

THE BITTER END

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CALENDAR



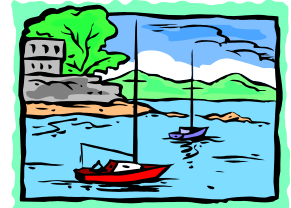
11 June— Squadron Picnic, Shelter Bay, 5PM

27 June— ABC Class, Anacortes

12-26 June— Gulf Island Cruise

10-12 July— Roche Harbor and Sculpture Park

21-23 Aug— Deer Harbor by car or boat



This issue is to let you know all the stuff happening this summer. We have members inviting you to come with them to events and most you can also get to by car. Our Picnic is coming up so please RSVP your meat preference by this Tuesday. **WE HAVE CRABPOTS.. IF YOU WANT ANY EMAIL ABOVE>**



Commanders Message Debbie Richey, P

Yea summer is here! We have a lot planned for the summer. Take a look at the schedule in this issue.

We are looking to add another excursion to the calendar. The Royal BC Museum in Victoria has an exhibit on Ancient Egypt from June 5 to January 3, 2027. This is a wonderful museum with many diverse exhibits. We would take a ferry from Port Angeles or Tswwassen ferry. Please let me know if you are interested and what dates would work best for you. We are thinking may this fall.

Have you ever heard of the Local Notice to Mariners? It's an e-mail that is sent out with updates to marine happenings in our area. For example, did you know that Naval Whidbey has small arms practice off the west coast of Whidbey Island? There is an area marked on the chart with the area involved. You can sign up here: <https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/local-notice-to-mariners?district=13+0&subdistrict=n> It's a great resource.

If you happen to see a sailboat named Quiet Time on the water, give us a shout! We would love to visit.

Have a great summer and we'll see you in September!

Come one and come all to the Shelter Bay Squadron Picnic June Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026

Hosts: Dan Niven and Elizabeth Mahoney-Niven

Meat provided, as well as condiments, coffee, and tea. To reduce our carbon footprint, feel free to bring your own recyclable plates, cups, and cutlery. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 2, to confirm your meat preference (brat or burger) and let Dan and Elizabeth know whether you are bringing a side dish or dessert.

niven@msn.com or emniven@msn.com

Some of our members are going to do these events this year and invite you to join them. Details of the invitations will be sent out as they get closer. Feel free to ask for details via email before if you wish.

Date	Destination	Host	Theme
March 6-7	D16 Spring Conference	Everett	
March 27-29	Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, boat or ferry	Mark & Debbie Richey	Spring on the Island
April 17-19	Langley, Whidbey Island Boat or Car Day Trip	Johnsons and Caporgnos	Village by the Sea, Lunch together on Saturday
May 16	Burrows Island Light House Tour	Caporgnos and Johnsons	Lighthouse History, Dinner or late lunch together
June 5-7	D16 Rendezvous, Port Ludlow	D16 Cdr. _____	
June 11	Shelter Bay Squadron Picnic June Meeting	Dan and Elizabeth Niven	1 st picnic this year
June 12-26	Gulf Islands	Mark & Debbie Richey	
July 10-12	Roche Harbor, San Juan Island Boat or Car Ferry	Carolyn Caporgno	San Juan Island Sculpture Park and Nature Reserve
August 21-23	Deer Harbor, San Juan Island, boat or ferry		
September 26	Anniversary Cookout, Cornet Bay		Saturday Free Day Picnic
October 23-25	Port Townsend, boat or ferry	TBD	Architecture/Arts/Maritime Culture, Dinner Saturday night
November 13-15	Leavenworth by train or bus		Bavarian-themed village, alpine architecture, German food
December 12	La Conner Boat Parade & Holiday Party		Holiday celebration

FREE BASIC BOATING CLASS

Tell your friends!

ABC America's Boating Course

This NASBLA approved and USCG Recognized class will be hosted by **OARS (Old Anacortes Rowing and Sailing Society)** and taught by Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron. Passing will qualify you for the State Boaters Card.

The location will be the Parish Hall at Christ Episcopal Church. It's located at 1216 7th Street, Anacortes.

The class is in 3 sessions over 3 days:

Saturday, June 27 9:00am – 1:00pm

Saturday, July 11 9:00am – 1:00pm

Monday, July 13 6:00pm - 8:00pm Exam

To register or get info contact Adam Deitz adamdeitz@gmail.com.

Cutoff for registration is June 20. There is space for 25 students.

Let your boating friends and neighbors know.



