

# THE BITTER END

## News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

March 2014

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons ® District 16

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### CALENDAR



13 March– Regular Meeting, Farmhouse, Elections, NOAA Talk

15 Mar– Friday Harbor Day Trip Dinner at Cask and Schooner

21-22 March, Spring Conference, LaQuinta Tacoma, Change of Watch

11-13 April—Sidney BC Rendezvous



#### Commander's Message

Kelly Libby, S

Happy Spring Skagit Bay! As always with our group, a lot going on! Our Change of Watch (COW) is coming up at our regular meeting time next month, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We make this event informal and fun! I'm so glad to see some new faces coming aboard and helping to make our Squadron strong. The Nomination Committee has done an excellent job of gaining new recruits. Thank you to those who answered Jean Miller's phone calls on Sundays and said "YES"!

Put Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. It's time for another rendezvous! Bring the big green and white boat OR bring your own boat to Friday Harbor! This is a day trip but you won't break any rules if you stay the weekend! Details are provided in this newsletter by Donna Mason.

Keep in mind when you're doing your spring cleaning to think before you toss out items, items that may be sold in our annual one day fundraiser – Shipwreck Day – July 19<sup>th</sup>. We accept household and boating related items, pretty much anything that you think someone else might find a need for. Let me know if you have things to donate and need assistance, we can help you!

Hope to see you at our dinner meeting, next Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Crescent Moegling. She is the Northwest Navigation Manager for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Crescent will present a general overview of NOAA's line offices and then she'll delve deeper into the Office of Coast Survey's products and services. This will include some discussion about the history of her office, her customers, how they prioritize hydrographic surveys and chart updates, also a little bit about outreach. Bring your questions and comments! I predict after this presentation we'll all be "NOAA it alls"!

#### Executive Department

Kari Randall-Secret, N



I hope you can attend this month's meeting on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Farmhouse Restaurant at 6:00 pm. It sounds

like a very interesting and informative presentation will be given by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or "NOAA" for short.

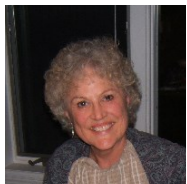
The District 16 Spring Conference will be held at the La Quinta Inn & Suites in Tacoma this coming March 21-22. If you'd like to attend, the registration form and contact information is available on the District 16 website which is: [www.usps.org/d16](http://www.usps.org/d16)

Feels like it's getting close to that time of the year when we de-winterize our boats to get ready for the new boating season. I was perusing the web for spring outfitting to-do lists and came across this great one from Boats.com by Carley Star. Hope you find it as useful as I did and it gets your motor runnin' for the upcoming boating season!

#### Spring Outfitting Checklist

1. Bilge Pumps. Be sure to test them thoroughly and ensure they do not leak.
2. Sailboat owners should check their rig if it was taken down for the winter. Check for cracks, chaffed stays, etc. and repair and replace as needed. Inspect chain plates and the areas around them.
3. Cooling systems should be checked including belts, thermostats and impellers. It's always easier to replace them before they go bad on a trip.

4. Check your shore power connection because experience shows that many fires start there. Check for proper fit and corrosion and replace power cords as necessary. This is also a good time to check the electrical leakage from your boat to the water. There have been some electrocutions from people swimming in marinas with leaking boats. Most boats leak a little and it only takes a tiny amount to kill someone. You can check if your boat is leaking current with a simple amp meter.
5. Check your zincs and replace as needed.
6. If the boat is hauled out of the water, inspect the hull and if your boat is fiberglass, consider having a surveyor do a hull sounding for water intrusion. Water can penetrate fiberglass and if left to freeze and thaw in can create blisters, cracks and weakness.
7. Check that your batteries are in good shape. Make sure they are full of fluid, fully charged, and are correctly sized for your boat. Batteries with loose or inadequate connections can cause fires.
8. Check those fire extinguishers! They may need recharging so don't delay and get it done.



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

#### **March 15 Friday Harbor Ferry Day Trip**

On Saturday, March 15 we'll take the ferry from Anacortes to Friday Harbor for a day trip, ending with 5 p.m. early dinner at:

#### **The Cask and Schooner Public House 1 Front Street**

It is a casual eatery with good food selections and is easy access to the ferry.

