m. Meeting

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Change of Watch

Buffet dinner: Flank Steak, Baked Herb Salmon, House Green Salad, Roasted Potatoes, and Steamed Seasonal Medley. Soft drinks, coffee or tea included.

Tax and gratuity included, \$35.17.

R.S.V.P. by April 6 to carolyncaporgno@gmail.com



**SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE ANNUAL**

D16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: June 8-11, 2023

Travel to the Rendezvous by Boat, Car or RV

Friday, 6/9:

Flare Shoot Training/Practice: Afternoon Tides look favorable. Learn/practice using actual flares.

Friday Night Social: "Dock Party" from 5:00-7:30PM 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.

Saturday, 6/10:

Saturday Coffee & Pastries: 9:30AM at the Poulsbo Marina's "party barge" (free for registered rendezvous participants).

Flare Shoot Training/Practice: will be held on Friday because of tides.

Co-Op Chart (Geodetic & Navigational) Practice/Training: Morning (weather permitting).

Fire Extinguisher Training/Practice: Early afternoon. Learn/practice putting out real fires.

Man Overboard recovery: Afternoon. Practice heaving line throw and recovering from the water "Oscar" (the same weight & size of a person).

Saturday Evening Dinner:

Join us for a catered Picnic themed dinner (approx. \$25/plate) on Saturday evening at the **Poulsbo Yacht Club**. (BYOB). Walk, Drive or Dinghy to enjoy the events. **The Poulsbo Yacht Club is .6 miles (6 tenths of a mile) from the Marina.**

MOORAGE AND LODGING

Moorage Reservations: E-Dock has been reserved for those planning to attend by boat. Moorage fees of \$1.50 per foot (30' minimum) to be paid directly to Poulsbo Marina (upon arrival). In addition, a \$10.00 reservation fee will be collected by D16 at the time of registration. Information regarding your boat size and specific moorage requests will be collected on the Registration Form which will be sent out to all members soon.

Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved at the *Poulsbo Inn* under the name "District 16" at a group rate of \$124.60/night plus tax (for 6/9 and 6/10).

GROUP BLOCK RATE CLOSES JUNE 1, 2023.

Please make your hotel reservations early and directly with the hotel at 360-779-3921.

Watch for the Reservation Form and sign up for the fun!

The registration form with more information will be sent to all members. For Questions Contact: David McBride, D16 Treasurer at: davmcb@comcast.net.



America's
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Skagit Bay



USPS America's Boating Course

**In-Person (Burlington Haggen) and
Remotely by Zoom (by invitation)**

**Classes: April 29 (9am-1pm), May 6 (9am-1pm)
Exam Location Burlington Haggen: May 9, 6pm**

The US Coast Guard-approved *America's Boating Course* provides you with basic boating knowledge to decide what type and size boat you need, what to do when meeting another boat in a crowded waterway, and how to recognize and handle hazards. Become a more competent boater, learn from the best, and enroll in *America's Boating Course* today. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete *America's Boating Course*. And, this course provides a sound basis for continuing your recreational boating education.

What's Included? For both sail and power boaters, *ABC* covers a wide range of topics:

- Types of boats and their uses,
- Boating laws, both Federal and State,
- Safety equipment, both required and recommended,
- Finding your way, and adverse conditions,
- Communications,
- Trailering, knots and lines,
- Water sports topics.

The course materials include a 280-page bound *Student Guide*. The course is completed by taking two, 4-hour sessions. The final exam is administered at the Burling Haggen after an interactive knot-tying workshop. Successful completion of the final exam allows students to apply for their Washington State Boaters Card, required for anyone born after Jan 1, 1955, and operating a vessel with a 15HP motor or greater.

