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District 16

CALENDAR



- 04 April— Excom Meeting, Burlington Hagen, 6PM
- 06 April— Friday Harbor Day Trip, Lunch/Dinner
- 11 April— Regular Meeting, Change of Watch, Farmhouse
- 13/14 April— Unofficial tour David B., Squalicum Hrbr



This month is our Change of Watch Banquet. **Remember we won't be ordering off the menu so if you want dinner please use the reservation form in this issue by April 4.** Come out and support the new bridge and meet some of the district.



Commanders Message Mark Richey, SN-IN

Well its definitely spring. Some really nice days as of this publication. We get our haul-out done this week to get ready for all the great cruises we have this year.

We have some education ideas on the table. Our next ABC Class, that is looking like it will be held the first couple weekends in June, will be a free, or nearly free, class taught in partnership with Deception Pass Squadron. We are going to try sharing education programs as our geographic area overlaps and it seems like a logical partnership. We will see how it works out. It will likely be a hybrid class and right now it will likely be in Anacortes as we have tentatively got the use of a free meeting room.

In a poll of the membership, these are the other things you would like us to put something together for:

Hands on Radar and Electronic Nav Systems including tying systems together and using apps

Piloting (Marine Navigation course)

Navigation, not sure what is meant here if the JN/N or something else

Weather, especially local forecasting

interesting anchorages in and around Puget Sound

Port and destination information app's on chart plotters, and such

Don't forget to register for dinner for next meeting.

Stay Safe—Cdr Mark



Administrative Officer Carolyn Caporgno, S

Happy Spring! At least the flowers are blooming, and some boaters have already been out on the water. Join me for a plated dinner of prime rib or baked herb salmon on Thursday, April 11 for the 2024-2025 Change of Watch. Dinners, including tax and gratuity, are \$33.03/person. Please send your reservation and check payable to Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron to Carolyn Caporgno, 29 Tulalip Way, La Conner, WA 98257 before April 4, 2024, to reserve your dinner. See you **Thursday, April 11 at Shawn O'Donnell's at the Farmhouse** with Happy Half-Hour starting at 6 p.m.



Squadron Activities

By P/C Donna Mason, AP

On March 16, eleven people enjoyed dinner at Prima Bistro followed by a wander around Langley. One person was called to cover for a coworker and missed the day. We met Susan of the Everett Squadron whose people were wandering all over town. Some of us experienced retail therapy. We enjoyed wonderful weather too--no snow-storm this year!

April 6 Anacortes to Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, Ferry Day Trip,

Rain or shine, hosted by Paul and Donna

Most of us will walk on the ferry, which will be on the Spring Schedule: <https://wsdot.com/ferries/schedule/scheduledetailbyroute.aspx?route=ana-sj>

We'll plan to leave Anacortes 9:30 a.m. and arrive at Friday Harbor at 10:35 a.m. A later ferry leaves Anacortes at 11:55 and arrives at 1:20 p.m.

We'll explore on our own around this interesting town and meet at 3:30 p.m. at the Blue Water Grill at 7 Spring Street, which is within walking distance to the ferry. We'll start with happy hour drinks easing into "Lunner" (lunch/dinner) at 4 p.m. so we can make the 6:25 p.m. ferry back to Anacortes which will arrive at 7:50 p.m.

Check out the menu at: <https://www.bluewaterandgrill.com>. We have a reservation for 12 people.

RSVP by April 3 via Email donnajmason@gmail.com if you're interested in going.

April 13 & 14: Refer to my March 22 email: Classic Motor Vessel Tour of the "David B" at Squalicum Harbor. There still may be some spots available for a tour. Check "NorthwestNavigation.com". This is not an "official" squadron activity but is of interest to some of our members.

May 17 Wear Your Life Jacket Everywhere Day: Tying into Safe Boating Week, wear your life jacket as you go about your business and let people know why you are wearing it: you are a member of America's Boating Club and you promote boating safety for Safe Boating Week.