This will be our second celebration of USPS' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Allow plenty of time to explore on your own in this interesting port town with art galleries, clothing and gift shops, bookstores, antique and collectible stores, hardware and marine supply stores. Walk around and work up an appetite for a hearty dinner.

Feel free to wear your favorite St. Patrick's Day finery, whether or not you are Irish. Or, if you'd rather, wear your favorite hat.

Check the latest ferry schedule at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/Schedule](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/Schedule). March 15 ferries are scheduled to leave Anacortes at 9:25 a.m. and 1:25, 1:50 and 3:20 p.m. Returning from Friday Harbor, the ferry leaves at 7:50 and 9:50 p.m. Paul and I plan to walk-on and probably will take the 1:25 p.m. ferry.

Hope you can make it! RSVP to Donna at 360 595-1083 or email [donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com) by Thursday March 13. The restaurant needs a headcount.

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#### **Planning Ahead: August Cruise to Canada**

Time to seriously think about joining the SBSPS August Cruise. Some marinas fill their reservations by March and April. A couple of boats already have indicated interest. We need to hear from you if you are interested. Some people would like to do the front and back weekend rendezvous because they have to work during the week. That's o.k. too.

#### **Planned itinerary:**

Deer Harbor weekend rendezvous Friday, August 15 – Sunday a.m. August 17.

Sunday morning, August 17 cruise to Poet's Cove, Bedwell Harbor, South Pender Island, B.C. Clear Canadian Customs and stay two nights.

Tuesday morning, August 19, cruise to Ganges Harbor on Salt Spring Island, stay three nights.

Friday morning, August 22, cruise to Roche Harbor, San Juan Island. Clear U.S. Customs. Stay two nights.

Sunday morning, August 24, return to home port.

This cruise is approximately 115 nautical miles. Check out each marina at these websites:

[www.deerharbormarina.com](http://www.deerharbormarina.com); [www.poetscove.com](http://www.poetscove.com);  
[www.gangesmarina.com](http://www.gangesmarina.com); [www.rocheharbor.com](http://www.rocheharbor.com).

If you are interested or have questions, please email Donna at [donnajmason@gmail.com](mailto:donnajmason@gmail.com).



At Primo Bistro in Langley February 15, we had the first of many celebrations of 100 years of USPS: Kari Randall-Secrest, Paul Rosetter, Bill Lundstrom, Susan Lundstrom, Donna Mason and Deanna Randall-Secrest. Note the new USPS 100th Anniversary logo sign on the table.



#### Ed Dept

Paul Rosetter, AP

There are 5 people who have expressed strong interest in the April course. If readers have any leads for other prospects, they should encourage the prospects to contact me. at 360-595-1083.

#### Admin Dept.

Mark Richey, SN

Just a **big reminder** that the USPS District 16 Conference is coming up. See the form in this issue. This is a big deal and always fun.

This particular one is the elections and there is usually a shindig. We would like to get a high attendance from our squadron. If you want to go meet others like you from the rest of the state or have your voice and ideas heard at a higher level or just see how the other squadrons work This is a fun event to do that.

WE also need to have our group well represented. If you want to vote there, let Kelly know. Get your registration in early.

**In accordance with the bylaws here are the nominations for elected office for the 2014-2015 Bridge Year. These shall be voted at the March regular meeting.**

#### Skagit Bay 2014 Elected Positions

Commander	Kari Randall-Secrest, N
Executive Officer	Mark Richey, SN
Administrative Officer	Deanna Randall-Secrest, N
SEO	George Johnson, SN
ASEO	Paul Rosetter, AP
Secretary	Sharon Knowles, AP
Treasurer	Michael Connell, AP
Exec Committee	Robert Miller, JN Lynn Stewart, P Sandy Johnson, P Kelly Libby, S
Auditing Committee	Dale, Libby, P Sharon Knowles, AP Jean Miller, N
Nomination Committee	Kelly Libby, S Jean Miller, N (Vacant)
Rules Committee	Bill Stewart, JN John Bellinger, SN Ruth Peterson, SN

**Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 13, 2014**

Meeting Location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Good. Always better when there is some attendance.

