

THE BITTER END

News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

October 2014

A Unit of United States Power Squadrons ® District 16

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CALENDAR

09 Oct, Regular Meeting, Farmhouse

18 Oct, Granville Island Day Trip

31 Oct—2 Nov D16 Fall Conference, Southcenter

13 Nov, Regular Meeting, Farmhouse



Come one come all to the District 16 Conference, 31 Oct—2 Nov. See registration in this issue!



Commander's Message

Kari Randall-Secrest, N

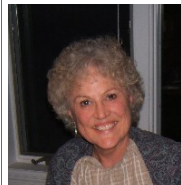
Happy October everyone! I sure hope you are getting a chance to get out there and enjoy some nice fall

weather on the water now that some of the summer crowds have died down. This is always one of my favorite times of year to spend time on the boat. The weather is often still lovely, yet the docks and anchorages are much less busy. Alas, "Briongloid" is getting some much needed engine work done, so we won't be spending any quality on-the-water time aboard her for the next few weeks. C'est la vie!

I would like to thank our fantastic Ed. Department which has been working hard to get some great classes lined up during the fall and winter seasons, so be sure to watch for that information. Deanna and I will be signing up to take the Marine Electrical Systems course that begins in December, and we've really been looking forward to taking that. I hope we get lots of you fine folk to join in the fun along with us.

The program at this month's meeting will be presented by yours truly and I'll be talking about my experience working with the Northwest Washington Incident Management Team (NWIMT) in response to the Oso Landslide. I've got lots of pictures to share and will also bring some of the maps we made during our

work there, so join us at the Farmhouse Restaurant this Thursday evening, October 9th. As always, social time begins at 6:00 pm, the meeting at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 with the program to follow.



Boating Activities

P/C Donna Mason, AP

October 18 - Daytrip to Granville Island, B.C. Rain or shine. At your own pace, find your way to Granville Island, Vancouver, BC Canada for the day. Some people may want to carpool. Bring your passport (or Nexus cards, if everyone in the car has one). Check out the Island's website, including map showing parking lots, at granvilleisland.com.

Explore the Public Market offering food, crafts, and buskers talents and people-watch at the waterfront courtyard or enjoy art at artisan studios

Make it a true boating activity by hopping on an Aquabus or False Creek Ferry for a trip around False Creek Inlet or maybe just pick up a map from a red information hut and explore on your own

The Granville Island Brewing Co. was B.C.'s first "cottage brewery or check out the sake maker in Railspur Alley

On the southwest side of the Island are boating supplies, maritime clothing, and boat-builders at work

At 5 p.m. we'll meet for a group dinner at a nearby seafood restaurant Bridges Bistro and Bar (ground level). Happy Hour still will be in effect. The restaurant is walkable from the Market and is located at 1696 Duranleau Street. See their menu at <http://www.bridgesrestaurant.com/food/bistro-bar>.

Please let me know if you plan to attend by Friday, October 17: e-mail donnajmason@gmail.com or call 360 595-1083.

Next event: Thanksgiving Weekend RVing at Fort Casey, November 26-30. RVing squadron members gather at Fort Casey for Thanksgiving, day trip to Langley and yummy Primo Bistro, and a day walk-on ferry trip to Port Townsend.

Here are photos from the August Cruise:

Boats at Deer harbor. Quiet Time, Fish N Chicks, Angelina and Time Flies



Poet's Cove Resort, S. Pender Island, B.C.



Dale Libby on Fish N Chicks



Judy and John Bennett on Angelina



Squadron boats in busy Ganges Harbor on Salt Spring Island, B.C.

United States Power Squadrons District 16 Fall Conference

October 31 – November 2, 2014

**DoubleTree Suites
Seattle, Washington**



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Spouse / Guest Name: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Squadron: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Will you be attending just the district conference without meals? Check if 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 10, 2014. Regular hotel prices apply to reservations received by the hotel after Thursday, October 15, 2014, subject to space availability.

