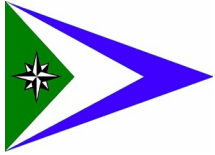


# THE BITTER END

## News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron October 2013



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### Calendar

10 October, General Meeting—Farmhouse Restaurant, Cruising with Bob Miller  
25-26 October, District 16 Fall Council/Conference—Clearwater Hotel/Casino  
9 November Granville Island, B.C. Day Trip



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

Hello and Happy Autumn to Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron! The fall boating season may have slowed a few of us down as far as being on the water but our group is still busy! This last Monday, September 30th, our most wonderful Education Department, began a six-session "America's Boating Course" with seven students...most with boating experience already! This is a reasonable number for an "after-season" course says Paul Rosetter, the lead instructor. "We expect more for the spring course when young minds turn to thoughts of...boating!" Young is defined as anyone under the age of 90 in case you were wondering!

Our October dinner meeting is next week, October 10th at the Farmhouse Restaurant! Our program this month is being presented by one of our members, Bob Miller and his lovely wife, Jean! Crossing the Atlantic on a Big Ship - Come to the dinner meeting to see and hear about Bob and Jean's 26 day Mediterranean and Transatlantic cruise in November 2010. They visited Barcelona, Naples, Rome, Livorno, Nice, Toulon, and go back to Barcelona. Then they head west into the Atlantic Ocean, while stopping at Cartagena, Madeira, Canary Islands, Nassau, and end up in Galveston. Listen to their observations of sharing a ship with 3,500 "friends" and learn why Bob says "never again." On the upside, they visit some really great places. This

will be a fun program! As always, if you would like to attend a rendezvous or program and need a ride, please let me know and we'll find a way to get you there! My phone is 425-359-7078.

Lastly, a few of us die-hard, BBQ-loving members braved the weather last Saturday to celebrate our Squadron's 10th Anniversary at Cornet Bay. The forecast was "100% chance of rain" and "25+ mph winds" and this time the weatherman

could not have been more right! Despite the bad weather it was also "the most fun" said George Johnson. We all had no choice but to be close together under the "covered picnic shelter." Like the saying goes..."love grows best in small houses," I believe that's why we all still had fun!



Photo by John Bellinger



**Executive Department**  
**Kari Randall-Secrest, N**

Fall has arrived! In fact, it seems to be in full force a bit early this year. We sure felt its effects at our annual squadron anniversary cookout at Cornet Bay on September 28th, but our group didn't let a little wind and "sideways" rain slow us down! Here in the north-west, it seems like a good 'ol blue tarp can save just about any cookout, no matter what the weather brings. We sure had lots of fun and great food. In fact, be sure and ask Chef Dale about his barbecue masterpiece: "Italians in a Hot Tub"!

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 10th at held at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Thursday, September 12th. As usual, our social time begins at 6:00 pm, the meeting will start at 6:30, with dinner at 7:00 pm and Bob Miller has graciously agreed to give us his review of his November 2010 Mediterranean and trans-Atlantic cruise. Hope to see you all there!



**Administrative Department**  
**Mark Richey, SN**

Hi Gang! I don't write here very much but I would get the word out. We are in need of programs. If you have any ideas on who you want to hear or have any contacts, I would love to hear from you.

We need programs for November February, March and May. I would love to know what might interest you.

On a sadder note. I don't know how many or if any of you knew P/D/C Carroll Walker from Everett. He was a long time member on as well as a past District commander. He passed away just recently and his memorial was this weekend.

I don't know how many of you have seen a memorial on a ferry but it was very nice that the Ferry Yakima stopped on its Friday Harbor run so we could have a short service and then we threw his ashes and flowers over the stern. It was a unique experience. If you knew him you can pay him respects every time you pass over 48 34.603' N and 122 52.957 W

which is the junction of Lopez Sound, East Sound Upright and Harney Channel.

Here are some photos of the memorial>



Linda Martin from Everett reading the memorial



There were 45, mostly Everett at the memorial. They included Travis Smith from Friday Harbor, who some of us know and a lot of other members.



# **Electronic Navigation Course**

*Want to learn how to use the GPS chartplotter on your boat more effectively?*

In this class you will study the Global Positioning System and learn the ins and outs of satellite-based navigation. You will see how to enter waypoints, create planned routes and navigate them safely, all to an average accuracy of ten feet.

