

THE BITTER END

News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

June 2013

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Calendar

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August 9-11

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Sucia Island Rendezvous

4th of July Rendezvous

Squalicum Harbor Bellingham

D16 Rendezvous @ Poulsbo

Shipwreck Day, Anacortes

Fisherman Bay, Islander Resort

Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island

Port Hudson Marina, Port Townsend



Next Meeting will be in September. Have a safe summer! There may be some summer bulletins about upcoming events!



Commander's Message **Kelly Libby, S**

Have a fun and safe summer of boating! We hope to see you at the some of our rendezvous! Watch your email for information!



Executive Officer **Kari Secrest, N**

.Here we go! We are off and running with Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron's season of boating and social activity! I hope you can join us by boat or car for our Anacortes Waterfront Festival Rendezvous down at Cap Sante Marina on Saturday, June 1st. It's always great fun watching the DIY boat races and having the party barge for our potluck/BBQ makes it great no matter what the weather does, because it's completely covered!

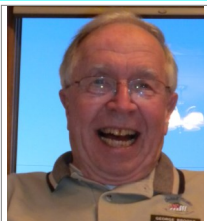
As you enjoy our upcoming rendezvous and gatherings this boating season, please recognize Donna Mason and Paul Rosetter for the hard work and creativity they have put into our activity schedule. They do such a great job at planning, organizing, and helping our rendezvous hosts each year, and I personally want to thank them for the fantastic job they do. You two are just awesome and much appreciated!

I would also like to thank and further welcome Barbara, Jim M., Jim P. and Gary to our squadron who were sworn in by Commander Libby at our May 9th meeting. It's great to see new faces at our meetings and rendezvous and we sure hope to see lots more of you folks!

Deanna and I are hosting the upcoming Sucia Island Rendezvous, June 12-14. The schedule is light at this rendezvous, so you'll have lots of time to relax and/or explore beautiful Sucia Island. We'll have happy hour and light snacks on the dock at 4:00 pm both Friday and Saturday afternoons. Saturday evening at 6:00 pm will be our annual BBQ and potluck dinner at the state park's enclosed picnic shelter. Weather permitting, we'll have the outdoor grill going on Saturday afternoon if you'd like to bring something to barbecue up at the shelter. Bring a salad or dessert to share, and your beverage of choice. Please let us know if you plan on coming so we can watch for your arrival. Contact Kari by email at kasndmr@gmail.com or by phone at (360) 708-5434.

Best regards and safe boating everyone!





Education Department
George Brooks, SN

I just received the graded Seamanship Exams from National. Seven of our members now hold the new grade of S. Additionally three

USPS University students passed the Seamanship Exam. Congratulations to the hard working Seamanship students. Hats off to George Johnson and his team, Bob Miller, John Bellinger, and Jeanne Brooks for their exceptional performance. George Johnson will be returning the exams to the students.

Eight of our members have been recognized by National as Certified Instructors following a Recertification Seminar held 2 May. Instructors must be certified to teach the Public Boating Safety (ABC) courses. Our Certified Instructors are: Rick Anderson, John Bellinger, George Brooks, George Johnson, Bob Miller, Debbie Richey, Mark Richey, and Bill Stewart. Their certification expires 2 May

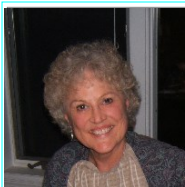
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Jim West of the Bellingham Squadron will be leading a team conducting Boat Operator Certification training and certification in early July in Bellingham. They will be using the USPS Water Trainer, a 21 foot Boston Whaler. Albert Miller and Sharon Knowles have signed up. Any other members who are interested should contact Jim West in the very near future. Jim's home phone is 360-656-5954 and cell is 360-312-6580. His email address is iwest-boater@comcast.net .

Jeanne and I will be attending the D16 Education Conference in Tacoma on 1 June. I expect we will be the only Skagit Bay attendees. This conference conflicts with the Anacortes Waterfront Festival and our rendezvous. I'll report on the highlights.