Friday, October 31

Hotel check in begins: 1500

Activity	Early Bird	After Oct. 10	No. People	Total
Registration: 1600 – 1830				
Cash Bar: 1800 – 2000, Reception 1800 – 2300 (Meeting followed by Halloween Party) \$25 Hand carved glazed ham, fresh fruit and vegetable platters		\$30	_____	\$_____
Saturday Breakfast: Inclusive for hotel guests. Breakfast buffet will be available to non- hotel guest for \$10.00 (vouchers sold at hotel)				
Saturday Lunch: Roast beef w/ Havarti sandwich (#)_____ or fresh salad (#)_____ \$24 Kettle chips, cheese pack, cookie, bottled water		\$29	_____	\$_____
Saturday Plated Dinner: Chicken (#)_____ or Salmon (#)_____ \$36 Rolls & butter, salad, chef selection starch, seasonal vegetables, dessert, coffee/tea/water		\$41	_____	\$_____

Any Dietary Restrictions? _____

Total in (US Funds) \$_____

Make checks for the meals payable to Seattle Sail and Power Squadron (SSAPS), D16 Fall Conference. Mail registration and checks to: Seattle S&PS

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Seattle, WA 98107

Make your hotel reservations early: **DoubleTree Suites**
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Seattle, Washington
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[1-206-575-8220](tel:1-206-575-8220)
Use Group Code: SSP
By Phone: [800-222-8733](tel:800-222-8733)
[Online Reservations](#)

For more information contact: Cdr Matthew Lombardi or Lt/C Pamela Lombardi
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Seattle Sail and Power Squadron
Office: (206) 257-1951



Education Department **George Johnson , SN**

Congratulations to Sharon Knowles and Deanna Randall-Secrest!! They both have earned the USPS Educational Achievement Award for having completed all advanced courses up through Advanced Piloting plus three electives. Smack 'em on the back next time you see 'em (figuratively speaking, of course).

Paul Rosetter's ABC class started at Skagit Valley Hospital on September 29 and will finish on October 15. He has three couples, and all are somewhat experienced boaters needing a Washington Boater Education Card.

CALL FOR REGISTRATION - John Bellinger's Marine Electrical Systems Course will be at Anacortes Marina Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., December 3 to February 11, skipping the holiday weeks. Price will be \$55, or \$65 for two sharing a book. John says that book sharing might be somewhat more difficult than for an ABC class, but not impossible. Pricing for non-members will be \$150, or \$175 for two sharing a book. For registration instructions or to ask questions contact me at georgeandsandy@comcast.net, or John at jr.bellinger@frontier.com. You are also welcome to call me at 360-588-8125, or John at 360-757-8091. Registration closes October 28 because of the 4 week lead time for book delivery, so please register as soon as convenient.

Marine Electrical Systems Course Description

The Marine Electrical Systems course is presented in seven chapters that start with an explanation of what electricity is, followed by discussions on boat electrical wiring, DC and AC electrical systems, galvanic and stray current corrosion, lightning protection, and ends with troubleshooting of boat electrical problems.

The course includes detailed instructions on how to use a multimeter, how to solder and crimp electrical wiring circuits, and how to read electrical wiring diagrams. This course can be used as a reference guide for anyone interested in properly maintaining their boat electrical system.

Day 1 - Introduction, Chapter 1: Properties of Electricity

Day 2 - Chapter 2: Boat Electrical Wiring Practices
Day 3 - Chapter 3: Direct Current Power
Day 4 - Chapter 4: Alternating Current Power
Day 5 - Chapter 5: Galvanic and Stray Current Corrosion
Day 6 - Chapter 6: Lightning Protection
Day 7 - Chapter 7: Troubleshooting Part 1; on-the-boat optional
Day 8 - Chapter 7: Troubleshooting Part 2
Day 9 - Review and Examination

Other courses coming up:

Debbie Richey's Partner-In-Command half-day Seminar.

Bill Stewart's Engine Maintenance this winter.

Bob Miller's Cruise Planning, Monday and Wednesday evenings, March 2 thru 26, at Anacortes Marina.

John Bellinger's Marine Communications, Tuesday evenings, March 3 thru April 21, at Skagit Valley Hospital.

Bob Miller's Electronic Navigation in the fall of 2015.

