

THE BITTER END

October 2023



For Boaters, By Boaters

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CALENDAR

28 Sep-15 Oct—D16 Fall Cruise
05 Oct—Ex Comm Meeting, 6PM Haggen Burlington
12 Oct—Regular Meeting, Shawn O'Donnells, 6PM
13-15 Oct— Rosario Rendezvous, See Schedule
31 Oct— Happy Halloween—Careful of the goblins



Let all your friends know about the Marine Navigation Class (Formerly Piloting) coming up in November. It's a ways out but lets get interest going. Make sure to read info on Rosario in commander article. Be careful of the kiddies out there and Happy Halloween. Also hunting season is starting so careful on your favorite trails.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

A little early this month as Deb and I will be out and about. I just want to make sure that all of you going on the Rosario

Rendezvous **make a reservation with marina.** This isn't normally needed this time of year however D16 is going to end their cruise with us so we aren't sure how many boats there will be and want to make sure we get a spot. They do have buoys however. Deb and I are hosting our portion. Probably docktails Friday and dinner at the fire pit on Saturday. Email drichy@rocketmail.com if you are interested in coming. We will send out email week before with more details.

Don't forget to tell your friends about the Boating Class starting the 30th at Burlington Haggen. There were flyers in last months newsletter

Also important is the upcoming Marine Navigation course. This is an in-depth course running 8 weeks and will teach a lot you need to know especially useful for the type of boating we do in this area.

See you at the meeting.



Administrative Officer Carolyn Caporgno, S

Join us **Thursday, October 12** for our General Meeting at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse for dinner and a program. Wil Shellenberger from the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum will be our guest speaker. PNNAM is a heritage center exploring the local role in WWII military action with aircraft, photos, and artifacts. The museum began as the PBY Memorial Association comprised of 14 veterans who had flown PBY-Catalinas, World War II era amphibious patrol bombers that operated out of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. These veterans had a simple goal—to erect a monument to their fellow PBY pilots who had flown in World War II.

If you have ideas for speakers for 2024, email me with their name and contact information. I have a good part of the year booked, but always looking for new presenters.

Guest Speaker Bio

A native of Alliance, OH, Wil entered the Navy after a short college coaching career. He served 20 years as a Surface Line Officer, including 7 ship's company tours and one afloat staff tour. Following his command tour he retired as an O-5. Wil then embarked on a 20 year Financial Services career during which he built his own company and worked extensively with small businesses and venture capital companies. A college history major, Wil has always maintained his interest and enthusiasm for history. The Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum provides him a means to convert a "pastime" into a productive pursuit that contributes to preserving our nation's Naval Heritage. Most recently Wil served as the Interim Executive Director of the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum and is currently Chair of the Museum's Capital Improvement Team.

The Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum is located in downtown Oak Harbor on Whidbey Island. Its mission is to collect, preserve and present the Naval Aviation history of the Pacific Northwest. Formerly known as the PBY-Naval Air Museum, PNWNAM is in the midst of constructing new facilities near the main gate of NAS Whidbey Island.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

September 28-October 14 District 16 End of Season Cruise – see D16 website for information.

October 7 is the District 16 Fall Conference – see D16 website for information.

October 13-15 Rosario Resort, Orcas Island Rendezvous: As a part of the D16 "Hop on Hop off End of Summer Cruise." Details, below. Also there will be DIY diy dinner at the fire pit Saturday.

December 9 LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Holiday Party

NEW DATES: Thursday, December 14 – Saturday, December 16 Vancouver, B.C. Canada train and boating trip. Revised itinerary and instructions will be available after October 1.

Hop on Hop off End of Summer Cruise

This cruise is designed so you can join up with it or leave it anywhere along the route. You can even pick it up multiple times. Feel free to do the entire cruise too. It is being hosted by District 16 and will end with our own Rosario Rendezvous as being the final stop.

The entire cruise description is on the D16 Webpage but basically it starts 28 Sep at Kingston and goes to Langley, Port Townsend, Sequim, and across to Friday Harbor. From there it goes to multiple San Juan Islands locations. Take a look at this link for all the details.

https://www.uspsd16.org/files/ugd/c4a9d4_6e745cb31fab4203aee39873985d689c.pdf

This is the fall Cardinal Points, which contains a section on planning the cruise.

The following pages are photos from Paul and Donna's Scotland Trip. Notice boating theme!



