

# THE BITTER END

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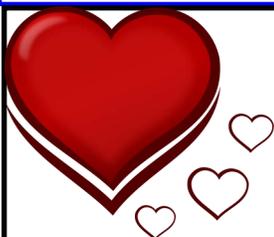
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## CALENDAR

- 06 Feb—Exec Meeting, Burlington Hagen, 4PM
- 13 Feb—Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, 6PM, Program
- 14 Feb—Happy Valentines Day
- 18 Feb—Deception Pass Regular Meeting, OHYC, 5:30PM



**Start advertising our free spring Boating Class to your friends. There is a flyer in this issue that you can post and pass around. Remember, we are starting to share activities and classes with Deception Pass. Take a look at articles and schedules in this issue.**



### Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Hello members and welcome to 6 more weeks of winter or so Phil says. Our event schedule is in this issue so you can now set your calendars to join us on all the fun stuff. We are also again having our free ABC class. It was such a big draw last year we are trying it again. We even got some new members from it. It is again shared with Deception Pass and will be advertised by both and will again be held upstairs at Anacortes Marina. Tell your friends.

Hope you are all winterized. As of this publish date it hasn't frozen or deep froze here yet but I see the temps going into the 20's this week. Are your engine rooms heated?

If any of you would like to volunteer to do something for the squadron, next month we bring in new officers and committees and would love to see some new ideas. Take a look at list on back page and feel free to ask any of us what we need. All spots can use some help.

See you all at next meeting. Good program!



### Administrative Officer Carolyn Caporgno, S

Welcome to February! At our General meeting on Thursday, February 13, John Gargett will discuss the Poseidon Vessel Management approach Norwest Marine Services has developed.

This approach views a vessel as a complex system comprising subsystems that require maintenance, care, and regular updates to ensure optimal performance. Attendees will learn the Poseidon approach and comprehensively understand vessel management. John has been an avid boater for sixty years, growing up on the waters of the Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands, and the Gulf Islands. He is the Past Commodore of the Bellingham Yacht Club and Secretary of the Semiahmoo Marina Association. He recently joined Norwest Marine Services, serving as the Senior Marine Manager. Norwest Marine Services offers a wide array of vessel maintenance, repair, and servicing, catering to the diverse needs of vessel owners and Captains.

If you know someone interested in speaking on a boating topic, please do not hesitate to contact me at [carolyncaporgno@gmail.com](mailto:carolyncaporgno@gmail.com).

**America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay**

**2025 Activities Schedule**

Date	Destination	Host
Jan – Feb	Stay Safe!	
Jan 31 – Feb 8	Seattle Boat Show: Enjoy it on your own	
March 28-30	Friday Harbor San Juan Island Boat or Car Ferry	Mark & Debbie Richey
May 2-4	Langley, Whidbey Island Boat or Car Day Trip	Paul Rosetter & Donna M.
May 17	Wear Your Life Jacket <u>Everywhere</u> Day	
June 6-8	Coupeville Rendezvous	Craig and Billie Ford
June 12	Shelter Bay Squadron Picnic and June Meeting	TBD Cdr.
June 13-29?	Desolation Sound Cruise with Deception Pass Sq.	Jerry Liggett
June 20-22?	D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo	D16 Commander
July 18-Aug 3	South Sound Cruise, Mariner's, Bell Harbor Marina	Mark & Debbie Richey
Sept 12-14	Garrison Bay Anchor Out	Fords & Richeys
Sept 19-21 Mahoney-Niven	Port of Edmonds Rendezvous	Dan Niven & Elizabeth
Sept 26-28	Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay, Whidby Island	Squadron Commander/Designee
End Oct TBD	D16 End of Season Cruise	D16 TBD
Nov 14-16	Pt. Townsend by boat or ferry	TBD
Dec 13	LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Holiday Party	Paul R. & Donna M.

As the events get closer the hosts will write up details on how to make reservations, if needed, and what to expect.