Here's a photo of the boats at the Anacortes Waterfront Festival: time Flies, Quiet Time and Briongloid. Missing is John and Judy Bennett's "Angelina" which arrived later in the day.- Donna Mason





Boating Activities By P/C Donna Mason, AP

Sucia Island Marine State Park Fossil Bay June 13-16

Arrive Thursday, Friday or Saturday, whichever day your busy schedule permits. Check your tide charts. There is a slight negative tide Thursday afternoon.

Anchor, tie up to a mooring buoy or dock at this popular, remote island. There are water and primitive campsites, but no electrical hookups or showers. Enjoy scenic bays and several miles of hiking trails with wildflowers. There will be card games, happy hours at the dock, relaxing, and being spontaneous. Saturday afternoon we'll enjoy a hearty potluck in the picnic shelter. We'll head for homeports Sunday. Please let us know that you're coming by emailing donnajmason@gmail.com or by calling 360 595-1083. Hope you can join us.

For a photo of Fossil Bay, go to <http://bellinghamster.com/fossilbay.htm>

Independence Day Rendezvous July 4-7 Squalicum Harbor, Gate 12 "U" Dock

By boat or car, you are welcome to join squadron members for an enjoyable weekend in Bellingham.

This year the 4th is on Thursday. We officially have "U" Dock for July 4-7 so you can stay for the weekend after the holiday.

Thursday, July 4:

Arrive at East Entrance to Port of Bellingham Squalicum Harbor, (Fisherman's Memorial to port). Go to U Visitor's Dock; we'll help you tie up. If you call the Harbor Master 360 676-2542, VHF Channel 16, identify yourself as with Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron. Enjoy the Festival at Zuanich Point Park, Squalicum Harbor: live music, fun activities, food and crafts vendors, Boundary Bay beer garden and much more!
4 p.m. Happy Hour with very light hors d'oeuvres
6:30 p.m. Evening potluck on U-dock.
10:15 p.m.: From your boat or on Visitor's Dock, watch the fireworks display over Bellingham Bay.
(If you come by car, come early for nearby parking, or expect a long walk back to your car. Try parking at Bellwether Way, Gate 3 via Coho Way, or South Harbor Loop)

Friday, July 5

Recover from the festivities with a low-key, relaxing day.

4 p.m. - Enjoy "happy hour" dinner nearby at Anthony's Home Port or dinner on your own.

Saturday, July 6

Take the shuttle to the Bellingham Farmers Market or shops in Bellingham or Fairhaven, check out museum exhibits, or poke around the marine supply stores in the neighborhood.

4 p.m. Happy Hour, and we can decide to potluck or go to a nearby pub for dinner.

Relax at the dock and watch the sun set.

Sunday, July 7

Checkout time is 1 p.m. Time to head out to your home port.

Slip space costs \$.75/ft/day which includes electricity. There is a 3-day limit for guest moorage. View the marina map and other info at Port of Bellingham's Squalicum Harbor Marina website: www.portofbellingham.com.

2013 Rendezvous Schedule



June 14-16	Sucia Island
July 4-7	4th of July Rendezvous
July 20	Squalicum Harbor Bellingham
July 26-28	Shipwreck Day, Anacortes
	Fisherman Bay, Lopez Islander Resort
August 9-11	Deer Harbor Marina, Orcas Island
August 23-25	Port Hudson Marina, Port Townsend
September 6-8	Blind Bay Anchor Out, Shaw Island
September 20-22	Roche Harbor Marina, San Juan Island
September 28	SBSPS Anniversary Cookout
	Coronet Bay, Deception Pass
October 4-6	Rosario Resort & Spa, Orcas Island
November 9	Granville Island, B.C. Day Trip
November 27-30	Fort Casey RV Weekend
December 7	LaConner Lighted Boat Parade & Squadron Holiday Party

Contact Donna Mason at donnajmason@gmail.com for info, suggestions or to be the host.