Learn about buying a GPS chartplotter, or PC or tablet-based navigation software or using the chartplotter you now own.



Course material includes a 200 page student manual supplied by the Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons and a CD which include a wealth of information, a chartplotter emulator, and a GPS simulator.



Learn GPS navigation on your home computer and plot your future routes before arriving at the marina.

**Fee:** \$50 per person, includes the manual and software

**Dates:** December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 2013 and January 6, 8, 2014

**Location:** Skagit Valley Hospital – Shuksan Room  
1415 E. Kincaid St, Mt Vernon, WA 98273

*This special offering is an **alpha test** of the course material and fulfills the requirements for the USPS Marine Electronics ME103 course. Access to a Windows-based PC is required.*

**Pre-registration deadline is October 15, 2013**  
**Contact Bob Miller, [bobmillerwa@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmillerwa@hotmail.com), 360-588-9950**

# Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron

## Meeting Minutes

### September 12, 2013

Meeting Location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Start Time: 6:15 p.m.

Attendance:

Sharon Knowles	Bob Miller	Ruth Peterson
Coco Haynes	Bill Stewart	Lynn Stewart
Paul Rosetter	Donna Mason	Mike Connell
Stacy Connell	Debbie Richey	John Bennett
Judy Bennett	Kelly Libby	Kari Randall-Secrest
Deanna Randall-Secrest	Rick Anderson	John Bellinger
Marlene Bellinger	Sandy Johnson	George Johnson

Flag Salute led by John Bellinger in Albert Miller's absence.

Invocation by Ruth Peterson.

Treasurer's Report by Marlene Bellinger:

\$4113.96 balance on 8/31/13 with no outstanding payables.

Shipwreck Day in July netted \$1213.05.

Bank Statement of 8/31/13 delivered to Secretary.

Donation of \$100 approved for National's Education Fund.

Secretary's Report by George Johnson:

Minutes of June meeting at Waterfront Festival read and approved by unanimous vote.

Administrative Officer's Report by Debbie Richey for Mark Richey:

At October meeting Bob Miller will present a picture story of summer travels.

Boating Activities by Donna Mason:

Sept. 21 - Roche Harbor rendezvous is cancelled.

Sept. 28 - Coronet Bay annual anniversary picnic starts at 2:00 p.m..

Oct. 4 - Rosario Resort on Orcas Island

Nov. 9 - Granville Island, B.C.

Boating Activities Continued:

Dec. 7 - LaConner Boat Parade Party at The Pub at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Officer's Report: Nothing to report.

Education Department Report by Paul Rosetter, ASEO:

George Brooks has retired from SEO position.

ABC - Paul is lead instructor for class Sept 30 - Oct. 16. Helpers are Bob Miller, John Bellinger and George Johnson.

Bob Miller is investigating a new Electronic Navigation course from Canadian Power Squadron.

USPS is asking a few squadrons to do a beta test this year. Bob expects to offer the course Monday and Wednesday evenings in December and January for squadron members only. It needs 7 to 8 sessions. Show of interest found approx 8 potential students so far.

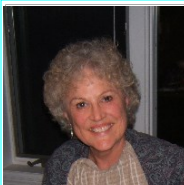
Commander's Report by Kelly Libby:

All members urged to join in the remaining rendezvous. All have always been wonderful.

Other Business:

Very sad news - Past District Commander Carroll Walker, SN, of Everett Squadron passed away last week. Carroll was a great friend to our squadron and dearly loved by all who got to know him. He attended several of our early Change of Watch meetings and was very supportive of us in our early days.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m..



## **Boating Activities** **By P/C Donna Mason, AP**

### **October**

As I write this, it isn't looking good weatherwise, due to high winds, for a Rosario weekend rendezvous October 4-6. Also, our boat still is out of the water. all the maintenance work is done, but we're awaiting kicker motor parts, so we will not be able to participate. Some of you may want to brave the weather and enjoy a low-key time at Rosario.

### **November**

Back in January when we planned our 2013 rendezvous, I did not know that I would not be able to host the Nov. 9 Vancouver Day trip. I'm sorry! If anyone would like to host this event, please let me know. Essentially, people can motor on their own to Vancouver, B.C.'s Granville Island; carpooling is encouraged. Explore Granville then meet up for an early dinner about 5 p.m. I suggest Bridges Restaurant, which is nearby all the shops and studios. There are several parking lots around Granville.

