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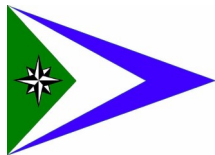
News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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CALENDAR

13 Nov, Regular Meeting, Farmhouse

26-30 Nov, RV-in Fort Casey

6 Dec, Argosy Holiday Cruise, Kirkland



Happy Thanksgiving and a safe start to your holiday or winter boating season!



Commander's Message Kari Randall-Secrest, N

Greetings all! I hope everyone had a wonderful and spooooooky Halloween. Deanna and I had a fantastic time on our recent squadron day trip to Granville Island. The farmer's market was great. As always, many thanks to Donna Mason for putting that trip together.

We've still some great squadron get-togethers planned for during the coming holiday season, so be sure to check out Donna's article in this issue for more information. Additionally, don't forget to check out the Education Department's article on our upcoming classes. Deanna and I are really looking forward to the Marine Electrical Systems course that starts this December.

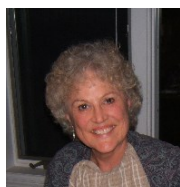
We have has set up a great program for this month's meeting. If you didn't see it when it was shown several years ago, don't miss out on "Cold Water Bootcamp". And if you've seen it before, this will be a great refresher on the "1-10-1 Principle" of cold water survival. The U.S. Naval Research Laboratory reports the average winter temperature of Puget Sound near Port Townsend is 45 degrees Fahrenheit and about 53 degrees in the summer. Because of these relatively cold water temperatures, survivability of persons immersed in the sound by falling overboard, is severely jeopardized. Come and join us

at the November 13th meeting for an encore presentation of "Cold Water Bootcamp" where we'll learn about cold water immersion, its effects, and how you can maximize your chances of survival should you ever need it.

Our meeting will be held at the Farmhouse Restaurant, Thursday, Sept. 11th and social time begins at 6:00 pm. The meeting starts at 6:30 and dinner will be at 7:00. See you there!

"I must go down to the sea again
For the call of the running tide
It's a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied."

~John Masefield



Boating Activities P/C Donna Mason, AP

On October 18, Kari and Deanna Randall-Secrest, Sandy Johnson, Bob and Jean Miller, Paul and I enjoyed a nice day at Granville Island, BC. The border crossing was fast, the weather was beautiful, we each explored and ate what we wanted, and some of us drooled our way through the Public Market and art galleries!

Thought you might be interested to know that American Cruise Lines offers a Puget Sound and The San Juan Islands seven-day cruise to "the

most majestic and intriguing cruising grounds in the world.” The cruise includes one-day stops from Seattle to Anacortes, Friday Harbor, San Juan Islands, Victoria by ferry from Pt. Angeles, Port Townsend, Poulsbo and back to Seattle for \$4,000-6,800 per person.

Upcoming SBSPS events:

Thanksgiving Weekend RVing at Fort Casey, November 26-30.

RVing squadron members gather at Fort Casey RV Park near the ferry dock for Thanksgiving weekend, including a day trip to Langley and yummy Primo Bistro, and a day walk-on ferry trip to Port Townsend. This is a casual no-host weekend.

December 6 - Argosy Holiday Cruise, Kirkland

Ahead of time, the sooner the better, order your own tickets for the “official Christmas Ship with choir on board” December 6 First Sailing from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. A portion of ticket sales benefits The Seattle Times Fund For The Needy. A discount of 10% is offered for AAA members, and there is a discount for seniors. Contact www.argosycruises.com or call toll-free 888 623-1445 or 206 623-1445. Don’t wait too long to get your tickets; they may sell out.

Sample ticket costs: 2 seniors with AAA discount, sales tax included: \$63.08 total. Regular rates per person before tax: Adult \$35.50, Senior (65+) \$32, Kids 4-12 \$19.50, children under 4 Free.

On December 6, drive to downtown Kirkland (carpooling encouraged) and park in one of the lots. See www.kirklandwa.gov/assets for parking lot info and map. At 12:30 p.m., we’ll meet for lunch at The Lodge Sports Grill, 107 Lake St. South. This is walkable from parking areas near the Argosy Kirkland City Dock.

