

THE BITTER END

News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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Calendar



Jan 10—Annual Activities Planning Meeting, Farmhouse, Mark your calendars!

Jan 13—20—USPS Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, Kick Off 100th Anniversary

Jan 25—Feb 3 - Big Seattle Boat Show



Commander's Message

Kelly Libby, S

Happy New Year 2013! Now that the holidays are behind us, too bad that we can't put the good weather on fast forward so that boating season could be off to an earlier start for us this year, although the dreary dark days of winter are great for planning and preparing before summer arrives. A planning rendezvous is exactly what our next meeting is all about on January 10th. Bring your calendars, ideas and join in the fun.

A special thank you to Donna and Paul for quickly pulling together our Squadron Holiday Party. What a fun time! Close to home for most members, great food and drinks and most important, a restaurant on the water during the Boat Parade! Bill and Lynn Stewart organized a raffle collecting around \$150 to donate to the local food bank and then a motion was made and passed so that our Squadron would match the donation...and with that, the local food bank will receive a donation from our Squadron for an approximate total of \$300. Yeah! That should make us all smile!

John Bellinger is kicking off the new year with a Marine Communications class. Mark your calendar! Where? Mt Baker Room at Skagit Valley Hospital. The class will start on Monday, January 7, 2013, it will continue for eight weeks ending on February 25. The class will be from 7:00 to 9:00 PM and the cost is \$35.00. John will instruct the first session, after that he is hoping we can get others to help out.

If you have any questions, e-mail or call John at 360-708-4036.

It's Merit Mark Time Again! A big thank you for a job well-done goes to Debbie Richey for submitting the Merit Marks to National...AND Thank you to all the members who contribute so much to make our Squadron run smoothly and successfully year after year. You know, it doesn't hurt that we also enjoy each other's friendships! If you have not made it to one of our dinner meetings, a program or a rendezvous, you really are missing out on one of the best perks of being a Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron Member. Make it your New Year's resolution to come and join in the fun!

Finally, what would January be without the Big Seattle Boat Show? Dates for this year's show run from January 25th through February 3rd (Super Bowl Sunday)! Please see Kari Secrest's article for all the details.



Boating Activities

P/C Donna Mason, AP

Paul Rosetter, AP

Happy New Year to all our boating friends! Hope you find the time this year to enjoy more boating, whether on a Squadron rendezvous or on your own.

We are thankful to have met so many nice, interesting boaters over the years, and we look forward to meeting more.



Hope you can join Paul Rosetter and I for the Rendezvous Planning Session after dinner at the January Members Meeting at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Thursday, January 10. We welcome your participation. Where would you like to boat in 2013?

We will have charts and cruising guides to jog your memories or entice you to new destinations, and by the end of the meeting our squadron will have our list of 2013 Boating Activities.

Till then, party hardy!



BOAT SHOW

Hello Skagit Bay Members,

Happy 2013 everyone! I hope this new year finds all of you healthy and in good spirits. Our January 10th meeting is approaching and it's our annual rendezvous/event planning session. Donna and Paul always make this a particularly fun meeting so I hope you plan to join us at the Farmhouse on the 10th at our usual time with social beginning at 6:00 pm, meeting at 6:30, dinner at 7:00, and then our 2013 event planning begins!

Regarding the boat show, we have recently received information about staffing the USPS booth at the 2013 Seattle Boat Show from Nick Ledbetter, the District 16 Boat Show Coordinator. The folks in charge are definitely changing things up this year and they have set **multiple new requirements for booth volunteers**. In addition to adding "Booth Captains", made up of district committee members, they've increased the length of the shifts. Therefore, they won't be needing as many volunteers as they have in the past.

To cover a boat show day, our squadron would need to have 2-5 people signed up. I have not requested a particular date for our squadron to sign up for at this point, because I'm unsure of how many of our folks will be interested, given the new requirements. District folks have assured me that we are not required to fill time slots, so please don't feel obligated. Even if we don't get enough volunteers to cover a booth for a day, we could always coordinate a day for our members to attend the boat show and still meet for the usual dinner afterwards,

as we've done in the past. Let me know if you're interested in this option.

If you're still interested in working the booth, please review the information below and get back to me as soon as possible. If we get enough volunteers who meet the requirements, I can work with you to schedule a date with the boat show coordinator. We need to move on this quickly since the boat show is only 3 weeks away. It runs Jan 25 - Feb. 3, and many of the week 2 dates are already covered, so we'd likely be looking at one of the days between Jan 25 - Jan 29.

Best regards,

Kari Secrest

New Boat Show Booth Information/Requirements

1. Be outgoing, cheerful, and willing to draw boat show visitors into our booth area and promote registration and participation into USPS programs and events.
2. Be willing to contribute 3 - 3.5 hours of booth time.
3. Have engaging presentation skills and enthusiasm as demonstrated through being a Certified Instructor, a Bridge Officer, or Committee leadership. (Outside work experience qualifies too)
4. Have recently taken and can enthusiastically speak about a course or courses you have taken.
5. Be aware of and able to discuss most of if not all USPS courses, seminars and "On The Water" programs.
6. Attend a 1-2 hour "Boat Show Staff Training" session (in-person or via webinar).

