

# THE BITTER END

June 2025



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## CALENDAR



6-8 Jun— Coupeville Rendezvous  
6-8 Jun— D16 Rendezvous, Port Ludlow  
12 June— Squadron Meeting & BBQ, Shelter Bay  
13-29 Jun— San Juans and/or Desolation Sound



**Take a look at the rendezvous we have in the next couple months. The hosts have articles here telling you about them and how to attend or make reservations. If you want to help hosting please let the contact know. Crab pots sold. We have about 5 left as of this writing see Craig Ford. [19crafor52@gmail.com](mailto:19crafor52@gmail.com)**



### Commanders Message Debbie Richey, P

I hope everyone is ready for summer! It should be a great boating summer. We have some great rendezvous planned. Check out the schedule and descriptions in the newsletter.

Mark and I are currently in South Dakota enjoying the national parks. I know it's not boating, but they are amazing places. We have seen a lot of wildlife in Yellowstone, Glacier and South Dakota. Bison are HUGE!

We will be out on our boat in July heading for South Sound. Please come and join us. If you've never been south of Seattle, the marine state parks are very quiet. If you don't like navigating currents, the south sound is for you! Even the Tacoma Narrows doesn't hold a candle to Deception Pass. It's very pretty there. See you all in September or out on the water this summer!

### Programs – Carolyn Caporgno

I sent you an email invitation on May 23. I have regrets from a few. I'm sorry you're unable to attend. You will be missed! I have others who plan to be there. Looking forward to seeing you. Now, let me hear from the rest of you. Bring a friend if you'd like for burgers and brats. Please bring a side dish or dessert. I will be more relaxed than any other day since October, because the next day school is out for the summer. I will be working that day, however, so let me know your decision by Thursday, June 5, so I can do the shopping.

WHERE: Shelter Bay Community covered picnic area, 1000 Shoshone Drive, La Conner  
WHEN/TIME: Thursday, June 12 @ 5 p.m.  
R.S.V.P. [carolyncaporgno@gmail.com](mailto:carolyncaporgno@gmail.com)

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 (Revised)

Date	Destination	Host
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 6-7	D16 Rendezvous, Port Ludlow Marina	D16 Cdr Gary Baker
June 12 Caporgno	Shelter Bay Squadron Picnic and June Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> picnic this year!	Cdr Rep P/C Carolyn
June 13-29?	Desolation Sound Cruise with Deception Pass Sq.	Jerry Liggett
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	Cdr Debbie Richey
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. ***The D16 Rendezvous date has changed to Jun 5-8 at Port Ludlow.***

#### **COUPEVILLE RENDEZVOUS JUNE 6-8**

Feel free to come by boat on Friday, First come first serve. The events will be on Saturday as follows: Late Coffee at Crabby Coffee on Main at 1030. Then we will head to Island County Historical Museum for a great tour of all things island. We are working on getting an extra car to take us to the Sculpture forest park to view the sculptures of the site. Back that evening for dinner at Toby's Tavern. That's a real treat if you have never been, especially the mussels direct from Penn Cove.

The wharf building itself is interesting if time permits and you are all welcome to come down to my boat for a visit and fellowship. Let us know if you are coming. Craig and Billie Ford [19crafor52@gmail.com](mailto:19crafor52@gmail.com)

#### **Points North Cruise (Maybe Desolation Sound) June 13-28**

Jerry Liggett of Deception Pass is hosting for us. Right now due to some folks not having passports, it is slated to be a progressive cruise through the San Juans with lots of anchoring and exploring. May get further north depending. If interested in joining or helping out., please contact Jerry at [jliggett4@hotmail.com](mailto:jliggett4@hotmail.com)

#### **South Sound Cruise July 18—Aug 3 and Mariners Game Aug 2**

If you are planning on bringing your boat either to the game or the South Sound cruise, we have made a reservation for ourselves at Bell Harbor Marina from Aug 1-3. Will says they are wide open right now and will pencil in a couple extra slips for us so we can be together. If you call for reservations say you are cruising with Quiettime, Mark and Debbie Richey. If you want game tickets, please contact [drichey@rocketmail.com](mailto:drichey@rocketmail.com)

The harbormaster is Will at 206-787-3952. There is no reservation fee but you might want to think about not waiting too long as that is during Sea Fair. We will send out an email to those interested in coming but the cruise starts in LaConner on July 18. 1st night Everett, 2nd Poulsbo. We will work our way south and turn around to make it to Bell Harbor by Aug 1. Anchor, marina, parks etc. Please contact Deb above for details.