RVers will be gathering at Fort Casey for Thanksgiving Weekend. You may want to join the group!

### **December**

Good news for our December Holiday Meeting! We have reserved space for Saturday, December 7, at LaConner Pub and Eatery, right on the Channel, for the night of the Lighted Boat Parade. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails followed by dinner while we watch the boat parade. Lynn and Bill Stewart are working on getting raffle items for a squadron fundraiser that evening. It'll be a fun time! Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Lastly, I'm on a big learning curve with my new Windows 8 computer, so I can't yet send any rendezvous photos for the newsletter this month. As an aside, I couldn't find a Windows 8 class to attend, so our local library recommended a few books. They pulled them off the shelf for my pickup. When I got there, I saw one was titled "Windows 8 for Seniors." How did they know!!!

Here is the intimate group we had at our redestined Roche Harbor rendezvous changed to Friday Harbor. This was actually a lot of fun and a lot of island exploring since we all drove over.



"Selfie" Taken by Mark Richey. Deb, Paul, Donna, Mark

## **2013 Rendezvous Schedule**



<b>October 4-6</b>	<b>Rosario Resort &amp; Spa, Orcas Island</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>Granville Island, B.C. Day Trip</b>
<b>November 27-30</b>	<b>Fort Casey RV Weekend</b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b>LaConner Lighted Boat Parade &amp; Squadron Holiday Party</b>

Contact Donna Mason at [donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com) for info, suggestions or to be the host.



## **Education Department** **Paul Rosetter, AP**

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## 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 OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



**SAM BARR  
PAUL ROSETTER  
JERI STARRETT  
LISA WEBER**

## ~ 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					7
Marine Electrical Syst					
Weather					
Sail					
Operations Training	3	2			

Bridge Officers		
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Education Officer	Vacant	
Administrative Officer	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
Secretary	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
Treasurer	Marlene Bellinger, AP	360-757-8091
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	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Vacant	
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Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
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2 Yrs.	Dale Libby, P	360-435-3835
3 Yrs.	Sharon Knowles, AP	
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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**District 16 Fall Council/Conference**  
**"Signals for the Future"**  
**25 – 26 October 2013**  
**Squamish Clearwater Resort - Squamish, Washington**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending just the district conference without meals? YES \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: This is an activity registration form. There is no charge for attending conference meetings.

Early Bird prices apply for reservations postmarked no later than October 5, 2013.

Regular hotel prices apply to reservations postmarked after October 5, 2013 (Space Available)

Activity	Early Bird	After 10/05/12	No. People	Total
Registration: 1600 - 1830				
Friday Reception: 1800 - 1930				
'No Host Bar' & Dinner Reception	\$21	\$25		\$ _____
Penne Pasta Bolognese & Bowtie Primavera, Spring Mix Garden Greens Salad w/Assorted Dressings, Garlic Bread, Desserts, Coffee and Tea.				

**Saturday Breakfast: 0800 - 0900**

*Complimentary for registered Hotel Guests - Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Bagels, Muffins, Fruit, Pastries, Juices & Coffee*

<b>Saturday Luncheon: 1200 - 1330</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$24</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>
Assortment of Croissant Sandwiches, Roast Beef w/ Cheddar, Turkey w/ Provolone, Ham w/ Swiss, Bowtie Pasta Salad, Caesar Salad, Assorted Cookies & Brownies, Coffee & Tea.				

<b>Saturday Evening Buffet Banquet: 1800 - 2100</b>	<b>\$31</b>	<b>\$35</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>
'Chicken Cordon Bleu' with Dijon Cream Sauce and 'Baked Salmon Filet' topped with Dill Cream Sauce, served with Rice Pilaf, Sweet Potato Au Gratin and Roasted Vegetable Medley, accompanied by Rolls, Assorted Pastries & Petit Fours, Coffee, Tea.				

Dietary Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

**Total (In US Funds)** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make reservations directly with Squamish Clearwater Resort Hotel – not later than October 5, 2013.**

Ask for "United States Power Squadron" room block, to get the conference rates; \$ 95 for non-water view

\$115 for water view plus tax

**For Hotel Reservations**

**Squamish Clearwater Resort Hotel**

15347 Squamish Way

Squamish, WA 98392

866-609-8700

**Payment and Conference Reservations & Questions**

Make checks payable to: **PBSPS, D16 Fall Conference**

Mail form and payment to;

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