Boarding begins at 2:45 p.m. at the Kirkland City Dock for the 3:30 p.m. cruise. Your tickets will be available at the departure dock on the day of the cruise. “Will call” opens approximately 1 ½ hours ahead of departure time. Look for a tent or ticket booth. A choir onboard will sing 20-minute performances at Medina

Beach Park and Houghton Beach. On shore, thousands of people will gather around bonfires to listen. The Christmas Ship returns to the Kirkland City Dock.

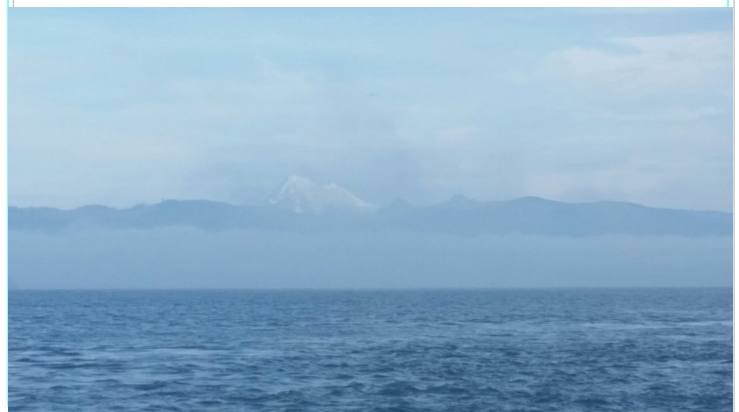
RSVP by December 1 to Donna so I can make lunch reservations: donnajmason@gmail.com or 360 595-1083.



Here we all are at the annual charter party at Cornet Bay last month. Be even great to boat in and spend the night.



These are the views you miss if you don't boat in fall. By Mark and Deb





Education Department
George Johnson , SN

All 6 students passed Paul Rosetter's ABC. Thanks, Paul, for a good teaching job. Two of the students have registered for our Marine Electrical Systems course coming up.

Marine Electrical Systems (MES) registration closed November 3, with 12 students raring to go. John Bellinger will be lead instructor, with able and comforting assistance from Professor Emeritus George Brooks. Class starts December 3 at Anacortes Marina. Students are a mix of members, non-members and non-members who will join Skagit Bay when class starts.

Debbie Richey's Partner-In-Command (formerly Skipper Saver) is set for January 12, 2015, at the PUD building in Stanwood. Registration closes December 8. It is a single four-hour seminar. Price is \$40, or \$50 for two sharing a book. Contact Debbie at 425-750-9551 or drichey@rocketmail.com for info and to register.

Next up will be Engine Maintenance with instructor Bill Stewart. It will be at Skagit Valley Hospital starting February 16. Price for members is \$55, or \$65 for two sharing a book. Registration closes January 12, 2015. Contact Bill at 360-708-2471, or George Johnson at 360-588-8125 or georgeandsandy@comcast.net.

Other courses we will offer next year are Cruise Planning, Marine Communications, Electronic Navigation and Weather.

This is being written while hunting in Colorado at 9000 feet elevation. Since I live at sea level, my work above might be a little dopey for lack of oxygen. Today and yesterday my son and I butchered and vacuum sealed and froze two complete cow elk (nine hours of work). still have tags in family for buck deer and bull elk. Hope to be home by Thursday for our monthly meeting.

Synopsis of the recent D16 Conference. These are the items I gleaned in the order they were given.
PDC, Mark Richey, SN

There are now over 130 dealers in the Brunswick Partnership. Don't be afraid to ask for class space. We need to get classes closer to students. "One on every corner".

There are 7 BOC simulators available. Costs \$350 RT from Raleigh to ship them here. As soon as all the bugs are out there may be one in region or a couple on west coast. We can use for events and are great attraction.