May 17-19 Rosario Resort Orcas Island Rendezvous by Boat or Car, hosted by Mark and Debbie Richey

Last weekend for less expensive spring boat slip rates. Reserve your slip by calling [360.376.2152](tel:360.376.2152) ext. 700. More info coming from Mark and Debbie.

Thanks to our elected volunteers

April brings our Change of Watch and a new squadron year. I'd like to thank all who have accepted nominations and volunteered to serve in this worthwhile organization. There is a saying if you want to get something done, give it to a busy person. That fits a few of our members. Greatly appreciated efforts!

June 14-July 6 "Aim for Desolation Sound Cruise"

Mark and Debbie in their sailboat "Quiet Time" will be venturing north, hoping to make it as far as Desolation Sound Canada. If you'd like to join them for this cruise, contact Debbie at drichey@rocketmail.com.

June 21-23 is the America's Boating Club District 16 Rendezvous in Poulsbo. See the Spring *Cardinal Points* or D16 website <https://www.uspsd16.org/news-events>. If you plan to go by boat, make your slip reservation asap.

July 18-22 Vancouver Island by boat or Tsawwassen Ferry to explore Victoria and Sidney, B.C. Hosted by Paul and Donna

Details to be worked out. Stay tuned. We plan to spend a few days each in Victoria and Sidney. The ferry from Anacortes won't be available for 5 years, so we'll approach by driving over the border to Tsawwassen. We might try to fit in a visit to Bchart Gardens. Boaters are welcome to join us.

August 30 – September 2 Labor Day Weekend with Seattle & Everett Squadrons. TBA

September 28 Squadron Anniversary Cookout at Coronet Bay, Deception State Park, Whidbey Island by boat or car, rain or shine.

The shelter is reserved for the day. Parking is Free on this State Parks Day. Hosted by Commander or Designee.

October D16 End of Season Cruise TBA by D16

See the Fall *Cardinal Points* or D16 website <https://www.uspsd16.org/news-events>.

November 15-17 Destination Train Trip Weekend hosted by Paul and Donna. Pencil in the date on your calendar. We'll take Amtrak from Mt. Vernon station to a TBA location for an explorations-and-delicious-dining weekend.

December 14 LaConner Lighted Boat Parade and Squadron Holiday Party Dinner, hosted by Paul and Donna
 In December we celebrate instead of having a monthly meeting. The LaConner Pub and Eatery at 702 First St. has reserved space for our Squadron Holiday Party beginning at 5 p.m. The Snohomish Yacht Club has scheduled its lighted boat parade that evening. Join us this year for a good time.

December 21 Afternoon Meal and Argosy Christmas Caroling Ship Cruise from Lake Union Seattle, hosted by Paul and Donna
 The cruise schedule won't be available until after Thanksgiving, but based on prior years, this will be the grand finale weekend and the cruise will be in Seattle, not Kirkland. The 1 ½ hour cruise will be from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. AAA members receive a 20% discount ordering online. Prior to the cruise, we will enjoy a meal at a nearby restaurant. Some people may want to spend the night and enjoy other holiday festivities in Seattle.

America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay
2024 Activities Schedule - Revised

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Jan – Feb	Stay Safe!		Prep for the Season
Feb 2-10	Seattle Boat Show: Enjoy it on your own		What's New In Boating?
March 16	Langley, Whidbey Island Boat or Car Day Trip	Paul & Donna	Prima Bistro & Explore
April 6	Friday Harbor San Juan Island Boat or Car Ferry	Paul & Donna	Spring on the Island
May 17	Wear Your Life Jacket <u>Everywhere</u> Day		Boating Safety Week
May 17-19	Rosario Resort, Orcas Island, Boat or Car	Mark & Debbie Richey	Off season rates!
June 14-July 6	Aim for Desolation Sound Cruise	Mark & Debbie Richey	Slow boating northward
June 21-23	D16 Rendezvous, Poulsbo	D16 Commander	See Spring Cardinal Points
July 18-22	Boat or Tsawwassen Ferry to Victoria and Sidney, B.C.	Paul & Donna	Explore Vancouver Island
Aug 30-Sept 2	TBD location with Seattle & Everett Squadrons	See Everett & Seattle Websites	Labor Day Weekend
Sept 28	Anniversary Cookout, Coronet Bay, Whidby Island	Squadron Commander/Designee	By Car Free Day or Boat!
Oct TBD	D16 End of Season Cruise	D16 TBD	Enjoy boating with D16 Members
Nov 15-17	TBD Destination Train Trip	Paul & Donna	A weekend of explorations
Dec 14	LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Holiday Party	Paul & Donna	Holidays celebration
Dec 21	Seattle Afternoon Meal & Argosy Christmas Caroling Ship	Donna & Paul	Sat. 5 p.m. Cruise, overnight?