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 SUMMER
BIRTHDAY**

**Marlene Bellinger
Judy Bennett
Jody Bluhm
Robin Caling
Cliff Cochran**

**Walter Cochran
Sandy Johnson
Elisabeth Libby
Bob Miller
Bill Stewart
Fred Wahlgren
Ann Wilder**

~ 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	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
ABC	42	20	29	15	24
Seamanship		8	2		10
Piloting		4	1		
Advanced Piloting	3	3			
Junior Navigation	8			1	
Navigation		9			
Cruise Planning					
Instructor Development (Certified Instructors)					
Engine Maintenance			8		
Marine Electronics	9				
Marine Communications					
Marine Electrical Syst					7
Weather					
Sail					
Operations Training	3	2			

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	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Vacant	
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	Dale Libby, P	360-435-3835
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2 Yrs.	Dale Libby, P	360-435-3835
3 Yrs.	Sharon Knowles, AP	
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2013 DISTRICT 16 RENDEZVOUS

“Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes”

PORT OF POULSBO

21-23 JUNE, 2013

Docking: We'll have our Tacoma Squadron's Docking Specialists again this year, who will be assisting in the arrival of boats for docking. Everybody is required to call in on **VHF 72**, prior to entering the marina. Even if you do not wish assistance in docking, please inform the docking crew you have arrived.

Registration: Friday and Saturday, rendezvous check-in will be at the Multi Purpose Room (MPR) located at the entrance to “E” dock. Times for registration will be posted on front of the building. You must send in the \$5.00 dock reservation fee (non-refundable) with your reservation to ensure you will have a confirmed slip. The remainder of your moorage fees (for your entire stay), must be paid directly to the Port of Poulsbo, i.e., **not to District 16**. Please check in on **VHF 72** when your boat arrives at the marina. The reservation for your meals and moorage must be received by **10 June 2013**. No guarantees for the dinner or dock space after this date.

Boat Operator Certifier Qualification: BOC qualification and training will be available for both Inland and Coastal Navigator. Sign up now as space is limited.

Inland and Coastal Navigator: Inland and Coastal certifiers will be available on Thursday, 20 June, and Friday, 21 June, to witness power boat handling skill demonstrations and sign off on passports for this level. If there is a need, training may be available on Wednesday, 19 June, as well. This training will be similar to last year's program. It takes about three to four hours to complete the training. If you want to receive credit for either Inland or Coastal Navigator, you need to obtain an Inland or Coastal Navigator Candidate Kit (Passport) by ordering through your SEO, prior to the class, then e mail or call Bob Anderson or LD Brown to sign up and bring your Passport with you. Their e mail & phone #s are found below.

Advanced Coastal Navigator: This new class will be offered on Thursday, 20 June, starting at 4 PM; leaving the dock at 8 PM and returning at 11:30 PM.

Note: There will **not** be training for members on Saturday as we will have a “Public On The Water Training” class if enough sign up.

For questions and sign-ups contact Bob Anderson at 360-876-2874 or at passage1@wavecable.co or L.D Brown @ 425-454-0115 (home) / 425-785-3844 (cell) or ldandtrudy@att.ne.

Fire Extinguisher and Flare Practice: A fire extinguisher practice session is planned for Saturday morning between 1030 and 1200 at the adjacent park's fire pit. During the same time, there will be shooting of outdated aerial and hand-held flares on the beach behind the Sons of Norway Hall. If you have any outdated flares, please bring them to the practice. This is a great opportunity to obtain “hands-on” experience with your on-board safety equipment. Don't wait until you have an emergency to figure out how to use these critical items. **Bob Miller, SN (Poverty Bay)** will be the Range Safety Officer for the two exercises.

Friday Night Social: “Dock Tail Party” from 1700-1900 on “E” Dock.” **Please bring hors d'oeuvres** to share. Boaters-bring tables to set up on the finger docks between boats. All alcoholic beverages must remain within the docks and cannot pass the ramp. [Wear your Latitudes & Attitudes dress – Please; Most unique outerwear gets a trophy Sat. night!](#)

Saturday Morning's Opening Ceremony: It will begin at **1000 SHARP** on the outside grass area which is directly at the rear of the Sons of Norway Hall's activity area. We will have the pleasure of the **SSS Hurricane Sea Scouts** being our honor guard to present the colors; followed the invocation.