Agatha Christie was a boater! Here's her boathouse on the Dart River..



Approachig Urquart Castle from Loch Ness Scotland



Dartmouth England: busy famous seaport and home to Britannia Royal Navy College



We watched from our rented house how the harbor workers at Brixham Harbor, Devon England hauled a sailboat from a busy, crowded harbor onto a lorry.



GPS Coordinates on Loch Ness, Scotland



Caledonian Sea Scouts Boat (sorry it is a little blurry--white caps on Lake Ness)



Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron



Marine Navigation Class

Tuesday evenings, 6 PM until 8 PM

November 7, 2023 thru January 30, 2024

No classes on Nov 21, Dec 26, and Jan 2.

Haggen Burlington Community Room

Marine Navigation

You won't ever get lost or run aground when you know marine navigation, whether for short day trips or long multi-day cruises.

Subjects included?

- Charts, paper and electronic
- Mariner's compass
- Navigation aids
- Waypoints
- Pre-planning and plotting courses
- GPS and chart plotters
- Computer based navigation freeware
- Monitoring progress

USPS member price \$80

Second member sharing e-Book \$25

Non-member price \$130

Second non-member sharing e-Book \$75

Plotting Tools (if needed) \$20

Information and Register by Contacting George Brooks by October 27

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Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2023

Attendance:

Carolyn Caporgno	George Brooks	Donna Mason
Jack Dyer	Mark Richey	Debbie Richey

Quorum present

Officer's Reports

Executive Officer

Marketing – Minimal efforts have been minimal.

Education Officer – Adam Deitz (Not present)

Marine Navigation Class – The flyer has been prepared, it's in HQ800. Two very interested students

OTW – Friday Harbor teaches OTW to members so therefore no USCG licenses required.

Adam has suggested we offer a free membership to the folks that are interest in OTW.

ABC Class – 2 students and 3 more possible.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

September - Skagit Bay Search and Rescue

October - Will Shellenberger, PBY Museum in Oak Harbor

November - Phyllis Woolwine, Master Mariner, Shearwater U

Membership – Debbie Richey – no report

Activities – Donna Mason D16 Rendezvous @ Poulsbo, June 9-11; Seattle Bell Harbor, July 7-12; Shipwreck Day, July 15; Deer Harbor, Orcas Island Rendezvous August 11-13

Secretary – Debbie Richey

Minutes moved, seconded, and approved the May 2023 minutes. Correction to minutes that we needed to earn \$1200 to break even.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of August 31, \$XXXX Shipwreck Day Revenue was \$3098.43. Budget has been finalized. Jack handed out a budget/expenses sheet. ExCom has approved the budget. Budget will be brought to the squadron at the next general meeting.

Commander –

Old Business Donna will look into updating our bylaws.

New Business

Meeting adjourned 1902

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting September 14, 2023

Attendance:

Mark Richey
Debbie Richey
Jack Dyer
Jeanne Brooks

George Brooks
Carolyn Caporgno
Glen Caporgno
Steve Drummond
Jean Drummond

John Woodard
Fred Kaufhold (SBSAR)
Stephanie Kaufhold
(SBSAR)
Jim White (SBSAR)

The meeting started at 1824 at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse Restaurant

Marketing – Donna brought some rack cards for folks to hand out to friends and acquaintances.

Educational Officer Report – ABC class starts September 30 at Burlington Haggen. Three students so far. Ad runs this week for the class.

Marine Navigation class starts November 7 at Burlington Haggen for 10 classes. No requirement for ABC first. Don Coleman will assist with the class. Fliers are available for posting.

Administrative Officer –

Programs: September Skagit Search and Rescue, October, Will Shellenberger, Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum, November, Phyllis Woolwine. Shearwater University

Squadron Activities – Rosario Rendezvous has been incorporated into the District 16 End of Season cruise. Anniversary picnic at Camano Island State Park September 23. Vancouver train trip December 16-18. There are 12 people signed up.

Secretary: - May minutes were approved.

Treasurer - Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of August 31, \$XXXXX. Shipwreck Day Revenue was \$3098.43. ExCom approved a budget for a vote of the membership. A motion was made and seconded and the budget was approved.

Commander: Mark Richey –

Old Business – Bylaws update: A third reviewer is now looking at the bylaws revisions at National. Still waiting for a response.

New Business:

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.



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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.