New classes being offered online:
Weather for Boaters,
Coming: Marine Radio, Hurricanes

Soon there will be a \$10 registration charge from HQ for all classes and seminars but will reduce the cost of books by that amount. This is in preparation for the E-Classes.

10% Price Change

There is a demographic change to non-motorized boats and we need to address that in classes. They were the most fatalities last year. Paddle Boating may become mandatory Education.

State Parks wants to market our classes. Help with new programs? Partnering? Derek.vandyke@wa.parks.gov

2 more months for VE recert. New VSC manual out..

No new MARPOL decals yet. Just keep trash disposal log.

As of 22 Oct, all PFD type codes have gone away. Going to ISO standard.

Boat Show sounds like is going back to old shift format of working 2 hour stints. Terry Lush from Friday Harbor is chair.

National Dues up \$2 per person and \$3 per family effective 12/1

New USPS plastic lifetime ID card in work to replace the paper ones. Talk is also afoot to change our name and logo.

Coop Charting is bringing Geo Markers back.

Incoming Officer Meeting Feb 28, Our Saviours, Federal Way. Contact Joanna Webster.

Jo Ellen of Everett wants to cooperate filling classes.

Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2014

Meeting Location: Farmhouse Inn

Start Time: 1831

Attendance:

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| George Johnson | Sandra Johnson | Ruth Peterson | Sharon Knowles |
| Debbie Richey | Rick Anderson | Marleen Bellinger | John Bellinger |
| Bob Miller | Bill Stewart | Lynn Stewart | John Bennett |
| Deanna Randall-Secrest | Kari Randall-Secrest | Judy Bennett | Paul Rosetter |
| Donna Mason | Mike Wytychak | Sheryl Wytychak | Mary Rose, guest |
| Jim Powell, guest | Beth Ford, guest | Joe Ford, guest | |

Secretary's Report by Sharon Knowles: Amended minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting were read. Motion to approve was made by Lynn Stewart, seconded by Deanna Randall-Secrest. Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report by Sharon Knowles, in absence of Michael Connell: The balance on September 30, 2014 was \$2700.37.

Administrative Report by Deanna Randall-Secrest: Kari will be giving tonight's program on the Oso Slide Response. She also said that we will be having a presentation from the Sheriff's Search and Rescue coming up.

Donna Mason provided the squadron events report. She had a sign-up for the Granville Island day trip, as well as giving details for the events of the day. She will send an email later, giving the details of the Argosy Cruise from Kirkland dock.

Executive Report by Debbie Richey in Mark Richey's absence: The Bitter End is out, and it contains forms for the upcoming District 16 Fall Conference.

Education Report by George Johnson: George provided us with copies of a calendar for the upcoming classes, and there was some discussion about them. His handouts included pricing for non-members, which brought up the subject of teaching advanced classes to non-members. The current instructors are inclined to teach to non-members, and so we're going to advertise our advanced classes, the same as we've done for the ABC class.

George recognized Deanna Randall-Secrest and Sharon Knowles for having earned the USPS Educational Achievement Award for having completed all advanced courses up through Advanced Piloting plus three elective courses.

Paul Rosetter said that the current ABC class was nearly done, and that all the couples signed up on the last day.

Commander's Report: Kari Randall-Secrest reported that the D16 Fall Council Meeting will be Friday, October 31, 2014 at the Doubletree Inn in Tukwila. The Fall Conference will be the following day, at the same location.

We are to prepare for merit mark submissions to Debbie Richey.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bob Miller proposed that we make some changes to the menu selections at our meetings. Members were in agreement.

John Bennett told about networking with a Canadian Power Squadron member while in Ganges, and how he made a connection for obtaining a (basically) free radar.


Debbie Richey told how the original owner of their boat, heard them motoring into a harbor and recognized the sound of the engine. It was exciting for them to meet the original owner!

Meeting was adjourned at 1903 hours.