Invocation by Dale Libby in the absence of Ruth Peterson.

Flag Salute led by Albert Miller.

Introduction of guest speaker Ted Schlund, San Juan Marine Area Manager, Washington State Parks.

Treasurer's Report by Marlene Bellinger: Current balance 1/31/14 was \$2773.23.

Secretary's Report in the absence of George Johnson:

Shipwreck Day booth has been ordered. Same spot as previous years at 8th and Commercial.

January meeting minutes approved.

Education Dept. Report by Paul Rosetter:

ABC will be taught April 7 - 23 at Anacortes Marina. Paul Rosetter will be lead instructor. (Error in January minutes said start date was April 4).

Executive Officer's Report:

Now taking orders for shirts for 2014. Color is maroon with compass rose underneath. See order form in newsletter.

COW will be informal again this year. We will order off of the whiteboard menu as we do at regular meeting.

Commander's Report by Kelly Libby:

Cap Sante Academy classes are posted at the marina. Contact Sheila at the marina if you're interested in signing up. Email w/particulars to be sent to the group.

New or Old Business:

Jean Miller gave Nominations Committee report.

Meeting adjourned at a perfect time.

Guest Speaker Ted Schlund provided an overview of Washington State Marine Parks facilities and programs. Thanks to Kari Randall-Secrest for taking great notes in the Secretary's absence.





**Port Sidney Marina**  
*Sophisticated Coast*



## **Skagit Bay and Friday Harbor Joint Rendezvous in Sidney, BC** **11-13 April 2014**

**Hosts:** Bob and Jean Miller, [bobmillerwa@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmillerwa@hotmail.com), 360-588-9950 (home), 360-540-1686 (boat)

**Where:** Port of Sidney Marina, BC, <http://www.portsidney.com/>, 48° 39' N, 123° 24' W, VHF CH 66A

Come on over to Vancouver Island, BC, and join Bob and Jean Miller (and Bodhi, the orange tabby boat cat) as we visit nearby Sidney on (with luck) a nice Spring weekend. The host boat will be the *Loon Song*. This will be a great chance for members of the Skagit Bay and Friday Harbor squadrons to check out their boats in preparation for Spring cruising.

The Town of Sidney (sometimes called Sidney-by-the-Sea or the 'Book Store Village' is a great place to spend the weekend, with plenty of good restaurants, nice galleries, and lots of chocolate shops! Bob always says "Chocolate is one of the basic food groups." The Port Sidney Marina features wide concrete docks, lots of space (at least early in the season), and is located at the base of the main shopping street. Winter rates are still in effect. We may use the Party Dock for a Saturday afternoon 'meet and greet' (if it doesn't get sold before then).

**SBSPPS Planned Activities:** Not many; this is a way kicked-back rendezvous. Just wander along the streets and waterfront, get some exercise, do some shopping, eat some stuff, and take it easy. On Saturday night we will go to a restaurant, which will be chosen by the rendezvous attendees.

### **How to Get There --**

**By Boat:** Sidney is about 35 nautical miles from Cap Sante in Anacortes and less than 20 miles from Friday Harbor. If leaving from Anacortes, turn left out of Fidalgo Bay into Guemes Channel and just head west. You may have to dodge some islands and large white and green ferry boats, but the cruise is protected and scenic. Look for the orca pods and other wild life. Upon arriving at the entrance to the channel to the marina, hail Port Sidney Marina on VHF Ch 66A, to get docking directions after you clear Canadian customs inside.

**By Ferry:** The Anacortes-Sidney Washington State ferry leaves Anacortes at 08:30 am and arrives in Sidney by 11:10 am, with a stop in Friday Harbor (departs Friday Harbor at 09:55 am). On Sunday, catch the 12:05 pm ferry to arrive back in Friday Harbor at 1:20 pm and Anacortes by 3:00 pm.

