

# THE BITTER END

March 2025



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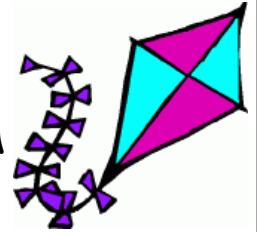


A Division Of United States Power Squadrons™  
District 16

## CALENDAR



- 06 Mar—Exec Meeting, Burlington Hagen, 4PM
- 13 Mar—Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, 6PM, Elections
- 18 Mar—Deception Pass Regular Meeting, OHYC, 5:30PM
- 21-23 Mar—Friday Harbor Cruise, Saturday Dinner
- 29 Mar— District 16 Spring Conference, Port of Everett



**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**

Welcome to spring. Winter didn't turn out so bad after-all. We have a boating event this month hosted by Debbie and I so a good time for your shakedown cruise to get ready for the season.

We have our FREE ABC Class this month. This is very important to get the word out as this is a great source of new members and just general public interest. Please tell your friends and post as many of the enclosed flyers as you can. You should also be able to find the announcements in the local paper. Let me know if you can't.

One final thing. The District is having the annual change of watch in Everett and the Port this year. This is a great opportunity to talk to other squadrons and discuss ideas. Let the D16 Secretary know if you plan on attending.



**Administrative Officer  
Carolyn Caporgno, S**

Happy St. Patrick's Day, and get ready to welcome Spring. Join us on March 13 at Shawn O'Donnell's at the Farmhouse for dinner and to catch up on this season's boating plans. We want to know what you are planning that may not be on our schedule. Boating is a shared experience.

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 21-23 (Change of date)**

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 2:05 pm ferry from Anacortes, arrive in Friday Harbor at 3:15 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 6:25 pm ferry back to Anacortes and arrive at 7:50 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 Dec 29-Mar 22 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 February 13, 2025

**Attendance:**

Mark Richey  
Debbie Richey  
George Johnson

Sandy Johnson  
Jack Dyer  
Ron Zuber  
Lori Fox

Jeff Wanlin (Norwest Marine)  
Alyssa Newby (Norwest Marine)

The meeting started at 1830 at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse Restaurant

**Education** – ABC class scheduled for March 29 and April 5, at Anacortes Marina. Need to submit form for insurance to cover classes.

**Admin** – Programs are in planning.

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

**Treasurer** – Balance of checking \$xxxxxx

**Commander:** Mark Richey – Help with the fund raiser with Deception Pass they are always in need of folks to help out. Deception Pass has a very successful fundraiser selling crab pots they get for no cost from WDFW. The commander was receptive to the idea and we would get a share of the proceeds. The share we would receive has not been determined.

**New Business** –

The nomination report was presented and e-mailed to all members. The nominations will be voted on at the March meeting.

Change of Watch – April 10. What type of meal do we want have that evening? The feel of the group is to order off the menu like we do for meetings.

Meeting adjourned 1850

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 assisting as the Executive Officer as my CA obligations allow.

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 ROCKS!**

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 Sea!

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!**

## **Report of the Nominating Committee 2025 - 2026**

The following members have agreed to hold the shown positions for the 2024-2025 bridge year if they are elected. Elections will be held at the beginning of the March general membership meeting. If there are any concerns or additions, please address them with the squadron Secretary.

Submitted by Debbie Richey and George Johnson

### **BRIDGE OFFICERS**

#### **Commander**

Debbie Richey, AP

#### **Executive Officer**

Mark Richey, SN-IN

#### **Education Officer**

Adam Dietz

#### **Administrative Officer**

Open

#### **Secretary**

George Johnson, SN

#### **Treasurer**

Jack Dyer, AP

### **Executive Committee**

Donna Mason, AP

Sandy Johnson, AP

Carolyn Caporgno, S

### **Auditing Committee**

Jeanie Drummond

Sandy Johnson, AP

### **Nominating Committee**

Open

George Johnson, SN

### **Rules Committee**

Donna Mason, AP

George Johnson, SN

Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2024

**Attendance:**

George Johnson  
Sandy Johnson

Mark Richey

Jack Dyer

Debbie Richey

Quorum present

Meeting started: 1617

Officer's Reports

**Executive Officer**

Marketing – Nothing to report

**Education Officer – Adam Deitz (Not present)**

ABC class has been scheduled with Deception Pass for March 29 and April 5. Test is on the April 7. Mark has inquired about budget for advertising. Jack will check the budget to see how much we have budgeted. George J will place the ads in the Clamdigger and Skagit Valley Herald.

**Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno**

**Programs –**

**Membership – Debbie Richey – no report**

**Activities –** Friday Harbor has been moved to March 22 due to a conflict with District 16 district conference.

**Secretary – Debbie Richey –** No excom meeting January.

**Treasurer – Jack Dyer –** Balance as of January 31 is xxxxxx.

**Commander –** Discussed recent e-mails from folks about the state of USPS. The National meeting is being held Saturday, February 10.

**Old Business –**

**New Business -**

Meeting adjourned 1639



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## 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)

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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
Executive Officer	Adam Deitz	203-536-6402
Education Officer	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Administrative Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	425-750-9551
Secretary	Jack Dyer, AP	425-785-7782
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
Flag Lt.	Glen Caporgno, S	
Port Captain		
Law Officer	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Merit Marks		
Executive Department		
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Liaison	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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Public Relations	Various members split	
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Safety	Don Coleman	360 333-2962
Vessel Exams	Vacant	
Education Department		
Assistant Education Officer	Vacant	
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Local Board Advanced Grds		
Local Board Elect Courses		
Administrative Department		
Boating Activities		
Rendezvous		
Greeting	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
Membership	Debbie Richey, AP	
Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Carolyn Caporgno, S	
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Public Contact	Vacant	
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Scrapbook	Carolyn Caporgno, S	209-609-1182
Webmaster / IT	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Auditing Committee		
	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.**