

THE BITTER END

January 2023



For Boaters, By Boaters

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CALENDAR

- 05 Jan— Marketing Meeting, Burlington Haggen, 2PM
- 05 Jan— Exec Comm Meeting, Burlington Haggen 3PM
- 12 Jan— Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Activity Planning



Happy New Year to all. Come to our activity planning meeting this month to give your ideas of what you want to do socially. We would like to have more boaters involved but can also do land based and want to keep it interesting for everyone so come and give us input. You can also meet the other members if you are new and haven't been to a meeting yet.



Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Hello Boating Friends.

The holiday dinner and lighted boat parade was a great way to welcome in this holiday season. I hope those who were able to make it out for this party enjoyed one of the best boat parades yet. We collected \$157 for the Neighbors in Need Food Bank.

I would like to congratulate our members who earned a Merit Mark this year. Merit Marks are the highest recognition of annual voluntarism. These members made outstanding contributions of time and effort to the advancement of recreational boating safety and the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club. They are George W. Brooks, Don Coleman, Adam Deitz, Steve R. Drummond, Jack Dyer, George Michael Johnson, Sandra Dell Johnson, Donna J. Mason, Debbie Richey, Mark N. Richey, and Paul L. Rosetter.

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. 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.

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, January 5, 2023.**



Education Department Lt/C Mark Richey, SN-IN

Welcome to the new year. We have a few plans and have had some input from at least one new member on some ideas we may want to try. If he reads this we can try to continue playing phone tag.

The plan is to let our ASEO Adam run with some seminars or interesting classes this winter and see what attention we can get. We will also have our late spring ABC class. It would be nice to have an in person class but it looks like folks are getting used to virtual although maybe we can get some help setting up hybrid. The district had talked about a budget to help squadrons with that idea.

Lets hear your thoughts.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

We wish you a Happy New Year filled with boating and other types of activities.

Yes, it is that time of year again: let's assemble a great schedule of squadron activities for 2023. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming January Members Meeting, Thursday, January 12 at the Farmhouse Restaurant. We will develop our Squadron's 2023 activities, both boating and land-based, and we want your input! Please think about where you would like to go, what would you like to do: weekend rendezvous, day trips?

Bring your calendars, list of committed weekends, and suggestions for weekend rendezvous, other boating activities, as well as non-boating activities. Many of our members no longer have boats, but we enjoy getting together anyway. Where is your favorite weekend rendezvous spot? Do you prefer marinas with hook-ups or remote settings? Are you first timers? Are you seasoned boaters ready to try a new location? Do you want a "boat buddy" to travel to rendezvous with? Can you do daytrips only? Do you want to know what's involved being a host? We have a couple of new boats in the squadron this year. Tell us your thoughts, ideas, and preferences. We need and welcome your ideas!

Once we've all agreed on a plan, marina slips can be reserved, this year's squadron shirts will be available to order, and you can update your calendars.

We will have planning worksheets, tide information, charts, cruising guides and other materials to pique your interest. Come to the meeting and be the first to know what's going on! See you there!

WINTER BOATING AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



Sailing in blustery Auckland, New Zealand, which has over 70,000 boats.



Catamaraning for a day on the Great Barrier Reef



Motoring on Milford Sound to the Tasman Sea, New Zealand



Motoring past the Sydney Opera House, Sydney, Australia

Pictures From the LaConner Boat Parade Dinner



Gang at dinner and holiday cake



Niven's
SEDNA
Decorated



Other assorted
boats on
Swinomish
channel below



**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron
Marketing Committee Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2022**

Attendance:

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

*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1510

Executive Officer –

- Marketing Report – Donna was on vacation.
- George Brooks – George took the BoatUS online class. He thought the class was very high quality. There are six chapters. There was a quiz at the end of each chapter. You had to get 80% to move onto the next chapter. There was an exam at the end of the course with state questions. The state questions were embedded with the other questions. There were YouTube videos to accompany the course. George will work with Adams Publishing when we have a course to publicize.

Education Officer – Mark Richey

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Administrative Officer –

- Activities: Donna Mason
 - Christmas Party at LaConner Pub has been confirmed in December 10. 15 people are currently signed up to attend.
- Membership – Nothing to report
- Programs – Cindy Elliser Pacific Mammals will be our speak for March

Secretary – Debbie Richey

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

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

- Balance: \$xxxx (as of 11/30/2022).

Commander – Donna Mason (acting

- Bylaws Changes were recorded in the latest Governing Board minutes.

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Old Business –

- Marketing meeting will be held on **January 5?** What are our plans for the next year? What classes should we teach? We might teach Electrical Systems. We need to look at engaging with our newer members for instructors. Maybe teach Cruise Planning in Spring. We would like to meet with the Friday Harbor squadron to see how they set up their classes and what to teach.

New Business –

- Merit Marks – Need to be submitted.

Meeting adjourned 1540

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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	Vacant	
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3 Yrs.	Vacant	
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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.