**Lodging in Sidney:** There are several hotels within walking distance of the ferry terminal and the marina. <http://www.sidneybritishcolumbia.com/Accommodation/results.asp?region=20&city=43&interest=all&webregionid=1>

**Passports and Border Control:** US Passports are required to get back into the USA and facilitate entry into Canada. Standard Drivers Licenses are not adequate identification. Ferry riders are checked as they exit in Sidney, and in Friday Harbor. Boaters tie up to the customs dock in the turning basin at the marina and use the direct line phone on the dock for clearance. Returning to the USA, boaters can phone US Customs and Border Protection while underway at 800-562-5943.

**Reservations for Your Boat:** Please make your own reservation at Port of Sidney Marina on their website at <http://www.portsidney.com/contact-us/reservations/> or phone the office at 250-655-3711. Also send an email to the cruise coordinator (see next section).

**To Signup:** Send an email to Bob Miller, Skagit Bay SPS, [bobmillerwa@hotmail.com](mailto:bobmillerwa@hotmail.com), listing the names of the people attending the rendezvous, the date of arrival, mode of arrival (boat, ferry), and the boat name if coming by boat. If on a boat, also include the LOA, beam, and power requirements (30 or 50 amps), and your docking preference (bow or stern in, port or starboard tie).

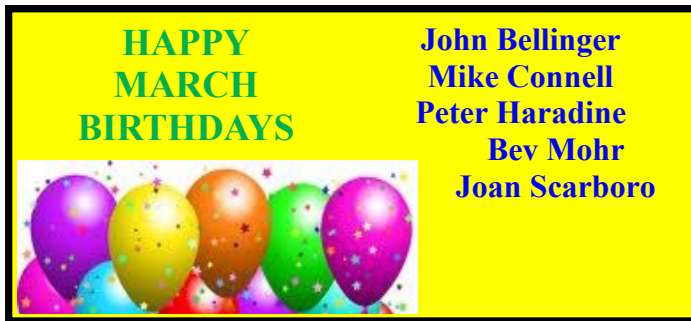
### **More Information**

Town of Sidney website, <http://www.sidney.ca/> BC Tourism site for Sidney, <http://www.sidneybritishcolumbia.com/>

WA State Ferry Schedule for Anacortes-Sidney, <http://www.wsdot.com/ferries/schedule/ScheduleDetailByRoute.aspx?schedrouteid=1558>

## 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.®**



### ~ 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			

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Executive Officer	Kari Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
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
Executive Committee		
	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
	Vacant	
Commander Department		
Chaplain	Ruth Peterson, SN	360-293-1888
Flag Lt.	Albert Miller, P	360-391-1897
Port Captain	Vacant	
Law Officer	Vacant	
Merit Marks	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
	Jean Miller, N	360-588-9950
	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091
Executive Department		
Co-Op Charting	Lynn Stewart, P	360-424-1270
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Public Relations	Deanna Randall-Secrest, N	360-387-1194
Asst Public Relations	Albert Miller	360-466-3470
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Assistant Education Officer	Paul Rosetter, AP	360-595-1083
Local Board Public Boating	George Johnson, SN	360-588-8125
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Administrative Department		
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Greeting	Sandy Evans	360-305-8330
	Dale Libby, P	360-435-3835
Membership	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
Operations Training	Debbie Richey, AP	360-387-1260
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Supply Officer	Mark Richey, SN	360-387-1260
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Roster	Bob Miller, JN	360-588-9950
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Webmaster	Kari Secrest, N	360-387-1194
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1 Yr Chair	Sandy Johnson, P	360-588-8125
2 Yrs.	Dale Libby, P	360-435-3835
3 Yrs.	Sharon Knowles, AP	
Nominating Committee		
1 Yr. Chair	Jean Miller, N	360-588-9950
2 Yrs.	Deanna Randall, N	360-387-1194
3 Yrs.	George Brooks, SN	360-466-3470
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3 Yrs.	John Bellinger, SN	360-757-8091

