

THE BITTER END

February 2023



For Boaters, By Boaters

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CALENDAR



02 Feb— Exec Comm Meeting, Burlington Haggen 3PM
3-11 Feb— Seattle Boat Show
09 Feb— Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, 6PM
14 Feb— Happy Valentines Day
28 Feb— First Day of Marine Electrical Systems Class,



Big issue this month. Take a look at all the activities we have planned for the year. We hope that there is something for everyone and we will see you there. Also we are holding a Marine Electrical Systems class. This one had been requested by many and should give you some good insight into your boat systems.



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Hello Boating Friends.

This month I would like to congratulate Paul L. Rosetter, AP, Executive Committee member, on his attainment of 25 years of service to the United States Power Squadron. Paul and his wife Donna joined in San Francisco in January 1995 after they bought their Boston Whaler and took a boating course. Back then you had to be invited to join by an existing member and your application had to be approved by the Executive Committee. They both served on the ExCom there. They immediately were put to work. Paul and Donna transferred to the Bellingham Squadron in 2000 when they moved to Washington. They were invited to transfer to Skagit Bay in 2006. Paul served on ExCom for years, done booth duty safety portion of the boating class in Bellingham where he would buy safety equipment at West Marine to demonstrate in the class, and then return it the next day, all with West Marine's approval. Over the years Paul and Donna have made outstanding contributions of time and effort to the advancement of recreational boating safety and the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club.

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 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. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for upcoming classes.

If you would like to attend our **Executive Committee** meeting, it will be at the Burlington Haggen's in the deli dining area at **3 p.m. (winter hours) Thursday, February 6, 2023.** The **General meeting** is Thursday, **February 9.** I am still working on program at this writing.

Take your Valentine out for dinner on February 14.



Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron



Marine Electrical Systems

In-Person or Zoom

(Laptops/large tablets preferred to view the PowerPoint slides, broadband internet needed)

Tuesdays, February 28 thru April 18, 6 -8 p.m.

Haggen Burlington

E-book is provided for this course.

What's Included? For both sail and power boats, *Marine Electrical Systems* covers a wide range of topics:

- Properties of Electricity
- Boat Electrical Wiring Practices
- Direct Current Power
- Alternating Current Power
- Galvanic and Stray Current Corrosion
- Lightning Protection
- Troubleshooting

USPS member price \$65, and \$10 for second person sharing e-book.

Non-USPS members price \$115, and \$60 for second person sharing e-book.

Contact George Brooks

360-202-8198 mobile, 360-982-2999

geor49@gmail.com

Registration closes February 21, 2023



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

ANOTHER YEAR OF ADVENTURES WITH AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OF SKAGIT BAY!

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out! It isn't only in New Orleans where the "Good Times Roll"!

Start off the year by planning getting your boat ready for the season. Make reservations for any work you need done—some service providers have been swamped, and there have been long wait times scheduling appointments. Order those supplies you can't find locally. You don't want to be waiting until August! (Mother Mason speaking here...)

The Seattle Boat Show runs February 3-11. Enjoy it on your own at the date and time most convenient for you.

March 12, Sunday: you are invited to the formal Christening of "SEDNA", Dan Niven, Elizabeth Mahoney and Honeybear's brand new boat, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Shelter Bay BBQ Pavilion picnic shelter, 1000 Shoshone Drive, LaConner. The Celebration will include elements from various traditions, followed by light refreshments. Let Dan and Elizabeth know you are coming. Sedna is a new Sea Sport Pacific 3200 named after the Inuit goddess of the sea and marine animals.

March 25, Granville Island, Vancouver, BC Day Driving Trip Carpool to Granville Island where we'll explore around the Granville Island markets, galleries, and enjoy lunch at Tap & Barrel Bridges restaurant, just steps from the Market, with great views of Vancouver.

April 22, Saturday, Langley Prima Bistro Lunch, we'll venture by car or boat to Langley on Whidbey Island for a scrumptious Noon lunch at Prima Bistro and explore around this picturesque town. Hosted by Paul and Donna. RSVP to Donna at donnajmason@gmail.com.

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.

Nivens new boat SEDNA was christened.



Sedna ^{PCQ}
LA CONNER, WA

Report of the Nominating Committee

The following members have agreed to hold the shown positions for the 2022-2023 bridge year if they are elected. Elections will be held at the beginning of the March general membership meeting. If there are any concerns or additions, please address them with the squadron Secretary.

Submitted by George Johnson, SN
Nominating Committee Chair

Bridge Officers

Commander
Mark Richey, SN-IN

Exec Officer
Not Required

Education Officer
Adam Dietz

Administrative Officer
Carolyn Caporgno, S

Secretary
Debbie Richey, AP

Treasurer
Jack Dyer, AP

Executive Committee

Donna Mason, AP
Sandy Johnson, AP
George Johnson, SN
George Brooks, SN

Auditing Committee

1 yr Jeannie Drummond
2 yr Vacant

Nominating Committee

1 yr Debbie Richey, AP
2 yr George Johnson, SN
3 yr Vacant

Rules Committee

1yr George Johnson, SN
2 yr Donna Mason, AP
3 yr Ruth Peterson



Education Department Lt/C Mark Richey, SN-IN

Big month this month. We are starting a Marine Electrical Systems class. This has been requested by quite a few and will be taught by a couple of our premier instructors in the field. This time we are going back to the in-person classroom after quite a break. It will be a hybrid (blended) class however for those that still want to do it from home. See the flyer this issue and sign up.

We are also planning our regular spring ABC class late April so tell your friends about that. We hope that this year we can have some more unique education experiences.