FAQs

What is the staff Dress Code?: a USPS polo shirt (no color preference), preferably one with the new 100 year logo (available for ~\$35 at <http://www.shopusps.org/product1263.html>) USPS offers 2 week shipping, or you can call Customer Service for expedited delivery. If you don't want to buy a new one, wear the polo shirt that you probably have, but no uniforms this year! We are going for the less formal, FUN look!

Pictures of the December Party Festivities. At LaConner Tav. Thanks Donna



Mark, Debbie, John B, Deanna, Kari



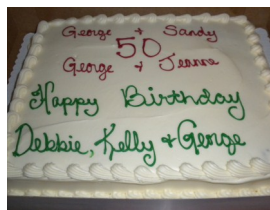
George Brooks, Sandy & George Johnson, John & Marlene, Bellinger, Jeanne Brooks



Clockwise: Stacy & Mike Connell, Larry & Sandy Evans, Ruth Peterson, Albert, Sharon, Lynn, Bill



Elizabeth and friend, Dale, Kelly Libby, Paul Rosetter



Multiple Birthdays and Anniversaries that night.

Who Was Joe Friday?

Submitted by Kelly Libby
Courtesy of Joe Friday's Shirt Co
Friday Harbor, WA

Friday Harbor was named for a Kanaka - a Hawaiian named Joseph Poalie Friday, who was employed by the Hudson's Bay Company to tend sheep on the land overlooking the harbor. His was the only dwelling to be seen for miles and when sailors coming along the coast saw the smoke from his camp, they knew they had reached "Friday's Harbor."

The first reference to Joe Friday appears in 1841 when he worked for the Hudson's Bay Company on Cowlitz Farm, located on the Cowlitz River about halfway between the Columbia River and Puget Sound. He was employed as a general laborer or mid-man, which is the Hawaiian term for the paddler in the middle of a canoe. He was probably in his late teens or early 20s.

At that time in the Hawaiian Islands, jobs were scarce and commoners could not hold land. Therefore the Hudson's Bay Company found it very easy to recruit strong young men, excellent fishermen and sailors, to work for them in the Pacific Northwest. Hudson's Bay Company records show that Friday's wage was 30 pounds a year. After working at Cowlitz for a year he was transferred to newly established Fort Victoria, then later San Juan Island.

By the time the Pig War ended and the San Juan Islands were awarded to the United States, the Hudson's Bay Company had given up its operations here. In 1872 many of the British on the island, fearful for their rights, drew up a petition asking that Captain Delacomb, a British officer, be sent to watch over their affairs. Joseph Friday's signature is among the 60 signatures on this document.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

This area is for items of miscellaneous interest to boaters. Jokes, reminders, non-commercial ads or whatever might not fit elsewhere.

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.®

Happy January Birthdays!



Laurel Cochran
Barb & Doug Crim
Greg Denman
Larry Evans
Tim Gerrish
Jean Miller
Bill Montefort
Kari Secrest
Barbie Whisler
Cliff Williams

~ General Meeting Information ~

Our General Meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Thursdays of each month (except July & August), at The Farmhouse Restaurant, 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.

Course Passed	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Boat Smart					
Boating Course					
ABC	7	42	20	29	15
Seamanship			8	2	
Piloting	5		4	1	
Advanced Piloting	4	3	3		
Junior Navigation		8			
Navigation			9		
Cruise Planning					
Instructor Development (Certified Instructors)				8	
Engine Maintenance		9			
Marine Electronics					
Weather					
Sail	7				
Operations Training		3	2		

Bridge Officers		
Commander	Kelly Libby, S	360-435-3835
Executive Officer	Kari Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Education Officer	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Administrative Officer	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
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Treasurer	Marlene Bellinger, AP	360-757-8091
Executive Committee		
	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
Flag Lt.	Albert Miller, P	360-391-1897
Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
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Public Relations	Deanna Randall, N	360-387-1194
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Vessel Exams	Rick Anderson, SN	360-757-6241
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Local Board Advanced Grades	George Brooks, SN	360-466-3470
Local Board Elect Courses	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
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	Paul Rosetter, AP	360-595-1083
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Greeting	Sandy Evans	360-305-8330
	Dale Libby, P	360-435-3835
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Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Programs	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
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Supply Officer	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
Telephone	Vacant	
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Roster	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
Scrapbook	Coco Haynes, S	360-293-0592
Webmaster	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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1 Yr Chair	Jean Miller, N	360-588-9950
2 Yrs.	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
3 Yrs.	Dale Libby, P	360-435-3835
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	George Brooks, SN	360-466-3470
2 Yrs.	Jean Miller, N	360-588-9950
3 Yrs.	Deanna Randall, N	360-387-1194
Rules Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Rick Anderson, SN	360-757-6241
2 Yrs.	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
3 Yrs.	Vacant	