San Juan Islands Sculpture Park and Roche Harbor Trip

On July 11, 2026, hop on the ferry from Anacortes to Friday Harbor. We will **depart at 9 a.m. and arrive in Friday Harbor at 10:10 a.m.** Then, walk to the bus stop next to the ferry loading lanes on Granny's Way (San Juan Transit). You will **need exact change of \$15/round trip or \$20/day pass.** I was unable to find a schedule for July 2026, but the 2025 schedule shows a bus leaving about 20 minutes after the ferry arrival. The bus will take us out to **the San Juan Islands Sculpture Park**, located near Roche Harbor. There is no entry fee, but donations are appreciated. Once we explore the Sculpture Park, we head to Roche Harbor for a cool drink, then lunch or an early dinner at **Madrona Bar and Grill**. Take the San Juan transit back to Friday Harbor to catch the **6:35 p.m. ferry to Anacortes.** Email carolyncaporgno@gmail.com if you plan to join us for lunch/dinner on this date, no later than **Monday, June 29, 2026.**

<https://sjisculpturepark.com>

<https://www.rocheharbor.com/dining/madronamenu/>

Lunch is served 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Dinner is served 4 p.m.-9 p.m.

If you would rather take your own boat and are interested, Mark and Debbie are thinking of going that way. Please let them know at ssboatschool@hotmail.com if you are considering it. We will need to get a slip at the marina so let us know by no later than June 27 and we can try and make slip reservations. We would likely arrive Friday the 10th and depart Sunday the 12th if anyone is interested.

Deer Harbor Get Together Aug 21-23

This is one of our usual destinations. We are going to try a boat in drive in day this year. The Richey's will be there Friday, Aug 21 in Quiet Time so you can join them. Make slip reservations with Dockwa.com if you want to join us. Please let us know in advance if you are either by car or boat.

If taking ferry you can come just for the day or there are hotels nearby, Deer Harbor Inn and Worldmark Resort Deer Harbor. There are also hotels in Eastsound. There is a great BBQ restaurant next to Deer Harbor Inn if you would rather and the marina has decent breakfast sandwiches.

If coming for weekend there are lots of sights on Orcas like Moran State Park, Rosario Mansion, and various wine tastings.

In any case we will likely have lunch and/or dinner in the famous Island Pie pizza joint across the street on Saturday and bring your favorite docktails and snacks for Saturday afternoon.

**Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Executive Committee and
General Meeting Combined Minutes
May 14, 2026**

Attendance:

Mark Richey
Debbie Richey
Jack Dyer
Donna Mason
Jeanne Drummond
Steve Erickson
Valerie AAdsen

George Johnson
Sandy Johnson
John Woodard
Paul Rosetter
Steve Drummond
Dennis Dorratcague

Glen Caporgno
Carolyn Caporgno
Dan Niven
Elizabeth Mahoney
Barbara Erickson
Pat Dorratcague

Meeting called to order at 5:42 pm.

With so many new members present everyone briefly introduced themselves. New members Dennis and Pat Dorratcague and Barbara Erickson were warmly welcomed.

Executive Officer – Mark Richey

No response to date from Deception Pass regarding teaching ABC together.

Administrative Officer – (Commander)

Activities –

We still can't host social events because we still have no insurance for such.

May 16 is the day of our Burrows Island Lighthouse Tour. Dinner will be at El Jinette. The trip full.

Anacortes Waterfront Festival is June 5 and 6 at Cap Sante Marina.

Wayne Watne, Senior Fish Habitat Biologist, cancelled the program for tonight due to illness.

June 11 is our End of Year picnic at Shelter Bay.

Debbie Richey will make a reservation for Sept 26 at Cornet Bay for our barbecue.

Education Officer – Adam Dietz (absent)

Next ABC class will be June 27 and July 11, with exam on July 16. .

Secretary - George Johnson

Minutes of April meeting approved.

Debbie Richey has published an updated Roster.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer

Bank balance reported and tax return filed.

Commander - Debbie Richey

The District Rendezvous will be June 5-6 at Port Ludlow.

Old Business

Annual zoom fee of \$17.25 is due. We will vote next month whether or not we need to continue using zoom.

New Business –

Crab pots will again be given to us by the Dept of Fish and Wildlife. Mark Richey will coordinate pick up and sales. This has replaced Shipwreck Day as our primary fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned 7:21 pm.

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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Local Board Elect Courses		
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	Jeannie Drummond	
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	George Johnson, SN	
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	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.