

# THE BITTER END

March 2023



*For Boaters, By Boaters*

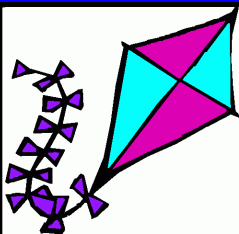
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## CALENDAR



02 Mar- Ex-Com Meeting, Burlington Haggan, 3PM  
09 Mar- Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Elections, Program  
12 Mar- SEDNA Christening, Shelter Bay Pavilion, 3PM  
25 Mar- Granville Island Day Trip, Lunch



Welcome to spring. Its coming in with a couple flakes but its coming. This month is elections so come out and vote the new bridge in and even nominate others that can fill the empty spots. As of this issue Marine Electrical Systems is about to Start. You may even have time to join if you do it immediately by calling George Brooks (number in back)



### Commanders Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Hello Boating Friends.

Elections will be held at this month's meeting. We have a guest speaker. We are ready to announce the menu for the April Change of Watch: flank steak, baked herb salmon, house green salad, roasted potatoes, and fresh steamed seasonal medley of vegetables. Watch for the invitation and R.S.V.P. instructions in your email this month.

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](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 **3 p.m. (winter hours) Thursday, March 2, 2023.** The **General meeting** is Thursday, **February 9** starting at **6 p.m.** with a half-hour social hour, followed by a business meeting, dinner, and our speaker. Our guest speaker is Dr. Cindy Elliser, Pacific Mammal Research (see her bio elsewhere in this issue).

### March Guest Speaker

Marine Mammals in the Salish Sea

Come join us for this excellent presentation.

Dr. Cindy R. Elliser received her B.S. (2000) and M.S. (2003) in Biological Sciences from Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and received her Ph.D. in Integrative Biology from FAU in 2010. For ten years she worked with Dr. Herzog and the Wild Dolphin Project studying Atlantic spotted and bottlenose dolphins in the Bahamas. In 2014 Dr. Elliser moved to the Pacific Northwest and founded Pacific Mammal Research to study marine mammals in the Salish Sea, particularly harbor porpoises and harbor seals. She is the author of numerous papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals and has presented at international scientific conferences. Dr. Elliser also teaches biology and related courses as an associate professor at Skagit Valley College.



## **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...)

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.



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

Lots of spring stuff in the works. Our Marine Electrical Systems Class starts this Tuesday and should be a great class. A few other squadrons have Zoom offerings of various things including Advanced Piloting. I will forward the info via email as I see them.

Here is the link to the AP class if you are interested <https://americasboatingclub.org/index.php/find-a-class-near-you?zip=98467&range=20> Any questions, Bentley Rickmers [benric7@gmail.com](mailto:benric7@gmail.com).

We still have plans for an ABC Class starting immediately after the Marine Electrical ends. This is likely my last month as your SEO so let Adam Deitz know if you have friends that want it or can help. I will still be one of the instructors.

We have a bunch of ideas for the next season of training. This was a list of some of the things that members wanted. We can't do them all at once so let us know what you want first and if there is something else better.

A "How to use Radar" class from some local, non-manufacturer, business,  
Navigation, Celestial Navigation (N), Piloting (P), Weather (maybe Bob Jacobsen formerly NOAA),  
Electronic Nav Systems

## **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

## 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  
February 2, 2023**

**Attendance:**

Mark Richey	George Brooks	Jack Dyer	
Glen Caporgno	Carolyn Caporgno	Sandy Johnson	George Johnson

\*Quorum present

Meeting Called to Order: 1500

**Executive Officer –**

- Marketing Report – Donna absent
- George Brooks – No Report

**Education Officer – Mark Richey**

- Marine Electrical Systems registration going strong. 2 students so far and 5 possible. Paid ads in Clam Digger and Skagit Publishing.
- Talked about April / May ABC.
- Discussed getting online registration forms on website.

**Administrative Officer – Commander**

- Membership – Debbie not here
- Programs – No February program. Jack has possible list for future. Possible History of Skagit County Museum. What for Sep/Oct? Cindy Elliser Pacific Mammals will be our speaker for March. Jack Hartt former Deception Pass park ranger for May.

**Secretary – Mark for Debbie Richey**

- Motion moved, second and approved for the January minutes.

**Treasurer – Jack Dyer**

- Balance: \$xxxxxx (as of 1/31/2023). The annual BTO report has 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. Amazon Smile is gone.

**Commander – Carolyn Caporgno**

- Correction on date of Nom Com report.

**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.

**New Business –**

- Do we want to teach high school students via NW Career and Technical Academy / Marine Tech Group? Maybe get Adam involved. George B will follow up for further conversation and see if we fit.
- Walt Wood passed away. Memoriam in newsletter? George J will ask John Bellinger.
- George J received letter for Shipwreck Day. Moved and passed to use \$220 to reserve.

Meeting adjourned 1600

## America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

### General Meeting February 09, 2023

**Attendance:**

Mark Richey  
Debbie Richey  
Sandy Johnson  
George Johnson  
Jack Dyer

Jeanne Brooks  
George Brooks  
Elizabeth Mahoney-Niven  
Dan Niven  
Carolyn Caporgno  
Glen Caporgno

Steve Drummond  
Jean Drummond  
John Woodard  
Harlan Mayer

The meeting started at 1853 at The Farmhouse Restaurant.

**Marketing** – George Brooks – George talked to the Northwest Career and Technical Academy (high school), would they be interested in including our educational materials and teaching in their courses. There will be more to come.

**Educational Officer Report** – Mark Richey reported Marine Electrical Systems classes. Two paid students and 5 possible students. Mark is planning an ABC class in April after MES ends.

**Administrative Officer** – HELP WANTED!

**Programs:** March Cindy Elliser from Pacific Mammal Research; 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** – See the Bitter End for the full list of our scheduled activities this year.

**Secretary:** - January minutes were approved.

**Treasurer** - Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of December 31, \$xxxxx

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

**Old Business** –

**New Business:**

Our March Speaker Cindy Elliser, has a podcast called Pacmam and it's available where you get your podcasts.

Meeting Adjourned: 1911



## 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)

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-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Deanna Randall-Secrest 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.**