

THE BITTER END

News from Skagit Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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A Unit of United States Power Squadrons ® District 16

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CALENDAR

19-21 Sept, Rosario Rendezvous
04 Oct, Annual Charter Part, Coronet Bay
09 Oct, Regular Meeting, Farmhouse
18 Oct, Granville Island Day Trip



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

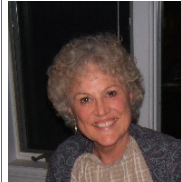


Commander's Message Kari Randall-Secrest, N

Good Day Skagit Bay! Hope your summer has been full of fun, sun and also included some quality time spent on or near the water. Your squadron hosted some fantastic summer events like the annual rendezvous/meeting on our own party barge at Cap Sante Marina during the Anacortes Waterfront Festival in June and the squadron's cruise to Canadian waters in August. We still have lots of fun things lined up for the fall and holiday season as well, so be sure to check the schedule and join in. The Rosario Resort Rendezvous on Orcas Island is always one of our favorite ways to wind down the boating season.

We are looking forward to another great season of classes along with getting back to our regularly scheduled meetings at the Farmhouse Restaurant every second Thursday of the month. Before we know it, we'll be looking at our holiday party cruise down in Seattle!

Our first fall meeting is Thursday, Sept. 11th and social time begins at 6:00 pm. The meeting will begin at 6:30 and dinner will be at 7:00. I sure hope you'll join us to catch up and share all your summer fun with everyone. See you there!



Boating Activities P/C Donna Mason,

Next event:

Rosario Resort Rendezvous September 19-21

The Rosario Marina is on winter rates, \$1 per foot (almost 1/2 price!), and one CAN make a reservation for slip space. Call the marina at 360 376-2152, ext. 700.

Activities:

Friday: arrive after 1 p.m., enjoy happy hour at the dock, dining on your own or join us at the Mansion Restaurant for a delicious dinner.

Saturday: relax and enjoy the resort grounds and amenities, or some may want to get a taxi to town for the Farmer's Market and shops. The organ concert and slide show/narrative is Saturday at 4 p.m. Saturday evening we'll have a potluck, at the Grill/General Store lunchroom if they'll let us or on the docks if not.

Sunday: ease into the day and find your way back to home port.

More info at www.rosarioresort.com. Please let me know if you'll be there.

Upcoming Events:

October 4 or 5 Squadron Anniversary Rendezvous at Coronet Bay

Cdr Kari will announce this activity.

October 18 Daytrip to Granville Island, B.C.

We'll find our own way to Granville Island, Vancouver, BC Canada for the day. Bring your passport or Nexus cards (if everyone in the car has one). Explore the boating-related businesses, art galleries, shops, and waterfront. You should be able to pick up a Granville Island directory of businesses and activities there. At 5 p.m. we'll meet for a group dinner at a nearby seafood restaurant Bridges Bistro and Bar (ground level). 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: donna.jmason@gmail.com.

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.

December 6 Day trip to Kirkland Argosy Cruise

We'll have lunch at a nearby restaurant followed by 3:30-6 p.m. Argosy Holiday Cruise on the Christmas Ship. Details to follow on ordering discount tickets.

December 13, LaConner Lighted Boat Parade

and SBSPS Holiday Party at Laconner Pub and Eatery. Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

If you have any questions about events or plan to attend, please contact Donna Mason at donna.jmason@gmail.com.



Education Department George Johnson

Paul Rosetter's six-session ABC class will be at Skagit Valley Hospital September 29 thru October 15.

Our survey of interest for advanced and elective courses showed that many members want to continue their boating education. We have strong interest in Bob Miller's Electronic Navigation and Cruise Planning classes, Debbie Richey's Partner -In-Command, John Bellinger's Marine Electrical Systems and Marine Communications, and Bill Stewart's Engine Maintenance. We will be borrowing the Weather instructor from Bellingham because we have lots of interest in that course. Instructors will be setting dates soon and begin hounding potential students. Thanks to all of you who responded so quickly to the Survey Monkey program, and thanks to Bob Miller for suggesting its use.

Speaking of weather, USPS National Educational Department has arranged a joint USPS/NOAA Marine Weather Forecasting Seminar. It will be 23 September at 2000 EDT. Cost is \$20. To check it out and register go to attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6598327968684479490. If there are problems reaching the website contact eddept-webmaster@usps.org.

Notice: Pacific Marine Exchange in Bellingham is closing, beginning now. Many of us have bought and sold marine equipment from this consignment shop. It's been around forever. If you have stuff on consignment there you should have received notice by mail, and you need to go get it before they begin the huge discounts. If you have never been there, go now. It's worth seeing at least once. Tens of thousands of used pieces of marine equipment. A bit messy, but you won't believe the variety of good stuff, everything from transmissions to radios to small parts. They are at 700 W. Holly Street in Bellingham. Phone 360-738-8535.

Summer is about over. What did you do related to the water? Rick Anderson sent a beautiful photo of the Terrace View Marina in River City, Tennessee, where he and Pam visited.

Isn't there a saying about "trouble in River City"?
Now we know where that is.



Your aging SEO managed to go fishing at Campbell River, BC, with his son Philip and friend Paul. We caught 25 salmon in 6 days, fishing 2 rods. Some proof is attached.



Sandy and I entertained some California friends with our best crabbing day ever. We caught 25 legal crabs and kept the limit of 15. Two were over 8", two 7-1/2", and two 7". We had a gull sit on the bow and watch some of the action. We took those same friends to Roche Harbor to join the squadron rendezvous there. Check out the photos .



And finally, Sandy spent some time making pickles and jam this summer. See the proof from our kitchen photos.



The (Busy) Ed Department meeting



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**
16500 Southcenter Parkway
Seattle, Washington
98188-3388
[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
learnaboutboating@gmail.com
Seattle Sail and Power Squadron
Office: (206) 257-1951

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-Secrest	Kari Randall-Secrest	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-Secrest, seconded by Bill Stewart. Motion carried.

Administrative Report by Deanna Randall-Secrest:

Commander, Kari Randall-Secrest, 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.

**4th of July Activities,
Bellingham**

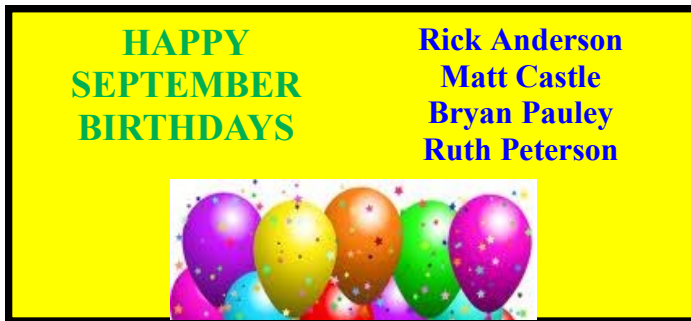


Roche Harbor Pirates



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	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.