

THE BITTER END

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District 16

CALENDAR



04 January— Executive Committee Meeting, Burlington Hagen, 3PM

11 January— Regular Meeting, Shawn O'Donnells, 6PM, Activity Planning

Please come to our next meeting if you want to have input what we will be doing for our social side next year. If there are some places you want to go or see, let us know at the meeting. We are going to be setting up the rendezvous schedule and it would be great to not have same old spots. Also let us know what educational opportunities you may like.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024. We have high hopes for this year. We have been getting smaller, as have all clubs, but we feel with input from you as well as some new Education opportunities we can grow again and get better known in community.

Our next meeting allows you to have input into what you want to do next year as we set up our activity schedule. This is a great session for you new members to come up with ideas that would peak your interest in attending.

I will likely be sending out an email request for input in the next week or so to see what kind of classes, seminars and/or training you all might be interested in. We can even do some stuff that isn't part of the Squadron agenda if we get enough interest.

If you have any program ideas for our regular meeting, please let our Admin Officer, Carolyn, know. We would love to come up with lots of interesting programs. We might even be able to get interest from other squadrons.

Just curious if any of you are still boating this winter? It's been really mild and Deb and I are still sailing as long as it isn't horizontal rain. I know,

sailors are supposed to be tough, right? Well if anyone is still going out, especially mid week, let us know and we might join you. Just remember we have a slow boat.

Take care and have a safe and happy New Year and see you at the meeting. Come and give us your ideas.



Administrative Officer Carolyn Caporgno, S

Happy New Year! Dinner meeting program planning has been completed through April. We'll have a down-home, family-oriented presentation from our sister squadron member Cheryl McCarthy who is a journalist and author from Bellingham in February, with Donna Mason and Paul Rosetter taking us on a tour of New Zealand in March. Join us at Shawn O'Donnell's on Thursday, January 11 to plan cruises and trips for 2024.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

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

January Members Meeting We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting, Thursday, January 11 at Shawn O'Donnells on SR20. We want your input! Please think about where you would like to go, what would you would 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. 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? Can you do day trips only? Do you want to know what's involved being a host? Tell us your thoughts, ideas, and preferences. We need and welcome your ideas!

We will have planning worksheets, tide information, charts, cruising guides and other materials to pique your interest. Come to the meeting and help us fill in the blanks:

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

La Conner Pub Dinner and Lighted Boat Parade



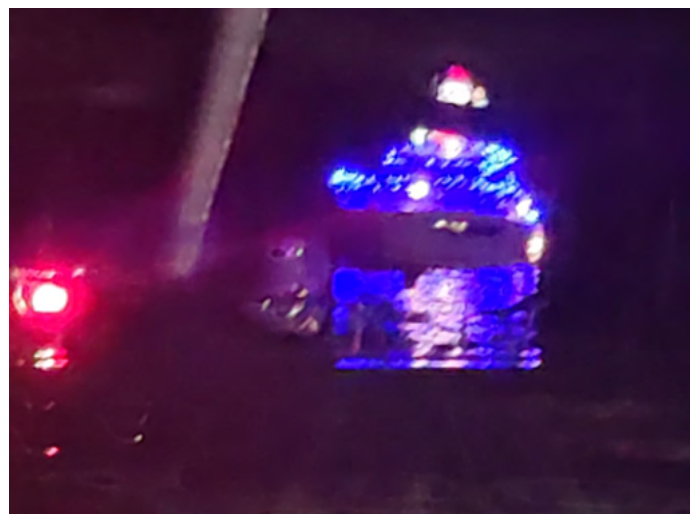
Gordon Murphy joined Jeannie and Steve Drummond, Paul Rosetter, Mark and Debbie Richey at our table.



Guests Earl Lawson and Rod Proctor joined Don and Tami Coleman, Cdr Mark, Marlene and John Bellingier.



Sandy Johnson, Jeannie Brooks, Carolyn and Glen Caporgno and George Johnson being supervised by a crusty pirate. Missing from the photos: George Brooks, John Woodard, Dan Niven, Harlan and Shirley Mayer and guests Kathy Hartnett, Scott and Martha Rhodes.



Vancouver City Trip and Boat Cruise



Group on Amtrak heading for Vancouver from Mt Vernon



Canada Place from Dinner Cruise



Group at Executive Hotel Le Soleil



Van Deusen Garden

More Vancouver Photos



Group Dinner after Van Deusen Visit



Dan Niven enjoying a local brew.



Jeannie Drummond anticipating that giant cocktail.



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Donna Mason
Dan Niven
Steve Drummond
Ken Smith (Friday Harbor)
Pat Smith (Friday Harbor)
Jeannie Drummond
Paul Rosetter

Not sure who took picture.

Ken and Pat are also associates of our group

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 07, 2023

Attendance:

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

Quorum present

Meeting started: 1503

Officer's Reports

Executive Officer

Marketing – Donna is bringing the rack cards to give to the guests at the Dinner on December 9.

Education Officer – Adam Deitz (Not present)

Marine Navigation Class – George Brooks has retired from teaching. We thank him for all the years of teaching. Difficulty of getting students to sign up for classes. Mark is going to investigate using K & R Marine's radar simulator.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

Programs – January – Activity Planning, March – Paul and Donna New Zealand Trip

Membership – Debbie Richey – no report

Activities – Donna Mason LaConner Pub's list for Boat Parade on December 9. There are 26 people are coming

Secretary – Debbie Richey – November minutes approved.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of November 30, \$xxxxxx

Commander – Nothing to report

Old Business

New Business

Meeting adjourned 1534

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

We are always looking for boating related articles from any member. Photos too. If you think it would be of interest o the Squadron, send it. The editor will insert as space and subject provides. Note that the green box on the first page is quick editorial comments and attention getting items .

~ 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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Commander	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
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Education Officer	Adam Deitz	203-536-6402
Administrative Officer	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
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	Donna Mason, AP	360-595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	George Brooks, SN	
	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
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	Vacant	
	Vacant	
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	George Brooks, SN	
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Vessel Exams	Vacant	
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Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
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Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
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2 Yrs.	Jeannie Drummond	
3 Yrs.		
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2 Yrs.	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
3 Yrs.	Vacant	
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	George Johnson, SN	
2 Yrs.	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
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.