\$40 for individuals or \$50 for two sharing a book in a household

Contact Mark Richey at 425-876-6274 or ssboatschool@hotmail.com

Registration closes April 19, 2023

Class is limited to 15 students

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2023**

Attendance:

Mark Richey	Jack Dyer	
Glen Caporgno	Carolyn Caporgno	George Johnson

*No quorum

Meeting Called to Order: 1500

Executive Officer –

- Marketing Report – Donna and George absent

Education Officer – Mark Richey

- Marine Electrical Systems registration going strong.
- Talked about April / May ABC. Adam will coordinate

Administrative Officer – Commander

- Membership – Debbie not here
- Programs –Cindy Elliser Pacific Mammals will be our speaker for March. Change of watch in April. Jack Hartt former Deception Pass park ranger for May. September Skagit Bay Search and Rescue. Oct TBA. November Phyllis Woolwine, Master Mariner Shearwater U

Secretary – Mark for Debbie Richey

- No quorum so minutes deferred to next Excom

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

- Balance: \$xxxxx (as of 2/28/2023). \$xxxxxx now. The annual sales tax report is filed. 4 invoices for MES class have been received.

Commander – Carolyn Caporgno

- Excom meeting moved back to 6PM now at Haggen Community Room.

Old Business –

- COW – Menu: Flank Steak & Baked Herb Salmon, house salad, roasted potato, Veggie Medley, coffee/tea/soft drink. Mark will look for the boat and piling table decs we used before and send pic to Carolyn.
- Do we want to teach high school students via NW Career and Technical Academy / Marine Tech Group? George B made contact with director but haven't heard back yet. Talk to someone about free books or grants?

New Business –

- March 11 D16 Conference. June 8th meeting will be Shelter Bay BBQ

Meeting adjourned 1540

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting March 09, 2023

Attendance:	George Brooks	John Woodard
Mark Richey	Elizabeth Mahoney-Niven	Yvonne Bates
Debbie Richey	Dan Niven	Randy Miller
Sandy Johnson	Carolyn Caporgno	Adam Deitz
George Johnson	Glen Caporgno	Cindy Elliser (guest speaker)
Jack Dyer	Steve Drummond	
Jeanne Brooks	Jean Drummond	

The meeting started at 2030 at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse Restaurant

Marketing – George Brooks – George talked to Lynnette Brower about teaching ABC class to the students. They are currently teaching the Boat US course to their students. They are really interested in getting the kids out on the water to learn. A private company would charge them \$5k/student.

Educational Officer Report – ABC for high school students is still in discussion. MES class is going to be 8 sessions, two have been held. 5 in person, 1 via zoom. ABC will be taught in April on two Saturdays 4/29 and 5/6.

Administrative Officer – HELP WANTED!

Programs: April is our Change of Watch. May - Jack Hartt, Former park ranger at Deception Pass State Park, June will be a picnic at the picnic shelter in Shelter Bay, September Skagit Search and Rescue, October, Will Shellenberger, Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum, November, Phyllis Woolwine. Shearwater University

Membership: No new members

Squadron Activities – See the Bitter End for the full list of our scheduled activities this year.

Secretary: - February minutes were approved.

Treasurer - Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of February 28, \$3196.99. Received two donation checks made out to National. Sent back to sending address for clarification. Sales tax filing has been done for 2022.

Commander: Carolyn Caporgno – March meeting we have elections. Change of Watch is April 13.

Old Business –

New Business:

Slate of officers that published in Bitter End was approved as published.

Meeting Adjourned: 2055

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

Amazon has recently announced that it is ending the Amazon Smile charitable giving platform on February 20, 2023. The squadron will receive one more donation check from them and then no more. To those of you who supported the squadron through the Smile program, the bridge says "Thank you very much!".

~ General Meeting Information ~

Our General Meetings are normally held monthly on the 2nd Thursdays of each month (except July & August), at Shawn O'Donnell's, 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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Education Officer	Adam Deitz	203-536-6402
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	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	George Brooks, SN	
	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
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Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
Flag Lt.	Vacant	
Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
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	Vacant	
	Vacant	
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	George Brooks, SN	
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Vessel Exams	Vacant	
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Assistant Education Officer	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	
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1 Yr. Chair	Sandy Johnson, P	
2 Yrs.	Jeannie Drummond	
3 Yrs.		
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1 Yr. Chair	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
2 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	George Johnson, SN	
2 Yrs.	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
3 Yrs.	Ruth Peterson	

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.