## Langley Lunch in May



**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2025**

**Attendance:**

Mark Richey  
Debbie Richey  
Donna Mason

George Johnson  
Sandy Johnson  
Jack Dyer

Paul Rosetter  
Carolyn Caporgno

**Executive Officer – Mark Richey**

**Administrative Officer – (Commander)**

Activities –

May 3, Lunch at Prima Bistro in Langley.

May 10, Some might choose to whale watch with Island Express Charters.

June 6-8, Coupeville Rendezvous, hosts Craig and Billie Ford.

June 12, Squadron Picnic and June meeting at Shelter Bay – Host Carolyn Caporgno

**Membership –**

George Brooks' request to be SBSPS Associate Member approved. No annual fee. George has transferred to Friday Harbor Squadron and will be teaching using Zoom.

**Programs –**

**Debbie Richey will discuss Chart One's symbols at May General Meeting.**

**Education Officer – Adam Dietz**

No classes currently scheduled. Reviewing possibility of presenting seminars.

**Secretary - George Johnson**

Roster – Debbie Richey will distribute updated roster.

**Treasurer – Jack Dyer**

**Bank balance reported.**

Tax return filed and accepted.

2022 still "pending" in IRS site.

**Commander - Debbie Richey**

Insurance – Currently no insurance for meetings or rendezvous. Classes covered if notify underwriter ahead of time. On the water not covered but we are teaching none. Debbie will prepare a plan to deal with this issue.

Crab pots – Picked up 39 from Deception Pass squadron. Mark sold \$685 worth so far for \$40 to \$45. We have 18 left, and Craig Ford is selling some of these. Jerry Liggett of Deception Pass has 12 left if we need more.

**Old Business – none**

**New Business –**

Minutes of last meeting approved.

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2025**

**Attendance:**

Mark Richey  
Debbie Richey  
Donna Mason

George Johnson  
Sandy Johnson  
Jack Dyer

Paul Rosetter  
Carolyn Caporgno

**Executive Officer – Mark Richey**

Nothing to report..

**Administrative Officer – (Commander)**

Activities –

May 10, Some might choose to whale watch with Island Express Charters.

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**Membership –**

George Brooks' request to be SBSPPS Associate Member approved. No annual fee. George has transferred to Friday Harbor Squadron and will be teaching using Zoom.

**Programs –**

By mutual agreement of those present Debbie Richey did not discuss Chart One's symbols.

**Education Officer – Adam Dietz**

No classes currently scheduled. Reviewing possibility of presenting seminars.

**Secretary - George Johnson**

Roster – Debbie Richey has distributed updated roster.

Minutes of April 2025 meeting as published in Bitter End were approved.

**Treasurer – Jack Dyer**

Tax return filed and accepted.

2022 still "pending" in IRS site.

Zoom license renewal for \$160 approved.

**Commander - Debbie Richey**

Insurance – Currently no insurance for meetings or rendezvous. Classes covered if notify underwriter ahead of time. On the water not covered but we are teaching none. Debbie will prepare a plan to deal with this issue.

Crab pots – Picked up 39 from Deception Pass squadron. Mark sold \$685 worth so far for \$40 to \$45. We have 18 left, and Craig Ford is selling some of these. Jerry Liggett of Deception Pass will be selling pots at Oak Harbor Yacht Club June 7 and we are invited to also sell ours there.

Deception Pass Squadron joint cruise – Plan changed to cruise islands up to Sucia instead of into Canada due to passport issue. They will discuss at their May 20 meeting at Oak Harbor Yacht Club downstairs, starting at 7:30. We are invited and it is a pot-luck dinner meeting.

**Old Business – none**

**New Business –**

Minutes of last meeting approved.

## 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.



Bridge Officers		
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Education Officer	Adam Deitz	203-536-6402
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Secretary	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
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Local Board Elect Courses		
Administrative Department		
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Auditing Committee		
	Sandy Johnson, P	
	Jeannie Drummond	
Nominating Committee		
	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.**