From the latest Local Notice to Mariners dated March 27, 2024.

The following Aids to Navigation have been reported to the Coast Guard:

Cap Sante Waterway Buoy #3 Off Station
Cypress Reef Junction Daybeacon C Daymark Missing

Upcoming Changes to Navigation:

WASHINGTON – PUGET SOUND –STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA TO STRAIT OF GEORGIA - Removal of ball topmarks from Isolated Danger Buoys (Revised from LNM 51/23) The U.S. Coast Guard will be removing the two black ball topmark from Blakely Island Shoal Isolated Danger Lighted Buoy DS (LLNR 19430). This action is due to recurring damage of the topmark from weather events, and the debris has interfered with the visibility of the light signal. Mariners are encouraged to share comments on the performance and operation of these lights as aids to navigation. All comments should be sent to the email address D13-SMB-D13-LNM@uscg.mil. Any discrepancy for these or other Aids to Navigation should continue to be reported to US Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound. Charts: 18421 18448 LNM: 02/24

WASHINGTON – STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA TO STRAIT OF GEORGIA – Reduction to the nominal range of Point Roberts Light The U.S. Coast Guard is reducing the intensity of Point Roberts Light (LLNR 19965) from 16 NM to 14 NM to facilitate the installation and operation of a LED lantern. The precise intensity change will be from 23,000 candelas to 9,180 candelas (from 16.0 NM to 14.1 NM). This change is expected to occur during the spring of 2024 and will be announced via a Broadcast Notice to Mariners. Mariners are welcome to respond in writing to the Coast Guard District office with any comments on this change at D13-SMB-D13-LNM@uscg.mil. Any discrepancy for these or other Aids to Navigation should continue to be reported to US Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound. Chart 18421 LNM: 11/23

SECTION VI - PROPOSED CHANGES Periodically, the Coast Guard evaluates its system of aids to navigation to determine whether the conditions for which the aids to navigation were established have changed. When changes occur, the feasibility of improving, relocating, replacing, or discontinuing aids are considered. This section contains notice(s) of non-approved, proposed projects open for comment. SPECIAL NOTE: Mariners are requested to respond in writing to the District office unless otherwise noted.

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invites you to our

**2024-2025 CHANGE OF WATCH
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024**

Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse
13724 La Conner Whitney Road
Mount Vernon, Washington

6:00 p.m. No-host bar and social time.
6:30 p.m. Meeting
7:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m. Change of Watch

Plated Dinner: Option of 8 oz. Prime Rib or Baked Herb Salmon, House Green Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Seasonal Vegetables, Soda Bread. Soft drinks, coffee or tea included.

Tax and gratuity included \$33.03.

R.S.V.P. by April 4, 2024. Send the form and your check made payable to Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron to Carolyn Caporgno, 29 Tulalip Way, La Conner, WA 98257. Questions? Contact carolyncaporgno@gmail.com

Full Name: _____ Spouse/Guest name: _____

Squadron: _____

E-mail Address for confirmation of registration and payment: _____

Number each dinner choice: Prime Rib _____ or Herb Salmon _____

Total \$ _____ enclosed.

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Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2024

Attendance:

Carolyn Caporgno	George Brooks	George Jonson
Mark Richey	Jack Dyer	Donna Mason
Glen Caporgno	Sandy Johnson	Debbie Richey
Adam Dietz (virtual)		

Quorum present

Meeting started: 1800

Officer's Reports

Executive Officer

Marketing – Donna is still looking for libraries to display. Jack Dyer has sent her information for Anacortes library.