USPS Seminars: We have two seminars scheduled for Saturday afternoon. At **1300 (1PM)** – [First Aid for Boating](#); will be presented by Catherine Bilyard, PN – It will cover typical accidents to be prepared for; what a boater's First Aid Kit contain; use of an AED on board. At **1430 (2:30 PM)** – Propane Use of Boats by Gordon Bilyard, PhD Marine Biology – will cover the use of Propane on a boat; how to hook up, typical problems, checking for leaks, safety measures/checklist.

Treasure Hunt: For something else fun to do in Poulsbo-details will be at the Registration Desk when you check in.

Saturday Evening Dinner: Squadron members will be served finger BBQ Pulled Pork and BBQ Chicken, supplied by The Sons of Norway. Side dishes offered are Corn on the Cob, Smoky BBQ beans, and Honey Corn Bread. **Each Squadron- bring a dessert for at least 8 to share.** All plates and utensils will be provided. A “No Host Bar” will be provided by the Sons of Norway from 1700 until 2200. Dinner cost is \$14.00 for adults; \$6.50 for children (12 and under). Dinner will be served at **1800**.

Saturday Evening Silent Raffle: After dinner, we will announce the winners of the silent raffle. Each squadron has been asked to donate a **NEW nautical item** valued in the range \$35 to \$50. Please bring your squadron's auction item(s) to the upper floor of the Sons of Norway Hall at **1530**, in order to have an opportunity to view and bid on the raffle items. The raffle will open at **1700**. ■

Annual District 16 Rendezvous at Port of Poulsbo: 21-23 June 2013

Changes in LATITUDES - Changes in ATTITUDES

Registration:

Name: _____ Squadron: _____
Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Meal Reservations: Reservations for all meals must be received on or **before 10 June**. No guarantee for dinner reservations will be given after this date!!

Friday Night Social: No host (BYOB) "Dock Tail Party" from 1700 to 1930 on "E-Dock". Each **squadron** should have a table set up between boats on a finger pier (or the back of a boat) for their favorite hors d'oeuvre to share with District Members and guests.
Costume – dress up in a way that typifies Latitudes & Attitudes and Margaritaville – Jimmy Buffett – Best Costume gets the trophy!

Attending \$ Amount

Saturday Evening Dinner:

Pork _____ Chicken _____ (Adults) _____
BBQ Chicken with three side dishes: **\$14.00 / person**
Children (10 and under): **\$6.50.** Pork _____ Chicken _____ (Children) _____
Please note selection and quantity:

Thursday/Friday during the day – Inland Navigation & Coastal Navigation will be offered again & Advanced Coastal Navigation. Check with your Squadron SEO and the Rendezvous "Who, What, When info. for details. **Saturday Seminars** – 1300 First Aid on Boats and 1430, Use of Propane on Boats, at the SON Hall.

MOORAGE RESERVATIONS

- For mooring reservations, pay **\$5.00** to D/16, as an advance guarantee (to be paid on or before **10 June, 2013, Non Refundable**).
- Pay Port of Poulsbo Marina after arrival for all moorage: **\$.90 / foot** with 30' minimum charge; includes electrical hook-up (30amp).

Docking Request: (Please Circle)

(Bow or Stern) (Port or Stbd)

Reservation Fee: **\$5.00** \$ _____

This fee is **non refundable**, D16 has to prepay.

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please Check Arrival Day: (Tuesday) (Wednesday) (Thursday) (Friday) (Saturday)

If you are coming by boat for any part of the D16 events PLEASE register with us by using this form. **Call in on CH 72 when arriving.**

Boat Name: _____ LOA _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Special Considerations: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Poulsbo Inn: 360-779-3921 Reference: **Power Squadron 2013** for group rate of \$80.
Eagle Tree RV Park: 360-598-5988

Please mail no later than 10 June 2013 to: (Make checks payable to: District 16)

Mail Reservations to:

P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP

31820 – 37th Ave. SW

Federal Way, WA 98023-2176

For Rendezvous information or questions, contact:

D/Lt/C Jim Jones, SN

Home: 360-582-9134 E-mail: jajjones8@mns.com