

THE BITTER END

September 2023



For Boaters, By Boaters

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CALENDAR

07 Sep— Ex-Com Meeting, Burlington Haggan, 6PM
14 Sep— Regular Meeting, Shawn O'Donnells, 6PM, Program
23 Sep— Anniversary Cookout, Camano Island State Park
28 Sep-14 Oct— D16 Fall Cruise, Hop on Hop Off
30 Sep— ABC Class Begins, Burlington Haggan, 9AM



Get your friends to our ABC Class this month. Also this month is the Hop on Hop off D16 Fall Cruise. It ends at our own Rosario Rendezvous. See more in this issue. Finally 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. Welcome back from summer.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Welcome back and hope you all had great summer. Dep and I were real busy with trip to Europe, boating to Seattle for All Star week and 2 weeks sailing in San Juans

to finish it off. We are even hosting one more cruise the middle of next month for our last on the water event.

Hope you made it to the big Anacortes Shipwreck Fest this July. We made more than we ever did in sales of good stuff. We are sitting just over \$3k with a few more items still waiting for folks that said they wanted them. This was theoretically our last year as management team is blown out but we will see.

FLASH! Something new to remind your friends or even do yourself. We are offering Marine Navigation this year. See the flyer in this issue. This is the old Piloting Course for those that remember it and it is most of the basic navigation items you might need for local cruising.

See the flyer for the Public Boating Class. Please post the flyers around your favorite marine supply and local bulletin boards.



Administrative Officer's Message Carolyn Caporgno, S

Join us **Thursday, September 14** for our General Meeting at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse for dinner and a program. Jim White and Fred Kaufhold from Skagit Bay Search and Rescue will be our speakers. The social half-hour begins at 6 p.m., with a short meeting, dinner, and the program.

September 23, 2 p.m. is our annual anniversary cookout/potluck. This year we have scheduled this event at the Camano Island State Park, 2269 S. Lowell Point Road, Camano Island. We'll be inside in case of wind or rain at the Lowell Point Kitchen Shelter. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. We'll fire up the BBQ and have a great time! Contact carolyncaporgno@gmail.com with your reservation. Plates, cups, napkins, and utensils will be provided.

Consider taking an end of season eighteen-day cruise or join-in along the way. Read more about it and get the itinerary at the District 16 website. RVers and cars can also visit the first five stops without a ferry trip. **September 28-October 15** are the dates



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

September 23: Our squadron's Anniversary Midday Cookout. We'll try a new spot: the Lowell Point Shelter, 2269 South Lowell Point Road, Camano Island State Park. The Lowell Point Kitchen Shelter is reserved for us. The facility has electricity, picnic tables, potable cold-water sink, wood stove, two charcoal braziers. It is a State Parks Free Day—no parking fee. The squadron provides hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. An announcement will come from Cdr. Mark.

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 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.

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.

Deer Harbor Cruise

A great time was had by all with 4 boats. This is a record for us in last few years and hope we Keep it up.

Rendezvous was attended by Mark and Debbie Richey on Quiet Time, Dan and Elizabeth Niven on Sedna, Adam and Nicole Dietz on Wickford and John (Woody) Woodford on his boat.





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USPS America's Boating Course

In-Person (Burlington Haggen Community Room)

Classes: Sept 30 (9am-1pm), Oct 7 (9am-1pm)

Exam Location Burlington Haggen: Oct 10, 6:30pm

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 in same household sharing book

Contact Adam Deitz, adam@marinerlaw.com, cell: 203-536-6402



Registration closes Sept 20, 2023

Class is limited to 15 students



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

360-982-2999 or 360-202-8198 mobile

Geor49@gmail.com

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2023

Attendance:

Carolyn Caporgno
Jack Dyer

George Brooks
Sandy Johnson

Donna Mason
George Johnson

Quorum present

Officer's Reports

Executive Officer

Marketing Report: Advertise classes early and announce class Marine Navigation that replaces Piloting to start in October finish before Christmas or start in November and finish in January 2024. It will be 9-10 sessions.

Education Officer – Adam Deitz (Not present)

Wants to try and do some Ed Marketing in time for next spring. Blessing of fleet?
Discussion of OTW Training with NW Tech. Adam now has Cert Instructor, needs to get HOT Certifier.
Discussion of free ABC classes?
Fall ABC Class. Mark has some folks that are interested possibly October but need much earlier and harder marketing.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn

June - Shelter Bay BBQ Pavilion End of Year – burgers and brats
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.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

Discussed registration as charitable org with Washington to make it easier to fundraise.
Discussed online donation processing organizations.
The 2023-24 budget was reviewed, and expenses and income were approximated with no approval at this meeting. Discussion led to sell as much quality merchandise at Shipwreck. It was suggested we sell extra computers as clean Window 10 systems which would require removing hard drive and reinstalling the operating system. Jack will talk to Kari and investigate other ways to do this.

Commander – Carolyn Caporgno (acting for Mark who was on vacation)

Old Business No discussion

~Northwest Career and Technical Academy Marine Tech. Group
(teaching high school students) re: On-The-Water Training (see Ed Dept)

New Business

Meeting adjourned 1900

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.