Education Officer – Adam Deitz (Not present)

Mark has talked to Jerry (Deception Pass) about holding classes together. Deception Pass is advertising in Anacortes for a March class in Oak Harbor. We will most likely teach an ABC class in June using the state material.

Adam and Mark are looking at teaching a class using the state booklets that are free. Adam is looking at a blessing of the fleet to advertise our classes.

Adam joined us via speaker phone. Blessing of the Fleet would be a draw for folks to the waterfront in LaConner. We would include the Swinomish tribe in the event. They are looking at a May 11 or May 18 timeframe. George Brooks brought up that the tribe already has a blessing of the fleet in April. It's very large. They do a huge dinner, walk down to the docks and have a large ceremony. Adam has talked to the LaConner Chamber of Commerce and they seemed to be excited about the Blessing.

A motion was made and seconded to continue pursuing the Blessing of the Fleet. 8 yea, 1 no.

Jack Dyer is looking at grants for purchasing the books to offer the ABC course for free.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

Programs –March – Paul and Donna New Zealand Trip, April – Change of Watch,

Membership – Debbie Richey – one new member Bernard Robinson, Craig and Billie Ford have rejoined.

Activities – Donna Mason March 16 is Langley at Primo Bistro, April 6 Friday Harbor day trip with lunch at Blue Water.

Secretary – Debbie Richey – February minutes approved. Corrected to remove activity planning.

Treasurer – Jack Dyer – Balance as of February 29 is xxxxxx. The return for the tax year that ended 11/30/2023 has been filed with the IRS.

Commander – Mark reported on the Spring Conference for D16. National has hired a new marketing consultant and web designer. National is also going to offer up an advertising match up to \$300. Watch the marketing national web page for details.

Old Business There are three members that want the larger burgee. It was moved and seconded to take to the membership purchase of six of the larger burgee and sell for \$40. It was passed.

A motion was made to take to the membership to raise the dues for the first year by \$10 to cover the cost of the name tags.

New Business Carolyn brought in the proposal for Change of Watch of dinner. We are looking at a plated meal instead of a buffet.

Mark brought up looking for a new meeting place. Many squadrons use yacht clubs to hold their meetings.

Meeting adjourned 1930

**America's Boating Club of Skagit Bay
General Meeting March 14, 2024**

Attendance:

Mark Richey	Debbie Richey	Jack Dyer	Carolyn Caporgno
Glen Caporgno	Bernard Robinson	George Johnson	Sandy Johnson
John Woodard			

The meeting started at 1831 at Shawn O'Donnell's Farmhouse Restaurant

Marketing – No Report

Educational Officer Report – Mark has been meeting with Adam to discuss teaching ABC using the State of Washington boating safety books. Adam is working on Blessing of the Fleet. We are going to teach an ABC class in June. The squadron is also forging a working relationship with Deception Pass Squadron to teach classes.

Administrative Officer – Carolyn Caporgno

Programs: March – Paul and Donna travelogue of New Zealand, April Change of Watch. We are going to do a plated dinner for Change of Watch.

Squadron Activities – Saturday, March 16, is Primo Bistro. A walk on ferry trip to Friday Harbor is coming up. Canadian cruise planning is being done, will publish an itinerary soon. Mark is going to check with Rosario to see if what is available.

Secretary: - February minutes were approved.

Treasurer - Jack Dyer reported bank account balance of as of February 29, 2024, xxxxxx.

Commander: Mark Richey – No Report

Old Business – The membership has approved to order the bigger burgee and sell them at \$40/ each.

New Business – A new bridge was elected as presented by the nominating committee by a single unanimous vote. See the March Bitter end for a list of nominations.

Excom has approved increasing the first years dues by \$10. This will cover the cost of the name tag for each new member. Motion made and passed by the membership.

Meeting Adjourned: 1854

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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	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.