Weather Course to be scheduled for the spring. As registration opens for the courses we will distribute course descriptions and registration instructions by email to all members.

Bill Stewart chasing away two submarine guard boats out in the bay and notice he's standing up, makes for a smaller target? Thanks, Lynn



Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2014

Meeting Location: Farmhouse Restaurant

Start Time: 1835 hours

Attendance:

George Johnson	Sandra Johnson	Albert Miller	Sharon Knowles
John Bennett	Judy Bennett	Kelly Libby	Ruth Peterson
Deanna Randall-	Kari Randall-Secret	Donna Mason	Paul Rosetter
Lynn Stewart	Bill Stewart		

Flag Salute was led by Albert Miller

Invocation was made by Ruth Peterson

Treasurer's Report was not made due to the Connells being out boating.

Secretary's Report by Sharon Knowles, motion to approve by Kari Randall-Secret, seconded by Bill Stewart. Motion carried.

Administrative Report by Deanna Randall-Secret:

Commander, Kari Randall-Secret, will give a presentation about the Oso Landslide Response, at our October 9th meeting. For the November 13th meeting Deanna hopes to have a presentation by the Search & Rescue, covering both the land and sea operations.

Squadron Events Report by Donna Mason:

Mark and Debbie Richey will be the hosts at the Rosario Rendezvous September 19th – 21st. Moorage is "first come, first serve" this time of year. Rendezvous activities will include a potluck, potentially in Rosario's lunch room, which they've graciously allowed the last couple of years.

Our annual squadron picnic at Cornet Bay will be held on October 4th. It was believed that reservations could now be made, so nobody has to get there at the crack of dawn to hold the facilities. As usual, the squadron will provide the meat dishes. An email will be sent to members.

Granville Island Day Trip will be held October 18th. Everyone will arrange their own travel, and members will meet up for dinner, after a day of shopping and exploring the island.

Argosy Cruise on December 6th departs from Kirkland. There will be a choir on board, which will sing during stops made at various neighborhoods along the route. We will meet for lunch prior to the afternoon cruise.

The La Conner Boat Parade seems to be set for December 13th. We decided that we liked the Pub & Eatery, so Donna will make us reservations to again watch the parade and have our Christmas party at their waterfront facilities.

Executive Report from Mark Richey:

Articles for the Bitter End are due. He will get the newsletter out soon.

Education Report by George Johnson:

National provided a break-down of how the local squadrons compared with one another, in regards to classes completed. We had a total of 173%, with more advanced grades completed than the National average. We

also were above in the electives category. George had a good response from members to the survey put out via Survey Monkey, and classes chosen based on those responses. There is a new Electronic Navigation course that he hopes Bob Miller will teach. Cruise Planning will be offered in March. Bill Stewart will teach Engine Maintenance.

From Paul Rosetter:

He has sent out announcements to be published for the ABC class which will begin September 29th. He has sent and will re-send some emails containing the posters so that more of them can be placed around the area.

Commander's Report by Kari Randall-Secret:

She mentioned the passing of Gus Decock of the Bellevue Squadron, and life member of USPS.

National website has new online seminars "Weather for Boaters," "Partner in Command," and "Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes." Local squadrons are provided with a list of folks that take them from their area, so that follow-up can be made to encourage them to join USPS.

The Fall Conference will be held October 31st – November 2nd, at Seattle's Double Tree Inn. A voting ballot is available.

National has a new Ships Store website.

Our new website is coming soon. It should be friendly for all mobile devices.

As of August 2014 Membership Stats, in D16, the leading squadrons are Deception Pass, Point Wilson and Skagit Bay! Skagit Bay increased by 4 members since February 26th, while D16, as a whole, decreased by 13.

Old Business:

John Bennett asked about On-The-Water Training. George Johnson briefly outlined what it was. He said that our squadron had chosen not to offer it ourselves, but rather to our few, who were interested, take advantage of obtaining it from nearby squadrons.

New Business:

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 1940 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Knowles
Secretary


To the right: Sunset at Roche Harbor to end the Summer cruise.



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
Samual Barr
Richard Pinter
Paul Rosertter
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	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	360-435-3835
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	360-435-5542
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	360-435-3835
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.