

THE BITTER END

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CALENDAR

- 7 Nov— Excom Meeting, Burlington Hagen, 6PM (Old Time)
- 14 Nov— Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Last one of year
- 15-17 Nov, Vancouver by Train, See Activities
- 28 Nov—Happy Thanksgiving



Please note our executive meeting remains at 6PM this month as we will have a guest that needs to attend and also need to accommodate other schedules. Don't forget to vote Tuesday. No matter who you like your vote counts. We have a fun event this month so take a look at activities schedule and let Donna know.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Sorry for no newsletter last month. Deb and I were gone but will make up for it this month. We really hope you can make the meeting. There will probably be a couple important items to discuss that involve some input by members.

November is our last business meeting of the year so would love you to come and show support. The December meeting is the lighted boat parade at LaConner Pub.

We would love to have some training this winter so if you have any ideas, no matter if we normally teach them or not, come to meeting and let us know. We are considering partnering with a local squadron for a lot of stuff so will increase our capability.

We could use a volunteer to help us plan activities for next year so if this is your thing or you have things in mind. Let us know and talk to Donna. Our planning meeting will be January.

Are your boats set for story weather?
See you at the meeting.



Administrative Officer Carolyn Caporgno, S

Time has flown by, and we are looking toward our seats to watch the La Conner Boat Parade and enjoy friendships at a holiday celebration. I love this event!

You say, "Wait, this is November." Yes, I have been unsuccessful in finding a speaker for the November meeting. (I do have a speaker for February.) Please join us on November 14 for our regular dinner meeting and socializing.

I now work for La Conner and Sedro Woolley Schools four to five days a week. I have emailed potential speakers and have found that some do not respond. Others promise a date in the future that will move us into 2025. I will continue to finish the year as we need March and May 2025 speakers. If you know someone interested in speaking on a boating topic, please do not hesitate to contact me at carolyncaporgno@gmail.com.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

If you are interested in these activities, please email me: donnajmason@gmail.com.

November 15-17 Train trip to Vancouver, B.C. Canada - By 9:30 a.m., we'll meet at the Mount Vernon Amtrak station, where there is plenty of free parking. Don't forget your passports! We'll hop on Train 516 departing at 10:04 a.m. arriving in Vancouver B.C. Canada at 12:30 p.m. The latest quote for 2 seniors Coach is \$85 total. We'll clear customs then head for our hotels, probably via Uber or Lyft. Hungry people may want to grab a snack at the station. After settling in our rooms, we could go out for a group lunch or explore on our own. At time of writing, it is too soon to know what is happening in Vancouver that weekend, but it always is an entertaining city! So far two couples are going and are staying at The Sylvia Hotel on English Bay at 1154 Gilford St. It is a 3-star hotel with a 4.3/5 rating. Friends have recommended this to me, and it gets good reviews. They offer several room options. We will explore the English Bay area, enjoy neighborhood restaurants, and discover what's happening at that time. The exchange rate at time of writing is \$1US = \$1.39CA.

December 14 is our Squadron Holiday Party and LaConner Lighted Boat Parade at the LaConner Pub, beginning at 5 p.m. We'll partake in revelry and order dinner from the menu. We'll enjoy squadron-provided chocolate cake for dessert. You can voluntarily contribute to local Neighbors-in-Need Food Bank. We recommend arriving in LaConner early to get a parking space and explore the shops or stroll along the river walkway. We have restaurant space for 20 people; reserve your space by December 4. So far we have 12 people signed up!

December 21 Argosy Christmas Caroling Ship from the Kirkland City Dock from 2-3:30 p.m. The *Spirit of Seattle*[™], the Official Christmas Ship[™], is decorated with hundreds of shimmery white lights and sails to different Puget Sound waterfront communities. The "Naughty and Nice" Choir on board will entertain us.

We'll meet at 11:00 a.m. at Cactus Restaurant, 121 Park Lane in Kirkland, for lunch prior to the cruise which leaves from Kirkland City Dock, boarding at 1:30 p.m. Order your tickets directly online at <https://www.argosycruises.com/argosy-cruises/christmas-ship-festival>. Specify "The Christmas Ship" Spirit of Seattle (not the follow boat) when ordering your tickets for the 2 p.m. departure. Posted prices: Adult 13-64 \$54, Senior \$50, Youth 4-12 \$40. There is no AAA discount, and they add processing fees.

Parking: Argosy recommends giving extra time if you plan to park in a downtown Kirkland lot or garage. Many options available, including the Peter Kirk Municipal Parking Garage (under the Kirkland Library), the Lakeshore Plaza lot, and City Hall (free nights and weekends). You can also visit the [City of Kirkland Parking Guide](#) or [Parkopedia](#) for additional Kirkland parking options.

So far we have 8 people signed up.





Our Anniversary Picnic at Shelter Bay in September



Below Some Pics from Mark and Debs Australia trip.

Mom feeding baby humpback.



Guess where?

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting, October 10, 2024

Minutes taken by Donna Mason in Debbie Richey's absence

Attendance:

Donna Mason

Paul Rosetter

Glen Caporgno

Carolyn Caporgno

George Johnson

Sandra Johnson

Jack Dyer

Jeanie Drummond

Steve Drummond

Lori Fox

The meeting came to order at 6:25 p.m. at The Farmhouse Restaurant. A quorum was present.

Executive Office – Marketing: No report

Educational Officer Report – Absent – No Report

Administrative Officer – Carolyn announced that speakers for meetings are hard to come by these days. There is no speaker for tonight's meeting.

Membership: Donna got the information needed to order new member Lori Fox's nametag.

Squadron Activities: The article that was supposed to appear in the October issue of "Bitter End", about the rest of the calendar year activities, was handed out. Some members are interested in the Vancouver train trip so that will happen. The Holiday Party and La Conner Lighted Boat Parade has been confirmed with the LaConner Pub for Saturday, December 14. Some members are interested in the Argosy Christmas Caroling Ship from Kirkland on December 21, so that activity is a "go" also. Donna will email the article to all members tomorrow.

Secretary: Absent, so minutes can be voted on at the November Member Meeting.

Treasurer: Jack Dyer reported the checking account balance as of September 30 \$xxxx and as of October 10: \$xxxx

Commander: Absent, no report.

Old Business: The Johnsons reported there are a few items left from Shipwreck Day that haven't been sold, but they still they are trying to sell them. Have listed them on Craig's list.

New Business: None

The Johnsons froze and brought some of the leftover Squadron Anniversary Cookout cake for dessert at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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 to 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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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.