

THE BITTER END

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CALENDAR

- 01 Jan— Happy New Year
- 02 Jan— Ex-Comm Meeting, Burlington Haggen, 4PM
- 09 Jan— Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, 6PM



Happy New Year to you all! And, don't miss our 2025 Activities Planning Members' Meeting January 9. See you there!



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Welcome to 2025. First issue of what we hope to be an active new year. We have some plans in the works to liven things up and make more members interested.

Our biggest plan is to share activities, classes and events with Deception Pass. Since they share some of our demographic, we have been talking to them a bit and as you know we shared our spring ABC class. I think it's a great idea. We may even share meetings.

Along the idea of events and activities, we certainly hope you come to our next meeting, especially some of you newer members or even those of you that get this newsletter that aren't yet members, come out. We would love to have brand new ideas of things to do this coming year. No matter how different they sound we would be interested in hearing. Usually boating related is best but that can even mean land trips to some water location, or heck, maybe even an ocean cruise.

Please let's get off to a good start this year and have lots of good events and classes.



Administrative Officer Carolyn Caporgno, S

Happy New Year! I wish you the very best in 2025. I look forward to seeing you at our event planning meeting on January 9 at Shaun O'Donnell's Farmhouse. Check those brochures you've kept before you clean out for the new year. Did you take a trip in 2024 that you think others would enjoy? Bring your ideas for water events and trips by rail or car.

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

PHOTOS FROM BOAT PARADE DINNER AT LACONNER PUB



We celebrated more than I thought we would!

December 14 Squadron Holiday Party and LaConner Lighted Boat Parade at the LaConner Pub. We had a good turnout with 17 people. The nasty weather cleared up in time too. Not only did we enjoy the lighted boat parade, dinner and holiday festivities. We also celebrated George and Sandy Johnson's 62 wedding anniversary that day! — Donna



Boat pics courtesy of member Craig Ford

PHOTOS FROM KIRKLAND ARGOSY CAROLING CRUISE



December 21 Argosy City The Spirit of Seattle™ Christmas Caroling Ship in the afternoon from the Kirkland. Again, not only did we enjoy the holiday festivities, but December 21 was Greg and Billie's 50th wedding anniversary.
Donna



Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2024

Attendance:

Carolyn Caporgno	George Johnson	Donna Mason	
Mark Richey	Jack Dyer	Debbie Richey	Sandy Johnson

Quorum present
Meeting started: 1604

Officer's Reports

Executive Officer

Marketing – Nothing to report

Education Officer – Adam Deitz (Not present)

Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

Programs – Working on programs for next year, 2025.

Membership – Debbie Richey – I attended the iMIS presentation offered. The main thing is Mark has to give folks access to the application. Some items are being double input while iMIS is coming online.

Activities – Donna Mason – 8 for the Argosy cruise, 19 people for the holiday party at LaConner Pub.

Secretary – Debbie Richey – No minutes to approve. Sept 12 General meeting minutes are labeled incorrectly. September and November minutes approved

Treasurer – Jack Dyer – Balance as of November 30 is \$xxxx

Commander – We have insurance again except for fundraiser activities. National is going to put together a list of what is specifically covered.

Old Business – Merit marks are past due.

New Business -

Meeting adjourned 1627

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.



Bridge Officers		
Commander	Mark Richey, SN-IN	425-876-6274
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Education Officer	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
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Treasurer		
Executive Committee		
	Donna Mason, AP	360-595-1083
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
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Port Captain		
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Merit Marks		
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Local Board Advanced Grds		
Local Board Elect Courses		
Administrative Department		
Boating Activities	Donna Mason, AP	360 595-1083
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Greeting	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
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	Sandy Johnson, P	
	Jeannie Drummond	
Nominating Committee		
	Debbie Richey, AP	
	George Johnson, SN	
Rules Committee		
	George Johnson, SN	
	Donna Mason, AP	

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.