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## SWEATS

DESCRIPTION	SMALL 34-36	MEDIUM 38-40	LARGE 42-44	X-LARGE 46-48	2XL 50-52	3XL 54-56	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
PC90 MAROON <b>CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT</b> 8.0 OZ. 50/50 COTTON/POLY 4-COLOR LEFT-CHEST PRINT 3-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT								24.00	
								26.00	
								28.00	
ST253 MAROON <b>MEN'S 1/4-ZIP SWEATSHIRT</b> 8.0 OZ. 45/55 COTTON/POLY 4-COLOR LEFT-CHEST PRINT 3-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT								30.00	
								32.00	
								34.00	
PC782H MAROON <b>FULL-ZIP HOODED SWEATSHIRT</b> 8 OZ. 50/50 COTTON/POLY 4-COLOR LEFT-CHEST PRINT 3-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT								34.00	
								36.00	
								38.00	

## T-SHIRTS

DESCRIPTION	SMALL 34-36	MEDIUM 38-40	LARGE 42-44	X-LARGE 46-48	2XL 50-52	3XL 54-56	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
PC61 MAROON <b>T-SHIRT</b> 5 OZ. 100% FRESHBUNK COTTON 4-COLOR LEFT-CHEST PRINT 3-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT								12.00	
								14.00	
								16.00	
PC61LS MAROON <b>LONG-SLEEVE T-SHIRT</b> 5 OZ. 100% FRESHBUNK COTTON 4-COLOR LEFT-CHEST PRINT 3-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT								18.00	
								20.00	
								22.00	
K500 MAROON <b>POLO SHIRT</b> 5.6 OZ. 50/50 COTTON/POLY 4-COLOR LEFT-CHEST PRINT 3-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT								20.00	
								22.00	
								24.00	
K500LS MAROON <b>LONG-SLEEVE POLO</b> 5.6 OZ. 50/50 COTTON/POLY 4-COLOR LEFT-CHEST PRINT 3-COLOR FULL-BACK PRINT								24.00	
								26.00	
								28.00	

ALL PRICES INCLUDE SALES TAX  
ORDERS WILL BE READY AT THE NEXT MEETING.

**ORDER TOTAL**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**District 16 Spring Council/Conference**  
**21-22 March 2014**  
**La Quinta Inn & Suites**  
**Tacoma, WA**

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 March 1, 2014

Regular hotel prices apply to reservations postmarked after March 01, 2014 (Space Available)

Activity	Early Bird	After 03/01/14	No. People	Total
Registration: 1600 - 1830				
Friday Reception: 1700 - 1900				
'No Host Bar' & Dinner Reception	\$15	\$18		\$ _____
Baked Potato Bar - Choice of Chili con carne, Steamed Broccoli, Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Tomatoes, Green Onion, Bacon Bits, Butter & Sour Cream. Served with Fresh Garden salad with assorted dressings				

Saturday Breakfast: 0700 - 0900

*Complimentary for registered Hotel Guests* – Served in their restaurant or purchase from breakfast menu

Saturday Luncheon: 1200 - 1330	\$15	\$18		\$ _____
Chicken Caesar Salad: Grilled chicken strips & oven baked croutons on crisp romaine lettuce.				
Ports of Call Deli Sandwich: Deli sliced ham & oven roasted turkey, cheddar & Swiss cheese, lettuce & tomato on a soft hoagie roll served with red potato salad.				

Saturday Evening Banquet: 1800 - 2100	\$25	\$28		\$ _____
'Alder Smoked Salmon' - Basted with alder smoked butter, served with wild rice pilaf.				
'Prime Rib of Beef' – Hand cut, served with au jus and horseradish, baked potato.				
Both dinner entrees are served with seasonal green salad, vegetable medley, rolls, cheesecake w/strawberry glaze, coffee & tea.				

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

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make reservations directly with La Quinta Inn & Suites – not later than March 01, 2014.**

Ask for "United States Power Squadron" room block, to get the conference rates; \$97.00 plus tax

**For Hotel Reservations**

La Quinta Inn & Suites  
 1425 East 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Tacoma, WA 98421  
 253-383-0146 X-6

**Payment and Conference Reservations & Questions**

Make checks payable to: Olympia S&PS. D16 Spring Conference

Mail form and payment to;

P/C Rose Ann Walker, JN  
 3650A Simmons Mill Ct SW  
 Tumwater, WA 98512-4106