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
NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**



**George Johnson
Dale Libby
Sharon Robertson
Clark Scarboro
Rhonda Wahlgren
Richard Wisniewski**

~ 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 | 2014 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| ABC | 42 | 20 | 29 | 15 | 24 | 19 |
| Seamanship | | 8 | 2 | | 10 | |
| Piloting | | 4 | 1 | | | |
| Advanced Piloting | 3 | 3 | | | | |
| Junior Navigation | 8 | | | 1 | | |
| Navigation | | 9 | | | | |
| Cruise Planning | | | | | | |
| Instructor Development (Instructor Recert) | | | | | 8 | |
| Engine Maintenance | | | 8 | | | |
| Marine Electronics | 9 | | | | | |
| Marine Communications | | | | | 7 | |
| Marine Electrical Syst | | | | | | |
| Weather | | | | | | |
| Sail | | | | | | |
| Operations Training | 3 | 2 | | | | |

| Bridge Officers | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Commander | Kari Randall-Secrest, N | 360-387-1194 |
| Executive Officer | Mark Richey, SN | 360-387-1260 |
| Education Officer | George Johnson, SN | 360-588-8125 |
| Administrative Officer | Deanna Randall-Secrest, N | 360-387-1194 |
| Secretary | Sharon Knowles, AP | 360 333-7808 |
| Treasurer | Mike Connell, AP | 425 327-3557 |
| Executive Committee | | |
| | Bob Miller, JN | 360-588-9950 |
| | Lynn Stewart, P | 360-424-1270 |
| | Sandy Johnson, P | 360-588-8125 |
| | Kelly Libby, S | 425-359-7078 |
| 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 |
| | Vacant | |
| | Vacant | |
| Executive Department | | |
| Co-Op Charting | Lynn Stewart, P | 360-424-1270 |
| Liaison | Debbie Richey, AP | 360-387-1260 |
| Public Relations | Deanna Randall-Secrest, N | 360-387-1194 |
| Asst Public Relations | Vacant | |
| Radio Technical | Vacant | |
| Safety | Bill Stewart, JN | 360-424-1270 |
| Vessel Exams | Rick Anderson, SN | 360-757-6241 |
| Education Department | | |
| Assistant Education Officer | Paul Rosetter, AP | 360-595-1083 |
| Local Board Public Boating | George Johnson, SN | 360-588-8125 |
| Local Board Advanced | Rick Anderson, SN | 360-757-6241 |
| Grades | John Bellinger, SN | 360-757-8091 |
| Local Board Elect Courses | Vacant | |
| Administrative Department | | |
| Boating Activities | Donna Mason, AP | 360 595-1083 |
| Galley | Vacant | |
| Greeting | Vacant | |
| Membership | Debbie Richey, AP | 360-387-1260 |
| Operations Training | Debbie Richey, AP | 360-387-1260 |
| Programs | Vacant | |
| Property Officer | Vacant | |
| Supply Officer | Vacant | |
| Telephone | Vacant | |
| Secretary's Department | | |
| Editor "Bitter End" | Mark Richey, SN | 425-876-6274 |
| Historian | Lynn Stewart, P | 360-424-1270 |
| Roster | Bob Miller, JN | 360-588-9950 |
| Scrapbook | Vacant | |
| Webmaster | Kari Randall-Secrest, N | 360-387-1194 |
| Auditing Committee | | |
| 1 Yr Chair | Dale Libby, P | 360-435-3835 |
| 2 Yrs. | Sharon Knowles, AP | 360 333-7808 |
| 3 Yrs. | Jean Miller, N | 360-588-9950 |
| Nominating Committee | | |
| 1 Yr. Chair | Jean Miller, N | 360-588-9950 |
| 2 Yrs. | Vacant | |
| 3 Yrs. | Kelly Libby, S | 425-359-7078 |
| Rules Committee | | |
| 1 Yr. Chair | Bill Stewart, JN | 360-424-1270 |
| 2 Yrs. | John Bellinger, SN | 360-757-8091 |
| 3 Yrs. | Ruth Peterson, SN | 360-293-1888 |

Please note the vacancies. We would love to have someone fill these spots. They are just little fun spots and don't take much time. They really help out the squadron and make us better. Contact the Commander or department head if interested.