**Friday Harbor March 28-30**

Come by boat or walk on the ferry. Friday Harbor has many shops to walk through or visit the whale museum in town. The ferry schedule will be one week into their spring schedule. We will take the 1:35 pm ferry from Anacortes, arrive in Friday Harbor at 2:45 pm. Dinner will be at 4:30 at Downriggers Restaurant on the waterfront. We would like to know how many are going to be there, We will catch the 6:15 pm ferry back to Anacortes and arrive at 7:45 pm. This is a great way to start the cruising season.

If you are coming by boat, you will call Port of Friday Harbor on 66A for a slip when in sight of the marina. All slips are first come first served until May 15. For more information: Debbie Richey email: [drichey@rocketmail.com](mailto:drichey@rocketmail.com) Downriggers menu: <https://www.downriggerssanjuan.com>. Mark and Deb may come by boat Friday afternoon. Please let us know if you are going to.

Ferry Schedule (make sure to click on March 23-Jun14 for correct schedule): <https://wsdot.com/ferries/schedule/scheduledetailbyroute.aspx?route=ana-sj#>

Whale Museum: <https://whalemuseum.org>

## America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay

General Meeting January 9, 2025

**Attendance:**

Mark Richey  
Debbie Richey  
Paul Rosetter  
Carolyn Caporgno  
Donna Mason

Glen Caporgno  
John Woodward  
Craig Ford  
Billie Ford  
Jerry Liggett (Deception  
Pass)

Chip White (Deception  
Pass)  
John Klemser (Deception  
Pass)  
Cristina Klemser  
(Deception Pass)

The meeting started at 1835 at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse Restaurant

**Education** – Would like to do another free ABC class, maybe March/April.

**Admin** – Programs are in planning. Activity planning is during this meeting.

**Secretary:** - November minutes were approved as written. Moved and seconded we accept minutes.

**Treasurer** – No report.

**Commander:** Mark Richey –

**New Business** - Deception Pass attended to help us plan our rendezvous for the year. We are looking to include Deception Pass in our social activities.

Meeting adjourned 1844

Deception Pass has invited us to their next monthly meeting at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club. The topic will be DC electrical tools and troubleshooting.

Hi there!

I am Jerry Liggett, Commander of the Deception Pass Squadron. I am completing my 2 years as the Commander. I am being pulled away pretty regularly for elder care issues in CA. As a change of watch is upon us, our squadron has been joined by the amazingly experienced Captain Kevin J. Pisani. Kevin is the past Commander of the Bremerton Squadron and is a USCG Licensed Captain with a 50' live aboard. Kevin will be assuming the duties of Commander for the Deception Pass Squadron. I will be as-

I have spoken with Kevin regularly about our combined interests in co-mingling training and social schedules. The benefits make each squadron more interesting and desirable, and best serve our members to learn to be safe boaters and **STAY OFF THE**

We are also talking about a June trip to **Desolation Sound, BC**. We will revisit **CRUISE PLANNING** topics for inclusion in our monthly meeting's progressive Training Program. So start getting your boat up to speed, join us in our updated classes on Navigation, Charting, Crossing the border and Returning, Boat Maintenance, how to use the Navionics App, Provisioning, and Cooking at

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month, Oak Harbor Yacht Club, 5:30 PM. We enjoy a potluck dinner and the training begins. **YOU ARE INVITED!**



# Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron and Deception Pass Sail & Power Squadron



## Free Safe Boating Course

**Classes: March 29 (9am-1pm), April 5 (9am-1pm)**

**Exam : April 7, 6PM, Anacortes**

**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 PDF *Student Guide*. The course is completed by taking two, 4-hour sessions. The final exam is administered at class location 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.

**This is a one time FREE class. Registration closes March 22**

**Contact Adam Deitz, [adam@marinerlaw.com](mailto:adam@marinerlaw.com), cell: 203-536-6402**

Or Chip White, [chipw1945@gmail.com](mailto:chipw1945@gmail.com),

## 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)

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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Rendezvous		
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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.**