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay 2023 Activities Schedule

Date	Destination	Host	Theme
Jan – Feb	Stay Safe! Prep for the Season		
Feb 3-11	Seattle Boat Show: Enjoy it on your own		
March 12	Formal Christening of "SEDNA" at Shelter Bay	Dan Niven and Elizabeth Mahoney	Christening Ceremony
March 25	Granville Island, Vancouver, BC Day Trip	Paul & Donna	Explore and Dine
April 22	Langley, Whidbey Island Day Trip and Lunch	Paul & Donna	Prima Bistro & Explore
May 19	Wear Your Life Jacket <u>Everywhere</u> Day		Boating Safety Week
June 9-11	D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo	D16 Commander	See Spring Cardinal Points
July 7-12	Seattle Bell Harbor Marina	Mark and Debbie Richey	All Stars & Relaxing
July 15	Shipwreck Day, Anacortes	George & Sandy Johnson	Squadron Fundraiser
August 11-13	Deer Harbor, Orcas Island Rendezvous	Mark & Debbie Richey	Relax and enjoy ice cream!
Aug 14-31	Desolation Sound Cruise	Mark & Debbie Richey	Canada Cruising
Sept 1-4	TBD location with Seattle & Everett Squadrons	See Everett & Seattle Websites	Labor Day Weekend
Sept 23	Anniversary Cookout, Lowell Point Shelter, Camano Isl.	Squadron Commander	New Venue! Free Day!
Oct 13-15	Rosario Resort, Orcas Island Rendezvous	Mark & Debbie Richey	Last 2023 Boating Rendezvous
Dec 10	LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Holiday Party	Paul & Donna	Holidays celebration
Dec 16-18	Vancouver, BC Canada Train, Holiday Lights & Carol Cruise	Donna & Paul	Sat. – Sun. Events, Return Mon.

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2023**

Attendance:

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

*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1505

Executive Officer –

- Marketing Report – A marketing meeting was held prior to this meeting. There were several action items.
- George Brooks – No Report

Education Officer – Mark Richey

- Would like to present a seminar by the end of early March. Mark will coach Adam on presenting. Donna suggested preparing a seminar on preparing your boat the season. ABC maybe April/May.

Administrative Officer –

- Activities: Donna Mason – January will be our planning meeting. Please think about what you want to do and come with suggestions.
- Membership – Nothing to report
- Programs – Cindy Elliser Pacific Mammals will be our speaker for March. Jack Hartt former Deception Pass park ranger for May. . Paul and Donna September travelogue of Australia and New Zealand.

Secretary – Debbie Richey

- Motion moved, second and approved for the corrected December 2022 Minutes.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

- Balance: \$xxxxx (as of 12/31/2022). The annual report due to the Secretary of State's office and the annual tax return to the IRS have been filed. I have received an unsolicited donation check in the mail from a donation processing organization. The check is payable to "United States Power Squadrons" so I have contacted the processing organization in order to verify whether the check is ours or I need to forward it to national

Commander – Carolyn Caporgno

- No report

Old Business –

- Marketing meeting will be held on February 2 at 1400.

New Business –

Merit Marks – Have been submitted.

Meeting adjourned 1531

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting January 12, 2023

Attendance:

Don Coleman
Mark Richey
Debbie Richey
Sandy Johnson
George Johnson

Donna Mason
Paul Rosetter
Jack Dyer
Jeanne Brooks
George Brooks
Elizabeth Mahoney-Niven

Dan Niven
Carolyn Caporgno
Glen Caporgno
Jean Drummond
Steve Drummond
John Woodard

The meeting started at 1830 at The Farmhouse Restaurant.

Marketing – Donna Mason reported our squadron is developing a marketing plan. George Brooks is getting a list of media resources that we can use to advertise our classes.

Educational Officer Report – Mark Richey reported there is a possibility of teaching Marine Electrical Systems. George Brooks is looking for his materials to review. George Brooks has been recruiting students. One from our squadron and possibility of three from Friday Harbor. Possibility of teaching ABC later this spring.

Administrative Officer – HELP WANTED!

Programs: February Meeting – Need speaker; March Cindy Elliser; April is our Change of Watch. May - Jack Hartt, Former park ranger at Deception Pass State Park, September will be a slide show of Paul and Donna's trip to Australia.

Membership: No new members

Squadron Activities - Our annual planning meeting is tonight.

Secretary: - No meeting in December

Treasurer - Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of December 31, \$xxxxxx.

Commander: Carolyn Caporgno –

Old Business –

New Business:

Nominating Committee – Bridge is complete, need to talk to a few folks about some of the committee.

Meeting Adjourned: 1914

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 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
Executive Officer	Vacant	
Education Officer	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Administrative Officer	Vacant	
Secretary	Debbie Richey, AP	425-750-9551
Treasurer	Jack Dyer, AP	425-785-7782
Executive Committee		
	Donna Mason, AP	360-595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Paul Rosetter, AP	360-595-1083
	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
Flag Lt.	Steve Drummond, AP	
Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
Merit Marks	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
	Vacant	
	Vacant	
Executive Department		
Co-Op Charting	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Liaison	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Marketing	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
	George Brooks, SN	
Public Relations	Various members split	360-982-2999
Radio Technical	George Brooks, SN	360 333-2962
Safety	Don Coleman	
Vessel Exams	Vacant	
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Adam Deitz	203-536-6402
Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Local Board Advanced Grds	George Brooks, SN	360 982-2999
Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Administrative Department		
Boating Activities	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
Rendezvous	Donna Mason, AP	
Greeting	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
Membership	Debbie Richey, AP	
Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Vacant	
Property Officer	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Supply Officer	Glen Caporgno, S	209-484-2365
Secretary's Department		
Editor "Bitter End"	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
Historian	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Public Contact	Kelly Libby, S	425-359-7078
Roster	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
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	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
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.